

## **2012 Kennedy Cup**

**University Of Limerick: 12-16**

**Mary immaculate College: 0-07**

The inaugural year, of this new Munster senior ladies football competition saw local city rivals University of Limerick (U.L.) up against, Mary Immaculate College (Mary I) in the second round. It was played in the newly built all weather pitch that has become part of the Universities excellent sporting facilities. The game itself was a keenly contested affair right up until the final whistle, although the score line might not suggest as much Mary I really battled hard and were quiet unlucky to have not put more scores on the board. However there was no hiding the fact that they were much the weaker side against a U.L. team graced with virtually an entire panel of inter county players really portrayed their difference in class. Right from the throw in the began to assert themselves on this encounter with severe authority and with literally the first attack of the game the managed to register the first of their twelve goals on the evening through one of the stand out players on show, centre forward Eimear Considine. They quickly increased their lead with a point from Niamh O'Dea after she had been put through with an excellent pass from Considine. Mary I's attitude and work rate was commendable throughout and they managed to settle a few nerves and respond well to their shaky start with an excellently worked team score that was gracefully finished by crafty corner forward Orla Finn, putting a fine finish on an excellent move. However that was as good as it got as for a few minutes as U.L. increased their lead further with a goal and a point from the impressive Aine Tighe as well as goals from Gillian O'Connor Considine again and wing forward Claire Keohane. Mary I responded to these scores with some of their own thanks to points from the aforementioned Finn and the intelligent and hardworking Naomi Campbell. U.L. however managed to turn their dominance in possession in to scores quiet easily and by half time they had the game over as a contest as they lead 7-7 to four points at the interval. Both sides made a number of changes to their line ups at half time and almost immediately after the restart U.L. continued in the same dominant vain as they had in the first half with another goal from Aine Tighe. As the game progressed and more space began to appear in the Mary I back line more and more chances began to present themselves to the potent U.L. attackers who made no mistake with their clinical finishing. Goals from substitutes Joanne Moore and Sinead Murphy and a double brace of points from Considine and Tighe left U.L. in total control of the game and the managed to see out the came for a comfortable 12-16 to seven points victory over a dejected but whole hearted Mary I side.

Teams:

U.L.: 1. Edel Murphy 2. Aisling Hutchinson 3. Sarah Tierney 4. Fabienne Cooney 5. Beulah McManus 6. Aisling Leonard 7. Orlagh Heary 8. Lorraine Scanlon 9. Lorna O'Sullivan 10. Edlith Carroll 11. Eimer Considine 12. Claire Keohane 13. Aine Tighe 14. Gillian O'Connor 15. Niamh O'Dea Subs used: Niamh Richardson, Joanne Moore, Charolette Cooney, Sinead Murphy Caoline Reen, Elda Ryan

Mary I: 1. Brid Madigan 2. Trish Dunne 3. Rachel Kenneally 4. Siobhan Divilly 5. Maeve Hackett 6. Niamh Ni Chaoimh 7. Louise Woods 8. Sarah Lynch 9. Deirdre lawless 10. Mairead Ryan 11. Emer Myles 12. Naomi Carroll 13. Katie Campbell 14. Sarah Harrington 15. Orla Finn Subs used: Siobhan Talty, Katie Curtin, Roisin McMahan, Orla Newell, Caitriona O'Mahony, Caoimhe Ni Ceachallain, Paula Donnelly.