



ST. MARY'S COLLEGE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

VERSUS

BLACKROCK RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



Metro League Premier 2 Final

The John Doddy Memorial Cup

Energia Park, Donnybrook

Sunday 7th April 2024

4:00pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Best wishes to our brilliant J1s in your upcoming final v Blackrock RFC. You have been brilliant to watch this year and thoroughly deserve your place in the final. Your commitment to the game is admirable. You have a fantastic Captain in Joe Nolan too and the support you get on the sideline from Peter Smyth, Paul Conlon, Podge Dundon and the ever popular, Darren Walker, is testament to the quality of team that you are. Your rugby club is fully behind you and rooting for you all in this important final. Go get it lads and bring it home!

Bobby O'Connor
President

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF RUGBY

Wishing the J1s all the best in their league final. You have had a great season so far under the outstanding captaincy of Joe Nolan ably supported by Smythy, Darren and Paul Conlon. The John Doddy Memorial Cup is a very important to the club and it would be a fantastic achievement for both teams of the 1st squad to win their respective leagues. We hope you can bring it home to Templeville!

Alan Shirley
Chairman of Rugby



STARTING LINEUP

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE RFC J1 XV

15 Craig Kennedy
 14 Eoin Carey
 13 Peter Ford
 12 Max Whelan
 11 Daniel Sancery
 10 Max Svedjar
 9 Richard Fahy
 8 Conor Pierce
 7 Joe Nolan
 6 Daniel Lyons
 5 Ian Wickham
 4 Gavin Potts
 3 Cameron Stewart
 2 Eoin Power
 1 Kealan Quinn

16 Billy Hamilton
 17 Eoghán Pender
 18 Niall Mulcahy
 19 Andrew Walsh
 20 Finn Connolly
 21 George Hassett
 22 Jack McSharry
 23 George O'Shea

MESSAGE FROM THE J1 XV CAPTAIN

The 2023/24 season so far has been an unforgettable one, having only lost one of our league fixtures. The squad has benefitted from the arrival of a number of new players and the group has become incredibly close both as a team and as part of the wider senior squad, both on and off the pitch. We come up against a familiar face in Blackrock with whom we had two very competitive encounters during the season. Special thanks to go to our managers Darren and Paul and coach Smythy for all they do in the lead up to matches and on game day. Thanks also to the 1st Team coaches Mark, Sean, Jamie and Modser for the emphasis they've put on promoting the importance of this team. It's been an absolute honour to be trusted to captain this group and I'm looking forward to leading them out on Sunday for what will presumably be another hard fought battle.

Fidelitas in Arduis

Joe Nolan

Captain J1 XV

J1 PLAYER LEAGUE APPEARANCES

		Starts	Subs	Total
1	Peter Ford	9	0	9
2	Senan Phelan	9	0	9
3	Finn Connolly	8	1	9
4	Gavin Potts	8	0	8
5	Conor Pierce	7	0	7
6	Cameron Stewart	7	0	7
7	Joe Nolan	7	0	7
8	Max Svejdar	7	0	7
9	Eoin Carey	7	0	7
10	Kealan Quinn	6	3	9
11	Ian Wickham	5	0	5
12	Conor Corcoran	5	0	5
13	Andrew Walsh	4	1	5
14	Niall Donovan	3	1	4
15	Richard Fahy	3	1	4
16	Jack Flanagan	3	1	4
17	Billy Hamilton	3	1	4
18	George Hassett	3	0	3
19	George O'Shea	2	2	4
20	Jack Reidy Walsh	2	1	3
21	Daniel Sancery	2	1	3
22	Niall Mulcahy	2	1	3
23	Sean Heeran	2	0	2
24	Daniel Cullen	2	0	2
25	Eoin Power	2	0	2
26	Louis Moore	1	2	3
27	Jamie Coolican	1	1	2
28	Marcus Purcell	1	0	1
29	Luca Manselli	1	0	1
30	Thady McKeever	1	0	1

