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JUNIOR LEAGUE

RESULTS: Derrynane 0-8 Glenbeigh 1-10

Derrynane were away to Glenbeigh in the Junior League on Friday night. An under-strength team put up a great display and until the last seven minutes were well in contention. Derrynane took to the field in a dazzling new strip. A huge buzz went through the Derrynane support when Kaka was seen emerging in the new strip and speculation was the Chairman Patrick O'Donoghue must have cut a deal to bring the 'galactico' to South Kerry! Sadly, it wasn't the Real man, but a local lad! Maybe next time?

From the outset Derrynane took the game to their opponents. John O'Shea and Shane McGillicuddy ensured plenty of ball was being won at midfield and all over the pitch the Derrynane lads were contesting for everything. Glenbeigh pointed first but Derrynane soon equalised when, not for the first time on the night, a good David McGillicuddy/Morgan O'Donoghue combination resulted in the latter pointing. O'Donoghue was in fine scoring form all night and he and Shane Mac added another two leaving it 1-4 to 0-3 for the home side at the break.

Derrynane then had the deficit down to two points in the second half and were setting up another point when the move broke down and Glenbeigh scored at the other end and went on to put over four more, but Derrynane fought to the death and came with two more points. It was Morgan O'Donoghue who got the fourth and fifth points and Anthony Casey put over the sixth. The two late points were from a storming O'Shea run through the heart of the home defence and he let fly for goal, but it just shaved the crossbar for a point. O'Donoghue finished the scoring with a free.

In defence, David Mac had a fine game, Shane O'Donoghue led by example and Michael White was settling well into his new role at full-back while Mark Healy again impressed and Jason Quinlan was solid. O'Shea had an outstanding game at midfield and was more than ably assisted by and his partner Shane Mac. Up front Cormac Breen was heavily involved and Ray Gleeson and Damien Casey were showing for everything while Morgan O'Donoghue was in sparkling form. Mark Wilson blossomed and was very influential as the game went on and Anthony Casey chipped in with a nice point. Ian Casey went off injured early on and was replaced by veteran Michael O'Connor who cut a very individual dash indeed and showed that his many footballing talents haven't diminished with age.

The Derrynane support felt that the team did them proud and that's all they ask for. Pride in the shirt! Well done.

Referee, Peter Lyons gave his usual top-class performance.

Man of the Match: John O'Shea

Scorers: M.O'Donoghue 0-5(1f),J.O'Shea 0-1,S.Mac 0-1(f)A.Casey 0-1

Team: B.Dreen, S.O'Donoghue, M.White, J.Quinlan, I.Casey, M.Healy, D.Mac, J.O'Shea, S.Mac, D.Casey, C.Breen, M.O'Donoghue, A.Casey, R.Gleeson, M.Wilson

Sub. M.O'Connor

Congratulations to Muiris Rayel, Derrynane GAA stalwart and last year's Junior Captain, on the birth of his new baby boy, Sean. No doubt team selector, Barry Clifford, already has him pencilled in for a position on the senior team!