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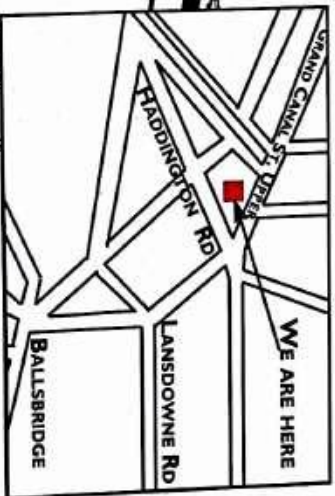
LANSDOWNE F.C

v

ST. MARY'S R.F.C.

**Saturday April 1st, 1995
K.O. 2.30 p.m.**

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7. V. Costello 8. K. Devlin 6. K. Potts



RUGBY ROUND-UP

ALL-IRELAND LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

At Lansdowne Road: **Lansdowne 24** (C O'Shea try, conversion, 2 penalties) **St Mary's 13** (P Lynch try, F Campion 2 dropped goals; N Barry conversion)

At Clifford Park: **Young Munster 12** (M Benson 4 penalties) **Dungannon 17** (John Hastings try; K McGarry 4 penalties)

At Stradbroke: **Blackrock 29** (N Woods 4 tries; A McGowan 3 conversions, penalty) **Sunday's Well 22** (R Daly try, conversion; M Whelehan, J Cummins, K Roche try each)

At Temple Hill: **Cork Constitution 13** (C Twomey try; P Burke 2 penalties conversion)

Old Wesley 5 (D Jackson try)

At Thomond Park: **Shannon 16** (A Thompson 3 penalties, conversion; N O'Shea try) **Instonians 13** (R Wilson try, S Laing penalty, dropped goal, conversion)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shannon	10	10	0	0	162	60	20
Blackrock	10	7	0	3	228	135	14
St Mary's	10	7	0	3	151	137	14
Garryowen	10	6	0	4	160	113	12
Cork Con	9	5	0	4	125	113	10
Old Wesley	9	4	0	5	103	145	8
Lansdowne	8	3	1	4	124	167	7
Instonians	10	3	0	7	111	160	6
Sunday's Well	9	2	1	6	103	142	5
Dungannon	10	2	0	8	114	141	4
Young Munster	9	2	0	7	85	153	4

DIVISION TWO

At Eblon Park: **Ballymena 29** (J Topping, C Topping, A Matchett try each; D McElreese 2

penalties, conversion; D Humphreys 2 dropped goals) **Malone 19** (B Harbinson, S Willis try each; M Strutt 3 penalties)

At Dr Hickey Park: **Greystones 26** (P Deady, A Dignan try each; R Murphy 4 penalties, 2 conversions) **UCD 26** (D Finn, D Hickey try each; S Buckley 4 penalties, 2 conversions)

At Donnybrook: **Beckite Rangers 20** (J Carville, P McNamara, M Morrell try each; D Darcy penalty, conversion) **Terenure 5** (F Wash try)

At Anglessea Road: **Old Belvedere 7** (H McDonnell try; B Murphy conversion) **Dolphin 10** (B O'Neill, C Collier try each)

At Merrion Road: **Wanderers 44** (J O'Callaghan 2 tries; S Moore, M Mahon, L Mahon G Spivack try each; M Wyse 2 penalties, 4 conversions) **Bangor 7** (R Scott try; M Wade conversion)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Old Belvedere	10	8	0	2	157	123	16
Ballymena	10	7	1	2	191	122	15
Wanderers	10	6	1	3	151	133	13
Terenure	10	6	0	4	187	171	12
Malone	10	5	0	5	143	141	10
Beckite	9	4	1	4	143	110	9
Old Crescent	9	4	1	4	154	135	9
Greystones	10	4	1	5	173	191	9
Dolphin	10	3	1	6	102	144	7
UCD	10	2	2	6	141	157	6
Bangor	10	1	0	9	90	205	2

DIVISION THREE

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At Sydney Parade: **Monkstown 17** (H McGuire, D Dent try each; R Walsh penalty, 2 conversions) **Galwegians 9** (E Molloy 3 penalties)

At Corinthian Park: **Corinthians 16** (P Keane 3 penalties, conversion; D Moran try) **Ballina 11** (J Carey 2 penalties; K Doherty try)

At Ballinakill: **Waterpark 3** (B Comerford dropped goal) **DLSP 8** (J Carroll try; R Carr penalty)

At The Marquee: **UCC 30** (D Croly 2 tries; A O'Shea try; J Kieran 3 penalties, 3 conversions) **NIFC 13** (C Dobbin try; N Lamont 2 penalties, conversion)

At Castle Avenue: **Clontarf 23** (M Smith 2 penalties; D O'Brien, M Fitzsimons, N Murphy try each) **Highfield 17** (B Gavin 4 penalties; V Nelson try)

