

## Munster Minor A Championship Round 1

Kerry 7-10 Tipperary 1-4

Venue: John Mitchels GAA Complex

Referee: AJ Cronin (Cork)

Kerry recorded a commanding win over Tipperary on Sunday in front of a good support. The score line is probably somewhat surprising considering the close games these sides played at U14/U16 level in the past. Kerry made one change prior to throw in. Ciara McCarthy replacing Rachel Kilgallen. Tipperary lining out as selected. Playing with the advantage of a wind that at times was blowing crossfield the home side were up 0-02 to 0-01. Siofra O'Shea with two. One from a free and play. Caitlin Kennedy with the visitors score. From this moment on it was to be one-way traffic as the home side would go on to dominate the remaining of the half ending the game as a contest at halftime. Rachel Dwyer & Ella Teehan with two quickfire goals in the seventh minute giving the home side a seven-point lead. With Siofra O'Shea adding a further one 1-02 the home sides lead had increased by twelve points with only ten minutes gone. Credit to Tipperary they responded in the right fashion with a goal from Leah Cohen and a free from Ciara Dwan to give the premier county hope of mounting a challenge. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be as the saying goals win watches came into mind. Paris McCarthy (two), Siofra O'Shea & Rachel O'Dwyer with their second set Kerry well on their way to a comfortable halftime lead that had a distinct feeling this game was over as a contest.

With this stage of the competition allowing for unlimited substitutions it afforded Kerry the luxury of running a full complement of second half subs, as a result the second half played out to an inevitable conclusion as Tipperary spurned a late chance with a missed penalty from Rosanna Kiely, which yielded a point rather than a goal such was their luck on the day.

Kerry will now face Cork away in Round 2 on 4<sup>th</sup> April with a win guaranteeing them a place in the final on the 4<sup>th</sup> May but a defeat to Cork could see them play the premier county once more as the second and third placed teams in the group play each other for a place in the decider.

### Teams & Scorers

C Butler, R Ni Chonchuir, M Kelly, A Doherty, G Kearney, K Ann Hanrahan, A Dillane, M O'Connell, A O'Connell, C McCarthy, D O'Leary (0-1) (C), E Teehan (1-0), R Dwyer (2-01), S O'Shea (2-06 2f), P McCarthy (2-0)

### Subs:

Mary Ellen Bolger, Ciara McCarthy (0-1), Ciara Fitzgerald, Mary Collins, Chloe O'Connor, Niamh Broderick, Caoimhe Crowley, Ava O'Sullivan, Julie Delaney, Eve Creedon, Cora Savage, Rachel Evans (0-1), Clodagh Evans. Aoife Crowley, Kate Brosnan

### Tipperary

D Morrissey, E English, C Davey, E Moore, O Winston, M Heffernan, S English, A Connolly, C Kennedy (0-1), N Hayes, E McCarthy (0-1), E Maher, R Kiely (0-1), C Dwan (0-1), L Coen (1-0)

A Geoghan for E English, E Hogan for O Winston, C Morrissey for A Connolly, S Maher for N Hayes, E Flynn for E McCarthy, N Cunneen for C Dwan, E Cunneen for L Coan, R Butler for E Hogan