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Game 5, and already our first return fixture. We had won convincingly down at Clevedon, and although we had both Ethan and Josef missing, and still no sign of Josh, we felt confident that we could win both games! Andy could only set up the nets before having to shoot off for a family meal so Steve Glavin kindly took control of the commentary, as Andy would not see any of the game (yeah right). It was a lovely sunny day.

The Green Team went first - The line up was:

Aaron

James Charlie Oscar

Sam K Jordan George Joe

Max

We kicked off and straight away Clevedon were on the attack but Sam tackled to stop them and launched his own attack before he too was stopped. Joe picked up the ball from a Fry's throw and played the ball up to Max. He went on a run for goal but the shot was well saved by the 'keeper. He made a massive kick forward over most of our players, but Oscar made a fine clearance out for a throw. Clevedon attacked from the throw but a good tackle by Oscar again was followed by a clearance from Joe. The ball was won by Clevedon, who played the ball back into our area, and despite a valiant attempt by Aaron the ball nestled in the back of our net **0-1**. Clevedon went on the attack again but were stopped by James, and Joe cleared the ball.

Clevedon again attacked but Sam got back to make a tremendous stop before clearing it down the line. Play was then stopped as Andy tried to cheat his way to victory by tying a Clevedon player's laces together but it didn't work and the player played on. Aaron's clearance wasn't far but straight to James. He passed it on to Joe whose run was eventually stopped for a throw. Clevedon won the ball and launched a quick counter attack. The forward strode into our area one on one with Aaron and struck the ball firmly, but Aaron again made a great save followed quickly by another.

Clevedon won the ball out but were stopped by some good defending from both Charlie and Oscar and then Jordan cleared further. After another attack, Aaron made a great goal kick right down to Max, who turned but was too far out with his shot and a comfortable gather was made by the 'keeper. From his kick, Sam won the ball, ran forward and was just wide of the post with his shot. At this point our commentator was getting heckled by the crowd, but like a true pro, he just shrugged it off! Joe then made an excellent break down the line. Passed it to Max in the middle but with a big goalmouth scramble was unable to convert it into a goal and the 'keeper was able to gather the ball.

The second goal then came. The Clevedon forward won the ball, went through three tackles and buried the ball past Aaron in the back of the net **0-2**. Clevedon attacked straight away, but Charlie was on hand to clear it. It went to Joe who ran down the line and passed into Max. He shot but was again too far out to trouble the 'keeper.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 0 CLEVEDON 2

In the second half and the first attack came from us. Joe, in our half, managed to keep the ball in

and passed down the line to Max. His cross/shot was safely taken by the 'keeper. Jordan then won the ball from the Clevedon kick out, went down the line past two challenges and was eventually tackled for a Fry's throw. Clevedon then won the ball and attacked straight back at us with their big striker charging through the middle, but his shot was just put wide of the post by Aaron.

From the corner, Aaron took the ball and played out a big kick, which was taken up by Max. He moved forwards but was tackled and the ball came loose to Joe, who also tried to move forward and again was tackled. Charlie then made a strong challenge on the Clevedon player and the ball went out for a throw. Joe won the ball from the throw and played in a cracking cross, but it was missed by all. From the Clevedon kick, Joe won the ball and crossed it into Max. He had a real scrap for the ball, which eventually came loose to Sam. Sam then played it back out to Joe for a shot but it was just wide of the post. From the kick, Clevedon went on the attack but were stopped by James and he passed the ball to Jordan. Jordan then played the ball forwards to Max but he was tackled by a Clevedon player. Joe picked up the ball and played it to Max whose shot was put out. Joe took the corner to James, who was tackled for a throw. Joe threw to James whose cross was deflected outwards as far as Charlie who hit the ball high and hard and unfortunately just inches over the cross bar. It was a great shot said the commentator (although he did admit to being slightly biased on this occasion!).

Andy, who wasn't going to be able to watch any of the game, finally, grudgingly, left. Clevedon then attacked and their star striker was through only to face a crunching tackle by Aaron and the ball went out for a goal kick. From the kick out we pushed forwards with Charlie playing a good ball out to Joe but he was tackled. They then launched an attack into our area which was followed by a big melee and for once Aaron was unable to collect the ball, and Clevedon tapped the ball into an open net **0-3**. Clevedon then attacked again but Fry's defend well to keep the ball out of their box and we won a throw. Against Andy's constant advice Fry's threw the ball into our own area and a great intercepting tackle by Aaron averted a further goal-scoring opportunity. Clevedon attacked again but this time Oscar was on hand to tackle and clear the ball. Clevedon attacked yet again but Aaron was down quickly at their feet to gather the ball and took a knock at the same time, from which he soon recovered.

