



# TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



## **INSPIRED SECOND HALF SEES T.C.S WIN EPIC BATTLE!!**

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On Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November Tullow Community School Senior Boys football team travelled to Rathnew GAA grounds in Wicklow to take on Col áiste Cill Mhaint áin. Having just come on out on the wrong side of two very close games already this year the T.C.S boys needed to win to keep their hopes of reaching a quarter final alive.

The game got off to an erratic start with both sides having some good build up play, but a combination of poor shot choice and good defending stopped either from registering a score. The breakthrough came when a well worked move seen Tullows Liam Gavin tip over a fine point. The intensity of the game began to pick up at this stage with another Tullow point being quickly answered by the boot of Chill Mhantain full forward Lorcan Sinnott as he found the Tullow net with a blistering strike. This goal was followed shortly after with points from Sam Healy and Jamie Moorhouse to further exert the Chill Mhantain pressure. When a speculative effort from a free dropped short and was saved by Thomas Fitzgerald only to be knocked in by a Wicklow forward the tide seemed to have fully turned in Chill Mhantains favour. The turning point of the game however was to come just on the stroke of half time. Facing going into the half time break down 9 points and with a mountain to climb, Tullow full forward Cian Gorman Comerford stepped up to hand his team a lifeline with brilliant goal and leave the score a more respectable 1-02 to 2-05.



Whether it was some inspired words from Mr O Shea & Mr Grace, the momentum from Gorman Comerfords goal or a chance to adjust their tactics but the Tullow team that emerged for the second half were a different side. Being 6 points down and needing a fast start T.C.S came flying out of the blocks with a quick point. Tullow continued to put pressure on the Wicklow team and were soon rewarded when centre back Conor Kelly rifled home a brilliant shot to rattle the Chill Mhantain net. This goal seemed to inspire the whole team and when Ben Nolan found the net again soon after the momentum was firmly behind the Tullow boys. Tullow C.S Rory Gavin made an instant impact off the bench as his quick reactions seen him score a lovely point as soon as he came onto the pitch. It was all Tullow at this stage and when they were awarded a penalty which was calmly slotted away by the boot of Cathal Healy the remarkable comeback was well and truly on. Chill Mhantain rallied and provided a nervy finish to the game for the T.C.S lads with a great goal at the death. However Tullow held firm and sealed a remarkable win that had seemed impossible late in the first half with a final score of 4-06 to 3-07.



Mr O Shea was absolutely delighted with his teams display after the game saying it was “a game of two halves, Colaiste Chill Mhantain played well in the 1<sup>st</sup> half with a slight breeze. But Tullow took advantage in the second half and equalised quickly. After being down 6 points at half time it was a brilliant display to lead by 6 points in the second half. The Chill Mhantain penalty towards the end made an exciting finish but we were happy to hold out and now go on to the Leinster quarter final”

*Teams:*

<b><i>Tullow team</i></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Thomas Fitzgerald</li><li>2. Eoin Corcoran</li><li>3. Sean Corcoran</li><li>4. Shane Murphy</li><li>5. Harry Nolan</li><li>6. Conor Kelly</li><li>7. Tom Dillan</li><li>8. Cathal Healy</li><li>9. Tadgh Hutton</li><li>10. Thomas Nolan</li><li>11. Liam Gavin</li><li>12. Adam Burges</li><li>13. Shane Cormican</li><li>14. Cian Gorman Comerford</li><li>15. Ben Nolan</li><li>16. Conor Cleary</li><li>17. Liam Heydon</li><li>18. Brian Hutton</li><li>19. Oisin Doyle</li><li>20. Adam Denton</li><li>21. Rory Gavin</li><li>22. Conor Nolan</li><li>23. Danny Gibson</li><li>24. Max Coulihan</li></ol>	Colaiste Chill Mhantain <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Lee Browne</li><li>2. Ciaran Matthews</li><li>3. Callum Clarke</li><li>4. Zack O' Connor</li><li>5. Brendan Stone</li><li>6. Adam Byrne</li><li>7. Ryan McConnell</li><li>8. Michael Og O' Neill</li><li>9. Sam Healy</li><li>10. Andrew Lynch</li><li>11. Alex Sinnott</li><li>12. Ben Bowen</li><li>13. Jamie Haydon Moorhouse</li><li>14. Lorcan Sinnott</li><li>15. Sam Culleton</li><li>16. Emmet Ronan</li><li>17. -</li><li>18. Kacper Lupek</li><li>19. -</li><li>20. Liam Byrne</li><li>21. Darren Lee</li><li>22. Aaron Nolan</li><li>23. Fionn Greene</li><li>24. Ben Jameson</li></ol>
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