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Old Belvedere

No

STEVE CLEAVE	15
PETER MCKENNA	14
BILLY TREACY	13
STEVE SEXTON	12
DAVE KEOGH	11
BARRY MURPHY (CAPT)	10
DAMIEN WARD	9
DAVE MCCONNELL	1
LARS WIEGAND	2
TOMMY KEARNS	3
MURRAY HENDERSON	4
COLIN GLEESON	5
FERGAL O'BEIRNE	6
TOM MURPHY	8
CORMAC JOHNSTON	7

Referee: **Tony Redmond (ARLB)**
Touch Judges: **Paul Swayne (ARLB)**
Brendan McGovern (ARLB)

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St. Marys

No

KEVIN NOWLAN	15
JOHN MCWEENEY	14
RAY MCILREAVY	13
GARRETH GANNON	12
DENIS HICKIE	11
CRAIG FITZPATRICK	10
CONOR MCGUINNESS	9
EMMET BYRNE	1
BARRY BROWNE	2
PETER COYLE	3
STEVE JAMESON (CAPT)	4
FRANK FITZGERALD	5
TREVOR BRENNAN	6
VICTOR COSTELLO	8
MARK REILLY	7

Kick Off - 2.30 pm

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Mary's cross for seven des

Kieran Rooney

Old Belvedere.....15
St Mary's College.....41

ST MARY'S scored seven tries in making sure of their AIB semi-final spot at Anglesea Road yesterday. Yet, it was a performance which fell a long way short of what will be required when they travel to Thomond Park to face the holders Shannon next weekend.

Without the services of centre Ray McIlreavy and wing John McWeeney, they only played in fits and starts. When they were good, for a 20-minute period in the second half, they put the game away, crossing for four tries to move from a 17-10 interval advantage to 41-10.

For the most part, though, they were average. Coach Stephen Hennessy admitted as much and also acknowledged that they have been below their best in the last four games.

Some welcome news is that McWeeney only missed out yesterday as a precautionary measure and will definitely play against the holders. Hennessy is also hopeful that McIlreavy, troubled by an ankle problem, will make it.

If St Mary's are to have any chance in the semi-final, it will be down to the ability of their pack to stand up to the Shannon eight. They will miss their injured open side flanker Mark Cuddihy but Victor Costello and Trevor Brennan are performing tremendously well in the back row.

Old Belvedere could never come to terms with the strength of Costello and Brennan. Costello set up a number of scores while the impressive Brennan crashed his way over for a try with a run from the 22, and could very easily have had a few more.

Conor McGuinness, at scrum-half, was the other really influential figure. He provided the pass for right wing Kelvin McNamee to run in for the opening score and when tries followed from Denis Hickie and Brennan, St Mary's looked sure to run up a huge tally.

With Craig Fitzpatrick landing one conversion, they were 17-0 clear after 21 minutes. But somehow they managed to lose their way and Old Belvedere hit back with a try from scrum-half Damien Ward while Billy Treacy landed the conversion and

added a penalty to reduce the deficit to 17-10 at the interval.

Given a stern lecture, St Mary's responded by scoring four more tries through Steve Jameson, Barry Browne, Kevin Nowlan and McGuinness to pull clear. Fitzpatrick landed two conversions.

With McGuinness, Hickie, Costello and Browne all substituted, Old Belvedere took the opportunity to hit back with a late consolation try from full-back Steve Cleave after a good run from right-wing Dave Keogh.

Old Belvedere: S Cleave; D Keogh, B Treacy, S Sexton, P McKenna; B Murphy (capt), D Ward; T Kearns (G Cremin 65), L Wiegand (S Cahill 63), G O'Neill, W Whitton (C Johnson 52), C Gleeson, G Gormley, S Walsh, T Murphy.

St Mary's: K Nowlan; K McNamee, E Gibney, G Gannon, D Hickie (P Lane 70); C Fitzpatrick, C McGuinness (E McCormack 70); E Byrne, B Browne (P Power 70), P Coyle, S Jameson (Capt), F Fitzgerald, T Brennan, V Costello (G Quinn 70), M Reilly.
Referee: T Redmond (Leinster)

Garryowen.....66
Ballymena.....29

GARRYOWEN finally booked a home venue for the semi-final of the AIB League against Young Munster when they dominated a poor Ballymena side at Dooradoyle yesterday.

In an entertaining game which produced 13 tries, Barry Everitt, Garryowen's outstanding out-half, had a superb match and Garryowen will be hoping that the injury he picked up scoring a late try will not rule him out of next weekend's clash.

The light blues quickly went ahead with two tries in five minutes from David Wallace, both converted by Killian Keane. The Irish centre then landed a superb penalty. Everitt was instrumental in every Garryowen move and after 35 minutes set up Joe Brooks for another try, which Keane again converted.

With halftime approaching Ballymena got on the scoreboard when prop Rab Irwin dived over for a great try but in injury time, Killian Keane kicked another superb penalty to leave the home side 22 points ahead at the break.

Dara O'Sullivan replaced flanker Andrew Birmingham — who is now doubtful for the semi-final with a suspected broken finger — as Ballymena started brightly in the second half. But when a move by Sheldon Coulter broke down Garryowen scrum-half Tom Tierney scored under the posts, Keane converting. Derek McAleese responded with a

penalty and then Ballymena scored their second try through full-back Stanley McDowell and McAleese converted.

