

April 25th 2010

Intermediate Championship

RESULTS: Sneem/Derrynane 0-10 Listowel Emmets 0-11

Sneem/Derrynane were so near to causing a major upset in the Intermediate Championship by eliminating first division Listowel Emmets from the competition. However, for the second week in a row, they were to lose by a single point. It was a magnificent effort from the home side and they really should have emerged victorious.

Roared on by a raucous home support, the Sneem/Derrynane lads quickly showed that they were far from in awe of their more illustrious opponents, taking the game to the opposition all over the field with great gusto and it was a very rattled Listowel that departed the field at half-time and judging by how long it took them to come back out for the second half, some harsh words must have been exchanged in the away dressing room!

In that first half Emmets went two up, before Ronan Hussey pointed superbly from out on the sideline. Emmets scored their second free of the game and Hussey got another fine individual effort. Emmets were soon two up again, but David Breen put over a '45 and Hussey, who was unstoppable at this stage, scored another excellent point to level things. Emmets pointed again and Hussey levelled matters with a free to leave it 0-5 to 0-5 at half-time. The Sneem/Derrynane defence was looking very solid, with the young Michael O'Connor again catching the eye with another mature and accomplished performance. Darren and Adrian Breen were getting a hold on midfield and it was the home team to the fore at the end of the period.

Sneem/Derrynane took the lead in the second half from a Joe Corridan free. Emmets responded with three points and had a good goal chance, but Richard White was quick off his line to make a fine block and Killian Burns completed the clearance, but injured himself in the process and had to go off. A Hussey free and a typical Dave Drummond point after a deep run from defence levelled things again. Emmets then went two up again to lead 0-10 to 0-8. David Breen kicked a nice point and it was now that Sneem/Derrynane began to dominate toally with about ten minutes left. The outstanding Darren Breen and able partner Adrian Breen were now in control of midfield while all around them eager colleagues picked up any breaking ball. Unfortunately, the usually reliable Hussey kicked three frees in a row wide and Corridan and Ian Galvin were only inches wide from play. Corridan then equalised with good point from play and the roof was in danger of being lifted off the stand! With time running out, Emmets launched an attack and Donal O'Sullivan seemed to have their forward well contained when, to the astonishment of everyone, the referee penalised him and Emmets pointed from in front of the goal. There was still time for the home side to launch one more attack, win a free, but when kicked in the forwards were slow to react and it went out wide. Game over.

Referee, Paul O'Sullivan of Dromid handled things well overall, but that last free mystified the home support and both sets of mentors and fans reckoned there was two/three minutes more to play given the lengthy stoppages for injuries.

Fans Man of the Match - Darren Breen

Sneem/Derrynane team: R.White, D.Shea, K.Burns, Dónal O'Sullivan, M.O'Connor, D.Drummond 0-1, A.O'Sullivan, A.Breen, Darren Breen, I.Galvin, R.Hussey 0-5(3f), David Breen 0-2(1'45), Denis O'Sullivan, D.Galvin, J.Corridan 0-2(1f)
Subs used: D.Leary, J.O'Shea