



St. Mary's Football Club

## **Match Report**

### **Under 10 Colts**

#### **St Marys FC vs. Oliver Plunkett**

Our U10's maintained their magnificent start to the season with another impressive display over Oliver Plunkett at Ballysillan.

They had to come from behind against a strong Plunkett side after conceding an early goal in the first period as the Defence was still being reorganised following an injury to Fionn Nagle. Niall McCaffrey came in and helped to shore up the Defence along with Odhran O'Boyle who was strong in the tackle and first out to every ball. The lads began to find their passing game with some fine passing movements through midfield and wide areas where Sean Hagan's, CJ Fulton and Robert Robertson began to get on top and dominate. Great solo runs from Fulton and Hagan's created chances and Conor O'Neill had an effort saved on the line just before the break. The reward came early in the second period when after a good exchange of passes O'Neill cut the ball back from the by-line for Fulton to coolly slot home. David Smycek came out of nets at the start of the second period and showed his strength and quality around the midfield area which helped to keep Plunkett pinned back in their own half with little threat on the St Mary's goal. The breakthrough came when a fine left foot drive from Fulton from outside the box found the top corner. In the 3rd period, good chances were exchanged between the sides in the early stages. After a series of 5 corners in a row for St Marys, a long defensive clearance put the Plunkett striker clean through on goal and only a magnificent save from Darragh Johnston, as stand-in keeper, kept the slim lead intact. Plunkett were pushing for the equaliser and saw a long range effort dip and strike the cross-bar. Shortly after, Fionn Nagle, who had recovered from his earlier injury, made a miraculous last ditch tackle after a 20 yard sprint to close down the Plunkett forward as he prepared to shoot. St Marys always remained dangerous going forward with the dribbling and passing vision of Fulton, linking up well with O'Neill and Hagans. The result was put beyond doubt with 2 minutes remaining when Hagans made a great burst from midfield and picked out the run of O'Neill with a well-timed pass. O'Neill made no mistake with a low drive into the bottom corner from 10 yards.

It was a great match with Plunkett very worthy opponents on the day. The IFA Games Co-ordinator at Ballysillan stated that it was the best 'footballing' match he had seen at the Development games so far this year. All the lads were brilliant on the day!

**Man of the Match - CJ FULTON**