

27th June 2010

RESULTS: Kenmare 0-17 Derrynane/Sneem 1-9

A game of two halves? To a degree, yes. But it's hard to explain Sneem/Derrynane's near total collapse in the second half when Kenmare coasted to an easy victory. Sneem/Derrynane went in at half-time leading by 1-6 to 0-7 and showing that they had nothing to fear from table-toppers Kenmare. However, Kenmare were to come out with all guns blazing in the second half and blow away a disappointing opposition.

Things started well for Sneem/Derrynane when Michael O'Connor turned over a Kenmare attack and the ball was fed the length of the field to David Breen who burst past a couple of defenders to point. Kenmare immediately equalised. Then Denis O'Sullivan, having a good game, won the ball well and fed Ian Galvin who went on a penetrating solo run and pointed nicely at the end of it. A Sneem/Derrynane free was then broken down by D.Breen and I.Galvin, who was all fired up for this one, pounced to take a good goal. Another ball in saw Donal Galvin win it and head for goal before being fouled. The referee, Tom Wrenn, initially signalled a penalty, but by the time he arrived up to where the foul had happened, he mysteriously awarded a free, which was put over by Adrian Breen. Kenmare then hit back with four points in a row, started by a fine effort from Mark Crowley coming up from half-back. After that, two frees for the visitors saw Joe Corridan kick two neat points from difficult angles. Then a flowing move from defence, when Derek O'Shea won the ball well, saw the ball being transferred up the field to Corridan who was badly fouled and A.Breen pointed the free. Kenmare came back for two more points before the interval.

The second half was one-way traffic into the Sneem/Derrynane goal. Kenmare had three quick points and would have had a goal only for a fine Tony Drummond interception which led to a move that saw D.Breen point at the other end. Scores level with five minutes gone. Kenmare's next point was clearly wide but was given by the umpire and it seemed to rattle the concentration of the Sneem/Derrynane back line. Kenmare's O'Sullivan, Randles and Crowley were getting a stranglehold on midfield and with their players mopping up every breaking ball around the middle they were now running through the Sneem/Derrynane defence at will, with D.J. Brennan and Stephen O'Brien causing major problems, and put over six points without reply. Meanwhile, Sneem/Derrynane couldn't get the ball down to their forwards for whom it was a most frustrating period. Between the fifth and the final minute of the second half, Sneem/Derrynane were to score one point, coming in the 23rd minute from an A.Breen free. It was another A.Breen free, after a Randles point, that finished the scoring.

It was four weeks since Sneem/Derrynane's last competitive match. Many of the Kenmare lads had been involved in a Championship game the previous week and they certainly looked a lot sharper and fitter than the visitors in the second half. It will be another month before the next league game, a farcical situation that benefits no one.

A very big crowd present and I suppose if you were a Kenmare fan then it made for pleasant viewing. At least there were no vuvuzelas to be heard! Excellent facilities in Kenmare, but why no functioning scoreboard? Finally, thanks to the three lovely ladies, Mary, Collette and Sonya who gave me shelter from the rain and kept this report dry – was much appreciated!

Fans' man of the match: the post-match analysis went on late into the night but no consensus could be achieved so no award this week!

Team: M.Drummond, T.Drummond, D.O'Leary, M.O'Connor, D.Drummond, Donal O'Sullivan, A.Breen 0-4(f), D.O'Shea, B.Galvin, Denis O'Sullivan, B.Hussey, J.Corridan 0-2(f), I.Galvin 1-1, D.Galvin, David Breen 0-2
Subs used: Darren Breen, A.O'Sullivan, Raymond White

U12 – Sneem/Derrynane continued on their winning ways with a one point victory in a thrilling contest against Templenoe, winning by 3-6 to 1-11. Tara Murphy was outstanding and Conor O'Donoghue and David Murphy also had fine games.

FIXTURE: Sneem/Derrynane U12s play Waterville this Wednesday 30th June on the local pitch at 7.30 p.m.