

Carrigaline GAA

Under 14 Premier 1 Football League Final 13th November

Carrigaline 4-11
Inniscarra 2-10

Sunday, saw the conclusion to the Under 14 football season, with two very strong attacking teams, in Carrigaline and Inniscarra, contesting a highly competitive and entertaining League Final. A match that was in contention from the start to finish, would see both teams contribute a total of 27 scores, played out in a highly sporting way.

Carrigaline started strongly with a well taken point from full forward Shane Vaughan, followed by a goal from corner forward Conor O Mahony, in the sixth minute. Inniscarra responded well, with three points, in three minutes, to reduce the deficit to one point. Two superb goals followed in the 12th and 13th minutes. Carrigaline scored first, when a speculative ball over the top, was stunningly volleyed into the net by Conor O Mahony. Inniscarra were not going to be undone and came straight up the field. A great catch by the Inniscarra corner forward, Cian Connolly, saw him turn briskly, beat his man and plant the ball in the corner of the Carrigaline net, to bring the game back to a one point match. The next two scores would ultimately prove decisive. In the 14th minute, that man, Conor O Mahony hit the net again for his third goal. In the 22nd minute, corner forward Kevin Barry scored a fourth goal for Carrigaline, following a superb build up by Sean Dressler and Callum Barrett. Both teams exchanged points to leave the half time score; Carrigaline 4-3 to Inniscarra's 1-6.

The second half started at a frantic pace, with Inniscarra clearly here to play. Both teams exchanged five points in the first six minutes, keeping the difference at 6 points. In the 38th minute, Inniscarra centre forward Sean McCarthy burst the Carrigaline net with a scorching shot from distance. Another point quickly followed, leaving a two point game, with 20 minutes to go. Carrigaline, showing a maturity beyond their years, didn't panic and somehow found another gear. They took control of the game, retaining controlled possession for large parts of the remaining time. At one point they clocked up forty passes without losing possession. Patrick McBarron and Jack McGrath, in particular, were commanding at midfield and centre forward respectively. Carrig added a further six points (four free kicks from the boot of the always calm, Kevin Barry) to just one from Inniscarra, leaving a jubilant Carrigaline, Champions.

Such was the display from both teams, it would be impossible to single any player out as a man of the match. All players and subs involved gave everything they had in a match, which had everything, that is good about modern GAA football.

Carrigaline : Cillian Drinan, Eoghan Landers, Ryan O Neill, Danny O Flynn, Callum Barrett (0-1), Joe O Brien (C), Chris O Herlihy, Adam White, Patrick McBarron, Jack Kennefick, Jack McGrath, Sean Dressler (Kevin O Neill 35 mins), Conor O Mahony (3-5) (Sean Murphy 52 mins), Shane Vaughan (0-1), Kevin Barry (1-4).
Subs: Ayomitide Alade, Luke Campbell-Brooks, Aaron Murray, Sean Buckley, Conor O Shea, Patrick Mellett.

Inniscarra : John Gould, Neill Vaughan, Keith O Mahony, Oisin O Brien, Shay Dineen, Sean Quinlivan, James Flannery, Conor O Leary, Sean Leisk (0-3), Stephen Linehan (0-1), Sean McCarthy (1-2), Josh Ambrose, Liam O Connor (0-4), Oisin Morrissey, Cian Connolly (1-0).

A busy time for the Club as Carrigaline are contesting three more Finals this week to bring the season to a close:-

Fri. 18th U13 Autumn League Football Final v Ballincollig in Ballincollig @ 7.30pm.

Sat. 19th U15 Premier 1 Football League Final v Douglas in Ballinlough @ 12.45pm

Sun. 20th Minor Premier 1 Football League Final v Douglas in Ballygarvan @ 2.30pm



Joe O' Brien, Captain receiving the Cup from Michael O Mahony of Rebel Óg.



The Victorious U14 Football Panel.