Number 10 - Bustin' makes me feel good! - Saturday 28th November 2015

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Our first Saturday match of the season, and another of those "measurement" matches. Deerswood had been our second ever match and we had lost 9-15, although had been drawing overall later in the season when the match was abandoned to hailstones. How had we progressed since then? With it being a Saturday we were a bit down to the bare bones, with Finley Wilson, Fin M, Aaron, Tyler, Finlay Willsteed and Ethem all unavailable. Both teams agreed to play 6 v 6 due to the numbers & it was very cold!

The Game 1 line-up was:

Kaylum

Tristen Bartus

Aran James

Bradley W

From the kick off James darted in and won it before driving down the line and forcing a throw. From the throw it bobbled around a bit before Aran shot, but it was high. James threw over their heads and Aran was in on the left and toepoked it past the 'keeper, but it hit the post and ran across goal, the defender conceding a corner under pressure from Bradley. We were defending and Tristen won the ball, went wide and passed down the line for Aran who beat the defender and crossed it in to where **Bartus** got there with an outstretched knee and the ball flew in **0-1**. They were attacking but Bartus won it on our goal-line, passed to Aran who dribbled across the face of the goal, but he was tackled, the ball fortunately ricocheting wide of the post.

James won the ball and ran all the way towards goal, but the 'keeper came out and cleared at the last minute. We attacked again with Aran shooting, deflected to the back post for Bradley to shoot, only for it to be cleared off of the line and went towards the left post to where Bartus just couldn't reach it. They attacked and we couldn't get it clear, and the shot hit Kaylum but continued towards goal, only for Bradley to clear it off of the line. The ball was then heading out only for James to keep it in by the narrowest of fractions and he ran forwards and crossed slightly behind Bradley so he ran after it and then spun and chipped at the same time for it to loop over the 'keeper and in to the left of the goal 0-2.

HALF-TIME: DEERSWOOD 0 FRYS 2

Deerswood were attacking but Bradley won it and found James and he in turn found Bartus. From Bartus it went to Aran, back to James who went past two players before flicking it wide to Aran who ran in on goal, but was challenged by the 'keeper, the ball falling nicely to **James** just outside of the box and he chipped it back into the empty net **0-3**. From their corner we cleared and Tristen was after it, finding Aran who ran in, forcing the 'keeper to concede a corner. Aran trotted over to take it and we had three players waiting in the area for it as two of their team just watched from halfway. Aran took it, off of Bartus to Tristen, and we had the space, **Tristen** drilled it low into the bottom corner **0-4**. They attacked and Kaylum closed them down forcing the ball wide of the post to James who stood on the goalline outside of the goal itself. He then came inside and passed it forward to their player on the edge of the area, luckily he was tackled by Bartus and we broke, over-extending ourselves so that when we lost it, although Bradley tried to tackle, they had a free run in on goal and this time the player hammered it high past Kaylum 1-4. A goal-kick by them played wide was

intercepted by **Aran**, who took one touch and lifted it over the 'keeper **1-5**.

FULL-TIME: DEERSWOOD 1 FRYS 5

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

The Game 2 line-up was:

Bradley W

Bradley G Cory

Charlie Kaylum

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Substitute: Liam

Charlie swung in a corner which came to Bradley, and he swung and shot, but at the 'keeper's legs. Bradley then attacked down the right and fired in a shot which the 'keeper tipped wide for a corner. They played a ball through which Cory left for Bradlev W, and Bradlev W left for Corv and suddenly they were in on goal but as Bradley W slowed them down, Charlie came flying in with a great saving tackle. Another great defensive tackle from Charlie saw the ball going out, however Liam kept it in well, went on a run down the line and shot, again forcing the 'keeper to concede a corner. From the corner it was cleared and they were away, however Bradley W came to the edge of his area and did enough to put the shot off. Deerswood attacked and we made a few good tackles but not enough to stop a high shot which Bradley W saved excellently, the ball flying out to Charlie who attacked. He was tackled and the ball came back to Cory who found Charlie again on the halfway line. At this point Charlie noticed that the 'keeper was standing way out to the right side of his area, and so Charlie shot for the far left, and the 'keeper realised what was happening and scrambled across his area, however the shot had just enough power to evade his outstretched boot, and it rolled into the open net **0-1**. Bradley W passed the ball forwards to Charlie and in turn found Bradley G, inside to Cory who reversed the pass into the run of Liam who belted a shot, however the move was equalled by the great save from their 'keeper. We attacked but the ball was lost and they shot early, Bradley swinging a leg for it, however he missed it and it was in **1-1**.

HALF-TIME: DEERSWOOD 1 FRYS 1

Liam ran down the right, riding three tackles before crossing for Cory's head, however the 'keeper just got his hands to it before it reached Cory. After a bit of a melee in the middle the ball came to **Liam**, and as it was bouncing he chanced his luck with a long shot, and although the 'keeper got hands to it, it was not enough to stop the momentum and the ball fell into the net **1-2**. A corner from Deerswood was headed up by Bradley G, and as it came down the attacker volleyed it first time, Bradley W pulling off another great save. Bradley W was on a run when he was fouled, the ball falling to an attacker who shot, and although Bradley W parried it, it fell to another attacker who fired it in **2-2**. Bradley G set Charlie through and he was forced wider and wider and his final shot was saved for a corner. From that corner Bradley G ran over, Charlie played a short corner to him, and he ran in and lifted the ball to the middle to where Liam volleyed it high into the net 2-3. Liam ran down the right and Charlie was supporting in the middle in acres of space, however rather than pass he tried to run through the two defenders and lost it, the ball going forwards to their attackers who ran at goal and slipped the ball inside Bradley W at his near post We forced a corner out on the left. 3-3. **Bradley G** took it, swung it in and as the 'keeper swung a leg at it he missed and the ball went straight in **3-4**. Deerswood attacked in numbers near the end, first Cory blocking, and then Charlie with a spectacular overhead kick to stop the ball going over, however Deerswood kept up the pressure and shot again, and this time it was Charlie by our right post clearing the ball from what looked to be behind the line, however with no goal-line technology the referee had to go with what he saw, and from that angle he could not be certain and so the goal was not given and we cleared, from which **Liam** surged forward and gave the 'keeper no chance 3-5.

FULL-TIME: DEERSWOOD 3 FRYS 5

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

OVERALL: DEERSWOOD 4 FRYS 10

Afterthoughts.....

What a great match and another Ghost laid to rest! Yes this was a measurement match and we measured up fantastically, everyone doing their bit in both games, although the overhead clearance by Charlie was a bit special, and it was nice that all five outfield players scored in Game 1. To see how far we have progressed since Match 2 as Under 7's is massively encouraging, so well done all, keep it up.