

# Kenmare taste defeat the for first time

## COUNTY SFL DIVISION THREE (Round 9)

THE complexion of the promotion battle was thrown wide open this weekend after Kenmare suffered their first defeat of the League campaign away to Keel with the Mid Kerry side having seven points to spare at the finish.

With Liam Sheehan and Gary Sayers dominating their attack Keel took a comfortable 0-10 to 0-3 advantage in with them at half time as Donal O'Neill and Aaron Cahillane in defence and Thomas Ladden in midfield stood out in a comprehensive 0-18 to 1-8 victory that puts them right back in what is now a very tight promotion battle with at least eight teams still in with a mathematical chance of gaining promotion. Stephen O'Brien grabbed a consolation goal for Kenmare as DJ Brennan kicked six points and they face a tricky visit to John Mitchels in Round 10.

Mitchels themselves drew 1-11 apiece against relegation threatened Duagh with the North Kerry side recovering well from a 1-3 to no score deficit after just 10 minutes. Jamie Moriarty grabbed the Tralee side's goal as he finished with 1-5 in total as Tim Scanlon's goal for Duagh reduced the deficit to 1-7 to 1-4 at the break.

Martin Scannell and Jason Carmody for Duagh as well as Brendan O'Mahony and Matt Maloney for Mitchels stood out as Carmody hit the equalising score at the end and Martin Scannell just missed out on a chance to secure a much needed victory for Duagh.

St Pats appear to be in form at the moment with a 2-17 to 1-10 triumph over Waterville who had to make do without Mick O'Dwyer on the sideline last weekend. Sean Kelly

and Gary Savage were the St Brendans side's goalscorers as Shane Brosnan and Johnny Enright impressed for St Pats with Haulie Courtney's goal the only bright spot for Waterville who lost ground in the promotion battle with this defeat.

East Kerry side Furies were another team to suffer a setback last weekend

as Dromid Peares made it a County League and Junior Championship double over the Farranfore outfit. Goals from Declan O'Sullivan and Thomas Curran were the difference in a 2-12 to 0-11 away victory that secures the South Kerry side another season of Division Three football.

Glenbeigh / Glencar officially secured another season in Division Three as well following an 1-18 to 0-8 triumph over Sneem /

Derrynane who are still not officially safe. Gavan O'Grady as scorer-in-chief and Fergal Griffin were the stars for the Mid Kerry side as the South Kerry combination were left to rue two missed goal scoring opportunities in the first half with Adrian Breen and Brendan Galvin trying hardest for the home side.

Beale's relegation was officially confirmed with defeat to Beaufort but they didn't go down without a

fight as a Maurice O'Connor goal gave them a 1-5 to 0-4 advantage at the break while Barry O'Mahony had a cracking shot tipped over the 'bar by Mike Moriarty late on that could have swung the game their way, but it was a 3-9 to 1-12 triumph for Beaufort with goals from Francis Courtney, Kevin Moriarty and Ronan Ferris securing a victory that leaves Beaufort in with a very outside chance of promotion.



Duagh wing forward Daniel O'Donoghue in full flight and chased by John Mitchels wing back Donal Kerins during their senior football league division 3 game in Duagh on Saturday evening

PICTURE: JOHN REIDY

# All to play for as Cordal and Tuosist draw

## COUNTY SFL DIVISION FOUR (Round 9)

IT'S still all to play for in the promotion battle between Tuosist, Cordal and Churchill with Tuosist and Cordal sharing the spoils in a very tight and dogged battle last Sunday. A Pierce Brosnan penalty right at the end was enough to secure a point for Cordal as they trailed by 1-7 to 1-2 at the interval. Gavan McCarthy got the goal for Tuosist as Eamon John O'Donoghue and Flor O'Sullivan enjoyed a cracking battle around the middle of the pitch. Phillip O'Connor scored Cordal's first goal as Padraig Dignan and Liam O'Shea traded scores for both teams until Bros-

nan's late intervention from the penalty spot.

With this draw the door was wide open for Churchill to take advantage, however, they went down by three points to struggling Renard for whom John Sugrue and Kenneth Casey excelled. A Liam O'Sullivan goal saw both team level on 1-4 to 0-7 at the break yet Renard found the scores a bit easier to come by as despite a cracking goal by Stephen Concannon and the efforts of Daniel Doyle and John O'Sullivan, the St Brendans side went down by three points at the finish 1-12 to 1-9.

