

Minor Hurling League: Blarney 1-12 Carrigaline 0-11

Carrigaline Minor Hurlers had their first league outing of the year away to Blarney on Saturday 2nd last going down by a margin of 4 points in a very tight game. Blarney started the stronger and were 1-02 ahead by the sixth minute. However, Chris Murray got Carrigaline off the mark in the 7th minute and this was followed with further points by Brian Kelleher and Nathan Coleman. Shane Barry and Dylan Cooney were showing well in the defence for Carrigaline as the teams exchanged a series of well taken scores during the remainder of the half. With two further points from Brian Kelleher the score at half time was 1-07 to 0-05 in favour of the home team.

Carrigaline enjoyed their best spell of the match immediately after the restart with three quick points from Brian Kelleher, Cian O'Donovan and Jack Cronin reducing the lead to just two points. However, Blarney rallied and the teams exchanged three points apiece with two Brian Kelleher strikes either side of another Cian O'Donovan point. With the score at 1-10 to 0-11 and five minutes left on the clock Carrigaline tried valiantly to close the gap. With tireless work from Nathan Coleman throughout at midfield, Carrigaline pushed on to find the winning scores but it was Blarney who finished strongly with two late points to win by four. The effort and application shown will stand to this panel going forward.

Carrigaline Team: Niall Fitzgerald, Paul Moran, Luke Condon, Shane Barry, Dan Green, Dylan Cooney, Chris Vaughan, Nathan Coleman, Eanna Desmond, Tomás O'Donoghue, Chris Murray, Brian Kelleher, Cian O'Donovan, Jack Cronin, Ian O'Donoghue. Subs used: Sean Fouhy, Euan Doyle

Scorers: Brian Kelleher (0-06), Cian O'Donovan (0-02), Chris Murray (0-01), Nathan Coleman (0-01), Jack Cronin (0-01)