



INSURANCE CORPORATION LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Saturday, January 8th, 1994 - Kick-off: 2.30 p.m.

Garryowen F.C.

St. Mary's College R.F.C.

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D. LARKIN 15

FULL BACK

15 A. WHITE

R. WALLACE 14

RIGHT WING

14 G. HALPIN

P. DANAHAR 13

RIGHT CENTRE

13 R. HERNAN

K. SMITH 12

LEFT CENTRE

12 V. CUNNINGHAM

N. FURLONG 11

LEFT WING

11 D. WALL

P. MURPHY 10

OUT HALF

10 N. BARRY

S. McIVOR 9

SCRUM HALF

9 S. TREACY

P. HOGAN (Captain) 8

M. O'DONOGHUE 7

K. LEAHY 6

R. COSTELLO 5

M. COUGHLAN 4

K. RONAN 3

K. WOOD 2

P. SPAIN 1

FORWARDS

Referee:

G. BLACK, L.A.R.

Touch Judges:

B. SMITH, M.A.R.

B. O'BRIEN, M.A.R.

8 B. POPE

7 K. DEVLIN

6 K. POTTS

5 S. JAMESON (Captain)

4 V. COSTELLO

3 D. GILLAN

2 M. CORCORAN

1 B. KEANE



FRANK HOGGAN



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Wallace inflicts daylight robbery on St Mary's

BEARING in mind Limerick's unfortunate reputation, it's just as well that this 15-man mugging took place on a rugby pitch. For long stretches, Garryowen did no more than retreat into their own 22, yet one collective burst of life and one burst of inspiration from Richie Wallace left St Mary's feeling as if somebody had just been through their pockets. Daylight robbery would be one way of putting it.

The time had come for St Mary's to up their level of performance and, not unexpectedly, they did just that. Had the recent rains not made conditions heavy underfoot (the Dooradoyle surface was pretty good considering) then St Mary's might well have transferred their territorial supremacy into something more tangible.

However, a pre-match walk-about convinced them that they had to adopt a constrained, kicking game. This limited their avenues for scoring; kicking for the corners or high into the sky, orchestrating moves close in or holding position for penalty chances. They still had enough chances to win, but Aiden White missed two penalties from the 10-metre line, one at the death, and Nicky Barry one from closer in, while St Mary's remained convinced that Gordon Black had failed to see Kevin Potts and

GARRYOWEN..... 13
ST MARY'S 12

Gerry Thornley

Stephen Treacy ground the ball over the line in the second half.

Considering all of that, this defeat will probably stick in their craw more than any other this season. "We put so much into it. It was so hard out there. And we end up with nothing," exclaimed a disbelieving Victor Costello, an emerging giant in the St Mary's pack. While they made little impression on Keith Wood's throwing-in to Mick Coughlan and Richard Costello (more vocal than ever), Steve Jameson and Victor Costello were in equal harmony with Mick Corcoran on their own throws.

Where they outpointed Garryowen heavily was in the scrums and in the back row, the home side's fears about the reconstruction caused by injuries to Ben Cronin and Dara O'Sullivan proving well-founded. Richard Murphy was under constant pressure whereas Barry, again returning to his old haunt, could hardly have believed the time he was afforded on the ball; generally using it to good effect.

Barry stuck to the gameplan, and the St Mary's team manager

Jim Curran had no regrets about the tactics employed. Yet, on the rare occasions they moved the ball, St Mary's looked threatening, not least because Vinny Cunningham gave strong signs of a welcome return to form. One pass to David Wall almost beat the alert Wallace in its own right, and Cunningham constantly made intelligent use of the ball, frequently mopping up behind his teammates as an auxiliary full-back. No coasting from the talented one this time.

Meantime Wallace and Danaher also looked class acts, and word later spread of Mick Bradley's return to form down in Cork. All very comforting.

Alas, not enough was seen of Cunningham in an attacking capacity and Andy Leslie, the Garryowen coach, was one of many in the home ranks who observed that "they (St Mary's) didn't do an awful lot with the possession." Hence, Garryowen held firm on their own line — where the key decisions invariably went against St Mary's. They survived concerted Mary's pressure when 9-3 down — Kenny Smith having pulled back one of Barry's three first-half penalties — and under the cosh.

Cometh the hour, cometh the man. Wallace has an impressive capacity to impose his will on games not made for wingers.

