



St. Mary's Football Club

### **Match Report**

## **St Mary's v Sirocco**

### **Birthday Boy Pete Bags a Brace**

St Marys U11s came up against unbeaten and table topping Sirocco at Cherryvale on Sunday morning.

Building on the fantastic performance from last week St Marys started the match with the same commitment, work rate and passing as they did in securing last week's victory. A tight first half saw chances for both teams and a booking for the improving Díarmuid Small. The great first half display from the Glengormley boys was undone by a poor refereeing decision that allowed a Sirocco attack to continue despite a clear offside.

### **HT St Marys 0 – 1 Sirocco**

St Marys started the second half at a storming pace and scored a deserved equaliser from the deadly Peter Stewart who celebrated his birthday with a fine individual effort.

The game flowed back and forth with the St Marys back five of Aidan Gileece, Darragh Mooney, Ciaran Pettigrew, Tomas Gilmour and Díarmuid Small standing firm while the midfield driven on by Sean Maitland and Jack Ward and supported by Ciaran McCullough, Ruairi Teer and Antáine McNicholl were proving effective in defending and going forward.

With ten minutes left Sirocco began to pile on the pressure which was rewarded with a cracking strike from their midfielder which was quickly followed up with a scrambled third from a corner. This was harsh, very harsh on St Marys who deserved at least a draw from this game.

St Mary's spirit to fight to the end was rewarded when Stewarty again forced his way through the Sirocco defence to net his fifth in two games.

St Marys didn't have enough time to force a draw but the Sirocco management team commented that St Marys had given them their hardest game of the season and deserved a draw at least.

This was another top team performance which deserved so much more. Again the whole team including subs Matthew McIlroy and Caoimhín Kingsmore put in great effort.

**Final Score – St Marys 2 – 3 Sirocco**