

pleted a whole season without a defeat - a great achievement by these lads.

Passage had an outside chance of the title themselves, so this was a must win game for both sides. The game was a very well contested, with both teams up for the battle.

Carrig created the opening chance when skipper James Mulcahy, who was a constant threat to the Passage back line, was put through one on one but the Passage keeper

Player of the match - James Mulcahy.

U17 v Blarney United

League v Blarney United in Ballyadam Park on Sunday 24th April 2016

Carrigwohill United 4 Blarney United 1

Scorers - Billy Manning, Philip Dorgan, David Grimes, Tommy Buttler.

Carrig U17's entered Blarney in Ballyadam on Sunday afternoon. This was our 4th game in

and it was very even in the first 20 minutes of the game. Blarney without a game in a week looked the fresher team and had us chasing the game early on. In contrast to our last 3 games we had no momentum and found it difficult to put 2 or 3 passes together. Blarney took advantage of this and scored after 20 minutes. Gradually we played our way back into the game and in a 5 minute spell before half time we scored 2 goals. The first came

free was headed in at the back post by Billy Manning. Then Ben O'Leary hit a great pass to Billy Manning who rounded 2 defenders before squaring the ball for Philip Dorgan to score our second goal and make it 2-1 at the end of a long clearance from Liam McCarthy and cut inside his marker to

second goal. But, Banteer were quick to respond and replied immediately, as a defensive mix-up and bad goalkeeping, allowed their striker to place an unchallenged header into the corner of the net to make it 2-1. The rest of the half was incredibly scrappy, with Corkbeg well below-par and Banteer working hard to put pressure on Corkbeg whenever they were in possession. Cein O'Driscoll blazed over the Banteer crossbar from 8 yards on 25 minutes. But, there were no further scoring chances in the opening half, despite Colin Horgan clipping the crossbar with an overhit cross.

The arrival of the second half didn't improve matters. Bad passing and mistakes were the order of the day. Banteer looked happy to defend in masses and proved incredibly difficult to break down, with a huge amount of blocks and tackling on display from their hard-working back four. There weren't

We dominated the second half from the kick off.



AULDiv2A Corkbeg 3 CFC Banteer 1

Corkbeg beat CFC Banteer 3-1 in Whitegate on Saturday afternoon to keep up their promotion push in AULDiv2A. It was a terrible game of football, a real end-of-season affair, with both teams depleted in numbers on the day.

Corkbeg started the better and quickly found themselves two goals ahead in a whirlwind start. First, Andrew O'Donoghue placed a marvellous ball over the Banteer back four and into the path of Cein O'Driscoll, who smashed home to open the scoring for the Beg after 15 minutes. And a minute later, O'Driscoll swept Fred Wenham's cross into the path of Stephen O'Halloran and his first-time volley scorched past the Banteer goalkeeper into the top corner from 15 yards for a brilliant

Our club was struggling with 5 minutes remaining and comfortably dealt with everything Blarney threw at them. Gary O'Brien was causing plenty of problems on the wing and looked a threat every time he got the ball. The game was over after 70 minutes when David Grimes got on the end of a long clearance from Liam McCarthy and cut inside his marker to

Player of the Match - Gary O'Brien.

Corkbeg FC

too many attempts on goal either. On 75 minutes, Corkbeg were down to ten men due to a lack of substitutes, as Jordan Ryan departed injured. And typically, it was while down to ten men, that Corkbeg made the game safe. With 12 minutes left, Stephen O'Halloran's low swinging free kick was met by the head of Corkbeg's man of the match Dean Keegan and he headed in the insurance goal to make it 3-1. Before the end, Cein O'Driscoll had a looping header well saved and Patrick Higgins narrowly missed the top corner with an audacious volley from 30 yards. Banteer huffed and puffed, but offered little in return and Corkbeg ran out comfortable 3-1 winners.

Team: P. O'Reilly, C. Horgan, F. Wenham, D. Keegan, D. O'Donoghue, C. Kelly, J. Farmer, J. Ryan, S. O'Halloran, A. O'Donoghue, C. O'Driscoll. Sub: P. Higgins for Farmer(60mins)



• U 15's celebrating the win.