



St. Mary's Football Club

Match Report

Under 10

St Marys FC Colts vs. Aquinas

St Marys showed tremendous courage to mount a great fight back at Ballysillan as they were caught cold by a slow start which saw them 2 goals down after 4 minutes. Odhran Kinning had taken the keepers jersey but had no chance for either goal when the Defence was punished by the quick passing of the Aquinas attack as they failed to keep their shape and were slow to react to the second ball.

The lads then settled and Odhran O'Boyle Fionn Nagle and Chris McAuley formed a solid defensive base for the midfield of Ryan Russell & Smycek to get St Marys moving. The work rate of O'Neill kept the Aquinas Defence busy and combined well with Robert Robertson who had a good game up front. It was a lay off from O'Neill which found Russell 20yards from goal and his 20 yard strike found the roof of the net and got St Marys back into the match.

Jamie Morrow played well up front and was unlucky with 2 great efforts which he flashed just wide of the post. Russell scored his second after a good exchange of passes with O'Neill on the left wing. Russell pounced to finish the move with a crisp shot after O'Neill cut the ball back from the by-line. Chris McAuley got his reward for some great forward attacking runs from Defence when a clearance found him unmarked at the back post and he slotted home to score his first goal for St Mary's. A special mention must be made of 2 wonder saves made by Smycek in the 3rd period when he dived to his left to save a low drive and managed to scramble back to save the follow up with his feet when Aquinas looked certain to score.

The Coaches were proud of the way the Boys got themselves back into the match and there were a lot of positives to take away.

MAN OF MATCH - RYAN RUSSELL