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Result: Derrynane/Sneem 1-16 Valentia 0-6

Sneem/Derrynane got their South Kerry League campaign off to a winning start with a home victory over Valentia. While Valentia were first off the mark with a point by Brian Sullivan, the home team soon established control and ran out easy winners in the end.

In the first half, the experienced Killian Burns at full back was to the fore in comfortably containing any threat from the islanders. At midfield John O'Shea was impressive, helped by the hard-working Dennis O Sullivan and their dominance provided plenty of ball for the eager forwards. Three points by Ronan Hussey, and one each from Dave Drummond, Joe Corridan and the very lively Cian Boland sent the home side in with a six point to three lead at half time.

The second half started with a scare as Valentia nearly goaled, but Mark Drummond got down to save well. From there on it was mostly Sneem/Derrynane. Shane Mac seemed to pop up everywhere, one moment clearing the ball, the next down the other end scoring a point. One wondered if there were two Shane Macs on the pitch! Dave Drummond continued his storming runs adding two more points to his total. Joe Corridan got another two points, one a very sweet effort off his left foot. Hussey got another two and Denis Sullivan also got one. David Breen, belatedly made his presence felt, chipping in with two fine points. The goal was an opportunist effort from Jimmy Brien. Derrynane veteran, John Real also made an appearance and like his Sneem counterpart, Sean O Sullivan showed that age is no barrier. All in all then a comfortable win, but as neither side was at full strength, it's hard to know how much to read into it. The home side put together some fine passing moves and picked off a few good scores, so there is something to build on. Young players like the Mac brothers, Shane and David and Cian Boland showed they were well capable of performing at this level. Both Adrian O'Sullivan and Michael White gave solid performances.