

Enniskillen Ladies - 43 Sligo Ladies - 10

Last Sunday saw Enniskillen Ladies off to the flying start they were looking for in their Ulster Cup campaign with a convincing second half performance to see off Sligo ladies with a 43 - 10 win.

The 'Skins girls started brightly with the lively Brenda Brogan breaking the Sligo defensive line twice in quick succession to put them two tries ahead with Caoimhe Morris converting both so 'Skins led 14 - 0 after just ten minutes.



'Skins however, instead of pushing on, let their heads drop and started to let the speedy Sligo backs play the rugby they wanted and only some great tackling from Shauna McMorrow and Wendy Rogers kept them at bay. The lack of structure in the 'Skins defensive line allowed the Sligo backs through on a number of occasions, with full back Sarah Teague making some big try saving tackles, but 'Skins' frantic defence couldn't hold and the Sligo backs used the overlap to cross in the corner for an unconverted score.

From the kick 'Skins picked themselves up and started to retain possession, but Sligo were very quick to utilise a fluky turnover, with 'Skins poised for attack, and ran in another try using yet another overlap. Once again the score was unconverted making the score 14 - 10.



With not long left in the first half 'Skins knew they must start to settle. They retained possession from the kick-off and worked play into the Sligo "22" with great ball carrying from Alice Swan, following which Gemma McCutcheon showed great strength to cross the line for an unconverted try, to leave the score 19 - 10 at half time.

'Skins began the second half knowing that this match was far from won and they began to retain the ball. Superb runs from both the McMorrow sisters and Rogers kept the game flowing into the Sligo half and eventually the pressure paid off, when from a pick up from the back of a scrum McCutcheon again powered over the line for a great try.



From the kick, 'Skins immediately put more pressure on Sligo and were soon playing the sort of rugby they know how. Shauna "Crash Ball" Hall lived up to her name, running numerous

destructive lines from the wing and Noreen Nethercott was her usual feisty self, putting in a huge dump tackle and then flooring the referee shortly after!



A fantastic run from Colette McMorrow up the centre saw her break through a number of tackles before off-loading to the oncoming Eimear Corrigan who made no mistake crossing for a converted try to put 'Skins 31 - 10 up.

Once again 'Skins put the pressure on Sligo from the kick, ensuring play stayed in the visitors' half. Yet another great run from Colette McMorrow saw her

receive the ball from Corrigan and use her strength to break through numerous tackles to cross the line for her much deserved first points in a rugby jersey! Morris converted to make it 38 - 10.

With the clock ticking away the 'Skins girls knew every point is valuable in this competition and they knew they had another try in them. With great play, started by a great pick up and a superb charging run from new girl Sinead O'Donovan, 'Skins worked their way toward the Sligo line, where lovely linking play between Corrigan and Shauna Hall saw Corrigan cross in the corner for her second try, which remained unconverted to leave Enniskillen on the right side of a 43 - 10 score line.



It was a pleasing result for the girls after a five week break but they know they must up their game for a tougher encounter away against City of Derry next weekend.

Enniskillen Ladies are always looking for new recruits, so if you're interested in giving rugby a go, contact Helen on 07842776315 or find us on facebook!