

As we start into November and the GAA season starts coming to a close, Carrigaline had a busy weekend.

The U15 footballers were in action last Saturday in the Championship. This was a day of mixed fortunes as they had their two teams involved in P1 and P2 championship. The Premier1 team travelled to Bishopstown to play the host club in terrible weather conditions. Carrigaline led from the start and ended up comfortable winners. The first half had some good football in trying conditions. Carrigaline had a good grip of the game with the defence in control and the forwards getting scores at the other end. Carrigaline meet Nemo Rangers in the next round on next Saturday 8th at 3pm in Carrigaline.

The U15 P2 Footballers had Glanmire away in their Championship match after Carrigaline was deemed unplayable. Glanmire scored 2 goals in the first couple of minutes to leave Carrigaline trailing 2-0 to 0-1 after Denis McBarron scored a point. Carrig did not panic and after Luke Barry got a goal to cut the deficit to 2 points, game on. Towards the end of the half Carrigaline conceded 2 more goals to go in at half time trailing 4-1 to 1-1. Tried as they did in the second half, Carrig could not break down the Glanmire defence and Glanmire ran out winners 6-5 to 1-4.

U11 Hurling-

The curtain fell on the 2014 hurling year in Mallow last Monday on what was ultimately a successful season.

The lads qualified for the Final Four playoff along with Douglas, Ballincollig and St. Finbarrs. Conditions were tough with a strong wind blowing down the pitch. Douglas were first up in the semi- final and the eventual winners were given a fright as the lads tore into them at every opportunity. However Douglas took their points as the second half wore on and their opportunism proved the difference. Rhys McCarthy, Captain Jaimie Nolan and Ross Kenneally led the way for team 1 while Stephen Landy, Miki Mackin and the robust Chris Kiely were real leaders for Team 2 especially in the second half.

The plate final was between ourselves and Ballincollig and Team 2 came up a point short after a disallowed goal proved costly. Finn O'Connell, goalscorer Charlie O'Brien and Captain Liam Ahern were outstanding in this match while Nathan O'Keefe got better as the games went on. Team 1 were under pressure from the start but Paul Harding, Tim Sheehan, Odhran Creedon and Johnny Deasy performed well while Shane MacSweeney was unlucky not get a couple of goals. Jake Parsons Twomey did well in defence as did the aggressive Dylan Allen. Special mention must go to the under 10's who lined out as their spirit in taking on their older opponents was a joy to behold. Chris Laverty, Darragh Buckley, Eddie Cunningham Cummins and Rory O'Donoghue take a bow. However the real heroes of the day were our goalkeepers as Fernando Slavin produced save after save followed by brilliant clearances and Cillian Walshe who was rock solid for the other team and managed to keep two clean sheets against very strong opponents.

All in all this was a day the lads can look back on with pride as they showed real hurling spirit in all their games.

