



St. Mary's Football Club

Match Report

Under 16 Belfast & East Antrim

St Marys FC 7 – 0 Loughside FC

Goalscorers: Marty Murphy (12), Jordan Rhodes (22), Jonathan Hoey (38), Marty Murphy (45), Jordan Rhodes (53), Tiernan Kane(68), Ruari Donaghy (72)

Bookings: Peter Healy, Paddy McDiarmid

St. Mary's began the game very strong, looking dominant from the first minute. As pressure began to build on the Loughside goalkeeper it was a spectacular finish by Marty Murphy which separated the two sides 12 minutes in. Cormac Eastwood was on extraordinary form and proved to be a handful for the Loughside defence, creating many chances and forcing the opposition to concede corner after corner. St. Mary's looked strong in every set piece, with Ross Mackin and Jordan Rhodes delivering some great crosses into the box Jordan Rhodes got the second goal as he intentionally went for goal straight from the corner. The ball bent straight into the far corner of the net for the second week in a row. At 2-0, St. Mary's settled into the game and thanks to a great defensive display which saw every Loughside attempt handled with ease, St. Marys constantly attacked in search for a third before half time. Fiontan Eastwood and Ruari Donaghy looked very comfortable all day as they worked hard and kept organised throughout the game.

This constant pressure paid off just before the end of the half as Jonathan Hoey scored his first ever St. Mary's goal. The first half performance was down to the hard work of Aidan O'Reilly and Martin Murphy in midfield. As Gerard Christie looked back to his best, he almost scored with his trademark 25 yard strike which hit the crossbar and went out of play.

The second half began much like the first as St. Mary's went straight on the attack again, Ross Mackin delivering crucial passes and goal assists all day. The game looked over 5 minutes into the second half as Marty Murphy scored his second. Although St. Mary's were very good on the attack, Loughside looked sharp on occasions and might have made the game a lot closer had it not been for Shay Bannon in nets who came to collect every cross and shot without trouble, his distribution was also good for a second week in a row. A Nice finish by Jordan Rhodes made the score 5-0 with half an hour to go. As the substitutions added to the attack Ben Mullans first touch was a great cross to Jordan Rhodes. Tiernan Kane, who also came on in the second half, made it 6 with a good strike from the edge of the penalty area. With Loughside being bombarded for the last 10 minutes Ruairi Donaghy scored his second goal of the season from centre back, with a fantastic bending shot into

the top left corner. St. Marys unbeaten run continues and we are now one of the only two teams in the league with a 100% record.

Man of the Match: Gerard Christie