



St. Mary's Football Club

Match Report

St Marys FC Under 10 Thunderhawks

The Thunderhawks had an early kick off this week at 9am but that didn't stop them coming out of the blocks in the first period with all guns blazing. This week, they were playing a Willowbank team coming off a great victory against Cliftonville last week.

Straight into the first period a killer pass from Ryan Russell from his own half to Ben Skillen opened up the Willowbank defence. Skillen used his pace to outrun the defence and slot home a goal for a comfortable finish at the near post. St Mary's had an early lead. The rest of the first period was tough for the Thunderhawks as they received attack after attack. Stuart Smyth featured in nets and made a few good saves to keep them in the game. Fionn Nagle was welcomed back for the Thunderhawks and his class was there to be seen, keeping the Willowbank attack at bay.

The second period was more open than the first. Niall Davey making his first start to the season. Playing in midfield he broke up the play nicely and along with Russell, they scored a second goal. Russell on his left foot drilled a shot from 10 yards out which was deflected into the net. St Mary's were back in the game. It was followed by Willow bank's striker having an astonishing effort controlled onto his chest and hit on the volley which sailed over the bar.

The final period was certainly the most entertaining for a neutral. End to end football consisted of goals and many footballs hitting the upright. Odhran O Boyle made the best pass of the match to Sean Hagan's who ran half the pitch and scored a cracker with a thunderous goal with his right foot into the roof of the net. Willowbank also had their chances but Nagle, Niall McCaffrey and Denis Price all did their best to keep them at bay.

Price had his best performance ever in a White and navy blue shirt, heading the ball, blocking shots, closing down defenders and making the simple and easy pass. The Thunderhawks performance was much improved from week 1. Both manager Price and coach Price were happy with how the players performed, the effort was brilliant.

Man of match: Fionn Nagle