



TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



Tullow Seniors grind out hard-fought draw to advance to Quarter Finals!!

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On Monday 20th of November, the TCS boys senior football team took on Colaiste Bhríde Carnew on home grounds in very windy conditions. In the last game of the group stage, it was a tense affair with the weather playing its part in a battling encounter. Tullow got off to a good start with Liam Gavin kicking off the scoring with a precise free kick into a very strong wind. Tullow had several opportunities to double their lead in the early few minutes as they worked the ball well into scoring positions but were unable to take advantage. Carnew began to work their way into the game scoring their first point of the match with a lovely long range effort capitalising on the wind at their backs. Impressive teamwork by Cathal Healy and Liam Gavin resulted in Cathal Healy adding his first to the score sheet soon after. Carnew then had a great goal opportunity skillfully thwarted by Tullow CS goalie Shane O'Connor Keogh. The Colasite Bhríde team then put up three

points in a row as the Tullow defence struggled with tough conditions underfoot conceding a couple of frees and left easy scoring opportunities given the advantage of the wind. However never a team to give in Tullow rallied just before the half time whistle blew with Liam Gavin securing two consecutive points from frees to make the half time score Tullow 0:4, Carnew 0:6.



The Tullow management delivered an uplifting halftime team talk to try to rise the team going into the second half that they would have the advantage of now playing with the strong wind. Despite this it was Carnew who were swift out of the blocks and worked the ball very well against the wind to score the first three points of the second half and leave Tullow with an up-hill battle to get back into the game. The TCS lads were up to the task do and started to win their personal battles with Daragh Corcoran bursting from defence to deliver an excellent pass to Liam Gavin to set up another point for Tullow. Tom Dillion, Harry Nolan & Johnnie Maher were starting to drive the team forward and another Tullow point soon followed. Carnew had a great goal chance soon after but thanks to a stellar save from Shane O'Connor Kehoe it was kept out. The Tullow forwards were using the ball well now with the wind and a move involving Liam Heydon, Aaron Dowling and Callum Murray drew a free which Liam Gavin duly converted. Shane Cormican & Cathal Healy were coping well in midfield and when the later stepped up to curl over a brilliant point from distance the score was now all square at 9 points apiece.

As the match approached the final whistle and both teams tired from the massive effort put in by both it looked like Tullow might grab an unlikely win when loose defending by Carnew cost them a free which Liam Gavin was on hand to convert and give Tullow their first lead since the first 5 minutes. However, Carnew were not to be denied something from the game and with the game in added time their half back scored an amazing point into the wind from 30 yards out to level the score. Tullow had a long range free with very last kick of the game to try and snatch a win but it wasn't to be and the match concluded in a draw, showcasing a hard fought battle by both teams in tough conditions. Full Time Tullow 0:10, Carnew 0:10 with both teams now advancing to the Quarter finals stage.



Tullow:

1. Shane O'Connor Keogh
2. Adam Denton
3. Daragh Corcoran
4. Johnny Maher
5. Harry Nolan
6. Tom Dillon
7. Daire Byrne
8. Adam Burgess
9. Cathal Healy
10. Liam Lobiza Hayden
11. Ben Nolan
12. Rory Gavin
13. Shane Cormican

14. Liam Gavin
15. Aaron Dowling
19. Callum Murray
20. Thomas Nolan
21. Oisin Doyle
22. Conor Brophy
23. Conor Cleary
24. Charlie Brennan
25. Danny Gibson
26. Vijay Egharevba
27. Max Coulahan
28. Joseph Gibbons
29. Will Baird

