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We had a free week, and so had agreed to play Longwell Green again. Ethem, Kruz, Finn and Adam were all unavailable; however Andy came along for the first time since his operation and so took on Match Reporting and Photography duties.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Tyler (Keanu)

Bradley W Ollie

Kaylum Keanu

Substitutes: James, Aran & Tristen

From the kick a Longwell player attacked, won the ball and ran through unchallenged, however fortunately his shot was wide. Bradley took a corner for us which was blocked back to him, so he crossed again, but they cleared over the halfway line and they were away as we had committed everyone for the corner, however Tyler was out quickly, and then forced the ball away for a throw. Longwell forced their way through and this time Tyler saved through a combination of his hand and mouth. The ball was cleared, but we then stopped for a while for treatment to Tyler. James broke away and shot before he reached the last defenders, however the shot went just wide. James broke away again, with just the 'keeper to beat, but this time his shot was straight at the 'keeper and it was saved. Aran then ran diagonally towards goal, but his shot was saved by a diving 'keeper. Aran then intercepted the poor throw from the 'keeper, however the 'keeper made up for it with a good save from Aran's shot.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 0 L\G DEV 0

Kaylum won the ball in our half and ran through three tackles/fouls but was finally tackled as he went to shoot. A big throw from Bradley sent Kaylum away past their defence and shot just wide. Then there was a bit of a melee with players pulling at each other which the referee blew for a foul, and suddenly on of their management team stormed onto the pitch shouting and pointing at Kaylum. Lee and Tyler's dad went on to stop this and their manager also came on and there was quite a bit of shouting, finger pointing and accusations thrown around before it all settled down and everyone withdrew from the pitch. The upshot was a free-kick to Longwell for the foul; however Kaylum was near hysterical on the side of the pitch due to the actions of the Longwell assistant, something which we do not wish to see at any age. Under pressure from Longwell we passed forward to Tyler who faced two defenders, however he outmuscled and out-ran them before blasting the ball high past the 'keeper into the 'net 1-0. Tyler passed to Aran and he worked his way down to their area, and went to shoot and looked like he was fouled, however the ball rolled to James and he shot first time with the ball nestling in the bottom left **2-0**. One of their defenders had the ball on the edge of the area and tried to beat Aran as he challenged him; however Aran won the ball, cut to the right and then slammed the ball into the bottom left 3-0.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 3 L\G DEV 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by Lee & Gaz for excellent play and effort – James & Tyler

The Game 2 line-up was:

Bradley W

Charlie

Bartus Aaron

Liam

Substitutes: Cory & Bradley G

Charlie won the ball in our half and the played a great ball through for Liam, and he took a touch and then rifled it low past the 'keeper 1-**0**. Aaron emerged from our defence and ran the length of the pitch before shooting, but unfortunately it was just wide. Aaron was then played through onto goal; however his shot lacked enough power and their 'keeper made the save. Liam had the ball in the left corner with two defenders near him. He turned back, and then passed across the goal to Bradley G on the edge of the area, and after taking a touch he shot into the bottom right 2-0. Bartus won the ball and passed it over the halfway line to Bradley and he was one on one with the last defender. He waited and waited until the tackle came at which point he passed across to Liam, and he blasted it past the 'keeper 3-0. Bradley then ran half the length of the pitch and again as he was about to be tackled, passed, this time to Cory, however another defender was back and Cory was tackled just as he shot. Bradley passed to Cory, and after going forward he passed to Charlie who took a touch and shot just wide, however it was great passing from the three of them as they looked for each other and found each other, as opposed to blind passes. Charlie hit a free kick down the wing to Bradley and he in turn found Cory, but his shot was well saved. Charlie tackled well and shot, but the 'keeper was able to parry, however **Bradley G** followed in and got there first **4-0**.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 4 L\G DEV 0

Three Longwell players stood on the halfway for a kick out but it didn't reach them. They failed to react to the shorter kick so **Bradley G** sprinted in, won it, shimmied past the last defender and then gave the 'keeper no chance **5-0**. From their kick, they ran at us and two attackers were through as all four outfield players were too far forward. Bradley W faced them alone and held his position as the big attacker reached the area and shot; however Bradley stuck his right hand wide, and managed to get the touch that took the ball out for a corner. Aaron attacked and was tackled with the ball falling to **Bradley G** just outside their area with two defenders facing him. Instead of

panicking or blasting it he saw a narrow gap between the defenders which lined up with the far corner of the goal, so he calmly passed it through them, and with the 'keeper seeing it late, it rolled in **6-0**. **Bradley G** was really fired up, and he charged down the right with the ball and then fired low across the 'keeper into the bottom left **7-0** and Bradley's fifth.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 7 L\G DEV 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by Mark & Paul for excellent play and effort – Bartus

OVERALL: FRYS 10 L\G DEV 0

Afterthoughts.....

The actions of the Longwell assistant were a disgrace. To march on to the pitch during the game, and storm up to a six year old, shouting and pointing fingers is something that should never happen, and we were fortunate that our parents were not as volatile as some I have seen in the past, as I am sure that it could easily have led to violence. Had there been a representative of the County at the game, then their member would be looking at a lengthy ban from football, and Longwell themselves would almost certainly also be facing sanctions. His issue was that Kaylum was constantly pulling his player. My answer is "And?" These players are six and seven years old and just learning the game, and are still at an age where that sort of thing instinctively happens. It was not nasty or vindictive, just Kaylum still not fully grasping the laws of the game, something that will come in time, but certainly not at this age. We will continue to try to educate all players as to the correct way to play the game, but things like puling players is something that will cease with age as they learn the proper way to play the game. For an adult to confront a six year old is simply wrong, and we will not be playing them again until the League set it up as part of organised fixtures, which won't be for a few years at least. As for the match itself, we played the better football and were looking to pass to each other, as well as for the most part hold to our positions, which shows excellent progression. What was also fantastic was that this was our first ever shutout, with neither team conceding a goal, so well done to everyone involved.