

Kiltha-og V Blackrock

Final score: Kiltha Og 4-11, Blackrock 5-7

With last years success at Premier Two, there was great anticipation ahead of Kiltha Og u15s Premier One opening championship game. Venue for the match was Midleton and it was a fine evening for the event. A crowd gathered on the steps of Midleton GAA as the two teams measured up to one another. The early part of the game saw Kiltha Og dominate the play. Daire Coughlan opened the scoring in the first few minutes with a goal. Ciaran Joyce and Andrew Kelly added to the scoreboard while a goal by James Ahern was disallowed. However, there were some missed scoring opportunities in the half. Score at half time Kiltha Og 1-4 Blackrock 0-5. While some of the game may have been left behind by Kiltha in the first half, could the boys reclaim control for the remainder of the time? Kiltha put more points on the board but Blackrock came back with three goals. The u15s edge had waned and their opponents took full advantage. But Niall Geaney and James Ahern went on to add goals and with 30 minutes gone in the second half and two quick goals from Blackrock, the teams were two points apart in favour of Blackrock. There didn't seem to be any time left to play more ball but Darragh Joyce pucked the ball out and the ref played on. With the game now down in Blackrocks half, a foul is committed against Kiltha with seconds to go. Ciaran Joyce steps up to the 21 yard line with an unenviable task, knowing his team is two points down and the clock is ticking down. He strikes for goal but the goalkeeper stops the shot. Incredibly the goalkeeper follow up causes another foul and again Ciaran takes to the 21 yard line. The mounting pressure could be felt on and off the pitch. Ciaran strikes it hard. The ball takes a deflection off a defenders hurley and cannot be seen again until it drops in the back of the net. The crowd erupts even though the whistle has not sounded. It did sound though soon after the opposition puck out. Kiltha Og were free to celebrate as were the very relieved supporters. Team: Darragh Joyce, John Ahern, Niall Geaney, Zak Mc Auliffe, Ben Napier, Colm O Doherty, Niall Mc Grath, Ciaran Joyce, Ciaran Sice, Andrew Kelly, Scott O Riordan, Daire Coughlan, Ciaran Flynn, James Ahern, Shane Rohan, Donagh Mc Carthy, Michael O Dwyer, Jack Leahy, John Morgan, David Walsh, Sheamus Hennessy, Brian Magner.