



St. Mary's Football Club

Match Report

ST MARYS COLTS V ROSARIO

A strong and disciplined performance would sum up this impressive display from St Marys. After a slow start the lads began to boss the game with CJ Fulton, Conor Mowbray and Chris McAuley taking control of midfield. There was a good use of the ball throughout the team, right from Stuart Smith in nets who used his 2 defenders well from throw-outs. The defenders had followed the Coaches instructions to push out wide to receive the pass and then used the wings to good effect to start attacks. Conor Quinn was lively up front and used the space between midfield and the defenders where he saw a lot more of the ball and was at the centre of some great passing movements. Quinn was unlucky early on with a long range drive which just dipped over before the deadlock was broken when a thunderous 20 yard drive from Fulton flew past the helpless Rosario keeper.

In the second period St Marys continued to dominate. When called upon to defend Nagle, O'Boyle and Mowbray who had been asked to drop back were more than equal to the Rosario attack. Nagle had probably his best match to date in a St Marys shirt. He played the game simply with good positional awareness of potential danger rather than being sucked towards the ball along with some excellent tackles and showed great speed and determination to make covering interventions to help out the other defenders. Mowbray also used the ball well when in possession and continued to find a team mate with passes from defence. Hagan's put in a good shift in midfield and scored a great goal in the second period when he cut in from the right wing and slotted home a low drive with his left foot. Odhran Kinning and Jamie Morrow kept the Rosario defence busy throughout and Kinning was unlucky when a last ditch sliding tackle prevented what looked like a certain goal. It was Morrow's pass which put McAuley through to score the first of his 3 goals on the day, the third week in a row that he has bagged a hat-trick - not a bad return for a midfielder! Hagan's finished the scoring with his second of the match from close range after the keeper had made a good save from Fulton.

The whole team were excellent on the day and fully deserved the result. They all continue to make good progress and the Coaches emphasised the need to keep practicing every day with the ball, not just at training once a week, to work on short passes to improve accuracy and control when receiving a pass.

MAN OF MATCH - FIONN NAGLE