

**3<sup>rd</sup> April 2010**

RESULTS Sneem/Derrynane 0-12 Beale 0-9

Sneem/Derrynane served up a thrilling contest in the opening game of the County League Division Three before a somewhat disappointingly small crowd in the Sneem Sportsfield. However, those who turned up certainly got value for money.

A well focussed and disciplined Sneem/Derrynane team proved too strong for a battling Beale. Joe Corridan continued his good scoring run of late, pointing at the end of a fine move, but Beale replied immediately at the other end and then pointed a '45 to go one up. Corridan levelled matters with a free which was won by good pressure by the forwards on the Beale backs. Beale kicked another two impressive points from play and were looking dangerous. Ray White burst up from defence to point but Beale kept the margin at two points with a fine sideline kick. The home team then enjoyed a dominant spell. The Adrians, Breen and O'Sullivan were putting good ball in to the Sneem/Derrynane forwards and a Denis O'Sullivan point and a Ronan Hussey free levelled matter again, but the home team missed some chances to go ahead with Ian Galvin seeing a goal bound shot well saved by Sean Dee the Beale keeper and both Hussey and Corridan failing to convert scorable frees. Beale again pointed well, some fine point kicking being a hallmark of their play before another sweeping move the length of the field saw Corridan finish it off with a point to leave the sides level 0-6 each at half-time.

On the restart Beale scored from the throw-in but the home team came back strongly with four unanswered points. Corridan got two from play, and the Breen brothers David and Adrian added two fine efforts. Galvin, Hussey and Darren Breen missed some chances in this spell. Beale pulled one back with a free before another bursting run from Raymond White saw Denis O'Sullivan, enjoying his best game this year, get another point for the home team. Beale then won a penalty and the chance to level, but they ballooned the ball over the bar, leaving two points between the teams. Joe Corridan was then put through on goal and had a great chance to kill the match, but his shot was well saved by the Beale keeper. Corridan then scored a free and Beale hit back with another point and with only three points in it the home team's supporters feared that their team's inability to kill off the opposition would come back to haunt them, and it very nearly did as the visitors threw everything at them and it took two outstanding saves from goalkeeper Richard White, to prevent Beale from at least drawing. While Beale and their vocal contingent of fans might argue they deserved at least a draw, in truth the home team should have had the points wrapped up by then.

So a good start for Sneem/Derrynane and trainer Linus Burke must be happy with the way his new charges are responding to his leadership. There was much to admire about the Sneem/Derrynane performance. There was great work-rate all over the field, some beautiful passages of combination play, and some fine scores taken. The team was also very disciplined. One swallow

doesn't make a summer, but if they continue to improve like this, then it augurs well for the season.

Both sides deserve a lot of credit for serving up such an enthralling encounter in difficult conditions that had the small, but noisy support, on the edge of their seats until the end. It was well refereed by Jimmy O'Shea from Glenflesk.

Fans man of the match: Joe Corridan

Team: Richard White, D.Shea, K.Burns. Donal O'Sullivan, Ray White(0-1), Tony Drummond, A.O'Sullivan, A.Breen(0-1), D.Drummond, David Breen(0-1), Darren Breen, Denis O'Sullivan(0-2), I.Galvin ,R.Hussey(0-1(f), Joe Corridan(0-6(2f)

Subs used: Donal Galvin, Michael O'Connor