

Enniskillen II – 57, Larne II – 3

Yet again Enniskillen's 2nds took to the field showing too many changes from the previous week, but managed to get revenge on the visitors for defeat at Glynn back in September, and in some style, scoring nine tries in total, whilst Dale McMaster converted six.

The opening fifteen minutes was a fairly even contest but 'Skins gradually took a foothold in the visitors' half and when they were awarded a scrum fifteen metres from the line, the script was already written and true to form Ross Duncan picked from the base and crashed over, dragging several defenders with him.

'Skins then fell in to the complacency trap and allowed Larne to come back at them, conceded several penalties in succession and where twice marched back for backchat to the referee, and Larne registered a penalty to bring the game back to 5 – 3.

'Skins however did start to play a more structured game from then on, using a wind to dominate territorially. The star of the show was undoubtedly Andrew Dixon, who showed pace and physicality as he ran riot in midfield against a Larne backline who had no answer for his powerful running, and it was Dixon who accounted for the next two tries. The first came from a scrum on halfway and he followed this up with a second from distance a few minutes later.

Trevor Whitaker added a fourth try before halftime to give 'Skins a 26 – 3 advantage at the break.

In the second half 'Skins did play much better and working off a solid and powerful scrum Duncan made countless yards, driving deep into the visitors' defence. The line out too started to dominate and 'Skins used the driving maul to great effect, sucking the strength out of the visitors.

Richard O'Callaghan used the kick cleverly into the wind to keep 'Skins going in the right direction and the scores just kept coming, one after another as the Larne side started to wilt under the constant pressure. Dixon chipped in with two more to take his personal tally to four, Matt Drumm scored and when Duncan put O'Callaghan in for his second of the game the referee had enough and ended the contest some twelve minutes early, with Larne perhaps looking to make final preparations to their fancy dress costumes which graced the Mullaghmeen bar shortly after.

This was an encouraging result and performance from what is essentially a young side, who can only benefit from the inclusion of a number of “aul hands”.

If Dixon's was the performance of the day, surely the “highlight” of the match was Adam Breen's peroxide blonde locks, standing out as a beacon in the gloom. No doubt a feature of his own fancy dress costume for the evening.

The seconds now face a tricky month of November with three away fixtures beginning at Lisburn this Saturday. A turnout at training is required to build some momentum after a disappointing start to the season.