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RESULTS: Derrynane/Sneem 1-11 St. Mary's, Caherciveen 0-17

Sneem/Derrynane were in a very sparsely populated Con Keating Park (the home support failing to show) for their fourth game in the South Kerry League. St. Mary's, Caherciveen were first off the mark with a point from a free by Daniel Daly who went on to be a continuous source of danger to the visitors, scoring at will from play and frees throughout the game. Sneem/Derrynane replied with a pointed free from Joe Corridan. St. Mary's went three points to one up before a fine long-range point from David Breen cut their lead to a point. Daly again put the home side two up before the visitors goaled to make it 1-2 to 0-4. The goal started from Derek O'Shea getting in enough of a block to take the sting out of the ball which landed into Mark Drummond's hands in goal. He instigated a flowing move which saw the ball being moved all the way down the pitch where Ian Galvin found himself through on goal, only to see his shot well saved by goalkeeper Horgan, but Denis O'Sullivan was on hand to put the rebound into the net.

Ronan Hussey then put in a high ball that Horgan punched out, only for it to be taken by Joe Corridan who fed Donal O'Sullivan to point, leaving the visitors ahead by 1-3 to 0-4. Mary's then reeled off five unanswered points before a bursting run from Ian Galvin led to Joe Corridan adding another point. Donal O' Sullivan then got another good point for Sneem/Derrynane leaving them well in contention coming up to half-time. Indeed all the Sneem/Derrynane forwards could take a leaf out of Donal O'Sullivan's book, which is: find space, receive ball, kick over bar. Simple, but who ever said football was a complicated game? The visitors then missed a good scoring chance and Mary's came back to point leaving them ahead by 0-10 to 1-5 at the interval.

Sneem/Derrynane reshuffled their pack for the restart bringing on two subs and making positional switches all along the lines with David Breen's move to midfield proving the most effective. However, it was St. Mary's who took the initiative and put two more points on the scoreboard. A Joe Corridan free pulled one back for the visitors after fine work from Michael O'Connor who continued to shine in his second game for the seniors and indeed seemed the best player on the Sneem/Derrynane team.

Pinpoint accuracy in their kick passing saw St. Mary's put over three more points. Ian Galvin then got another point for the away team when a goal had seemed the more likely option in the build-up. St. Mary's came back with a point before Corridan pointed another free to leave the scores 0-16 to 1-8. Donal Galvin then won a ball and his lay-off saw Donal O'Sullivan score his third point from play. Sneem/Derrynane were now fired up and substitute Adrian Breen was making an impression at midfield. A Hussey free and another Corridan point saw the deficit reduced to two points but hopes of a dramatic comeback were extinguished by a final St. Mary's point.

Referee Tommy Gilligan again controlled matters with authority in a sporting and exciting game that left the visiting fans a little disappointed with the result. Sneem/Derrynane are still a work in progress, but there were some fleeting glimpses of the potential this team has and the progress they could yet make.