Father and sons Colm and Adam Kavanagh, Stephen and Sam Boden and Karl and Jonnie Kelly all played together for St Mary's College against Welsh side Penygroes

Unique occasion for Mary's selection

ST MARY'S College chalked up a 32-22 point victory over Welsh side Penygroes RFC when they visited Templeville Road on Saturday to take on a J4/J5 selection.

In a match that involved three father and son pairings for St Mary's, it was the Welshmen who enjoyed much of the early possession and it was only a huge effort from the likes of Marys prop David Browne and flanker Gar Lloyd that kept the visitors at bay.

Marys had their chances to open the scoring but a strong defensive effort from the visitors limited them to a single penalty for the entire first half while Penygroes carded a brace of tries to lead 10-3 at the break.

The second half saw the homeside ring in the changes and register three tries in relatively quick succession, a brace coming from prop Fionan Magee.

Penygroes continued to push the homeside and scored a try with some ten minutes remaining to keep the pressure on the hosts in the final few minutes.

The final ten minutes signalled the second set of wholesale changes by Marys that was notable in that it saw the introduction of three men: Colm Kavanagh, Karl Kelly and the J4/J5s manager Stephen Boden who were joined by their sons Adam Kavanagh, Jonnie Kelly and Sam Boden in the closing ten minutes.

Penygroes recorded another score before the final whistle while Marys added two more tries to secure the victory.