Single-handedly, he had turned around the trend of the first half when manufacturing 50 yards out of nothing, and when Garryowen broke away on 60 minutes, he stepped inside to work an "off-the-cuff" scissors with Dan Larkin which the latter said "we couldn't do in training." Smith converted, Garryowen built up a head of steam, and Richard Murphy's drop goal was insurance against Barry's fourth penalty.

"To play like that and get two points is a real bonus," grinned Leslie, not in the least bit sheepish about such daylight robbery. That Garryowen could win a match that a year ago would probably have gone the other way, underlines that the line between success and failure in this division is now so fine as to be almost invisible.

When Garryowen met the champions Young Munster in the second game of the season, they illuminated a patchy display with three fine tries, so transforming their fortunes that a losing AIL run of six games has now been followed by four wins.

GARRYOWEN: D Larkin, R Wallace, P Danaher, K Smith, N Furlong, P Murphy, S McIvor, P Spain, K Wood, K Ronan, M Coughlan, R Costello, S Leahy, P Hogan (capt), M O'Donoghue.
ST MARY'S: A White, G Harkin, G Lavin, V Cunningham, D Wall, N Barry, S Treacy, B Keane, M Corcoran, D Gilen, V Costello, S Jameson (capt), K Potts, B Pope, K Devlin.
Referee: G Black (ARLB).

RUGBY ROUND-UP

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At Clifford Park: Young Munster 6 (A O'Halloran 2 penalties), Old Wesley 3 (N Farran penalty).
At Lansdowne Road: Lansdowne 9 (E Elwood 2 penalties, C O'Shea penalty), Dunganon 27 (R Carey, A Burns try each; K McGarry 3 penalties, conversion; A Blair 2 dropped goals).

At Dooradoyle: Garryowen 13 (R Wallace try; K Smith penalty, conversion; P Murphy dropped goal), St Mary's 12 (N Barry 4 penalties).

At Stradbroke: Blackrock College 12 (A McGowan 4 penalties), Greystones 8 (J Murphy try; C Dunne penalty).

At Temple Hill: Cork Constitution 35 (G O'Sullivan 5 penalties, dropped goal, conversion; K Murphy, D Corkery, B Walsh try each), Wanderers 12 (A Daly 4 penalties).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blackrock	5	5	0	0	89	47	10
Cork Constitution	6	4	0	2	116	69	8
Garryowen	5	4	0	1	81	64	8
Dunganon	6	3	0	3	118	82	6
Greystones	5	3	0	2	59	60	8
Shannon	4	2	0	2	43	34	4
Old Wesley	6	2	0	4	59	78	4
Lansdowne	5	2	0	3	71	94	4
Young Munster	6	2	0	4	61	103	4
St Mary's	5	1	0	4	64	88	2
Wanderers	5	1	0	4	65	109	2

NEXT ON THE LIST — January 22nd — Greystones v Young Munster, Dunganon v St Mary's, Old Wesley v Garryowen, Lansdowne v Shannon. Free — Blackrock, Wanderers, Cork Constitution.

DIVISION TWO

At Musgrave Park: Sunday's Well 32 (R Daly try, 2 penalties, 3 conversions; S McCahill, B Roche, I Cummins try each) Ballina 3 (J Carey penalty).

At Uppichard Park: Bangor 18 (K Dawson try, M Strutt 4 penalties, conversion), Malone 11 (S Duncan try; C Wilkinson, H Cullen penalty each).

At Lakeland Park: Terenure College 14 (D Lynagh 2 penalties, D Coleman try, P Walsh dropped goal), Dolphin 9 (B Keary 3 penalties).
At Cronin Park: Galwegians 6 (J McGowan 2 penalties), Old Crescent 12 (B Begley 3 penalties, 5 Tuohy dropped goal).

At Shane Park: Instonians 23 (S Laing 5 penalties; M Wylie dropped goal; G Bell try), Ballymena 18 (D McAleese 3 penalties, conversion; T McMaster try).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunday's Well	8	5	0	1	123	82	10
Instonians	6	5	0	1	93	61	10
Old Belvedere	5	4	0	1	70	65	8
Bangor	6	4	0	1	81	68	8
Ballymena	5	3	0	2	115	75	6
Old Crescent	6	3	0	3	112	79	6
Malone	6	3	0	3	75	72	6
Galwegians	5	1	0	4	53	66	2
Dolphin	6	1	0	5	73	90	2
Terenure	5	1	0	4	41	59	2
Ballina	5	0	0	5	40	147	0

NEXT ON THE LIST — January 22nd — Ballymena v Bangor, Malone v Galwegians, Old Belvedere v Sunday's Well, Old Crescent v Terenure, Ballina v Instonians. Free — Dolphin.

