

Under 21 Hurling

County Final

Saturday 18th October in Pairc Ui Rinn

Carrigaline 4-10 Blackrock 5-13

The Under 21 Hurlers put up a brave showing before going down to Blackrock in the county final. Blackrock were over whelming favourites going into the final and at times threatened to run away with the game. But Carrig stood up manfully and came back on a number of occasions in a game played during a constant downpour.

Blackrock opened the scoring in the 2nd minute but Kevin Kavanagh equalised after a great run through the middle. Blackrock, aided by the wind were much more accurate in front of goal and after gaoling in the 21st minute they led by 1-6 to 0-1. During this period Carrig had a number of chances but were inaccurate in front of goal. Brian Coakley had our second point in the 22nd minute but things looked really poorly when another Blackrock goal on the 24th minute left the score 2-7 to 0-2 in Blackrocks favour. A fine goal from Jamie DePuis in the 26th minute was followed by a point from play by Robbie O'Shea after a great run. However Blackrock scored a goal from the resultant puck out. A fine point from Brian Coakley left the half time score Blackrock 3-8, Carrigaline 1-4.

Carrig turned to play with the wind in the second half but Blackrock opened the scoring with a point in the 3rd minute. Rob O'Shea opened Carrigs account with a free a minute later followed by a Brian Coakley point. Two Blackrock points left the score 3-11 to 1-6 before Carrig hit a real purple batch showing great guts and determination. A sideline cut from Kevin Kavanagh in the 10th minute went all the way to the net. Blackrock replied with a pointed free but a minute later Brian Coakley deflected a delivery from Killian McIntyre to the net. Points from Michael Lynch and a Rob O'Shea free meant that amazingly we were only 4 points in arrears on the 16th minute (3-12 to 3-8).

However Blackrock always appeared to be able to come back with a goal when Carrig threatened and they had a goal back in the 18th minute. Carrig never gave up and when substitute Daniel O'Reillys shot was parried by the goal keeper, Robbie O'Shea was on hand to divert to the net and the game was on again with 8 minutes left on the score board.

Despite the heroic efforts of the backs with Cillian McSweeney, Anthony O'Reilly and minor David Griffin particularly prominent, Blackrock responded with a point and a goal in the 23rd minute which finally killed off Carrigs gallant resistance.

Points by Killian McIntyre and Robbie O'Shea finished the scoring to leave the final score Blackrock 5-13 Carrigaline 4-10 at the end of a pulsating game played by two fine teams in difficult conditions refereed very sensibly by Cathal McAllister.

After a disappointing year at intermediate level the performances of the Under 21 hurlers was a major boost and gives the club great hope for the next couple of years at adult level

Scorers: Rob O'Shea 1-4 (2F), Brian Coakley 1-3, Kevin Kavanagh 1-1, Jamie DePuis 1-0, Michael Lynch 0-1, Killian McIntyre 0-1.

Team: Eoin O'Connor, Anthony O'Reilly, Cillian MacSweeney, David Griffin, Stephen Williamson, Kevin O'Connell, Shane Griffin, Kevin Kavanagh, Rob O'Shea, Killian McIntyre, Brian Coakley, Peter O'Mullane, Stephen Maguire, Jamie DePuis, Michael Lynch. Subs Used: Brian Lynch and Daniel O'Reilly