

Carrigaline Hurling & Football Club

U14 Hurling Challenge Cup Final v Eire Óg 30/8/15

Carrigaline 5-9

Eire Óg 3-5

This was Carrigaline's first hurling final for this team and from the start you could see they wanted to win this Cup. All over the field they were winning the ball with pure determination and honest hard work. The work rate was phenomenal from the backs all the way to the corner forwards and midfield got to grips with their opponents. The two teams fought tooth and nail for the 60 minutes. The Carrigaline full forward line was in full flow for periods of the match and got some very good scores with plenty of back up from the half forwards. The score at half time was Carrigaline 3-2 Eire Óg 1-4. Not a lot between the teams, all to play for in the second half.

Carrigaline came out strongly in the second half and with John and Ronan keeping control of midfield with the help of Cathal, Evan and Dara in the half back line, the full forward line of David, James and Eoghan began to put up the scores. The half forwards Fergal, Ciaran and Adam kept the Eire Óg defence on the back foot a lot of the time. Indeed the full backline of Darragh and Barry with the full back and captain Chris, leading by example winning balls that were even 40/60 against. Cian in goal was his usual self, cool under pressure with a sure safe hand. Carrig used their subs and they all played their part and kept the Carrig team in control all over the pitch. Eire Óg kept trying up to the final whistle to pull back the deficit but to no avail. Carrig put 2-7 on the board in the second half against Eire Óg's 2-1 and ran out deserving winners on a scoreline of 5-9 to 3-5.

Panel: Cian McCarthy, Barry O Regan, Chris Daly, Darragh King, Cathal White, Evan Healy, Dara O Bradaigh, John Greally, Ronan Kelleher, Adam Barry, Ciaran Riordan, Fergal Keoghane, Eoghan Kirwan(1-0), James O Grady(4-1), David McCarthy(0-8), Patrick McBarron, Fionn Murphy, Callum Murphy, Michael Twomey, Robert Ryle, Michael Coughlan, Mark O Mahony, Conor O Mahony, Kelvin O Mahony, Colin O Leary and Kevin O Reilly.



Under 13 Central 3 Football Final 30/8/15

Carrigaline 2-10

Glanmire 2-5

Amid perfect conditions, two very strong and skilful teams lined out to contest the Under 13 Central 3 Football final on Sunday, in Carrigaline. In the early clashes, Glanmire took a strong hold of the game dominating large areas of the play. Despite Carrigaline opening the scoring with a fine point, Glanmire responded with a goal and a point. Carrigaline responded with a point from Joseph O'Brien, before the corner forward Colm Walsh finished a slick passing attack by scoring a super goal. Only some resolute defending by the Carrigaline team kept them in touch, as Glanmire threatened to pull away. Despite a low scoring first half, both teams gave their all, with Carrigaline trailing 1-3 to 1-2 at the break.

The second half started with the Carrigaline midfielders; Joseph O'Brien and Chris O'Herlihy taking hold of the early clashes. Both players drove forward to put Carrigaline a point ahead in the first five minutes. Glanmire were not done though and surged forward, capitalising on a mistake in the Carrigaline defence, to score a second goal. They followed this up with two further points, to lead by four on forty minutes. This however, was to be their last score in the match. At a time when the game was beginning to slip away, Carrigaline found another gear. Their Centre Half Back, in particular, Sean Dressler stood up and took the responsibility on, driving forward and scoring three superb points.

At this point, it was all Carrigaline, and their pressure paid off when Jack O'Donnell smashed the ball into the Glanmire net, to put Carrigaline up by two points. This lifted the Carrigaline team who added three more points from the boot of Sean Dressler to put space between the teams. Despite being five points ahead, the game remained in the balance right up to the final whistle. There were magnificent scenes of jubilation at the end as, captain, Aaron Murray raised the cup aloft, bring to a successful conclusion, a great season.

Under 12 Danny Crowley Cup Semi Final v's Nemo Rangers 25/8/15

Heart breaking is the only way to describe this loss as the U-12's bowed out of the Danny Crowley Cup. Tears flowed freely after this game as Nemo scored their winning goal in the sixth minute of injury time. However this panel left the pitch with their heads held as they gave it everything over the hour and just came up short. There were twenty eight lads toggged off and a difficult team selection was proved right as Carrigaline proceeded to dominate proceedings after tricky opening ten minutes. Charlie O'Brien produced a wonderful display in defence and attack scoring a crucial goal in the second half. Paul Harding put in a great hour notching 1-1 at full forward and displaying a real passion for the game at midfield in the second half. Ross Kenneally and Captain Evan O'Leary were as safe as houses in the full back line while Finn O'Connell was a strong presence throughout at centre half back. Billy Cronin carried the strong form he was showing for the last few weeks into the match as he worked his socks off. The score line was three points each at half time which was encouraging as the lads turned to play with a stiff breeze.

They upped their game in the second half and laid siege to the Nemo goal at times without getting the scores on the board. Indeed the wides tally at the end of the match made for interesting reading as Nemo had four and Carrigaline had twelve. Charlie O'Brien was desperately unlucky not to get a

second goal while Lee Davies and Rhys McCarthy gave it everything around the middle of the pitch as did Cillian Walshe up front. Shane McSweeney won a world of ball in the forwards and scored a terrific point with Johnny Deasy and Nathan O'Keefe also impressing as they covered every blade of grass on the pitch. Substitutes Sean Byrne and Evan O'Sullivan also played their part when introduced. This panel should be proud of their efforts as they absorb yet another tough lesson. Credit must also go to Nemo for another never say die performance from a proud senior club. In the words of Miley Cyrus "It's the climb, the struggles I'm facing, the chances I'm taking, sometimes might knock me down, but no I'm not breaking".