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South Kerry Special League

RESULTS: Derrynane 3-9 Renard 4-7

Derrynane's interest in the South Kerry Special League was ended by Renard in an exciting contest in Derrynane on Sunday morning, only a single point separating the teams at the death.

The home team started well with Donal Galvin winning lots of ball at full-forward, and a foul on him led to the first score put over by Joe Corridan. Good combination play, with Ian Casey linking well, then saw Shane Mac slot over nicely and a quick accurate free from Adrian Breen to Corridan resulted in another point for the home team. Galvin then fielded well and turned to put it over and Corridan was just wide from a free. Renard came back with a goal and point to add to an earlier point and Corridan then put over three frees in a row. Morgan O'Donoghue then wriggled his way through three defenders and coolly netted to leave the home team well in control. Renard had missed a good goal chance before this and John Galvin then produced a great save to deny them another. A pointed free for Renard left it 1-7 to 1-3 at half time.

Driving rain was added to a strong wind in Renard's favour for the second half and they got two points and then two quick goals to leave the home team reeling. Derrynane came back with two points by O'Donoghue and Corridan answered by two from the visitors. Michael White, playing well up front, then goaled to leave just a point in it, but Renard came back with another goal. Derrynane battled on and Corridan saw a goal effort blocked, before Galvin crashed a mighty shot into the roof of the net to bring it back to a point again, but the equaliser proved elusive for the home side who battled to the death.

Referee: Mike Curran of Dromid handled matters well and nobody felt 'hard done by' by any of his decisions. He was also delighted by the wonderful condition of the pitch.

Man of the Match: Although both Galvin and Corridan led by example, as you would expect from the senior members, the award goes to young David McGillicuddy, who played consistently well throughout the game, getting in fine blocks and covering diligently.

We also had the unusual sight of a Rayel replacing a Rayel, and good to see the brothers still answering the call after so many years of service. Speaking of service, had Derrynane a full complement of players, they could surely have won this game.

Team: J.Galvin, S.O'Donoghue, M.Rayel, I.Casey, M.O'Connor, D.McGillicuddy, A.Breen, S.McGillicuddy (0-1), D.Casey, J.Corridan 0-6(5f), M.O'Donoghue (1-1), D.Galvin (1-1), M.White (1-0)
Subs used: J.Rayel and A.Casey

Fixture: Round Ten of the County League sees Sneem/Derrynane away to Dromid Pearses this Saturday, time to be confirmed, in a vital fixture to ensure we stay up in Division Three.

Gripping games in Croke Park where one point was again the margin in both games. So Cork finally got their hands on Sam. Well done to them. No doubt, Kerry fans will look forward to the Kingdom wresting it from them next year. Cork celebrations in the village were muted to say the least, maybe they were all in Dublin and we will 'suffer' next weekend!

And how will we survive without the 'voice of the GAA', Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh? He will be missed by all. A true Kerryman and a true gentleman. He has well earned his retirement years and may they be very happy ones. Go raibh míle maith agat, a Mhichíl.