

**South East U-21 A Football Championship**  
**Final**  
**St. Patrick's Day, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Shanbally**  
**Carrigaline 2-12 Valley Rovers 1-13**

On a windswept afternoon at the home of Shamrocks, Carrigaline U-21 Footballers claimed the Carrighoun U-21 Football Championship for the first time in 5 years. Carrigaline finished the game very strongly and in the end that was the difference.

The gale was blowing down the field into the clubhouse and Carrigaline had the gale in the first half. However, it was Valleys who started the better and scored a goal after 3 minutes, quickly followed by a point. After 6 minutes Carrigaline finally settled and pulled level by the 13<sup>th</sup> minute. 1-01 to 0-04. Brian scored two of those (1 free), Colin Maguire (free) & Billy Pope with the other 2. Carrigaline failed to capitalise in part due to fantastic play against the wind from Valleys who held up the ball, keeping possession very effectively. After 25 minutes it was 1-04 to 0-05. The Carrig score coming from Coakley. Finally Carrigaline had a purple patch with 5 minutes to go. Scores from Barry Ryan & Eli Harrington was followed by a goal from Brian Coakley in the 28<sup>th</sup>. Brian pounced quickest to finish off after an initial shot hit the crossbar. Eli followed with another score to leave the halftime score Carrigaline 1-08 Valley Rovers 1-05. There was a worry that a 3 point lead wouldn't be enough playing against the gale in the second half and those fears looked to be true at the start of the second half as Valleys completely took over and dominated the first twenty minutes of the second half. There was only one Carrig score coming from Coakley. The cavalry were called in, Luke Boyle, Olan Barry, Adam Coholan & Jack McCarthy (HT) all entered the fray. With ten minutes to go the score was 1-13 to 1-09 and things were looking ominous. Then, for reasons only known to himself, Kieran Kavanagh decided to travel up the pitch and kicked the score of the game into wind from 40 metres out (Though some say it was from the 65). That monster score rallied Carrigaline and we never looked back. Eli followed with another well taken score and we were back in it. Brian did as Brian does and finished a fantastic move that started in the full back line and we were ahead again. Coakley then a point and with 5 minutes to go we had a 2 point advantage. Credit to Valleys who rallied and threw everything at us in the last 5 minutes but thankfully we held strong to start the year on a great note, as South East Champions. We now move to the county section full of confidence.

**Carrigaline Team:** Kealan Daly, Niall Quirke, Cathal Murphy (Captain), Eoin O'Connor, David Griffin, Kieran Kavanagh, Naythan Coleman, Barry Ryan, Kieran Dwane, Evan Ryle, Brian Coakley, Daniel O'Reilly, Colin Maguire, Billy Pope, Eli Harrington. **Subs Used:** Jack McCarthy, Luke Boyle, Olan Barry, Adam Coholan. **Panel:** Andrew O'Reilly, Eoin O'Malley, Caleb O'Connell, James Maher, Morgan Walsh, Declan Maye, Brian Kelleher, Eoin Riordan, Mark Brosnan, Matthew O'Reilly, Ian Gultinan.

**Carrigaline Scorers:** Brian Coakley (2-05) (0-02 frees), Eli Harrington (0-03), Colin Maguire (0-01 free), Billy Pope (0-01), Barry Ryan (0-01), Kieran Kavanagh (0-01).

**Manager:** Tony Goulding. **Coach:** Mícheál O'Connor. **Selectors:** Martin O'Reilly, Dave Murphy, Seán Ryle. **Doctor:** Dr. Mortimor O'Connor. **Physio:** Brendan O'Driscoll. **Logistics:** Paddy Finn.

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