

Vital win for Greystones

GREYSTONES' hopes of retaining division one status received a timely boost when they brought a run of five consecutive defeats to an end against St Mary's College at Dr Hickey Park. A point from their last league game away to Dungannon will guarantee Greystones first division rugby next season.

A good deal of the credit for this win goes to outhalf Maurice Harvey who came out on top in a battle of the boot with St Mary's Nicky Barry. Harvey opened Greystone's scoring with a penalty from out on the right, 10 metres inside the St Mary's half.

Greystones, thanks to three penalties and a drop goal from Harvey led 15-9 at half-time. However, in that first half it was St Mary's who looked the more likely to score the try that would prove decisive, with both Aidan White and Brent Pope going close on the half hour. The Greystones line held firm and with their pack showing greater hunger for the

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fray, exemplified in a fine battling performance by team captain John Murphy, the game swung back in their favour.

Halfway through a lack lustre second half Barry added a penalty for St Mary's to narrow the gap to three points. However, the Greystones pack was well on top by this stage and St Mary's rudderless back division rarely threatened the gain line. Greystones finished the stronger and it was left to Harvey to round off a fine display of kicking by adding his fifth penalty two minutes into injury time.

GREYSTONES: M Carney (capt); G Brennan, I Sherwin, M Walker, I Power; G Harvey, R McNamara; N Popplewell, J Murphy, R Corrigan, B Rigney, R Boyd, D Rigney, A Dignam, V Megannety. **Replacement:** M Phelan for N Popplewell (42 mins).

ST MARY'S COLLEGE: A White; A Gillen, G Lavin, R Hernan, D Wall; N Barry, P Lynch; B Keane, M Corcoran, D Dowling, S Jameson (capt), V Costello, K Potts, B Pope, K Devlin.

Referee: R Mc Dowell(MAR)

ALL-IRELAND LEAGUE

Division One

At Temple Hill: **Cork Constitution 27** (D O'Dowd 2 tries; G O'Sullivan 4 penalties, drop goal, conversion), **Young Munster 11** (G Earls try; A O'Halloran 2 penalties).

At Stradbroke: **Blackrock 10** (penalty try; A McGowan penalty, conversion), **Lansdowne 16** (J Sexton 2 tries; E Elwood penalty, drop goal).

At Dr Hickey Park: **Greystones 18** (G Harvey 5 penalties, drop goal), **St Mary's 12** (N Barry 3 penalties, drop goal).

At Thomond Park: **Shannon 6** (A Thompson, J Galvin penalty each), **Garryowen 0**.

At Lansdowne Road: **Wanderers 10** (L Mahon penalty, conversion; E Byrne try), **Dungannon 19** (K Megarry 3 penalties; R Carey, P Archer try each).

Garryowen	9	7	0	2	163	105	14
Cork Con	8	6	0	2	161	86	12
Blackrock	8	6	0	2	120	79	12
Lansdowne	9	5	0	4	139	138	10
Young Munster	10	5	0	5	102	149	10
Dungannon	9	4	0	5	168	127	8
Shannon	9	4	0	5	89	82	8
St Mary's	9	4	0	5	135	145	8
Greystones	9	4	0	5	94	143	8
Old Wesley	9	3	0	6	90	121	6
Wanderers	9	1	0	8	124	210	2

Division Two

At Upritchard Park: **Bangor 12** (D Whittle, M Long try each; M Strutt conversion), **Sunday's Well 20** (R Daly 2 penalties, 2 conversions; N Murphy, K O'Connell try each).

At Musgrave Park: **Dolphin 16** (T Keogh, R Abbot try each; M Kiernan 2 penalties), **Ballymena 29** (A Matchett, M Rainey, D Smyth, B Logan try each; T McMaster 3 conversions; D McAleese drop goal).

At Rosbrien: **Old Crescent 31** (D Clohessy, O O'Sullivan, P Boland, B Begley try each; K Barrett 3 penalties, conversion), **Malone 17** (B