

22nd May 2010

INTERMEDIATE SHIELD

RESULTS: Derrynane /Sneem 1-14 Skellig Rangers 0-18(after extra time)

It was the Intermediate Shield on Saturday night in a sun-splashed but windy Portmagee. The game went to extra-time with the home side emerging winners by a single point after a titanic battle. Playing with a strong wind the home side were soon three points up before the rampaging Ian Galvin fed Ronan Hussey for a point. The home side managed to stay a few points up for most of the half leading 6-3 after 29 minutes but two late Sneem/Derrynane points made it 6-5 at the break. Hussey had scored the second point from play, David Breen got the third and the two late points came from Joe Corridan, a fine effort, and Donal O'Sullivan.

Rangers went a point ahead in the second half before a Hussey free and a David Breen'45 had the sides level at seven each after 40 minutes. Rangers were then in control and led by four after 52 minutes. But this Sneem/Derrynane side never know when they are beaten and yet another comeback started in the 54th minute with a Corridan point. Then Ian Galvin was put through by his namesake Donal for another score and then two points from Hussey, the last a mighty effort from all of 45 yards levelled matters and sent the game into extra-time with the teams 0-11 each.

At the break in the the extra period, the home side were ahead by 0-16 to 0-13, two Hussey frees accounting for the visitors scores. In the second period, the home team, playing against the wind, extended their lead by another two points and surely the visitors were dead and buried. However, back came Sneem/Derrynane again and a Corridan free left four points in it. A good goal chance for Sneem/Derrynane resulted in a penalty which Hussey dispatched nicely, but time had run out and the visitors were to taste defeat again by the narrowest of margins.

Young Michael O'Connor was again outstanding throughout and Donal Galvin had a fine game. Ian Galvin was superb in the first half and Adrian O'Sullivan enjoyed a fine half too. Derek O'Shea, David Drummond and Donal O'Sullivan battled valliantly all night. Ronan Hussey's scoring ability was again in evidence on a difficult night for the forwards.

Fans' Man of the Match: Michael O'Connor

Team: M.Drummond, D.Leary, D.O'Shea, M.O'Connor, Donal O'Sullivan 0-1 ,David Drummond, A.O'Sullivan, A.Breen, R.Hussey 1-7(1pen-4(f)), I.Galvin 0-1, M.Hussey, J.Corridan 0-3(1f), S.McGillicuddy, D.Galvin, David Breen 0-2(1-45)

Subs used: John O'Shea