

13th April 2010

RESULTS: Sneem/Derrynane 1-10 Firies 0-14

On a glorious day for football, before a large crowd, Sneem/Derrynane just came up short from getting a deserved draw. Joe Corridan was somewhat unlucky to see his free kick strike the top of the upright and go wide and with it went the home side's final chance as the referee immediately blew the full-time whistle. Firies played with the wind in the first half and were quick to punish the many errors being made by a strangely nervous home side. With Jack Sherwood and Donal Daly dominating at midfield for Firies, Sneem/Derrynane were finding it hard to make any headway in the early stages and Firies soon led by three points. Halfway through they were ahead by 0-5 to 0-1 and went in at half-time leading 0-8 to 0-4. Three Corridan points and one from Ronan Hussey keeping the home team in touch.

Firies increased their lead at the start of the second half with another two points. They were also a man down having had their full-back dismissed just before half-time. Six points down, the home side started a spirited comeback and reduced the deficit to two points with scores from Corridan, a fine effort from Darren Breen, a point from Ian Galvin at the end of a flowing move that seemed destined to end in a goal, but the Firies keeper tipped over Galvin's shot, and a free from Hussey. Firies came back to point and Sneem/Derrynane lost Raymond White who was red-carded. Derek Shea then saw red for a second booking and Firies scored the resulting free to go 0-12 to 0-8 ahead. Back came the home team with a well struck point from distance from a Hussey free. Donal Galvin, just on the pitch, fielded a high ball on the edge of the square, turned and lashed it to the net to put the home team level for the first time in the game and cause jubilation in the home ranks. A nailbiting finish ensued as the visitors pointed and Hussey levelled and then Firies went one ahead again before Corridan's final chance ended the game.

Referee Eddie Walsh from Rathmore handled the game well overall.

Man of the match - Jack Sherwood

Sneem/Derrynane: Richard White, D.Shea, K.Burns, M.O'Connor, Ray White, T.Drummond, A.O'Sullivan, A.Breen, D.Drummond, D.O'Sullivan, Darren Breen 0-1, David Breen, I.Galvin 0-1, R.Hussey 0-4(f), J.Corridan 0-4(2f)

Subs used: D.Leary, D.Galvin 1-0