

month ago Ireland started their Five Nations campaign, optimistic that the season would go well. Scot-

and Pat Williams' big effort in this regard but Saturday's match proved there is still

Students' activities.

Referee blows whistle on Anglesea Road mudbath

OLD BELVEDERE.....7

BUCCANEERS.....7

(Abandoned after 48 mins)

MUD, glorious mud . . . except as far as referee Michael Tuohey was concerned when he was in charge of yesterday's Leinster Senior Friendly between Old Belvedere and Buccaneers at Anglesea Road.

DLSP run riot over St Mary's

ST MARY'S.....0 DLSP.....22

DE LA SALLE took advantage of a dream start to record a convincing win over St Mary's at Templeville Road.

The game had hardly started when DLSP wing-forward Pat Nugent burst over the St Mary's line to score the visitors' first try.

A penalty from Stephen Gormley at the end of the first half gave DLSP an eight point lead at the interval.

Five minutes into the second half Joe Parkes added DLSP's second try when he broke over from a tapped penalty to score beside the post.

Dave O'Riordan added their third try two minutes later when he intercepted a St Mary's pass and touched down under the post. Stephen Gormley converted both second half tries to complete the scoring.

ST MARY'S — G Halpin, G Lavin, N Barry, V Cunningham, A Hickie, W Quigley, C McGuinness, B Keane, B Brown, P Byrne, V Dolan, S Jameson, N Campion, K Devlin, M McLoughlin.

DLSP — S Gormley, S Walsh, N O'Riordan, K Lillis, D Brady, D O'Riordan, P Hogan, K Condon, D Farrelly, C Shanley, G Parkes, A Davy, P Nugent, P McDonnell, K Wheelock. **Replacement:** C O'Byrne for D Brady.

The jerseys on both sides were so tacky on a quagmire in incessant rain, Mr Tuohey abandoned proceedings after 48 minutes.

He had the perfect platform for his decision. The sides were level 7-7 and neither lost honour in impossible conditions.

Belvedere went ahead after 31 minutes centre Martin Ridge blocking Buccaneer out-half Derek Lawlor's clearance to go over. Fullback Peter McKenna converted.

Buccaneers levelled six minutes before the abandonment, flanker Eoin Donnelly went over following a ruck ten metres from the Belvedere line. Out-half Lawlor converted to leave the sides tied at 7-7 apiece.

OLD BELVEDERE — P McKenna, M Feely, M Ridge, M O'Reilly, W Norse, P Cullen, K Lynch, M Carroll, A Donovan, R Ward, M Nielson, J Quinn, M Carswell, K Quinn, H McDonnell.

BUCCANEERS — E O'Neill, M Devine, M O'Carroll, K Slevin, G Curley, D Lawlor, J Murray, O O'Neill, N Moran, J Scrane, A Kenny, C Deavey, E Donnelly; C Johnson, E Brennan.

REF — M Tuohey (ARLB).

'Rock tie postponed

YESTERDAY'S Coca-Cola Leinster Schools Senior Cup quarter-final between Blackrock and St Michael's scheduled for Donnybrook yesterday was postponed due to the bad weather and will be played at the same venue on Thursday next (4.0). Another match to fall foul of the weather was the Leinster Senior Club clash between Skerries and Lansdowne at Holmpatrick.

☆ ★ ☆ ★
CREGGS.....9 **CONNEMARA**.....3

THREE first half penalties from Ger O'Dowd sent Creggs on their way to the coveted prize of a place in the All Ireland League next season in the Connacht Junior league play-off at The Sportsground. After breaking Connemara's 92 game unbeaten run a week earlier, Creggs survived early pressure in trying conditions. But three O'Dowd penalties helped them build a 9-0 lead by the interval.

DLSP out-maul St Mary's pack

IN a disappointing weekend for Irish Rugby, there was little in the way of substantive club fare. At Templeville Road, a somewhat unorthodox approach, forced upon them by late withdrawals, turned out to be a blessing in disguise for De La Salle Palmerstown in their 22-0 awakening for St Mary's. DLSP played no less than five second rows in their pack, and while St Mary's never got to grips with the conditions, they were comprehensively out-mauled as Pat Nugent's try and Stephen Gormley's penalty gave DLSP an 8-0 interval lead.

After the half time oranges had been eaten, the visitors continued to suck the energy from St Mary's in the tight. Gormley went on to convert both second half tries by Joe Parkes and Dave O'Riordan.

With the weather conditions taking their toll, referee Michael Tuohy brought the Leinster Senior Club match between Old Belvedere and Buccaneers to a premature end, when, after 43 minutes, he could not distinguish one set of players from the others.

At this stage, the sides were level. Full back Peter McKenna converted his own try to give Old

Belvedere a 7-0 lead at half time. However, Buccaneers must have been disappointed. They drew level thanks to a touchdown by flanker Donal Donnelly, converted by Derek Lalor, only for the game to end two minutes later.

The solitary Munster Senior Club fixture down for decision yesterday at Musgrave Park went the way of Old Crescent, at the expense of Dolphin. Diarmuid O'Malley and Darragh Kirby went over for the crucial scores in their 15-10 win. In return, Mick Ormond breached the winners line, but with both kickers slotting one penalty and one conversion each, it was the lack of penetration in the home ranks that proved decisive.

Out west, Galwegians easily got the better of a UCG side that is struggling as much this season as they did last.

At this time, the main rugby attraction of the afternoon was taking place at the Sportsground where Creggs laid the mighty Connemara All Blacks myth to rest in a gruelling 9-3 Connacht Junior League play-off win, that lifts them into next season's All Ireland League.

