

Premier 1 Minor Football League Final

Saturday 1st November 2014

At Ballinlough

Carrigaline 5-9 St Finbarrs 0-4

The Premier Minor Footballers completed the championship and league double with a well merited win over St. Finbarrs in the league final played in atrocious weather conditions in Ballinlough. Despite the conditions the team gave an exhibition of football and were much superior to a gallant St. Finbarrs team who fought to the very end.

Having defeated our opponents by just two points in the championship final, a close contest was predicted and St. Finbarrs with the aid of the wind started well and had the first score of the game in the first minute. Barrs continued to attack and Carrig were thankful to goalkeeper Kealan Daly who saved superbly when a goal would have given the Barrs some impetus. Despite the early possession, it was clear that the Carrig backs were going to be hard to break down with Cathal Murphy returning from illness particularly dominant.

It took Carrig 11 minutes to open their account when a flowing movement involved Evan Ryle and Caleb O'Connell setting Adam Coholan up for a goal. With Brian Coakley and Ryle dominating possession around the middle half of the field Carrig continued to attack. Billy Pope added a point and then set up half back Kieran Kavanagh for another goal to leave the score Carrigaline 2-1, St. Finbarrs 0-1 after 14 minutes.

The Barrs added two points, but Adam Coholan had Carrigs third goal with Brian Coakley pointing from a free to leave the half time score 3-3 to 0-3 in favour of Carrig.

Carrig had the wind in the second half and an early point from Colin Maguire followed by two from Brian Coakley, one of which was a fine score from the 45, ensured that Carrig were not going to let this slip. Caleb O'Connell whose speed gave the Barrs defenders a lot of trouble added two goals in the 43rd and 46th minute and it was time to empty the bench.

Billy Pope, Brian Coakley and Kieran Dwane (a free) completed the scoring for Carrig before a pointed free for the Barrs left the final score Carrigaline 5-9, St. Finbarrs 0-4.

Scorers: Caleb O'Connell 2-0, Adam Coholan 2-0, Brian Coakley 0-5 (2F, 1 45), Kieran Kavanagh 1-0, Billy Pope 0-2, Colin Maguire 0-1, Kieran Dwane 0-1(F).

Team: Kealan Daly, Niall Quirke, Eoin O'Connor, Cathal Murphy, Stephen Williamson, David Griffin, Kieran Kavanagh, Brian Coakley, Barry Ryan, Colin Maguire, Evan Ryle, Daniel O'Reilly, Caleb O'Connell, Adam Coholan and Billy Pope.
Subs used Eli Kadhi-Harrington, Kieran Dwane, Morgan Walsh, Sean Goulding and Stephen O'Reilly

