

Munster Minor Final – 06/05/2019

Cork 0-19 (19)

Kerry 1-10 (13)

Cork were crowned Munster Minor Champions on Monday following a hard-fought battle against great old rivals Kerry on Bank Holiday in Dr. Crokes Killarney. Both sides lined out as selected and exchanged points early on from Siofra O'Shea and Katie Quirke. When these sides met previously Cork had a convincing win and the early signs in this game suggested a similar outcome was on the card with Cork scoring the next five unanswered points before Siofra O'Shea responded for the home side to keep them within touching distance of the visitors. An Ellie Jack brace for the visitor extended the visitors lead to six before Kerry's Siofra O'Shea raised the first and only green flag of the afternoon. Her attempt at a free dropped short with Cork Keeper Sarah Murphy unable to prevent it from dipping under the bar. It was a turning point in the half as Kerry were beginning to match the visitors in every facet of the game thus in turn showing this on the scoreboard. Kerry were now back to 15 following the sin binning of Julie O'Sullivan. Another pointed free from Siofra O'Shea and an excellent point from Mary Collins saw the deficit down to three before midfielder Mary O'Connell kicked the final point in the half to leave the score at halftime: Kerry 1-05 Cork 0-10.

Another pointed free from Kerry's Siofra O'Shea had the deficit down to a single score following the beginning of the second half but cork were equal to the measure and Katie Quirke who was excellent throughout the afternoon for Cork slotted over two frees for cork to extend their advantage to three. Cork's Eve Mullins was sin binned approaching the midway point and Kerry took the initial advantage. Ella Teahan with the outside of the boot to reduce the deficit to one. Despite being down to 14 it was the Cork Ladies who would turn this to their advantage on the scoreboard scoring the next four unanswered points. The excellent Katie Quirke was once again to the fore for the visitors extending their lead to five points with six minutes remaining in the game. The home side kept putting the game to cork with Danielle O'Leary reducing the deficit to four but with time running out and Cork's experience and shining through it would be the visitors who finish the remainder of the game stronger and capture the Munster crown to the delight of the travelling support. Final score: Cork 0-19 Kerry 1-10

A big thank you to all the supporters for coming out on force on the day and to Dr. Crokes for the use of the excellent facilities for players management and supporters.

Kerry

C Butler, J O'Sullivan, M Lehane (C), A Doherty, R Evans, K O'Connor, A Dillane, M O'Connell (0-1), M Kelly, A Clifford, N Ní Chonchúir, E Teahan (0-1) M Collins (0-1), S O'Shea 1f-05 4f, D O'Leary (0-1)

Subs

M Bennett for R Evans, C Evans for M Collins, K Buckley for M Kelly, C Evans for A Doherty

Cork

S Murphy, R Ní Chorcora, E Baker, R Sheehan (0-1), E O'Shea, I Sheehan, C Keane. E Mullins (0-1), A O'Mahony (C), F Ahern, J Murphy, C Dooley, E Jack (0-5), K Quirke (0-10 9f), F Keating (0-2)

Subs:

A Twomey for F Ahern