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Number 3 - **A team isn't a bunch of kids out to win. A team is something you belong to, something you feel, something you have to earn.** - Sunday 28th September 2014

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Our first game at Home, and we would be the first to try out the new pitch, but first we had to get to it, trekking the full length of the bottom fields from the car park to the fence to the sheep fields. Bradley & Cory's Grandfather generously volunteering to referee both games.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Ethem

Charlie Lukas

Kaylum Bradley W

Substitutes: James, Aran & Bartus

Lukas slid in very well to win his tackle, but we weren't able to do much as we were hemmed in. Then their big attacker sprung forward, and this time no one made the tackle and he played it past Ethem **0-1**. From a throw, we attacked forward and Bradley shot, but it was always going wide. James ran at them to win the ball, and then Lukas ran at goal but was crowded, so Aran took it up and was just denied a shot by a last tackle. **James** battled for the ball out wide, working through two players before shooting from distance **1-1**. They kicked off into our half and made to the edge of our area, where James won it back and ran all the way towards their goal, but was tackled very well by their recovering defender. We then witnessed our first melee of the match as eight players crowded around the ball, but they broke out, and Aran got back with an important block. They took the corner and this time James broke

away down the right, and then went for a shot/cross which looped up and came down for Aran in the middle, and he volleyed it as it dropped, but unfortunately high over the top. Aran challenged their attack and won it, charging forward but was put off by the last ditch tackle. **Aran** won the ball from their goal kick, ran down the left, cut onto his right and buried it past their 'keeper **2-1**. Ethem's big kick ran right into their area, and we chased, however they won it and ran back at us with James in hot pursuit. As they entered our area, Ethem came out to make the clearance; however it cannoned off of James, and rolled into the empty net **2-2**.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 CHEW VALLEY 2

There was some great defending by all of the players, and then **Aran** won it, ran up pitch and was uncatchable as he fired it past their 'keeper **3-2**. A lovely pass from Charlie set Aran away down the right, and as Bradley waited in the middle, his cross was cut out. We stood off them in the middle of the pitch, allowing them to get near our goal, and this time a hard shot was fired past Ethem **3-3**. Kaylum worked very hard and won the ball with his tackling, and burst forward, forcing them to concede a corner. **Aran** slid in to stop a shot and was injured. After he recovered he won the ball on the right, powered past two players and beat the 'keeper to restore our lead with his first hat-trick **4-3**. James won the ball and ran into their area and shot but it was blocked out to where Bartus won it and passed a lovely ball back to James, but this time his shot went wide. Three times in quick succession James ran through their defence and each time his shot was denied by some great saves. James ran through and shot, and again the 'keeper parried it, this time back to Charlie, and his shot was also well saved by their 'keeper. Lukas took a corner to James and his shot

ricocheted to Charlie, and his shot was just wide. They had a corner and it came to their big lad who shot high, and Ethem pulled off a great diving save. We dallied a bit and no one really took responsibility for defending and allowed an attacker to poke the ball in **4-4**. Charlie ran at them onto his left foot and struck the ball well, and again their 'keeper pulled off a great save.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 4 CHEW VALLEY 4

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Aran & Charlie**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Ollie
Bradley G Aaron
Cory Kruz

Substitute: Finlay, Keanu & Liam

From kick off we passed it backwards and a switched on player ran in to win it and blast it past Ollie **0-1**. From the kick off we did it again with the same result **0-2**. We were far less switched on for this game, and in a direct opposite we were not! Their players were running at us at will and another shot flew in **0-3**. Then they won it on the halfway line, ran at us with no challenge and buried it **0-4**. They had a throw and the attacker ran towards goal with Ollie out of position and made it **0-5**. A Chew Valley attacker won the ball and shot at goal through the crowd, and Ollie was in line to make the save, but it hit Aaron and deflected past him **0-6**. Liam made a great effort to win the ball and attack into their area, but his shot flew just wide. Chew Valley attacked again and Liam made what turned out to be his second bad foul prompting Chew officials to question his motives, however I stuck up for him and said that he wasn't that sort of player.....

HALF-TIME: FRYS 0 CHEW VALLEY 6

At half-time we switched 'keepers, Keanu volunteering to go in. Liam battled hard down the right almost to their 'keeper but was tackled and it rolled to him. He didn't pick it up however and Cory was alert to this and challenged him as he bent down, forcing the ball over the line, however the referee deemed it a foul, denying his grandson a goal! Liam ran with the ball after winning it and powered into their area, only for the 'keeper to dive out and save well. Cory won the ball and attacked,

however ran into the corner, before passing towards the middle, but they broke and Liam charged back to make the challenge..... he's not that sort of player honest! After having words, Liam vowed to really really try to just get the ball! Keanu dived in to make the save from the resulting free-kick. They then broke away and Liam chased again..... this time going just for the ball and making an excellent tackle as he did. Kruz threw quickly over their heads and Liam was away from the halfway, running towards goal before his shot curled away from the far post. We played it forward and Kruz was away down the line, cutting in and shooting, but the 'keeper saved. Ollie ran down the left wing with it and tried to cross to Kruz but it was cut out and they broke, Finlay first partially stopping them, and then Keanu jumping out to pull off a good save. Ollie was away, all the way to goal but shot across the face, so they broke and first Finlay got back well to challenge, and then Keanu dived in to save. Bradley at the heart of our defence made a stunning tackle, and then kept going forward, all the way to their goal only to be denied by a good save. Bradley won the ball from the kick out, ran in and shot and again the 'keeper saved. Then **Kruz** won his clearance, ran forward and fired it past the 'keeper **1-6**. Kruz then tried again, running at them, and this time he was tackled as he went to shoot. It was a much more even game, but finished with a stunner. Keanu drop-kicked it out towards halfway and turned back towards his goal, and it dropped in the middle to their major goal-scorer and he swung his body and caught the ball sweetly, and it flew past everyone before they really had time to react **1-7**.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 1 CHEW VALLEY 7

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OVERALL: FRYS 5 CHEW VALLEY 11

Afterthoughts.....

The first game saw us have chances to win big, but despite a good team effort we couldn't due largely to the efforts of their 'keeper who pulled off a number of fine saves. In the second game we weren't switched on early enough and most of the damage came in the first seven minutes. Once we had steadied ourselves, and with due credit to the Chew Management who made changes to limit their attacking, we were better. Even in the 2nd half with those players back on we were far more composed and alert and a drawn 2nd half gives cause for hope and optimism.