

29th May 2010

COUNTY LEAGUE

RESULTS: Derrynane/Sneem 0-10 Duagh 0-7

Sneem/Derrynane gained two more precious points with a hard-earned victory over a battling Duagh. The first half was a very low-scoring affair and the home team went in leading by three points to two and having missed many opportunities in a half they had dominated. Full forward Donal Galvin put the home team ahead after five minutes with a well taken point, but Duagh levelled immediately when the impressive Thomas Dillon came up from half back to score. In the ninth minute Michael O'Connor broke up a dangerous Duagh attack and fed the ball to Joe Corridan who was fouled and kicked over the free himself. Sneem/Derrynane then kicked a succession of wides before Ian Galvin got a lovely point from out on the wing in the twenty-sixth minute. Duagh got their second point on the stroke of half time. Sneem/Derrynane were looking strong in defence and at midfield Adrian Breen and the returning Brendan Galvin were having a fine battle with Duagh's John O'Brien and Jeremiah O'Kelly.

The second half started with a surging David Drummond run, but he was unlucky to see his shot come off the upright. Duagh then missed a good goal chance before John Dillon pointed to equalise. Denis O'Sullivan then put in a high ball which Donal Galvin broke and David Breen pounced and put the ball over to restore the lead for the home team. In the eighth minute his brother Adrian put over a free, but Duagh cut the lead to a point again. Ian Galvin, having a great battle with Kerry panellist Kieran Quirke, went on a surging run up the wing, passed to Corridan who fisted over and after Duagh had the first of two goals disallowed Corridan pointed from play to put Sneem/Derrynane three points up. It was Corridan again, leading the attack well and meaning the loss of leading scorer Ronan Hussey didn't impact too much, who got the next score with a fine individual point and more good combination play by the home side led to a David Breen point and, five points up, things were looking good for Sneem/Derrynane. However, Duagh fought back with three points and the pressure was on the home team, but Donal O'Sullivan, Derek O'Shea and David Leary fought like terriers to keep the visitors at bay. A. Breen then fielded beautifully and fed Corridan who was badly fouled and had to leave the pitch. D.Breen put over his third point from the free and the game was won.

Duagh felt hard done by with a few of the referee's decisions, but Sneem/Derrynane were deserving winners in the finish. A big Duagh support travelled, great to see, and made for a good atmosphere in the stand.

Fans' Man of the Match: Michael O'Connor – the youngest man on the team was again the popular choice – up to the older players to wrest this from him!

Team: M.Drummond, D.O'Shea, T.Drummond, D. O'Leary, Donal O'Sullivan, D.Drummond, M.O'Connor, A.Breen 0-1(1f), B.Galvin, J.O'Shea, B.Hussey, J.Corridan 0-4(1f), I.Galvin 0-1, D.Galvin 0-1, D.Breen 0-3(1f)
Subs used: Denis O'Sullivan, Raymond White