

## **Munster Minor Championship – Round 5**

Kerry 5-11 -v- Limerick 2-03

## **Munster U16 Championships – Round 5**

Kerry A 1 – 18 -v- Limerick A 1 – 07

Kerry B 1 – 04 -v- Limerick B 2 – 05

Last Saturday saw Kerry in underage action with the U16's at home to Limerick in Brosna and the Minors at home to Limerick in Cordal.

On Saturday morning action got underway in Brosna with the Kerry B team up against Limerick. The Limerick B's were managed by former underage Kerry manager Charlie McCarthy. Conditions were blustery with a wind that was at times favouring Limerick in the first half and at other times blowing across the pitch into the stand. This was reflective in the scoring with both teams just registering 1-01 a piece in the first half. It wasn't until the eleventh minute till the first score of the game was registered. Kerry's Saoirse O'Connor McCarthy with a free. Playing with the wind advantage Limerick made struck for a goal in the thirteenth minute from Grace Morgan. They scored their first point of the game in the nineteenth minute from Abigail Buckley. Despite playing against the wind Kerry were working hard and were rewarded for their efforts. Lili Mae O'Gara attempt for a point deceiving the Limerick keeper and ending up in the back of the net drawing the sides level as halftime approached.

Limerick upped the intensity in the second half and outscored the home side 1-04 to 3 points in the second half. The goal from Gemma Leahy midway through the half would turn out to prove crucial as it gave the treaty county a four-point cushion. It was a lead they didn't look like relinquishing as Kerry failed to gain any momentum to mount a serious challenge. Frees from Saoirse O'Connor McCarthy did her best to keep Kerry in contention but Limerick were that bit more clinical in front of goal and did enough with points from Aoibhinn O'Connor and Evelyn Fitzgerald to run out deserving winners

Kerry B Scorers: S O'Connor McCarthy (0-3f), L Mae O'Gara (1-01)

Limerick B Scorers: G Morgan (1-0), G Leahy (1-0), A O'Connor (0-3), A Buckley (0-1), E Fitzgerald (0-1)

The A game was next up at 1pm and Kerry came out victorious in this one with an eleven-point victory. In a game that ebbed and flowed in the opening half, playing against the wind, Kerry came out of the blocks and scored the first six points without response inside the first twelve minutes. Sara Fitzgerald, Mary Kate Smith and Muireann Teahan amongst the scorers. Credit to Limerick they could have dropped the heads but they got stuck in and responded in determined fashion. 1-02 without response saw the deficit down to the bare minimum with only seventh minutes on the clock. Caylee Hogan with the goal and the points coming from Ciara Curtin and Caoimhe Byrne free. It did little to deter Kerry as they would finish the half the strongest and score three points to Limerick's one to go in at the break three points in front. The points coming from Eva Costello (2) & Mikala Mulvihill. The second half didn't take off like the first as both sides traded the first four scores as the margin remained at three points. The crucial score would come midway through the half. A great move by Kerry saw Lori O'Connor finish to the back of the net. It allowed Kerry to open up a six-point lead and deflate Limerick who were doing their best to keeping within touching distance of

Kerry. Limerick would add a further two scores in what remained of the game. Kerry added a further seven points to see out the game deserving winners. It could have been more if Kerry were that bit more clinical in front of goal.

Limerick A Scorers: C Hogan (1-1), M Geary (0-2), C Byrne (0-2f), N Fahy (0-1f), C Curtin 0-1)

Kerry A Scorers: M Mulvihill (0-2), E Costello (0-2), M K Smith (0-2), M Teehan (0-1), L O'Connor (1-03), S Fitzgerald (0-5), K Riordan (0-2), B Curtin (0-1)

The Kerry minors got their Munster campaign back to winning ways with a convincing win against Limerick in Cordal. The side showed numerous changes to the side defeated by Cork in the previous round and quickly laid down a marker racing into a seven-point lead inside the first five minutes. Clara Daly and Julia Curtin with the goals. The visitors were clearly shell shocked and didn't register their first score till the thirteenth minute. They had a chance for a goal in the eleventh minute but Kerry's Aoife Looney saved well. A much-needed goal from Leah Geary failed to get them going in the half as two Julia Curtin points began to see Kerry extend the lead and pull away from the visitors. The lead could have been further only for Ailish Kiely in the Limerick goal to save well. It was very much Kerry for the remainder of the half as Limerick offered little up front. Credit must go to Kerry's work rate throughout the field in helping eliminate this as they only scored one further point in the game. Katie Doe & Eabha Ní Laighinn with further goals as the home side went in at the break with a commanding fourteen-point lead. As often happens when a team goes in with a commanding lead the game can lose its competitiveness. That is what happened in Cordal on Saturday. Limerick needed a start like Kerry in the first but it never materialised despite registering the first score from Aoibhin Murphy. Limerick net minder Ailish Kiely saved a penalty to help inspire Limerick but it was Kerry who tagged on the scores in a period where both sides made a raft of substitutions with a view to giving girls as much game time as possible. While the half may not have had as many scores in the first it showed the hunger and desire of the players when they came on and the improvement the team have made over the course of the competition. All of Kerry's scores bar one came from play. Limerick got a consolation goal late on but it mattered little as Kerry ran out deserving winners

Kerry Scorers: J Curtin (1-04), C Daly (1-02), E Ní Laighinn (1-0), K Doe (1-0), N Quinn (1-0), A Curtin (0-1), L McMahon (0-1), K Nix (0-1), J Gill (0-1)

Limerick Scorers: L Geary (1-0), A Murphy (0-3 1f), L Boyle (1-0),