

# **Moate Community School's Senior Boys Footballers Challenge NUIG**

**Moate CS 2-08**

**NUIG 2-09**

**By Shane Claffey**

Moate Community School's senior footballers played a challenge match against NUI,G at the University campus on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of November at 12:00. Moate started off the better side but fell behind to an early point from NUI,G. Moate soon recovered when Niall O'Brien set up Martin Rock who opened his scoring account with a great point, which levelled the game. Martin Rock then got his second point of the game when he was set up with a great pass from by David McCormack. NUI,G would have scored a goal if it wasn't for Robert Gorman's heroics in pulling off an amazing block. NUI,G made up for the missed opportunity when they got a point soon after. Moate responded to NUI,G's few minutes of dominance when Martin Rocks shot was blocked by a NUIG defender and Luke Kelly slotted in the rebound to score his and Moate's first goal. That goal left the score at 0-02 to 1-02. Moate were unlucky not to get a second goal when David McCormack's shot from 10 yards out at a hard angle narrowly missed the far post. Niall O'Brien gave a smart ball to Cian Bradley who slotted the ball between the posts. Moate then scored a point just before NUI,G responded to Moate's great passage of play with two quick points from play. Moate's dominance going forward was rewarded when both Lorcan Dolan and Cian Bradley got a point each to put Moate a goal up. Just before half time NUIG got a point to flatter the score board, even though Moate were winning. Moate went into the dugout the happier side, a goal up. The score was 0-05 to 1-05, a score line told a story of the Moate team performance.

Moate came out of the dugout for the second half somewhat asleep as they conceded an early goal which could have easily been avoided. Moate were then under a lot of pressure when the NUI,G side kept agitating Moate's defence and scored two points. Moate soon showed why they are a force to be reckoned with when they took control of the match and scored two points, one by Niall O'Brien and one by Cian Bradley. Against the run of play, NUI,G broke through the Moate defence and looked almost certain to score, but Joe Kinahan pulled off a great save in the Moate goal to keep Moate level. The score halfway through the second half was drawn at 1-07 to 1-07. Moate's great play and dominance throughout the game were rewarded when Martin Rock won the ball off his marker and gave the ball to Lorcan Dolan who fisted the ball across the goal to Cian Bradley who had a simple tap in to put Moate in front. Moate's goal was undone minutes after when NUIG won the kick out, worked the ball down the field and got a goal of their own. Moate pushed on at the end of the game and both Cian Bradley and David McCormack got points of their own to put Moate two points in front. During the dying stages of the game, NUIG got a point from a well worked quick free kick, but it was too late, the game was over after this play.

It was a tight game but Moate emerged victorious. The future of Moate Community School looks bright and their first league game at the end of November couldn't come at a better time with Moate Community School's senior team playing brilliant football at the moment.