

Home side Donaghmore/Ashbourne proved too strong for visitors Moynalvey in this round 8 game of the All County B League played at Ashbourne on Thursday evening August 7<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Donaghmore/Ashbourne 2-13 Moynalvey 2-9***

Despite a spirited effort from the men in maroon and white who took to the field with the bare fifteen before the late arrival of two substitutes they were overpowered by a stronger Donaghmore/Ashbourne side who ran out four point winners leaving Moynalvey rooted to the bottom of the Div. 2 B League table.

Moynalvey were first to trouble the score keepers and found themselves two points to the good after five minutes following scores from midfielder Donal Smith and top scorer Ciaran Ennis. Donaghmore/Ashbourne registered their first point in the 7<sup>th</sup> minute and sixty seconds later the sides were level when their midfielder Thomas Dreaper fired over. The home side took the lead for the first time in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute courtesy of a point from their other midfielder Donal Clarke; however Moynalvey regained the lead a minute later when Ciaran Ennis split the uprights with his second point from play. A Barry O'Keeffe point for Moynalvey was sandwiched between a brace of Donaghmore/Ashbourne points leaving the sides level for a fourth time, 0-5 apiece after 18 minutes. The first of the game's four goals arrived in the 21<sup>st</sup>

minute when Donaghmore/Ashbourne full forward Jack Tuohy found the back of Moynalvey goalkeeper Ollie Regan's net. Two minutes later the sides were level again, a Ciaran Ennis penalty was half saved by Donaghmore/Ashbourne 'keeper Padraig Durkan only for the ball to dribble over the line for the game's second green flag, leaving it 1-5 apiece after 23 minutes. Points from Donaghmore/Ashbourne's Rossa O'Donnell and a Tuohy free along with an Ennis free for Moynalvey rounded off the first half scoring, leaving the home side a point ahead at the half time whistle 1-7 to 1-6.

On the resumption a half time substitute from Donaghmore/Ashbourne had immediate dividends as he sent over two early second half points extending their advantage to three. Donaghmore Ashbourne's advantage was doubled in the 38<sup>th</sup> minute when their second goal was scored courtesy of full forward Jack Tuohy. A Ciaran Ennis fee for the visitors in the 42<sup>nd</sup>

minute was soon countered by the home sides Eoin Caffrey, leaving it 2-10 to 1-7 thirteen minutes into the second half. Moynalvey's best player on display Johnny Carey fired low over the crossbar in the 50<sup>th</sup>

minute and two minutes later the margin between the sides was reduced to two when Ciaran Ennis flicked a Shaun Deering pass over the oncoming Padraig Durkan for the game's fourth goal. However this was as close as the Moynalvey men would get to their opponents as three unanswered points from Donaghmore/Ashbourne left them five points to the good after 59

minutes of play. Two minutes into injury time Moynalvey's Ciaran Ennis pointed his third free of the evening leaving four between the sides at the full time whistle.

Moynalvey: Ollie Regan, Eoghan Mitchell, David Kane, David Durkan, Johnny Carey (0-1), Anthony Brien, Robert Lawless, Brian Conneely, Donal Smith (0-1), Luke Duffy, Barry O'Keeffe (0-2), Ger Fagan, Pdraig Kelly, Ciaran Ennis (2-5), Robert Quinlan.

Subs: Paul Conneely for Mitchell, Shaun Deering for Lawless, Mitchell for O'Keeffe.