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Lyons extra time try clinches cup for Mary's

ST MARY'S 13; BLACKROCK 12

THIS Heineken Metropolitan Cup triumph by St Marys College in the final at Lakelands last night completes the junior double for the club. They are already Junior One League champions.

But it is an even greater accomplishment for the St Mary's Club. Last night's win brought them their 91st Leinster Branch trophy and they now lead Lansdowne by one.

The game went to extra time, the sides locked on 2 penalties apiece. It was far from stirring stuff with the referee's incursions far too frequent, disturbing all attempts at good open football.

But extra time made up considerably for the lack of quality that preceded it as both sides threw everything into their efforts at grabbing the trophy.

The inconclusive period had brought two penalty goals each from the rival outhalves, Declan Campion for St Mary's and David Lynagh for Blackrock.

And it appeared that the penalty

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kicking saga would continue when Lynagh knocked over two more in the 20 minutes extra time. But then came the only try of the game when, for once St Mary's were able to outlink the Blackrock defence and centre Davy Lyons got over for the try which Richie Ormond converted.

But in a game that must have broken records for penalty awards there was still time for Rock to snatch victory. Two minutes from time Lynagh had a chance but missed. Ormond's last kick of the game was a penalty also but his miss was unimportant. Mary's were home and dry even if only by that margin of a point.

ST MARY'S — R Ormond; R Nowlan, E Gibney, D Lyons, K McNamee; F Campion, J Kilbride; R Lynch, P Power, T Brennan; M McInerney, D Burke; S O'Neill, G Quinn, K Jennings. Rep: S Conlon for McInerney extra time.

BLACKROCK — H Carolan; S Mooney, R Rochfort, O Cobb, T Gilmore; D Lynagh, D Grennell; M Cuffe, G McLoughlin, P Jordan; P Doyle, R Sheehan; G McCarthy, D Hackett, P Lynn. Rep: P Smith for McLoughlin, K Rigney for Doyle.

REF: W Sheridan (Leinster).

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METRO CHAMPS . . . St Mary's skipper Eugene Gibney holds the Heineken Metropolitan Cup aloft after his side beat Blackrock in the final at Lakelands last night *Plc: Tom Burke*