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At last! After missing two weekends through rain we travelled to Portishead. Omens were not good as we trudged through puddles and sludgy grass, but it became firmer as we neared the pitch, and although the grass was very long, it was playable. At Portishead's request we were playing 7-a-side, although on a large 5-a-side pitch rather than seven. Missing were Finlay W, Bartus & Tyler, which meant that some players played in both matches to allow us two subs.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Bradley G
Charlie Tristen
James Bradley W
Keanu Aran

Substitutes: Cory & Liam

From the kick off the ball found its way to Keanu who charged through a challenge before shooting from distance. James then forced his way through, but the grass interfered with his shot. Portishead then forced their way through, but Bradley G was out quickly. A roll out from Bradley G found Aran and he passed back to Tristen, who in turn passed across field to Bradley W who passed inside to James, but he was tackled. The nice part was the passing! We took a goal-kick to Liam just outside of the area and he waited to draw the attacker in before going past him, however he was tackled, and the attacker gave Bradley no chance **1-0**. Portishead broke down the right and Cory ran

over so it was crossed inside for a player to shoot, and Bradley G had half dropped to his knees, and although he parried it, the power took it over and into the net **2-0**. They kept up the pressure and a cross was taken out of Bradley's hands by Liam, however he controlled it well and played it forward.

HALF-TIME: PORTISHEAD 2 FRY 0

We were defending with Aran and Keanu making important blocks before Liam broke down the left, and three times I shouted to him to pass or cross and he ignored me! Good thing really as three defenders ran into each other to leave him a clear run, and he shot, which the 'keeper half blocked, but it carried on rolling across goal and **Cory** was there to see it in **2-1**. Liam then passed wide to Cory who ran forwards and played it inside, but Keanu was tackled. Bradley G found Aran, he in turn found Liam who played it for Charlie who was tackled as he went to shoot. They then broke down the left and Keanu came over and slid in with a great defending tackle. Bradley G passed to Bradley W, but he delayed and then passed across the face of the goal to James, but with not enough power and they were in from five yards to score **3-1**. From the kick we lost it, they attacked down the right and shot, deflected off of the underside of Bradley G's foot, and with one defender and two attackers at the back post, their player reacted the quicker **4-1**. James then passed out to Aran, but also under-hit and four attackers ran in whilst our attack and midfield watched **5-1**. Where earlier we had been decisive, strong and hardworking it seemed like this five-minute spell had seen us forget how to play! We were still losing the ball and a player just in our half hit a long, rising shot into the roof of the net **6-1**. Liam ran down the left and their 'keeper came out wide so he went to shoot with his left inside of the 'keeper, but a defender slid in and made the block. They were running at Bradley W who passed forwards but not hard enough and their

attacker smashed it in **7-1**. Cory was running down the left but was tackled by their player who plays up a year at Bristol City. He ran across goal and Liam couldn't reach him, ran down our right and Aran couldn't reach him, ran through James' tackle before powering a rising shot that flew in off of the underside of the bar **8-1**.

FULL-TIME: PORTISHEAD 8 FRYYS 1

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

The Game 2 line-up was:

Cory
Bradley G James
Kaylum Liam
Aran Finlay M

Substitutes: Charlie & Ethem

They attacked down our left and we were blocking, but then a cross came in and Charlie for some reason decided to pick the ball up! The penalty was despatched despite Cory's great dive in which he got part of his body to it, and Charlie was so upset that after just 20 minutes we had switched him **1-0**. James won the ball, ran past the defender and took a shot which was well saved, however it was clear that this team were not so strong. Portishead looked to break after our pressure, however James won it back, shifted it past two defenders and shot, only for it to flash wide. We had a corner on our left. **James** took it, straight into the area to where everyone missed it and it flew in off of the back post **1-1**. James worked hard down the left and crossed to Bradley who controlled it and shot. It was parried wide and **Liam** chased after it and smashed it back in to the far left **1-2**. James won the ball and shimmied past the defender and shot, but it was saved. James then ran down the left and passed inside for Liam to shoot, but it was at the 'keeper. Charlie crossed a corner which was defended back to him so he chipped it in and **Bradley** was running in and got his head to it **1-3**. We over committed and they were away down or left and as they crossed Ethem got a touch to it, but that touch deflected it inside of Cory **2-3**. Cory passed out to James and he ran forward and passed wide to Bradley who darted down the line and crossed for Liam, only for the 'keeper to get there just ahead of him. We were closing them down quickly and Bradley pounced on a loose ball out, got it to

Liam who forced a throw. It didn't seem much, but it came from good team pressurising.

HALF-TIME: PORTISHEAD 2 FRYYS 3

We worked it well down the left and crossed for **Liam**, and he scooped it towards to open back post, and the height beat the 'keeper's legs as he slid across **2-4**. Ethem won the ball well, passed it into the middle which **Aran** picked up, and then ran past their big player and fired it low past the 'keeper **2-5**. Aran attacked and got it to Liam who crossed in and the 'keeper dived out and got a hand to the ball, however because it was only one hand **Bradley** challenged, won it and flicked it into the open net **2-6**. We kept up the pressure, first Charlie shot which was parried and then Ethem which the 'keeper got his hands to, and then dropped gratefully onto the loose ball. A ball out to the left saw James attack all of the way down the line and went for goal, but it flew in to the side netting.

FULL-TIME: PORTISHEAD 2 FRYYS 6

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

OVERALL: PORTISHEAD 10 FRYYS 7

Afterthoughts.....

You hear about England batting collapses? Well that was our version. 2-1 down after 30 minutes, 8-1 after 40. We cannot argue that they were better than us in the first match, but we had been resilient and restricted their chances. Had we kept that up for the full 40 minutes, then I believe that we would have won overall, admittedly with six players playing in both games.

The changes that we are making to position and rotation are so that we as Managers can find the best positions ahead of next year's 7-a-side, and as galling as it was to see that capitulation, it gave us valuable insight in to certain positional advantages and disadvantages.