

# Moate Community School prove too formidable for Mullingar Community Collage.



## **Moate Community School 38 Mullingar Community College 18**

The Moate Community School U16 Cadet boy's basketball team went head to head with Mullingar's Community College boys basketball team to play for a place in the Midland's league semi-final on Thursday last, 25 November, in Moate's School gym.

The Moate boys showed their desire to win from the throw in, as Sean Doyle broke a clean ball, which found its way to the hands of Dan Guinan, who effortlessly hit it off the backboard and into the basket. Tight defensive strategies and quick movement in Moate's offensive play forced Mullingar to call an early time out. Mullingar won the loose balls in the Moate side, to find the basket and level the sides. The Moate boys never seemed phased, replying with two well taken lay ups from Dan Guinean and Aaron Farrell. With seconds left of the first half, a well timed interception from Eoin Dunne gave him a clear run to the basket. Dunne punished Mullingar's mistake with a high-quality lay up. The half time scored was 16 – 8 in favour of Moate.

As the third quarter commenced, the Moate boys stepped it up another gear with Mullingar slowly falling behind. Moate's Cadet

Team demonstrate exceptional under the rebounding skills in their opponent's end. Their solid work was rewarded with another Eoin Dunne score in the opening minutes. However, Mullingar kept the boys in black and red on their toes, replying with a well taken long shot.

The tempo of the game increased in the final quarter heated up as Mullingar showed they weren't finished yet in scoring two unanswered baskets. Brilliant defensive play from both sides left the action packed quarter scoreless until the fifth minute, when Padraig Henry grabbed an excellent lay up. Padraig Fox extended his teams lead to a ten point margin when he skilfully weaved his way through the Mullingar defence snatching the final score of the game.

The Moate U16 boy's basketball team have secured a place in the Midlands league semi-final in the forthcoming weeks, after their three consecutive victories to date.

Referee: Aaron Dunning

Moate Cadet Panel: Padraig Fox (6), Padraig Henry (4), Boydu Sayeh, Connor Sheirden, Aaron Farrell (2), Tomas Longworth, Sean Doyle, Owen Dunne (7), Dan Guninnan (11) , Sean Bracken, Brian Daly (2).