At Dr Keane Park: **Buccaneers 21** (D O'Sullivan, G Curley try each; G Dowd 3 penalties, conversion) **City of Derry 13** (S Lindsay, I Orr try each; I McGregor penalty)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NIFC	10	8	0	2	183	121	16
Clontarf	10	7	0	3	166	111	14
Highfield	10	7	0	4	172	147	14
City of Derry	11	6	1	4	140	117	13
DLSP	11	5	1	5	135	125	11
Monkstown	11	5	1	5	138	137	11
Buccaneers	9	5	0	4	142	118	10
Waterpark	10	5	0	5	146	156	10
Galwegians	11	4	1	6	121	128	9
UCC	11	3	3	5	129	141	9
Corinthians	11	3	1	7	116	174	7
Ballina	10	1	0	9	112	225	2

DIVISION FOUR

At College Park: **Dublin University 44** (R Browne 3 tries; C Morgan penalty, 4 conversions; C McCarthy, D Quinn, D Barrett try each;

R McElreavy dropped goal) **Queen's University 18** (B Styles try, penalty; A Eagleson, R Hedley try each)

At Holmpatrick: **Skerries 53** (K Twomey, O Ennis, J Mwulwita 2 tries each; B Mulcahy try; K Downey penalty, 4 conversions) **Armagh 3** (J Murru penalty)

At Daingean: **UCG 3** (M Brennan penalty) **Bohemians 39** (N Lawlor 3 tries; M Doyle, G Burns try each; O Moran 4 penalties, conversion)

At Deramore: **Collegians 17** (S Aldred try, 4 penalties) **CIYMS 22** (B Green, C Pedlow try each; N McDougall 4 penalties)

At Hamilton Park: **Portadown 18** (D Lynas, M Ericson try each; B Matchett 2 penalties, conversion) **Sligo 8** (F Flan try; D Lillie penalty)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bohemians	10	9	0	1	213	92	18
Skerries	10	8	1	1	254	74	17
Portadown	10	8	1	1	166	92	17
Dublin Univ	10	7	2	1	329	108	16
Queen's Univ	10	5	1	4	183	163	11
CIYMS	10	4	0	6	145	134	8
Ards	10	3	1	6	90	143	7
Collegians	10	2	1	7	110	207	5
Armagh	10	2	1	7	112	246	5
Sligo	10	2	0	8	95	196	4
UCG	10	0	2	8	60	302	2

Munster League Division One — Kiltiskeale

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21. Thomond 10 (Kiltiskee win League). **Garryowen Cup** — Cashel 39, Waterford City 10. **Evans Cup** — Kiltiskee 6, Thurles 6. **Tipperary Under-16 League semi-final** — Waterford City 19, Chancell 0.

Anxious moments prelude to relief

LANDSDOWNE were left wondering how it had all come to this. It certainly seemed odd at

Lansdowne Road on Saturday that a side of such obvious talent could have run themselves into relegation problems from the First Division of the Insurance Corporation All-Ireland League.

Yet the fact remained that they were forced to wait for the results to filter through from other venues before expressing relief about survival. "That's as good as we've played all season," said skipper, Fergus Aherne, who was forced to miss the match because of injury. "With other performances like

that we would have had no worries."

A measure of Lansdowne's competitive reserves is that they fought back from a 13-0 deficit midway through the first half. One of those St Mary's scores was the simplest of tries by scrum-half Philip Lynch, who exposed gaping holes in the defence before grounding the ball behind the posts.

Indeed Lansdowne were left with further cause for concern when it became clear that international out-half Eric Elwood was far from comfortable with the place-kicking duties. Apart from

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Dermot Gilleece

missing a 30-yard penalty attempt and the conversion of Michael Kearin's welcome 28th minute try, he was also badly off target with an attempted drop goal from 32 yards.

Still, in the context of the eventual outcome, a more important development was the supremacy of the Lansdowne pack. Apart from sound scrummaging, their rucking and mauling was of a

high quality, and the back-row, notably number eight Jim Sharkey, foraged admirably. This, along with the kicking of Conor O'Shea, the opportunistic running of their backs and a significant tightening in defence, gradually turned the match around.

O'Shea made crucial contributions, particularly with a 25-yard penalty goal in the third minute of the second half when Lansdowne took the lead for the first time. Meanwhile, St Mary's battled honestly, but only as much as the incentive of a high-

placed finish in the final league table would allow them.

SCORING SEQUENCE: 3 mins. F. Campion drop goal (0-3); 7 mins. P. Lynch try. N. Barry conv (0-10); 21 mins. Campion drop goal (0-13); M. Kearin try (5-13); 40 mins. O'Shea try and conv (12-13); 43 mins. O'Shea pen (15-13); 54 mins. B. Glennon drop goal (18-13); 57 mins. O'Shea pen (21-13); 82 mins. Elwood pen (24-13).

LANDSDOWNE: C. O'Shea; M. Kearin, B. Glennon, J. Shallee, R. Corrigan, E. Elwood, J. Woods; W. O'Kelly, M. McDermott, A. McKeen, P. O'Connor, J. Collins, S. Rooney, J. Sharkey, A. Doyle. **Sub:** G. Aherne for Corrigan (78 mins).
ST MARY'S: G. Halpin; G. Lavin, N. Barry, V. Cunningham, D. Wall, F. Campion, P. Lynch; B. Keane, M. Corcoran, W. Bowden, M. O'Kelly, S. Jameson, K. Polls, V. Costello, K. Devlin. **Subs:** T. Maher for Wall (20 mins); C. McGuinness for Barry (40 mins).

Referee: D. McHugh (Munster)

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