



# TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



## **T.C.S LOSE ON PENALTIES IN TYNDALL THRILLER!!**

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**Picture: Tullow Community School Under 17 Boys Soccer Team with their manager Mr O'Reilly**

On a blustery October day in Tyndall College it took penailites to separate these two sides in a match that was described by all in attendance as an absolute thriller. With six world class goals, some heroic last gasp defending, a man of the match performance by T.C.S keeper Conor Sutherland, extra time and 9 penalty kicks this game had it all.

After a frantic start with chances and fouls exchanged by both sides Tullow opened the scoring with a wonder goal from Dylan O'Reilly. Having been awarded a free kick from all of 40 yards out and despite the calls from the line to lob the ball into the area, O'Reilly unleashed a thunderbolt of a strike to find the top corner and put Tullow into an early lead. Tyndall College did not waver however and came back strong and were rewarded for their efforts when No 4 Adam Allaionti got on the end of a long ball from a free kick to tap in from close range and level the scores. Tyndall continued to press and it took a pair of excellent saves from Conor Sutherland between the Tullow posts and a great clearance from centre back David McHugh to keep them at bay. With the match finely balanced the lively Noah Mulligan dashed onto a through ball and coolly slotted pass the Tyndall keeper to take Tullow into a half time lead at 2-1.



The second half continued in the same vein as the first with high drama throughout. Tullow introduced Johnny Maher to replace Danny Gibson and had to dig deep as Tyndall were soon level when an excellent shot from No 9 Oshokha Saliu found the Tullow net. The game ebbed and flowed both ways and some great attacking moves called defenders and goalkeepers from both sides into action. Most notably of these was another string of fine saves from Sutherland who was doing his utmost to keep Tyndall at bay. However, Tullow were still causing problems at the other end of the field and O'Reilly went close again from a dead ball when another free kick went narrowly wide. Frankie Fitzgerald was providing Tullow with a potent aerial treat and after he seen an excellent header pass just over the cross bar he arrived in the box to get himself on the end of a corner and with a bullet header gave T.C.S a 3-2 lead. An injury for Tyndall keeper Blake O' Shea slowed the game down as the second half neared its end and Tullow looked like they might scrap a narrow win until Tyndall striker Dylan Murphy equaliser with just minutes left on the clock to force the game into extra time.



Extra time provided more chances for both teams with Mulligan and Fitzgerald going close for Tullow and Tyndall again keeping Sutherland busy in the Tullow goals. With determined defending from both teams neither was able to break the others will and extra time soon gave way to a penalty shootout. Dylan O'Reilly and Noah Mulligan were on the mark with T.C.S first two penalties which were matched by Tyndalls Oshokha Saliu and Michael Dooley to leave the shootout finely balanced at 2 all. Frankie Fitzgerald, who had been excellent throughout for Tullow, seen his penalty missed and when Joel Divine Abu calmly struck his penalty the tide tipped to Tyndalls favour. Conor Nolan and David McHugh kept their nerve to score Tullows next two penalties to bring the shoot out all the way but after Dylan Murphy had scored

Tyndalls fourth penalty it was left to No 6 Shane Kelly to show great composure under enormous pressure and find the net to win the match for his team on a score line of 5-4 on penalties.



Tullow C.S coach Mr O'Reilly was full of praise for both teams performances after the game saying it was a pleasure just to “*enjoy the experience of a brilliant game of football*” . Mr O'Reilly also highlighted an excellent display in goals by Tullow keeper Conor Sutherland who was his player of the match.

*Tullow C.S Team:*

1. Conor Sutherland	2. Oisin Nolan
3. Robert Coleman	4. Daniel Whelan
5. David McHugh	6. Frankie Fitzgerald
7. Danny Gibson	8. Dylan O'Reilly
9. Noah Mulligan	10. Conor Nolan
11. Aaron Dowling	12. Johnny Maher
13. Jamie Maher	14. Harry Nolan
15. Rory Gavin	16. Dylan Cunningham

*Tyndall College Team:*

1. Blake O' Shea	2. Matej Zymelkaz
3. Corey Ryan	4. Adam Allaionti
5. Odhran Murphy	6. Shane Kelly
7. Joel Divine Abu	8. Michael Dooley
9. Oshokha Saliu	10. Dylan Murphy
11. Hari JS Peksens	12. Josh Hynes
13. Scott Lawler	14. Santiago Ramirez
15. Petish Fox	16. Diego Avera