

Enniskillen 3rd XV were beaten by Cavan 2nd XV on Saturday, however the defeat was not all Cavan's making and had a lot to do with some atrocious refereeing, with both teams questioning whether they were even playing rugby union or some other unknown game.

Cavan started the game the brighter showing that they had a dangerous backline, however the Enniskillen front five comprising Adi Breen, Steven Frazer, Noel McCusker (all in the front row), Jim Kathro and Dave Tyson (in the second row) dominated the scrum, driving the much larger Cavan pack back on every scrum. In addition 'Skins showed some excellent defence, which held firm, forcing the hosts to knock-on and turn the ball over, keeping the score 0 - 0 at half time.

Enniskillen started to dominate at the start of the second half however a poor refereeing decision awarded Cavan a penalty in front of the posts which they duly converted to lead 3 - 0. This did not get 'Skins down and straight away they went to the other end of the field and scored a well worked try. Keith Hurst made the break offloading to Gavin Warrington who was tackled close to the line, the ball was quickly recycled and passed out the backline to the impressive Zach Charlton who showed his pace to beat the Cavan winger and score in the corner to give 'Skins a deserved lead, 3 - 5.

Enniskillen, with their noses in front, continued to dominate the scrum, not allowing the Cavan pack an inch. The result being a Cavan prop going off “injured” resulting in uncontested scrums, which hindered Skins progress.

Cavan would then score their first try on 55minutes. The Cavan prop was held up over the line, but after a 30 second delay the referee decided that the try had been scored, which Cavan converted to retake the lead, 10 - 5.

'Skins were furious and this showed with a lapse of concentration resulting in the only missed tackle of the game by a 'Skin, allowing Cavan to score their second try which was converted to stretch their lead to 17 - 5.

This was the final score of the game and 'Skins trudged off the field hugely disappointed at the injustice of the decisions that went against them. However it was a much changed team that showed huge improvements from the opening defeat to Omagh the previous week, in particular the defence.

Special mention must go to the “Moment of the Match” when Peter Fee smashed one of the Cavan backs and roaring “Yeah, lets play rugby now!”