



TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



MEMORBALE WIN FOR TCS HURLERS IN LEINSTER FINAL

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Having gone unbeaten in every game this season the reward for the Tullow C.S Senior Boys Hurling team was an appearance in the Leinster D Final against CBS Carlow on Wednesday the 15th of March. Played in Netwatch Cullen Park this final was a repeat of the final from a division below the previous year and was a testament to the improvement and commitment of both teams that they could step up a grade and still contest another final the following year. Having been narrowly beaten in last years game the T.C.S lads were determined to get there revenge on what they knew would be a talented CBS side.

It was a cagey start to the first 20 minutes of the game with both teams taking time to find their rhythm with the pressure of contesting a final and dealing with difficult wet conditions. The Tullow half forward line showed early signs of intent with both Cian Gorman Comerford and Ben Nolan raising the white flag with well taken points. CBS were starting to feel their way into the game as well and were quick to match the Tullow scores. When a great score from TCS centerback Cathal Healy was again matched with a CBS point the game was finely posed at 3 points all midway through the first half. Tullow were first to raise the green flag when a quick well worked passage of play caught the CBS backs napping and the sliotar ended up in the back of the net off the hurl of TCS corner forward Aaron Dowling. However, CBS quickly replied, as had been the case the whole half and scored a great goal to level the match once again. Ben Nolan was on hand soon after to move Tullow into a narrow lead once again with a well taken free but it was the Carlow team who were to have the final say in the first half. In a blistering spell of play the CBS lads scored a rapid 1-2 without response at the end of the half to push themselves into a 4 point lead and leave the score 2-5 to 1-4 at half time, with the game still all to play for.



Having been hit for 5 points at the end of the first half the TCS lads could have been forgiven for a slow start to the second half however the opposite was to happen. Some instructions and words of encouragement from Mr Hogan & Mr Coogan seen the Tullow team come out full of intent. Shane Murphy came in to replace Conor Brophy in the corner and Tullow soon had the score board ticking again with a Cathal Healy free and a great point from play by Ben Nolan. With every score having to be worked hard for both sides knew that the next goal in the game could be crucial and still trailing by 2 points Tullow knew they needed that goal to get back into the game. That vital score came midway through the half when a great ball into the full forward line ended up with Aaron Dowling who nimbly side stepped around the CBS keeper to finish a great piece of play with an excellent goal. The CBS lads weren't going to give up without a fight and a fine team move seen them level the game late on with a free and leave the game truly in the balance as the full time whistle loomed close. But the TCS lads dug deep and another Cathal Healy free as the game went into injury time pushed them ahead by the minimum margin and when Ben Nolan finished off a fine scoring display with a brilliant individual point from play it was enough to seal the win for Tullow on a scoreline of 2-8 to 2-6.



Tullow C.S Team:

1. Ben Sinnott	2. Daniel Haskins
3. Eoin Corcoran	4. Shane Cormican
5. Cain O Byrne	6. Cathal Healy
7. Sean Corcoran	8. Liam Gavin
9. Tadhg Hutton	10. Cian Gorman Comerford
11. Ben Nolan	12. Oisin Doyle
13. Conor Brophy	14. Noel Doyle
15. Aaron Dowling	16. Conor Elliott
17. Shane Murphy	18. Conor Kelly
19. Matthew Kearney O Brien	20. Cian Lester
21. Max Coulahane	22. Lachlan O Byrne
23. Joseph Maher Broderick	24. Cormac Gahan
25. Thomas Fitzgerald	26. Liam Lobaiza Heydon