

Senior Cup 1995

St Marys advance at Belvedere's expense

St Mary's	23
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Old Belvedere	13
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ON this evidence Old Belvedere have some way to go if they are to bridge the gap between first and second division rugby when they take their place in the top rank next season.

Their relative proximity to Marys on the scoreboard was due to two gifted tries and the waywardness of the various Marys players who stepped forward to perform the kicking duties.

Mary's dominance was in evidence throughout, no more so than in the

forwards, a source of concern for Belvedere given that their march to the Second Division title was built around their forwards' play.

Theyh started brightly enough, Gary Halpin dropping a high ball under no obvious pressure after only four minutes. Hugh Keelan fed Garrett Dinneen to go over from the resultant scrum. A Barry Murphy penalty made it 8-0 after 17 minutes but then Marys upped their performance and the difference between the teams soon became palpable.

A penalty by Nicky Barry and a fine try by fullback Peter McKenna gave them a

slender but deserved lead at the interval.

David Lynch took the ball almost directly from John Philpott's second half restart to touch down after only 15 seconds but Marys weren't phased and tries by Barry and Barry Browne ensured that several squandered penalty opportunities didn't cost them dearly.

: ST MARYS: G Halpin, T Meagher, N Barry, V Cunningham, A McEvoy, F Camplon, P Lynch, B Keane, B Browne, W Bowden, M O'Kelly, S Jameson, K Potts, K Devlin (capt), V Costello

OLD BELVEDERE: P McKenna, M O'Reilly, P Kirks, W North, F Doorley, J Philpott, B Murphy, G Keogh, N Muldowney, R Ward, M Feely, N Francis, D Lynch, G Dinneen, H Keelan

replacement: M Carroll for Keogh 66 mins

Referee: N Feeney (ARLB)



VICTORY CHARGE... Victor Costello of St Mary's bursts past the despairing tackle of Old Belvedere's David Lynch during their 23-13 Leinster Senior Cup win at Templeville Road on Saturday.

Pic: Ronan Lang.