

West Ladies v Stewartry Sirens 7_11_20

West of Scotland Ladies went down to a disappointing 17-20 defeat to Stewartry Sirens at Burnbrae on Sunday. They led right up until the seventy-fifth minute but once their opponents scored to move ahead for the first time, they were unable to claw back the deficit.

The home side took an early lead through skipper Eilidh Power, her try being converted by Ailsa Smith. West totally dominated the opening ten minutes with their opponents getting next to no possession. When they eventually did, their large pack made it count, No 8 Clare Barnes the scorer. Lock Alex Watson, with one of her familiar powerful breaks, extended West's lead to 12-5 midway through the half. The visitors narrowed the gap again just before the half hour through full back Hannah Sainsbury. At half-time, West led 12-10. Stewartry was a strong side with a stand off with a big boot. Whenever West looked like getting away, the Ayrshire side pulled them back.

Centre Jade Scott quickly extended her side's lead to 17-10. West remained on top but failed to break down the strong Stewartry defence. With fifteen minutes to go, the Ayrshire side moved to within two points through a try from loosehead Lizzie Ballentine. West looked like they would hold on for the win but with just five minutes remaining, Stewartry took the win and the try bonus point. West pounded the line in the remaining minutes but it was not to be their day. A losing bonus point was the only consolation.

Lots for the coaching team to work on this week before facing Ayr Ladies at Burnbrae on Sunday.