

Moate unfortunate to come up against superior Marist side

By Peter Cunningham

On Wednesday last, Moate Community School's first/second year hurling team made the short trip to Athlone to take on near rivals the Marist in the first round of the knockout competition.

From very early on in the game it was obvious that the Marist had some very good players as Moate struggled to keep them at bay. The home side pushed on and scored two early points. Moate's Keith Malynn and Plunkett Maxwell were performing well and the Marist players were struggling to defend against them. Moate then replied to the Marist's two early points with a narrow wide from the stick of Ian Malynn. This, however, was as good as it got for Moate in the first half as they went in at the interval trailing by six points, despite the best efforts of Joe Daly Lowry in goals who pulled off two marvellous saves to keep the sliotar out of the net.

The Marist started off in the second half just as they had in the first and pushed their advantage out to eight points. Then after some good work from the Moate forwards, Joe Daly Lowry, now playing centre forward, finished the attack with a precise finish. This, however, proved to be Moate's last score, as the Marist pushed on to run out convincing winners.

This team of players certainly have a bright future as several of them are extremely talented hurlers and can look forward to much more successful days in the red and black of Moate Community School.

Moate CS: Joe Daly-Lowry, Gary Colgan, Michael Carroll, Stephen Clarke, Shaun Creevy, Ian Malynn, Lorcan Cowen, Cathal Daly, Keith Malynn, Kevin Cuffe, Jason O'Connor, Plunkett Maxwell, Jonathon Hannemey Derek Shortall, Matthew Nugent, Colin Shortall, Mark Fallon.