DIVISION THREE

At Keane Park: Athlone/Ballinasloe 14 (G Curley try, 2 penalties, dropped goal), Highfield 15 (C Horgan 5 penalties).

At Castle Avenue: Clontarf 6 (G Roche, M Fitzsimons penalty each), Sligo 0.

At Killernan: DLSP 10 (B Hogan try; D Clancy 5 penalties), UCD 16 (K Spicer, P Barr try each; K Keane 2 penalties).

At Mardyke: UCC 6 (J Kiernan, R Haly penalty each), Collegians 0.

At Chambers Park: Portadown 9 (W Malchett 3 penalties), City of Derry 10 (D Hampton try; S O'Kane penalty, conversion).

At Connaught Park: Corinthians 8 (L Caulfield 3 penalties), NIFC 10 (B Gardner try; J Hewitt dropped goal, C Christie conversion).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
UCD	6	5	0	1	107	44	10
City of Derry	6	5	0	1	97	74	10
DLSP	5	4	1	0	78	59	9
Bective Rangers	5	4	0	1	138	63	8
UCC	6	3	0	3	78	81	6
Highfield	6	3	0	3	81	113	6
Clontarf	5	2	1	2	43	36	5
Corinthians	6	2	0	4	62	60	4
Athlone/B'looe	5	1	2	2	29	36	4
NIFC	5	2	1	2	64	71	3
Portadown	6	1	0	5	51	70	2
Collegians	5	0	1	4	37	69	1
Sligo	5	0	0	5	17	95	0

NEXT ON THE LIST — January 22nd —

Athlone/Ballinasloe v Bective, Clontarf v NIFC, UCD v City of Derry; Sligo v Highfield, DLSP v Collegians; Portadown v Corinthians. Free — UCC.

DIVISION FOUR

At Upper Malone: Queen's University 19 (D Humphreys try, 4 penalties, conversion), Dublin University 18 (C Morgan try, 2 dropped goals, conversion; R Browne try).

At Palace Grounds: Armagh 6 (I Morton 2 penalties), Skerries 9 (J May 3 penalties).

At Hamilton Park: Ards 30 (C Stocker 3 tries; R Warnock 2 penalties, 2 conversions; J Gamble try), Westport 3 (R Coan penalty).

At Annacotty: Bohemians 32 (F Walsh, M Doyle, J O'Dwyer, N Howlett try each; M Walsh 2 penalties, 3 conversions), UCG 0.

At Belmont: CIYMS v Monkstown, OFF.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Queen's Univ	5	5	0	0	110	56	10
Skerries	6	4	1	1	86	57	9
Monkstown	5	4	0	1	137	53	8
Bohemians	7	3	0	4	90	55	6
Dublin Univ	5	3	0	2	97	63	6
CIYMS	5	3	0	1	82	93	6
Waterpark	4	2	0	2	68	53	4
Ards	6	2	0	4	76	118	4
Westport	5	1	1	3	34	85	3
Armagh	5	1	0	4	43	82	2
UCG	5	0	0	5	27	135	0

NEXT ON THE LIST — January 22nd — Skerries v Waterpark; UCG v Queen's, Monkstown v Westport-Mayo, Dublin University v Ards; Armagh v CIYMS; Free — Bohemians.

Youths Interprovincial Championship
At Ravenhill: Ulster 10 (L Johnston, R Ferguson try each), Connacht 7 (O Crowe try; T O'Connell conversion).

At Donnybrook: Leinster 3 (K Finnegan penalty), Munster 11 (T Mulcahy try; O Moran 2 penalties).

Leinster Senior Club
At Anglesea Road (Whelan Cup): Old Belvedere 19 (M Carroll, M O'Reilly, W Norris try each; B Murphy 2 conversions), Bective Rangers 10 (B Kealy try; D Darcy penalty, conversion).

Munster Senior Club
At Athlunkard: Shannon 31 (J Hayes, A Foley, E Halvey try each; B O'Shea try, penalty, 4 conversions), Waterpark 3 (B Moran penalty).

English League

At Sunbury: London Irish 7 (S Domori try; O Cobbe conversion), Harlequins 33 (D O'Leary 2 tries; M Russell, R Glenister try each; K Bray 3 penalties, 2 conversions).

