

Number 24

The Empire Strikes Back

Wednesday 27th April 2005

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This was our first evening game of the season, Away to Imperial Saints, with the return leg being the following Wednesday. Neither Luke G, Jordan or Oscar were available so both teams started in the 1-2-3-1 formation. Unfortunately, due to weather conditions and a lack of a Dictaphone, what follows is the facts of the match, along with a few things that I remember.

Game 1 - The line up was:

Joby

James Callum

Josef Jim Ethan

Joe C

Rolling Subs: Mark & Josh

It was pretty even stuff, both teams having good possession. Imperial won a corner after about ten minutes and it was chipped in. That was the cue for our entire team to get out of the way of the ball in case it hit them! It was powered back in and a Saints player poked it in **1-0**. We had chances down at their end, Josh had a great run and shot across goal and Jim went on two mazy runs but neither shot found the back of the net. HALF-TIME: IMPERIAL SAINTS 1 FRYS 0

We started the second half a lot stronger with fierce tackles flying in and we began to exert authority on the game. **Joe** had a few chances and eventually a high chipped shot went in over the 'keeper **1-1**. Then came a really strange period of the game when for five minutes Imperial got everything right, from an unopposed run through the team to a 30 yard shot that flew in over Joby **2-1**, **3-1**, **4-1**. We recovered and put pressure on but the damage had been done and the game soon ended.

FULL-TIME : IMPERIAL SAINTS 4 FRYS 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play – James Baker

Game 2 - The line up was:

Jamie G

Sam B Tom

Dan Max Spike

Sam K

Rolling Subs: Jack Y & Luke A

An altogether different game, and one in which we saw excellent performances from the whole team in terms of passing and movement. Imperial never really threatened to score so it was just a matter of how many could we take? What impressed me most in this game was actually the link play between Spike, Dan & Luke A, not just once, but time and time again throughout the game. Chances in the first half fell mainly to **Sam K** and he duly made short work of it **0-1** & **0-2**.

HALF-TIME: IMPERIAL SAINTS 0 FRYS 2

The second half was a quieter affair, but we still dominated. It fell into a repetitive process. Their 'keeper would get the ball, drop kick it a short distance to Tom, who would head it back where Sam K would start causing their defence mayhem. The only surprise of the game was that we didn't score more. Sam K seemed odds on to score as one cross came in, but managed to find himself in the back of the net, not the ball. **Tom** put the finishing touches at the end **0-3**.

FULL-TIME : IMPERIAL SAINTS 0 FRYS 3

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play – Dan Churches

OVERALL RESULT : IMPERIAL SAINTS 4 FRYS 4

Afterthoughts.....

It was a game that I felt we deserved to have won overall instead of drawn. That said, we saw two excellent performances from a team that have shown a consistent improvement over the season. The question is, can we improve the score-line in the return fixture?

RESULTS – FIXTURES

U8's – Appearances and Goals

P = Played in the g M = Man of the Ma G = Goals scored			
	Р	М	G
Callum Payne	21	4	1
Daniel Churches	22	2	2
Ethan Chilcott	19	1	4
Jack Yeoman	22	2	1
James Baker	20	1	
Jamie Charles	16	1	2
Jamie Godwin	23	4	
Joe Bray	19	3	

Joe Carreyett	22	1	23
Jordan Harris	20	2	
Josef Hill	20	3	
Josh Batt	22	3	3
Luke Andrews	20	1	6
Luke Glover	13		
Mark Gratton	22	3	
Max Stevens	19	3	6
Oscar Hutchings	19	1	1
Sam Burgess	21	3	3
Sam Kipling	23	2	11
Sam Pike	24	3	
Tom Johnson	20	4	8

U8's Fixtures and Results

Aug28	Н	Portishead Utd	W 8-5
Sep 5	H	St Nicholas	L 5-7
12	A	Chippenham	L 5-7
19	A	Portishead Jnrs	L 2-8
26	H	Keynsham Town	W 2-1
Oct 3	H	Oldland Abbotonians	W 4-0
17	A	Saltford Stars	W 10-4
31	A	Longwell Green	L 3-7
Nov 7	A	St Nicholas	W 3-0
14	H	Bradley Stoke Utd	L 1-9
21	A	Portishead Utd	W 7-3
28	A	Trowbridge A&B	L 2-14
Dec 5	H	Saltford Stars	W 7-0
12	H	Stoke Lane	L 1-8
Mar 6	H	Longwell Green	L 6-8
13	H	Trowbridge A&B	L 0-12
20	A	Warmley	L 1-11
Apr 3 5 7 10 17 24 27	A A A A H A	Henbury Chickerel Weymouth Town Bradley Stoke Utd Keynsham Town Portishead Jnrs Imperial Saints	L 3-5 L 4-8 L 0-1 L 1-4 L 1-4 L 1-4 D 4-4
May 1	H	Frys Juniors	
4	H	Imperial Saints	
8	A	Bradley Stoke Yth	

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