



# Hockey News

## Ellen Kane's Dalkey

Our minor girls went into this game looking to finish their A league campaign with a win.

The lineup: In goals Elizabeth Murphy, sweeper Rhiannon O Connor, centre back Freya Tacke, left back Emma Prehn and right back Paula Garcia. In midfield Mollie Mc Coullagh, centre mid captain Emer Clissmann and Aine Burns and left mid Eve O Leary. Up front the dynamic duo Ellen Kane and Nina Heisterkamp. On the bench Aine Fellenz, Rhianna McCarthy and Charlotte Warner.

For the first three minutes we were attacking down the left side with Eve O Leary in flying form making great runs. It was a very even game with both sides looking to get in and score. Our back line Emma, Freya and Paula were working hard and Rhiannon was sweeping balls out to keep Dalkey at bay. Up front Ellen Kane and Nina were probing hard looking for chances. Emer, Aine Burns and Molly Mc were getting up and down the pitch at pace. After 13 minutes Eve made a cracking run down the left and swept the ball inside to Ellen but the keeper saved. On came Charlotte and she was right into the game chasing and winning ball.

Back came Dalkey and Elizabeth made a brill save at close quarters to keep them out.

After 19 minutes Dalkey won two corners and scored from the second to go 1-0 up.

They had us under pressure and nearly scored again but Elizabeth again saved to deny them.

With time running out in the half Ellen was pushed high and within second Nina Heisterkamp stole the ball and spotted Ellen and smashed the ball to Ellen who collected it at pace and Ellen raced into the circle and smashed the ball home to bring us back to 1-1. A stunning goal!!!

### **Half Time St. Kilians 1 Dalkey 1**

From the start of the second half we lifted our game and had Dalkey on the ropes winning two short corners and we would have scored except for last ditch defending by Dalkey.

We had them pinned in and after 7 minutes Ellen won a hit out and drove into the circle and swept home to put us 2-1 up. Aine Burns who moved to right mid was having a stormer at right mid. Charlotte Warner was winning lots of tackles and moving the ball quickly. We were giving them problem on the right with Aine and Nina. Emer was picking up loose ball and sweeping it towards Aine and Nina. Freya, Paula and Emma tied up the attackers and Rhiannon was rock solid at sweeper sweeping and drilling balls over the sideline. Back came Dalkey and after 14 minutes they won a corner which we cleared. Mollie came back on at right mid.

After 20 minutes they broke and Elizabeth made not one but two world class saves to keep them out. She is a super keeper!!

After 22 minutes Eve and Ellen won a free on the left side. Aine Burns crept into the circle on the right and Ellen Kane spied her and she drilled the ball into Aine who scored a cracker to put us 3-1 up.

Back came Dalkey and Elizabeth saved again to keep them out and seal the game.

Playing in the A league with several girls from first year the girls have won two and lost two proving we can play at this level. Well done girls!!

### **Full Time St. Kilians 3 Dalkey 1**

**Girl of the match: One girl up front Ellen Kane was excellent scoring two and making the third and one girl at the back Elizabeth Murphy who made a couple of brill saves share the girl of the match.**

**Goal of the match. Ellen Kane's first when Nina drilled the ball to her and Ellen smashed home.  
Contender for goal of the season**

Tom Parsons Coach