LEINSTER LEAGUE

Coolmine 8, Mullingar 18, Curragh 13, New Ross 13, Dundalk 24, Tullamore 8, Gorey 0, Arklow 3, Kilkenny 10, Garda 6, Longford 20, CYM 10, Naas 9, Carlow 13, N Kildare 15, Old Kilcullen 5, Portlaoise 0, Westford 7, Roscrea 22, Birr 7, Suttonians 49, Delvin 6, Tullow 5, Edenderry 15, Ennisacorney v Railway—off, Seapoint v Navan—off, Wicklow v Athy—abandoned.

JUNIOR I LEAGUE

St Mary's 23, Bective 3.

JUNIOR II CLUB

Barnhill 18, Drogheda 15, Clonsilla 0, Clontarf 0, Greystones 12, DLSP 10, Skerries 10, UCD 15, Old Wesley 27, Monkstown 0, Ashbourne 5, Blackrock 0.

SE J LEAGUE (Play-off)

Carlow 6, Wicklow 3.

JUNIOR III CLUB

Curragh 0, Naas 22, Old Wesley 10, Greystones 20, Terenure 9, Wanderers 0.

UNDER-19 MCCORRY CUP

Blackrock 7, Trinity 13, Greystones 26, UCD 7, Monkstown 10, Lansdowne 10, St Mary's 15, Old Belvedere 6.

H GALE CUP

Tullow 5, Barnhill 12.

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Wallace try keeps Garryowen poised

GARRYOWEN.....13
ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.....12

*From Sean Duffley
in Limerick*

RICHARD WALLACE, who steps onto a higher stage in Paris next Saturday, had the most impressive of dress rehearsals at Dooradoyle yesterday in this Insurance Corporation First Division tie.

His scintillating try, midway through the first half impudently snatched victory from St. Mary's who had appeared all set for a win at that stage.

Kenny Smith, who had earlier kicked a penalty goal, converted the try and Garryowen led 10-9 — St. Mary's three penalty goals coming from Nicky Barry in the first half.

It all became an astonishing turnabout. Victor Costello and Steve Jameson, had dominated the lineouts totally for St. Mary's in the first half and through much of the second half. The back row trio of Brent Pope, Kevin Devlin and Kevin Potts had ramraged around the field making life miserable for

Garryowen and keeping the 3,000 home crowd as silent as a monastery.

But for all their dominance the St. Mary's backs could reap no dividends. There was a lot very predictable about their movements and, goodness knows, they had their chances. Even Winnie Cunningham, also destined for Paris on Saturday, was quite anonymous.

Yet, overall, it was an object lesson of a team playing badly and snatching victory. And the unhappy losers, performing much better with considerable forward skills, were unjustly foiled.

It means that Garryowen are still poised for honours with their four wins out of five ties which puts them in joint second place to Blackrock. But the unhappy St. Mary's are in trouble with only one success in five games, a great transformation in one season when they were contesting for honours with Young Munster and nearly snatched a win last season.

Yet the visitors fought bravely to the end and they certainly frightened the life out of Garryowen in the closing quarter with some determined mauling and

driving through their pack.

But Garryowen owe a lot to their defenders and one of their infrequent visits to the St. Mary's goal area their out-half Paul Murphy dropped a goal which put them 13-9 ahead.

But they were still far from safe but all St. Mary's could do in that closing and desperate series of attacks was a penalty goal from Nicky Barry which put them a mere point in arrears. They had an opportunity a minute from the end but place-kicker Aidan White was well wide.

Although Garryowen are just two points behind the leaders they obviously will have to tighten up areas of their game.

The lineout only took effect through Richard Costello, mainly, in the second half and one wonders if their pack is strong enough and capable enough to last out this very strenuous competition.

Garryowen — D Larkin, R Wallace, P Dunne, K Smith, N Furlong, P Murphy, S McEvoy, P Spain, K Wood, K Rorson, M Coughlan, R Costello, S Leahy, M O'Donoghue, P Hogan.

St. Mary's College — A White, G Hejtin, G Linn, V Cunningham, D Wall, N Barry, S Treacy, B Keane, M Conoran, D Gillan, V Costello, S Jameson, K Potts, K Devlin, B Pope.

Referee: G Black (Limerick).

