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Away to Imperial, and we had been informed that they played where the old Imperial Ground was. The problem is that there are two old Imperial Grounds, and we chose the wrong one! So a trek across the road from South Bristol Sports Centre to Manor Farm Playing Fields, and then right to the far side of the grounds meant that arrival was a stretched out affair! We were missing Aran, Bradley W, Fin M, Fin Wilson, Aaron and Ethem so had six and five players respectively.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Keanu
Fin Willstead Tyler
Charlie Kaylum

Substitute: James

We dillied and dallied in defence, and were not looking calm in possession as they worked their way through us, and suddenly it was Keanu on his own facing their attacker, however he dived out and forced the shot wide. Charlie then won the ball in midfield and played a lovely ball through for Kaylum, but like them, his shot was just wide. We then had a throw, which Charlie threw long, over their defence and **Tyler** was in on goal, making no mistake as he powered it high past the 'keeper **0-1**. They tried to repeat the same trick, but fortunately their shot flew wide. Charlie passed the ball wide to Tyler who returned it inwards for Charlie's run, and then he played it through towards goal. Kaylum chased the ball, and their 'keeper, rather than pick it up, elected to kick it, it hit **Kaylum** and flew back past the 'keeper and into the 'net **0-2**. We lost the ball in the middle and again it was Keanu to the rescue as he charged out early and made the save. They kicked the ball out

and it came to our last man who was Finn. He passed it inside to Tyler who looked for the through ball, and **Kaylum** got there just ahead of their 'keeper to knock it in **0-3**. Imperial were still dangerous however and a throw from the right eluded our players, and the shot from the edge of the area was just wide. Finn had the ball on our right, passed it across the pitch to Charlie on the left who hit a first time ball through for Kaylum, but he was tackled as he went to shoot. James won it on the left, ran diagonally across the pitch and crossed for Kaylum, but he was just beaten to it by the 'keeper. Charlie passed forwards to James, but he was tackled and suddenly Imperial were through and the shot just eluded Keanu **1-3**. They then had a long shot from a free-kick which was on target, but Charlie, who had given the kick away, got his body in the way to block it. A throw to **Kaylum** saw him surrounded by three defenders, however he used his size and strength to keep the ball and force his way to goal, where he shot past the 'keeper **1-4**.

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James was through early on, but a recovering defender made the tackle just as he went to shoot and it went for a corner. From the corner it came to James who had a shot, back to Kaylum who passed to Tyler, but his shot was just wide. Kaylum pressurised their defender to pass backwards and Tyler was after it, played a lovely side-footed pass/shot, but it went agonisingly wide. We attacked, but it was won by their biggest player who was away, riding tackles and heading for goal, but the last line of defence, Keanu, made a fantastic save. Tyler won it on the left, crossed across to **James** who side-stepped a defender and hit it high into the roof of the net **1-5**. Charlie then won it off of a player, ran down the wing a crossed a brilliant ball, but Kaylum was just unable to get on to the end of it. Charlie then won it in the far left corner, played it back to Tyler and he went across to James whose shot went just wide. They had a free kick in their half which flew through everyone, taking a slight deflection on the way, and Keanu had to dive smartly to make the save. We overextended and again exposed Keanu, and again he dived at their

feet to make the save. From our kick we all ran forwards, so that when it was lost they were through on Keanu, and this time he was unable to make the save **2-5**. A massive goal kick came through to James. He beat a player and then saw the run of Tyler which he found, and **Tyler** flicked it past the 'keeper **2-6**.

FULL-TIME: IMPERIAL 2 FRY'S 6

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

The Game 2 line-up was:

Cory (Tristen/Liam/Bartus)

Tristen Bartus

Bradley G Liam

For the kick off Bradley passed to Liam, and he passed to Tristen. Tristen went across to Bartus who in turn found Liam again and on to Bradley who was eventually tackled, however it was great to see the confidence and awareness in the players. Liam broke out of defence and was away, with Bradley in support, and Liam was clipped on the ankle, going down, but Bradley surged on, but his shot was at the 'keeper. A long Crossfield pass from Liam to Bradley saw them nick the ball from Bradley and charge for goal, pushed wide by Tristen, however the shot was taken and Cory couldn't stop it **1-0**. Bradley and Liam combined well again to get Bradley through, but his shot was just wide. Imperial made some changes and it meant that their smallest player was still bigger than our biggest player! An Imperial ball through was heading out but we kept it in, and they were there in numbers and used their strength to win it and score **2-0**. A ball across our line was won by Liam, but as he went to play it forward it hit the attacker, flew through Liam's legs and went in past Tristen **3-0**. A throw from Cory rolled to Bradley and he slid/shot, but it hit the post. **Bradley** forced them back into the left corner, won the ball and cut inside and shot past the 'keeper **3-1**. They were through and so Tristen under pressure from three attackers did the simple clearance high and long which came to Bradley. He controlled it, slipped past the last defender, but then shot just wide. Cory chipped a beautiful corner in and Bradley got his head to it at the back post, but it flew wide.

HALF-TIME: IMPERIAL 3 FRY'S 1

Their kick out was met by Bartus, and his ball forward came to **Bradley** and he made no mistake **3-2**. Another ball from Bartus down the line was met by **Bradley** and he calmly passed it past the 'keeper **3-3**. Their goal-kick was intercepted by **Bradley**, who slipped past the last defender and then lifted the ball past their 'keeper **3-4**. Bartus won the ball wide on the right and struck a

hammer-blow of a shot which the 'keeper could only parry down to **Cory** in the right spot, and he controlled it and calmly passed it in **3-5**. From their kick, Cory won it, passed sideways to Liam who shot, and although it was parried, **Bradley** was following in and made no mistake **3-6**. An under-hit goal-kick was pounced on by **Bradley**, who ran in on the 'keeper, waited for him to commit himself and then just calmly passed it past him **3-7**. Their fast striker was through and no one could catch him. Bartus came out to narrow the angle and saw the shot go past him, however he had just about done enough as it hit the post and came back, Bartus gathering it safely. They attacked again and Bartus was taking no chances, clearing as long as he could, over everyone and both Cory and Liam chased, with **Liam** getting there just ahead of the 'keeper and flicking it past him **3-8**. A ball into the left corner saw **Bradley** retrieve it, and as he came across the pitch, he saw the narrowest of gaps between the 'keeper and post, and so exploited it **3-9**. A bouncing throw was chased by Liam but on his wrong side, however to encouragement of "shoot with your left" he did so, and was unfortunate to see it go just wide. Cory played it forward, Liam latched on to it and passed it inside to Tristen who was challenged by the 'keeper and it didn't quite work so it came to Cory who passed to Liam who shot, but blocked and so Liam and Tristen dived forwards, **Tristen** getting the final touch **3-10**. Tristen defended well, working past two players, found Bradley who passed to **Liam** and he swept it past the 'keeper **3-11**.

FULL-TIME: IMPERIAL 3 FRY'S 11

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

OVERALL: IMPERIAL 5 FRY'S 17

Afterthoughts.....

Where to start? Well firstly well done to just the 11 available, in that heat against players that were constantly being refreshed, it was a magnificent effort. The Blues were first and played good, passing football that saw them dominant throughout. The Reds had it harder, and when we went three down I was fearing the worst as their team were bigger and faster... but not better! We had looked to pass the ball and work it around, and we continued to do so, and as they chased they suddenly wilted, and from that point it was never in doubt as we grew in confidence. To go three down early on, but then get eleven unanswered is amazing by any standards so well done to all 11.