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With Spring arriving we had a home game against Mangotsfield who we had always had close games with, and it was agreed that we would play 7 v 7. We had a full playing squad but with Andy still on his scouting trip to the Caribbean, Paul, Gaz, Lee and Mark took charge.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Bradley W
Finn M Ethem
Cory Liam Charlie
Kaylum

Substitute: Finn W

It was clear from early on that Mangotsfield were a strong side; they were passing the ball well and were dominating and we were struggling to get out of our own half. They got the ball out wide and had a 2 on 1 against Finn M and played some quick simple passing to go past Finn into the box where they squared the ball to an oncoming player who hit the ball past Bradley to give him no chance **0-1**. They were soon attacking again but Ethem made a great tackle and looked to pass the ball to Kaylum but it was intercepted and the Falcons player got a shot away which was well saved by Bradley. He rolled the ball to Finn M who looked to pass the ball to Cory, however again it was intercepted and this time Bradley was unable to stop the shot **0-2**. From the kick-off they were on to us quickly and had a clear run on goal and we were unable to stop the attack and the ball ended in our net **0-3**. They were attacking again but a good tackle from Charlie saw him pass down the line to Liam who was away. He went past one

defender before getting a shot in that just went wide of the post. They played the ball out well from defence and moved in to our half. Cory got a tackle in but the ball fell to one of their players who hit the ball past Bradley to make it **0-4**. We kept on trying though with a quick pass from Bradley to Charlie who looked up and saw Liam in space and played the ball through. Liam was clear on goal, their `keeper came out, but **Liam** made no mistake with a great finish **1-4**. Another Mangotsfield attack came to an end when Finn W intercepted the ball and put out for a throw in to end the first half.

HALF-TIME: FRY'S 1 MANGOTSFIELD 4

We started the 2nd half well with Ethem making some good passes down the wing to Liam and Kaylum; on both occasions they got into good positions only for the Mangotsfield keeper to make some good saves. As a unit we were defending better, staying on our feet more and reducing the chances that Mangotsfield could create. A good passing move between Liam and Charlie saw Kaylum in space and he hit a lovely shot that was well blocked by the Mangotsfield defender, and it went wide for a corner. They quickly attacked from the corner but a combination of both the Finns with solid defending prevented a clear shot on goal. We were still trying to play the right way and pass the ball out from defence, however Mangotsfield were quick at closing us down, nevertheless the boys were staying strong as a unit and playing well. Finn W looked to find Cory out wide but was tackled leaving the Mangotsfield attacker in the clear who calmly put the ball past the diving Bradley **1-5**. They were soon attacking again and we were getting in the tackles to try to stop but the ball bounced into the box; Finn M was trying to win the ball back with the Mangotsfield attacker and both boys fell to the ground the ref gave a soft penalty decision in favour of Mangotsfield. The striker got up and hit the penalty well past Bradley **1-6**. The boys were fired up after the penalty decision and looking to get back into the game and another great tackle by Ethem stopped another attack. The ball came to Liam who beat a player and then he saw Cory running into space out wide and found him

with a great pass. **Cory** got to the ball and skilfully went past the Falcons defender and hit powerful shot past the 'keeper for the goal of the game **2-6**. There was time for one more attack for Mangotsfield; they got a cross in and Charlie was running back to defend and was unlucky his clearance flew past Bradley into the back of the net with the last kick of the game **2-7**.

FULL-TIME: FRY'S 2 MANGOTSFIELD 7

Man of the Match – Chosen by Mark some great defending and determination – **Ethem**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Alfie
Tristen Tyler
James Aran Bradley G
Bradley W

Substitutes: Keanu & Bartus

We started the game well very well with Aran getting a good tackle in as Mangotsfield kicked off, he fed the ball to James who moved it on to **Bradley W** who took the ball passed the defender and whipped in a dangerous cross and all the Mangotsfield defender could do was bundle it into the net **1-0**. We were playing well with Bradley G and James causing the Mangotsfield defence all sorts of problems with their powerful runs and sharp passing. From one of James' runs he played Aran in who tried to place the ball in the bottom corner only for it to drift just wide. From the goal-kick Mangotsfield passed the ball well and were bearing down on goal but Tristen had read the situation well and played the ball out wide to Bradley G who cut inside and pushed the ball on to James whose shot was well saved. Mangotsfield played the ball out wide and looked to get to the by-line but Tyler got there first and knocked the ball out for a throw in. From the throw in they worked a little bit of space and got a ball towards goal where it took a wicked bounce and went past Alfie into the net **1-1**. This gave Mangotsfield some confidence and they managed to work a good opening but Alfie was very brave and got to the ball before the attacker to snuff out the chance. Alfie rolled the ball out to Tyler who moved the ball to Aran in the centre of the pitch and he went past one player and played the ball out wide to Keanu who crossed to **Bradley W** who got the ball under his spell, went past one player and hit power shot into the top corner of the net **2-1**. We had time for one more attack with Bartus finding Keanu who powered past two defenders and shot just wide to end the half.

HALF-TIME: FRY'S 2 MANGOTSFIELD 1

The 2nd half started with us on the attack with James dominating the middle of the park, creating space for both Bradleys out wide, one of James' passes finding Bradley G who hit a firecracker of a shot which the 'keeper saved well only for **Bradley W** to have read the situation well and follow up to tap the ball into the empty net for his hat-trick **3-1**. Mangotsfield were not going to give up though and they came at us again with some good passing and moving, but a combination of Keanu and Tristen kept them at bay. James picked the ball up and found Tyler out wide who slipped Bartus in, and he had to stretch to reach the ball which took the power out of the shot letting the 'keeper make the save. The 'keeper launched the ball up field and the ball bounced over our midfield on to their striker who managed to turn Keanu and hit the shot past the diving Alfie **3-2**. Mangotsfield could see a chance to get back into the game and forced a series of corners which we defended very well, and from the last one Bradley G got to the ball first and cleared to **James** who picked the ball up on the half-way line and used all of his power and skill to beat two players and whip a shot past the stranded 'keeper to finish a very quick move from defence to attack **4-2**. We were well on top now and Aran was unlucky to see two long range efforts just go wide. From their kick-off Bartus was quick to close them down and a simple pass to **James** saw him clear on goal and he hit a shot that if there were two 'keepers, neither would have saved **5-2**. Mangotsfield were beginning to tire and we started to move the ball very well; a lovely pass from Aran saw **Bradley G** away and he went past three of their tired defenders before placing the ball past the unlucky 'keeper **6-2**. With time running out James got the ball on the edge of the area, beat one player and played the pass of the day cross-field to **Bradley G** who only had the goalkeeper to beat. He waited for the 'keeper to dive at his feet before putting the ball above the 'keeper into the net which was the last kick of the game **7-2**.

FULL-TIME: FRY'S 7 MANGOTSFIELD 2

Man of the Match – Chosen by Lee for some great play and a very good hat-trick – **Brad W**

OVERALL: FRY'S 9 MANGOTSFIELD 9

Afterthoughts.....

It was clear that Mangotsfield had a strong team and a weak team, but what was a bit disappointing in the first game was that some of the boys seemed to give up early on making it harder for the rest of the boys. There are going to be games where the opposition might be stronger, maybe more skilful but we should always look to put the same if not more effort in. This will come with time and for the majority of the games played this year the effort has been fantastic. In the 2nd game the boys played very well and moved the ball around well and worked hard as a team and did a good job to get the overall score back to a draw.