

Junior Football Championship

Carrigaline 3-7 Belgooly 2-14

A spirited performance just fell short in the first round of the Junior Football Championship played in Minane Bridge on Monday night.

Going into the game short a number of players due to injury, the game turned on a second yellow issued to a Carrigaline defender with 14 minutes to go when it was doubtful if even a foul was committed. This is becoming much too common in the game at the moment leading to a lot of frustration for players and mentors.

Belgooly were the dominant force in the first 10 minutes leading by 1-3 to 0-1, Carrigs score coming from a Cormac Creed Nolan free. Carrig strated to grow into the game. Two further Creed Nolan pointed frees was followed by a Tony Murphy goal after some some good play out the field to leave the scores level 1-3 a piece after 20 minutes. Belgooly were back in the lead in the 21st minute but this point was cancelled out by Matthew O'Reilly. Two more points for Belgooly had them two ahead before a great move involving a number of players saw Denis Moran finish to the net to leave Carrig ahead 2-4 to 1-6 at the break.

Belgooly were straight out of the blocks at the start of the second half with a goal within a minute of the restart. Michael Lynch had Carrigs first score of the second half with a point in the 3rd. minute. Belgooly pointed in the 4th minute before Tony Murphy soloed in along the end line to drive to the net for Carrigs third goal.

Two further Belgooly points and one from Michael Lynch had the sides level 10 minutes into the second half. Belgooly went ahead again in the 16th minutes before the sending off turned the game in Belgoolys favour where they made very good use of the extra man in particular taking the ball out of defence and setting up oportunites for their forwards. They tacked on four points from play before Michael Lynch had Carrigs last score.

We play Kinsale in the second round and based on the spirit and determination shown in this game we should have a good chance of getting back into the championship.

Scorers: T Murphy 2-0, D Moran 1-0, M Lynch 0-3, C Creed Nolan 0-3 (3F), M O'Reilly 0-1.

Team: Keelan Daly, Shane Collins, Killian Forbes, Brian Lynch, Adrian Lynch, Stephen Dwane, Daniel O'Reilly, Stephen O'Regan, Matthew O'Reilly, Cian McGovern, Cormac Creed Nolan, Denis Moran, Michael Lynch, Tony Murphy and Jamie DePuis. Subs used Wesley Roynane, Aodhain Cotter (blood sub)