

Munster Minor Championship – Round 3

Galtee Rovers GAA. Bansha, Co. Tipperary

Tipperary 1-10 Kerry 2-08

Kerry got a deserved victory on Saturday away to Tipperary played in a wet and windy Bansha. Conditions were far from ideal for both sets of players. Rain prior to throw in made it difficult at the beginning of the game as both sides struggled to get a footing in the game. Sarah Scanlon opened the visitors account in the fifth minute before Julia Curtin added a point from a free in the ninth minute to double the visitors lead. The lead was further extended before Tipperary opened their account midway through the first half with a point from play from full forward Ciara O’Hora & Eva Sumner to reduced the deficit to one. With both sides now adapting to the playing conditions Kerry were awarded a penalty after Roisin Rahilly was brought down in the box. Up stepped Leah McMahon but her shot went over the bar as Kerry only doubled their advantage. Tipperary once again had the deficit back down to a single score before Kerry got the first green flag of the afternoon. Captain Roisin Rahilly kick for a point despite being under pressure from the Tipperary defence just deceiving the keeper at the last minute and going into the top corner. With five minutes remaining in the half Kerry had a four-point lead. Tipperary however would finish the half the strongest, playing with the advantage of a strong breeze and with conditions deteriorating they would outscore the visitors three points to one to go in at the break two points down.

Upon resumption of the second half Tipperary had the deficit down to one. Kerry’s Sarah Scanlon pushed out the visitors lead to two shortly after. Ten minutes into the second half Kerry had the lead extended to five points. A well worth move saw Julia Curtin pam the ball into the back of the net to open up a five-point lead. Kerry had the lead out to six midway through the second half as Tipperary kept in touch with two points from Ciara O’Hora to reduce the deficit to four. Tipperary to their credit were keeping in touch and despite the conditions both teams played attacking football. Late in the game the referee awarded Kerry a second penalty of the afternoon but following consultation with the linesperson a throw ball between the two teams was the outcome. As a result, Tipperary would go on and score a goal to set up a tense finish. To their credit Kerry would hold their composure and possession of the ball to see out the game as deserving winners to the delight of the travelling supporters in what was far from ideal conditions for football

Tipperary: C Casey, P Quirke, C M Hickey, N O’Farrell, S Maher, T Hoare, H Brennan, E Franklin, N Martin, M Gilmartin, S Ryan (C), E Summer, S McBride, C O’Hora, A Murphy

Subs off: P Quirke, E Franklin, A Murphy

Subs on: H Butler, C Grace, E Dolan

Kerry: K Hennessy, K Furey, R Smith, L Reilly, K Enright, C Gannon, J Gill (0-1), N Quinn, G Reidy, S Scanlon (0-2), R Rahilly (1-0), K Enright, A Curtin (0-1), J Curtin (1-02f), L McMahon (0-1p)

Sub: T Murphy (0-1), for S Scanlon, S O’Donovan for K Enright, G Kennedy for L McMahon