



11 a-side Winter League Match 14 Report

Dublin Devils FC 2-1 Watson Wanderers

Grehan 12, Stevens 38

Devils Team – Mark Carroll, Niall Scanlon (c) (Derek Naughton 46), Mike McQuillan, Chris Grehan, Pete Dockrell, Neil Hayes, Arnaldo Gibelli, Brendan Gildea (Francis Fitzgibbon 51), Brian Donegan (James Lee 28), Ivan Stevens, Paul Gogarty. **Manager** – Peter Murray.

2012 beckons as the Devils kick off the New Year with a 7.15pm game against Watson Wanderers, as its 5th playing 8th in the league table.

The Devils made a very good attacking start with some superb passing in the first 5 mins to establish their position.

On 12 mins Ivan Stevens took a free kick on the edge of the box that forced the Wanderers keeper to make an accurate save. Almost on the rebound Mike McQuillan laid on a pass to Chris Grehan who powered toward goal and put the ball in the back of the net for his third goal of the campaign and giving the Devils a 1-0 lead in the match.

On 18 mins a goalkeeper kick out found Paul Gogarty who just sent the ball wide of the post.

On 20 mins, Watson Wanderers took advantage of a rebound off a corner and the score was levelled at 1-1. The Devils have some good waves at getting forward for the remainder of the half, without increasing the scoreline.

At Half Time, Dublin Devils 0-0 Watson Wanderers.

With 8 mins gone in the second half, Ivan Stevens got on the end of a throw in and ran the ball into the net to put the Devils back in the lead at 2-1.

The Devils challenged the Wanderers goal at every opportunity and the defence was sold as it has been all season, with some great saves as ever from the Devils goalkeeper.

The Devils tired at the end, in the first post Christmas game back in action, but as the final whistle blew, the result was all that mattered.

Final score – Dublin Devils 2-1 Watson Wanderers, a result which solidified the Devils in 5th position and closed the gap to the top of the table to 5 points. Next week sees a clash with the table toppers, but for now a first victory of the New Year was very satisfying for all present.