



TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



1ST YEAR GIRLS THROUGH TO FINAL WITH DRAMATIC LATE WINNER!!

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On the 19th of March, the first year girls basketball team strived to an incredible win over Avondale Community College in the South Leinster Semi Final played in Old Loughlin.

Tullow set off with a blistering start in the first quarter with Una McFarland, Allie Lacey, Olivia Zaborniak, Annie Fagan and Ciara Byrne. Una McFarland gave the Tullow girls a fantastic start with the first basket of the game. She then makes a numerous amount of fantastic runs of the court. Una then receives two free shots after being fouled , scoring her second shot. Allie Lacey then scores a great basket followed by Oliwia Zaborniak. The girls make some great interceptions throughout the quarter, however, Avondale manage to score twice in the final few minutes of the quarter. They receive two free shots but don't succeed in scoring either leaving the score 7-4 to Tullow as the first quarter ends.



In the second quarter there are a few changes with Ella McDonald , Meabh Ward, Jane Dillon, Sally Burtler and Ellen Mai coming on. Avondale get a good start after scoring the first basket of the quarter showing they were up for a good fight. Meabh Ward fights back scoring a basket after a brilliant run. Avondale manage to score again making the game become very tense. Ella McDonald then scores a great basket, but Avondale then score a fantastic shot. Jane Dillion makes some impressive interceptions throughout the quarter which keep the girls in the game. Ellen McDonald then scores another fantastic basket keeping the girls in the lead. Avondale receive two free shots but again fail to score. A few moments later Ella McDonald also receives two free shots scoring the second basket. This left the girls in a 16-10 lead after the second quarter of the game.



The third quarter was tough as everyone was getting tired but the girls kept strong with most of the possession and Jane scoring the first basket of the quarter. There were a few changes with the team as Una McFarland, Jane Dillion, Allie Lacey, Oliwia Zaborniak and Ella McDonald were now on the court. Avondale managed to score a basket after a fantastic run from one of their girls and then managed to score another a few minutes later. However, the girls weren't letting it down and kept pushing hard. Jane Dillion making yet again more fantastic interceptions. The score was left at 18-14 to Tullow girls at the end of the third quarter.



In the final quarter, Ellen Mai came on for Oliwia Zaborniak. The score was tight so the girls really had to put the work in. Avondale didn't make it easy as they proceeded to score the first basket of the quarter leaving only a basket between the two teams. The possession was equal making it a tough fight. Avondale brought on a sub making the tension high. Avondale then scored yet another basket. This brought the scoreboard to an even score. However, the girls did not give up They fought very hard and great play from Jane Dillion seen

her receive two free shots but unfortunately she couldn't convert either. With only a few moments left in the game and the score still dead locked up stepped TCS Ellen McDonald to make a clutch basket for her team under massive pressure and win the game. The final whistle blew with the score at 20-18 and the narrowest of wins for this battling Tullow team. The emotions were high as the girls deservedly had made their way through to the South Leinster final. Well done to all coaches & players involved for such an entertaining and enjoyable match with a lot of talent on display.

Tullow C.S team:

2.Olivia Zaborniak	8.Allie Lacey
3.Meadhbh Ward	9.Ciara O'Byrne
4.Una McFarland	10.Meave Wallace
5.Kate Rooney	11.Sally Butler
6.Ellen Mai O'Toole	12.Libby Maher
7.Jane Dillon	13. Ella McDonald