

Enniskillen Ladies 17 Cavan Ladies 0

After another disappointing loss last week, 'Skins knew they must win their last game before the festive break when they took on Cavan under floodlights in the bitter cold, but the game turned out to be a very broken up affair due to numerous injuries.

'Skins started the game with the intensity they were looking for and great pressure from the kick-off saw them camped in Cavan's "22" for the opening fifteen 15 minutes and they were rewarded when Gemma McCutcheon received the ball from the breakdown, drew in the defence creating space for Brenda Brogan to cross for the first points of the match. In windy conditions the conversion was missed. Leaving score at 5 – 0.

'Skins retained the ball for most of first half but were unable to make the pressure count and Cavan did come close to the 'Skins try line on two occasions, but excellent defence from the 'Skins pack kept Cavan short and "super sub" Colette McMorrow put in a huge try saving tackle on the Cavan centre who looked to be through.

Noreen Nethercott and Caoimhe Morris dominated and controlled game at 9 and 10 respectively, with superb running and kicking, keeping the pressure on their opposite numbers.

The second half restart saw 'Skins number 8 Gemma McCutcheon receive the ball and go on a blinding run from well inside 'Skins half, up to ten metres short of the Cavan line, stepping several Cavan players on the way, but unfortunately she couldn't get the final pass away to Ashling Maguire. Great pressure on the resulting line out kept Enniskillen camped within five metres of the try line where Maguire was held up short of the line after good forward phases. From the ruck Nethercott fed Morris and a beautiful step by the outhalf saw her in under post for a try, which she duly converted to make the score 12 – 0.

Good play from Cavan saw their backs nearly through once again, requiring another huge try saving tackle from McMorrow, but some great kicking from 'Skins put them back in the Cavan "22", where after a few good phases of play, a pick and go from Nethercott saw her cross the line for a well deserved try.

This proved to be the last points of the game leaving the Enniskillen girls on the right side of a satisfying 17 – 0 scoreline. The girls will be looking to take this confidence into their Ulster and ALL cup campaigns which commence after the Christmas break.

Training continues over Christmas on Tuesday and Friday evenings and any ladies interested in giving it a go contact Helen on 07842776315.