

## MoateCS U16 V CBS MULLINGAR – MON 13/11/2017

It was a cold and wet November's morning. The Moate Community School u16 football team took to Springfield GAA grounds, Mullingar for their first championship game of the season. Knowing that CBS Mullingar had a strong panel, the lads were well aware of the tough challenge that lay ahead.

The first half began with CBS taking a three point lead within the first ten minutes. Some serious defensive efforts led to a scramble on the MCS goal line



of which Pearse Weir Norris came out on top, bursting through the league of CBS players in his path. It didn't take long for the Moate lads to get a score on the board as a commendable play starting in

the Moate half back line ended in Matthew Cox splitting the posts from 25 yards out. Next in line was Luke Buckley who took a long ball into his chest, turned his man and placed an extravagant score off his left from just inside the 45m line. With little under 10 minutes remaining in the first half CBS broke through the MCS defence and were controversially handed a penalty which just about exceeded the Moate Number 1, Eoin Moran. Moran redeemed himself in unbelievable fashion as he made a fingertip save moments later.

The second half began poorly for the Moate team as CBS slotted a goal and a point without reply inside the first five minutes. The MCS men found their feet once again as the exemplary Thomas Dunning hammered the ball over the bar from long range. Adam Donoghue then knocked over a free from what seemed to be an impossible angle. A superior run by Adam Turley was finished by a pointed kick from Buckley moments later. The introduction of Jack Slevin seemed to add a great edge to the game as he picked up the loose balls in the half forward line. Glenn Carolan played an excellent ball over the head of two defenders to Philip King who took a shot from the ground placing it perfectly in

the top corner. A fantastic goal. Conor Bracken added to his outstanding performance with a fisted point in the last 10 minutes. CBS replied with 4 points, most from close range.

A game that seemed to get away from the Moate men in the closing stages finished on a score line of 1-7 to 2-10 to CBS.

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