Number 1 - The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting - September 2015

U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7 SFA CHARTER STANDARD - 16/08/2014 U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7

Red Team – Keanu, Finlay W, Liam, Bradley G & Cory

Blue Team – Ronnie, Kaylem, Bradley W, James & Kruz

Our first ever competitive action against This was not competitive in the sense of winning any competition, simply the fact that at last we were on a pitch and playing against other teams. As it was the SFA Charter Standard Tournament, it meant that all of the teams were from within the County of Somerset. First up for the Red team were Priory Pumas 'A' and they were far too good as they seemed to have come to win the Tournament (even though there was nothing to win!) Liam did score for us however as we lost **1-15**. Then we faced Brislington in a much closer match but lost **0-2**. The final match was against Whitchurch and we lost **0-5**. The Blue team had closer games, but similar results, Bristol Spartak were first where we lost **0-4**. Then came Chew Valley and we lost **0-2**. Finally, we faced Priory Pumas 'B' and lost 0-1.

U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7 AFC CORSHAM - 07/06/2015 U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7

The Team – Kaylum, Charlie, Bradley W, Tristen, Aran, Tyler & Aaron

Our first Tournament of the Summer, and against teams we had not played before. First up were AFC Corsham Leopards where we drew **0-0**. Next were Chippenham Town Youth Eagles and goals from **Aran** and **Tyler** saw us win **2-0**. Then it was Trowbridge Town Warriors and this time **Aran** and **Charlie** saw us out **2-0** winners. We then faced FC Calne Vipers and this time goals from **Aran**, **Aaron** and **Charlie** helped us

to a narrow **3-2** win. Finally, we faced Bishops Cannings Bengals and goals from **Aran** and **Tyler** were not enough to keep us from defeat **2-3**.

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BATH ARSENAL - 13/06/2015
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The Team - Adam, Bartus, Bradley W, Ethem, James, Keanu & Liam

Off to the far side of Saltford for this tournament and more unknown teams. We played Bath Arsenal Tigers first and **James 2** saw us to a narrow win **2-1**. Then were Bath Arsenal Pumas where we narrowly lost **0-1**. Saltford Stars were our third game and in all honesty I have never seen such an aggressive and physical team at this age, and we did well to draw **0-0**. After a break we faced Bradford Town Spartans who were much too strong for us **0-4**. Trowbridge Town Yellow were next and **Liam** saw us to a **1-0** win. Our last match was against FC Bath who beat us **0-3**.

U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7 MANGOTSFIELD - 20/06/2015 U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7

Red Team – Bartus, Aran, Kruz, James, Kaylum, Tyler & Tristen

Blue Team – Adam, Charlie, Finlay M, Finlay W, Bradley W, Liam & Keanu

Our first proper tournament in Bristol where we knew we were facing local teams of varying quality. First up for the Reds were Longwell Green 'B' and **James** ensured that we started with a win **1-0**. Next was one of the toughest around and the score line reflected that as we lost **0-4** to Bitton. We followed that with Larkhill from Bath and they were even better **0-5**. Then we faced Bristol Rovers 'B' and **Aran 2** saw us home **2-0**. Finally, we faced Mangotsfield 'B' and goals from **James** and **Kaylum** meant we ended

the day with a win **2-1**. The Blue team were in a group of closer ability and **Liam** scored a consolation against Rockleaze 'C' **1-2**. Then we drew with Downend Saints 'B' thanks to **Adam 1-1**. We lost a close match to Mangotsfield 'C' despite goals from **Liam** and **Adam 2-3**. We then lost to Frampton Rangers 'B' **0-1**, before drawing our final game with Hallen 'B' **0-0**.

U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7 WARMLEY RANGERS - 28/06/2015 U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7

Red Team – Aaron, Charlie, Kaylum, James, Tristen & Keanu

Blue Team - Cory, Bradley G, Finlay M, Bartus, Liam & Ethem

The rain in Warmley falls mainly on the...... Fortunately, Finn M came with a gazebo! Up first for the Red team were Bristol City Red and we lost by a solitary goal **0-1**. Next were Stoke Lane 'B' and we lost despite the goal from **James 1-2**. We then faced Warmley 'D' and goals from James, Kaylum and Charlie 2 saw us to **4-0**. Finally, **James** won us the game against Almondsbury 'B' 1-0. The Blue team had the easier group, beating Warmley 'C' thanks to Liam 2 and Bradley 3-0. Then Mangotsfield 'B' saw our biggest win Liam 2, Bradley 2 and Cory saw it finish 5-0. A close game followed against Brislington 'B' with Bradley 2 getting the draw 2-2. Our final game was Whitchurch and Bradlev 2 and Liam saw us win 3-0.

U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7 YATE UTD - 05/07/2015 U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7

Red Team – Keanu, Tristen, Charlie, Kaylum, Aaron, James & Bradley W Blue Team – Cory, Bradley G, Liam, Finley W, Kruz & Adam

The Reds began against Warmley White, and it quickly became apparent that this was the stronger Warmley team. We were not overrun however and James' goal gave us a creditable **1-3**. We then moved on to Bitton, and a worthy effort to again lose closely **0-2**. We got our first win against Hallen thanks to James and Bradley W 2-1. Next a Keanu goal saw us lose closely to Golden Hill Sonics 1-2. Finally, Charlie and James ensured we ended with a win against Brislington Lions 2-0. The Blues started with a win against Warmley Rangers thanks to **Bradley G 3**, **3-0**. They then drew with St Nicholas 0-0 before a stunning game against Brislington Lions where Liam 5, Kruz 2 and Bradley G saw a massive win 8-0. Back down to earth against Stoke Lane 0-2 before a close defeat to Avon Athletic thanks to **Liam 1-2**.

