

Under 21 Hurling

South East Final

Carrigaline 1-17 Ballinhassig 2-8

The Under 21 Hurlers retained the South East Championship for the first time in the clubs history with a comfortable victory over Ballinhassig in the final in Shanbally.

Coming into the game there was concern over the level of preparation with most of the players involved with the Intermediate and Minor Footballers but from the outside Carrig were much sharper.

Ballinhassig opened the scoring in the first minute but this was immediately cancelled out by man of the match Rob O'Shea from a placed ball. A further point by O'Shea and a fine effort by Brian Coakley had Carrig ahead three points to one by the third minute.

With Kevin Kavanagh and Rob O'Shea dominating midfield and the half back line of David Griffin, Kevin O'Connell and Shane Griffin well on top, Carrig took control of the game when Rob O'Shea goaled in the 8th minute.

Two fine points from Killian McIntyre and two from O'Shea had Carrig 1-7 to 0-1 ahead by the 17th minute. Ballinhassig came more into the game coming up to half time. However the Carrig full back line, with Cillian Mac Sweeney playing through the pain barrier keeping a very tight reign on Ballinhassigs main target man, ably supported in the full back line by Anthony O'Reilly and Aidan Cotter with Eoin O'Connor very steady in goal.

Three Ballinhassig points in the last 10 minutes of the half and a Rob O'Shea free left the half time score Carrigaline 1-8 Ballinhassig 0-4.

Rob O'Shea opened the second half scoring with a pointed free in the first minute which was immediately cancelled out by a Ballinhassig free. Three more points O'Shea in the 4th, 5th and 6th minutes (two from frees) increased the gap before Ballinhassig replied with two points.

Another fine point from Brian Coakley pushed the margin out to nine points before Ballinhassig goaled in the 13th minute. Carrig responded well to this set back with Kevin Kavanagh dominant under the puck out and Jamie DePuis coming into the game picking up some good breaking ball. Two points from Rob O'Shea had the margin up to eight points and substitute Stephen Maguire added another in the 22nd minute to bring the margin back to 9 points.

A Ballinhassig 65 was cancelled out by a Rob O'Shea free with Ballinhassig having the final say with a goal in injury time.

After a disappointing year at Intermediate level, this was a great result for hurling in the club. We are now through to the county semi final.

Scorers: Rob O'Shea 1-12 (7F), Brian Coakley 0-2, Killian McIntyre 0-2, Stephen Maguire 0-1.

Team: Eoin O'Connor, Anthony O'Reilly, Cillian MacSweeney, Aidan Cotter, David Griffin, Kevin O'Connell, Shane Griffin, Kevin Kavanagh, Rob O'Shea, Jamie DePuis,

Michael Lynch, Brian Coakley, Killian McIntyre, Peter O'Mullane and Daniel O'Reilly.
Subs Used: Stephen Maguire, David O'Donovan, Stephen Dwane, Brian Lynch and Michael Quinn.