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fourth in the table after a 2-8 to 1-11 draw with Ballyduff with the St Kierans outfit needing Frank O'Rahilly to come off the bench and rescue a point at the finish. Thomas O'Rourke gave Ballyduff a 1-5 to 0-7 advantage at the break with the game's first goal but despite Barry O'Grady grabbing a second goal Genie O'Keeffe began a Ballymac revival that was finished off by O'Rahilly's late point.

Listry recovered from their loss in the Novice final with a 2-12 to 1-12 triumph over Brosna as Derry Ahern's two goals shortly after half-time enough to withstand a late Brosna fightback that saw Tom McGoldrick score a

penalty for the St Kierans side.

The Novice champions Na Gaeil were clinical themselves in their demolition of Moyvane who appear to be in grave danger of dropping down to Division Five a 2-17 to 0-6 hammering at the hands of the Tralee side. Diarmuid Herlihy and Enda Culloty were Na Gaeil's goalscorers as Moyvane need to get something from their back game with Ballyduff this weekend or else they will be looking at relegation.

Fossa took a big step towards safety with a 0-12 to 0-9 victory over Scartaglin that saw them recover from an early penalty miss to draw level

at four points apiece at half-time.

Brothers Tommy and Mikey Cronin inspired Fossa to a better performance in the second period and even though Padraig Reidy hit a cracking effort from 45 yards out, Fintan Coffey and John Falvey points secured the victory for Fossa.

Ballyduff's back games give them the best chance of keeping their destiny in their own hands as the tenth place team will have to slug it out with the third place in Division Five to see whether they swap places or stay the same. At the top Tuosist and Churchill's meeting on the last day could be crucial in the promotion battle.

# St Senans just one game away

## COUNTY SFL DIVISION FIVE (Round 9)

ST Senans might very well be the place to be Saturday night if they get either a draw or defeat Dingle B as their 3-13 to 1-3 triumph over Strand Road puts them within a point of Division Four football in 2011. Leading eight points to no score at half-time, goals from Ronan Kerin, Micheal Whelan and Jonathon Caffrey wrapped up a convincing victory with seven points from Sean O'Connell as well as a commanding performance from midfielder Brendan O'Connell the icing on the cake for the North Kerry side who still have a 100% record since the start of the campaign.

Lispole remain their nearest challengers with a 4-16 to 2-9 triumph over table propping Knocknagoshel with a brace of goals from Declan O'Sullivan and single efforts from Brendan Garvey and Cathal O'Sullivan cancelling out John O'Keeffe two goals for Knocknagoshel.

Templenoe moved into third with a 3-8 to 0-9 triumph over Dingle B who's own hopes of promotion appear to be slipping at this stage as goals from Padraig Doyle, Patrick Palmer and Danny Cahillane as well as a commanding display from John Spillane topped off a terrific performance by the Kenmare District side.

Valentia and Cromane would probably both have preferred a victory in their 2-10 to 0-16 draw with goals from Sean Walsh and Sean O'Sullivan giving the visitors to the island a 2-5 to 0-8 advantage at the interval until Richard

Quigley, Brendan O'Sullivan, Daniel Falvey and finally Barry Murphy at the end secured a point for Valentia, their first in three games.

Ballydonoghue still have a small chance of a promotion spot, but only after surviving a big scare from Asdee with a winning point from Eamon Walsh along with a personal total of 1-7 for Paul Kennelly just about enough to secure a 1-13 to 2-9 triumph after goals from Eoin Kennedy and a Jeremiah Tydings penalty very nearly gave Asdee a share of the spoils.

Laune Rangers B recovered from their loss to Kilcummin in the Molyneux Cup the previous Friday with a 3-8 to 1-9 triumph away to Kilgarvan with David O'Sullivan, Chris and Darren O'Riordan getting the three goals as the Killorglin side move level with Ballylongford in the table on 11 points, Ballylongford receiving a walkover from Clounmaccon last weekend.

Apart from Lispole vs St Senans in the last round (which may be irrelevant in the latter's case by then), Ballydonoghue vs Cromane is the only real match where the promotion chasers face off and you would expect the promotion chasers to win all of their remaining games.

If Cromane win this weekend then they could find themselves fighting it out with Templenoe for the third spot should Lispole win their next game with Laune Rangers B, which would probably give the West Kerry side the second automatic spot.



Duagh midfielder Anthony Maher about to strike for a long-range point

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