		Starts	Subs	Total
31	Adam McEvoy	1	0	1
32	David McGill	1	0	1
33	Leroy Jack	1	0	1
34	Liam Corcoran	1	0	1
35	Hugo Conway	1	0	1
36	Steven Kilgallen	1	0	1
37	Aran Farrell	1	0	1
38	Luke McGill	1	0	1
39	Carlisle Jordaan	1	0	1
40	Padraig Dundon	1	0	1
41	Tim MacMahon	1	0	1
42	Daniel Lyons	1	0	1
43	Samuel Healthwood	0	5	5
44	Eoghán Pender	0	4	4
45	Max Whelan	0	2	2
46	Lucas Weber	0	1	1
47	Takechi Oe	0	1	1
48	Dara Lynch	0	1	1
49	Conor Quinn	0	1	1
50	Ross Moore	0	1	1
51	Jack McKenna	0	1	1
52	Fionn King	0	1	1
53	Cillian Costello	0	1	1
54	Josef Kafa	0	1	1
55	Rory Dillon	0	1	1
56	Daniel Ryan	0	1	1
57	Jack Grant	0	1	1
58	Jamie Heeran	0	1	1
59	Jack McSharry	0	1	1

J1 PLAYER LEAGUE POINTS

		Total Points			
		Tries	Conv	Pens	Total
1	Senan Phelan	35	10	3	48
2	Max Svejdar	5	32	6	43
3	Kealan Quinn	35	0	0	35
4	Peter Ford	35	0	0	35
5	Andrew Walsh	0	16	0	16
6	Luca Manselli	15	0	0	15
7	Joe Nolan	15	0	0	15
8	Niall Donovan	15	0	0	15
9	Finn Connolly	10	4	0	14
10	Liam Corcoran	10	0	0	10
11	Eoin Carey	10	0	0	10
12	Daniel Sancery	10	0	0	10
13	George O'Shea	10	0	0	10
14	Hugo Conway	5	0	0	5
15	Leroy Jack	5	0	0	5
16	Steven Kilgallen	5	0	0	5
17	Jack Reidy Walsh	5	0	0	5
18	Richard Fahy	5	0	0	5
19	Gavin Potts	5	0	0	5
20	Jack Flanagan	5	0	0	5
21	Sean Heeran	5	0	0	5
22	Padraig Dundon	5	0	0	5
23	George Hassett	5	0	0	5
24	Billy Hamilton	5	0	0	5

Number of		
Tries	Conv	Pens
7	5	1
1	16	2
7	0	0
7	0	0
0	8	0
3	0	0
3	0	0
3	0	0
2	2	0
2	0	0
2	0	0
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METRO LEAGUE PREMIER 2

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	DIFF	BP	BP L	BP T	DED	PTS
1	St. Mary's	14	13	0	1	331	104	227	10	0	6	0	62
2	Blackrock	14	12	0	2	298	123	175	11	1	5	0	59
3	Greystones	14	9	0	5	330	196	134	10	0	8	0	46
4	Naas	14	6	0	8	224	274	-50	9	2	4	0	33
5	Wanderers	14	7	0	7	193	133	60	4	0	3	-20	12
6	Enniscorthy	14	3	0	11	214	407	-193	7	3	4	-8	11
7	Navan	14	3	0	11	91	306	-215	2	0	1	-16	-2
8	Skerries	14	3	0	11	123	261	-138	2	2	0	-20	-6

16/09/2023	Wanderers	W/O	J1 XV	Merrion Road
23/09/2023	Greystones	33-19	J1 XV	Dr Hickey Park
28/09/2023	J1 XV	22-18	Blackrock	Templeville Road
15/10/2023	Navan	5-53	J1 XV	Balreask Oak
22/10/2023	J1 XV	62-7	Enniscorthy	Templeville Road
04/11/2023	Naas	5-32	J1 XV	Forenaughts
12/11/2023	Skerries	3-66	J1 XV	Holmpatrick
25/11/2023	Wanderers	W/O	J1 XV	Merrion Road
03/12/2023	J1 XV	24-12	Greystones	Templeville Road
20/01/2024	Blackrock	12-20	J1 XV	Stradbroom
28/01/2024	J1 XV	W/O	Navan	Templeville Road
18/02/2024	Enniscorthy	8-33	J1 XV	Alcast Park
10/03/2024	J1 XV	W/O	Skerries	Templeville Road
31/03/2024	J1 XV	W/O	Naas	Templeville Road

MESSAGE FROM THE J1 XV COACH

To Joe & all the players, Darren, Paul and all the management, the very best of luck in their promotion match against Blackrock. The entire group represent all the qualities our club holds dear and true.... Build on a spirit, friendship, and camaraderie they play for each other, the white star on their chests and their combined love of the game. We are lucky to have such a unified player and management team, ready to give there all on Sunday. No doubt the club will be out in force to support the side and drive on all the goodwill that has been generated over the season to date.

