



# TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



## *TCS Seniors triumph in Carlow Schools A Final!!*

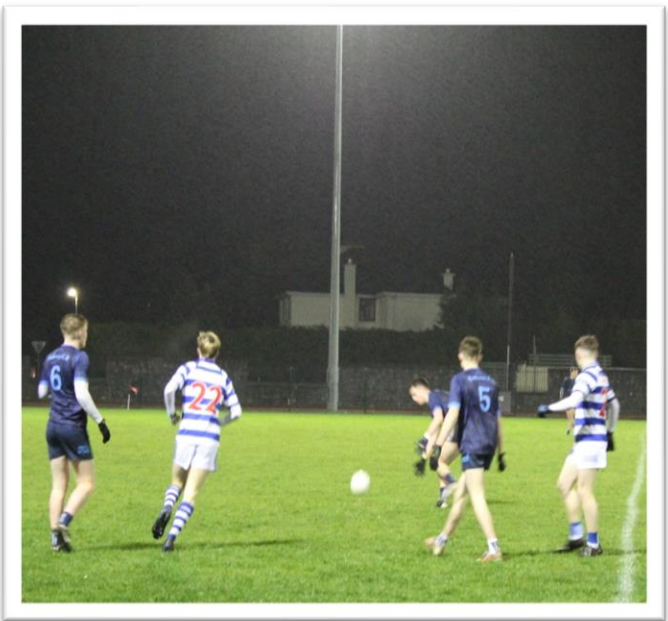
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On the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2024, the Tullow Community School senior boys football team played Knockbeg College in the A final of the Carlow Schools League in the SETU Arena Carlow @ 7:45pm. Having narrowly lost out by the barest of margins in a thrilling game to Chloaiste Bhríde Carnew in the South Leinster final a couple of weeks previously the TCS lads went into this match as underdogs but with a point to prove.

The Tullow team started off strongly and were controlling possession in the opening exchanges with Liam Gavin scoring a point in the opening minutes of the game to put them into an early lead. Despite the wet and cold conditions both teams looked intent to play open football and give the crowd who braved the

weather an entertaining game. Although TCS were having the better of the early encounters it was Knockbeg who registered the next point of the game when they broke through the TCS back line to round off a well worked team score. After this score the Tullow back line started to tighten up with Johnny Maher, Darragh Corcoran and Adam Denton giving the Knockbeg inside line very little room to create chances. This platform allowed Tullow to counterattack and move the ball with pace through Daire Byrne, Dylan Ruane and Shane Cormican. The TCS pressure became to show dividend as excellent points from Aaron Dowling, who was having a lively game at corner forward, and Tom Dillion who was having a notable influence on the game through his free role, soon had TCS 3 points to 2 up.





The teams exchanged points at either end with the contest nicely posed at 4 points to 3 as the game moved into the second quarter. The pivotal movement of the first half game just before half time when an excellent turn over from Rory Gavin on the right side of the field allowed Tullow spring a quick counter through Rory & Liam Gavin who played a one two with Liam Lobiaza before Liam Gavins sweeping pass found Dylan Ruane who had made a 70-yard burst from his own half he showed brilliant composure to slot past the Knockbeg keeper for an outstanding goal! The half time score was Tullow - 1:05, Knockbeg 4 points.



Mr Kenna, JJ and Tom gave the lads an inspirational half time speech to keep them focus and determined going into the second half. Tullow came out of the blocks intent to build on their lead. Cathal Healy & Adam Burgess were winning the midfield battle and when the later laid the ball off to the tireless Ben Nolan who was putting a massive shift in for his team, he found Daire Byrne with bursting run off his shoulder and Daire made no mistake and coolly slotted over to extend the Tullow lead. The TCS management decided to bring on fresh legs from the bench with Cian Gorman Comerford & Brynn Nolan replacing the excellent Adam Denton & Ben Nolan. The Tullow defensive line was working tirelessly hard to keep a lively Knockbeg forwards line at bay and the next Tullow score came with Adam Burgess making an excellent interception to work a score for Liam Gavin to pop over the bar. Liam Gavin was proving to be a thorn in the Knockbeg side with his forward runs and work rate and he soon extend the Tullow lead with another point from a free kick. Again, TCS decided more fresh legs were needed to keep going and so Oisín Doyle replaced Liam Lobiaza Hayden, Joe Maher Broderick replaced Aaron Dowling and Conor Cleary replaced Daragh

Corcoran in the full back position. Rory Gavin reaped the reward for his endless running throughout the game when he popped up on the end of another patiently worked build up for an excellent score. As the half progressed the Knockbeg side were finding it more difficult to breakdown the TCS defensive shape and scores hard to come by. Shane O'Connor Keogh replaced Dylan Cunningham in the goal, Joseph Gibbons replaced Daire Byrne and Callum Murray replaced Rory Gavin. The lads kept on pushing until the final whistle and a Cathal Healy point rounded off the tie and left the full time score TCS : 1-10 , Knockbeg : 4 points. Well done to Mr Kenna, JJ Grace, Tom Bowes & Mr Tutty and a panel of hard working & determined footballers who done themselves and the school proud!!



Tullow CS team:

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| 1.Dylan Cunningham         | 2.Johnny Maher           |
| 3.Darragh Corcoran         | 4.Adam Denton            |
| 5.Dylan Ruane              | 6.Tom Dillon             |
| 7.Daire Byrne              | 8.Shane Cormican         |
| 9.Adam Burgess             | 10.Liam Lobaiza Heydon   |
| 11.Liam Gavin              | 12.Cathal Healy          |
| 13.Ben Nolan               | 14.Aaron Dowling         |
| 15.Rory Gavin              | 16.Shane O'Connor Keogh  |
| 17.Conor Brophy            | 18.Oisin Doyle           |
| 19.Brynn Nolan             | 20.Conor Cleary          |
| 21. Joseph Maher Broderick | 22.Callum Murray         |
| 23.Robert Coleman          | 24. Harry Nolan          |
| 25.Noah Mulligan           | 26.Nathan Dylan          |
| 27.Vijay Egharevba         | 28.Cian Gorman Comerford |
| 29.Charlie Brennan         | 30.Danny Gibson          |
| 31.Padraig Nolan           | 32.Peter Burgess         |
| 33.Joseph Gibbons          | 34. Thomas Nolan         |