

## **U-21 A South East Football Final**

**Sunday, 20th March 2016, in Ballygarvan**

### **Carrigaline 1-09 Valley Rovers 1-15**

Unfortunately Carrig have been knocked out of this year's U-21 Championship by rivals Valley Rovers, after a spirited performance. Carrigaline had a horrid start, being 1-02 to 0-00 down after 10 minutes. Then to compound matters David Stack suffered a broken elbow and had to go off, being replaced by Kieran Dwane. Thankfully Carrig then settled into the game, gaining the upper hand in midfield & starting to impose their running game. The next 10 minutes saw the two teams' trade points. After 20 minutes the score was 1-06 to 5 points. Carrigaline had a nice mixture of scores in this time Brian Coakley (2), Barry Ryan, Eoin O'Connor & Colin Maguire. Then Carrigaline really got going with a goal from Matthew O'Reilly. It was a well worked team goal with a rocket of a finish. Credit to Valley Rovers, they battled through Carrigaline's purple patch and again the sides traded points. More Carrigaline scores came again from Maguire & Coakley. At half-time the score was 1-08 to 1-07 with Valleys leading by the minimum. Again Valleys started much brighter and had 3 quick points after 3 poor Carrigaline errors, to leave the score 1- 11 to 1-07. Valleys were now in danger of pulling away. But Carrigaline battled on. Jack McCarthy was introduced for Captain Brian Lynch and took an impressive score, as did Colin Maguire. Then came a hammer blow when Brian Coakley went off injured after going over on his ankle. On came Daniel O'Reilly and Nathan Coleman for Coakley and Stephen Maguire. The game was still finely poised at this stage at 1- 13 to 1-09. Carrig then had a goal chance that would have made the last 10 minutes very interesting but Daniel O'Reilly saw his shot wave just wide. By now Valleys gained control of the game and were frustrating Carrigaline's attempts to move the ball through the hands quickly. Valleys then added 2 more points and the final score read 1-15 to 1-09. Carrigaline have a lot of lessons to learn but with only 3 players' overage for next season there's a lot of positives to take from the display. Impressive for Carrigaline were the Full Back line of Cathal Murphy, Niall Quirke & Kieran Kavanagh who kept Valleys star studded Full Forward line relatively quiet. Also impressive was Jack McCarthy.

**Carrigaline Team:** Kealan Daly, Cathal Murphy, Niall Quirke, Kieran Kavanagh, Eoin O'Connor, David Griffin, Bryan Lynch (Captain), Brian Coakley, Barry Ryan, Matthew O'Reilly, Evan Ryle, David Stack, Billy Pope, Stephen Maguire, Colin Maguire. Subs Used: Kieran Dwane, Jack McCarthy, Daniel O'Reilly, Nathan Coleman. Panel: Andrew O'Reilly, Cormac Hickey, Morgan Walsh, David Kirk, Seán Goulding, Adam Coholan, Caleb O'Connell, Declan Maye, James Maher, Olan Barry, Eoin Riordan.

**Scorers:** Brian Coakley (0-03, 1 free), Colin Maguire (0-03, 2 frees), Matthew O'Reilly (1-00), Barry Ryan, Eoin O'Connor, Jack McCarthy (0-01 each).