



## NEWPARK HALT SECOND HALF TULLOW CHARGE!!

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On a very cold Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 the T.C.S Boys Senior Rugby team set out to the New Park Comprehensive pitch in Dublin for their second group game of the season. Buoyed by a very dominant win in their first game Mr Murphys team came into the game in a confident mode.

However, it was a difficult start for the away team as Newpark came storming out of the blocks to dominate the first 10 minutes of the game. Despite some gallant tackles from the T.C.S lads they were unable to hold out against the tide of attacks and found themselves trailing when a Newpark unconverted try was quickly followed by a penalty to leave the scoreboard at 8-0 to the home team. Never a side to give up and let their heads drop Tullow seemed to galvanise themselves and dug deep to begin to work their way back into the game. Adam Burgess & Sean Smith were leading by example with their intense tackling and when Max Coulahan went very close to opening the scoring for Tullow with a great line break it signalled the start of a Tullow revival. The T.C.S team had the better of the remainder of the

first half but couldnt make that elusive break through to get themselves on the scoreboard and seen the half time whistle come still trailing 8-0.



Tullow started the second half with a renewed energy and determination and were quick to apply pressure on Newpark straight from the restart. They were finally awarded for their hard work when the nimble footwork of Adam Burgess seen him slice through the Newpark line to score an excellent try. Rory MacColl narrowly missed to resulting conversion to leave the score 8-5 and putting the game well and truly in the balance. In what was to prove the pivotal period of the game it was the Newpark side who managed to register the next score when they went over the Tullow line and added the conversion to stretch their lead to 15-5. Once again, the Tullow lads rallied to fight back, with Rvan Byrne & Sean Corcoran leading by example to put their bodies on the line with some brilliant tackles and rucks helping to keep their team in the game. It was Adam Burgess who again had the key to unlock the Newpark defence and when he went over for his second try of the game it looked like the Tullow fight back was on. With the score at 15-10 the game was anyones to grasp and Tullow kept applying pressure but were unable to make it count as penalties conceded within the Newpark 22 halted their progress on several occasions. Newpark sensing Tullow were tiring from their efforts ceased their moment and broke through to cross the line again and seal the win on a score line 20-10.









## Tullow C.S Team:

1. Conor Elliot	2. Shane Murphy
3. Dylan Doyle	4. Sean Smith
5. Tom Dillon	6. Ryan Byrne
7. Adam Denton	8. Thomas Fitzgerald
9. Stephen Doyle	10. Rory MacColl
11. Liam Gavin	12. Conor Kelly
13. Shane Cormican	14. Max Coolahan
15. Adam Burgess	16. Harry Nolan
17. Harry Agar	18. Ben Nolan
19. Cathal Healy	20. Cian Gorman Comerford