

Moynalvey remain unbeaten in both league and championship this year after securing a deserved nine point victory over a spirited Bective side in this Junior A championship game played in Kilmessan on Tuesday evening, May 8th.

*Moynalvey 2 - 12 Bective 1 - 6*

The first half was played in very wet and showery conditions which just about favoured Moynalvey. The maroon and whites opened the scoring through Willie Byrne and further points from Cathal Sheridan, Byrne and Robbie Quinlan left the score 0 - 4 to 0 - 2 after 20 minutes. It was then however that Moynalvey upped the tempo.

A foul on John Donoghue as he ran clean through resulted in a penalty which Cathal Sheridan despatched with ease. Three minutes later, Willie Byrne fielded a long Damian Dixon pass to bury past the Bective keeper. Further points from Quinlan and Byrne left the half time score at 2 - 6 to 0 - 4 in Moynalvey's favour.

Moynalvey resumed the second half where they left off with two more points from Quinlan and John Donoghue to leave them ten ahead. Bective then had their purple patch and threatened the Moynalvey goals on a couple of occasions as the sun came out. After hitting the crossbar they eventually got their just reward with a three pointer to cut the margin to 7 points.

This was as close as Bective got however and further well worked points from Sheridan, PJ Walsh, Byrne and a superb effort from substitute James Weldon left Moynalvey well clear again. Bective closed off the scoring with a point of their own with the last kick of the game.

Best for Moynalvey were Paul Weldon and Donal Smith in defence, John Donoghue in the middle and Robbie Quinlan, Damian Dixon, Willie Byrne and James Weldon in the attack.

Team & scorers - C Dunne, D Donoghue, P Donoghue, R Kiernan, P Weldon, P Conneely, D Smith, G Fagan, J Donoghue (0 - 1), R Quinlan (0 - 3), C Sheridan (1 - 2), D Dixon, C Ennis, W Byrne (1 - 4), PJ Walsh (0 - 1). Subs - J Weldon (0 - 1) for Ennis, B Conneely for Quinlan, D Durkan for Kiernan, O Regan for Walsh.