

Moate Community School vs. Tullamore CBS

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On the 13th of December 2011, Moate Community School played Tullamore CBS in an U14 boys Gaelic football match at Durrow pitch. This was the third round in the group stages of the championship and was important to the boys as they needed this game to get through to the knockout stages.

The weather was definitely an issue for both teams as it was cold and blustery. Moate joined Tullamore on the pitch, their minds were set on a win. The referee blew the whistle and the match began. Tullamore quickly took possession of the ball and tested the Moate backs. Goalie Paul Kelly is praised for two magnificent saves against Tullamore. Tullamore worked hard to score the first point. Moate got the ball and carried it up the field, they went for a point but were blocked by Tullamore's full back. Tullamore kept good possession of the ball but Moate fought for it through the match. Tullamore scored a goal and this put them one goal and one point ahead of Moate. Shortly after another point is scored by Tullamore but the Moate boys did not let this dishearten them. The referee blew the whistle signalling the end of the first half. The score was Moate 0-0 Tullamore 1-3. In the dressing room during half time you could see Moate were worried, the atmosphere was tense.

Moate struggled during the first half but were ready to fight for a comeback. At the blow of a whistle the second half began. Moate got possession of the ball but as the weather conditions worsened, they struggled to keep hold of it. Tullamore stretched their lead with another point leaving the score Moate 0-0 Tullamore 1-4. The hail, snow and wind caused slippery conditions and affected both teams level of skill greatly. Tullamore scored one more point. Paul Kelly pulled off two more great saves for Moate giving them a chance for a comeback. As Tullamore carried the ball up the field we saw a great block by David Falsey. The final whistle blew and the match was over. Moate were disappointed with their loss but were proud as they marched on through the awful weather until the end of the game. The final score was Moate 0-0 Tullamore 1-5.

Moate thank their trainers Mr. Duffy and Mr. Hatton for all the hard work they have put into the team.

Team: Paul Kelly, Conor Claffey, John Farrell, Jacob Fannin, Paul Gorman, Andrew Gorman, Plukett Maxwell, Dennis Hackett, David Falsey, Sean Pettit, Pdraig Nestor, Robert Forde, Sean Farrell, Joe Daly Lowry, David Fleming.