Fidelitas in Arduis

Peter Smyth

Coach J1 XV

THE JOHN DODDY MEMORIAL CUP

The Cup being played for today in the Metro League Premier 2 Final is named after a St. Mary's College RFC Great John Doddy.

Background:

When John Doddy died on the 9th July 2009 Irish Rugby, but especially St Mary's College RFC, lost a great champion. John was an outstanding St Mary's member, who is deeply mourned by his family and all in the club.

He was educated at St Mary's College Rathmines and later studied and qualified as a chartered accountant. While at Marys he was a brilliant young student and excelled right through his ten years there. He was extremely popular and made many friends, four in particular, Brian (Spike) Fanning, John Lawlor, Donal (Benj) O'Sullivan and Barney Moran, who not only remained his lifelong friends, but Spike and he have ever been inseparable. Having left school in 1962, he joined St Mary's RFC and played there for several years. He formed a long lasting and effective centre partnership with Arthur Costello, then affectionately known as Nobby. When he retired from playing, he became involved in rugby administration, using his astute rugby brain to good effect in guiding and helping many young players and developing the club game. His administrative and astute financial skills, honed from a highly successful business career, were also used to good effect in developing the club. In 1997-98 season, he became club president a role he excelled in and enjoyed greatly. At that time a major club restructuring was taking place, under Frank Kennedy and Tony Hickie, and John, with the strong and active support of his then vice president John D Cunningham, previous president Gus Browne and the committee, drove forward those developments and ensured that the centenary bar, which was to be put on hold indefinitely, was completed. These developments within the club helped to establish Templeville Road on the top tier of leading clubs in the Ireland.

He continued his involvement in rugby affairs and when St Marys took the AIL title in 1999-2000 John was chairman of rugby. Indeed he remained vitally involved in rugby administration in the club to the end, although he became the club's representative to the Leinster Branch IRFU in 2003. He staunchly defended the club's interests within the Branch and spoke out, fearlessly when necessary. His abilities were quickly recognised and he was appointed onto various sub committees including the Stadium Development Committee, which he chaired and guided unerringly to the present, overseeing the successful re-development of Donnybrook. He cemented further, his long close friendship with John Hussey, Jr Vice President IRFU and proved to be an important support to him.

He continued to look for improvements in the club game and recently put forward far sighted proposals for a competitive Leinster League and changes to the AIL. He was actively involved in these projects to the end and, although falling ill last year, he showed his true inner resolve and courage by accelerating his work rate, rather than taking a rest; neither did he lose his love of life nor those close to him.

John had been appointed a club trustee and he took this role, not only as a great honour but also a responsibility, which he discharged with alacrity and ability.

There was for John, one thing more important than rugby and St Marys and that was his family, particularly his adored wife and confidante, Eileen. They were inseparable and had a wonderfully happy life together. In the late seventies Eileen had a serious, near fatal traffic accident and that drew them even closer together and they were justifiably proud of each other and their family and of course son John played at TCD, while studying there, and later at St Marys and son Robbie, spent a number of his early teenage years as a ball boy and team management support. His brothers, Paul, Tom and Joe and his nephews too, are all active members of the club.

John never allowed this deadly illness change his attitude to persons or his wonderful passion for rugby and he continued to attend St Marys' AIL games and those of his other rugby love, Leinster, following them in their Magner's league and Heineken Cup games and how he enjoyed himself in Edinburgh at the final, with his adored wife Eileen and, his ever present life-long friend Spike, by his side. They had a wonderful time and later John was very proud of a photo of him and club president, Niall Rynne, with the Heineken Cup.

All those who knew John Doddy will know his good humoured approach to life, he worked and played happily. He had an immense brain, a prodigious memory and a brilliant instantaneous wit. He was most generous, agreeable and personable and retained admirable old world courtesy and charm. He defended his beliefs strongly, but never aggressively nor stridently. He actively helped and supported young persons with their personal and rugby development. He was just superb company. He had three great loves in life, his wife and family and friends, his rugby and his golf, being a respected member of Killiney Golf Club.

John Doddy is irreplaceable; it is often said that "he will be remembered", John, however, must never be forgotten.

D O'Brien