



St. Mary's Football Club

Match Report

Under 16

St. Mary's FC 3 – 0 Larne FC

Goal scorers: Decky Kane (51), (67), (80)

This game at Mallusk was a comfortable victory, St. Marys began the game slowly but never really looked in any danger of conceding. The first half was mostly played down the left wing with Phil Doherty playing a number of great passes down the line for Deco Beare and the forwards to chase. As St. Mary's got behind the Larne defence on a number of occasions it was their goalkeeper who stood out making a number of great saves to keep his side in the game. Luck played a key part as Caolan Smith and Ben Mullan saw some definite goals deflect wide of the net. For the neutral, it looked like St. Mary's should rightfully go on to win the game but this almost did not happen as a back pass to Shay Bannon bounced over his leg. Had he not been sharp on his toes this could have been a calamity goal conceded. The first half was mostly played in the oppositions half, but at half time the message was to be urgent and press forward.

The St. Mary's domination continued in the second half as Donal Walsh and Gerard Christie secured possession in the midfield throughout the game. The backline, although rarely tested were also sharp throughout. More emphasis was placed on attack with the introduction of substitutions. Decky Kane's presence was immediately felt as he put his name on the score sheet almost immediately. Ross Mackin came close on several occasions also but it was Decky Kane who put the game to bed putting his name on the score sheet two more times, one of the goals being a spectacular shot which smashed off the upright and landed in the back of the net.

A comfortable win for St. Mary's which puts them second in the table, one point of top with a game in hand.