



# **FRY CLUB COLTS**

## **U7 MATCH REPORT U7**

Number 9 - **Those of you lucky enough to have your lives, take them with you. However, leave the limbs you've lost. They belong to me now.** - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015

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Into the New Year and our first return fixture of the season, against the one team that we had beaten so far. It had been a close game however so this would not be easy. It would also be the first time since we had settled on the Red and Blue tem line-up that the Blue team would play first.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Bradley G

Charlie     Bartus

Liam     Cory

Substitutes: Aaron, Finn & Ethem

After a bit of to and fro we had a stoppage as a clearance from Charlie caught a Keynsham player in the face. He recovered however and was able to re-join the action after a short delay. Liam and Charlie battled for the ball, fed it through for Cory whose shot was saved by the 'keeper before Bartus had two attempts, both of which were blocked. A goal-kick from Keynsham came to Bartus who shot first time with the 'keeper stranded out of his goal, however the ball rolled agonisingly the wrong side of the post. Charlie hit a great corner in and it came to Cory on the line, and he needed to step back to kick it, by which time defenders had gotten in the way. Keynsham attacked, with Liam and Charlie defending well before

Charlie's ball forward to **Cory** saw him flick it past the defender, and then under pressure from another defender slide it past the advancing 'keeper **0-1**. Bradley's goal-kick came to Charlie, who controlled and then played it to Cory to run down the left wing and shoot, however both Bartus and Liam had sprinted forward into good positions. Liam broke out of our left back area and advanced across the pitch before shooting, only to see it blocked by a delicate part of the Keynsham defender. Some treatment was required! Keynsham made their way into our area and Ethem swung a leg, bringing their man down for a penalty. Fortunately it was struck wide. Ethem threw long for Liam who found Aaron and he smashed his shot, but always slightly wide. Keynsham broke out from our attack and Ethem brought their player down on the edge of the area. Their striker walloped it high, it came off of Finn's head and went up and over Bradley **1-1**. A throw from Keynsham bounced up and we just seemed to miss the bounce before it deflected rather slowly off of an attacker towards goal, however just before the deflection Bradley had started to come for the ball, and although it looked slow, the deflection was just enough to wrong-foot Bradley and it rolled in **2-1**. A throw from Ethem went above everyone and bounced perfectly for **Liam** to turn and hit it high into the net **2-2**.

**HALF-TIME: KEYNSHAM 2 FRY 2**

Keynsham's 'keeper came on pitch for the second half and it became clear very quickly that he was their star man in this team as he surged past our defence and lifted it past Bradley **3-2**. We were struggling to deal with this player and a foul saw him smash the

resulting free-kick just wide. Bradley's goal-kick was then won by their attacker and he shot hard which Bradley parried brilliantly, and fortunately the follow up was smashed over. Their 'keeper was unsure of his area and picked the ball up outside for a free-kick. Cory shot which was blocked, then Charlie and finally Bartus, but wide.

**FULL-TIME: KEYNSHAM 3 FRY'S 2**

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

The Game 2 line-up was:

Keanu

Bradley W

Kruz James

Kaylum

Substitute: Tristen & Bradley G

We attacked from kick off, lost the ball and then didn't chase quick enough and Keynsham scored the early goal **1-0**. We were passing it well but not going anywhere, nor being dynamic without the ball, which they were, and they won it and surged forward and this time the shot hit the post and came out. James took a corner and it came to **Kruz** almost on the line, and no one tackled him, and he started to drag the ball back and everyone was shouting for him to shoot, and it went on for what seemed like an eternity before he finally did to equalise **1-1**. We won the ball from their throw and **James** surged forward and smashed it in **1-2**. We had the ball under control and then seemed to just stop and the attacker nipped in and hit it goal-wards **2-2**. Kaylum fought through three tackles but was unable to get his shot away, and then they attacked and shot from halfway, and similar to the first game Keanu had started forwards and the early shot wrong-footed him and flew in **3-2**. We kept the pressure up and Bradley W smashed the ball across the area to the back post to where **Bradley G** was able to equalise **3-3**. Keynsham responded instantly and an attack down the right saw Keanu just get his angles out and it flew in at his near post **4-3**.

**HALF-TIME: KEYNSHAM 4 FRY'S 3**

James worked his way into the corner before turning back and shooting through the crowd, however it hit the post and came out. James broke away and was brought down, the ball rolling to Bradley G who shot, and scored, however the referee had already blown the whistle. James through the Bradley and we shouted shoot, but it just didn't fall right. They attacked, and we stopped them on the line, cleared it, but it hit a Keynsham attacker and flew back at us and in **5-3**. Bradley W ran down the line past the Keynsham player and crossed dangerously, however too close to the 'keeper. We attacked again, and the ball came out to **Bradley W** who advanced and shot low, past the 'keeper and in **5-4**. Bradley W threw to Bradley G who closed in on goal, but his shot was at the 'keeper. The Keynsham 'keeper rolled the ball out but to no one in particular so James sprinted forward and shot, however the 'keeper made amends and was able to block the shot. We were firing in chance after chance by now but they were not going in, and a balled fired across goal saw Bradley G deflect it just the wrong side of the post, indicative of the last ten minutes of play. A Fry's corner saw them break for goal, but James chased hard and a fantastic sliding tackle stopped them as they neared our goal.

**FULL-TIME: KEYNSHAM 5 FRY'S 4**

**Man of the Match** – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Tristen**

**OVERALL: KEYNSHAM 8 FRY'S 6**

**Afterthoughts.....**

*We had a number of players missing, and it was also noticeable that in each half Keynsham had one star man on the pitch who in most cases influenced the game and scored goals. We performed better as a team and truth be told could have easily reached double figures overall with the number of chances that we blasted either at defenders or the wrong side of the post, or at the 'keeper. Compared to the first time we played, Keynsham scored virtually the same number of goals, but we scored under half, 13-7 to us last time. I think that players missing and chances spurned were key here and hope that when we play them next the natural order will be restored.*