

Moynalvey came out on top by the minimum in a tough Div 3 AFL encounter played in Kilbride on Sunday afternoon, April 5th.

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Kilbride 0-11 Moynalvey 012

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After a mediocre performance, Moynalvey will be happy to get their first two points on the board in the Div 3 AFL campaign of 2009. Playing with the wind in the first half, Moynalvey opened up a three point lead early on through points from Willie Byrne, Stephen Donoghue & Shane Reilly leaving them three points to the good after 10minutes. Stephen Donoghue then added his second of the game after the quarter hour mark, with Kilbride replying with two scores of their own. The final two scores of the half came from Moynalvey, from the boot of John Donoghue, the second after a fine pass from Ciaran Ennis, leaving the half time score 0-6 to 0-2.

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Kilbride, playing with the wind behind their backs in the second half, brought the scores level 10 minutes into the second half, kicking the first four points after the restart. Moynalvey replied through a fine score from the right boot of Ciaran Ennis in the 43rd minute which was quickly followed up by a point from John Donoghue. Kilbride, enjoying a fair share of possession, then pushed into a two point lead after kicking the next four points of the game. With seven minutes remaining the Moynalvey management looked to the bench to shake things up. The introduction of Brian Gilsenan for James Weldon paid immediate dividends, with Gilsenan getting the next 2 points of the game, the second after a quick free from Robbie Quinlan set Shane Reilly free, who in turn set up Gilsenan, to leave the scores tied on 0-10 apiece with 5 minutes remaining. Moynalvey looked to have sealed it after picking off the next two scores of the game through Ger Fagan & an Ennis free. However Kilbride had one last chance in injury time when one of their attackers burst through the Moynalvey defence, only to blaze over the bar from close range, leaving the minimum between the teams at the final whistle, with the score board reading

0-12 to 0-11 in favour of Moynalvey.

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Team & scorers: O. Regan, R. Kiernan, P. Donoghue, D. Kane, P. Weldon, D. Dixon, D. Donoghue, G. Fagan(0-1), S. Donoghue(0-2), R. Quinlan, J. Weldon, J. Donoghue(0-3), S. Reilly(0-1), W. Byrne(0-1), C. Ennis(0-2) Subs: B. Dixon for D. Donoghue, B. Gilsenan(0-2) for J. Weldon, B. Conneely for W. Byrne