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A Result That Doesn't Tell The Whole Story!

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Because Portishead were happy to play three games it allowed me to use all of our players and mix the sides around to hopefully have closer games. The night before the game, I received a call telling me that they had moved Rather than make 30 calls at pitches. 9.00pm on a Saturday night, I made two, asking two parents to go to the original location and send people on. It worked generally except for the third game when everyone found out where to go and Maurice missed half of James' game because no one was at Gordano School where he was waiting for them. Luckily for him, there was a Match Report...

First up were the Yellow Team - The line up was:

Aaron

Jack Y Sam B

Zac Tom Sam K

Joe

Rolling Sub: Mark.

They attacked from the off but Jack won the ball. He passed forward to Joe who hit a first time ball to Zac, which was cut out, but at least it showed that we were looking to pass the ball around. The ball came wide to Joe who turned inside and passed to Zac but he was tackled. The ball came free to Jack and he passed the ball well down the line to Sam K but the ball went out for a throw. Again however with the good passing. A Portishead striker then picked up the ball just outside the area and hit it high and hard. Aaron had the left side of the goal covered whilst both Jack and Tom were in the way of the right, however, they both ducked... 1-0. Zac chased a massive kick from Aaron which their defender tried to clear but it hit Zac and went forward needing their 'keeper to come and claim it just before Zac got to it.

From a cleared ball by Portishead, Tom played a good ball forward to Joe which he passed back to Sam K, and although he was a long way out, he had a shot and forced the 'keeper into saving at the expense of a corner. The corner came flying in and bobbled around the area before Sam B hit it with his left foot but it was just wide. Tom then sprayed the ball wide to Joe, which he passed inside to Sam K but he was tackled for a throw.

HALF-TIME: PORTISHEAD 1 FRYS 0

The ball was played down the line to Zac, who turned and hit a great ball to Sam K but he was tackled for a throw. They attacked and the ball came to Jack. Instead of simply clearing it with his left, he tried to get it onto his right and in doing so let a Portishead player in, and his far corner shot left Aaron no chance **2-0**. They attacked down the left and hit in a high cross, which Aaron palmed into his area, which he then chased out to the edge forcing them to shoot wide. For some reason the ref' then pulled Tom back after he took a throw in about three metres onto the pitch! WHAT?!? We then attacked again and when it broke down, no midfielders got back, leaving Jack and Mark exposed on their own against three attackers and the ball was hit through Aaron's legs **3-0**.

From a Portishead corner, Tom won the ball and advanced over the halfway line. He passed forward to Sam B and he turned with a shot, which rebounded to Tom and his shot was also blocked. They then broke down our right wing with Mark on his own defending. He did however judge it brilliantly and slow them down rather than dive in, allowing us time to get back and clear the ball for a corner. Tom won the ball again and ran most of the pitch before passing to Sam B. He tried to turn but it was put out for a throw. Tom took the throw and it ran through to Sam **B** again. This time he was able to turn, go past two defenders, and beat the 'keeper at the near post **3-1**. The ref blew straight after.

FULL-TIME: PORTISHEAD 3 FRYS 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for a great display of effort and determination – Tom Johnson

The Green Team went next – The line up was:

Jamie G

Ethan Oscar

Dan Josh Luke

Sam P

Rolling Sub: Jack B & Charlie

They attacked down the right hand side and Luke won the ball and then stopped for some reason allowing them to get the cross in. Jamie came out and dived on it, but it spilled loose and their player hit a hard shot past two players on the line **1-0**. Next up and Oscar got a painful ball in the ear but was able to continue after some treatment. Portishead attacked again, and as Jamie came out, Ethan came across to clear the ball for a corner. As they attacked again, Jamie did an "Aaron" by coming right out of his goal and sliding in at their players, winning the ball outside of his area and then kicking it wide where Charlie picked it up, ran forward and just kept going through three challenges before their last defender cleared it for a throw.

From a Portishead corner, Jamie palmed the ball away to Jack, and his run with the ball, was finally stopped by their last defender. A Portishead player then got the ball about 20 yards out and hits it high, hard and wide of Jamie **2-0**. Josh then attacked down the right wing and just on the edge of the area was taken down for a definite free-kick. The ref' however waved play on and then stopped the game when Josh stayed down for treatment. Dan then won the ball with some good tackling, which was taken on by Sam and then Dan got it again but his shot was just wide.

HALF-TIME: PORTISHEAD 2 FRYS 0

A Portishead corner was knocked into the area, Luke tried to clear it, then Charlie, and eventually an attacker puts it wide when it would have been easier to score. Portishead broke through our defence but Jamie came out to clear it. Ethan won it and ran the length of the field before being stopped by their last defender who cleared it back into our half, but Jack got back well to defend, and Jamie got it. A throw then came into the middle where there were no defenders, and from about 20 yards they hit it hard and low giving Jamie no chance 3-0. Pretty much from the kick they attacked again and as the defender closed in on goal, Charlie stood to one side rather than close him down and left Jamie too exposed **4-0**. After another attack, Jamie kicked it out but we had all gone too far forward and Charlie was left two on one 5-0.

Josh took a throw to Sam, he passed to Charlie who found Jack, and he was eventually tackled. It did however show that even at this stage we were still trying to play good football. Their biggest attacker charged like a Bull through about four players before hitting the ball so hard it almost took Jamie's head off **6-0**. Josh took a throw to Charlie who passed to Jack, and he in turn passed to Ethan. Ethan ran with it but it was eventually put out for a goal kick and the final whistle blew. Again though passing the ball around to the end.

FULL-TIME: PORTISHEAD 6 FRYS 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for a great display of effort and determination – Ethan Chilcott

Last up were the Orange Team - The line up was:

Jamie G

James B Callum

James M Jack P George

Josef

Rolling Subs: Madison & Jordan.

