

Carrigaline Vs Bishopstown

Autumn Hurling League Final :

After a "Titanic" battle on a blustery evening in Carrigaline the U12s emerged victorious in the Autumn Hurling League Final. This match ebbed and flowed from start to finish and both teams should be proud of their efforts. Carrigaline played with the aid of a strong wind in the 1st half but were all at sea, a fact emphasised by the half time score of 0-4 to 0-3 in favour of Bishopstown. Paul Harding (0-1) started brightly at midfield as did Johnny Deasy and Cillian Walshe up front. Full forward Fernando Slavin battled away gamely as there was plenty of possession around the goal. Centre back Rhys McCarthy had a great hour and he was iceberg like as Bishopstown attacks sank around him without trace. Ross Kenneally was in terrific form at full back as he cleared oceans of ball as did Stephen Landy in the full back line. Substitutes Shane McSweeney and Tim Sheehan brought renewed energy to the team as Evan O' Leary snuffed out the challenge of Bishopstown's best player. Sean Byrne was limpet like in the half back line and when Nathan O' Keeffe goaled with 5 minutes to go it seemed Carrigaline were set fair. However ill-discipline led to a free being moved closer to the goal and a great finish meant it was all hands on deck for the last 5 minutes. Charlie O' Brien produced another magnificent performance in goal and captain Liam Ahern resembled a pocket battle ship as they repelled attack after attack. Miki Mackin steamed into the game at half forward along with Finn O' Connell (0-5) who covered every blade of grass in search of victory. As tension mounted Paul Harding grasped the nettle and scored a great point. There followed a long 3 minutes but the lads managed to steer the ship home to ensure great celebrations. This was a team victory with every member of the squad playing their part in bringing a hurling trophy back to the club.

Below is a report written by Finn O'Conaill in Irish.

Finn O'Conaill Gaelscoil, Carraig Uí Leighin Blog:

Bhí craobh an Shraith Fhómhair iomaníochta agam ar an 6 Deireadh Fomhair. Bhí m'fhoireann, Carraig Uí Leighin faoi dó dhéag, á fheachaint le Baile an Easpaig. Bhí an cluiche ar siúl ar ceathrú chun a seacht. Bhí mé ar bís. Thosnaigh mé san ionad leath tosaigh lárnach. Tógann mise na puc saor. Bhí sé 0-3 / 0-2 ag leath ama i bhfabhar Baile an Easpaig. Chuamar amach sa dara leath ag triod i gcomhair gach liathróid. Bhí nóiméad amháin fágtha nuair a bhail cúl báire Baile an Easpaig an sliotar amach. Bhí an scór 1-5/1-5. Phioc Paul Harding an sliotar suas agus bhail sé é...thar an trasnán! Bhí an pháirc mar bolcán tar éis pléascadh. Bhí an cluiche buaite againn. Fuair mé cúig phointe. Tar éis an cluiche chuamar isteach sa clubtheach agus fuair mar Caprisuns agus criospaí. Ní dhéanadh mé dearmad ar an lá sin go deo.

