

Moate Community School Senior Boys kick off their league campaign

Moate CS 1-12

St. Pat's 1-10

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Moate Community School senior boys kick off their first league game against a strong St.Pats team, from Navan, on Thursday 10th of November at Hogan Park at 1:30. The match began with some lively end to end play in the opening minutes of the game. St.Pat's had reason to be happy in the early minutes of the game with the first scored of the game when a free kick was calmly slotted between the posts. Moate look impressive going forward but seemed to have difficulty converting chances to scores. However, Moate won a St.Pat's goal kick which was converted by Eric Fallon. Moate went ahead soon on with two points from Adam Scanlon and Niall O'Brian. St.Pat's where quick to respond with a point of their own which left the score at 0-3 to 0-2 in favour of Moate midway through the first half. Moate where pressing on and when Robert Gorman made a surging run from the halfway line to the twenty one, he unselfishly gave the ball to John Rock who placed the ball between the posts to get his first of the game and to further Moate's advantage. Both teams scored just before the half, first St.Pats with a free and the Moate when John Rock got his second point of the game. Moate went into the dugout the happier side with the score at 0-5 to 0-3 to the home side.

The St.Pats' manager must have had a word with his players at halftime because they came out the second half the far better side getting three points on the trot which put them in front, leaving the score at 0-6 to 0-5 to St.Pats. They could have gotten a goal if it wasn't for Joe Kinahan pulling off a brilliant double save in the Moate goal. Moate responded when a free kick which was put over the bar by Niall O'Brian and levelled the game. St.Pat's contined their good progress in the second half with two more points and a goal, which Joe Kinahan was helpless to save, in quick succession putting them back in front. The score at this stage was 1-8 to 0-6 to St.Pat's. Both sides then got a point each from play; Moate's point came from Luke Kelly who calmly fisted the ball over the bar. Moate seemed to be the better side coming to the end of the game and got two quick points by Niall O'Brian and sub Stephen Woods. A goal down with ten minutes left, Moate were given a lifeline when sub Louie Duffy's shot hit off the post and come back out to John Rock who blasted a shot by the St.Pat's goal keeper levelling the score at 1-9 apiece. Moate then show great play to go further ahead when both Adam Scanlon and John Rock scored points, John Rock brought his total score for the day to 1-3. It was 1-11 to 1-09 with only minutes to go and when St.Pat's got a point from play they believed that they could get something out of this game, but Niall O'Brian secured the win for Moate when he score a free from the last kick of the game.

Moate had a tough challenge but the future looks bright for Moate Community School senior football squad especially with a great coach, Peter Tormey, leading this team forward.