

Moynalvey suffered their third defeat from as many outings in the A League when going down to visitors Rathkenny by two points on Saturday afternoon April 2nd.

Moynalvey 0-7

Rathkenny 0-9

Three defeats in the opening three rounds of the A league sees Moynalvey propping up the bottom of the Div. 1B table alongside Oldcastle and Walterstown.

Rathkenny opened the scoring as early as thirty seconds into the game through their top scorer corner forward Brian Lenehan. The same player doubled his side's advantage in the 7th minute with a pointed free.

A David McLoughlin free opened Moynalvey's account in the 10th minute and two minutes later the sides were level when Vinny Walsh sent over the first of his three points.

Another Lenehan free was countered by a McLoughlin point to leave the sides level for a second time, 0-3 apiece, at the quarter hour mark.

Rathkenny's Eoghan Heavey pointed a free in the 17th minute, with Lenehan clipping over an effort from play four minutes later to leave it 0-5 to 0-3 in favour of the visitors.

A second point from Moynalvey's Vinny Walsh left a point between the teams at the break, 0-5 to 0-4 in favour of Rathkenny.

The first score of the second half came in the 10th minute with Moynalvey's David McLoughlin converting a free to leave the sides all square again, 0-5 each.

Two Rathkenny points from Lenehan and Heavey pushed their advantage out to two points again, 0-7 to 0-5, with 43 minutes played.

Vinny Walsh's third point narrowed the deficit to the minimum, but the visitors weren't to be headed and two further Heavey frees left it 0-9 to 0-6 with five minutes remaining.

A goal looked like the only way Moynalvey would salvage anything from the game at this point, however it never looked like materializing at any stage.

A late consolation point from Fearghal McCabe left the full-time score board read 0-9 to 0-7, meaning Rathkenny continue their unbeaten start to the league while Moynalvey are yet to pick up any points.

Best for Moynalvey were Conor Harnan, Cathal McCabe and Vinny Walsh.

Rathkenny condemn Moynalvey to third straight A League defeat

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Moynalvey Team & Scorers:

Chris O'Malley, Darragh Branigan, Conor Harnan, Charlie McCormack, Cathal McCabe, Fearghal McCabe (0-1), Michael Brady, Stephen Donoghue, Donal Smith, Sean Duggan, Ciaran Harnan, Brian O'Reilly, David McLoughlin (0-3, 2f), William Harnan, Vinny Walsh (0-3).

Subs used: Craig Gilsean for Duggan, Adam Rooney for McCormack.