



# TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



## *U17 BOYS BOUNCE BACK WITH EMPATHIC WIN*

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**Picture:** Tullow Community School Under 17 Boys Soccer Team with their manager Mr O'Reilly

The Tullow C.S U17 Boys soccer team traveled to Hacketstown on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November to face Colaiste Eoin in the second game of a double header between the two schools with the U15 boys playing beforehand. Having narrowly lost out on penalties in their first game the lads were eager to bounce back and try to get a win on the board.

Played in testing conditions on a difficult surface, given the weather conditions of the previous days, it was the Colaiste Eoin boys who started the stronger. They held possession well through out the early part of the half and applied a lot of pressure on a resilient Tullow back line who had to battle hard to preserve their clean sheet. Hacketstown went closest to finding the opening goal when a superbly hit free kick was brilliantly denied by Tullow keeper Conor Sutherland, who was showing his worth again after a man of the match performance in the last game. When another Colasite Eoin shot then struck the post it looked like the Tullow lads were riding their luck and might be in for a long day. However Tullow began to find their way into the game as the half wore on and started to come more into the game. Their stout defence was rewarded by a great attacking move which seen striker Noah Mulligan put through one on one. The T.C.S sharp shooter didnt disappoint and kept a cool head to calmly slide the ball one side of the advancing keeper to give his side a 1-0 lead which they held till the halftime break.



Whether it was some stern words from Mr O Reilly at the break or seizing the chance to get their bearings and make some adjustments to the game plan but the T.C.S boys emerged like a different team for the second half. They immediately put their opponents under pressure with a high tempo press and were soon reaping the rewards of their efforts when a long ball from centerback David McHugh found Noah Mulligan who made no mistake and doubled his tally to give Tullow a 2 nil lead. But Mulligan wasn't done yet and was soon racing thorough on goal and finished with style to complete his hat-trick and give this team a convincing 3 goal lead which had seemed unlikely early in the first half. To the credit of the Colaiste Eoin team they battled hard and never gave up and soon breached what had been up till then a solid Tullow defence to score a well deserved consolation. However a consolation was all it proved to be as the hard working Danny Gibson was on hand soon after to make it 4-1 to Tullow and restore their 3 goal advantage. And with the game approaching its end Frankie Fitzgerald popped up with a wonderful goal to seal a well deserved 5-1 win for the visitors. On a difficult day for a game Tullow had notable performances from Noah Mulligan, Danny Gibson, Conor Nolan and Frankie Fitzgerald.





Tullow C.S coach Mr O'Reilly was full of praise for both teams performances after the game particularly given the testing conditions saying it was a "very good performance from our u17 boys today on a difficult pitch. We were very happy with Noah Mulligans three excellent goals and there is a lot more to come from them all yet this year" .

*Tullow C.S Team:*

1. Conor Sutherland	2. Oisin Nolan
3. Robert Coleman	4. Daniel Whelan
5. David McHugh	6. Conor Nolan
7. Frankie Fitzgerald	8. Johnny Maher
9. Noah Mulligan	10. Danny Gibson
11. Aaron Dowling	12. Dylan Cunningham
13. Rory Gavin	14. Jamie Maher
15. Harry Nolan	16.