
Senior Girls Narrowly Miss Out in Thrilling Leinster Knock Out Match

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On Monday the 25th of November, the Senior Gaelic footballers of Holy Family Secondary School travelled down to Kilkenny to play Presentation Secondary School for a place in a Leinster quarter final. The team was determined, and a great game of football was to be expected

The first half was immediately enthralling, with HFSS showing great intensity and skill, which really set the tone of the game. Presentation got the first score of the game after earning a free. Using great teamwork, HFSS scored their first point of the game. Presentation was quick to react, working the ball down the park and shooting on goal. It was saved brilliantly by Zoe Curran, and a rebound shot was blocked excellently by Lily O' Connor. HFSS scored a fantastic goal, after being carried skilfully by Aisling Irehue and Ella Murphy, with a lovely strong finish by Kate Murphy. The full back line for HFSS were exceptional, battling hard and successfully. HFSS got an unfortunate red card, but this didn't faze the team as they showed great determination and skill. The game was level at half time, at 1-08 (HFSS) to 3-02 (Presentation), with a highly anticipated thirty minutes left to play.

The second half began with HFSS applying great pressure by all players on the pitch. Both the players in the full back line and the half back line was fierce in their tackling and never gave up. Unfortunately, a few of the team's shots unluckily went wide, but the girls never dropped their heads. Substitutions were made, and all girls who came off played with great heart and had brilliant performances and truly impacted the game. Unfortunately, Presentation Secondary School came out with the win today, with a five-point win.

All players of the Holy Family team should be extremely proud of their performance today, as they showed great skill and played hard until the final whistle. Hard luck girls. Final score- 1:9 – 3:8 to Presentation Secondary School.