Irish international Stephen McIvor replaced Tierney with half an hour remaining and Garryowen went further ahead when Keane made a wonderful break to score a try which he converted himself before adding another penalty three minutes later.

Garryowen hooker Paul Cunningham was replaced by Pat Humphreys with fifteen minutes left and was immediately yellow-carded, before finishing off a move involving Everitt and Keane to score a great try.

Ballymena came back straight away with a lovely try from wing James Topping, which McAleese converted. But Garryowen scored further tries from Everitt and Brooks, which Keane converted. Andy Matchett had a consolation try which McAleese converted before Paul Hogan scored Garryowen's ninth try and they can now look forward with great confidence to next weekend's semi-final.

Garryowen: D Crotty; J Clarke, J Brooks, K Keane, K O'Riordan; B Everitt, T Tierney; P Spain, P Cunningham (P Humphreys 65), G Walsh; V Humphreys, S Leahy (F Costello 67); P Hogan, D Wallace, A Birmingham (D O'Sullivan 40).

Ballymena: S McDowell; J Cunningham, S Coulter, M Boyd, J Topping; D McAleese, A Matchett; N McKernan, S Ritchie, R Irwin; P McBride, R West, A Graham, K Gallick, A Dougan.
Referee: D McHugh (Ulster).

Dungannon.....47
Clontarf.....12

DUNGANNON clung to division one status in dramatic style with a tremendous six-try victory over Clontarf which enabled them to leapfrog over Dolphin and Old Crescent. This win earns them a play-off with Division Two runners-up Buccaneers.

The home side's pack dominated proceedings throughout but it was the visitors who began with the greater urgency and quickly exploited the wind advantage. The Clontarf backline spread the ball wide and some crisp handling enabled centre Nicky Barry to touch down after four minutes.

But with coach Willie Anderson's impact clearly visible, the Dungannon forwards began to take a grip on the game. Out-half Ashley Blair reduced the deficit with a penalty after 14 minutes before flanker Paul Curry gave Dungannon the lead

after the break to leave it level at the
WITH
look forward with great confidence

Guinan 2 tries; O Cobbe con, pen)
Musgrave Park: Dolphin 13 (J O 'Mahony 2 pens, con, E Knowles try), Lansdowne 13 (R Kearns 2 pens. 1 con.; C McIntee try)
Rosbrien: Young Munster 19 (Pen try, A O'Halloran 4 pens, con) **Old Crescent** 15 (B Begley 5 pens)

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shannon	13	12	0	1	367	142	24
Garyowen	13	9	1	3	362	224	19
Y Munster	13	9	1	3	244	176	19
St Mary's	13	9	0	4	409	274	18
Cork Con	13	8	0	5	289	217	16
Ballymena	13	7	0	6	344	289	14
Clontarf	13	7	0	6	276	266	14
Terenure	13	5	1	7	241	262	11
Lansdowne	13	4	2	7	264	328	10
Blackrock	13	4	1	8	249	326	9
Dungannon	13	4	0	9	239	309	8
Dolphin	13	3	2	8	227	345	8
O Crescent	13	4	0	9	168	298	8
O Belvedere	13	2	0	11	208	431	4

DIVISION TWO

Dr Hickey Park: Greystones 20 (T Curtis, D Barrett, B McAree try each, M Wyse pen, con); **Skerries** 9 (J Dempsey 3 pens)
Gibson Park: Malone 11 (Rea try, Doaks 2 pens) **Galwegians** 19 (Charlie 2 tries, Elwood try, 2 cons)
Kiltarnan: **DLSP** 41 (T James try, 4 cons, pen, E Devitt 2 tries, K Wheelock, S Gormley, P Wera-hiko try each), **UCC** 12 (D Barry try, M O'Driscoll try, C Healy con)
Donnybrook: **Old Wesley** 34 (R McNaughton, J Kenifick, J Moore, J Nowlan try each, S Mitchell 4 pens, 1 con) **Monkstown** 15 (M Gilleran, H Maguire try each, G McWilliams, pen, A McMaster on)
Merrion Road: **Wanderers v Buccaneers** postponed
Branch Road: **City of Derry** 27 (R Roulston, S Lindsay, E Martin, M Black try each; I McGregor 2 cons, 1 pen); **Bective** 14 (J Hardy try, D Assenham 3 pens)
Shane Park: **Instonians** 23 (J Gardiner, K McKee try each, G Cornelius drp gl, G McCullough 2 pen, 2 cons) **Sunday's Well** 41 (J O'Neill, C Hayes 2 tries each; P Claybourne, G Tuohy try each, E Hogan-O'Connell pen, 4 cons)

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Galwegians	13	13	0	0	336	164	26
Buccaneers	12	11	0	1	311	102	22
Sunday Well	13	7	2	4	254	227	16
Derry	13	8	0	5	277	255	16
UCC	13	6	1	6	204	282	13
Skerries	13	6	0	7	248	224	12
DLSP	13	6	0	7	280	269	12
Old Wesley	13	5	1	7	256	248	11
Greystones	13	5	1	7	204	212	11
Bective	13	5	1	7	210	233	11
Malone	13	5	0	8	210	255	10
Wanderers	12	5	0	7	200	254	10
Monkstown	13	3	0	10	207	336	6
Instonians	13	2	0	11	205	341	4