

Carrig take an

early advantage



Michael Walsh wins possession over Carrigtwohill United's Tomás McGrath in the action at Brigown. Picture: Barry Peelo

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Carrigtwohill United A	3
Park United B	1

CARRIGTWOHILL United A were made work hard before running out 3-1 winners over 2A side Park United B in the first leg of the AOH Cup semi-final at Brigown.

Park United B who operates out of the second division did not look out of place at all against their Premier A opponents.

In fact, they gave Carrig a right run for it over a significant period of the tie.

And it looked like the tie would go into the second leg with both sides locked tight at 1-1 until two goals in the last eight minutes by Carrig ensured they are now in the driving seat for the return leg next Saturday at Ballyanley.

Park B started with a confident look about them and it was James Sheehan who was unlucky to see his crisply struck effort flash past the upright in the opening minutes.

A neat Park move commenced with Paul Seymour playing a lovely weighted pass up the channel for Liam Keane who helped on for the supportive Michael Walsh.

Walsh took a steady touch before swinging a cross over for the lurking Liam McGrath, but Tomas McGrath saved the day when he got his head to a very important interception.

Carelessness then in the Park defence allowed Derek Delea gain possession on the left, but lucky for the home side's defence, no-one supported Delea's chipped cross into the box.

But, Park started to compose themselves again and it was Brendan Wiley who broke up play in the centre before sweeping a pass on for James Sheehan and when the Park forward whipped a dangerous delivery into the box, Mick Cremin had to work hard to ensure no further danger would develop.

Wiley was showing well in the centre for Park and once again after breaking up play, he found Michael Walsh with a short pass.

And noticing James Sheehan making his run towards the far post, he tried a lofted pass which just failed to reach by the narrowest of margins.

But Park got rewarded for their endeavour soon afterwards when Sheehan was on hand to fire home in the 24th minute to hand the home side a deserved lead.

Park had a chance to nose further in front when a corner reached the unmarked Sheehan, but he headed over while unattended.

But, it was all square again when Alan Lynch blazed home from the spot after Derek Delea was tripped up inside the box in the 42nd minute.

Park responded positively and almost restored their advantage once again two minutes later.

A free kick floated in by Paul Seymour reached Michael Walsh, but his header was straight at



The Carrigtwohill United A side that had a 3-1 win over Park United B in the first leg of the AOH Cup semi-final at Brigown.

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Cremin and a great chance went just before the break.

Carrig looked bright in their approach as the second half got under way and after Kevin O'Sullivan headed wide from Leonard Healy's cross, Luke Hanna was forced to punch clear from a rasping free kick by Healy.

Carrig were now on top at this stage and after Wolfe forces Hanna to push out for a corner, Mark Collins knocked it back from the ensuing set-piece for Michael Kenneally to fire over in front of goal.

Carrig continued to press and when Martin Carroll collected from Tomas McGrath's pass, a sharp tackle from Kenneally ensured no further danger would take place.

Park were now being pegged back as Carrig applied the pressure and after Anthony Wolfe's header was blocked on the line, the East Cork side went in front for the first time when Carroll

knocked it on for Derek Delea to slam home in the 84th minute.

Alan Lynch then had a chance to fire Carrig further in front, but his effort went straight at Hanna.

But, it mattered little in the end as Anthony Wolfe had the final say when he leaped highest to send a powerful header crashing into the Park United net to make it 3-1 in the end for the Premier A side.

Park B: Luke Hanna, Paul Seymour, Liam McGrath, Ciaran Walsh, Eamon O'Connor, Brendan Wiley, Mark Bane, Michael Walsh, Liam Keane, Simon Bane, James Sheehan.

Subs: Eddie Nolan for Liam Keane (65).

Carrigtwohill Utd A: Mick Cremin, Tomas McGrath, Leonard Healy, Michael Kenneally, Anthony Wolfe, Alan Stapleton, Kevin O'Sullivan, Mick Sullivan, Alan Lynch, Derek Delea, Mark Collins.

Subs: Martin Carroll for Kevin O'Sullivan (65).

Referee: Gene Stephens (assistants: Denis Cronin and John Thompson)



Martin Conlon (Cork AUL) presents the man of the match award (Sponsored by Gary McCarthy Trophies) to Derek Delea (Carrigtwohill United A).

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UCC A came out on top with a 1-0 victory over Waterloo.

The decisive moment arrived in the 47th minute when Dave Coffey rose highest to power his header home with aplomb.

Goals from Ross Flood and Ronan

minutes when John O'Brien setup Ross Flood to find the target.

Ten minutes later, there was no way back for Greenmount when from a corner, Derek O'Leary headed on for Ronan Crowley to help home near the far post.

Blackstone Rovers	0
Rylane Celtic	1

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LEAGUE leaders Rylane Celtic ran out narrow 1-0 winners over Blackstone Rovers in their league one

hand the home side the advantage. A lovely threaded through ball from Healy picked out Jamie Hawe

Then, on 55 minutes, Dylan O'Sullivan added a third before he found the target again on 80 minutes to make it 4-0. Shane Buckley put the finishing touches with five minutes to go when he claimed Strand's fifth before Bohs got a consolation near

Kearney netted his second and goals followed when Warren Forde and Keith Daly grabbed two more. There were goals galore at Temple Park following Temple United's 5-3 victory over Grattan United B in 3A. Temple led at the break - compli-

'are through to the final after a 3-1 victory over Rovers at Rathcoole.

finish on 46 minutes. Dave O'Connell had it all square again though soon afterwards when