

Munster U16 Championship – Round 4

Kerry B 5 – 09(24) -v- Tipperary B 6 – 06 (24)

Kerry A 4 – 04(16) -v- Tipperary 3 – 08(17)

A high scoring day in Castleisland saw eighteen goals scored across the two games that resulted in a draw and a defeat for the Kingdom. First up at 12 noon was the b clash. Tipperary registered the first score through Evann Duffy before Kerry went on a scoring spree scoring 1-06 without reply. Lauren O'Shea, Emily O'Sullivan, Amelia Kerins (2), Chloe McHugh & Naoise O'Donoghue all raising the white flag. Emily O'Sullivan raised the first white flag in the afternoon as the home side opened up an eight-point lead. Both sides exchanged points from frees through Aoibhin McCarra and Saoirse O'Connor McCarthy as a frantic spell of goals was to arrive within four minutes. Three goals within this time frame saw Kerry's lead reduced to five points. Maeve Cunneen & Sophia O'Grady for the visitors with Sophia O'Grady's coming from the spot. This was sandwiched in between Lauren O'Shea's for the Kingdom in what was proven to be a highly entertaining clash. Faye Lavin pointed for the visitors to reduce the deficit to four but Kerry would finish the half the strongest and go in at the break seven points in front with Naoise O'Donoghue raising Kerry's third flag of the approaching halftime. As things transpired in the second half the halftime lead would turn out to be crucial to Kerry in the overall outcome of the game. Kerry got off to the perfect start in the second half to extend the lead to eight with a point from a free by Saoirse O'Connor McCarthy. The game became somewhat disjointed at the beginning of the second half with Tipperary making allowing Tipperary to make inroads into the lead. Faye Lyons with a goal for the visitors with eight minutes gone saw the deficit reduced to five. Sarah Cooper penalty midway through the half-extended Kerry's lead back out to eight. Tipperary had the lead back down to four with a goal and a point with nine minutes of normal time remaining. The goal coming from substitute Ella Corbett who had just entered the fray. What an aspired substitution it turned out to be as she just entered the fray. Sarah Cooper got her second goal from the penalty sport in the twenty third minute. It would turn out to be their final score in the game as Tipperary finished the strongest scoring 2-01 to draw the game as Kerry will be disappointed with only taking a share of the spoils despite going in at the break seven points in front

Kerry: A Barrett, R Daly, R Cahill, S Harkin, L Carey, M O'Sullivan, A O'Donovan, S O'Connor McCarthy (0-03f), O O'Mahony, E O'Sullivan (1-01), A Kerins (0-02), C McHugh (0-01), S Cooper (2p-0), N O'Donoghue (1-01), L O'Shea (1-01)

Subs: S Palmer for C McHugh, M Walsh for M O'Sullivan, L Mae O'Gara for N O'Donoghue

Tipperary: A Hassett, Z McCarthy, T Quinn, L Hickey, G Tuohy, C Cahill (0-01), L Moore, L O'Brien, R Coffey, S O'Grady (1p-0), E Duffy (1-02), S McLoughlin (1-0), M Cunneen (1-1), F Lavin (1-01), A McCarra (0-01f)

Subs: C Myers for A Hassett, A Smith for L Hickey, N Smith for S O'Grady, E Corbett (1-0) for F Lavin

The A game threw in at 2pm and it was Tipperary who dominated the opening half. Kerry were forced into a late change with Dervla Healy replacing Aoise O'Donoghue. Despite Kerry opening the scoring through Hannah NicGearilt Tipperary dominated on the scoreboard. 2-03 without response saw the away side open up an eight-point lead. Kate Cremins, Meabh Cuddihy and Aoife Shelly with the points as two quick fire goals from Meabh Cuddihy and Isobel O'Donnell saw Tipperary take a deserved lead. It could have been more only for two quick fire saves from Lucy Harrington in the

Kerry goal. It spurred Kerry into life led by captain Mary Kate Smith with a point and a goal from Lori O'Connor with six minutes remaining in the half to reduce the deficit to six. It is how the half finished as Tipperary would have felt they should have been further ahead while Kerry would have been happy finishing the half the strongest. Kerry needed to finish the half the strongest and did just that with a goal from full forward Lisa Slattery. Just like the first half it turned into a frantic start to the second half. Goals from Tipperary's Aoife Shelly and Kerry's Keeva Riordan. Saw Tipperary's lead reduced to three. As both sides exchanges points the game went 10 minutes without a score as Lucy Harrington in the Kerry goal saved twice to prevent Tipperary extending the lead. It spurred Kerry on as they scored two points without response to reduce the deficit to two. Something that lucked unlikely early in the second half. Tipperary regained composure and scored two points in quick succession to extend the lead back out to four. In a game that had everything Kerry had one last role of the dice and were rewarded with a goal from Sarah Fitzgerald as the game entered injury time. Unfortunately, they didn't get a further opportunity to try and get something from the game as Tipperary ran out winners by the slimmest of margins.

Kerry: L Harrington, J L O'Connor, G Murphy, D Healy, E O'Brien, K Riordan (1-0), S Colleran, L O'Sullivan, A O'Sullivan, H NicGearilt (0-1f), M K Smith (0-01), K O'Sullivan, L O'Connor (1-0), L Slattery (1-01), S Fitzgerald (1-01)

Subs: M Mulvihill for K O'Sullivan, A O'Donoghue for D Healy, E Costello for L O'Sullivan, E Broderick for H NicGearilt

Tipperary: A Phelan, A Ryan, T Bourke, L Coppinger, K Cremins (0-01), E Cuddihy, L McGrath, S O'Carroll (0-01), M Crowe, I Carr, I O'Donnell (1-0), K Nevin, L Maher, M Cuddihy (1-04 3f), A Shelly (1-01)

Subs: S Lonergan for A Ryan, J Grey for M Crowe, S English for I O'Donnell, G Hogan (0-01)for A Shelly, B Lloyd for S O'Carroll