

## U16 Football Championship County Finals

Last Friday night at the Mardyke, Carrigaline were involved in the U16 P1 and C3 County Championship Football Finals. They played Ballincollig in the Premier1 and Douglas in the Central3.

The first game played was the C3 and if previous results were anything to go by this was going to be a close encounter. This proved to be the case because at the final whistle only one point separated the teams.

It took 5 minutes for the first score and this was a pointed free from Carrigaline's Brian Kelleher after Cian O Donovan was fouled. The second score came in the 8 minute also for Carrigaline after Chris Murray and Dylan Cooney made good use of the ball passed into Olin Barry who right footed it over the bar. In the next minute came the first Carrigaline goal from Olin after Eanna Desmond caught a good ball, moved it onto Ryan O Regan, passed it to Olin who blasted the ball into the net. It took Douglas 10 minutes to get on the scoreboard with a point and they done it again on 13, 15 and 20 minutes. This put the score carrigaline 1-2, Douglas 0-4. In the 23rd minute James Mc Sweeney caught the ball and good work from the forwards made the Douglas goalie make a save but could not hold on to the ball. The rebound was put in to the Douglas net by Cian O Donovan. From the kick out Dylan Cooney soared and caught a great ball, calmly and efficiently slotted it over the bar to leave Carrigaline ahead 2-3 to 0-4. Douglas were not finished scoring themselves and in the 28<sup>th</sup> minute had the ball in the Carrigaline goal. This was the last score of the half and it read Carrigaline 2-3, Douglas 1-4. All to play for in the second half!!!!.

The second half started and both teams pressed on looking for scores. In the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute Olin pointed a free and after 40 minutes Carrigaline had another point when Ryan gave Brian Kelleher a through ball who put it over the bar. In between these scores Ian Giltenan, the Carrigaline goalie made a magnificent save. Indeed it was not to be his last as all through the second half the defence and goalkeeper were brilliant in keeping the Douglas forwards at arm's length. Douglas got 2 points in the 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> minute. In the 49<sup>th</sup> minute James McSweeney got his first point of the day. Carrigaline came under pressure in the middle of the field but a couple of positional changes helped alleviate the problem. James came out from full back and Dylan was brought out from Centre forward. James got his second point after 55 minutes followed closely by a Douglas reply. In fact Douglas got 2 more points in the closing minutes including nearly 5 minutes of injury time. This put one point between the teams and in the dying seconds a free for Douglas. All present held their breath as the free was kicked, a miss, just. From the resulting kick out Carrigaline won possession and the final whistle went. Carrigaline 2-7, Douglas 1-9.

The Cup was presented to the Carrigaline captain Chris Murray by Jim Forbes, Chairman of Rebel Óg Central and Peter Collins of Carrigaline Court hotel who sponsored the Championships.

Panel: Ian Giltenan, Eoghan Riordan, James McSweeney, Eoghan Greally, Chris Vaughan, Sean Desmond, Paul Moran, Liam Og Beausang, Chris Murray, Eanna Desmond, Dylan Cooney, Brian Kelleher, Ryan O'Regan, Olin Barry, Cian O'Donovan, Jack Ryan, Padraic Mallone, Conor Quill, Josh Clifford, Cian Coughlan, Sean Fouhy, Dan Greene, Luke Barry, Scott Lonergan, Tomas O'Donoghue, Ian O'Donoghue, Euan Doyle.

## Premier1 Final

Carrigaline and Ballincollig were involved in the Premier1 County Football Final after the C3. It was nip and tuck from both sides in the early in the first half. Mark Brosnan pointed a free for Carrigaline in the 3<sup>rd</sup> minute while Ballincollig opened their scoring in the 5<sup>th</sup> minute with a point. In the 11<sup>th</sup> minute Ballincollig were awarded a penalty which rattled the back of the net. Carrigaline responded with 2 points in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> minute, Jack Kelly scoring the latter. In the 19<sup>th</sup> minute Carrigaline nearly had a goal when Mark Brosnan broke through the defence only to see the Ballincollig goalie make the save. Ballincollig scored 2 points and again Carrig responded with 2 of their own from Shane Moran and James Maher in the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> minute. Ballincollig hit a purple patch and 3 points followed by a goal just before the half time whistle. This was a sucker punch and left Carrig with a mountain to climb in the second half. Half time score Ballincollig 2-8, Carrigaline 0-6.

Carrigaline made a valiant effort in the second half to come back with points from Shane, two from Mark Brosnan while Ballincollig got two of their own. In the 46<sup>th</sup> minute a fabulous run from Tom Deasy had the opposition defence in trouble before the ball got to Jack Cronin who buried it to the back of the net. The next minute Jack McCarthy made another surging run only to be fouled which Mark put over the bar. Carrigaline tried very hard to cut the deficit more but the Ballincollig midfield were beginning to win control. Ballincollig got 2 more points while Jack McCarthy put one over in the 28<sup>th</sup> minute.

Carrigaline did manage to cut the deficit in the second half to 4 points but this was the closest they were to get and Ballincollig ran out eventual winners on a score of 2-13 to 1-10. Carrig put up a very brave and heroic showing which will stand to them in the battles ahead.

Panel: Andrew O'Reilly, Tom Deasy, Declan Maye, Evan O'Brien, Luke Boyle, David Stack, Shane Moran, Mark Brosnan, Nathan Coleman, Jack Kelly, Shay Simpson, Andrew Kingston, Jack McCarthy, Jack Cronin, James Maher, Ian Giltenan, Kieran Maye, Chris Vaughan, Shane Barry, Cian O'Donovan, Chris Murray, Eoin Greally, Pdraig Mallone, Dylan Cooney, James McSweeney, Brian Kelleher, Jonathan O'Regan, Eoin Riordan, Sean Desmond, Ryan O'Regan.