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We played Boco just nine weeks ago, or in another way, just four games ago. We felt that the score of 4-13 flattered them somewhat as they managed most of their goals in a ten minute first-half spell, and had we held that, it would have been a lot closer. Here was our chance to see if that was the case. Missing were Ethem who was away, and Bartus, Finn M and Keanu who were all ill. Alfie was finally able to make his debut after two weeks of cancellations.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie

Tristen

James Aran Tyler

Substitute: Kaylum

Aran attacked all of the way down the left and hit the outside of their post from an acute angle. They attacked in numbers and Alfie charged out at them and made a great save. They kept up the pressure and this time got past Tristen and shot low into the bottom corner **1-0**. Tristen and Tyler came right to halt their attack, and so they played it back and crossed, and the attacker hit it on the half-volley as it came across his body, high into the roof of the net, giving Alfie no chance **2-0**. We had a throw which they half cleared to James,

and he advanced and shot, the 'keeper making the save. Aran then slipped it past a player and was brought down just inside their half. James took the free-kick but it was straight at the 'keeper. A goal-kick then came to Aran ten yards out, he took a touch and shot high, but it was just over. Kaylum and Aran pressurised on the right and the ball was slipped through for **Tyler** to run onto, and he prodded it from ten yards out, low and past the 'keeper **2-1**.

HALF-TIME: BOCO 2 FRY 1

Kaylum and Aran worked hard to win the ball and forced them to boot forwards to where James was in defence and he won it, and found Aran. Aran turned and advanced but was tackled, however Kaylum was supporting and hit it forwards for **Aran** to pick up again and he struck a rising shot over the 'keeper **2-2**. **James** won the ball in midfield, ran forwards and was brought down. He took the free-kick past the wall and although the 'keeper got hands to it, it was not enough to stop the momentum **2-3**. James played the ball through their defence for Aran to chase and he hit a good shot which was saved. Tristen then played a lovely ball down the line for Kaylum to run with, however his shot was wide. Aran then won the ball on the right and came across field to where he was tackled, and he seemed to fall to his knees. Penalty? Not really! **James** ran down the right and crossed it in, and it hit one of their players and ended in the net **2-4**. Kaylum on the right controlled the ball well and flicked it goalwards, but with not enough power. Alfie threw to Tyler and he passed forwards but to one of their players who shot, and

although Alfie did well to parry the ball, their players reacted faster than ours and were able to scramble it in **3-4**. Tyler then forced his way through their defence, but shot at the 'keeper. A high corner was grabbed by Alfie but not completely, and as feet flew in, Alfie was down and gathered it. Alfie played it to Tyler and he in turn found Aran further forward. Aran attacked and cut inwards to be brought down, and James stepped up to take the kick, but unfortunately over. Near the end Tyler shot well through the crowd, and then they piled forward to try for the equaliser, but we held out well.

FULL-TIME: BOCO 3 FRY'S 4

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

The Game 2 line-up was:

Kaylum
Bradley G Charlie
Cory Liam

Substitutes: Finlay W & Bradley W

A great ball forward from Bradley found Charlie who shot from distance, however the 'keeper was able to gather it. A massive kick from their 'keeper was chased by their attacker and Charlie slid in brilliantly to make the tackle. Charlie then found Bradley G with an exquisite pass and he ran across the middle where he was blocked so he passed back to Charlie, and Charlie played him through their defence and **Bradley G** ran on and slipped it past their 'keeper **0-1**. From the kick Charlie ran in and won it, advanced until he met opposition and then slipped it through again for **Bradley G** who made it two goals in a minute **0-2**. Charlie attacked wide past the player and shot well, and the 'keeper was forced into a diving save to stop it. The 'keeper then kicked long and it was Charlie getting back having had the shot and slid in, only for his tackle to divert the ball past Kaylum **1-2**. They had a corner which Bradley W reached but on his wrong foot, so he turned towards goal and was tackled yards out and they smashed it in **2-2**. They attacked and Bradley W

made the tackle and Fin took the ball and passed forwards to Liam who ran wide down the right and crossed in to **Cory** who knocked it past the 'keeper **2-3**. From the kick off we won the ball and three players advanced but lost it, and did not get back leaving Fin facing three and he had no chance and neither did Kaylum **3-3**.

HALF-TIME: BOCO 3 FRY'S 3

Charlie played a great pass for Liam who took a touch and shot from the right just past the left post. Bradley G then set Bradley W away but he was crowded out as he went to shoot. Charlie won the ball out wide and set **Bradley G** away, and although he was under pressure and being pushed from behind, he kept his balance and composure to beat the 'keeper **3-4**. They attacked and Bradley G tackled first and then Charlie slid in and tackled to clear, but it came back and this time Liam tackled at the last moment to force a corner. Kaylum kicked it on from behind the goal straight to their player and they shot before he was in his goal, but fortunately he sprinted across goal and got a hand to it. We were still underhitting our passes, and this time three of them outnumbered our defence and one shot low and into the net **4-4**. The ball came to Bradley W on the left, but he held onto it rather than pass until he was closed down and the attacker won the ball and shot, and although Kaylum made a great save, there was enough power to keep it rolling, and over the line **5-4**.

FULL-TIME: BOCO 5 FRY'S 4

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

OVERALL: BOCO 8 FRY'S 8

Afterthoughts.....

What a fantastic effort from our players, and both games were terrific spectacles. I was especially pleased by the effort and commitment of every player, against a team who had beaten us by nine goals just weeks earlier. They had periods of dominance, but then so did we, and I feel that in the end a draw is a fair outcome.