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We welcomed Ashton to Frys who we had played as the final match of last season. Aran, Tyler, Finley W & Finlay W were all missing.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Bradley G

Aaron Liam

Cory Bartus

Substitutes: Keanu & Ethem

From the kick off we lost the ball and their attacker rode a lot of our tackles, but fortunately their shot was wide. Cory set Bartus away, but his shot was wide. Then after an Ashton attack Bradley passed out to Liam who passed first time across to Bartus who ran forward to their last man before finding Cory with a pass inside but their 'keeper who was very quick off of his line was out again. Next we saw a great ball through from Liam to Bartus, but again their 'keeper was out. Liam then found Cory down the line who slipped it inside to Bartus and again the 'keeper flew off of his line to save. Ashton were attacking but Liam broke out, down the pitch and shot, with the 'keeper getting a hand to it, and as it dropped behind him towards goal he raced after it and saved. Ethem passed Bartus

through and he touched it past a defender for Cory, and as **Cory** shot it took a deflection off of the defender's leg, and that deflection was enough to take it past their 'keeper **1-0**. **Liam** then took off down the right, cut inside and then powered it past the 'keeper at his near post **2-0**. Liam strode forward and hammered a shot which the 'keeper parried to Aaron so he shot past the 'keeper however a defender had gotten back on the line and cleared it. Ashton had a corner which flew into the area and found a player unmarked who was able to squeeze it past Bradley **2-1**.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 ASHTON 1

Cory threw to Aaron who returned it to Cory, and he in turn found **Liam** in the middle with space and time to find the right shot past the 'keeper **3-1**. Cory tackled on the halfway line and slipped it through for Liam, however this time his shot was well over. Aaron was played in and forced the 'keeper to concede a corner, from which they broke as all four of our players were up, and Bradley was given no chance **3-2**. They won a corner and as it came over Bradley ran out to clear it, but kicked it against their man and it ricocheted goal-wards only to find Bartus covering and he made it safe. Ashton were buoyed by the pressure and soon made it all square as a player waltzed through our tackles **3-3**. Keanu and Ethem broke away together, and it was **Keanu** who got their first, shooting just outside the area and beating the 'keeper **4-3**. A ball into their area saw **Ethem** brought down for a penalty. He dusted himself down before coolly dispatching the kick **5-3**. Ashton were by no means finished, and despite

good attempts at tackles from Aaron and Ethem, they forced their way through again **5-4**.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 5 ASHTON 4

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

The Game 2 line-up was:

Ethem
James Fin M
Kaylum Charlie

Substitutes: Bradley W, Tristen & Bradley G

Kaylum attacked down the line before slipping the ball to **Charlie**, and he powered it past their 'keeper **1-0**. Charlie then returned the favour to Kaylum and his shot went past the 'keeper, however just wide. We won a corner and as always over committed so they broke, ran the length of the pitch, and although Ethem narrowed the angle, he was unable to stop it **1-1**. Ethem threw to Bradley G who used the bounce to beat two players before firing a shot just past the post.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 1 ASHTON 1

We won the ball and Bradley W was set away, but shot just wide of the post. Kaylum raced down the line before cutting in and being tackled as he tried to shoot, however it came to Finn who also turned and shot, but eventually they cleared it. We were caught up field and tiring and it was Ethem throwing his body in the way of a shot that kept us equal. From that Ethem rolled it out to Kaylum, whose pass found Charlie who stepped past a player and then powerfully shot off of the crossbar. Their throw was missed by our players through its bounce and they were through, but again Ethem quickly threw himself in the way. Charlie ran into the left corner, turned inside his man and crossed for **Bradley W** to flick it in off of the outside of his left foot **2-1**. Charlie then received the ball at left back from Ethem's roll, and he ran diagonally across the pitch before shooting but just to

the wrong side of the net. Ashton were trying to restore parity, and one mazy run and high shot saw Ethem tip it over the bar. Kaylum passed inside to Bradley W and his pass down the right for **Charlie** was met by a shot through the 'keeper's legs **3-1**. From the restart they attacked down the left, and as we backed off they took the opportunity to shoot **3-2**. Charlie's throw bounced kindly for **Bradley G** who shot on the half-volley and it rose into the roof of the net **4-2**. We won the ball back from the kick, Tristen on the right found Bradley G who slipped it through for **Charlie** who shot low past the 'keeper for his hat-trick **5-2**. We attacked as a four but this time it worked as Tristen got the ball inside for Bradley G to shoot, but it was blocked back to **Charlie** who made no mistake although the 'keeper did dive back on to his line really well **6-2**. We conceded a free kick on the edge of our area. It was hit high and Ethem saved for Tristen to break away, he was tackled but **Bradley G** continued and slipped it past the 'keeper **7-2**. Tristen and Bradley again broke away, Bradley passing through, Tristen shooting for it to be saved back to **Bradley G**, and he made no mistake to also get his hat-trick **8-2**.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 8 ASHTON 2

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

OVERALL: FRYS 13 ASHTON 6

Afterthoughts.....

If you look at the overall score then this looks like a comfortable win, but that was simply not the case. We edged match 1 by a single goal, and were all square in match 2 when they brought their 'keeper onto pitch, and despite his best efforts the replacement was not the same, allowing us to finally break away. It should have been a comfortable win given our general dominance, but their 'keeper kept it close, which meant that when they scored they were always back in it. Sometimes these can be the most dangerous games, when you dominate but cannot breakaway. That dominance means that sometimes players relax, and that can cost games. Even when the score-line reflects the dominance you should not relax as it is surprising how quickly a team can get back into the game. That said we played well in both matches and looked to pass the ball a lot which was pleasing from our coaching perspective. Keep it up boys!