



St. Mary's Football Club

## **Match Report**

### **Under 17**

#### **St Marys FC 1 – 0 Oliver Plunkett**

St Marys do enough to see off a much improved Plunkett side.

St Marys started off the game just like last week having much of the possession and dominating the play inside the Plunkett half! Good work in midfield, on the wings and link-up play with the frontmen saw St Marys creating numerous chances in the first half. Good work on the wings in particular Matt McCann nearly saw St Mary's take the lead! Matt beat two men on the wing, before cutting the ball back to the onrushing Conor Campbell but for him to drive the ball into the keeper's hands. Luke Kelly and Conor Campbell controlled the midfield and were often wise with their ball retention throughout the half. With 30 minutes gone St Marys got the opener, and what a goal it was. Cormac rose gathered the ball on the left wing, on the bounce flicked it over the defenders head finally getting it under control to unleash a shot from 25 yards out to nestle in back of the net, keeper with no chance!

St Marys gained more confidence from this and pressed the Plunkett defence deeper into their half. We were also defending well but sometimes caught on the break and only for a great save from keeper Matthew Gibson kept St Marys in the lead.

Half time 1 0

The second half started with the introduction of Pearse Magee on the right hand side of midfield! The team were told to keep on the attack and be wary of the Plunkett counter attack! Again the St Marys side had much more possession; Luke Kelly continued to boss things in midfield while the front two were creating chances! Two fell at the feet of Conor Magee and Cormac Ross but the boys couldn't dig their feet and misjudged both crosses and the chances went to waste! With the game coming to an end St Marys controlled the game with Plunkett threatening few times on the break! What had been a good game of fair play was suddenly ruined as a Plunkett defender started on Matt McCann which resulted in a brawl starting out in the middle of the pitch! The brawl was soon over with the referee handling the problem very well and rightfully sending both players off.

Minutes later the game ended and St Marys had the 3 points!

Goal scorer: Cormac Ross

Man of the match: Luke Kelly