

# Irish Football 2008

## Irish Down Mariners in “Snooze Fest”

September 5, 2008

**Earl Marriott** –While one expects a certain number of errors in the first contest of the season, the game was filled with an undue number of mental errors and unnecessary penalties that will have to be corrected quickly before the Irish take on arch rival, St. Thomas More Knights next Saturday. VC did prevail, however, against a very game Earl Marriott eleven and came away with a 12-0 victory.

The game opened with College starting on their own 20-yard line after the Mariner kickoff went for a touchback. The Irish methodically took the ball down the field with Junior running back, **Garret Sanvido**, doing a lot of the leg work. About 30 yards in rushing by Sanvido and pass completions to **James Emerson** and **Cody Rossi** put the ball on the Mariner 28 yard line. Quarterback, **Sam Sekhon** rolled out and found last season’s top receiver, **Thomas Scrubb**, with a pass and Scrubb did the rest outracing the defenders to the end zone for the first score of the day. The convert attempt was blocked and the Irish went up 6-0. The balance of the quarter was somewhat lackluster as the teams traded a series of “three and outs.”

At the outset of the second quarter, the Irish took possession of the ball near midfield and commenced another drive. It got off to a good start when Sekhon found fullback, Francisco Renzullo, with a short pass over the middle. Renzullo

then managed to bull his way down to the 34-yard line. Sanvido then took up the challenge and moved the ball to the Marriott two yard line where Sekhon called his own number and went in for the second major of the game. Once again the convert attempt was blocked and the Irish went up 12-0. The offence on both sides took a rest for the balance of the quarter although the Irish defense played very well, forcing two Mariner turnovers. The first was on a **Lucas Cordick** interception to snuff out a drive and the second, late in the half, by **Francesco Renzullo**, who returned it 35 yards to the Mariner 25-yard line. With time about to expire the Irish tried a field goal, but it went wide to maintain the score at 12-0.

In the third quarter the Irish managed only one set of downs and the defence was kept busy trying to keep Marriott off the scoreboard. Strong play (particularly his pass rush) by Cody Rossi helped to contain the Mariners.

Towards the end of the game the Mariners looked like they might score but with Rossi putting pressure on their quarterback, **Sagar Malhi** picked off an errant pass deep in Irish territory to snuff out the drive and preserve the shutout victory for VC.

3. Cody Rossi / Lucas Cordick

### HONOURABLE MENTION

Francisco Renzullo	James Lee
Thomas Scrubb	Chris Armstrong
Giovanni Boscariol	Matthias Goossen
Sagar Malhi	

### IRISH STATISTICS

#### RUSHING

Garret Sanvido 21 / 98 yards

#### PASSING

Sam Sekhon 8 / 11 for 115 yards – 1TD

#### RECEIVING

Thomas Scrubb 3 / 59 yards – 1 TD

#### INTERCEPTIONS

Francisco Renzullo	1
Lucas Cordick	1
Sagar Malhi	1

#### SACKS

Chris Armstrong	1
Cody Rossi	1
Geno Lalana	1

#### TACKLES

Lucas Cordick	6
Francisco Renzullo	5
Ryan Wong	4
Cody Rossi	3

### THREE STARS

1. Sam Sekhon
2. Garret Sanvido