

ST MARY'S COLLEGE..... 27

WANDERERS..... 15

ST MARYS College consigned Wanderers to almost certain relegation with an ultimately convincing victory at Templeville Road.

With the strong wind playing its part, Wanderers depended greatly on the high ball for territorial gain, to carry a 15-0 lead into the break, but Marys made better use of the elements in the second period.

Wanderers made a dream start through their outstanding scrumhalf, Brian McGoey, who scored a try after 53 seconds. Outhalf Michael Cosgrave added another try after 17 minutes, ably converted by Mark Wyse, who added a penalty soon after.

However, Marys, with outhalf Nicky Barry confidently controlling affairs, always looked the more comfortable with the ball in their hands. The second half was only a minute old when a superbly-worked move sent winger Tony Gillen in under the posts.

Despite stern Wanderers defence, Marys slowly began to assert their authority, and further scores by wing forward Kevin Devlin and prop Brian Keane sealed the points, and Wanderers' fate.

St Marys - A White; A Gillen, G Lavin, R Hernan, D Wall; N Barry, S Tracey, B Keane, M Corcoran, D Gillen, V Costello, S Jameson, K Potts, K Devlin, B Pope. **Rep.** P Lynch for S Tracey (51 mins); **temp rep** G Halpin (35 mins) for D Wall

Wanderers - M Wyse; C Leahy, B Le Sur, P Barlow, D Finnegan; M Cosgrave, B McGoey; E Byrne, J O'Riordan, D Coen, R Culleton, J O'Callaghan, N Culleton, M O'Driscoll, J Garth. **Temp sub** — L Mahon for C Leahy (35 mins)

Referee - O Doyle.

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St Mary's used wind to better advantage

A GALE-FORCE wind played a particularly cruel deception on Wanderers in this All-Ireland League Division One tie against St Mary's at Templeville Road on Saturday. While appearing to sweep Wanderers towards possible safety in Division One, it went on to bestow considerably greater rewards on their more gifted opponents.

So, after improving their scoring average for the campaign, Wanderers departed the scene as firm candidates for relegation with a decidedly modest two points from eight matches. In sharp contrast, St Mary's secured survival in the top grade while achieving a timely boost for the forthcoming Leinster Senior Cup campaign by beating their first round opponents.

If the contest was a yacht race, the combatants would have been well advised not to put to sea. Yet, in its own curious way, the wind exposed the essential difference in class between these two sides.

While it took Wanderers 33 minutes to build up their half time lead of 15 points St Mary's had scored 14 points within six minutes of the re-start. And that brought considerable relief to their skipper, Steve Jameson.

"It was difficult to gauge just how big an advantage the wind

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was and I was certainly concerned to see Wanderers build up a 15 points lead," he admitted. "The line-outs were a calamity and we didn't seem to be capable of doing anything right as they kept us pinned inside our own 25. Obviously we're delighted to be safe and we can now concentrate on enjoying our rugby for the remainder of the season."

There is unlikely to be another outing, however, for their scrum-half Steve Tracey who sustained a dislocated shoulder in the 52nd minute and was replaced by schools international, Philip Lynch. The injury will keep Tracey out of action for at least a month.

Determined work on their scrummaging technique contributed handsomely to Wanderers' first-half dominance, despite the late withdrawal of Jonathan Garth. Following a knock-on by St Mary's right wing Tony Gillen, Wanderers achieved a quick heel from a five yards scrum and Brian McGoey, their scrum-half, crashed over for a try on the blind side as early as the second minute.

A try by out-half Michael Cosgrave came 15 minutes later. Mark Wyse landed the conversion and made the score 15-0 with a 25 yards penalty goal in the 33rd minute. Could this lead, allied to determined defensive play, see Wanderers through? It was a challenge that St Mary's were quick to answer.

Two minutes into the second half, Gillen compensated for that early slip by cutting through the middle to score a try under the posts. Nicky Barry converted and the out-half was again on target four minutes later with the conversion of a try by Kevin Devlin.

It left little doubt about the prospect of a St Mary's victory yet a tantalising, further 19 minutes elapsed before Barry gave them the lead for the first time with a low, 28 yards penalty goal. After that, the application of the trimmings in the form of a 56 yards penalty goal from Barry and a Brian Keane try which the out-half converted, was entirely predictable.

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WANDERERS: M Wyse; C Leahy, B Le Sur; P Barlow, D Finnegan; M Cosgrave, B McGoey; E Byrne, J O'Riordan, D Coen, R Culleton, J O'Callaghan, N Culleton, M O'Driscoll, P Brady. Referee: O Doyle (ARLB).

RUGBY ROUND-UP

ALL-IRELAND LEAGUE

Division One

At Cliford Park: **Young Munster 10** (R Cov-
entry try: A O'Halloran penalty, conversion),
Blackrock 3 (A McGowan penalty).

At Templeville Road: **St Mary's 27** (A Gillen,
B Keane, K Devlin try each; N Barry 3 conver-
sions, 2 penalties).

At Stevenson Park: **Dungannon 14** (P Archer
try: K Megarry 2 penalties, dropped goal), **Old
Wesley 16** (R Moloney try; N Farren 3 penal-
ties, conversion).

At Doonadooly: **Garryowen 27** (R Wallace, M
Coughlan, P Darragher try each; K Smith 3 con-
versions, 2 penalties), **Greystones 6** (G Harvey
2 penalties).

At Thomond Park: **Shannon 6** (A Thompson
2 penalties), **Cork Constitution 18** (M Bradley
2 tries, G O'Sullivan 2 penalties, conversion).

Garryowen	8	7	0	1	163	99	14
Blackrock	7	6	0	1	110	63	12
Cork Con	7	5	0	2	134	75	10
Young Munster	9	5	0	4	91	122	10
St Mary's	8	4	0	4	123	127	8
Lansdowne	8	4	0	4	123	128	8
Dungannon	8	3	0	5	149	117	6
Shannon	8	3	0	5	83	82	6
Old Wesley	9	3	0	6	90	121	6
Greystones	8	3	0	5	76	131	6
Wanderers	8	1	0	7	114	191	2

Division Two

At Eaton Park: **Ballymena 12** (D McAleese 4
penalties), **Terenure College 22** (N Hogan try;
D Lynagh 5 penalties, conversion).

At Gibson Park: **Malone 6** (1
dropped goal), **Dolphin 12** (M
alties).

At Musgrave Park: **Sunday's**
try, penalty; R Daly try, conversion
9 (P Russell 3 penalties).

At Anglessea Road: **Old B**
Murphy try, conversion; D
Maloney try each; J Philpott
sion), **Bangor 7** (M Long tr
version).

At Creggs Road: **Ballina**
Galwegians 22 (penalty try; F
lies, conversion).

Instonians	9	7	0
Sunday's Well	8	6	0
Old Belvedere	8	6	0
Ballymena	8	5	0
Bangor	8	5	0
Malone	9	4	1
Terenure	8	3	1
Old Crescent	8	3	0
Dolphin	8	3	0
Galwegians	8	2	0
Ballina	8	0	0

Division Three

At Ballinalsoe: **Athlone**
Cooney try), **UCC 13** (J Ke
conversion, 2 penalties).

At Castle Avenue: **Clontar**
Slein try each; G Roche 2
sion), **Corinthians 13** (D M
penalty, dropped goal, conv
At Belfield: **UCD 13** (KM