

Moynalvey went down to Ratoath by a five point margin in this Div. 3 A League game played on Saturday afternoon March 5<sup>th</sup> in Ratoath.

### **Ratoath 2-6 Moynalvey 0-7**

Moynalvey opened the game in determined fashion, racking up two points in the opening three minutes from Ciaran Collins & Luke Duffy. Ratoath's first score in the 14<sup>th</sup> minute resulted in them gaining the lead when they found the back of the Moynalvey net. Within sixty seconds the sides were level when a sloppy clearance gifted Duffy the opportunity to register his second score of the afternoon. However this was Moynalvey's last score of the opening period and over the remainder of the half Ratoath chalked up a further three points leaving the half time score reading 1-3 to 0-3 in favour of the home side.

The second half resumed in similar fashion to the first when Moynalvey pointed within thirty seconds of the restart through a superb Collins effort. However any momentum built up by Moynalvey was dealt a sucker punch when Ratoath found the net for the second time in the 6<sup>th</sup> minute of the half. Ratoath tagged on a further two points and could have put the game to bed in the 12

th minute of the half only for Moynalvey keeper Brian Reilly denying the home side their hat-trick of goals. Despite enjoying a sizeable amount of possession over the remaining 20 minutes Moynalvey lacked spark in front of goals and could only narrow the margin to four points through a Ray Ryan free and a Barry O'Keefe effort from play. Ratoath added a pointed free in the dying seconds to leave the final score reading 2-6 to 0-7.

Moynalvey: B. Reilly, R. Kiernan, P. Donoghue, D. Durkan, B. Dixon, P. Weldon, A. Brien, J. Donoghue, D. Smith, B. Byrne, B. O'Keefe (0-1), L. Duffy (0-2), R. Ryan (0-2), C. Collins (0-2), P. Conneely. Subs: J. Weldon for Byrne, W. Byrne for Duffy, W. Harnan for Smith.