

ERRFU 10- Manitoba 7

Started with US and Canadian anthems

Manitoba took a 7-0 lead when their Tight crashed over on penalty play (5m) and #8 converted

ERRFU tied it at 22min after a period of relentless pressure (O&D) inside Manitoba 22, forced a missed kick and two blocked kicks. The score came of a back row play and three pick and jams, with openside Victoria McClesky (Chaparral) finishing in the right corner and Devyn Lane (Chaparral) slotting a difficult sideline conversion.

The second started well for ERRFU when they forced a penalty 1 minute after the kickoff and Devyn drilled a 22m Pk for a 10-7 lead.

At 9 minutes ERRFU suffered a huge blow as USA U20/Summit halfback Brie Barto was stretchered off with a neck injury (she is okay but very sore, the back of her neck got stepped on). After a long delay the match resumed and ERRFU defended a 20 minute onslaught by Manitoba the defense bent but never broke. Manitoba had what appeared to be 3 or 4 kickable penalties but chose to keep the attack in hand. With 3 minutes to play Abi Bundy (Fort Collins) was sin binned, again the Canadians set up the attack and despite down a man the Rams scrambled in defense and finally forced a knock and referee Charlie Haupt blew the whistle on a great game.

For us Victoria McClesky was great in the lineout winning, stealing, and spoliing, captain Mackenzie Lewis was a pillar, Barto awesome, 15 year old flanker Rosa Foth and flyhalf (later scrumhalf) Emy Griffith, both Summit, were outstanding, centre Kelly McKenna (Douglas County) had some huge hits, Devyn's boot was outstanding at finding space or touch and relieving pressure, and winger Jessica Garriott was singled out as player of the game for her strong runs, great kick chasing, and almost flawless defense.

I am so proud of these kids, they were up against it most of the weekend and despite missing several key players they showed heart and character, and really stepped up.

Note - captain Liz Kirby, flyhalf Alex Cooper, (both West U19) plus 4 other starters were unavailable, Jozy and Wendy Sherman out (USA U20), Catherine Scanlan USA U17 fell off a ladder the night before tourny (concussion) and Lauren Danielsen USA U20 out v MN, and Sierra Fairfield-Smith and Barto in this game. We finished the game 3 of the projected starting team and 4 U15s playing.

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1. Erin Goodell (Summit) 2. Aby Bundy (Fort Collins) 3. Becca Lohrenz (Summit) 4. Sierra Fairfield-Smith (Western) 5. Theresa Cameron (Regis Jesuit) 6. Rosa Foth (Summit) 7. Victoria McClesky (Chaparral) 8. Mackenzie Lewis (Chaparral) -capt 9. Brie Barto (Summit) 10. Emy Griffith (Summit) 11. Katherine Sutton (Douglas County) 12. Kelly McKenna (Douglas County) 13. Emily Spangler (Colorado) 14. Jessica Garriott (SWARM) 15. Devyn Lane (Chaparral) 16. Bobby Bouchard (Summit) for Fairfield-Smith @24min, 17. Sara McMannus (SWARM) for Bouchard @ 56min, 20 Hannah Towle (Ranch Rugby) for Barto @ 40min, 21. Delaney Piper for Towle @ 50min