



FRY CLUB COLTS

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Number 16 - **I'd say there are about ten guns - some in the field, and some in the tower** - Sunday 8th March 2015

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We were way to Warmley Colts at Redfield Edge. These were a nice team and one we had played back in the beginning of January at Frys, winning overall by three goals. Quite a few players were missing; Tyler, Bradley W, Aran, Cory, Kruz and Adam, the upshot of which saw a few players play in both. Andy was able to get there in what was going to be his last opportunity for a while, and looked forward to a great game, and also took on Match Reporting duties.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Liam (Bradley G)

Finn Ethem

Bartus Bradley G

Substitutes: Aaron & Charlie

After a bit of to and fro, one of their players broke through, but his pass was misplaced, allowing Bradley to pass through their team for Bartus, but he was muscled off of the ball as he went to shoot. Warmley put us under pressure forcing their way past Bartus, and then before Ethem could close them down, they shot early and it nestled into the bottom corner **1-0**. From the kick off, Bradley forced his way through three players, which ended with Warmley conceding a corner but we were unable to capitalise. Back with Liam and his pass saw Bradley work his way past two players before laying the ball to Finn, but his shot was just wide. A ball came to Bartus in the middle, and it looked as though he would shoot, but

instead he got it to **Bradley** who took it past the defender and knocked it in **1-1**. Charlie picked the ball up wide on the right, attacked down the line, leaving one defender trailing, and then as another closed him down had a shot, winning a corner, but again we were unable to make more of it. Bradley broke out after they had us under pressure, past two players before playing the ball to Aaron, but unfortunately his shot went just wide. Bradley had the ball on the left side of their area, drawing two defenders, and allowing Charlie to adopt an unmarked position at the back post. He found him, and **Charlie** was able to give us the lead **1-2**. Bradley then attacked down the left, cut inside on to his right foot, but his shot flew wide of the right post. Running back towards our goal and we called to Finn, could he see a pass? He did, but instead of the expected Charlie, Finn instead found their attacker! It was close to Charlie however and after winning the ball back, he found Bradley, and his run took him to their area where Bartus took over, but his shot was just wide. In a virtual carbon copy of the previous move, Charlie played a great ball out to Bradley, who ran with it past defenders and then saw Bartus take it off of him and shoot just wide! **Bradley** won the ball back in their half, past the last defender and buried it low past their 'keeper **1-3**.

HALF-TIME: WARMLEY 1 FRY 3

Finn was wide on the left, just past the halfway line and elected to shoot hard and high, and the flight and power was enough to beat them **1-4**. From the kick off, **Liam** charged in and won it in our half, and tried the same, and with the help of an uneven bounce again the ball flew in **1-5**. A ball into their area saw **Charlie** fighting hard for it, and after winning it he powered his shot high into the net **1-6**. A bouncing ball just inside their half was pounced on by **Liam** and he tried another speculative effort, but with

good power and it flew past the 'keeper **1-7**. Finn ran down our left and shot, which hit the post and came back, and so Charlie pounced on it but his shot hit the head of a defender and came out to Liam, so he shot, and this time it was the 'keeper's solar-plexus which saw the ball fall for a corner, but not until after some treatment for the stricken player. Right at the end and some good passing by Warmley got them to our area, but the shot hit the post and was cleared.

FULL-TIME: WARMLEY 1 FRY'S 7

Man of the Match – Chosen by Mark for excellent play and effort – **Ethem**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Keanu (Kaylum)
Tristen Kaylum
James Bradley G

Substitutes: Ollie & Liam

Tristen was faced with two attackers, and had no choice under pressure to clear long, which flew high over everyone and fell perfectly for James to get to just as the 'keeper got his hands near it, with **James'** touch being the stronger **0-1**. Bradley won it on the halfway line, and then advanced slowly, waiting until the defender committed, at which point he played a lovely through ball for James to latch on to and shoot, but this time the 'keeper was able to make the save. Liam won the ball on the halfway point, saw James in side and found him, then advanced for the return from James, and then returned the favour again to **James** just in front of goal and he made no mistake **0-2**. A great ball was played through by Kaylum to Ollie, but unfortunately he didn't hit it with enough power.

HALF-TIME: WARMLEY 0 FRY'S 2

Warmley attacked down our left, and Tristen on his own tried to cover, but the ball slipped through. Fortunately the resulting shot went wide of Kaylum's goal. From a corner the ball was cleared, and so Keanu returned it to the danger area and it was bouncing near **Bradley** high and to the side of the goalmouth, and as it dropped he flicked his foot to the right, which let the ball roll perfectly off of the side of his foot and acutely into the goal **0-3**. Liam won the ball in their half and elected to shoot early but this was parried. James then won the ball

and accelerated right past the last defender and shot high, only to see it bounce off of the top of the crossbar and go over. Ollie was wide on the left facing forwards, however he turned back and played the ball to James and he in turn fed the ball through for **Keanu** into the area, and he blasted it into the bottom right, before celebrating by standing there in a bit of a daze **0-4**. Next up **James** was onto a loose ball, with him and their defender vying for it, but there was only going to be one winner and from the left he shot low into the right **0-5**. Warmley still had not given up and a shot came in on Kaylum, and whilst he made a good save, he then didn't follow out to get the parried ball, allowing a Warmley attacker to nip in and shoot again, and although Kaylum got part of his body to it, it was not enough to keep it out **1-5**.

FULL-TIME: WARMLEY 1 FRY'S 5

Man of the Match – Chosen by Lee for excellent play and effort – **Keanu**

OVERALL: WARMLEY 2 FRY'S 12

Afterthoughts.....

The game itself was obviously not as close as at our ground, and at this age, and on an uneven bobbly surface, long shots can deceive the 'keeper and put the game beyond a team quickly, although I will note that with the caution that next time the 'keeper will be equal to all of it and all you do is give away possession cheaply, and the players need to recognise if a tactic does not work, and alter their approach as necessary.

As an absent Manager, watching the boys and thinking back to those first fledgling games, I was massively impressed with the way that everyone performed, players looking to pass, understanding the concepts of their roles and positions, and with that (for the most part) sticking to those requirements. A lot of this testament has to be down to Gaz, Paul, Mark & Lee who have taken on the role in my sabbatical, and for which I am really grateful, and with a longer enforced absence, I look forward to getting back and witnessing more improvements.

Good luck until I can see you all again. - Andy