Clevedon then won a corner, which was played into the box but was well stopped by George and he cleared the ball. Near the end, James was hit in the face with the ball, but showed a lot of spirit, and then the ref' blew the whistle for full time.

FULL-TIME : FRY'S 0 CLEVEDON 3

Man of the Match – Chosen by Dave Gooding for non-stop effort and commitment – **Joe Carreyett**

The Yellow Team went 2nd with the inclusion of Aaron at half-time, when we realised that we were playing against 11 players - The line up was:

Jamie G

Zac Tom Jack

Jamie C Sam P Aaron Dan

Mark Sam B Luke

We kicked off and straight away Tom was off on a charging run down the wing, but was tackled in their half for a throw. We took an excellent throw, so good in fact that it rolled right across the field and out for a Clevedon throw. This was blocked by Jamie C and went out for a goal kick. The resulting kick was poor and only into their area. From the melee, the ball ricocheted into the 'keeper's face and he needed treatment. Clevedon eventually had a goal kick, which was pressurised by Fry's straight away and cleared for a throw. Jack threw to Mark who managed a great turn and cross, but there were no Fry's players in support to shoot and the chance was lost!

Tom collected the goal kick and played the ball down the line. Clevedon tried to intercept but the ball came to Jack (according to the commentary it was Jack Gooding, but Steve has since been in contact to assure me that we didn't try to play a slightly overage player in Jack Gooding, but that it was in fact Jack Yeoman. Besides, all things considered I'd rather have Jack Yeoman playing instead of Jack Gooding and Tom Johnson instead of Tom Baker, having seen them play!). Jack played a lovely ball into the box to **Sam B** who lined up a shot and then buried it past the 'keeper **1-0**. From the kick, the ball was won by Sam P who went on a brave strong run. The ball came loose and was won in a strong tackle by Tom, but unfortunately went out for a throw. Sam B got the ball from the throw, which was then taken on by Jamie C and a good bit of tackling by

Mark who advanced to their box. The ball then came to Zac who took a shot, but it was wide.

Another attack followed and to directly quote the commentator, "There are more players than grass in the Clevedon area at the moment". This pressure was cleared but Tom charged forward to win the ball and give it to Luke. A few players went down in the melee but the ball was taken up by Sam B who ran forward and crossed. This came to **Mark** and he managed to scramble the ball across the line **2-0**. Jack won the ball soon after kick off and went on a cracking run forward before crossing the ball to Sam P but his shot was saved by the 'keeper. Next we had Frys players tackling each other before Zac won the ball with a cracking tackle and played it down into the Clevedon half. Jack collected the ball and passed it on to Sam P who moved it on to Sam B. He got involved in a bit of a scrap for the ball which was eventually won by Dan, and he played the ball out to Tom but was intercepted for a Fry throw. Jamie C took the throw and it was put out for a corner which Jack went to take. He played a short corner to Tom who turned and played it into the box which was cleared by Clevedon, but only as far as Zac. He knocked the ball back into the box to Mark and the ball came loose to Sam B whose shot was just wide of the post.

Tom got the ball and ran past a player before being fouled. He took the kick himself and played it into the box to Sam B, onto Luke and then onto Jack but he was unable to keep the ball in and it went for a goal kick. Clevedon then broke away with Tom chasing, but Jamie G elected to stay on his line. Tom was unable to catch the Clevedon forward and he lifted the ball past Jamie and into the net **2-1**. We attacked straight back and after a few corners the ball came to Mark, whose shot was cleared off the line and was eventually forced out for a Clevedon throw. Tom picked up the ball, ran down the line and crossed a lovely ball for Mark but he was just unable to capitalise. By this time it was just constant Fry Club pressure and the only question was how many more could we score in the second half?

HALF-TIME: FRYs 2 CLEVEDON 1

At half time we realised that we had played a whole half of 10 against their 11 and had still had constant pressure. At this point we brought on our secret weapon – Aaron, to put some bite into our midfield. From the kick, Tom attacked down the wing and tried to cross, but was fouled for a Frys free kick which he took. He thumped the ball across the face of the goal which Jamie C picked

up but there were too many players on the line and it was cleared to Jack who shot, but it was cleared again to Zac and he was tackled for a throw. We won the ball and played it to Sam B but the ball just ran away from him and it was collected by the Clevedon 'keeper. Jack won the ball and played it to Sam B, then onto Mark and then onto Luke who had a shot but it was blocked and went out for a goal kick.

At this point the tape ran out and so some of the action was lost before Steve realised and turned it over. I usually use about five minutes per game and so it's not happened to me before, but after 30 minutes!!! you do need to change sides.

