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Number 7 - **And when Alexander saw the breadth of his domain, he wept, for there were no more worlds to conquer.** - Sunday 2nd November 2014

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The Game 1 line-up was:

Ethem

Ollie Aaron M

Bradley W James

Substitutes: Cory, Aran & Adam

From the start it was clear that they had one player who was so much stronger than anyone in both teams, and whilst he was on the pitch, he was going to be the decisive player. The test as a team would be how we coped with him, and how we performed when he was off of the pitch. We were defending, and kind of left it to each other, and their striker just reacted quickly and shot **0-1**. We passed back from kick off, not with enough power, their striker nipped in, jinked past a defender and powered a shot early **0-2**. James won the ball on the right, went down the wing and shot and the 'keeper got his foot to it to push it wide. The ball was played forward and Aaron found himself in on the 'keeper, however the 'keeper was quicker to the ball. **Bradley** broke away from James' pass, ran the length of the pitch and shot, it rebounded off of the 'keeper so he hit it again, only higher, through the 'keeper's hands and in **1-2**. Cory, Aran and Bradley worked forward down the wing to win a throw, from which Bradley shot, and then Cory followed up with the shot which the

'keeper parried, and as he bent to put a hand on it **Bradley** slid in to poke it in **2-2**. They attacked down the right, hammered a cross over and it deflected off of Aran to go in **2-3**. We were then attacking, lost the ball and their striker broke away and shot across the face of the goal **2-4**. From the kick their striker jumped in, took a touch out to his right and shot early **2-5**. From their kick out **Bradley** won it, passed forward to Cory and continued his run, latching onto the return ball and slammed it in at the near post **3-5**. Aran won the ball from their kick, ran through their team, past the last defender and then as he went to shoot he fell, and the 'keeper was able to gather it. A throw to Cory saw him ghost past two defenders, but under-hit his shot and the 'keeper saved. Their striker ran through our team and shot, and although Ethem was able to save, their player followed up to hammer in the loose ball **3-6**. They had a free kick which was hammered goal-wards, off a defender, off an attacker and then dropped nicely in front of Ethem.

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James had the ball, but was trying to shield it as their striker nipped in, but their striker got it, and hammered his shot in **3-7**. We were under pressure defending and managed to clear to the halfway line, but their defender just whacked it hard, and it somehow flew through the entire crowd **3-8**. We kicked off, **Aran** won it, played a one-two with James before shooting low, and it hit the back of the net **4-8**. From an attacking throw we cross the ball into the area, and it came off of a defender and flew in **5-8**. We were defending and James took a touch out about a metre, and that was enough for their

striker to jump in and shoot instantly, and it flew past Ethem **5-9**. **Aran** ran forwards with the ball, and shot early past the 'keeper **6-9**. From a throw in their half their striker shot forwards and through our defence, smashing the ball into the net **6-10**. Cory looked to pass, but their striker anticipated well, ran forwards and shot, but Ethem saved well from the strike. We passed the ball out of defence quite well, but then lost our way a bit at halfway, and their striker ran through before passing it past Ethem **6-11**. A long throw saw both Bradley and Aran trying to stick with the attacker, but he held them off long enough to shoot **6-12**. Aaron turned their last defender and advanced before shooting, but their 'keeper dived well to push it around the post.

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Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Bradley & Aaron**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Keanu
Bartus Finlay
Bradley G Charlie

Substitutes: Liam, Ethem & Kruz

Very early on we were down to two outfield players with Charlie needing his boots redone and Fin off with a head injury! We were defending stoutly however, but then a ball into our area was knocked just the wrong side of Keanu by Bartus **0-1**. They then won a corner and it was swung over, hitting Bartus before dropping invitingly for a shot, and although he tried to get there, the attacker reacted quickest **0-2**. After taking a ball to the face, Bartus played it forwards to **Bradley** and as the 'keeper came to challenge he just lifted the ball over the challenge and into the net **1-2**. Ethem threw towards Liam and he touched it off for **Ethem** to run through and hammer a shot into the net **2-2**. They attacked down their right and shot, Keanu saving very well, but then Liam & Ethem dallied between them and the attacker nipped in to fire it in **2-3**. Spartak then broke forward whilst we were attacking and Keanu bravely dived at their feet at the edge of the area to win it (possibly

slightly outside but who's arguing?) Keanu was again in action as they charged forwards, forcing a shot out for a corner. For a third time in a row Keanu was called upon, and again dived bravely at their feet to save. We worked our way into their half, but then kind of lost our way, with no real passing or tackling, and a quick attacker took advantage of this and sprinted at goal **2-4**.

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They took a corner, which we cleared to the halfway point, but it was smashed back through everyone and in **2-5**. Ethem threw to Bradley and he shimmied past three players before shooting low, but it was matched by the 'keeper. Bradley then slid in fairly to challenge their 'keeper, however he caught him so there was a short delay whilst he received treatment. Keanu threw to Bradley, and passed across field to Liam who passed forward to Kruz, and he ran in and forced a corner. Nice play though! We were then defending and tried to run the ball forwards, lost it and so they were right on goal to shoot **2-6**. Bradley, Kruz and Liam pressurised there area which ended with the shot parried, so **Bradley** dived in and knocked it past the 'keeper **3-6**. Bradley attacked with the ball, into their area and shot high, however it hit the underside of the bar and bounced down and out. We were attacking when they broke, Fin trying to tackle with a good slide, however their attacker stayed on his feet and coolly slotted it past Keanu **3-7**.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 3 SPARTAK 7

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Keanu & Bradley**

OVERALL: FRYS 9 SPARTAK 19

Afterthoughts.....

In the first game we saw what difference one truly outstanding player can make, as he scored at least eight of their ten, and we scored only one whilst he was on. Whilst he was off however, we were the stronger team! Game two was more of an even contest, but they seemed to react quicker most of the time. Good signs however.