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YOUNG MUNSTER RFC

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13. MICHAEL LYNCH
12. NOEL O'MEARA
11. NIALL McNAMARA
10. AIDAN O'HALLORAN
9. JOHN MOLONEY
8. GER COPLEY
7. GER EARLS
6. MICHAEL MCGUIRE
5. RAY RYAN (captain)
4. MICHAEL O'HALLORAN
3. PETER CLOHESSY
2. MARK FITZGERALD
1. JOHN FITZGERALD

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DEREK TOBIN, PAUL McMAHON, MICHAEL DENNEHY,
BILLY O'REILLY, DEREK MULLANE

REFEREE:
MR. OWEN DOYLE
(L.A.R.)

SATURDAY,
2nd OCTOBER,
1993
at 2.30 pm



TOUCH JUDGES:
MR. W. MULLINS
(M.A.R.)
MR. K. DOYLE
(M.A.R.)



ST. MARY'S COLLEGE RFC

15. AIDEN WHITE
14. STEVEN BUTLER
13. VINCENT CUNNINGHAM
12. GARY LAVIN
11. DAVID WALL
10. NICKY BARRY
9. MARK THORNE
8. BRENT POPE
7. KEVIN DEVLIN
6. VICTOR COSTELLO
5. STEVEN JAMESON (captain)
4. TIM COUGHLIN
3. DEREK DOWLING
2. MICHAEL CORCORAN
1. BRIAN KEANE

SUBSTITUTIONS:

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Smith, however, declined to give open the defense with a stizzling move which started in the field. Smith converted to Garrown back in front. He was penalized and while he landed a last defiant try to make it 19-20, the referee surged forward with Smith kicking two goals.

McDonnell (Munster).

States, the improvement in performance which they had on July play Canada Calgary two Test.

match against Old Wesley at Stradbrook on Saturday. — (Photograph: Paul Coudling).

Gerry Thornley

The voracious Munsters pack were given every incentive by the astute tactical kicking of Aidan O'Halloran. The Munsters halves carried out a simple but highly effective gameplan, whereby they consistently put the ball in front of their pack, and this was in marked contrast to the lack of tactical leadership coming from the other side.

the other side

clearly been a mite too early for
Ministers who needed a couple of
games to fine tune their forward-
orientated game. Perhaps they
needed a couple of defeats to
regenerate their motivational
juices and the sight of those blue
St Mary's shirts completed a
heavy concoction.

The tackles went in where before they were missed, and even on the rare occasions when a visiting player beat the first man, he was invariably enveloped by the second, as if in the middle of a swarm of wasps. And boyo, did these wasps sting.

During the scrum, things were no better for them. It can never be easy for Nicky Barry when he returns to Limerick, and his missed touch kicks and indecision were meal and drink to the Munsters supporters, who delighted in the performance of the former Garryowen man.

die Wigglesworth also conceded that "we didn't take them on up front as we should have done." Yet he claimed that pre-conceived notions of St. Mary's vulnerability in Limerick existed only in the media.

The burns hard in Greece fields, where they still felt the obligation to show that last year's league decider was no fluke, and was not indebted to the sending-off of Brent Pope. Typically, they made the most of their more limited line-out resources. Ray Ryan again performing splendidly in the loose, but it was the scrum, and particularly the loose, where they out-rucked and outplayed St. Mary's.

...s, with far greater o-
tions, predictably won the bulk
the line-out ball through Tili
Coughlan, Steve Jameson and
Victor Costello. If anything
though, they didn't make enough
use of Costello, deputising for him
sorely missed Kevin Potts a
flanker, while the amount of reck-
less and feeble tap down-
merely enabled Munsters to portage
through and prevent the visitors
establishing the sort of rhythm
that they should have.

vingly Cunningham never got going, his handling and kicking errors compounded by the events that followed, most notably the midfield fumble that enabled O'Halloran to find a 50 metre touch in the build-up to that crucial pre-interval try. Unfairly or not, great things are expected of the gifted St Mary's Lion, but it was the noticeably more wholehearted display of Gary Lavini which gave them any semblance of midfield penetration since

YOUNG MONSTER: T. Lenehan, J. Mochara, M. Lynch, N. O'Meara, N. McLachlana, O'Chaillean, J. Mooney, J. Fitzgerald, J. Reid, P. Corbessy, M. O'Chaillean, N. Ryan, J. Caplin, N. McGuire, G. Caplin, G. East.

ST. MARTYR'S: A. White, S. Butler, V. Cumming, G. Lavin, D. Wall, N. Barry, M. Thorne, O'Keilly, M. Concoran, D. Dowling, T. Poughan, Jameson (Caplin), V. Costello, B. Cooper, N. Releher, O'Boyle (Lark).

● **Early-season relaxation:** There's

Munsters bore no recognition to the side that had limply lost to Garrowen a week previously. That much was clear within the opening ten minutes. Ger Earts, flanker, was back to his abrasive, definitive best. Peter Clohessy, who had been the one success up front in the opening two defeats

curled two minutes after the break, when Mick Corcoran's throw slipped through the hands of Steve Jamson, Clohesy pouncing for the try and an 11-3 interval lead. Coming as it did, moments after James McNamara's try-saving ankle tap tackle on David Wall, these constituted the turning points of the game.

lary, had more of their more celebrated forwards shared the approach of Devlin, another, unsung member of their representative-studded team, they would surely have made a much better fight of things.

Jameson was an exception, and the one thing he was looking for was a fight, after twice being raked on the head. "I got ballyhoed again," he said

through gritted teeth in reference to the more damning, second incident. And the identity of the culprit? "It was a black and amber sock," was his only comment.

Owen Doyle's linesman could only identify the colour of the sock, and the officials were left with a choice of two-perpetrators amongst the Munsters' pack. One too many, and so St Mary's left Greenfields with another gripe and another defeat.

team were "comprehensively beaten", the St Mary's coach Eddie Wigglesworth also conceded that "we didn't take them on up front as we should have done. Yet he claimed that pre-conceived notions of St Mary's vulnerability in Limerick existed only in the media.

ing down here," he maintained. Strictly speaking this is true, though not in the manner he meant. St Mary's have never won in Limerick. No problems in win-

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● Early-season reflections:

ated from the mind of London-born coach, Head as he celebrated his one's first win in the Courage League Division One on Saturday. Deaf against Orrell would have left the Eagles as the only team without a point in EFL and the last light bulb the return of Rob Saunders back row saw them through 196. Without press, supply of ball was lacking but on Saturday, with Matt Keenan providing possession, with England's first choice, Dewi Iwan. And with the pressure of, Rhyl Paul Bay, Verling an opportunity to try from Slim Georgian who swopped on a knock-on from time.