



St. Mary's Football Club

Match Report

Under 17

St Marys FC 7-0 Ulidia

St Marys recorded a great victory today over a weak Ulidia opposition.

From the beginning of the match St Marys took complete control and dominated the game!

In the first half St Marys settled into the game straight away, playing some really neat football. Few chances were created but our front men failed to take the opportunities given to them. Cormac Ross came very close with a great chance but he narrowly dragged his shot wide. It wasn't long however until St Marys grabbed the opener, the ball falling to Conor Magee inside the box; he jinked inside the box and hammered the ball home! St Marys grabbed a second straight away after some slack defending from the Ulidia keeper and TJ nipped in and slotted the ball into the empty net. Before half time it was 3-0 with Pearse Magee grabbing his first goal of the season. Great play down the right flank, from Michael Donnelly and TJ, before Pearse was played in and he smashed the ball home!

At half time the St Marys coaches introduced a debutant in nets, new signing Chrisy Losty came on for Matthew Gibson!

Again the Second half started as the first ended with St Marys on top and creating chances. Having missed a chance in the first half, Cormac Ross finally grabbed his goal, with some dogged determination he fought his way through the defence before blasting the ball through the keeper's legs. It was 4-0 but soon to be five with Pearse Magee grabbing his 2nd of the game when a corner was zipped across the face of goal and he was there to power it home at the back post!

The coaching staff then started to bleed in the new signing and substations with Micky Burns and Gerry Thompson coming on to make their debuts for the 17's and the regulars of Sean Lyttle and Dylan McCrudden being introduced! Replaced where Cormac Ross, Michael Donnelly, Jordan McGarrity and Conor Campbell. Michael and Jordan were as solid as ever at the back, cc was full of energy and linked up really well with the frontmen throughout and Cormac Ross put in, as per usual, a quality performance!

The course of the game didn't change; St Marys still pressed forward and kept solid at the back! TJ, who was on great form throughout the match pulling out all the tricks, grabbed his second goal of the match! Good play from Emmett McCracken, who found Gerry on the left, slotted the ball through to TJ who coolly finished into the back of the net. With around 10 minutes to go, Sean Lyttle grabbed his first goal of the year. Again great work from Gerry Thompson on the right flank,

who floated a great ball into the box for Sean to power a header into the top corner! 7 0 to St Marys and the game was well over.

Great team performance throughout the whole game. Emmett McCracken who has recently returned from injury was superb in centre midfield, Pearse Magee again delivered a great display and TJ was top drawer upfront. The centre back pairing of Matt McCann and Conor Kearney were also very impressive.

Man of the match: Emmett McCracken