YOUNG MUNSTER.....6
OLD WESLEY.....3

HOLDERS.....Young

Munster took a giant step out of the relegation zone of the Insurance Corporation All-Ireland League with a hard-fought 6-3 victory over Old Wesley at Tom Clifford Park.

Greenfields yesterday. The pitch quickly turned into a sea of mud following an overnight and morning downpour, although the game itself took place on a fine mild afternoon.

Young Munster had a pre-match boost when both John Fitzgerald and Niall McNamara reported fit and Fitzgerald and fellow international Peter Clohesy had an outstanding afternoon in the set pieces.

Young Munster struggled only in the lineouts where Dave Bursey ruled supreme until his forced retirement through injury six minutes from the finish.

Young Munster — I Lenehan, N McManis, N O'Meara, M Lynch, I Duggan, A O'Halloran, J Moloney, J Fitzgerald, M Fitzgerald, P Clohesy, R Ryan (Capt.), G Fitzgerald, G Earls, D Edwards, R Cooney.

Old Wesley — N Farrer, M McArdle, C Younger, R Maloney, G McKeown, A Hume, D Jackson, H Hurry, S McMoray, J Feeney, D Bursey, G Dully, C Pinn, N Johnston, R Love, Sub J Lowry for Bursey, 74 mins.

Insurance Corporation League Ranks

DIVISION ONE

Blackrock	12	Garryowen	8
Cork City	10	Wexford	12
Garryowen	13	St Mary's	12
Limerick	8	Dungannon	27
Young Munster	6	Old Wesley	3

DIVISION TWO

Bangor	19	Malone	11
Gallegians	6	Old Crescent	12
Terrace	24	Dolphin	9
Insulators	23	Ballymena	16

DIVISION THREE

Athlone/Tye	13	Highland	15
Clontarf	8	Sligo	6
UCS	20	UCD	16
UCS	8	Collegians	8
Pertham	9	City of Derry	10
Cornthorpe	9	NIFC	10

DIVISION FOUR

Queens U	19	Dublin U	18
Armagh	8	Sterres	9
Ardara	30	Westport	3
Bohemians	32	UCB	0
CITRIL	3	Monaghan	0

DIVISION FIVE

Monaghan	5	4	0	137	53	8
Queens U	5	5	0	0110	56	10
Sterres	6	4	1	186	57	9
Dublin U	5	3	0	297	63	6
CITRIL	5	3	0	282	93	6
Waterpark	4	2	0	286	53	6
Bohemians	7	3	0	490	55	6
Westport	5	1	0	334	85	3
Armagh	6	2	0	446	82	2
Ardara	5	2	0	476	118	0
UCB	5	0	0	527	135	0

COURAGE LEAGUE

London Irish 7 (Ivy S. Doreen 1 try, Cogh 1 con)	10	9	0	1241	96	18
1. Con) Harlequins 33 (Gray Spens, 2 tries, O'Leary 2 tries, Russell and Glanister try each)	10	9	0	2202	114	16
2. Con) Bath 9 Bristol 35 (Waspas 29 tries, Gifford 18, Lancaster 35 Northampton 9; Newcastle Gerseth v Oriel Post	10	9	0	3182	132	10
Old Wesley	10	4	0	6140	156	8
Harlequins	10	4	0	6164	156	8
Northampton	10	3	0	5144	165	6
Gloucester	10	3	0	5144	165	6
London Irish	9	0	1	8	8124	1
Worcester	9	0	1	8	8124	1

HEIMEN WELSH LEAGUE

Barnes	15	13	0	2296	191	26
Neath	14	12	1	3368	192	25
Pontypridd	15	11	1	3368	218	23
Cardiff	15	11	0	4483	125	22
Llanelli	15	11	0	4483	219	22

More rugby

Bangor — D Cunningham, M Long, G Maxwell, M McCall, J Bernard, M Spill, S Montgomery, D Elliot, S Ritchie, J Harris, K Kelly, J Rogers, S McKinny, S McCoy, K Dawson.

Malone — C Wilkinson, G Coughlan, W Harrison, M Field, M McQuinn, R Cullen, F Cowan, L Sheehan, J McDonald, M Smith, C Morrison, P Burns, S Durcan, M Red, M Sample.

Referee: M A Watson.

But on the restart Bangor gradually whittled away Malone's advantage and it was through the accurate boot of out-half Martin Strutt who had earlier landed a first half penalty. He was able to use the freshening breeze to his advantage and three more penalties, one from half-way, gave his side the lead for the first time in the 64th minute.

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