

For the second time in a fortnight Moynalvey were on the wrong end of a heavy championship defeat, this time to Ratoath on a 1-18 to 1-5 score line at skryne on Friday night 20th April..

### ***Ratoath 1-18 Moynalvey 1-5***

Skryne has turned out to be an unhappy hunting ground this year for Moynalvey, as they suffered their third heavy defeat there this season following an A League defeat to Skryne and two Senior Championship defeats in a fortnight to Wolfe Tones and Ratoath.

Once again just as it was in the Wolfe Tones game two weeks ago Moynalvey failed to ignite from the throw in and found themselves seven points down before David McLoughlin converted a free for Moynalvey's first score in the 13th minute.

A further seven points from Ratoath without reply saw them secure the two points on offer by half time with a 0-14 to 0-1 lead at the break, with all bar one of their opening half tally coming from their full forward line of Bryan McMahon, Joey Wallace and David McGowan.

Fergie Power's side hit the first two points of the second half from David McGowan and Gavin McGowan. Moynalvey's David McLoughlin hit his and his side's second point in the 39th minute, but two minutes later Ratoath's lead was extended to seventeen when Gavin McGowan struck for the game's first goal, leaving it 1-16 to 0-2.

A trio of Moynalvey points from Anthony Forde, Stephen Donoghue & David McLoughlin were countered by points from Brian Power & David McGowan for Ratoath, with Cillian O'Sullivan tagging on a late consolation goal to leave the full time score 1-18 to 1-5.

While Moynalvey will be disappointed with another dour performance, they now look forward to the championship break in a bid to regroup following two heavy defeats in the two opening rounds of the championship.

## Second crushing championship defeat in a fortnight

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Having dropped a point when in a commanding position in their opening round game against St. Patricks Ratoath will be delighted with their performance here, especially with a return of 0-15 of their 1-18 tally from their inside full forward line.

Moynalvey: Ray Ryan, Conor Harnan, Robert Lawless, Brian O'Reilly, Anthony Forde (0-1), Stephen Donoghue (0-1), Darren Brennan, Donal Smith, Adam Murphy, Cathal McCabe, Brian Harnan, James Weldon, David McLoughlin (0-3, 2f), John Donoghue, Cillian O'Sullivan (1-0).

Subs used: James Kelly for J. Donoghue, Fearghal McCabe for O'Reilly, Shane Lenehan for C. McCabe.