

Despite a very brave effort from all involved, Moynalvey left agonisingly short in this thrilling Junior A ladies final played under lights at Donaghmore/Ashbourne on Saturday night last.

Moynalvey 1 - 11 Ratoath 3 - 7

The concession of 3 penalties, all of which were expertly converted, proved extremely costly as Ratoath ran out winners. Indeed, the first score of the game was from a penalty which Ratoath dispatched into the bottom left corner, but Moynalvey battled back to draw level 0 - 3 to 1 - 0 after ten minutes. Ratoath scored a second penalty just before the interval to lead by 2 - 4 to 0 - 6 at half time.

Moynalvey upped their game after the break but could never draw level. With ten minutes remaining there was only 2 points in it with Ratoath leading 2 - 6 to 0 - 10. However the concession of a third penalty which Ratoath again converted was the nail in the coffin for a Moynalvey side who battled on and although Aoife Weston scored a cracking late goal, it was Ratoath who held on to run out 2 point winners.

Team - Mary Conneely, Ciara Donoghue, Celine Harnan, Helen Fagan, Taylor Little, Aideen Smith, Louise Dunne, Louise Donoghue (0 - 1), Ailise Smith, Aoife Weston (1 - 1), Ciara Dowling (0 - 1), Cheyanne O'Brien, Laura Forde (0 - 7), Gemma Regan, Stephanie Thompson (0 - 1). Subs - Kate Lawless for Gemma Regan, Orla Hegarty, Hazel Lawless, Helena Dowd, Mairead Larkin, Ciara Mallee, Eileen Conneely, Fiona Madden, Chelsea Weldon and Tara Smith