



St. Mary's Football Club

### **Match Report**

St Marys Colts continued their excellent start to the season and followed up their recent triumph as Champions at the Loughside Tournament with a win in their opening match of the new season against Aquinas All Stars. In blustery conditions at Ballysillan, St Marys settled first and had the Aquinas defence under a sustained period of early pressure. The Aquinas keeper was forced to make 2 good saves in the opening 5 minutes after 2 long range drives from Conor Quinn and he then blocked well at the feet of Ben Skillen. The reward for playing their passing football came on the 09th minute when Conor O'Neill, the Birthday Boy, was rewarded for gambling on a run to the back post and converted a low cross from close range.

Conor Small and Denis Price were comfortably dealing with the Aquinas attacks, with Small in particular making a number of excellent challenges and block tackles. Just before the first break the St Mary's Defence was caught out of position for the first time when an attack broke down and a long ball over the top left the striker clean through on goal, with nothing keeper Stuart Smyth could do prevent the equaliser.