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RESULT: Derrynane/Sneem 0-9 Dromid 1-10

A very sunny Derrynane was again the venue for Sneem/Derrynane's second outing in the South Kerry League with Dromid the visitors. It was a keenly contested game which Dromid won by a score of 1-10 to 0-9. The home side's inability to take scores and the concession of a very soft goal were to prove costly in the finish. Dromid got off to a flying start and raced into a 1-5 to 0-0 lead. The visitor's Niall Shea was proving a constant menace for the home defence and he was at the heart of Dromid's best moves. The goal was a speculative effort that dropped in over goalkeeper Richard White who was probably blinded by the glaring sun. By the time they got their fifth point Dromid were waltzing through the home defence with ease and things were looking very ominous indeed.

It took Sneem/Derrynane fifteen minutes to get their first score a fine effort from Joe Corridan. Joe added two more frees and Ronan Hussey finally found his range with a pointed '45. Adrian O'Sullivan and Dave Drummond were now getting a grip on things in defence and the home team were beginning to pose problems for the visitors. However, some very kickable scores were being missed by Sneem/Derrynane. Dromid added another point to leave them ahead 1-6 to 0-4 at half-time.

The visitors got the first two points of the second half. Missed opportunities and over-elaboration by the forwards were a feature of the home side's play at this stage. Then Ronan Hussey pointed a free and Dromid replied immediately with a point leaving the scores at 1-9 to 0-5. Sneem/Derrynane now took the game by the scruff of the neck and put over four unanswered points leaving just a goal between the two sides with minutes remaining, but Dromid came up the pitch to point the last score of the game. Those Sneem/Derrynane points came from a Darren Breen free, a Corridan point at the end of a flowing move, an excellent point from an acute angle by David Breen and a final Hussey point.

So, despite a spirited comeback, the home side just came up short in the end and how they must rue all those missed chances. A tally of nine points will seldom win you a game and all the forwards need to improve their kicking for the next game.

The game was well refereed by Tommy Gilligan and was a clean and sporting contest throughout, providing good entertainment for the sizeable crowd.