

Deise Edge Out Rebels In Mardyke



Beth Carton, who struck 1-3 for Waterford in their National League win over Cork on Sunday.

Waterford's Intermediate Camogie team secured their second consecutive victory of the National League campaign with a 1-9 to 1-8 victory over Cork in the Mardyke on Sunday.

Playing against a slight breeze in the first-half, Waterford made a quick start and good inter-play between Lorraine Bray and Valerie O'Brien set up Trish Jackman for the opening score of the game in the opening seconds.

Cork responded quickly with two points from play before Beth Carton opened her account with a fine point from a tight angle in the second minute.

Further points were exchanged before Orla Cronin broke through the Waterford defence and buried the ball to the back of the net.

At this stage, Cork sought to pounce on their two-point advantage, but it was Waterford that responded with a well-taken score by Niamh Rockett from 50 metres.

With little separating the sides and the defence, led by Claire Whyte and Jennie Simpson the incredible work rate of Patricia Jackman, cutting out a number of attacks, Carton restored the Waterford lead when she picked up possession on the 20-metre line and cut inside two defenders before finishing from close range before adding further point from a free in the 20th minute.

Further white flags were raised following efforts from Carton and Rockett before Cork responded with two points of their own to see Waterford take a three-point lead into the break.

Although scores flowed in the first-half, it wasn't until the 10th minute of the second half that Dawn Power extended the Waterford lead to four points.

Likewise, Cork struggled to wear down the Waterford defence and two pointed frees in the 21st and 24th minute from Cronin narrowed the deficit to two points.

Waterford missed a couple of opportunities to reinstate their three-point advantage and Cork, through substitute Rachel O'Shea took advantage to narrow the lead to a point with three minutes left on the clock. Though both sides became noticeably weary following a physically taxing second-half, Waterford held out to record victory by the narrowest of margins.

Overall, Waterford will be happy with aspects of their play, particularly in the first-half, but a single-point in the second half as well as a total of eight wides over the course of the will certainly give the team something to work on in training this week.

With two wins from two games, Waterford next face the prospect of a trip to Meath to take on the home side on Sunday next, who themselves recorded a win over Down on Sunday.

Waterford: Deirdre Brennan; Vikki Falconer, Claire Whyte, Emma Hannon; Claire Murphy, Jennie Simpson, Jenny McCarthy; Trish Jackman (0-1), Lorraine Bray (0-1); Sibeal Harney, Valerie O'Brien, Beth Carton (1-3), Becky Kavanagh; Niamh Rockett, Dawn Power, Kate McMahon; Brianna O'Regan, Saoirse Bonner, Molly Curran.