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RESULTS: Sneem/Derrynane 1-11 Waterville 3-8

It all looked so promising at half-time. Sneem/Derrynane went in leading by 1-6 to 1-4 and were easily containing a rather lacklustre Waterville team. Indeed Waterville's only period of ascendancy had been between the fifth and tenth minute, for the rest of the half Sneem/Derrynane were comfortably in control, though the concession of two late points was worrying. Whatever hopes Sneem/Derrynane had of winning were torn asunder early in the second half when they conceded two 'sucker' goals early on and lost Darren Breen to injury. Try though they did, they never fully recovered and lost by three points. It was also a game of 'what ifs'. What if any of Sneem/Derrynane many goal chances had been taken? What if either of the two disallowed goals had stood? But in the end you have to put the scores on the board and failure to do that cost Sneem/Derrynane dearly.

Ronan Hussey had a very impressive first-half and put Sneem/Derrynane ahead after just 40 seconds. Waterville came back with with two points. Then, Ian Galvin went on a solo run that saw him through on goal but the Waterville keeper saved well and the ball was transferred up the field and Barry O' Dwyer goaled for the home team to lead by 1-2 to 0-1. In the ninth minute Sneem/Derrynane had a Donal Galvin goal disallowed for square ball. Next, Hussey pointed a free, Joe Corridan hit over a delightful free from all of 45 meters and Hussey pointed another free to bring the visitors right back in contention. Hussey then missed a good chance to equalise from a free. A high ball into the Waterville goal had Donal Galvin causing problems and Corridan made the most of it to punch the ball to the net. Hussey then scored two fine individual points to leave the visitors ahead by 1-6 to 1-2 and looking very comfortable. From another high ball, Donal Galvin flicked towards the net but the home keeper brought off a good save to deny him. Just before half-time, the home side scored two late points and Corridan missed with a free for Sneem/Derrynane to leave it 1-6 to 1-4 for the away team. Their huge support, which had taken over the stand, were in bouyant mood as the teams came off.

Things soon turned sour for Sneem/Derrynane. Waterville scored two quick points and Darren Breen was stretchered off with a ligament injury. Waterville, with a high ball, exposed the visitors defence and goaled and then a Sneem/Derrynane sideline was needlessly given straight to the opposition and they goaled again through Barry Dwyer to complete his hat-trick. Two sucker punches that had Sneem/Derrynane reeling. Sneem/Derrynane then had another goal disallowed, a free out being mysteriously given by referee Tommmy Gilligan. Donal Galvin then burst through on goal only to see his shot well saved by goalkeeper Ciaran Dennehy. Waterville added another point to lead by 3-7 to 1-6 and with twenty one minutes of the second half gone, Sneem/Derrynane had failed to register a single score! Hussey finally pointed for the visitors in the 22nd minute and Denis O'Sullivan added another. Corridan then missed a good chance from a free but quickly made amends with an excellent point from play coming just after another Waterville point. David O'Leary then made a great run that ended up with substitute Michael White lashing the ball towards goal, only to see it tipped over for a point. Sneem/Derrynane were now throwing everything at the home defence, but another Hussey point from a free was all they had to show for their efforts.

So a game that Sneem/Derrynane could have easily have won, but in truth if you make as many simple errors as they did then you hardly deserve to win and Waterville showed them what it was all about by taking their chances.
Fans man of the match: Ronan Hussey

Team: R.White, D O'Leary, D.O'Shea, Donal O'Sullivan, M.O'Connor, D.Drummond, A.O'Sullivan, A.Breen, Darren Breen, I.Galvin, R.Hussey 0-7(3f), David Breen, Denis O'Sullivan 0-1, D.Galvin, J.Corridan 1-2(1f)
Subs used: J.O'Shea, M.White 0-1

FIXTURE: A busy weekend ahead. Sneem/Derrynane play Portmagee in their ground on Saturday evening in the Intermediate Shield. Then on Sunday, the Derrynane Junior Team is in action for the first time this season with an away game in Cromane at two o'clock.
We hope the massive Derrynane support continues to travel.