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## Moate lads off to a flying start



Moate Community School's U16 boys got off to a great start in their first championship game against Colaiste Coilm of Tullamore, which took place in Hogan Park on Monday November 15 th.

Early scores from John Corbally and Lorcan Dolan set the tone for the first half. Tullamore replied with two points in a row. Shortly afterwards, Tullamore's corner forward scored a fine point. The Moate defence tackled well and were determined not to allow for the expense of anymore scores from the strong Ofally boys. Full back Joe Kinahan found his way up the field and with the help of Captain Luke Kelly, Kinahan secured another point for the Moate side. Corbally scored once again when he blasted the ball in the back of the net. Well caught midfield balls and good play up the field allowed for Robert Hickey to find the net for his first time. With 15 minutes to go Midfielder Andy McCormack played the ball well, resulting in him scoring a well deserved point. Hickey rounded off the half time score with another goal. At this rate MCS appeared unstoppable. Half time score : Moate Community School 4-4, Colaiste Coilm 0-4.

Consistent and enthusiastic play was the order of the day from the MCS boys, as the Moate forwards racked up even more scores and the defence kept the Tullamore lads quiet in the second half. Wing forward Stephen Woods came alive by scoring two points, both from an impressive 40 yard distance. At the other end of the field a goal attempt which could have encouraged the Tullamore side, was spectacularly saved by wing back Robert Gorman. Robert Hickey finalised his score card with his third and final score of the match. John Corbally also scored a late second half point. Colaiste Colim only scored two points in the second half making it a victorious walk in the park for Moate. It was clean game of football with little warnings and no cards displayed from the referee.

**Moate Community School:** Dean Tyrell, Theo Watts, Joe Kinahan (0-1), Peter Cunningham, Robbie Gorman (Vice Captain), Joe O'Meara, Paul Henson, Andy McCormack (0-1), Luke Kelly (Captain), Stephen Woods (0-2), Lorcan Dolan (1-0), Sam Moran, John Corbally (1-3), Robert Hickey (3-0), Ciaran Allen. Subs: James Pettit for Peter Cunningham (50 mins), Dylan Fitzpatrick for John Corbally (50 mins), Neil Young for Ciaran Allen (50 mins), Stephen Handy, Shane Colgan, Gavyn Murray, Darren O'Connor, Louie Duffy, James Langan and Brian Sheridan.

**Great Performances:** Luke Kelly, Robert Gorman, John Corbally, Robert Hickey, Joe Kinahan and Lorcan Dolan.









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