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Due to the bad weather the game had moved to Warmley's 3G pitch, our first game on this type of surface, the pitch was across a full size pitch so there were no markings. James, Liam and Alfie were the players missing and Andy was unable to make the game. Due to the school's rules, the parents had to watch from outside.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Charlie
Finlay M Keanu
Tyler Bradley W

Substitutes: Aran, Tristen & Bartus

The game started with Warmley attacking and only some good tackling from Finn prevented a clear shot on target for Warmley. From last week playing in the long grass at Portishead to the very quick surface of the 3G pitch, a lot of our passes were going astray meaning the boys were struggling to get into the flow of the game. Tyler was commanding midfield though with some crunching tackles and from one of these tackles he got the ball and went on a commanding run forward and unleashed a powerful shot that went inches past the post. Soon Warmley were on the attack and had got to the edge of the area and got a shot away, only for Charlie to get down well and tip the ball around the post for a corner. We were trying to play good football from the back with Charlie rolling the ball out to a player and then the boys trying to pass and move our way forward. One of these moves saw Brad in space out wide, he used his skill to get the ball across to Keanu whose shot was saved by the 'keeper. The 'keeper drop kicked up to the half way line which bounced over Bartus onto the Warmley attacker who passed inside to the player running onto it, and they hit it past Charlie into the back of the net **0-1**. Tyler found Aran out wide who used pace and

skill to go past two players and get a great cross into the Warmley box. Bartus managed to get to it and toe-poked it towards the goal only for the 'keeper to make another good save. The goalie kicked the ball long again but by now Tristen had sussed this out and was dealing with this, sending us forward and Aran picked up one these passes and hit a shot inches past the post. Warmley attacked and Charlie saved well to concede the corner. We switched off and Warmley did their 3rd short corner in a row which they worked well to set up a shooting chance which just went over. Before Charlie could take the goal kick the ref blew up for half-time.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 0 WARMLEY 1

We started the 2nd half and were soon attacking with Aran going on one of his mazy runs down the wing and getting in a cross that Bradley got under his control took on the player and hit his shot past the 'keeper, but narrowly wide of the post as well. Keanu and Finn double teamed the Warmley attacker to prevent a shot and Keanu took the ball to the half-way line before passing to Brad whose shot was well saved by the 'keeper again; was it going to be one of those games? Aran was playing well and only the goalkeeper prevented him from scoring. Finn was playing well in defence and got in a crunching tackle that prevented a chance. When they did get past, Charlie made a great save to keep the score at 1-0. Charlie played the ball out to Tristen who brought the ball out until the Warmley player came to him. He then looked up and saw Tyler in space and he found Tyler with a great pass, **Tyler** went past a defender before firing past the keeper **1-1**. The goal gave us a lift and Tyler was a player on a mission as he made a well-timed challenge and picked the loose ball up and powered forward, then slid a wonder pass to **Bartus** who made no mistake in finishing a great move **2-1**. Tyler was soon involved again picking a loose ball up and sprinting forward and finding Tristen who shot just wide. Warmley came forward looking for a goal to draw the game and had passed the ball to the edge of area and got a shot away only for Finn to block the effort and clear the ball out for a throw in as the ref blew up for the final whistle.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 2 WARMLEY 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Mark for giving a 100% in the whole game, some great play and a very good goal – **Tyler**

Due to Ethem running a bit late and Kaylum getting there just after the 2nd game kicked off, Bartus kindly offered to help out and play in the 2nd game which meant we lined up:

