



TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



T.C.S JUNIORS SHOW THEIR CLASS IN SEASON OPENER

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On Tuesday the 10th of January Tullow Community School Junior Boys Football team set out to take on Pres De La Salle Bagenalstown in their first match of the year. Played in the Bagenalstown GAA grounds on a cold and very windy day both teams took to the field hoping to get their season off to a winning start.

Playing against a bitterly cold and howling wind it was the T.C.S lads who started the brighter. Straight from the throw in Tullow won possession and worked the ball well through the hands into the wind and center back Harry Nolan found himself in the right position to open the scoring with a well taken point. This early score spurred the Bagenalstown team into life and they started to get back into the game contesting every ball and their patient hard work paid off in the 10th minute when they got back on terms with a well worked team score. In a half that was very much defined by the conditions Tullow seemed to come to terms with them a little better and were managing the game & possession well against the wind. Their patient build up soon started to pay off as Brynn Nolan & Aaron Dowling kicked two marvellous points to extend the Tullow lead. Bagenalstown had goalkeeper Conor Kavanagh on

hand soon after with an excellent save to deny T.C.S a goal. Tullow continued to play within themselves and tireless running from half backs Daire Byrne & Dylan O Reilly, midfielder Conor Nolan and half forward Liam Lobiza helped springboard a wave of Tullow scores that seen them add three more points to their tally.

Bagenelstown using the wind to their advantage kicked two lovely long-range points of their own to leave the halftime score at 0-06 to 0-03 in favour of Tullow.



After a few words of encouragement from Mr Tutty and a change of tactics now playing with the wind the T.C.S boys made a blistering start to the second half. Playing quicker more expansive football they quickly added two more points from the boots of Brynn Nolan & Noah Mulligan who was proving a handful for the Bagenelstown full back line. De La Salle responded well with a point of their own, but it was soon cancelled out when a great pass from Harry Nolan found Brynn Nolan in the square who duly tapped home for a well-deserved goal. Liam Lobaiza, who started at half forward but seemed to be in the thick of all the action for Tullow soon added another well taken point to bring the score to 1-08 to 4 points. Tullow made their first substitution, Frankie Fitzgerald on for Charlie Brennan who had worked tirelessly for the game. Bagenelstown were next on the scoreboard and gave themselves a lifeline in the game when they worked the ball brilliantly up the field which lead to a goal from Alan Wall and the momentum seemed to be swing in De La Salles favour when Harry Nolan was black carded for bringing a Bagenelstown player to ground soon after. However, within minutes it was Bagenelstown who were also down to 14 men when goal scorer Alan Wall was black carded for a separate fowl. Substitutions were made by both teams heading into the final minutes with Bagenelstown No.4 on for no.15, Alfie Barcoe and Tullow bringing on Markuss Regalis for Noah Mulligan and Adam Denton for Robert Coleman. T.C.S soon regained control of the game and further points from Brynn Nolan, Liam Lobaiza and

Harry Nolan helped to ease them into a comfortable lead which they held onto till the full-time whistle which came on a final score of 1-13 to 1-04.



Mr Tutty was delighted with his teams performance after the game and was particularly pleased with how they managed the game in the first half playing into such a strong wind. On a day when there was tireless work throughout the team Mr Tutty singled out Liam Lobaiza, Aaron Dowling and Daire Byrne for particular praise on outstanding performances.

Tullow C.S Team:

1. Thomas Fitzgerald	2. Robert Coleman
3. Johnny Maher	4. Rory Gavin
5. Daire Byrne	6. Harry Nolan
7. Dylan O Reilly	8. Conor Nolan
9. Nathan Dillon Burroughs	10. Charlie Brennan
11. Brynn Nolan	12. Liam Lobaiza
13. Noah Mulligan	14. Daniel Whelan
15. Aaron Dowling	16. Dylan Cunningham
17. Frankie Fitzgerald	18. Markuss Regalis
19. Adam Denton	20. Conor Sutherland
21. Danny Gibson	22. Kyle Moloney
23. Pdraig Eustace	24. Jack Corcoran
25. Adam Cleary	26. Cathal Lyons
27. Jack Byrne	28.