

## U15 Football Championship

### Carrigaline 4-8

#### Nemo Rangers 0-13

Carrigaline was the venue for the U15 football Championship match between Carrigaline and Nemo Rangers last Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Conditions were excellent for the encounter, a good fresh crispy day with sunshine.

Nemo played with the wind in the first half and had points in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> minute to go 4 points ahead. Carrigaline scored a point in the 8<sup>th</sup> minute through Brian Kelleher to cut the deficit to 3 points. Nemo added 3 more points in the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> minutes to go 6 points ahead. Carrigaline had to wait till the 14<sup>th</sup> minute for their second point, which was put over the bar by Eanna Desmond. The score now was Carrigaline 0-2, Nemo Rangers 0-7, and with Nemo controlling the middle of the pitch, Carrigaline found the going tough and hard to get their game going. Indeed Nemo added 2 more points in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes to lead Carrigaline by 7 points. The one thing about this U15 football panel is that they don't panic under pressure and a Mark Brosnan free and a Jonathan O Regan point cut the deficit to 5 points. Ian Giltinan kept Carrig well in the game with some fine saves during the first half. A minute before the break, Jack McCarthy passed the ball to Brian Kelleher who delivered a quick ball to Jonathan (Johnny) who beat his marker and hammered the ball into the far corner for a goal. The deficit was now 2 points going into the break, GAME ON!!

At the start of the second half, Carrig had 2 points in the 32<sup>nd</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> minutes through Olin Barry and Johnny while Nemo scored a point in the 34<sup>th</sup> minute. The introduction of Jack Kelly helped strengthen the Carrig midfield and get ball into the forward line. In the 37<sup>th</sup> minute Ryan O Regan was brought down in the square while shooting, penalty. Johnny stepped up to the mark and let rip with a thunderbolt to the goalies right, GOAL. This put Carrigaline ahead for the first time in the match, ahead by 2 points. Carrigaline were never to go in arrears again. Carrigaline's full back line of Eoghan Riordan, James McSweeney and Sean Desmond were now coming out on top in their battles with the Nemo full forward line, and ably assisted by Jack McCarthy, Luke Boyle and Paul Moran in the half back line. After 41 minutes the ball was played into the forward line where Brian gathered it up and played a diagonal ball across the pitch to the on running half back Luke Boyle (Cooper) who's quick thinking and a one two with Olin had the ball in the Nemo Rangers net. Carrigaline 5 points ahead. Nemo added a point in the 45<sup>th</sup> minute before Mark Brosnan pointed a free in the 51<sup>st</sup> minute. Shane Moran's cutting run broke through the Nemo defence in the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute before unleashing a shot for a fourth Carrigaline goal. Johnny completed the Carrigaline scoring in the 57<sup>th</sup> minute while Nemo got two more points in the closing minutes. The final score was Carrigaline 4-8, Nemo Rangers 0-13.

This was a hard fought victory for the Carrigaline team who had to fight and scrap for every ball. They will meet St. Michael's in the Semi-final next Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Team: Ian Giltenan, Sean Desmond, James McSweeney, Eoghan Riordan, Luke Boyle(1-0), Jack McCarthy, Paul Moran, Shane Moran(1-0), Mark Brosnan(0-2f), Eanna Desmond(0-1), Olin Barry(0-1), Brian Kelleher(0-1), Ryan O'Regan, Dylan Cooney and Jonathan O Regan(2-3). Subs used Jack Kelly, Liam Óg Beasuang and Cian Coughlan.