

Premier 1 Minor Football Championship

Carrigaline 2-10 Aghada 1-12

If ever there was a game of two halves, this game was it. Having led by 10 points we were lucky to hold on to a one point after a great comeback by Aghada in the second half.

A Kieran Dwane free and a point from play from Billy Pope gave Carrig an early lead. Three points from Aghada had the score 0-2 to 0-3 after ten minutes. At this stage Carrig got on top with some great attacking football and two pointed frees from Dwane and scores from play by Billy Pope and Colin Maguire had the score 6 points to 3 after 20 minutes.

An Aghada free in the 23rd. minute reduced the margin to 2 points, but Carrig finished very strongly with goals from Kieran Dwane and James Maher and points from Dwane (free) and Nathan Coleman left the half time score Carrigaline 2-8 Aghada 0-4.

The second half was a different story with Aghada in total control for the first 15 minutes reducing the margin to two points 2-8 to 1-9. Carrig were in further trouble when a Carrig back was red carded for a foul which, if we understand correctly, should have been a black card. A free from Colin Maguire steadied the ship a little but two further points for Aghada reduced the margin to a single point. A fine effort from Evan Ryle put us tow ahead with 11 minutes to go.

At this stage it looked unlikely that we would hold out but a great defensive effort restricted Aghada to just one more point and at the final whistle we had held on and qualify for the County semi-final which won't probably be played until August.

Scorers K Dwane 1-4 (4F), J Maher 1-0, B Pope 0-2, C Maguire 0-2 (1F), N Coleman 0-1, E Ryle 0-1.

Team: Stephen O'Reilly, Tom Deasy, Niall Quirke, Declan Maye, Steven Williamson, David Griffin, David Stack, Evan Ryle, Kieran Dwane, Billy Pope, Caleb O'Connell, Colin Maguire, Sean Goulding, Nathan Coleman and James Maher. Subs Used: Evan O'Brien, Andrew Kingston, Cian O'Donovan and Jack Cronin