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JUNIOR LEAGUE

RESULTS: Derrynane 1-8 Cromane 0-15

The glorious weather continued making for a very spectacular drive to Cromane on Sunday. I don't want to make any emigres who might read this homesick, but is there anywhere more beautiful than South Kerry in the sunshine? Derrynane, with Eddie O'Donoghue in charge, were making their first appearance of the year in the Junior competition and acquitted themselves well against a strong Cromane team.

With the sun blasting down, Derrynane put in a fine first-half performance and if they had taken only half of their chances they could have been well ahead by half-time, instead they went in one point down at 0-5 to 0-4. With John O'Shea and David Breen dominating midfield and Donal Galvin and Shane Mac winning everything up front, Derrynane really should have put a lot more scores on the board, but a tendency to go for goal, some wayward kicking and choosing the wrong option cost them dearly. The four points came from David Breen, Ray Gleeson, Mark Healy and Shane Mac.

As luck would have it the wind really rose during the break and Derrynane found themselves playing against it in the second half. However, it was the visitors who went ahead with a Shane Mac free and a fine Ian Casey point from a good passing move involving D.Galvin. Cromane came with two points, to go ahead by one, but a nice Galvin goal had the visitors ahead again 1-6 to 0-7. Now it all went wrong for Derrynane as Cromane sprung some very strong subs and the wind got even stronger and Cromane put over seven unanswered points to deflate the visitors. David Breen pulled back another and Morgan O'Donoghue, on as a sub got a neat point, but Cromane came back with one more to leave it at 0-15 to 1-8.

Donal Galvin was superb for the Black/Amber, especially as he had played 80 minutes of tough football less than 24 hours previously. John O'Shea was also in great form. John Galvin had a fine game in goal, while David Mac and Mark Healy were strong in defence. Up front Ian Casey did well and Morgan O'Donoghue impressed when he came on. A lot of players are still rusty and unfit, so hopefully with the spirit shown here it will get better as it goes on.

Great travelling support from the Derrynane public as usual.

Fans' Man of the Match: Donal Galvin

Team: J.Galvin, K.O'Sullivan, M.White, S.O'Donoghue, J.Quinlan, M.Healy 0-1, D.McGillicuddy, J.O'Shea, D.Breen 0-2, I.Casey 0-1, S.McGillicuddy 0-2(1f), C.Breen, D.Gleeson, D.Galvin 1-0, R.Gleeson 0-1
Subs used: M.O'Donoghue 0-1

FIXTURE: This weekend it's Duagh at home for Sneem/Derrynane in the County League and Glenbeigh away for the Juniors. Let's hope the weather continues!