

Our Lady's V St. Marys

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Our Lady's and St. Mary's fought a hard battle which resulted in a disappointing draw for Our Lady's. The match was played in St. Mary's sports hall which was very small and seemed to challenge Our Lady's. This was more obvious in the first half. St. Mary's battled with great determination and combined with excellent shooting, found themselves winning 7-3 by the end of the first half. Our Lady's missed many opportunities and seemed put off by the court. The defence made a few good blocks but the ball struggled to make it past the centre third. Our Lady's needed to watch their passing if they wanted to move the ball down the court and score. It was a poor start to the game for Our Lady's. Many opportunities were lost by careless shooting but they weren't prepared to be beaten that easily.

In the second half, a substitution was made and the goal shooter, Bernadette Smith, was swapped for Katie Farrell (wing attack). Our Lady's upped their game and marked up tight. The scores slowly began to level out with the excellent improvement in the shooting. Our Lady's defence succeeded in continuing to prevent the ball from entering the dangerous territory of the semi-circle. Centre passes were much better and St. Mary's began to feel the pressure. There was two minutes left and the score was 7-6 to St. Mary's. The Our Lady's shooter caught the ball and faced the tall, looming post. This was it. Win or Lose. Miss or score. The ball spun round and round and fell into the hoop. It was now 7-7. It was a fantastic comeback by Our Lady's. The final whistle blew and the score was finalised.

Our Lady's have 5 points in the league and have one match to play against the Sacred Heart.

