



St. Mary's Football Club

Match Report

St Marys 1 – 0 Bloomfield

Stewarty Fires a Christmas Cracker.

What a performance!!! It was cold and wet, the pitch was bumpy and the referee didn't give us a few key decisions but the 14 St Marys boys played their hearts out to beat a decent Bloomfield side.

Jack Ward partnered Sean Maitland at the heart of the defence and between them they hardly missed a ball. Full backs Small and Mooney battled for every ball.

A change of formation seen Ciaran Pettigrew upfront with Peter Stewart and they both caused the Bloomfield defence all sorts of problems particularly with the great service from wingers Kingsmore and McNicholl.

In the centre of midfield Captain Gilmour and Ciaran McCullough worked tirelessly between defence and attack. Aidan Gilleece probably had his best game for the club showing a safe pair of hands when called upon.

Despite wasting a number of chances throughout the game a brilliantly worked move seen Captain Gilmour lay a cracking pass to Stewarty who struck an unstoppable shot into the top right hand corner from 16 yards. The goal set off mental celebrations on the St Mary's line as the Glengormley men grabbed a deserved lead.

Tired legs meant that subs Teer, McBride and McIlroy were needed to defend for a frantic last 10 minutes. Despite surviving a few nervy moments including an amazing goal mouth scramble, the boys held on for 3 much deserved points.

Special thanks must also go to the parents who turn out every week and give the team and managers great support.

2011 comes to a close on a big high for the U11s and with continued hard work things look bright for 2012.

