



# TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



## *TULLOW SENIOR BOYS BATTLE HARD IN DEFEAT!!!*

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On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of January at the Black Gates rugby pitch of Tullow RFC the Tullow Community School Senior Boys Rugby team welcomed Gorey in what was a must win game for the team. Forced to shuffle his team significantly with many players ruled out through injury Mr Murphy knew his side would have to dig deep to find the win they needed.

Tullow came flying out of the traps straight from the kickoff and immediately began to apply pressure to the Gorey backline. The forwards were working well and directed by scrum half Adam Burgess their pressure eventually paid off when Tullow were awarded a penalty. No.10 Rory MacColl coolly converted the kick and T.C.S had they start they needed with early points on the board. However this early dominance by Tullow seemed to spur Gorey into action and the momentum of the half soon shifted as Gorey now began to find their feet in the game and up the ante in attack. They soon found themselves inside the Tullow 22 and we neat hands broke the Tullow line for the first try of the game. The resulting conversion was duly added and after a after a promising

start Tullow found themselves 7-3 down. Gorey maintained their control on the game and soon forced a penalty which was converted to extend their lead to 10 points. As Gorey were on the brink of running away with the game Tullow needed a response and that's exactly what they found with a barreling run and brilliant try from prop Conor Elliot just before half time to see the break come with a score line of 13 – 8.



It was Gorey's turn to start strongly as the second half got underway and they immediately put Tullow on the back foot. The T.C.S lads held strong under relentless pressure but eventually the tackle count added up and Gorey broke through for their

second try of the game. But Tullow weren't willing to throw in the towel and quickly responded with a try from full back Tom Dillon and once again the contest hung in the balance. The T.C.S lads mounted several waves of attack but the Gorey defense didn't crumble and as the toll of their efforts started to tell on the diminished Tullow squad Gorey seized their opportunity. A break away try with 5 minutes to go finally broke the Tullow spirit and when Gorey again went over in the dying minutes the result was put out of doubt. It was a gallant effort by the T.C.S lads but in the end, Gorey won out on a score of 31 – 13.



Mr Murphy was very proud of the team after the game especially considering the injuries and changes that had to be made and as usual found solace in defeat saying, *"not all storms come to disrupt your life, some come to clear your path."*

***Tullow C.S Team:***

1. Dylan Doyle	2. Shane Murphy
3. Conor Elliot	4. Thomas Fitzgerald
5. Thomas Nolan	6. Ryan Byrne
7. Sean Corocran	8. Sean Smith
9. Adam Burgess	10. Rory MacColl
11. Adam Denton	12. Conor Kelly
13. Shane Cormican	14. Max Coolahan
15. Tom Dillon	16. Harry Agar
17. Paul Barrett	18. Conor Brophy
19. Jack Byrne	20. Stephen Doyle
21. Ben Nolan	22. Cian Gorman Comerford