

15th May 2011

County League

RESULT: Tousist 1 -8 Sneem/Derrynane 0 - 15

Sneem/Derrynane travelled deep into the territory of the O'Siosta on Saturday evening for their Round 4 County League clash with Tousist in Lauragh. Our usual band of travelling supporters (including the Saudi one) could be heard in good voice cheering on the team in this most peaceful of settings. Tousist were on the scored board first with a point from Dermot O'Sullivan. Sneem/Derrynane responded quickly with a fine Morgan O'Donoghue point after a nice team move. An Alan O'Shea point for Tousist on four minutes put them ahead and they added two more by the tenth minute from O'Shea and McNally to lead 4 points to 1. Darren Breen pulled one back for the visitors and a Joe Corridan free had it down to the bare minimum. Alan O'Shea with a free put the home side two ahead but soon after half back Raymond White narrowed the gap after a fine run up the field. Tousist took command of the game for the next five mins with a good point from O'Shea and they then found the net after a mix up in the away defence. With twenty five minutes gone they had a lead of five points and were looking dangerous only for some indiscipline on their part saw them go a man down. Sneem/Derrynane closed the half with two great scores the first a huge kick with the outside of the right boot by Darren Breen from out on the left wing and then Michael White finished a great move by splitting the uprights to leave the half-time score 1-6 to 0-6 in favour of Tousist.

The home team went on the attack straight from the throw in and it took a point blank save from Mark Drummond to deny an almost certain goal. Morgan O'Donoghue with a great point after receiving a perfect pass from Darren Breen cut the lead to two points. Alan O'Shea kicked two further points to put the home team four points clear after ten minutes and try as they might they failed to add to this tally as good defending by Mike Neill, David McGillicuddy and Raymond White kept them out. With David Leary and Darren Breen gaining the upper hand around midfield and with Joe Corridan, Denis Sullivan and Michael White picking up an amount of breaks the supply was express like into the inside line of Ian Galvin, Morgan O'Donoghue and Michéal O'Sullivan who now seemed to have the beating of their men. Soon the scores started to come as Joe Corridan in the 19th and 20th and a Denis O'Sullivan special had it down to the minimum by the 20th minute. Fierce exchanges on both sides ensured the next score did not come till the 26th minute and that was a Joe Corridan free after a foul on Morgan O'Donoghue and more importantly for the visitors it was the equalising score. Michael O'Sullivan put Sneem/Derrynane into the lead a minute later and Joe Corridan quickly added further point to put them two up. Urged on by subs and management and the noisy traveling supporters and sensing victory they went and closed out the game with another Joe Corridan point and an insurance point by Morgan O'Donoghue to leave the final score Sneem/Derrynane 0-15 Tousist 1-8.

A great team effort all-round and despite being short some experienced players, the young lads who took their places really impressed. The journey home for the Sneem/Derrynane contingent (and the tanned one from Saudi) though a long one, was indeed a happy one.

Team:Mark Drummond, David McGillicuddy, Mike O'Neill, Shane McGillicuddy, Adrian O'Sullivan, David Drummond, Raymond White, David O'Leary, Darren Breen, Denis O'Sullivan, Joe Corridan, Michael White, Michéal O'Sullivan, Ian Galvin, Morgan O'Donoghue.

Subs:Dereck O'Shea for Adrian Sullivan, Ian Casey, Eoin O'Sullivan, Aidan Drummond.

Fans choice for man of the match: Morgan O Donoghue.