

Kerry U16 A & B Championship Kerry -v- Cork

Cork B 2-13 -v- Kerry B 0-05

Cork A 2-12 -v- Kerry 2-05

A disappointing day on Sunday in Cloughduv for the Kerry U16 A & B teams as both tasted defeat in Round 2 of the Munster Championship. First up on Sunday was the B Teams. Kerry started the brightest of the two teams opening up a three-point lead inside the first ten minutes. Brid Curtin & Eve Broderick (2) with the scores with Cork yet to score. Cork however would go on to dominate the rest of the half as Kerry were guilty of wasteful possession allowing Cork to build up a run of scores on Kerry. Despite this Kerry went in at the break only four points behind. Cork would score five unanswered points in the first half through Ellie McKerins, Shona Cronin, Saoirse Moynihan (2) & Lauren Finnegan. Kerry's final point of the first half coming from Emily O'Sullivan.

Kerry needed to get off to the better start in the second half and playing with the wind they did just that. Lily Mae O'Gara with her first score of the afternoon. Disappointing for Kerry this would be their only score of the second half. As the wind and rain increased so did Cork's dominance. Playing with 12 players behind the ball they would score 2-05 without response as Kerry were able to offer little in response. While the team and management will be disappointed expect a much better response in the teams remaining fixtures with it all to play for still.

In the A game it was defeat for Kerry. It was the opposite to the first game in which Kerry got the better start. Cork got the better start in the opening half opening up a ten-point lead by the interval. With conditions worsening rapidly Cork made full use of the wind advantage in the first half. The goals would prove crucial during the opening period as Kerry at times mounted challenges to Cork. Laura Walsh who was one of Cork's best players in the game scoring one of the goals and with points from Caoimhe Horgan. Cork were in a commanding position. Lisa Slattery for the visitors did her best with a brace of points but the Kingdom knew they faced an uphill battle in the second half. Unfortunately for Kerry the damage was done in the first half which left them with too much to do in the second half. To the management and teams' credit they came out with renewed confidence and determination in the second half. It cannot have been easy for either team playing in such conditions with Anna O'Sullivan getting Kerry's first goal of the afternoon to offer them a glimmer of hope. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough as Cork were able to tag on scores from Caoimhe Horgan & Lisa Walsh to keep Kerry at bay and prevent any comeback during the second half. Kerry didn't give up and battled till the very end and were awarded for their efforts right at the end of the game when Lisa Slattery's attempt at a free ended up in the back of the net