RUGBY ROUND-UP

FIVE NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

At Parc Des Princes: **France** 45 (E N'Tamack, R Castel 2 tries each, P Saint-Andre, O Campan, G Accocceberry tries, T Castaignede 5 cons); **Ireland** 10 (D Humphreys pen, con; pen try).

At Cardiff Arms Park: **Wales** 14 (W Proctor try, A Thomas 3 pens); **Scotland** 16 (G Townsend try, M Dodds 3 pens, con).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
SCOTLAND..	3	3	0	0	51	38	6
FRANCE	3	2	0	1	74	41	4
ENGLAND....	2	1	0	1	33	30	2
WALES.....	2	0	0	2	29	37	0
IRELAND	2	0	0	0	20	61	0

LEINSTER SENIOR CLUB

At Donnybrook: **Old Wesley** 5 (J O'Sullivan try); **Monkstown** 21 (C Heaney, S Draper, R McLoughlin tries, A McMaster 3 cons).

At Dr Hickey Park: **Greystones** 37 (R Murphy try, 2 pens, 3 cons, M Hanley 2 tries, I Power, J Mullins tries); **Cork Constitution** 26 (B Walsh, R Healy, B Roche, U O Callaghan tries, B O Meara 3 cons).

At Templeville Road: **St Mary's College** 0 **De La Salle, Palmerstown** 22 (P Nugent, J Parkes, D O Riordan tries, S Gormley pen, 2 cons).

At Anglesea Road: **Old Belvedere** 7 (P McKenna try, con); **Buccaneers** 7 (D Donnelly try, D Lalor con) - Match abandoned after 43 minutes.

At Belfield: UCD v Wanderers - OFF

At Holmpatrick: Skerries v Lansdowne - OFF

MUNSTER SENIOR CLUB

At Dooradoyle: **Garryowen** 24 (B Everett try, 2 cons, D Costello, D Sheehan, P O'Grady tries); **Bohemians** 13 (C Murphy, O Moran tries, M Benson pen).

At Ballinakill: **Waterpark** 34 (M Logue 3 tries, C Cronin, B Leslie tries, B Moran pen, 3 cons) **Dolphin** 27 (R Power, H Farrelly, J Lyons tries, R Kelleher 2 pens, 3 cons).

At Athlunkard: **Shannon** 10 (N O Shea try, B O Shea con, J Galvin dp gl); **Bective Rangers** 9 (S Buckley 2 pens, dr gl).

At Musgrave Park (Saturday): **Sundays Well** 30 (J O'Connell, J O'Neill, G Tuohy tries, C Burke try, con, E Hogan-O'Connell 2 pens, con); **Highfield** 24 (M McGuire, B Herlihy, J O'Neill tries, G O'Sullivan pen, 3 cons).

At Musgrave Park (Sunday): **Dolphin** 10 (M Ormond try, B O'Neill try, con); **Old Crescent**

15 (D O'Malley, D Kirby tries, B Begley pen, con).

ULSTER SENIOR CLUB

At Eaton Park: **Ballymena** 14 (R Irwin, J Law tries, R McIlmoyle 2 cons); **Terenure** 24 (P Walsh, J Muldowney, J Blaney tries, G Dempsey pen, 3 cons).

ULSTER SENIOR LEAGUE

At Upper Malone: **Queens University** 6 (G Haron 2 pens); **Portadown** 33 (W Matchett try, pen, con, J McAfee dr gl, B Gribben, R McDowell, A Eagleson, M Ericson tries).

At Hamilton Park: **Ards** 21 (T McDowell 2 tries, D Jamshidi 3 pens, con); **Bangor** 36 (M McCall try, 3 cons, R Kelly, G Walton, S McKinty, N Sinclair, J McMaster tries).

At Ormeau: **North** 56 (N Doak try, 2 pens, 5 cons, A Park 2 tries, D Wilson, M McAllister, J Park, B Murray, J Cassidy); **CIYMS** 5 (B Vize try).

At Deramore: **Collegians** 19 (J Irwin 2 tries, S Bond try, C Boyd, J Cunningham cons); **City Of Derry** 35 (K Gallick, D Hunter, I Orr, S Lindsay tries, I McGregor 3 pens, 3 cons).

CONNACHT SENIOR LEAGUE

At Crowley Park: **Galwegians** 28 (M Murphy, F Filan, A Connolly, M Gordon tries, E Molloy 2 pens, con); **UCG** 6 (J Conneely 2 pens).

At Corinthian Park: **Corinthians** 39 (A White, M Kavanagh 2 tries each, J Kilrairie, I MacDonald, J J Gorham tries, P Keane 2 cons); **Westport** 10 (penalty try, E Walsh pen, con).

JUNIOR RESULTS

Leinster Junior 1 League — Ashbourne 22 (J Lyons, A Ward, K Quinn and A Gallagher try each, P Stewart conversion), Dublin University 0.

Junior 2 League — Carlow 3 Drogheda 10; Barnhall 20 Terenure 16; Old Belvedere 6 Blackrock 22.

Anderson Cup — First round: Rathdrum 16 Mullingar 11. **First round replay —** Delvin 6 Athboy 10.

Junior 3 League — Drogheda 0 Tullamore 27; CYM 10 Blackrock 24. **Under-20 league —** Garda 5 Barnhall 10.

Munster Junior League — Division one: Thurles 19 Clanwilliam 17;

Cobh Pirates 3 Midleton 24. **Division two:** Cashel 10 Waterford City 6; Carrick-on-Suir 16 Kilrush 17; Tralee 17 Nenagh Ormond 3; New-castle West 3 Castleisland 12; Clonakilty 28 Clonmel 0.

Division three: Charleville 3 Galbally 20; Fermoy 17 Dungarvan 7.

Evans Cup — Nenagh Ormond 3 Kilfeacle 0; Carrick-on-Suir 5 Clonmel 17.