

Under 12 Premier 2 Hurling vs Eire Og 6/4/2015.

The lads kicked off their league campaign at home with a tough loss to Eire Og. Eire Og started the brighter with the Carrigaline defence slow to settle. Goalkeeper Cillian Walshe was very unlucky with a couple of early shots and he put in a sterling display afterwards considering he broke his goalkeepers hurley in the first minute. Evan O' Sullivan pounced for an early goal and despite being under pressure Carrigaline reached only 2 points in arrears thanks to two goals and a point from Rhys McCarthy. The backline performed better in the second half with Stephen Landy driving the team on in the full backline and Miki Mackin hurling up a storm at right half back. Finn O' Connell produced a fine second half performance as he notched 3 excellent points. Indeed the Eire Og goalkeeper gave a man of the match performance to keep out shots from all angles as pressure mounted. In the end Eire Og pulled away as a few soft frees were conceded. Overall this was a very good performance considering we have no hurling done over the last few weeks and performances are sure to improve on the back of further training.

U12 Premier II Vs Bishopstown 24/4/2015

The latest round of matches took place in Spiorad Naomh's ground and there was plenty of spirit in evidence as the lads recorded their first hurling win of the year with a fine performance. Early pressure led to a fine goal by Fernando Slavin and Charlie O' Brien kept the scoreboard ticking over with 3 well taken points. Rhys McCarthy put in a storming hour and his fielding was a feature of this match. Indeed another catch and clever pass to Finn O' Connell led to a great point. Chris Kiely repaid the favour as he set up McCarthy for a point. Further goals by Fernando Slavin, Charlie O' Brien and a rocket from Finn O' Connell led to a good victory. This was a very good team performance with Paul Harding and Dylan Allen defending well in the back line. Highlight of the match goes to Shane McSweeney whose point from the sideline a la Pat Horgan brought the biggest cheer of the evening.

Premier 2 Hurling v's Ballincollig 26/4/15

This match was the lads first match on the new pitch and it took them a while to get used to their new surroundings as Ballincollig started much the stronger team. If it wasn't for the strong defensive displays from Stephen Landy, Dylan Allen and the tigerish Evan O'Leary the 5 points to 1 deficit at half time would have been greater. The second half was a much tighter affair with the half forward line storming into the game led by Finn O'Connell who did all his sides scoring with five frees. Shane McSweeney was unlucky not to get a goal being denied by a superb save. The lack of scoring from the forwards is a concern but their effort cannot be faulted and it was great to see so many hurley's being broken. The outstanding Rhys McCarthy had a late goal chance to level the match but it wasn't to be. The football takes over now for the next few weeks and hopefully attendance at training will improve.