

Moynalvey secured their fourth win of the 2014 Division 2 A League campaign with a four point victory over visitors Castletown on a 1-16 to 1-12 score line at Kilmore Park Moynalvey on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Moynalvey 1-16 Castletown 1-12**

Moynalvey's four point victory over Castletown in this round 6 fixture of the P.S Supplies All County A League resulted in them leap frogging above their opponents in the Division 2 table. In what was a free flowing open game of football, Moynalvey will have been glad to get their league campaign back on track with a good team performance, in which ten different players in maroon and white registered on the score board.

Moynalvey got off to the perfect start in the 3<sup>rd</sup> minute when a good run from James Weldon along the end line set up Meath minor David McLoughlin to fire home, raising the first of the games two green flags. Two minutes later Moynalvey centre half back Darren Brennan surged forward to split the uprights leaving the score reading 1-1 to 0-0 in favour of the home side, who should have been further ahead as numerous goal opportunities were spurned in the first six minutes. Castletown's wing half forward Paul Cribbin opened the scoring for his side in the 7<sup>th</sup>

minute. Moynalvey full forward James Weldon opened his account in the 8<sup>th</sup>

minute, which was followed two minutes later by a point from Castletown full forward Tommy Smith, leaving the goal separating the sides after 10 minutes of play, 1-2 to 0-2. A superb individual point from Moynalvey's David Donoghue in the 16<sup>th</sup>

minute followed by a Ciaran Ennis free sixty seconds later put five between the sides. Four points from Castletown's Gerry Farrelly, Kenny Smith and Declan Cribbin (2), left just the minimum between the sides after 22 minutes. Moynalvey registered a brace of points courtesy of Dan Treacy and James Weldon in the 23<sup>rd</sup>

and 24<sup>th</sup>

minutes, with Castletown replying a minute later leaving it 1-6 to 0-7, with five minutes of the opening half remaining. A hat trick of Moynalvey points in the final few minutes of the opening period from Daniel Treacy and David McLoughlin (2) handed the home side a six point interval advantage on a 1-10 to 0-7 score line.

Three minutes after the restart Moynalvey midfielder Stephen Donoghue saw his effort from the right wing drop over the cross bar courtesy of the post and sixty seconds later a fine dispossession from wing back Fearghal McCabe in front of the posts saw him fire over the black

spot, extending Moynalvey's lead to eight points, 1-12 to 0-7. Half time substitute goalkeeper Ollie Regan tipped over the bar a Declan Cribbin drive in the 37<sup>th</sup> minute and four minutes later the Castletown no. 13 converted a free. In the 43

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minute Moynalvey midfielder Paul Conneely claimed possession in the middle third and burst forward to set up Ennis for his third point of the evening. Two minutes later Daniel Treacy recycled possession out to substitute Cathal Sheridan who fired high over the uprights with his weaker left foot, restoring Moynalvey's eight point advantage, 1-14 to 0-9 on the three quarter hour mark. Castletown had the deficit down to five points in the 51

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minute after points from Gerry Farrelly, Paul Cribbin and a substitute, with the later two efforts unlucky not to find the net rather than clearing the cross bar. Moynalvey's top scorer Mcloughlin clipped over his third point in the 52

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minute, before Castletown eventually found the back of the Moynalvey net in the 54

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minute when the rebound of a save from Moynalvey 'keeper Ollie Regan was tapped home to an empty net, leaving it 1-15 to 1-12.

Despite Moynalvey having held a comfortable lead for the majority of this contest, just a kick of the ball separated the sides with six minutes remaining, before the security point was scored when substitute Barry O'Keeffe kicked a massive effort from distance along the left wing in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute. One last Castletown effort at goal in the 3<sup>rd</sup> minute of additional time was turned away by Moynalvey custodian Ollie Regan, as he has done so many times throughout the years, resulting in the home side holding out for a four point victory on a 1-16 to 1-12 score line.

Best for the winners were Ollie Regan, Fearghal McCabe, Darren Brennan, David Donoghue and David Mcloughlin.

Moynalvey: Ray Ryan, Anthony Brien, Paul Weldon, David Kane, Fearghal McCabe (0-1), Darren Brennan (0-1), David Reilly, Paul Conneely, Stephen Donoghue (0-1), Shane Lenehan, Dan Treacy (0-2), David Donoghue (0-1), David McLoughlin (1-3), James Weldon (0-2), Ciaran Ennis (0-3).

Subs used: Ollie Regan for Ryan, Cathal Sheridan (0-1) for James Weldon, Brian Conneely for Paul Conneely, Luke Duffy for Ennis, Barry O'Keeffe (0-1) for Stephen Donoghue.