

## Urlingford vs Tullaroan Roinn C Round 4

A highly anticipated Round 4 clash in the Roinn C boys hurling league lived up to its billing as Urlingford NS faced a Tullaroan side that had bested them three times last year, including a country cup final in Nolan Park. Entering on the back of three wins, Urlingford were determined to maintain momentum—and they exploded from the blocks.

Points from Will Bergin, Paudie Power and Conal Lyng set the tone early, showcasing sharp movement and clinical finishing. Pdraig Bourke dominated the middle third, winning rucks and driving Urlingford forward with purpose. At the back, Alex Cashin produced vital saves and delivered pinpoint puckouts, while Dara Hickey provided a steady backbone in defence.

Urlingford stretched their lead to 0-8 without reply, with Lyng and Eoin Gibbons adding fine scores. However, missed goal chances and excellent goalkeeping from Tullaroan kept the contest alive. Just before the break, Tom Hogan capitalised on a defensive lapse to net, leaving Urlingford ahead but wary.

The second half saw Hickey drop to full back, tightening the defence alongside Robbie Quinlan. Despite creating chances, Urlingford struggled to convert, and Hogan struck again with a poacher's goal to close the gap to two points.

Showing resilience that eluded them last year, Urlingford responded through David Maev and Bergin, restoring breathing space. Key contributions from substitutes Tom Hickey and Cillian Tobin added energy late on. Though Tullaron pushed again, Urlingford held firm, displaying composure and belief.

With knockout stages looming, competition for places is fierce, and Urlingford know tougher tests lie ahead.