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CARRIGTWOHILL GAA

U16 HURLING LEAGUE:
CARRIGTWOHILL 1-3
FR. O'NEILL'S 3-8

Carrigtwohill were defeated by Fr. O'Neill's in Round 3 of the Under 16 Hurling league in Ahavine last Monday evening. Carrig found life difficult against a very determined Fr. O'Neill's outfit who led at the interval by 3 8 to 1 3.

Carrig who were short a number of regulars for a variety of reasons put in a much improved performance in the second period but at the final whistle there was no denying Fr. O'Neill's the league points. So Carrig have plenty to work on as they now know a major challenge awaits when they meet the same opposition in the championship in mid July. Hopefully we will see a much better showing in our next league assignment against Sliabh Rua.

Carrig Team: Darragh O'Sullivan, Killian Nolan, Alan Warren, Niall Hannigan, David Rooney, Aaron Walsh Barry, Jack Scully, James Mulcahy, Cormac Flynn, David Folasade, Citan Oke, David Ryan, Cian Thornton, Ryan O'Donovan, Cian Dunlea, Billy Scully, Gary Yerskin, Cilliath Carroll, Stephen Mulcahy, Diarmuid Ward. Referee Michael Mulry (Aghada).

MINOR LEAGUE
FOOTBALL:CARRIGTWOHILL 4-8
ST.CATHERINE'S 0-8

On a beautiful evening for football, Carrig took on St. Catherine's. Due to under 16s playing earlier that evening, caring were under pressure to field and team but all players must be thanked for a special effort made to attend.

We were slow to start but in the early stages when carrig upped the work we began to get scores. Discipline was excellent and this was evident in work rate and keeping the free count down. Carrig played a fantastic brand of football throughout, left and right was evident in the forwards, Daire Crotty's left stole the show with an early goal followed by another few points. Gosnell was accurate from frees which put the pressure on the early stages, Brendan Twomey worked hard on breaking ball throughout. Carrig led at half time and were in good shape going into the second half. Carrig's scoring rate dropped a little in the second half but they were never in any danger. 4 substitutes made a difference before Liam Gosnell got a screamer late on before withdrawing with a worrying injury. A lovely point followed by Conor O'Mahony scored a lovely point and Conor Harte acquitted himself well at centre back in an experimental Carrig back line late on.

Kevin Coady, Ollie Baverstock, Goalie Cormac Horgan and Ryan Conroy and

Gearoid O'Leary acquitted themselves well in the backline.

Carrig Team: Cormac Horgan, Ryan Conroy, Ollie Baverstock, Tom O'Brien, Kevin Coady, Conor Harte, Gearoid O'Leary, Liam Gosnell, Brendan Twomey, Gary O'Brien, Conor O' Mahony, Sean Sullivan, Ronan Donnelly, Daire Crotty, Conor O'Donovan

Subs used: Conor Keegan, Dylan Deane, Tommy Jenkins Butler, Shane O'Hanlon

Special Thanks to all players for the effort made to play tonight's game as we prepare for next week's minor hurling championship.

SENIOR HURLING
LEAGUE:
CARRIGTWOHILL 2-17
IMOKILLY 0-14

Carrig's senior hurlers were without a League match for the third Sunday in a row but had a very useful challenge match against Imokilly to fill the gap last weekend. Both teams were short front line players but there was a good pace to the game on a fine Sunday morning and Carrig ran out deserving winners.

Early goals from the excellent Jay Horgan and Darren O'Driscoll put Carrig in a commanding position and they led by 2-8 to 0-7 at half time. Tomas Hogan was terrific from placed balls and finished the match with a ten point haul, including two points from play. There were good displays all over the field with Paraic Hogan continuing in fantastic form at full back alongside two young corner backs Brian Cashman and Oliver Baverstock, both of whom played very well too. Carrig's scoring rate dropped a little in the second half but they were never in any danger. Second half substitute Conor McCarthy scored a lovely point and Cian Harte acquitted himself well at wing back in an experimental Carrig back line.

