

## Curraha by a point in SFC Relegation Quarter-Final

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A solitary point was the difference as Curraha preserved their 2024 senior status with this 1-10 to 2-6 win over Moynalvey at Dunshaughlin on Sunday afternoon September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Moynalvey



Curraha

A case of Quarter Finalists last year, Relegation Quarter-Finalists this year for Moynalvey!

It was a James McEntee less Curraha who preserved their senior status for 2024 at the first time of asking when overcoming Moynalvey by a point in this relegation quarter final playoff game played at Dunshaughlin at midday on Sunday afternoon 10<sup>th</sup> September, although not without a late contentious decision.

Two clubs with the thinnest of panels competing in the senior ranks, both of which many had as candidates for relegation were drawn against each other in the first round of the dreaded relegation battle, unfortunately it's Moynalvey who will face another day out after this one point defeat.

In what could be described as a game of two halves, Moynalvey nearly pulled off what looked like the impossible having been seven points down at the break and eight down seven minutes into the second half.

The first two scores of the game came from county players Diarmuid Moriarty and Cillian O'Sullivan, both converting frees for their respective sides.

The game's first point from play came from Conor Moriarty, which was quickly followed by another county player Jack O'Connor splitting the uprights, leaving it 0-3 to 0-1 with nine minutes played.

Moynalvey talisman Cillian O'Sullivan pointed in the 11<sup>th</sup> minute, with Curraha's Ronan Flynn pointing two minutes later to leave it double scores, 0-4 to 0-2 with thirteen minutes played.

Two Diarmuid Moriarty points, the first from a free and the second from play were countered by a brace of Moynalvey points, the first a Cillian O'Sullivan point from play and the second a David McLoughlin free to leave it 0-6 to 0-4 with 22 minutes played.

Then disaster struck for Moynalvey when Curraha wing back Niall Murphy's shot at goal was dragging well wide low across the goal mouth only for it to be unfortunately deflected to the Moynalvey net by David Reilly, which saw Curraha go five points up, 1-6 to 0-4.

Curraha built on this piece of luck by adding a further brace of points from Diarmuid Moriarty and Jack O'Connor to lead 1-8 to 0-4 at half time.

Eight minutes after the resumption Curraha found themselves eight points up following Diarmuid Moriarty's fourth free of the afternoon.

As the heavy showers before and during half time cleared, Moynalvey's running game yielded two goals within the next six minutes, the first from Cillian O'Sullivan and the second coming from Darren Brennan who blasted high to the roof of the Curraha net, now leaving two between the sides at the three quarter hour mark, 1-9 to 2-4.



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