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We welcomed Hanham to Somerdale Pavilion. The last time we played Hanham it was a good close game that ended in a draw; would anybody come out on top this time? Andy was travelling back from his scouting trip to the Caribbean, rumour has it the new Messi will be playing after the Easter break. We were without Finn M and Hanham had agreed to play 7v7.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Cory
Charlie Ethem
Kaylum Bradley G Finn W
Liam

Hanham kicked off and we were soon closing them down with Charlie getting in an early tackle and moving the ball out wide to Liam who went past one player and crossed the ball to the advancing Kaylum who controlled the ball and did a quick turn before shooting just wide. Hanham played the ball out wide and hit the ball up-front. Ethem went to intercept the ball but it bounced over his head; the Hanham attacker had guessed this was going to happen and picked up the loose ball and hit a first time shot that Cory tipped around the post for a corner. The corner was swung into our box, Finn got to the ball first, controlled it and played it to Brad who hit the ball down the line to Liam who cut inside and passed back to Brad who travelled forward and hit a powerful shot which was saved by the 'keeper. The rebound came back to Liam whose shot hit the post, was the chance gone? No, **Kaylum** was there first to poke the ball home **1-0**. The passing from both sides was good and we were playing well. A quick move from Bradley G saw him take the ball down the line and then play the ball back to Liam whose shot was well save by the 'keeper. They played the ball out quickly and hit a cross-field ball to the winger whose shot/cross found

its way to the attacker who had gotten between Finn and Ethem, and he took a touch and hit the ball past Cory **1-1**. They were soon attacking again and only some good defending from Charlie prevented a clean shot on goal and they could only shoot well wide. Cory passed the ball to Charlie who waited for the on rushing Hanham defender before playing a wonderful pass down the line to **Bradley** and he took a touch that took the ball past the defender before shooting past the 'keeper off of the near post and in **2-1**. We were passing well from defence to attack with Charlie doing well, helping the keeper, taking his time and looking to find one of the boys with a good pass. He found Kaylum in the middle of the park who played a simple pass back to Finn who passed to Liam and he beat his man to cross to Bradley who moved it on to Kalum who shot just wide; a great move though. Hanham were passing well and had gotten out wide. Ethem managed to intercept the ball though and knock it out for a corner. The corner was hit into the middle and they managed to get there before us and they hit the ball into the bottom corner **2-2**. We had one more attack before the break but Liam's shot was well saved.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 HANHAM 2

The 2nd half started with a great pace to our game. Brad was out wide, beat one player and whipped a cross over. Kaylum reached it and shot just wide of the post. Liam was quick to close the player down and got in a good tackle and got into a shooting position but the 'keeper made a good save. Hanham to their credit were playing the ball out from defence at every opportunity and tried to attack when they got close to our goal, although Ethem was reading most situations well and stopping the attacks assisted by Finn and on the occasions they did get through Cory picked the ball up to a degree that Cory only had one save to make in the 2nd half. We were dominating the game with Charlie and Brad bossing the midfield and getting the ball forward to Kaylum and Liam; chance after chance went wide or was well saved by the Hanham 'keeper. From a goal-kick Cory passed to Ethem who looked up and saw Charlie on the half-way line in space. Charlie got the ball and went on a run down the wing, but a well-timed tackle from the Hanham defender saw the ball go out for a throw. Brad took the throw to **Charlie** who got into space and launched a shot into the air; it looked like it was going to soar over the bar only to

dip at the last second and hit the underside of the bar and bounce close to the line, but goal-line technology was not needed as it was clearly behind the line for a wonderful strike to score **3-2**. With the boys celebrating Hanham to the kick-off quickly, but Finn had stayed switched on and slowed the play down allowing Liam time to get back make the tackle and pass back to Cory who rolled the ball to Finn as the final whistle was blown.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 3 HANHAM 2

Man of the Match – Chosen by Lee for some great play at both ends of the pitch – Brad G

The Game 2 line-up was:

Alfie
Keanu Tristen
Bartus James Bradley W
Aran

Substitutes: Cory & Tyler

We were like a doctor's surgery going into this game with half the side with nasty coughs and colds and James coming off his sick bed to play, so a great effort from the boys before a ball was kicked. From kick-off Aran was quickly away beating three players who forced him wide, so when he got his shot away it was a very narrow angle and the ball went wide. The ball was played up the middle from Hanham and they were bearing down on our goal when Tristen in one move took the ball off of their player and moved it on to James who was off on his run. He powered past two defenders and was out wide when he got his cross over to the waiting Bartus whose shot was well saved by the 'keeper. Like the first game we were dominating the play without creating too many clear cut chances and a couple of long range efforts from Aran went wide, and a good move ended with a Bradley W shot well saved. Hanham were counter attacking from time to time but we were keeping to our positions well and not letting them create much. One attack was well defended by Keanu who knocked the ball behind for a corner. They played a short corner which was then crossed into our area, and although they managed to get a toe to it Alfie was down quick to make a good save. Alfie played the ball out to Tyler who moved it on to James who beat two players and got another cross over to Cory who controlled the ball well and turned and hit a shot towards the bottom corner of the net only for their goalkeeper to spring into action and get down well to make a vital save.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 0 HANHAM 0

Hanham started the 2nd half well passing and moving the ball between them but we worked hard to close them down and wait for them to make a mistake which they did and Bartus was quick to pounce as he strode forward and passed the ball towards James. James

got to it and beat two players before the 3rd one got in a telling tackle and they were quickly going forward. Hanham had just crossed the half way line when the ball was kicked high into the Keynsham sky; when it was coming down it looked like it was going to drop into our net but Alfie jumped as high as he could and managed to get a hand to it, tipping the ball around the post and himself crashing into the post. They crossed the ball and the reliable Tristen was there to make the vital clearance, the ball was played to James who went on a run beating one player and then passed the ball on to Tyler who crossed to Keanu who hit his shot straight at the keeper. They passed the ball out wide and their best player went on a good run but his shot was well wide. Alfie rolled the ball out to Bradley W who did some wonderful skills before passing the ball infield to Aran but he was tackled; the player who made the tackle decided to try his luck from distance and the ball got a wicked bounce that went over the diving Alfie into the back of the net **0-1**. We came straight on the attack and Aran was away, he beat his man passed to Keanu who used his strength to get past his player and passed back to Aran who had carried on his run but his shot was saved by the 'keeper. The 'keeper rolled the ball out to the Hanham defender who hesitated for a second which was all Bartus needed to nip in and take the ball from him. The goalkeeper was trying to get back into position but **Bartus** had placed the ball past him and into the empty net **1-1**. From the kick-off we were quick to close them down and Tyler got the ball and passed to Cory who did a simple ball to Aran who like a flash was away and clear on goal, however the ball just got away from him and the 'keeper made a simple; save the game finished shortly after.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 1 HANHAM 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Lee for his overall display – Aran

OVERALL: FRYS 4 HANHAM 3

Afterthoughts.....

That was a great game of football and is good to see the boys keeping positions on the 7 a-side pitch and doing what they are asked to do without moaning and with total commitment. All the boys deserve credit for the effort they put into this game. In game 1 there were no subs but all 7 boys kept going throughout the whole game and in the 2nd game over half the team had a bug of some sort but kept going even when coughing. The encouragement from the parents and family members was fantastic and all I heard were positive comments and it was brilliant to hear. Apparently the new Messi had decided to stay in the Caribbean rather than move to Keynsham and Andy was home on his own; we look forward to hearing all about it at the next game.