## HOLY FAMILY U19 GIRLS SHINE IN LEAGUE SEMIFINAL DESPITE TOUGH LOSS

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On the 15th of November, the Holy Family U19 girls travelled to Saint Peter's School, Meath, to play in their league semifinal. Jessie Magbo started strong, securing two free throws and scoring both in less than a minute. The team displayed solid defence, successfully blocking all attempts by the opposing team to score.

Aisling Irhue added two points for the team nearly two minutes after Jessie Magbo's opening score. Shortly after, Izabela Plajzer received two free throws, converting one. The girls demonstrated smart passing throughout the game. By the end of the first quarter, the score stood at 05-09 in favour of Saint Peter's.

The second quarter began with the Holy Family girls maintaining their intensity. Saint Peter's committed two early fouls, allowing Aisling Irhue to score two more points. Nearing the end of the quarter, Hannah O'Sullivan showed excellent movement and communication on the court. Despite their efforts, the halftime score was 09-17 to Saint Peter's.

In the third quarter, Aisling Irhue was awarded two free throws within the first 30 seconds due to fouls. The girls earned several free throw opportunities, with Jessie Magbo and Izabela Plajzer stepping up to take them. Communication was key in their defence and offense throughout the quarter. Aisling Irhue hit a 3-pointer with just two seconds left on the clock, closing the quarter at 14-26.

Izabela Plajzer opened the final quarter with a quick score. She was soon granted another pair of free throws, converting one of them. Aisling Irhue then regained possession and scored again. Jessie Magbo capped off the game with the final shot.

The match concluded at 21-34, with Saint Peter's emerging as the winners. Despite the loss, the Holy Family girls played exceptionally well and represented their school with pride.