

Tommy O'Brien Cup Final Match Report

Friday 13th, UPMC Nowlan Park

Urlingford and Tullaroan faced off for the third time this year in a thrilling Under-13 Tommy O'Brien Cup Final, with hopes high for Urlingford to finally overturn previous defeats. However, Tullaroan started brightly, registering 1-1 early. Urlingford fought back through a Will Bergin free and a well-taken goal by Padraic Dowling. Darragh Power responded with a series of pointed frees for Tullaroan. Just before the break, a breaking ball fell to Callum Ryan, who struck a bullet to the net, leaving Urlingford eight points down at half time.

Urlingford showed great heart in the second half, cutting the gap to just three points at one stage. They created several goal chances, but the Tullaroan goalkeeper was outstanding, pulling off a string of vital saves. Despite the pressure, Tullaroan held firm and ran out four-point winners. Gaye Rafter refereed the game with fairness and control. A brave effort by Urlingford in a memorable final.

U11 County Final Match Report

Freshford – A Hot Day for Hurling

Urlingford battled bravely in the U11 County Final against a strong De La Salle side in Freshford, with Stephen Delaney officiating. In scorching conditions, with water breaks needed throughout, the game began at a high tempo. De La Salle struck early with a goal, despite a fine initial save from Paidi Power. Urlingford responded well with three quick points from Eoin Gibbons and Conal Lyng. Another broken-ball goal for De La Salle and accurate free-taking from their number 12 pushed them nine points ahead at half time.

Urlingford came out fighting in the second half, with goals from Cian Doyle and Gibbons cutting the gap to just three points. Despite creating further goal chances, Urlingford were denied by excellent goalkeeping. De La Salle added two late points to seal a five-point win. Though the result didn't go their way, Urlingford showed Great Spirit and determination in testing conditions, narrowly missing out in a closely fought contest.

Match Report: U13 C Shield Final – Urlingford vs St Johns

The U13 C Shield Final in Freshford was a thrilling contest between Urlingford and St Johns, refereed by John McCormack. St Johns, with Kilkenny hurler Paddy Deegan among their selectors, started strongly, with their number 14 netting a goal within seconds of the throw-in. Urlingford responded through two pointed frees by Will Bergin before Noah Colleton powered forward and struck a superb goal off his left side.

Both sides traded frees in a tightly contested first half, with Urlingford edging ahead 1-6 to 1-4 at the break. Jack Hogan, son of Brian Hogan, took control at centre-back in the second half, leading to a strong St Johns spell that produced six points in 15 minutes.

Urlingford, showing their trademark determination, responded with scores from Eoin Gibbons, Bergin, and Colleton. Despite several goal chances, they were denied by excellent saves and defending from the St Johns backline. In the end, St Johns held out for a two-point win, gaining revenge for their earlier league defeat.