

Moate Community School's U-14 Badminton Team start their year by taking on Wilson's Hospital.

Lorraine Duffy and Aoife Harten.

On Friday last, The U-14 Badminton Team from Moate Community School took a trip to Wilson's Hospital, to play a number of matches against the strong Wilson's side. Moate braved themselves for what was going to be a tough set of matches.

First playing Doubles were Aisling Mc Cormack and Sandra Nestor who started off the day for Moate Community School. With Wilson's taking the first score the MCS girls didn't let this dishearten them, as they quickly responded with a point of their own. Minutes later Wilson's got two quick points, leaving the score at 3-1 to Wilson's. It wasn't long until McCormack got her much deserved point. It was after this that Wilson's got 4 points which left a gap in the score board. The determined girls didn't let this affect them as they also got two quick points. With Nestor trying her best to defend her side and Ashling with hers, the girls weren't able to stop the shuttlecock from hitting the ground on the Moate side. The final score on this match was 15-7 to Wilson's.



The first boys up for Moate were Kevin Cuffe and Javier. They were also tough competition for the Wilson's side, but once Wilson's proved too strong as that match also resulted in 15-7. Roisin Hamm and Holly Cornally were paired together in doubles to play their first match. Their skills were evident in the final score 15-9 to Moate. Kate Bracken and Amber Hennessey were

up against a determined Wilson's side but Moate's determination also shone through in their play, with the final result 15-7 to Moate.

Plenty of singles games were also played on the day. Starting with Xenia North playing an impressive game which showed great strength on the Moate Side resulting in a close final score 15-13 to Moate. Luke Gavin Mangin also played a stormer as he finished with the score board displaying an inspiring 15-7 win. Sean Farrell took to the court with a positive mind but after a tough



few scores the Wilson's opponent proved too strong with the final score, 15-8 to Wilson's. Kate Bracken also competed in a singles game against Wilson's. With her opponent winning the first few scores, Kate still showed determination right throughout until the end of the game. The match ended at 15-6 to Wilson's. Plunkett Maxwell geared himself for a competitive game with the scores neck-in-neck throughout the duration of the game. The final score of this match was 15-13 to Wilson's. Bromwyn Linnane took an early opportunity in her singles match winning the first few scores. It was a very competitive with a close score of 15-13 to Wilson's. Damien Byrne put great pressure on the Wilson's side during his match as he defended his court and stopped many chances that the opposition sent his way. The final score of this game was 15-8 to Wilson's.

Moate Team:

Girls A

Aisling Mc Cormack

Sandra Nestor

Amber Hennessy

Amy Gavin Mangin

Girls B

Lianne Evans

Rachel Kelly

Caroline Alsalihi

Aine O'Connor

Girls C

Xenia North

Kate Bracken

Bromwyn Linnane

Rachel Duffy

Girls D

Roisin Hamm

Holly Cornally

Aine Farrell

Alanna Ennis.

Boys A

Javier

Kevin Cuffe

Conor Mc Cormack

Plunkett Maxwell

Boys B

Alex

Sean Farrell

Damien Byrne

Luke Gavin Mangin

Boys C

Peter O Kelly

Michael O'Connor

Paul Sheridan

Jesus

Boys D

Slavormir Vano

Laurence Claffey

Gary Mullins

Kevin O'Flaherty.