

A second half comeback from a half time deficit of seven points saw Moynalvey take a well deserved point from this round 4 game in group C of the Hoganstand.com Senior Football Championship played at a well presented Kildalkey on Sunday evening August 17th.

Moynalvey 1-14 Na Fianna 2-11

At half time few would have believed Moynalvey would gain anything from the game as the team who beat them by fifteen points in last year's quarter final seemed to score with every attack in the opening half, taking a seven point lead into the interval on a 2-6 to 0-5 score line. However a resurgent Moynalvey team took to the field for the second half and dominated last year's Keegan cup runners up for the majority of the second period.

The first three minutes yielded as many scores with Dean Barrett opening the scoring for the Enfield/Baconstown combination side within sixty seconds of the throw in, Fearghal McCabe replying for Moynalvey, before Daniel Queeney regained the lead for Na Fianna in the 3rd minute. Conor Downey doubled Na Fianna's lead in the 5th

minute before Moynalvey centre forward Mark O'Sullivan sent over a sublime effort with the outside of the boot for the first of his ten points. Throughout the early stages Dean Barrett caused plenty of problems for the Moynalvey rearguard and scored his second score of the game in the 7th

minute which raised the games first green flag. Barrett's goal was quickly followed by a converted free from Jamie Queeney leaving Moynalvey five points in arrears on a 1-4 to 0-2 score line after 11 minutes of play.

A trio of points from Moynalvey's O'Sullivan between the 15th and 20th minutes, two from frees and another peach of a score with the outside of the boot once again reduced the margin between the sides to two points. Na Fianna once again cut the Moynalvey defence open in the 30th minute to score the game's second goal, this time the other Barrett brother Shane finding the back of Moynalvey goalkeeper Ray Ryan's net. Moynalvey lost defender Brian Harnan to a serious shoulder injury which resulted in a large amount of additional time added onto the first half. In this additional time Jamie Queeney posted a brace of points leaving Na Fianna in what looked like a commanding seven point half time lead.

Two minutes after the restart Moynalvey received the perfect boost that they needed when full forward James Weldon fired the ball past Na Fianna 'keeper Shane Geraghty for the game's third goal. Two minutes later just a kick of the ball separated the sides, 2-6 to 1-6, when Weldon split the uprights. Na Fianna doubled their lead to six points with points from Daniel Queeney, Ollie Lewis and Dalton McDonagh in the 5th, 7th and 9th minutes of the second period. Three Moynalvey points, two frees from O'Sullivan and a Shane Lenihan effort left just the goal

between the sides once again on the three quarter hour mark. Two Daniel Queeney placed balls, one a free and the second a '45 in the 51st

minute would prove to be Na Fianna's last scores.

Moynalvey reeled off five points in the final nine minutes with county footballer Mark O'Sullivan leading the way with four points and the fifth coming from the boot of county minor footballer David McLoughlin to salvage a well deserved point to keep themselves in the Championship.

Moynalvey now look forward to a final round group game against the 2013 Keegan cup winners and neighbours Summerhill. Both sides still harbour hopes on qualifying for the knockout stages of the championship dependant on other final round group game results.

Best for Moynalvey in this encounter were Darren Brennan, Padraic Harnan, John Donoghue and the excellent Mark O'Sullivan.

Moynalvey: Ray Ryan, David Reilly, Paul Weldon, Brian Harnan, Anthony Forde, Stephen Donoghue, Fearghal McCabe (0-1), Padraic Harnan, John Donoghue, David Donoghue, Mark O'Sullivan (0-10), Dan Treacy, Shane Lenihan (0-1), James Weldon (1-1), Ciaran Ennis.
Subs: Darren Brennan for David Reilly, David McLoughlin (0-1) for Brian Harnan, David Reilly for Ennis.