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Deadline for club news: 9am Monday

CARRIGTWOHILL UNITED FC



SUMMER CAMP 2016

Carrigtwohill will run a Summer Camp from August 8th to 11th at its grounds in Ballyadam. This camp is for boys and girls aged 7-11 (non-members welcome!)

This is an opportunity for kids to develop their soccer skills with the Carrigtwohill United coaches who have an exciting programme arranged. Of course it will also be a great fun for the kids!

Numbers are strictly limited so please contact one of the coaches or info@carrigtwohillunited.com to book your place. The booking deposit is € 20. Full price €50. Full details on our website.

U14 LEAGUE DIV3 : CARRIGTWOHILL 3 STRAND UNITED 2

Carrigtwohill were looking forward to this return fixture after a frustrating away defeat to Strand United last month. However, this was to be a completely different game.

After 3 good wins and a draw since then, Strand were coming into this game in a rich vein of form that that was evident from the kick off and with a new midfield and forward unit, they immediately put Carrigtwohill on the back foot.

Strand created 4 very good chances in the opening 15 minutes and it was no surprise when they opened the scoring. Despite a superb full length dive by Victor Omesbi to push the ball onto the post, the striker was the first to react to the rebound and had a simple tap in.

However, showing their maturity, Carrigtwohill did not let this deter them and it was a signal for them to re-organise and tighten up in midfield.

Not for the first time this season, it was Abdul Rahim who was to pull the team back into the game with a superb individual goal. Using his speed and strength, he shrugged off two defenders to put an unstoppable shot into the bottom left corner of the net.

Half-time was very welcome as Carrigtwohill needed the time to re-focus but came out a different team in the second half. With improved performances from Robert Adam and Alex Canty in midfield Carrigtwohill now started to impose themselves on this game and they created several excellent chances with Evan Donnelly in particular unlucky not to score after a super save from the Strand keeper. Our defensive unit was working much better now, with Ebe Imoh in particular having a great game at centre back.

After 10 minutes of the second half Carrigtwohill scored again, when a superbly flighted free kick was poorly dealt with by the Strand defence and Kuba Hoff, doing great work all day was on hand to poke the ball home. 2-1 to the home side but this game was far from finished.

The game was end to end for much of the second half and Strand did carve out several half chances. In fact they were to level the match with 15 minutes remaining when a shot from distance was somehow to squeeze under the crossbar but Carrigtwohill were not going to settle for a draw.

Not for the first time this season, it was to be Abdul Rahim who was to again prove his worth. Picking the ball up near the half way line, he went on a trademark run on the right wing and somehow found the bottom left corner of the net with a glorious shot.

In terms of league standings, this was a crucial match and Carrigtwohill players understood the gravity of the match so it was all hands to the deck for the remaining 5 minutes.

This is a most competitive CSL division, with just 5 points separating 4 teams at kick-off so the win was vital for Carrigtwohill as they look to push ahead and finish the season strongly.

UNDER 11: CARRIGTWOHILL VS. PASSAGE UNITED

This is a match that may be remembered for the extreme weather (pictured) as much as for the quality of the football played by both teams. It was well worth travelling to Passage West to see this, as this encountered featured yet another match limited to 11 a-side due to numbers.

The new format promoted for the U10s and U11s by the FAI this year has really proven a challenge for many clubs and with the season dragging on after the bad weather postponed the second stage of the season, even Carrigtwohill is struggling to play the twin 7 a side games.

After a competitive first half, both teams re-joined the action only for the threatening clouds overhead to burst open and unleash the kind of downpours that stops anything from going ahead.

The ref and players ran for cover - only there is no cover at this particular venue and Carrig's finest found a scant refuge under a pair of large umbrellas brought by well equipped parents.

As the hailstone shower abated, players ran back onto the pitch to finish what they had started, with the adults "in charge" wondering how wise this really was!

Just time for the sun to appear and begin to dry the jerseys, it was time to wrap it up - a good test of human resilience! Let's hope bronchitis does not strike too many of our brave youngsters!

U8: CARRIGTWOHILL VS. MOGEELY

On the great day for football Carrigtwohill U8s played one of the last games of the season. We travelled to Mogeely hoping to translate all the effort the lads have put in on the training pitch into real games.

The boys didn't disappoint, with a fantastic display in all four games. The games were played in a great spirit and the development of the players was plain to see. There were fantastic elements to the display, great goalkeeping, fantastic defending and outstanding attacking play.

Most pleasing to see was every players effort to try and play football as a team. It is a pleasure to watch the team growing as individuals and a team, and get the great support from the parents watching. Well done lads.