

Exciting Decider for First Year Boys of Moate CS and Rochfortbridge

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Moate 3-13, Rochfortbridge 5-11

The decisive quarter final game between Moate Community School's first year boys and the first year boys of Rochfortbridge was held in Hogan Park on 20 October at 1pm.

Moate started the better of the two sides when Robert Forde caught the ball beautifully from the throw-in and supplied David Fleming with the ball for the first point of the match.



A goal was scored immediately after by Fleming. Moate were off to a fantastic start after just three minutes and it looked like Moate would drive on from this. Both teams then exchanged scores twice to show score line of Moate 1-3 Rochfortbridge 0-2. Rochfortbridge piled on the pressure for five minutes but Moate's superb defensive efforts held them at bay. Moate took control with a further two points. The game turned around when great play by Rochfortbridge led to two goals and one point. Moate were stunned by this, but kicked back with two points of their own. Moate had levelled the game but suffered another setback when a penalty was conceded and slotted home sending the keeper in the wrong direction. Moate finished the half the stronger of the two teams with an additional impressive two points. The half-time score line was Moate 1-9 Rochfortbridge 3-4

At the beginning of the half both teams exchanged points on two occasions. Rochfortbridge got on top and scored an amazing 2-2 without reply. This left the score line at Moate 1-11 Rochfortbridge 5-7 and this seemed to be a tough challenge for Moate to come back from. Moate never gave in and pulled one point back. Both teams exchanged scores before Rochfortbridge gained dominance again with three points. Moate were still determined to drive on and a great solo run by Forde won Moate a penalty. He stepped up to take it himself and slotted it into the corner. Moate were on the attack again when Patrick Reilly caught a ball and blasted it into the roof of the net. These two goals left Moate four points behind with two minutes left. Moate were making a remarkable comeback. The referee blew the full time whistle at the end of an exciting end to end game with the Moate boys out losing 3-13 5-11. As the saying goes goals wins games and this was definitely the case in Hogan Park on Thursday last. The first year boys competition comes to a close but some of these players can look forward to the under 14 tournament.