

Lidl Ladies NFL Division 2 Round 7

Kerry 3-10 Tyrone 2-16

Referee Gus Chapman (Sligo)

Fr. Peter Campbell Park - Coalisland

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Kerry PRO – Paul Murphy

Kerry lost their first game in division 2 of the Lidl Ladies National Football League following a hard-fought battle away to Tyrone on Sunday. The away side were forced into a late change before the game with Amanda Brosnan being replaced by Ciara Murphy. Tyrone were first to open the scoring with Chloe McCaffery pointing from play. Sarah Houlihan soon had the sides level from a free before Niamh O'Neill pointed from a free in the seventh minute to give the home side the lead. Tyrone were much the better side early on and indeed the first half with their pressing up and direct running causing Kerry all sorts of problems early on. It took Kerry until the fifteenth minute to register their second score through Louise Ni Mhuireachtaigh from a free. With Tyrone's dominance in the game they began to reflect that on the scoreboard through Chloe McCaffery (2 frees) & Maria Canavan to open a three-point lead. Further points from Canavan and Niamh O'Neill stretched Tyrone's lead even further before Sarah Houlihan registered Kerry's third score of the half to end the half with Tyrone ahead 0-08 to Kerry 0-03.

Kerry introduced Hannah O'Donoghue for Niamh Carmody at the start of the second half and were immediately rewarded when she scored the first point in the second half. Tyrone quickly responded through wing back Emma Dineen and Niamh Canavan before Sarah Houlihan registered her first free of the afternoon. With Chloe McCaffery adding another from play the game was soon to begin to excite up. A goal from Tyrone centre forward Niamh O'Neill stretched Tyrone's lead to nine but it was soon cancelled out by Kerry's Louise Ni Mhuireachtaigh to make it a six-point game. Both sides exchanging points before Kerry had the deficit down to three midway through the second half. Louise Ni Mhuireachtaigh from the penalty spot after referee Gus Chapman adjudged Tyrone to have foot blocked Lorraine Scanlon's attempt at goal. Tyrone's quickly regained momentum with points from Canavan & a second goal from Niamh O'Neill to extend their lead to seven to put a further dent on Kerry's chances of getting something from the game. But to their credit throughout this League campaign Kerry have showing great resilience and showed plenty of that on Sunday with and were awarded with ten minutes to go with a goal from Sarah Houlihan to reduce the deficit to five points. Both sides exchanged points before Chloe McCaffery extended Tyrone lead to six points with five minutes remaining. With time running out Kerry were throwing everything at Tyrone with points from Sarah & Louise from frees and substitute Miriam O'Keeffe from play but it would prove to be too late as Kerry ran out of time for one final attempt at getting something from the game. Full time Tyrone 2-16 Kerry 3-10

Kerry are at home to Cavan on Sunday 14th April in Fitzgerald Stadium with a throw in time of 12 noon. This is their final league game of the campaign so it would be great to see a large crowd come out and support the ladies

Kerry Team & Scorers:

L Fitzgerald, T Breen, K Cronin, A O'Connell, S Murphy, A Desmond, S Lynch, L Scanlon, C Murphy, N Carmody, S Houlihan (1-04 3f), A Galvin, F Tagney, L Ni Mhuireachtaigh (2-02 – 1P 2f), C O'Brien

Subs: E Dineen for K Cronin, H O'Donoghue (0-3) for N Carmody, L Coughlan for S Lynch, K Maher for E Dineen, M O'Keeffe (0-1) for S Murphy, A Foley for F Tagney

Tyrone Team & Scorers

L Kane, C Hunter, J Barrett, C Conway, S McCarroll, N McGirr, E Brennan (0-1), E Jane Gervin, N Woods, N Hughes (0-2), N O'Neill (2-01), A McHugh, M Cavanan (0-4), M Mallon, C McCaffrey (0-08)

Subs: C Kelly for M Mallon, A Canavan for A McHugh, E Smyth, M Canavan, M Mullan for N Hughes