

25th September 2010

County League

RESULTS: Dromid 0-15 Derrynane/Sneem 1-12

Sneem/Derrynane had to survive a late Dromid onslaught and just hung on to secure the point that guarantees them another year in Division Three of the County League.

In a very lively contest, on a glorious autumnal evening in Dromid, both teams enjoyed periods of dominance and a draw was probably a fair outcome on the night.

Sneem/Derrynane were first to score with Denis O'Sullivan, in impressive form up-front, pouncing on a Tony Drummond knockdown to point. Dromid came back with two, before a neat interception by Adrian O'Sullivan led to another O'Sullivan point. Dromid went ahead again and Joe Corridan pointed a free for the away team, which was followed by three unanswered points from the home team. Brendan Galvin, breaking well through the middle, kicked a few wides before he found his range for a fine point and Denis O'Sullivan won a good ball to place Corridan for another point. Dromid added two good points. Next, Ian Galvin scorched through the home defence, but with the goalie beaten, his shot came back off the angle of the crossbar and upright and before this, Corridan was wide from a scorable free. Half-time 0-8 to 0-5 for the home team.

Dromid scored first in the second half and the visitors pulled one back with a fine effort from Darren Breen from an acute angle. B.Galvin was then straight through but failed to find the target again, while Michael O'Connor made a bursting run from defence and took the sensible option of fisting over to leave a two-point margin. Back came Dromid with two more points.

However, Darren Breen was winning good ball at midfield and soon the away team had two more scores, courtesy of an I.Galvin free and a fine long range effort from Denis O'Sullivan. Sneem/Derrynane now grabbed a hold of the game and Shane Mac finished to the net and this was followed by points from I.Galvin and M..O'Connor, leaving the visitors three points up with ten minutes left. Dromid kept plugging away and two more points left one in it, before another D.Breen point gave some breathing space to the visitors. Dromid hit back with two more to equalise and, with the bit between their teeth, came searching for the winner, causing a few anxious moments for the visiting supporters, but the away defence stood firm and the final whistle was a relief.

So, with one game left at home to Beaufort, Sneem/Derrynane are already assured of their place in Div.Three for next year, which is an improvement on this time last year.

The O'Sullivans Adrian and Donal, and Derek O Shea and Michael O'Connor were all solid in defence, Darren Breen shone at midfield, helped by B.Galvin, and Denis O'Sullivan impressed up front, while Brendan Hussey gave a much-improved performance.

Referee: Top-class performance from Tommy Gilligan of Valentia.

Fans' Man of the Match: Denis O'Sullivan.

Team: M.Drummond, Donal O'Sullivan, D.O'Shea, David McGillicuddy, M.O'Connor (0-2), D.Drummond, A.O'Sullivan, B.Galvin (0-1), Darren Breen (0-2), Denis O'Sullivan (0-3), B.Hussey, J.Corridan (0-2,1f), M.White, T.Drummond, I.Galvin (0-2,1f)

Subs used: A.Drummond, S.McGillicuddy (1-0),K.Burns,R.White