

Intermediate Football Championship
Second Round
Saturday, 11th June 2016 in Shanbally
Carrigaline 1-08 Douglas 0-08

On a wet night at the home of Shamrocks, Carrigaline Intermediate Footballers finished strong to proceed to the Third Round of the Championship. Ironically 20 years ago both clubs met at the same venue in the first round of the intermediate football championship, Carrigaline taking the spoils that day. That day was with our first teams, today both clubs clashed with their second teams. However, this was far more important than to just simply progress. We took a big gamble at the beginning of the campaign to move our second team from Junior to Intermediate and it is now fair to say this gamble has been completely justified. So far we are mid table in the league, put up a good fight against the favourites in the first round and now beaten a club of similar stature in the second round to move to the third round.

As mentioned it was a wet night, a terrible night for football as the ground was still hard from the previous good weather but the grass was slippery. This led to a lot of errors on both sides as football rocketed off the floor. The game started very cagey with no side holding a lead of more than a point for 35 mins. In the first half possession was dominated by Douglas but it was Carrigaline who had the better chances with our full forward line of Adam Coholan, Tony Murphy & Simon O'Brien looking potentially potent. Adam had a big goal chance well blocked. Half time scoreline was 0-03 to 0-03. The scoreboard unfortunately reflecting the game. A lot of errors, and a lot of wides. The Douglas midfield was well on top but it was Carrig who looked the more dangerous in attack. Again our back seven were not in a generous mood. Kealan was solid when called upon and the full back line was very tight and never fouled. In fact Douglas never scored a point from a free throughout the game, a real credit to our defending. In the second half Carrig attacked the scoring goal into the Shanbally end, but it was Douglas who got off to the better start. Continuing their control of midfield they opened up a two point lead by the 35th minute. Though Douglas were on top the crucial moment came in the 40th minute. A David Manley free was followed by a great run from Simon O'Brien, who put Daniel O'Reilly in space bearing down on goal. Daniel passed the ball across the square to Adam Coholan, who jumped highest to punch the ball past the Douglas goalkeeper. The score was now 1-04 to 0-05. Douglas were still on top though and the game was soon level at 1-04 to 0-07. Daniel Twomey was introduced to the midfield and did a thankless man marking job, but he did it to great effect, stifling Douglas' more experienced midfielders. It was a draw game with 15 minutes to go but now Carrigaline took the game by the scruff of the neck. Tony Murphy then scored a monster of a free, which was quickly followed by a soccer style score Peter Mullane who worked tirelessly throughout. Carrigaline were now on top all over the pitch and with points traded the score read 1-08 to 0-08 with 3 minutes to go. Carrigaline knew that if there was no goal conceded the game would be won. The last few minutes saw Douglas trying to break through without success. Credit to all players for the discipline and work rate shown from start to finish, every player giving their all which is all that can be asked for.

Carrigaline Team: Kealan Daly, Shane Collins, Kieran Kavanagh, Cathal Murphy, Gary Harrington, Cillian MacSweeney, Shane Griffin, Peter Mullane, Stephen Dwane (Captain), David Manley, Billy Pope, Daniel O'Reilly, Adam Coholan, Tony Murphy, Simon O'Brien. Subs Used: Denis Moran, Daniel Twomey, Nathan Coleman, Jamie de Puis. Panel: Andrew O'Reilly, Brian Irwin, Shane Barry, Michael Quinn, Stephen Maguire, Declan Maye.

Carrigaline Scorers: Adam Coholan (1-01), Peter Mullane (0-02), David Manley (0-02 frees), Simon O'Brien, Tony Murphy (free), Jamie de Puis (free) (0-01 each)

Manager: Martin O'Reilly. **Coach:** John Dineen. **Selectors:** T.J. Cronin, Tony Goulding, Tony Barry.
Doctor: Dr. Mortimor O'Connor. **Physio:** Brendan O'Driscoll. **Logistics:** Pa Burke & Paddy Finn.
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