

Premier Intermediate Football Championship

Round 1

Carrigaline 0-9 Castletownbere 0-7

Carrig over came Castletownbere in the first round of the championship in Castletownkenneigh on Saturday night.

Played in wet miserable conditions this was a victory for heart and determination as we overcame a number of set backs throughout the game.

Carrig played with the wind in the first half but Castletown opened the scoring with a free in the 3rd minute but we received a major set back when Nicholas Murphy had to go off with an injury picked up in the warm up.

Castletown increased the lead in the fourth minute before substitute Evan Ryle opened Carrigs account in the 5th minute. Castletown controlled a lot of possession in the first 15 minutes but the Carrig defence was resolute.

Carrig had a great chance of a goal in the 12th minutes when Cillian McIntyre put Barry O'Keeffe through but his effort was well saved by the Castletown goalie.

Brian Coakley appeared to have put Carrig level in the 18th minute but his effort was adjudged to have gone wide when it appeared to have been well inside the post. This could have been vital in a close game.

David Drake did level matters from a free in the 20th minute before Brain Coakley dispossessed his man and put over a great score from out on the right wing.

A Castletown free in the 24th minute levelled matters before Kevin Kavanagh gave Carrig the lead with a great score in the 31st minute to leave the half time score Carrigaline 0-4, Castletownbere 0-3.

With a strong wind blowing this was a very slender lead. But Carrig started well in the second half with centre back Cian Barry driving forward and set up chances. Cillian McIntyre pointed in the first minute of the half and we got a great chance when Brian Coakley was fouled in the penalty area. Brian took the penalty himself but was unlucky to see his effort just go over the bar to give us a three point lead.

This was back to one point by the 10 minute, but David Drake scored from play to bring the margin up to two points in the 11th minute.

We had another set back in the 15th minute when Kevin Kavanagh who was also impressive at midfield in the second half was unfortunate to get a black card. Castle town reduced the margin to one in the 20th minute before David Drake from a free restored the two point margin.

The game was in the melting pot now and we were reduced to 14 men in the 25th minute as a result of a second yellow card. The margin was down to one in the 27th minute when Castletown converted a 45. However Carrig showed great grit and determination to prevent Castletown from scoring again.

Carrig had the last score of the game when David Drake converted a very difficult free out on the left wing to leave the final score Carrigaline 0-9, Castletownbere 0-7.

Scorers: D Drake 0-4 (3F), B Coakley 0-2 (1F), E Ryle 0-1, C McIntyre 0-1, K Kavanagh 0-1.

Team: James O'Reilly, Shane Griffin, Peter Roynane, Kieran Kavanagh, Cillian McSweeney, Cian Barry, Eoin O'Connor, Nicholas Murphy, Eoin Kavanagh, Kevin Kavanagh, Barry O'Keeffe, David Drake, Brian Coakley, Simon O'Brien. Subs Used Evan Ryle, Peter Murphy and Stephen Maguire.