



TULLOW C.S MATCH REPORT



LAST GASP TRY DENIES TCS MEMORABLE WIN

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On Monday the 13th of January the Tullow CS Senior Boys Rugby team travelled to Donnybrook in Dublin to take on Drogheda in the first round of the Senior Cup. The game started at a high tempo with an early Drogheda scrum in a dangerous area that TCS managed to survive. From this play do Tullow gained possession and a brilliant kick from Daire Byrne put Tullow in a great attacking position. Tullow pressed there advantage and got there first try on the board coming from Paul Barrett with the kick getting converted by Brynn Nolan that put the Tullow 7-0 up in the first 10 minutes.

Sadly, however in a big blow for the team a few minutes later Brooklyn Byrne had to come off the field with an injury and Lorcan Byrne took his place. Despite this set back TCS kept pushing and 15 minutes into the game won a penalty which was converted by Brynn Nolan which put them ahead by 10 points.



With momentum behind them Tullow were dealt another injury blow when shortly after pushing their lead to 10 points Senan Keating had to come injured with Jack Nolan taking his place. The game was very tight for the majority of the rest of the half with both sides holding spells of possession without adding to the score line. Just coming up to half time Tullow extended their lead when they won a penalty 40 meters out which was brilliantly converted by Brynn Nolan which was his third of the half. In the thirty fifth minute Drogheda were putting the pressure on Tullow and spread the ball wide but a great try saving tackle from Tyreese Kavunga held them out and it looked like the Tullow lads would take a nice lead into half time. However, Drogheda kept up the pressure and just on the stroke of halftime scored their try but missed the conversion which meant Tullow had the lead at the half with the score 13-5 in favour of TCS.



As the second half started Tullow were again hampered by injury when 5 minutes in Mr Murphy was forced to reintroduce Senan Keating for an injured Jacob Sherlock. Drogheda started the second half with intent and after 8 minutes their intent paid dividend as they scored a try which wasn't converted shortening Tullow's lead to 3 points. They continued to dominate the half and the Tullow defence was being put hard at work. In the fifty fifth minute Jacob Sherlock returned to the pitch with Harry agar coming off.



As the game entered the last 5 minutes before the full time whistle Drogheda won a penalty and a chance to level the game but fortunately for Tullow they missed the and it looked like the TCS lads might hold on for a memorable win. The Tullow lads were trying the hardest to keep Drogheda out with some exception defending but in the 74th minute Drogheda eventually breached their line and got a try to win the game 17-13. A devastating end to the game for Tullow after holding out for so long. Well done to both teams and their management teams on what was a brilliant game played in excellent spirits. Devastating ending for the lads as the played so well all game.

