

County League

27th March 2011

RESULTS:Sneem/Derrynane 0-5 John Mitchels 0-11

Sneem/Derrynane began their 2011 Co League campaign against John Mitchels in sunny Sneem on Sunday last. Mitchels were first off the mark with a pointed free by Alan O'Donoghue after one minute. A second free from distance by full forward Wayne Conway had them two points up two minutes later. A Joe Corridan free eight minutes in had the home team finally on the scoreboard. An Alan O'Donoghue point from play put Mitchels two up again. Great defensive cover by corner backs Mike O'Neill and David McGillicuddy, who broke up several Mitchels attacks during this period and with hard working half-forward Denis O'Sullivan they helped bring the home team back in the game. A David Breen 45 and a long range free by his brother Adrian had Sneem/Derrynane level after twenty four minutes. A couple of missed chances by the home team and possession given away too easily prevented them from taking the lead and they were to rue this as Mitchels got the final score of the half from a Wayne Conway free to lead 0-4 to 0-3.

The second half started with Richard White in goal for the injured Mark Drummond. The Boherbue men were again off the mark after a minute from Alan O'Donoghue but an Adrian Breen free narrowed the gap to one point. The Sneem/Derrynane defence came under fierce pressure at this juncture but with the experienced Killian Burns to the fore and great back up coming from Mike O'Connor, David Drummond and Ray White and this allied with the fresh legs of substitutes Darren Breen and Derek O'Shea and David O'Leary doing well at midfield they weathered the storm. It was when Burns broke up another such attack that led to a great move the length of the pitch that led to Denis O'Sullivan scoring a brilliant equalising point after twenty minutes. Now we waited for the home team to kick into gear, but alas it was not to happen and when a Joe Corridan free to take the lead was missed, it was the Tralee side who seized the initiative and kicked six unanswered points to close out the game.

In the final analysis five points on the board (one from play) was one of the main talking points by the home supporters after the game. All agreed we were very sound defensively, which is a good platform. A better scoring return up front and more possession in midfield and we won't be far away at all.

Team: Mark Drummond, David McGillicuddy, Killian Burns, Mike O'Neill, Raymond White, David Drummond, Mike O'Connor, Adrian Breen, David Leary, Shane McGillicuddy, David Breen, Denis O'Sullivan, Joe Corridan, Ian Galvin, Micheal O'Sullivan.

Subs: Richard White, Darren Breen, Derek O'Shea, Mike White, Ian Casey, Owen O'Sullivan.

School's Semi Final;Well done to Anna Galvin who played on The Colaiste Na Sceilge Girls team who reached the All Ireland Final after their Semi-Final win last week.