



TULLOW C.S EQUESTRIAN REPORT



GIRLS TEAM COMES SECOND IN TRI INTERSCHOOL'S EQUESTRIAN JUMP OFF IN WEXFORD EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

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Two Tullow CS equestrian teams, sporting their new blue half-zips, headed off around 6am on Sunday morning to their event in Wexford Equestrian Centre. Team Red consisting of Niamh Tobin & Sprite, Louise Nolan & Malacia and Caoimhe Curran with Gerry and Team Blue consisting of Una Farrell on Pablo, Orla Dalton on her lovely new mare Lady Liath and Ben Corrigan (Knockbeg) on Finnegan. While both teams rode brilliantly, it was not to be Team Blue's Day... with the tricky double fence along proving a bit of an issue. Team Red however had a better morning, jumping six double clear rounds in their 8.45am start. It is certainly not easy being the first or second team out, as later teams get the opportunity to see how the course rides and if there are any fences that pose a problem. Also, on a team of three (you are allowed four riders), there is no room for error! A team needs six clear rounds out of eight to qualify. Each rider can only ride two rounds. No such issues for our Red Team ladies and horses... the girls result qualified them for the for the jump off later in the day. Horses and ponies went back in their boxes and the girls had a three hour wait for their jump off. Twelve teams qualified and each team was required to select two horses and riders to go forward. Niamh and Louise were chosen and knew they would have to be fast and clear to take one of the top three places that would ensure them a place in the final next April. The jump off was very competitive to say the least and the girls all went clear again and only lost out by a few seconds on time to finish in a brilliant second place in only their fourth week out. The girls are already looking forward to their next events in JAG and Boswell equestrian centre's.







