



# TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



## *T.C.S JUNIORS ADVANCE TO SEMIS WITH ATTACKING STYLE!!*

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On a bitter 14<sup>th</sup> of December the Tullow C.S Junior Boys Rugby team welcomed Kilcullen to The Tullow RFC grounds at the Black Gates for the next round of the Leinster Competition. Played on the Astro Turf surface in sunny but very cold conditions the Tullow lads were hoping to build on what had been a wining start to their season so far.

And the T.C.S side were quickly into their attacking flow and didnt take long to register the first score of the game when Reuben Capota peeled off the back of a scrum and broke through the Kilcullen defensive line to score a brilliant individual try. Daniel Haskins then expertly slotted away the conversion to leave Tullow with an early 7-0 lead. However T.C.S were slow to build on their early incentive and Kilcullen quickly fought their way back into the game. Great tackling and defensive work was required from Aaron Dowling, Jacob Sherlock, Daniel Haskins & Brynn Nolan to try and keep the Kicullen pressure at bay but they couldnt hold out against the tide of Kilcullen attacks who got themselves on the scoreboard and drew the game level mid ways through the first half. The rest of the half was a well fought and very even contest with neither team adding to their early tallies to leave the score at 7-7 at half time.



After a motivational talk from the Tullow Coaches at half time the T.C.S lads came flying out of the blocks for the second half. A great sequence of attacking play lead to a brilliant team try that was touched down by No. 10 Daniel Haskins who duly stepped up to convert his own try and push his team into a 14-7 lead. Kilcullen fought back strong and responded nearly immediately with a try of their own to close the gap to the bare 3 points. As the game looked like it was heading for a very close and tight finish Tullow slowly began to turn the screw and show their class. A penalty from Daniel Haskins extended the Tullow lead before Darragh Corcoran went over for an unbelievable individual try breaking from deep in his own half to barrel through the Kilcullen lines and give Tullow a 24-12 lead as the game approached the closing stages. The game was sealed for T.C.S when center Daire Byrne got the final try of the game and Dan Haskins was on target again from the boot to give Tullow a well deserved 31-17 win and send them through to the Leinster Semi- Final.





Reflecting on a brilliant team performance by his team T.C.S Coach Mr Murphy was in a philosophical mood about his sides resolve saying “The same water that softens a potato hardens an egg” . And also hoghlighted a Man of the Match performance by flanker Jacob Sherlock.

*Tullow C.S Team:*

1. Brooklyn Byrne	2. Lorcan Byrne
3. Rian Byrne	4. Darragh Butler
5. Darragh O’ Reilly	6. Jacob Sherlock
7. Brynn Nolan	8. Senan Keating
9. Cian Murphy	10. Daniel Haskins
11. Joseph Gibbons	12. Ruben Capota
13. Daire Byrne	14. Paddy Nolan
15. Aaron Dowling	