



St. Mary's Football Club

Match Report

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St. Mary's 3-1 Aquinas

St. Mary's showed off their title credentials with a dominant performance over a well fancied Aquinas side. St. Mary's dominated the game from start to finish and in truth could have won the game by much more comfortable margin.

For a change the St. Mary's side took control of the game from kick off and could have been 1-0 up went midfielder Nathan Gorman shot from outside the box sailed narrowly over the bar. It wasn't long before St. Mary's opened the scoring went a well worked move in midfield split open the Aquinas defence for Seamus Girvan to side foot the ball past the keeper. Girvan could of had his second went his curling effort went over the bar. The midfield were having a field day with Birch, Murdock, Corr and Gorman finding time and space to pass the ball around and carve out chances for Deazley and Girvan. Mid-way through the 1st half St. Mary's left back Niall Magee was shown a straight red card after he kicked out at a horrendous challenge from the Aquinas midfielder which he also saw red for! With both teams reduced to 10 men, Seamus Girvan was brought into left back for St. Mary's. Aquinas became more confident and created a couple of chances which were dealt with well by the Turner, Girvan O'Hare and Burke. A bit of bad luck saw a clearance from St. Mary's land to the Aquinas forward which he converted for 1-1 just before half time.

After a breather during the half time break St. Mary's took control of the 2nd half with Birch and Murdock making driving runs and putting pressure on the Aquinas defence, Murdock made it 2-1 St. Mary's after a move he started and finished. Soon after it was to be 3-1 after some excellent skill by Birch he picked out Dylan Le Mahieu to tap in at the back post. The 3rd goal killed off the Aquinas challenge and St. Mary's made chance after chance with Corr, Birch and Le Mahieu having half chances and Burke having a chance with his head after a spell of 5 corners in a row for St. Mary's. A great display from the St. Mary's defence stopped Aquinas from having a shot in the 2nd half with O'Hare and Burke developing a great understanding at the back.

Manager Steven Turner was delighted with the commitment on display once again and challenged the boys to put in another display like this went they take on rivals Ardoyne on Saturday.

Man of match: Seamus Girvan