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Game 2 was our first of four Saturday games, and as such meant that we had a few people missing, and at one point we weren't even sure that we could field ten players. In the end we had eleven, so we travelled the short distance to Oldland to face Deerswood.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Ethem

Cory Finlay

Kruz Liam

Substitutes:

From kick off, we passed backwards with no real aim, and their striker has charged through and smashed it past Ethem 1-0. Ethem kicked out from goal after a shot wide, but none of our players reacted and again their forward charged through to give Ethem no chance 2-0. Ethem kicked from goal to Liam on the right, and he passed across field to Cory and he tried to pass to Kruz, but they nipped in and a shot was deflected for a corner. The key part to this however was the good, incisive passing that we tried. Ethem kicked the resulting ball out, but again we just didn't react and their forward poked the ball into the net 3-0. We kicked off and went backwards and again their player won it, this time hammering it high past Ethem 4-0. Another goal kick saw a thunderous shot well stopped by Ethem, and Liam was in quick to clear the loose ball. A corner was flung across and Liam blocked before Ethem saved the follow up. We kicked forward and ran with it,

but that meant that when we had lost it, there was no one back protecting Ethem and their big player smashed it in **5-0**. From another attack we cleared and this time Kruz was away, and then got passed to Finlay, but he didn't see it, however Cory was there after it, in on goal, but they tackled just as he went to shoot. They attacked and this time Ethem saved with his face, before two defenders cleared it and Corv was away, and they were slowly gaining on him as he bore down on goal, but he shot early from the edge of the area and it nestled in the bottom right **5-1**. We entered a period when we were winning the ball and passing around, but not really going anywhere and each time it would break down. We were tackling and Liam shimmied and was away, running and running as they chased, but he hammered it into the net 5-2. We then sensed that we could get more and piled forward, which left us exposed when we lost it and Deerswood made us pay with another breakaway and as Ethem came out, Liam flew in to tackle but the result was a goal and Ethem injured 6-2.

HALF-TIME: DEERSWOOD 6 FRYS 2

Liam and Cory did well to tackle and pass forwards, but it was lost and a Deerswood player chipped it over Ethem 7-2. We went forward and lost it so Ethem was exposed to their attack, but one hand shot up and parried it, before he fell onto the ball to stop them. Another Deerswood shot followed a run down the left and although Ethem made an excellent save, they reacted quicker than our defence to reverse a shot past him **8-2**. Ethem's goal kick to Liam saw him turn and attack and as he neared goal, we had two in support and in space, but Liam didn't see them and was Kruz charged through tackled. challenges, but the fourth saw the ball cannon into our area to an unmarked attacker, however Ethem narrowed the angle quickly and the shot went wide off of the post. A corner was flung

over and the shot was half blocked by Ethem, but unfortunately its momentum took it in. From kick off Liam and Kruz passed back and forth until they were tackled but didn't chase back, however fortunately the ball was shot wide. Cory got the ball from kick off and played through Liam, but he was tackled near goal, so they attacked and Finlay ran over and cleared it wide, and then turned to chat with Liam unaware that it hadn't gone out and they were playing on! Fortunately Ethem pushed the shot wide. We cleared and Kruz ran into their right back area and it got to Liam who was brought down. He shot, but it was cleared and they were away, and gave Ethem no chance 9-2. They broke again and bore down on Ethem, but out of nowhere Liam flew in and slid the ball out with a brilliant tackle. At the end there was a melee in front of our goal. Although the end result was a goal, we threw everything into clearing it so that was good defending 10-2.

FULL-TIME: DEERSWOOD 10 FRYS 2

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Cory & Ethem

The Game 2 line-up was:

Keanu

Bradley W Aaron

Charlie Kaylum

Substitute: James

Listening to the Dictaphone, all I seemed to be calling for at least the first 30 seconds was "Tackle!". Initially this game was back and forth with no real attempts until Deerswood let off the first shot and Keanu dived down really well to make the save. We were still not getting to grips with the tackle concept and a shot flew past Keanu 1-0. They won the ball in their half and ran across from left to right and reversed the shot, and despite Keanu getting his hand to it, it crept in 2-0. Charlie got the ball and ran and ran at them, all the way into their area before shooting low past their 'keeper **2-1**. They kicked off, **James** tackled and won it, passed two players and was away, before shooting, in off of the left post 2-2. We were trying to go forwards and lost it and suddenly Keanu was left exposed, and given no chance with the shot **3-2**. Bradley won the ball, ran all the way down the line, pulled it back, beat a player and then and passed it inwards to where Aaron shot wide, however James ran after it, came back into their area and scored 3-3.

James won the ball, passed to Aaron and he passed to Kaylum, but we dallied a bit and a Deerswood attacker ran in and hammered it in **4-3**.

HALF-TIME: DEERSWOOD 4 FRYS 3

Charlie ran down the wing with the ball before passing to James, who sliced his shot towards Kaylum on the line but he just couldn't reach it, so they broke away, however **James** chased back, won it halfway, went passed the defender and ran all the way to goal before blasting it high past their 'keeper 4-4. They made an increasingly rare incursion into our half, but shot, and for some reason Charlie decided to stop it with his hand. The Deerswood forward duly despatched the penalty 5-4. Charlie ran forwards and passed to James who hit a reverse shot just wide. Keanu passed out to Charlie, who found James, and he laid Bradley through who ran in but shot from too far. They attacked but **James** won it back, ran past two players before burying it in the back of the net **5-5**. They kicked the ball out and **James** won it, before running at goal and beating the 'keeper with his shot, giving us the lead for the first time in the game **6-5**. Bradley had the ball but stopped and drew a foul. He whacked the ball towards goal, and it fell to James, and he got it to Charlie, who shot in off of the post 7-5. A ball out of our defence saw Kaylum run the length of the pitch before being tackled as he went to shoot, but Bradley had a shot and then James, but it kept being blocked until the final shot flew across goal and out.

FULL-TIME: DEERSWOOD 5 FRYS 7

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OVERALL: DEERSWOOD 15 FRYS 9

Afterthoughts.....

That was another cracking game. They had a big player in Game 1 who made the difference and we scored when they subbed him, and it was noticeable that he was soon back on. Game 2 saw us win our first game with excellent performances all round. The boys showed a better understanding of the game-craft element and the result was partly a testament to that.