

Today's Match Sponsor **BARRY'S TEA**

Sundays Well

Charlie Haly Full Back

Colm Hayes Right Wing

Sean McCahill Right Centre

Richard Daly Left Centre

Brian Roche Left Wing

Eric Crotty Out Half

Bernard O'Shaughnessy Scrum Half



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St. Mary's

15 Gary Halpin

14 Anthony Gillen

13 Nicky Barry

12 Gary Lavin

11 David Wall

10 Fergal Campion

9 Philip Lynch

Full Back

Right Wing

Right Centre

Left Centre

Left Wing

Out Half

Scrum Half

Referee

Mr Gordon Black I.A.R.

Linesmen

Mr. P. Tynan M.A.R.

Mr. T. O'Reilly M.A.R.

1 Brian Keane

2 Paddy Browne

3 Warwick Bowden

4 Malcolm O'Kelly

5 Steve Jameson

6 Kevin Potts

7 Kevin Devlin (Capt)

8 Victor Costello

Forward

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Forward

Substitutes

16 Arthur McEvoy

18 David Dreslin

20 Niall Campion

17 Niall O'Brian

19 Derek Dowling

Substitutes

John O'Neill

Mike Smith

Sean Loftus

17 Brendan Murray

19 Stephen Rose

21 Martin Whealahan

Tadg O'Sullivan

Ken O'Connell

Jim Cutriss

Justin O'Connell

Bob McCarthy

Charlie Gildea

Pat Griffin

Leo Murphy

(Capt)

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St Mary's sparkle

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*From Kevin Cashman
in Cork*

THIS was an immensely satisfying game; full of enterprise and wit and good sportsmanship.

And, though the end product did not always match the ambition of the sides or their coaches, the game of rugby was taken some little way further along the road upon which everyone claims to want to see it advance.

St Mary's simply tyrannised the Well in the lineouts: two-handed catches and smart knock-backs went as smoothly as party pieces for their big men, Malcolm O'Kelly and Steve Jameson and Kevin Devlin and Victor Costelloe, throughout most of the afternoon. They had a preponderance of weight and power in the scrummage, too, often winning vital yards.

But the Well's will - or compulsion - to play the game at its expansive best is delightful to the point of innocence. And their heart and constancy are beyond question. These qualities saw them camped inside Mary's half for about 90% of the second half, after having slightly the worst of the first.

And, if Richie Daly had brought along his goal-kicking boot - or even the lace of it - the Well would have been out of Marys' sight before they got the clinching try.

LUCKY Barry put

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NICKY Barry put Mary's ahead with a third minute penalty. Fine continuity of play from deep inside their own half set up Daly's equalising penalty for the Well. Barry soon had the first of two quite appalling misses from close in and directly in front.

But the intensity of Marys' pressure spawned a terrific maul, two superbly controlled and won rucks, and a straight-forward scamper to the corner for David Wall. Barry made the difficult conversion, and added a penalty in the fifteenth minute.

The Well prospered briefly, but some big Mary's tackles, most notably by Gary Halpin and Costello and Jameson, refuted them. Arthur McEvoy typified Mary's resumption of dominance with a neat kick to the corner flag, coming up to the half hour.

They probably should have had a try in this phase - an assertion of private property in the matter of the ball brought brimstone upon the head of Bomber Browne from his pals in the stand. An inexplicable penalty did bring them a seemingly comfortable margin.

But a typically mettlesome Well counter attack set up a ruck, which then provided Shocks - McCahill - Daly - Roche - touch-down. Daly missed the conversion. 16-8 at half-time.

Daly soon missed a couple of penalties. And then seemed to suffer some delusion of being David Campese as he tried to waltz about - and, of course, got consumed alive - with men outside beseeching him for the ball.

But, in the twelfth minute, Well contrived a magnificent try.

Marys' lone breakout seemed to be expiring until Philip Lynch, for the want of something better, hoisted a most unmenacing kick; the ball bobbed through numerous hands until, by the purest of serendipity, it adhered to those of Victor Costello, who duly trotted over. Barry missed the conversion.

St Mary's: G Halpin, D Wall, N Barry, G Lavin, A McEvoy, F Campion, P Lynch, B Keane, P Browne, W Bowden, M O'Kelly, S Jameson, K Potts, K Devlin (Capt), V Costello.

Sunday's Wells: C Haly, C Hayes, S McCahill, R Daly, B Roche, E Crofty, B O'Shaughnessy, L Murphy, P Griffin, C Gildea, B McCarthy, J O'Connell, K O'Connell, J Cuthill, T O'Sullivan. **Sub:** S Rose for Gildea.

Referee: G Black (LAR).

Costello clinches St Mary's victory

SUNDAY'S WELL.....13
ST MARY'S21

VICTOR COSTELLO took the heat off his side and clinched victory against gutsy Sunday's Well at Musgrave Park on Saturday. The division one newcomers almost produced a sensational comeback, but Costello put an end to any thought of a Cork party when he provided the killing touch six minutes from the end of a dramatic match.

St Mary's, after rocketing into a 16-3 lead, were put to the pin of their collars to hold out under constant second half pressure from the Sunday's Well, and they looked suitably grateful to have emerged with two precious points.

At one stage of the game they looked certain to emerge as runaway winners. With a steady supply of line out possession, their pack tore holes in the Sunday's Well defence and they manufactured a memorable first half try from winger David Wall.

But, as centre Nicky Barry tacked on 11 further points, St Mary's were not prepared for the subsequent Sunday's Well barrage. A try on the stroke of half-time from winger Brian Roche put the Sunday's Well back into the match at 8-16, and they responded to that try by pinning St Mary's deep inside their own territory for the remainder of the game — save that one dramatic break-out near the end.

But Sunday's Well have themselves to blame as much as a dogged St Mary's defence. Richard Daly, after scoring a first half penalty, went on to miss five shots at goal. That is not his form and the problems were compounded when the home back division failed to reach their true potential.

They huffed and puffed, and only on occasions showed their class. That class was evident in the creation of a 54th minute try for Jim Cutriss, but unfortunately for them it was an isolated moment of brilliance.

When St Mary's were not defending well, Sunday's Well were attacking with far less conviction than they have in the past. There were too many mistakes and there was too much anxiety. At this level, you must take scoring chances. The Sunday's Well paid a heavy price for failing to do so.

SCORING SEQUENCE — 2 mins: penalty, N Barry (St Mary's) 0-3, 7 mins: penalty, R Daly (Sunday's Well) 3-3, 12 mins: try, D Wall (St Mary's) 3-8, conversion, N Barry, 3-10, 15 mins: penalty, N Barry, 3-13, 36 mins: penalty, N Barry, 3-16, 41 mins: try, B Roche (Sunday's Well) 8-16, 54 mins: try, J Cutriss (Sunday's Well) 13-16, 74 mins: try, B Costello (St Mary's, 13-21

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ST MARY'S — G Halpin, D Wall, N Barry, G Lavin, A McEvoy, F Campion, P Lynch, B Keane, B Browne, W Bowden, M O'Kelly, S Jameson, K Polla, V Costello, K Devlin (captain).

Referee: **G Black** (Lemster)

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