From the kick off Josef attacked ably assisted by James M and as he closed in on their area he was taken down. George took the free kick but the 'keeper saved it on the line. They then attacked down the line and James B This was followed by another cleared it. attack, which Jamie came out and cleared. A ball was then played over the top into our defence but Callum was on hand to turn away with the ball and clear it. James B was left two on one but he got his head in the way of the shot and it went out for a corner. From a clearance by Jamie, we all ran forward. They cleared the ball, to a totally unmarked attacker and Jamie was left completely exposed 1-0.

Jordan then fought his way through three tackles before being fouled although the ref' didn't give it, James B then cleared it forward to Jordan but it was cut out. They attacked down our left and it took some strong defending from James B and George to stop them. By this time, the Portishead manager had brought back some of his players from the first two games and it left us slightly outgunned whereas when we started, it was fairly even. One of those players ran through three of our players **2-0**. The ball then ricocheted around our area but first Callum, then Jamie and finally Jordan combine to clear it. Madison had two quick touches in succession but seemed a bit unsure of which way he was playing and almost let Portishead in!

HALF-TIME: PORTISHEAD 2 FRYS 0

James M had a good attack on their goal but his shot was saved. They broke out and left James facing three. He took the one with the ball wide but couldn't stop the cross where two more faced Jamie 3-0. Jack P and George were then involved in some good tackling to break up a Portishead attack and the ball was cleared by Callum. The ball was played wide to Josef who managed to keep it in, and he then passed to Jordan. Jordan bore down on goal but their defender just got back and he passed it back to their 'keeper. It then needed some good tackling by Callum, James M and Jordan, before Jack P emerged with the ball and passed it to Josef. We cleared long and it was Madison who ran in on goal but his shot was saved by the 'keeper. James B then did some great defending before Jack P cleared it forward. We all chased and again left no defence in front of Jamie 4-0.

FULL-TIME: PORTISHEAD 4 FRYS 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for a great display of effort and determination – Jamie Godwin & George Lewis

OVERALL RESULT: PORTISHEAD 13 FRYS 1

Afterthoughts.....

The first game was a very equal one and in all honesty was there to be won. Ultimately however three mistakes cost us. But that doesn't matter, because mistakes can be corrected. On a purely footballing level we were equal to them, and this is one of the teams, like Boco who we played well against, that people are saying are the top teams in the area. I feel that on our day we are up there with them, but as I have said before, I change the sides around to be fair to all and it can lead to teams beating us. We are improving as players all of the time however.

The second game was a travesty in terms of the result. Ability wise, and on a footballing level, we were better than them. Now that may seem like a ludicrous thing to say, given the result, but if you actually looked at their players, they were not that good. What they did have were five very big, very strong players who could all kick the ball 30-40 yards. At this age, that sort of team will beat most side through sheer physical strength. We were better at playing football than them and in a few years time when our players have grown to match them, I am sure we will beat them easily.

The third game started off very well with us competing with them and everything was on a fairly even footing. Because he was short of a few players however, he started to re-introduce players from the first and second games which I felt was harsh on our players. To their credit however they kept battling and a score of 4-0 was very creditable. What is noticeable however, especially amongst the newer players, is that the more games that they are playing, the more confident and aware they are becoming. Keep it up boys!

U7's – Appearances and Goals

- **P** = Played in the game
- $\mathbf{M} =$ Man of the Match
- **G** = Goals scored

	Р	Μ	G
Aaron Sutton	22	4	6
Callum Morris	3	1	
Charlie Glavin	16	2	2
Daniel Churches	21	3	
Ethan Chilcott	18	4	2
George Lewis	8	1	
Haydn Suffern	2	1	
Jack Burgoyne	4	1	
Jack Pegram	5	1	
Jack Yeoman	21	4	5
James Baker	20	3	
James Moore	3	1	
Jamie Charles	13	2	
Jamie Godwin	19	5	1
Jay Ashwell	1		
Joe Carreyett	22	4	15

Jordan Harris	22	4	1
Josef Hill	18	2	
Josh Batt	9	2	1
Luke Andrews	17	2	1
Luke Glover	2	1	
Madison Walsh	1		
Mark Gratton	21	5	4
Max Stevens	20	2	3
Oscar Hutchings	20	4	
Sam Burgess	22	3	8
Sam Kipling	19	3	2
Sam Pike	21	3	
Tom Johnson	19	4	3
Zac Hallett	20	4	11

U7's Fixtures and Results

Apr	4	Н	Longwell Green D 3-3
-	6	А	Chickwell Utd (Tour) W 10-9
	8	А	Weymouth Youth (Tour) W 4-1
	18	А	Portishead Jnrs L 1-13
	25	Н	Saltford Stars
	28	Н	Yate Rangers (Eve)
May	2	Н	Bitton
-	5	Н	Stoke Lane (Eve)

Saltford Stars, Sunday 25th April - 12.30 kick off

12.00pm - Aaron, Sam K, Sam P, Sam B, Dan, Max, Jack Y, Zac, Ethan & Luke A

1.00pm - Tom, Mark, Jamie G, Jamie C, Charlie, Oscar, Joe, Josef, Jordan & James B

Yate Rangers, Wednesday 28th April – 6.15 kick off

5.45pm - Aaron, Sam K, Sam P, Sam B, Dan, Jamie C, Mark, Joe, Ethan & Luke A

6.45pm - Tom, Jack Y, Jamie G, Max, Charlie, Oscar, Zac, Josef, Jordan & James B

There are a few more changes however that I have also noted on a separate letter. May 9th has now been cancelled and the skills award trials will be held on May 7th. This has also put an end to our end of season presentation and so that is now on the evening of Friday 14th March. More details are available in the main letter.

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