



St. Mary's Football Club

## Match Report

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### **Murdock inspires St Mary FCs to victory!**

St Mary's FC 3-1 SOPYC

Another great win for St. Marys, as they controlled the game from start to finish. The St Mary's management had to change the starting line up before kick off as Jack Deazley picked up a calf strain during the warm up, with Ruiiri McAllisiter replacing him.

St Mary's started the game at a high tempo and had SOPYC on the rack with Dylan Lemahlea having a great chance blocked by the defender after a well worked move down the left wing. St Mary's controlled the first 20 minutes with Conor Birch and Ruairi McAllisiter having half chances well saved from the goalkeeper. Owen Murdock was controlling the midfield with defence splitting passes and driving runs. A loss of concentration towards the end of the 1st half let SOPYC back into the game. The first half ended 0-0.

The 2nd half started with St Mary's making a tactical switch with Ruairi McAllisiter dropping into midfield and Garth Morgan taking his place up front. Seamus Girvan was replaced by Gerard Corr on the left of midfield. St Mary's piled on the pressure and were rewarded with the breakthrough after 3 consecutive corners. The corner was scored direct by Conor Birch for his 6th goal of the season. The second soon followed with a cross turn shot from Conor Birch flying into the top corner for his 2nd of the game and 7th of the season. Owen Murdock was involved in all of the St Mary's play and his driving runs reminded of a young Stevie G. A 3rd goal soon followed, again from a corner after the ball dropped to Garth Morgan who coolly slotted home. Numerous chances then fell St Mary's way with Corr, Murdock and Deazley all having chances to add their name to the score sheet and Birch and Morgan having chances to increase their goal tallies. The game came to a close with Jordan "JCB" Burke giving a free kick away on the edge of the box which was finished Beckham like from the SOPYC midfielder.

The game ended with another great win for St Mary's leaving the coaching staff delighted with the commitment and desire shown by all the players – a great performance all round.

**Man of Match:** Owen Murdock