Bradley W
Cory Ethem
Charlie Finlay W

Substitutes: Kaylum, Bartus & Bradley G

Just like in the 1st game it took us a while to get used to the surface and it was not long before Warmley were attacking. Ethem got a very good tackle in but the ball bounced to one of their players who hit a first time shot which looked like it was going in but it thundered into the post. However, we all switched off and the striker reacted first to poke the ball into the back of our net **0-1**. Warmley were attacking again and only a good save from Bradley prevented a goal. From the corner the ball came back to a Warmley player who hit a rocket of a shot that looked a goal all the way only for Finn, who had placed himself on the line, to bravely get in the way of the shot, the ball coming off of his stomach. This seemed to give us a bit more energy and some wonderful passing by Charlie and Bradley saw Cory away, whose shot was well save by the 'keeper. Bradley took the corner which was well defended, however the ball came back to him, he took on one player and then crossed the ball to the back post to where Cory had got into space. **Cory** controlled the ball and then placed the ball into the bottom corner **1-1**. We were playing some good football and beginning to dominate the game and only some good saves from the goalie prevented us from scoring, especially a great shot from Bartus that the 'keeper did very well to save. We were pressuring well though and had managed to get a corner which Brad took, and he found **Charlie** around 10 yards out who powered a shot into the roof of the net giving the goalkeeper no chance **2-1**. Finn picked up a loose ball and saw Kaylum in space who then crossed the ball to Cory who knocked it back to Brad who passed to Kaylum again who shot just wide, and this was the last action of the first half.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 WARMLEY 1

Warmley started well in the 2nd half and were playing well as a team. They passed the ball up into our half which was over-hit, Finn was taking no chances though and hit the ball out of play for the safety of a corner. From the corner they found one of their players who hit a power-drive of a shot only for Bradley to pull off a wonder save, the ball came out again and the Warmley player struck the ball towards goal again only for Brad to get back up and save the ball again; an amazing double save and we then cleared the ball away. Bartus picked up the ball to find Charlie whose shot was well saved by the 'keeper.

The 'keeper hit a big kick up field which Brad brought under control, went past one player and saw **Kaylum** in space and played a ball forward for him to run onto which he hit first time, giving the 'keeper no chance **3-1**. From the kick-off Brad was quick to make a tackle and place a pass to **Kaylum** who powered through a player and then calmly put the ball into the back of the net **4-1**. Warmley tried to attack but Ethem got a great tackle in and found Brad out wide who skipped past one player and was in the clear. The 'keeper came out but **Brad** waited for the angle to open up before placing the ball past the 'keeper **5-1**. A quick throw from Brad W to Brad G found him out wide. **Brad** looked up and saw Kaylum running into space. He hit a strong pass from our half which went past Kaylum, but the run of Kaylum had put the goalie off and the ball went past him into the back of the net **6-1**. Some good defending from Cory prevented an attack and he cleared the ball up to Bradley who chipped the ball over the defender on to the quick moving **Kaylum** who delicately placed the ball above the oncoming goalkeeper into the back of the net, a great move with a lovely finish **7-1**. We had won a corner which Brad took, it came out to Ethem who set himself and hit a power shot which was well saved by the 'keeper. From another drop-kick from the 'keeper, Brad picked the ball up and went on a run down the wing then did a simple pass to **Cory** who saw the goalie had left a gap in the post and hit the ball first time into gap to score **8-1**. The final whistle went soon after.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 8 WARMLEY 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Lee for some well taken goals and good all round play – **Kaylum**

OVERALL: FRYS 10 WARMLEY 2

Afterthoughts.....

Warmley have improved a lot since we played them last and it was good for the boy's overall development not to have many really easy games. We took a very long time to get going which could have been down to the pitch being a lot quicker than we have been used to, or there not being proper markings for the pitch, a couple of players missing as well. In most cases though the boys stayed in their positions well and kept their shape and tried to pass the ball when they could. In the first game it took a while to get going and the boys tried really well, a special mention to Tyler who put in a great effort and kept going the whole game. The passing in the 2nd game once we got used to the pitch was very good and a joy to watch. With Warmley playing their team 1 in the 1st half and the other in the 2nd half, it meant they had a good rest, so our boys did well playing the whole game against an improving side. Roll on the next game.