



St. Mary's Football Club

Match Report

St Marys FC Under 10 Colts vs. Springfield Star

The Colts stretched their remarkable start to the season with their 6th successive win and perhaps their most controlled and disciplined display of the season against Springfield Star at Ballysillan. St Marys were quickly into their stride with attack after attack in the first period. The deadlock was broken with a fine passing move down the right side. A series of passes were exchanged between Mowbray, Fulton & Skillen before Fulton was put clear and calmly slotted home. Stuart Smyth in the St Mary's goal was largely a spectator for the entire first period with not a single shot on goal as Odhran O'Boyle and Conor Small formed a strong defensive partnership and were closed out every ball.

The second period saw an improvement in Springfield's attack but St Marys increased their lead midway through when Mowbray's long range swerving effort from 25 yards deceived the keeper. Michael Armstrong, making his debut, troubled the defence with his pace from midfield alongside Fulton who controlled the game with some great awareness and passing vision. Niall Davey provided a strong base for the attacks with some excellent tackles and blocks. Sean Hagan's performed well with a number of strong energetic runs which created shooting opportunities for himself but he was unlucky not to score. On the one occasion when the defence was breached Smyth was more than equal and made an excellent save, pushing the shot around the post.

In the final period the result was put beyond doubt when Fulton grabbed his second after a mazy dribble down the right wing. As he reached the by-line everyone expected a cross but he dragged the ball inside the defender to create a shooting angle and his low left foot drive found the bottom corner. Odhran Kinning built on last week's performance and showed some nice skills going forward but also kept his focus on his defensive duties. He got his reward in the Third period with the 4th goal, tucking the ball home after a defensive mistake.

The attacking qualities of the Colts have been evident in the score lines this season but the most impressive aspect of today's performance was the defensive qualities shown by all the players. They worked back tirelessly, were first to every ball and kept their positions. A well-earned and fully deserved first clean sheet of the season!

MAN OF MATCH - CJ Fulton