U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7 BRISTOL ROVERS SJFC - 11/07/2015 U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7

Red Team – James, Bradley G, Cory, Bartus, Bradley W & Finlay M

Blue Team – Liam, Aran, Charlie, Tyler, Finlay W & Ethem

This was an interesting tournament as James and Bartus were injured very early and so we had Liam, Aran, Charlie & Tyler take it in turns to play for the Red team to even out numbers as the day progressed. As for the results, the Red team beat Almondsbury 'A' thanks to James and **Bradley G 2-1**. They then lost to Golden Goal **0-3**. The they lost to Bristol Rovers SJFC 'A' **0-3** before losing to Melksham **0-4**. Then they lost to Bitton 'A' **0-3** before losing to Weston **0-3**, before rallying at the end thanks to **Liam 2** and Bradley W to beat Bristol Rovers SJFC 'B' 3-0. The Blue team started well against Almondsbury 'B' thanks to Liam 2, Aran and Ethem, 4-0. Next they beat Golden Goal 'B' through a **Tyler** goal **1-0**. They followed that with goals from **Liam 2** and **Ethem** against Bristol Rovers SJFC 'C' **3-0**. Even with **Liam 2**, they were narrowly defeated by Melksham 2-3. Then a goal from **Aran** saw them draw with Bitton 'B' **1-1**. They then lost to Newport Corinthians **0-1** before ending strongly through Aran 2 and Tyler against Bristol Rovers SJFC 'D' 3-0.

U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7 WHITCHURCH - 09/08/2015 U7 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U7

The Team – Keanu, Charlie, Tyler, Bradley W, Liam, James & Daniel

Our last tournament of the Summer and this was a last minute entrance. We decided to give Dan Francis a tournament as he trains with us every week. We started against who we though were Bristol City and earned creditable close defeat 1-2 thanks to Liam, only to then find out that it was actually Bitton, so that was a great result. We then lost to Brislington 'A' 0-2 before a high scoring loss to Avon Athletic 'B' with goals from Liam 2 and Bradley W, 3-5. Next we lost to Bromley Heath despite James' goal 1-3, before ending with a great win with goals from Liam 3 and Charlie against Stoke Lane 'A' 4-0.

Afterthoughts.....

We can forget the Charter Standard Tournament, as this came just two months after nine of the ten had even started playing football, against teams who had been together for two years. It was nice for Liam to score our first ever goal, and it was valuable experience for the players learning about football.

I missed the Corsham tournament but everyone says what a great day they had in the sun. All of the matches were close and everyone did their best.

Bath Arsenal was another great day. The weather wasn't so good, but we had plenty of games against good teams, although I was shocked at the physicality of Saltford, and was stood near two other Managers when they announced them as the Fair Play winners and all of us were astounded.

Mangotsfield was a massive tournament and sometimes it's just the luck of the draw as the Red team were hammered twice, but picked up three wins and the Blue team drew two and lost three, but never by more than a goal. Again the important part was fun, and every player seemed to enjoy it.

Again Warmley Rangers was a tale of two groups with the Reds having three close matches and a big win, but the Blues having three big wins and a draw, but I must reiterate, that is simply the luck of the draw. The day itself was great and all of the boys had a great time, staying dry under the gazebo (thanks Mark).

The highlight at Yate has to be the Blue's win over Brislington. Eight goals in ten minutes is just a phenomenal record, however I will commend the Reds, losing by just two goals to both Bitton and the stronger Warmley showed a determination not to be rolled over, and with both opposition goalkeepers electing to kick the long ball every time, a reinforcement that our players are looking to play the right way.

I keep saying that it was a tale of two groups, but the Rovers tournament really was as the Red team faced 'A' teams and the Blue team faced 'B', leading to a real disparity of results. That said, the injuries hit us hard leading to the teams unable to build a cohesive day, but they worked hard.

The last tournament was a nice one to end it on, although we faced some very strong teams, and it was nice to be able to give Dan a run out. As for the results, all were close, and it gave us an idea of the

sorts of play that we need to be stepping up to to compete at the best level.

Overall it was an interesting Summer, not least because we faced teams that I have avoided, and gave us a snapshot of their abilities. Teams like Bitton, Warmley, Yate Utd and Avon from Bristol, and Larkhall and Weston from Bath, and Melksham, teams that one day I hope to compete with in full matches, and hold our own.

U7's - Appearances and Goals

	Played	Goals
Aaron Massey	3	1
Adam Connors	3	2
Aran Stevens-Wong	3	10
Bartus Brudny	4	0
Bradley Grinter	4	12
Bradley Whittington	7	3
Charlie Lane	6	6
Cory Grinter	4	1
Daniel Francis	1	0
Ethem Orak	3	2
Finlay McGuinness	3	0
Finlay Willsteed	3	0
Finley Wilson	1	0
James Matthews	7	12
Kaylum Moore	5	2
Keanu Gregory	6	1
Kruz Pollard	3	2
Liam Hooper	7	29
Ronnie Waymouth	1	0
Tristen Pullin	4	0
Tyler Law	4	4

U7's Fixtures and Results

Aug 16	2014 SFA Charter Standard	Festival
	AFC Corsham Bath Arsenal Mangotsfield Warmley Rangers	Festival Festival Festival Festival
Jul 5 Jul 11	Yate Utd Bristol Rovers SJFC	Festival Festival
Aug 9	Whitchurch	Festival

This has been the first, of what I hope will be nine or ten Tournaments Reports. I love my Tournaments and generally enter one per weekend through the Summer, and where possible, we range far and wide to meet new teams. Thank you to everyone who participated, I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. See you next Summer.