



TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



NARROW LOSE FOR U19 GIRLS IN QUARTER FINAL

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It was a very close game between Tullow Community School and C.T.I. Clonmel when they meet in the U19 Girls Quarter Final on Monday the 20th of November. The Tullow girls travelled to Monroe Sports Centre in Clonmel for what they knew would be a very tough encounter. Tullow started the first quarter strong by winning the throw in and immediately taking the game to Clonmel with some amazing scores by Aoife McFarland and Allie McDonagh seeing them flying into an early lead. As the quarter wore on the Clonmel girls began to work their way back into the game and Tullow's physicality in defense which has been a hallmark of the team began to work in Clonmel's favour. With the referee being very consistent with tight calls the T.C.S girls gave away 5

fouls in the quarter which help Clonmel to make up for their slow start and take a first quarter lead of 7-5 by the time the whistle blew.



As the second quarter began Tullow were very strong on the ball and managed to reverse the foul count leading Clonmel to give away some fouls and help Tullow start the quarter well. The T.C.S girls made the most of these fouls with Aoife McFarland excelling at the free throw line scoring 4 points. The second quarter had a similar rhythm to the first do and it was soon the CTI girls who were applying pressure and soon got back on terms with 4 points of their own. As the Clonmel team continued to try and press home their advantage Tullow had Mia Nolan to thank who was working tirelessly to breakdown the Clonmel attacks. The second quarter finished 11-7 to Clonmel.



As had been the way in the first & second quarters the Tullow girls can fast out of the blocks winning the throw in and immediately scoring to close the gap on the score board. Again both teams were guilty of being over aggressive in the tackle in the referee's eyes and the foul count in the game began to mount up in the third quarter as the score became more frequent. Many of Clonmel's scores were from free throws of a result of getting 5 fouls and the game started to get tense with Tullow's fouls starting to count up as well as the Clonmel girls began to open a gap on the score line the third quarter finished 20-12.



As the fourth and final quarter began it was very tense with Tullow looking to convert every opportunity to score. The T.C.S girls showed amazing heart & determination, pulling off some amazing plays resulting in scores as they fought their way back into the game, none shown better than a brilliant Ella Davis score from a rebound by Aoife McFarland. Having worked so hard the Tullow girls quickly found themselves level in the game but the foul count now really came back to haunt them as Aoife McFarland , Orlaith Healy and Amie Byrne Cushe were all ejected from the game in quick succession as a result of each supposedly getting 5 fouls. With 1 minute and 13 seconds left on the clock Tullow scored to lead the game for the first time since early in the first quarter and an unlikely win seemed close. However, with only 33 seconds left on the clock the Clonmel girls scored and were soon after awarded a free throw which they converted. Unfortunately there was nothing that could be done to save the game so late on and despite a phenomenal come back by T.C.S CTI Clonmel advanced by the smallest of margins.



Tullow C.S Team:

1.Orlaith Healy	6.Eva Haskins
2.Aimee Bolger	7.Allie Mcdonagh
3.Aoife Mcfarland	8.Ella Davis
4.Emma Byrne	9.Amie Byrne Cushe
5.Mia Nolan	10.Lyn Walsh