From a corner Tom had a cracking shot which the 'keeper saved on the line. By this time Aaron was all over the park, putting in strong tackles and disrupting the Clevedon play. Sam P got the ball and played it into Mark just in front of the goalie but it was claimed for a goal kick. Next Aaron got the ball out wide, played a great ball into **Mark** and he was able to find the back of the net **3-1**. Clevedon then broke but Jack was on hand to stop the ball out for a throw, off of a Clevedon player. Aaron took the throw and threw it down the line as instructed (see, some of them actually listen... occasionally) to Sam P but he was tackled for a goal kick. The kick wasn't a very good one (as had been the case all match) and Sam B got the ball only to be faced by "more legs than grass". The ball came to Jack for a shot but it rebounded off of a Clevedon player and eventually the ball goes out for a goal kick. Jack won the ball and played it to Zac who took a great shot but was saved by the 'keeper.

Play was suspended for a while as Aaron was treated for an injury and then Tom won the drop ball. Aaron then played a great ball into the box but Clevedon broke only to come up against Zac who made a telling stop. It was the last meaningful action of the game.

FULL-TIME : FRYs 3 CLEVEDON 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Sam Sutton for great defending and all round play – **Zac Hallett**

OVERALL RESULT : FRYs 3 CLEVEDON 4

*Afterthoughts.....
Our first four-page Newsletter, mainly thanks to Steve Glavin whose commentary was so in-depth that I felt it would be an injustice to cut it down to the usual two-page. My thanks.*

As for the game itself, I think that the Green team were a bit unlucky at times not to score, although there was no doubt that Clevedon were the better team. For the Yellow team I can only go by the match report and the views of spectators that I have spoken to, who tell me it was all Fry's, but for one break away goal.

It is heartening to see more players trying to pass the ball as well as holding their positions. I think we are beginning to shape ourselves into a team of promise, and that is good. Let's hope that we continue to improve at this rate.

A point that I would like to make...

I did ask if all of the parents could refrain from giving instructions on the sidelines and this has been respected admirably. However... there has been one shout that I keep hearing from quite a lot of people, which although is not an instruction, I feel that it gives the wrong idea to the players. When we are defending, or under pressure, the shout that can be heard, not just on our pitch, but on pitches across the land is **"Get Rid Of It"**. Now I know the sentiment behind the shout and I can understand that people want to see the ball cleared, but what I want is for the ball to be played out by keeping possession. When players do "Get Rid Of It", it is invariably at the expense of a corner, or throw, or even worse straight to the opposition, all of which mean that the pressure is back on. I am trying to teach the players that calmness and good passing can save any situation, and whilst I understand that at this level, it will more likely lead to us conceding a goal, I would like to keep doing it as I want to stop the players from just blindly kicking the ball, whether they be in our box or theirs. If we do concede a goal then so be it. I would rather we concede goals during our friendlies era, trying to get it right, so that when we reach our competitive era, we are comfortable on the ball no matter what the situation, than let our players blindly clear the ball for the next 10 years. Sorry to get preachy with you all, but this way of play is something I believe strongly in. Andy.

RESULTS – FIXTURES

U7's – Appearances and Goals

P = Played in the game
M = Man of the Match
G = Goals scored

	P	M	G
Aaron Sutton	5	1	
Charlie Glavin	3		
Daniel Churches	5		
Ethan Chilcott	4		
George Lewis	4		
Jack Yeoman	4		
James Baker	4	1	
Jamie Charles	3	1	
Jamie Godwin	5		
Jay Ashwell	1		
Joe Carreyett	5	2	5
Jordan Harris	5	1	1
Josef Hill	3		
Luke Andrews	5		
Mark Gratton	5		3
Max Stevens	5	1	3
Oscar Hutchings	5		
Sam Burgess	5	1	3
Sam Kipling	4		1
Sam Pike	4		
Tom Johnson	4		
Zac Hallett	5	2	2

U7's Fixtures and Results

Aug	31	H	Portishead Utd	W 3-0
Sep	7	A	St Nicholas	L 3-5
	14	A	Clevedon	W 8-3
	21	A	Boco	L 11-1
	28	H	Clevedon	L 3-4
Oct	5	H	BRSJ	
	12	A	Stoke Lane	
	19	A	Bitton	
	26	A	Portishead Utd	
Nov	2	H	Keynsham	
	9	A	Yate Utd	
	16	H	Portishead Jnrs	
	23	H	Bradley Stoke	
	30	H	Warmley	
Mar	7	A	Warmley	
	14	A	BRSJ	
	21	A	Keynsham	
	28	H	Boco	
Apr	4	H	Ingleside	
	6	A	Tour Game	
	8	A	Tour Game	
	14	H	Bradley Stoke	
	18	A	Portishead Jnrs	
	21	H	St Nicholas	
	25	A	Ingleside	
	28	H	Yate Rangers	
May	2	H	Bitton	
	5	H	Stoke Lane	