

Moynalvey overcame Ballinabrackey on a 0-9 to 0-6 score line on Tuesday evening February 28<sup>th</sup> in the 2nd round of Division 3 of the A League played in Dunganny.

### ***Moynalvey 0-9 Ballinabrackey 0-6***

Having slumped to an opening round defeat against Na Fianna, Moynalvey got their 2012 A League campaign up and running with a hard fought three point victory over Ballinabrackey at Dunganny on Tuesday night last. Moynalvey took the early advantage with two John Donoghue frees in the opening three minutes. Ballinabrackey reduced the deficit to the minimum in the 4<sup>th</sup> minute, before Moynalvey's dominance of possession resulted in them furthering their advantage to five points courtesy of a brace of Donoghue frees and efforts from play by William Harnan and Cathal McCabe. Two pointed frees for Ballinabrackey resulted in the men in maroon and white holding a double scores six points to three advantage at the interval.

Within twenty seconds of the restart the Bracks had narrowed the difference to two points. A 5<sup>th</sup> pointed free from Donoghue and an excellent score from Ken Hyland restored Moynalvey's double score advantage, this time 0-8 to 0-4 twelve minutes into the second period. Moynalvey looked to have a comfortable five point lead in the 49<sup>th</sup>

minute when Donoghue landed his 6<sup>th</sup>

point and Moynalvey's final score of the evening. However sustained pressure from Ballinabrackey reduced the difference between the sides to a single score with seven minutes remaining. Ballinabrackey's purple patch was quelled somewhat by the introduction of Stephen Donoghue who gave Moynalvey fresh legs at centre field and James Kelly in the full forward line. Stern defence from the Moynalvey backline, especially Padraig Donoghue and the inspirational Robbie Kiernan resulted in Moynalvey holding on for a three point win. Best for Moynalvey were Robbie Kiernan, Padraig Donoghue, Robbie Quinlan and top scorer John Donoghue.

Moynalvey: O. Regan, R. Kiernan, P. Weldon, P. Donoghue, A. Brien, B. O'Keefe, R. Quinlan, B. Conneely, D. Smith, D. Brennan, J. Donoghue (0-6), C. McCabe (0-1), C. Collins, W. Harnan (0-1), K. Hyland (0-1). Subs: J. Kelly for Collins, S. Donoghue for Conneely, P. Conneely for McCabe.