



TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



EMPHATHIC WIN FOR TULLOW SENIOR BOYS

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On Thursday 23rd of November, Tullow Community Schools Senior Boys rugby team took on Ardscoil Athy in Tullow RFC. The team came into the game carrying a lot of injuries, but that didn't hold back the lads and Mr Murphy.

The team started the game strongly getting a penalty in the first few minutes which No12, Brynn Nolan converted excellently giving the lads a well-deserved 3 points on the board early. The game was back and forward for both teams, until Tullow's no.8 Senan Keating burst through the Athy defence to touch down for the first try of the game putting 5 more points on the board. Tullow's no.12, Brynn Nolan converted the try with no pressure to extend his teams lead and the score was now 10-0. Athy kept fighting back and hassling the lads, but then, Daragh Corcoran intercepted the ball and ran half the pitch and scored another well-deserved try, which was converted Brynn Nolan.

Tullow were in full flow now and soon after fullback Shane Cormican burst through Athy's defence and got a smashing try, which Brynn Nolan easily converted again. With Tullow down to 13 players due to two yellow cards, the forwards were doing well with no.9 Stephen Doyle directing them around the pitch. The lack of numbers however did eventually pay off for Athy when their no.12 found a gap in the Tullow line to slip through for Athy's first try. Tullow responded well do when hooker Shane Murphy broke through Athy's defence to get another try on the scoreboard for Tullow which was then converted by Brynn Nolan. Athy kept going until half time, but they conceded a penalty just before half time. The half time score was 34-5 to Tullow. Despite the fact there wasn't many line outs, Tullow won every line out they contested in.



For the second half Mr Murphy decided to bring on fresh legs at half time to keep the side strong. Aaron Dowling replacing Max Couluhan on the wing, Harry Nolan taking over for Adam Denton also on the wing, Bryce Gardiner replacing Paul Barrett at tight-head prop and Tyresse stepping in for Brooklyn Byrne at loose-head prop.

The lads started off strong with Harry Nolan scoring a try fresh off the bench! Stephen Doyle guided the team throughout the scrum. Then the centre Daire Byrne got an excellent try which was scored by excellent passing and skill work. Then Mr Murphy decided to make more changes with Zak Fegan replacing Brynn Nolan in the centre, Adam Denton replacing Daragh Corcoran in the flanker position and Brooklyn Byrne stepping in for Shane Murphy as hooker. Then Brooklyn Byrne got a try with a strong rook supported by his team. Then, Harry Nolan sprinted up the wing to get another well worked try. Then, more changes were made with Max Couluhan replacing Shane Cormican at fullback and Darren Maher replacing TomTom Fitzgerald in the second row! In the dying minutes of the game, Brooklyn Byrne got another try on the board to end the game on a 61-5 win for Tullow C.S!

At the end of the game, Mr Murphy decided that Jacob Sherlock deserved man of the match after an excellent game playing in the flanker position for the whole game!





Tullow C.S Team:

1. Brooklyn Byrne	13. Daire Byrne
2. Shane Murphy	14. Adam Denton
3. Paul Barret	15. Shane Cormican
4. Thomas Nolan	16. Bryce Gardiner
5. TomTom Fitzgerald	17. Tyresse
6. Jacob Sherlock	18. Zak Fegan
7. Daragh Corcoran	19. Harry Nolan
8. Senan Keating	21. Darren Maher
9. Stephen Doyle	22. Aaron Dowling
10. Tom Dillon	23. Daragh O'Reilly
11. Max Couluhan	
12. Brynn Nolan	