JUNIOR A FOOTBALL
LEAGUE:
CARRIGTWOHILL: 0 17
FR. O'NEILL'S 0 10

Played on a beautiful April evening, this game was an excellent pre-championship exercise for a young Carrig team. Neil and Jay who came down from Dublin especially for this game and both performed excellently on the night. Carrig started poorly and were down 9 points to 5 at half time with Luke scoring 3 difficult frees. A feature of the first half was that Carrig actually had more shots at goal than O'Neill's. For the second half Carrig played with the slight breeze to their backs and restricted O'Neill's to just one point whilst putting up a huge score of 12 points of their own. This was the largest

CARRIGTWOHILL UTD.

CARRIGTWOHILL MAINTAIN
TOP OF TABLE STATUS
LEAGUE: CARRIGTWOHILLUNITED 4 BLARNEY UNITED 1
Scorers – Billy Manning, Philip Dorgan, David Grimes, Tommy Buttler.

Carrig U17's entertained Blarney in Ballyadam on Sunday afternoon. This was our 4th game in 8 days which was very evident 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 when a Darragh McCann 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 break. We dominated the second half from the kick off. Our defence was strong 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 score our 3rd goal. Then with 5 minutes remaining Brendan Twomey crossed for Tommy Buttler to score and make it 4-1 to Carrig. This was another important win and keeps us in touch with the top of the table.

Player of the Match – Gary O'Brien.

U13 – 7 GOAL THRILLER
AGAINST TABLE TOPPERS
LEAGUE: RICHMOND 4

CARRIGTWOHILL UNITED 3

Scorer – Darragh Ymedji 2, Mark O'Connor.

Our 8th league match put us against title chasing Richmond in Killeady. A great game to watch but the home side just held on for the win.

Richmond were a well organised team particularly from set plays and took the lead from a corner. In the first 10 minutes a corner from the left, deep to the back post, was met by their tall centre half who gave Carrig's keeper Cameron no chance and headed them into the lead. Carrig played well, with Liam, Mark and Darragh causing the home side plenty of problems. Richmond doubled their lead when a long ball wasn't defended well and their striker got to it and volleyed it home from the edge of the box. Carrig got back into the game before the break. From a Richmond corner, Cameron played the ball long up to Darragh on the halfway line. He controlled well and outstripped the defence down the left, before finishing brilliantly into the far corner, leaving it 2-1 at the break. The second half started even and both teams were contesting everything. Richmond scored again from corner with another good header, this time at the near post.

Carrig responded almost instantly, when they won a corner of their own. A great ball into the near post from Mark was misjudged by both the defender and keeper and it deflected into the roof of the net to bring the game to 3-2. Both sides had more chances. Cameron made 2 memorable saves, one low to his left and one to his right to keep out the Richmond attack. Liam rattled the crossbar from the edge of the box after some great inter play with Darragh. The home side extended this lead again from a set piece. A free on the left was misjudged and allowed to run all the way into the net past the Carrig defence to make it 4-2. Carrig fought back and when Darragh again outpaced the home defence he was tripped in the box to give Carrig a penalty. He quickly got up and fired the penalty into the top left corner to make it 4-3 with only minutes to play.

For the rest of the game Carrig pushed hard as Richmond tried to hold on for the win. It was great to see the desire in the team trying to score again, but they ran out of time. A great performance from all 10 players.

Player of the Match – Darragh Ymedji.

score we have put up all year and a credit to all 15 players. Shane Healy, Paraic, Seamus Roche and Neilo had outstanding games. We do appear to be slow starters so hopefully for the championship we can play for the full 60 Minutes.

Carrig Team: Chris Keegan, Brian Cashman, Paraic Hogan, Shane Healy, Paul Bardon, Jay Horgan, Killian McCarthy, Seamus Roche, Neil O'Connor, Dara Crotty, Liam Sullivan, Luke Kelly, Frank Keirns, Jamie McCarthy and Matt Foley.

FIXTURES UP TO MAY 2ND (TIMES,
VENUES & ARE ALL SUJECT TO
CHANGE)

Wednesday, April 27th in Rostellan at 7.15pm Premier Minor Hurling Championship E/T

Carrigtwohill vs. St. Colman's
Monday May 2nd: Senior Hurling League in Caherlag at 7.30pm - Carrigtwohill vs. Erin's Own.

Next Senior Hurling League match is down for Saturday, May 7th - Carrigtwohill vs. Midleton - venue and time TBC.