

Munster Minor Championship Round 2

Kerry 2-11 -v- Waterford 3-09

A first home game of the campaign and a much-improved performance from Kerry unfortunately saw them loose out by the slimmest of margins. Played in ideal conditions in Cortal it was the home side who registered the first score of the game courtesy of Julia Curtin. The Deise levelled matters with there first point of the game in the tenth minute and took the lead five minutes later with another point only for Eabha Ní Laighinn to cancel out the lead shortly after. Kerry where getting to grips with the game and two points in quick succession one from a free and play saw Kerry open up a two-point lead. The lead was quickly turned into a one-point deficit when Waterford's Leah Browne free ended up in the back of the net with nine minutes remaining in the half. Unlike last week Kerry showed great character and fight to outscore the visitors three points to one to go in at the break ahead by the slimmest of margins. Eabha Ní Laighinn, Kelly Enright & Julia Curtin with the points for the home side. Upon resumption Leah Browne levelled for the visitors as Kerry began to dominate the game and turn procession into scores. Julia Curtin once again in the thick of the action with two points, one from a free as they opened up a two-point gap. A Tirana Murphy goal soon after saw Kerry open up a five-point lead. It looked like Kerry were going to kick on but two points from Waterford saw the visitors keep in touch. A Leah Browne goal saw the visitors draw level ten minutes into the second half in what was turning out to be a very entertaining game in front of a good attendance. Eabhna Ní Laighinn put Kerry back in the lead only for it cancelled out by the visitors. Momentum was now with Waterford as they scored two unanswered points with a pointed free from Leah Browne to extend the lead to two. Kerry's hopes of a victory suffered a further set back when Aoibhe Shankey goaled for the visitors to open up a five-point lead. A much improved performance in this game saw them fight back as a team with the encouragement of the management from the side-line they threw everything at Waterford. There efforts where rewarded with a penalty from Leah McMahon. Julia Curtin reduced the deficit to the bare minimum with a free. With the play held up due to Kerry's Roisin Rahilly getting injured Kerry where unable to salvage one last score of the game that their efforts deserved

Kerry Scorers:

J Curtin (0-07 – 5f), E Ní Laighinn (0-03), T Murphy (1-0), L McMahon (1p-0), K Enright (0-1)

Waterford Scorers:

L Browne (2 – 03 – 3f), A Shankey (1-0), L Ní Artha (0-1)