



St. Mary's Football Club

Match Report

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St Marys FC 1-3 Cliftonville

This North Belfast derby match took place in Finaghy! However, the venue didn't bother St Mary's in the first half as they started strongly and for 25 minutes maintained the upper hand on the Reds. Gerry Girvan was given the honour of captaining St Mary's to mark the occasion he met his old Club. The defence marshalled well by Ciaran Magee and Owen McGrath gave away little and the midfield and forwards pressed forward. Midway through the half Mark Williams slipped the ball wide to Gerry on the left who cut back inside and unleashed a tremendous right foot shot into the top corner. However, instead of driving home their advantage some sloppy defending allowed Cliftonville to sneak an equaliser just before the half time whistle.

Unfortunately the second half performance did not live up to that shown in the first 30 minutes and the stranglehold in midfield began to weaken as Cliftonville grew in confidence. The pace of Lorcan Murray coming on did cause some concerns but again poor tackling on the edge of the penalty area allowed a Cliftonville forward to stumble through before slipping the ball past Adam Carlin. There was still time but the bounce of the ball and tiring legs just could not force a way back and then another defensive mistake lead to a late Cliftonville 3rd goal.

Team: Adam Carlin, Luke Walsh, Curtis McVeigh, Owen McGrath, Ciaran Magee, Eoin Sullivan, Fionntan Rosoto, Mark Williams, Gerry Girvan, Conor Maitland, Niall Gilleece.

Subs: Nathan Lavery, Conor Corry, Lorcan Murray, Ryan McAleenan, Matthew McCarron.