



St. Mary's Football Club

## **Match Report**

### **Under 17**

#### **Won 3 1 today against Bryansburn**

Great goals from TJ McCaffrey and Pearse Magee seal another win for the u17s.

St Marys went into the game knowing that nothing but a good performance would be enough to overcome a highly rated Bryansburn side. Missing Matthew Harvey and Luke Kelly through injury the saints line up with TJ up top on his own with cc playing just in behind.

The team started really well, pressing forward nice and quickly! Chances were created within the first 15 minutes! After this St Marys grabbed the opener. The ball was collected from the edge of their own half and CC bombed forward carrying the ball some 50 or 60 yards before passing to TJ who went round 4 or 5 defenders and coolly slotted the ball into the net. After this the u17s seemed to switch off and let the opponents into the game a bit more, and Bryansburn grabbed an equaliser not long after. For the remainder of the half St Marys huffed and puffed and played some decent football at times in what was very blustery conditions in Mallusk playing fields.

Half time 1 1

The team went out in the second half very optimistic that they could get in front once again and hold onto the lead. Not for some terrific defending the team could have went behind early in the second half! The team finally got the breakthrough they needed and it's was through sheer steely and grit determination! Firstly cc showed great perseverance and then Pearse Magee busted through to Rob the centre back of the ball before coolly slotting the ball home past the keeper. Not long and it was 3 1 with TJ again grabbing the goal adding to his hat trick the week before. Heat play by the team as a whole ended in TJ blasting the ball into the roof of the net from an angle.

Moments later it could have been 3 2 if not for a terrific tackle by Conor burrows at the back! A solid display by CB for the third week in a row having come back from two weeks out! Pearse Magee was terrific in middle breaking the play up and running at the opposition defence, while Emmett McCracken had a great game doing the simple things right with some lovely passing throughout.

**Man of the match: Conor Burrows**