

## Mixed Results for Kerry U16's

### Munster U16 A & B Championships Round 1

#### Clare B 0-02 -v- Kerry B 1-10

While the Kerry seniors had a fantastic win in Brosna against Meath it was a weekend of mixed fortunes for the Kerry U16 and minor teams. On Sunday the Kerry U16 A & B teams travelled to Cooraclare to take on Clare. First up on the day the b sides threw in at 12:30pm. On a cold but sunny day ground conditions were soft with Kerry playing with the advantage of a strong wind in the first half. Both sides took time to get to grips with the game and it wasn't until the seventh minute that the first score of the game was registered. Kerry's full forward Brid Curtin with the opening score. She followed this up in the tenth minute with a goal as they opened up a four-point lead. Clare's first point in the afternoon came courtesy of Leah Watson with a free soon after. It would turn out to be Clare's only score in the half as Kerry tagged on a further four points. Eve Broderick (2), Naoise O'Donoghue & Alice Granville to open up a seven-point lead at halftime. The wind abated in the second half thus not giving Clare the advantage Kerry had in the first. Unfortunately for Clare it was to hinder their scoring prospects in the second half along with Kerry's resolute defending they would only register a further score in the game. Midfielder Ciara Frawley with a free as the game approached full time. Kerry would add a further five points. Eve Broderick, Naoise O'Donoghue, Emily O'Sullivan, Alice Granville and substitute Aoibhinn McCarthy to run out comfortable winners as both sides ran the bench to give girls as much game time for a busy upcoming campaign

#### Clare Scorers:

L Watson (0-01 – 1f), C Frawley (0-01 – 1f)

#### Kerry Scorers:

B Curtin (1-01), E Broderick (0-03), N O'Donoghue (0-02), A Granville (0-02 – 1f), E O'Sullivan (0-01), A McCarthy (0-01)

#### Clare A 2 – 07 -v- Kerry A 2-07

The second game proved to be a much tighter affair with both sides sharing the spoils. Lisa Slattery for Kerry and Aine McNamara for Clare the standout players for both sides throughout the game. The wind wasn't a big factor on the game as the first as it had died down considerably prior to the second game. It was the Banner who got off to the perfect start with a goal from Aine McNamara as Clare had the better of the opening exchanges. Kerry responded with a Lisa Slattery point in the fourth minute as both sides exchanged points from Clare's Aine McMahan and Lisa Slattery of Kerry as Clare opened up two-point lead with ten minutes on the clock. Clare increased the lead to three soon after before Kerry got to grips with the game and finished the half stronger. Lisa Slattery taking the game by the scruff of the neck. A point from a free reduced the deficit to two before she rifled her shot into the roof of the net with six minutes remaining in the half for Kerry to take the lead for the first time in the half. A further two points by Lisa Slattery and Keeva Riordan saw Kerry go in at the break four points in front.

Much like the first half Clare started the second half the strongest with a point from Aine McNamara to reduce the deficit to three. Kerry captain Mary Kate Smith restored Kerry's four-point lead soon after but Clare scored two on the bounce to reduce the deficit to two as the Clare supporters began to get more and more behind their team. Kerry soon gave the travelling support something to cheer about with a goal from midfielder Leona O'Sullivan to extend the lead out to five. Unfortunately for

Kerry it was to be there final score of the game as Clare would go on a rampage to score 1-02 without reply to draw the sides level. Kerry will be disappointed as they had chances to snatch a late victory deep into injury time but will take plenty of positives from what was the teams first outing in the U16 campaign.

Clare Scorers:

A McNamara (2-05 - 2f), S Culleton (0-2 – 1f)

Kerry Scorers:

L Slattery (1-05 - 2f), L O'Sullivan (1-0), K O'Riordan (0-01), Mary Kate Smith (0-01)