

Moynalvey fell tamely to neighbours Blackhall Gaels in the semi-final of the Div. 4 Premier Championship on a 4-15 to 0-9 score line at Moynalvey on Tuesday evening July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Moynalvey 0-9** **Blackhall Gaels 4-15**

Having gone through the group stage undefeated to top the table going into the semi-final stage, Moynalvey went down to the same opposition they had beaten 4-11 to 0-10 in the second round.

However, this time around it was a much-strengthened opposition line, bolstered by the addition of a few more first team players this time, including top scorer Paul Kelly.

It was the home side who opened the scoring in the second minute with a Darren Brennan point, which was followed up by an Adam Rooney point to leave it 0-2 to 0-0 with eight minutes played.

Blackhall Gaels opened their account in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute through Paul Kelly and a minute later James Kelly pointed to level matters, two points each.

The visitors firmly took control from here on reeling off 2-5 without reply before Moynalvey would score again in the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute. Blackhall's goals coming from James Kelly and Conor Duffy along with five points for Paul Kelly.

Moynalvey's 32<sup>nd</sup> minute score came from a Vinny Walsh free, followed by a Pdraig Kelly point two minutes later to leave the half time score read 2-7 to 0-4.

Upon the restart Blackhall Gaels' continued where they left off with a Paul Kelly free just 90 seconds into the half. Moynalvey's woes were then further compounded with the loss of the influential Daren Brennan to injury.

A Paul Kelly point and a goal for midfielder Fearghal Kiernan extended Blackhall's advantage to 14 points before a point from Shaun Deering and a '45 from Ray Ryan broke the visitors scoring run temporarily.

Another 1-6 without reply from the visitors along with the dismissal of Shaun Deering left a long evening even longer for Moynalvey players and supporters who were still in attendance, leaving it 4-15 to 0-6.

The final three scores of the evening did go Moynalvey's way with points from substitute Stephen Cummins, Ray Ryan and Paul Corcoran to leave the score board read 4-15 to 0-9.

## Moynalvey tamely bow out of Premier FC to Blackhall Gaels at semi-final stage

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Unfortunately, a good campaign finished with a below par performance in the semi-final, but credit to Blackhall who were far superior on the night. Best of luck to Blackhall Gaels in the Final.

Moynalvey team & scorers:

Chris O'Malley, Conor Egan, Scott Tuite, Darragh Branigan, Eoin Corrigan, David Donoghue, Adam Rooney (0-1), Donal Smith, Charlie McCormack, Paul Corcoran (0-1), Darren Brennan (0-1), Pádraig Kelly (0-1), Vinny Walsh (0-1f), Sean Duggan, Shaun Deering (0-1).

Subs: Ray Ryan (0-2, 1x'45), for Brennan, Stephen Cummins (0-1) for Smith, Anthony Brien for Corrigan, Aidan Gilsean for Branigan.