

17<sup>th</sup> April 2011

### **County League**

It was a case of North against South or top against bottom in Derrynane on Sunday last as Tarbert came down to battle with Sneem/Derrynane in the county league. They arrived early and full of confidence as table toppers and North Kerry champions. On a sunny afternoon it was the home side who were on the scoreboard first, with a Joe Corridan point from play after 2 minutes. A pointed free by number 13 O'Connell had Tarbert level on 5 minutes. A good move including Mike O' Connor and Morgan O' Donoghue with Ian Galvin putting over with the outside of his left foot to put the home side in front. They went 3 points to 1 ahead after Morgan O' Donoghue finished another attack by kicking a point on the run. A Sean McGinley free for Tarbert on 18 minutes narrowed the gap to one. David Drummond with a trademark point put Sneem/Derrynane 2 points up on 20 minutes. Tarbert finished the half stronger with points by McGinley and Stephen O'Connor to leave the half time score tied at 4 points each. First half stats had Tarbert on 9 wides while the home side had 2.

The second half was 5 minutes old before the first score came and this came from Tarbert number 3, Kieran Dennihan after 6 minutes. The exchanges were fast and furious as the next score did not come till the 16th minute and this point put Tarbert 2 points up. Tarbert then went a man down as a second yellow card was shown. The home team upped the tempo at this stage and were rewarded in the 23rd minute as a goal bound shot by sub Shane McGillicuddy was blocked and the rebound was punched into the net by roving corner back Mike O' Neil. A point to the good at this stage and urged on by the vocal home support Sneem/Derrynane were not going to be denied and held on for a famous victory. A great all round performance though not without its flaws sets them up nicely for the Intermediate Championship game against John Mitchels in Tralee next Saturday evening. Man of the Match was the very versatile Mike O'Neill.

Kerry Minors: Well done to Micheal O'Connor who played on the Kerry Minor team who defeated Waterford last week to qualify for the Munster Semi-Final.