

Dungannon III - 22, Enniskillen II - 22

Enniskillen's 2nd XV took on the unbeaten Dungannon 3rd XV in a match played in perfect conditions.

As has become the norm this season, 'Skins showed a number of changes from the previous week, with only two of the pack on show and a new half-back combination of Daly and Ross.

Dungannon were fielding a powerful and somewhat abrasive pack and in the early exchanges used their out-half to kick for tactical position, and took an early lead with a penalty but this was replied to by Zac Charleton only minutes later.

Good defence in the middle of the field by 'Skins stopped several Dungannon attacks at source, but two further penalties left the score 9 - 3 to the hosts and it became increasingly important that 'Skins got the next score, and so it turned out. Good driving play resulted in a penalty to 'Skins deep in the Dungannon half, where despite calls from the management to "take the points" a scrum was called and following a powerful surge Johnny Skuce went over near the posts, with the conversion leaving it 9 - 10 to 'Skins.

A further exchange of penalties left it 12 - 13 at half time.

In the second period the match became increasingly fractious with Dungannon losing one player to injury whilst 'Skins lost two players to yellow cards.

'Skins forwards were starting to get on top of their opposition and a further Charleton penalty increased their lead to 12 - 16.

In fairness to Dungannon, they produced a fine flowing backline move to send their winger over for a converted try to regain the advantage with fifteen minutes of normal time remaining.

But back came 'Skins with two further well-struck Charleton penalties, which with time nearly up seemed to be enough for victory. However in the ninth minute of injury time, Dungannon scored an equalising penalty to leave the final score 22 - 22 which upon reflection probably was a fair enough result.

This was a good performance from 'Skins against difficult opponents. Special mention must be made of Zac Charleton's contribution, as he coolly kicked seventeen points in a performance O'Gara himself would have been proud of.

Yet another away game in November with points to show and next week 'Skins face another journey to Malone, but 'Skins do seem to have turned a big corner.