

jury time try for the visitors.

BLACKROCK: B Mullin; P O'Brien, M Ridge, D Connolly, A Sharkey; A McGowan, A Rolland; D Kavanagh, M McDermott, R Ward, J Etheridge, M O'Neill, D Casey, J McGovern (capt.), D Oswald. Replacements: J Mion for McGovern, 25 mins, M Nolan for Connolly, 29 mins; F O'Beirne for Casey, N Assaf for Sharkey, B Browne for McDermott, P Flavin for Ward, all half-time.

HARLEQUINS: D Pears; D Griffiths, G Thompson, W Kefford, D O'Leary; P Challenor, B Short; J Leonard, J Hamilton-Smith, A Mullins (capt.), T Coker, S Dear, M Russell, M Pepper, R Langhorne. Replacements: C Sheasby for Russell, 51 mins; C Madderson for Pears, 79 mins.

Referee: G Black (ARLB).

White starts with a bang

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From Michael Sadlier at Lansdowne Road

THIS had all you would expect from the start of season friendly. Thus what followed was a collection of missed tackles, dropped passes and penalties wide of mark. Still, St Mary's will be pleased with the result and some of their workrate made it look as if they had never been away.

Aiden White also made a significant contribution of 17 points from a try, three conversions and two penalties. The form of Brent Pope also showed that he is still one of St Mary's most potent weapons and the Nicky Barry/Kenny Lawless partnership looks set to blossom. Derek Dowling was also at his destructive best as St Mary's overcame a miserable first half of missed chances to charge away from their opponents' challenge. Wanderers had their moments but could not effectively compete up front.

St Mary's led 3-0 from a White penalty, at the break, at the fullback increased this to 6-0 early in the second half before a dropped pass in the Wanderers midfield allowed Turlugh Meagher to break free and supply Tony Gillan with a scoring pass. White converted and five minutes later scored himself after beating four defenders with some impressive running. White again converted.

Twenty points down and Wanderers finally got off the ground when Mark Wyse slotted a penalty after three previous misses. He kicked another penalty before Meagher stretched Mary's lead further. White converted again.

Wanderers toiled to the end and the efforts of their pack brought some reward when Ronnie Culliton crossed the line from a short penalty. Wyse converted from the touchline.

WANDERERS: A Daly, P Barlow, M Cosgrave, R Donovan, N Metchette, M Wyse, B McGoey, M Finlay, J O'Riordan (capt), D Coen, T Casey, R Culliton, M O'Driscoll, K Leahy, P Brady.

ST MARY'S: A White, T Gillan, T Meagher, G Lavan, D Wall, N Barry, K Lawless, B Keane, M Corcoran, D Dowling, T Coughlin, S Jameson (Capt), K Potts, B Pope, K Devlin.

Referee: T Redmond (ARLB)