



Moate Community School boys take on Tullamore College

Report by

Sean Doyle

On Thursday last Moate senior boy's basketball team travelled to Tullamore to take on Tullamore College. Moate got off to a great start with fantastic scores from Dylan Hasset and John McGuire. Tullamore responded with three scores of

there own but Moate were quick to react with great baskets from Michael Melly and Dylan Hasset who was substituted for Eoin Dunne. Moate's Dan Guinan grabbed a last minute basket to give Moate a lead of 12-10 at the end of the first period.

The second period began with a score by Eoin Dunne. Mattie Buckley was subbed in for Michael Melly. After this change the match became a defensive affair with both teams showing great defensive set ups, and, at times struggled with their offensive plays. However, after a great fast break another score by Dan Guinan gave Moate a led of four points at half time.

John McGuire began the third period for Moate with a great score off a rebounded ball. Sam Moran was brought on and showed great defensive play. Baskets, yet again, by Dylan Hasset and Dan Guinan gave Moate a commanding lead. However, Tullamore were not going to give up that easily and responded and reduced Moate's lead to a mere two points heading into the final period.

Moate needed to put in a huge effort to win this match for the final eight minutes and coach Ms McEnroe was not disappointed. Moate reduced the Tullamore to a score of only one basket in the entire period and got scores through John McGuire and Michael Melly, giving Moate a six point cushion with two minutes remaining. The match ended with a score of 32 points to 26. A much needed and well deserved win for Moate's senior boys.