

Senior Football Championship
Third Round
Saturday, 23rd June 2016 in Clonakilty
Carrigaline 0-09 Ilen Rovers 3-08

Carrigaline played Ilen in the Third Round of the Cork Senior Football Championship on a fine summers evening in Clonakilty. The game started off quite cagey and Ilen started slightly brighter but it didn't show on the scoreboard and after 11 minutes the scoreboard read 0-03 to 0-02 to Carrig. Twice Matthew O'Reilly was pulled down in the penalty area but the ref waived the penalty shouts away. The Carrig scorers were Matthew, Killian McIntyre & Barry O'Keeffe. Now Carrigaline gained control around the middle but like Ilen couldn't make it count on the scoreboard. We broke up the field at pace and looked very impressive. David Drake scored as points were traded. Dan MacEoin started drifting out the pitch and along with Seán O'Donovan wrestled back control of the match. On the 27th minute MacEoin found himself in space and buried the ball past Seán Mellett. That left the score 1-05 to 0-04. In fairness, Carrigaline quickly rallied and scored two points from Barry Ryan & Drake. That left the halftime score 1-06 to 0-06. Within 6 minutes of the restart disaster struck. Ilen were through on goal, Shane Griffin was left with no choice as he dragged the wing forward down to stop the goal. A penalty was given and quickly dispatched to the net. The score now read 2-06 to 0-06 and Carrig were left with a mountain to climb. That led to a period where no one scored for over 10 minutes. Ilen sat back and Carrig couldn't penetrate them. Points were finally traded with 10 minutes to go, Billy Pope & Kevin Kavanagh the scorers. As Carrig went for broke Ilen scored another goal on the break in the 59th minute. Carrig had another score and the fulltime score read Carrigaline 0-09 Ilen Rovers 3-08. In our first year up Senior, it was a positive year as we avoided any Relegation battle. After the match our Management Team informed the players that this would be their last Championship game in charge. This management team has changed the fortunes of Carrigaline football from day one. Positive league performances became positive championship performances. Eventually we won the Premier Intermediate Championship, and now our first year up Senior was a solid one. Best of luck in the future to all.

Carrigaline Team: Seán Mellett, Killian Forbes, Peter Ronayne, Kieran Kavanagh, Cillian Mac Sweeney, Peter Murphy, Shane Griffin, Kevin Kavanagh, Cian Barry, Barry Ryan, Barry O'Keeffe (Captain), Eoin Kavanagh, Killian McIntyre, David Drake, Matthew O'Reilly. **Panel:** Stephen O'Reilly, Jamie dePuis, Gary Harrington, Daniel O'Reilly, Nathan Coleman, Billy Pope, David Manley, Cathal Murphy, Adam Coholan, David Kirk.

Carrigaline Scorers: David Drake (0-02), Billy Pope (0-02), Matthew O'Reilly, Barry O'Keeffe, Barry Ryan, Killian McIntyre, Kevin Kavanagh (0-01 each)

Manager: Mick Meaney. **Selectors:** Ken O'Keeffe, Alan O'Keeffe, Eamon Kearney. **Doctor:** Dr. Mortimor O'Connor. **Physio:** Brendan O'Driscoll.

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