



St. Mary's Football Club

Match Report

Under 10 St Mary's Strikers

ST MARYS versus BARN UTD

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2011

This was to be the first outing for St Mary's at 9-a-side and with the added feature of playing on grass not 3G or astro turf and the boys instantly loved it. The opposition for the first match (YES FIRST MATCH) was Barn Utd who had the advantage of playing on grass for the previous 2 weeks and came with that knowledge from the kick off.

They attacked with 3 forwards which over ran the defence for the first 5 minutes with Jamie Morrow, Conor Young and Oliver Morrow trying to hold them at bay. Keeper Oran McAtomney made great saves but the pressure eventually paid and it became 1- 0 to Barn Utd

The Coaches made a few changes to the positions and this allowed a more settled set up with Darragh Johnston creating a chance to equalize but denied a goal with an excellent save from the Barn keeper, Half time approached and the midfield pushed on for the goal they deserved with Adam Kelly showing some great individual skill to pass 2 two players and passing a defence splitting ball which with a shot from David Lauro again just wide

This inspired Barn, who with a direct kick up field their striker scored as the whistle blew for half time

Second Half was similar with St Mary's trying shots from Patrick O'Hanlon and again Adam Kelly but with no end result. Defence changes and man marking from Niall McCaffery and Conor Young stopped the flowing movements from Barn Utd and Michael Armstrong pushing forward creating chances again with joy for Adam Kelly scoring a well worked team goal with an assist from Niall Davey

With minutes to go the boys pushed forward and the rolling substitutes' gave an added edge but again a counter punch from Barn from a St Mary's corner gave then the final blow and the boy's heads dropped.

The lessons from this match were learned very quickly as their next match would be in 10 minutes!!