



St. Mary's Football Club

Match Report

St Marys Colts -v- Rosario

The Colts maintained their winning start to the season with another fine display against Rosario at Ballysillan to stretch the current run of hot form to 5 straight wins. The boys were quickly out of the blocks and following a long throw from CJ Fulton, the ball broke to Conor O'Neill and he smashed a right footed half volley into the roof of the net from the edge of the box. Odhran McAtamney made an impressive debut for St Marys and scored with a neat control and finish, beating the keeper at the near post as he slotted home. The pressure continued throughout the first period with the defence, expertly marshalled by Conor Small, being rarely threatened. Following a great run and cut back from Fulton, McAtamney grabbed his second with a cheeky back heel at the front post that left the Rosario keeper stranded.

In the second period there was some great passing football with the lads using the full width of the pitch to good effect. There was some excellent pass and receive movements with Conor Mowbray and Fulton in midfield. Eoin Donnelly, making his first start of the season, had probably his best match in a St Mary's shirt to date and was strong in the tackle along with Small who was first to every ball and always in the right place to cancel out the Rosario striking threat. On one of the rare occasions when the defence was breached Darragh Johnston made an excellent save diving low to his left and is clearly growing in confidence since switching to keeper. Odhran Kinning, also making his first start of the season, showed some nice touches around midfield. O'Neill grabbed his second of the match and 7th of the season when Fulton spotted his run, with his defence splitting pass putting O'Neill through on goal and he made no mistake from 10 yards with a low left foot drive into the bottom corner.

Rosario improved in the 3rd period but St Marys continued to defend well with Small making a number of great clearances and tackles, also using the ball well when in possession by passing out of defence. Robert Robertson improved and grew in confidence as the game went on, playing in Defence, midfield and attack at various stages of the game. St Marys were still dangerous on the break with Mowbray displaying some good dribbling skills and was unlucky with a few long range efforts. O'Neill was denied a 'Gentleman's Hat-trick' (Right foot, left foot, header) when his near post header from another Fulton corner was well saved by the Rosario keeper.

St Marys tired towards the end of the 3rd period but the 2 late goals from Rosario did not take the gloss off another superb display by the Lads.

MAN OF MATCH - Conor Small