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16. PADDY POWER, 17. DAVE COEN,
18. DAN BOURKE, 19. KARL JENNINGS,
20. EGIN MCCORMACK, 21. RICHARD ORMOND

REFEREE:
Murray Whyte
(ARLB)

SATURDAY
22nd November
1997
at 2.30 p.m.

Templeville
Road



TOUCH JUDGES:
Jerry Maher
(ARLB),
Andrew Balrd
(ARLB)

Blackrock College RFC

15. TOM KEATING
14. PADDY DUNNE
13. BRIAN SCALLY
12. OWEN COBBE
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18. PETER SMITH, 19. DEC KAVANAGH,
20. RORY ROGERS, 21. DAVID SHAW

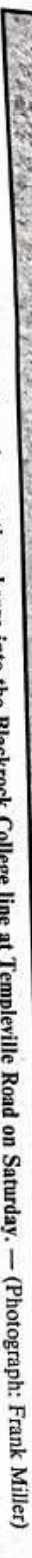
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(Photograph: Frank Miller)

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Gerry Thornley

defence and leave Blackrock a little punch drunk, so that by the end the likes of Emmet Byrne and Steve Jameson were also punching big holes in a waning defence.

Furthermore, Costello frequently drew opponents to create gaps for the likes of McCormack, a significant factor in the crucial Nowlan try when Costello fed McCormack and the full-back gathered the scrum-half's looped pass high and left-handed to elude Brian Scally's tackle and round the posts.

This performance was also compelling evidence that Costello will wreak even more havoc with Trevor Brennan alongside him. Brennan, harshly cast adrift from Wednesday night's A squad to play the Canadians after one poor performance in the Development-Exiles trial, when he unwisely played with a back injury, made a big impression without any of the trademark big hits.

A hard-running foil to Costello, Brennan too consistently took the ball over the gain line, either off-loading in the tackle (an area of his game that has come on a ton) or giving his rucking forwards a target on the ground from which many points were accrued.

It was during the third quarter, particularly, that Costello and Brennan sowed the seeds of victory. And one short restart by Alan McCowan meant that Blackrock, in effect, didn't have the ball for 17 minutes, during which time St Mary's pulled effect up a head of steam. Rock struggled to come with them.

Hickie, the most potent runner in the league, only needs two yards and he's gone; the classic Mary's big runners up front. Realistically, with up to four teams tottering beside the relegation trap Costello and Brennan had been first half, and certainly played more of the rugby."

That said, he conceded that Costello and Brennan had been

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GARRROWEN: D. Cuddy, J. Cleve, K. Keane (capt), K. Harrigan, C. Kilroy, B. Everett, S. May, P. O'Sullivan, P. Cunningham, G. Walsh, V. Humphreys, S. Leahy, D. O'Brien, D. Walshe, A. Birmingham. REPLACEMENTS: P. Hogan for Birmingham (full-time), J. Keenan for Everett (42 mins), P. Humphreys for O'Brien (full-time), J. Keenan for YOUNG MUNSTER: P. Hazard, D. Walsh, N.O'Connell (32 mins). CUSACK: M. O'Halloran, D. Tobin, N. Harrigan, M. Harte, P. Collins, M. O'Halloran, D. O'Meara, B. Buckley, D. Edwards, Q. Fardle (capt). REPLACEMENTS: D. Maher for Hayes (60 mins), D. Coffey for Harrigan (74 mins).

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St Mary's number eight Victor Costello makes another charge into the Blackrock College line at Templeville Road on Saturday. — (Photograph: Frank Miller)

well around the images as Young Munster sought to punch their way upfield through Peter Cloughy, Ger Earls, Declan Edwards and co. They also breathed a collective sigh of relief when O'Halloran pulled a drop goal wide with

As expected, a young, cocky, overconfident Blackrock put it up to Mary's in what little rivalry Murray Whyte permitted during a five-a-side first-half. But, with some familiarity to last week's Sandowne Road international, Stirling's went ahead through a key, interlateral try and then turned screw in the third quarter.

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Mary's big runners up front, Realistically, with up to four teams totaling besides the relegation target door, this is another season about survival.

Tony Smith, the Blackburn coach, maintained that Nowlan "score" was a soft toy. We can't give in our defence and you can't give Nowlan space like that. We decided from the outside in and Aidan Guinan stayed out on his own (Hickey) as Scally was drawm away by McCormack. I thought we had been the better team in the

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