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RESULTS – Sneem/Derrynane 1-10 Ballymacgellicots 0-8

Sneem / Derrynane defeated Ballymac in their relegation playoff by five points with a great team effort. Sneem/Derrynane opened the scoring with a free after Brendan Hussey was fouled the ever reliable Ronan Hussey scored the free. Sneem/Derrynane then had a great goal chance as Ronan Hussey and Darren Breen linked up well with Darren narrowly missing the corner of the goal with defenders closing him down. Sneem/Derrynane and Ballymac then missed scoreable frees. A Joe Corridan free put Sneem/Derrynane two point ahead before Ballymac scored two points in a row to level the match with twenty minutes gone. Richard White saved a certain goal with a brilliant save as a Ballymac player raced through. Brendan Teahan then kicked an excellent score from distance after a fine solo run from his own half. Ballymac kicked two fine scores from tight angles just before the halftime whistle to leave them with the lead by a point 0-3 to 0-4.

Adrian Breen was replaced by Donal O'Sullivan at halftime because of injury. Ballymac scored the first point of the first half before Joe Corridan and Ronan Hussey frees tied the scores again. Ian Galvin then with a moment of brilliance hit the bottom of the post from a tight angle with a fierce shot which was unlucky not to end in the net. Then came the changing point in the game as Sneem/Derrynane got a penalty and Ballymac had a man sent off with a second booking after Ronan Hussey was fouled heavily. Ronan Hussey smashed home the penalty to give Sneem/Derrynane a three point lead . Ballymac pointed again from play and Ian Galvin and Ronan Hussey kick two fine efforts for Sneem/Derrynane. The advantage of having a spare man was deciding the game as Sneem/Derrynane s defence hassled Ballymac's forwards and limited them to long range difficult chances. Ballymac scored a point from a free and one from play in between an excellent score from Ronan hussy from an acute angle. David Drummond rounded off the scoring just before the whistle with terrific effort to leave Sneem/Derrynane winners by five points on a scorline 1-10 to 0-8 .

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