

Under-18 Girls win Munster title!

In atrocious conditions in Bruff on Saturday week last, Carrick-on-Suir's under-18 girls rounded off a magnificent season when claiming the Munster League title following victory over Mallow.

The team, which has literally blazed a blue and red trail from the season's kick-off, demonstrated buckets of resolve and guile to emerge victorious on a day which left the team kit requiring an industrial washing machine to subsequently cleanse them!

This was a victory won with good old-fashioned Munster grunt, on a day when both packs gainfully stuck to their task on a day that might have even had Ploughing Match enthusiasts cowering!



Carrick-on-Suir Under-18 Girls celebrate their Munster League success. Inset: the cup that the team so richly earned after a magnificent season.

Ten minutes shy of half-time, after a half-hour of rugby predominantly played between both 10-metre lines, Carrick took the lead after Chloe Blackmore crossed the heavily muddied whitewash. She subsequently converted her own try to leave Carrick 7-0 ahead, and that's how it remained at half-time.

The pattern established before the interval was largely replicated in a combative, energy-sapping second half, as both teams gainly gave their all, playing the game in a tremendous sporting spirit which reflected well on both sets of players and their coaches.

While Mallow eked out a try of their own in the 15th minute of the half, they crucially failed to add on the conversion.

Thereafter, Carrick largely dominated the territorial dimension of the game, and in the final 10 minutes found themselves camped inside the Mallow 22, but couldn't find a way through a teak-tough Corkonian defence. But the hard work was well and truly done by then and Carrick ended the match 7-5 ahead, champions of Munster and deservedly so!

This victory provided captain Aoife Moore, along with Faye Drohan, Karen Ryan and Donna Maher with the perfect farewell from the underage grade, with senior rugby now beckoning. And we wish all four well with their future careers, which we have no doubt will reap great rewards for each of this talented quartet.

Congratulations to the team on a magnificent, groundbreaking success. Not only have they brought great honour to the club, they've also been fantastic ambassadors off-field and are a credit to their coaches, their parents but, most importantly of all, to themselves.

Carrick-on-Suir: Kelly Walsh, Sarah English, Aine Lyons; Kate English, Ellen Commins; Zoe Lynch, Chloe Blackmore; Donna Maher, Karen Ryan, Eimear Bourke; Shauna Hanlon, Jean Power; Faye Drohan, Chloe Smith, Aoife Moore (c).

Replacements: Aimee Treacy, Eimear Ryan, Sinead McGrath.

Mini Rugby News

There was great excitement at Tybroughney on Friday last when our Minis, youth and adult club members got their hands on the Six Nations Championship trophy; many thanks to John O'Neill and the IRFU for creating such excitement at our grounds for such a special occasion! Following torrential rain on Sunday morning last, we were forced to cancel our final training day. Apologies to all but for the safety of the children we had no choice.

The Under-10s will play in Clonmel on Good Friday at 11am and the U-12s will also play in Clonmel on Saturday, April 26th at 11am. Players will receive notification prior to these games, while the new mini-season will get underway on September 21st. Meanwhile, a summer camp will run at Carrick RFC from July 14th to 18th.

AGM News

We hope to hold our Annual General Meeting in early or mid-May so please keep an eye on these notes and our Facebook page for further updates.

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