

St Senans poor finishing hands victory to Kilfeakle

St Senans RFC 5 Kilfeakle RFC 13

St Senans had a good opportunity to open scoring on 2 minutes when they were awarded a penalty on the Kilfeakle 22metre line, however although the kick was well struck it was always wide of the target.

From the restart Kilfeakle showed their strength in pushing Senans back deep into their own half and forcing them to concede a penalty, fortunately for them the kick from the visitors drifted wide of the target.

Kilfeakle didn't let this set back affect their game plan and continued to pressurise, this continued pressure forced Senans to concede another penalty on 20minutes. This time the kick was good and the visitors had registered the first score of the match taking a 3-0 lead.

The final 20 minutes of the half saw both sides threaten but neither could break down the others defence so the half ended with just the 3 points separating the teams.

It was Kilfeakle who started the second half strongly, taking advantage of a Senans handling error to run in a try close to the posts after just 5 minutes, an easy conversion followed extending the visitors lead to 10-0.

Senans rallied after this and forced Kilfeakle back deep into their own half, this renewed pressure forced the visitors to concede penalties on two occasions unfortunately Senans could not find the target on either occasion.

The continued pressure from Senans was finally rewarded after 20 minutes when Declan Coughlan ran in a try, his conversion attempt failed to find the target but the home side had reduced the deficit to 5points.

A few minutes later Senans had another opportunity to reduce the deficit further when they were awarded a pen, choosing to try and run the ball at the Kilfeakle defence proved to be the wrong option as a handling error gifted the ball to the visitors. Kilfeakle took full advantage of this and forced Senans into conceding a penalty inside their own 22. The kick was good and Kilfeakle now held a 13-5 lead which they held on to for the rest of the match, despite some late pressure from Senans.

St Senans Team

Pa Ryan, Fergal Lawler, Tony O'Brien, Aaron Skerritt, Jack Jones, Aidan O'Callaghan, Duane Horkin, Ian Fitzgerald (C), Darren Guerin, Noel Hoban, Declan Coughlan, Fran Duggan, Dylan Sonneman, Brian Collins, Bobby O'Connell. **Replacements:** Ed Slattery, Mike Lyons, Mick O'Connell, Declan Collins, Barry Murphy.

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