

## **Intermediate Football Championship**

### **First Round**

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016, in Mallow**

**Carrigaline 2-06 Kanturk 1-15**

Carrigaline played our first Intermediate A Football Championship game since 2009, this time though it was with our second team. The draw hadn't been kind to Carrigaline as we drew Kanturk in the First Round, who are favourites to win the county outright. The Kanturk side were littered with inter-county experience, none more so than Aidan Walsh. That didn't seem to worry Carrig in the beginning. Aided by the gale, the Kanturk net was rattled within the first minute by Jamie De Puis, however the referee pulled the ball back to award Carrig a free which Jamie easily slotted over. Billy Pope and Tony Murphy pointed for Carrigaline to leave the score 0-03 to 0-01 after 10 minutes. The Carrigaline full forward line was causing havoc at this early stage but penalty shouts were waived away by the referee who didn't provide Tony & Jamie with much protection. Billy Pope and Simon O'Brien were proving effective in the half forward line. Then Jamie received a serious shoulder injury but he battled on until midway through the second half. After scores from Kieran Dwane & Daniel O'Reilly the scoreline on the 20 minute mark read Carrigaline 0-05 Kanturk 0-04. Carrigaline had battled incredibly well but at this stage Kanturk really grabbed the game by the neck. After some resolute defending the pressure finally told and the Carrigaline defence yielded a goal. Kanturk then popped over some nice points to leave the score at halftime Carrigaline 0-05 Kanturk 1-06. The game was still there for anyone but Carrigaline now had to face the strong wind. This is where Kanturks greater experience told and they were much the better side for the first 10 minutes of the second half. Now the score read 0-05 to 1-11. Carrig could now have died and taken a beating but we actually won the rest of the second half. Backboned by a back six working very well together Carrigaline fought on. After an interception in the full back line, Carrig then worked the ball through the hands and the ball eventually fell to Daniel O'Reilly who buried the ball into the net. Points were then traded with Eoin O'Malley scoring for Carrig. More goals were needed however and in fairness Carrigaline had a go, hitting both the crossbar and the upright. The pressure Tony Murphy had the Kanturk full back line under eventually yielded a reward and a penalty was awarded with minutes to go. Tony took and scored the penalty himself. It wasn't enough in the end and Kanturk scored the last point of the game in injury time. The final score read Carrigaline 2-06 Kanturk 1-15. Credit to the young Carrigaline side who fought valiantly throughout, every player giving their absolute best. Carrigaline were also short players of the calibre of Shane Griffin, Gary Harrington, Stephen Maguire, and more who hopefully be available for the next round, where we will be playing either Douglas or Mitchelstown.

Carrigaline Team: James O'Reilly, Shane Collins, Kieran Kavanagh, Cathal Murphy, Wesley O'Brien, Cillian Mac Sweeney, Stephen Dwane (Captain), Kieran Dwane, Denis Moran, Billy Pope, Simon O'Brien, Morgan Walsh, Daniel O'Reilly, Tony Murphy, Jamie De Puis. Subs Used: Michael Quinn, Eoin O'Malley. Panel: Andrew O'Reilly, Wesley Ronayne, Shane Barry, Adam Coholan, Declan Maye, Dave Manley.

Scorers: Tony Murphy (1-01, 1 pen), Daniel O'Reilly (1-01), Jamie De Puis (0-01, 1 free), Kieran Dwane (0-01, 1 free), Billy Pope (0-01), Eoin O'Malley (0-01)

Manager: Martin O'Reilly. Selectors: John Dineen (Coach), Tony Barry, TJ Cronin, Tony Goulding. Doctor: Mortimer O'Connor. Physio: Brendan O'Driscoll. Logistics: Paddy Finn & Pa Burke. Main Sponsors: Barry Collins' Super Valu Carrigaline.