



# **FRY CLUB COLTS**

## **U8 MATCH REPORT U8**

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We faced Brislington at home on our 7-a-side pitch. As they always do, Brislington played one team in the first half of each game, and their other team in the second half meaning that both of our teams played both of their teams. Jayden was unavailable, as was Bradley W, Tyler and Finlay M so we had the bare seven in both matches.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Ethem  
Bradley G    Charlie  
Finlay W    Liam    Cory  
Kaylum

Charlie played a great ball down the line from which Cory crossed a dangerous ball, however no one had kept up and the chance was lost. We attacked and Bradley went flying over the halfway line only for us to lose it and Brislington broke. Their attacker elected to shoot early from just inside our half and Ethem got a strong hand to it, pushing it up onto the underside of the crossbar and it bounced down, not over the line, and Ethem swivelled and caught the ball. We attacked again and Bradley broke out of defence, found Kaylum wide and he beat a defender then went left to Cory and he took a touch and shot, past the 'keeper, however a defender had gotten back on the line and cleared it. Brislington got in behind us and played a ball right in front of goal, however as the attacker controlled it, Cory swooped in behind and made the saving tackle. Bradley

took the ball into the corner and the Brislington defenders converged, and then we had Finn, Liam, Kaylum and Charlie all trying to win it and Kaylum emerged with the ball and crossed to where **Cory** was waiting at the back post. He shot, and although the 'keeper did get his hand to it, it was not a strong enough hand and the ball rolled in **1-0**. A ball was played into our area, Kaylum hassled, Bradley slid in and then Ethem was able to save the ball from going for a corner. We played it out of defence as Bradley passed it to Liam and on the halfway he slotted it through for Kaylum who was eventually tackled for a corner. Cory was then at hand to make another important block as we looked to be struggling to tackle, it bounced up and Kaylum braved the high feet to head it out and chase clear. Finn worked hard on the right wing to get a cross in, but the ball was cleared from in front of goal. Bradley won the ball back from Brislington, shimmied through the defence and passed it past the 'keeper, but into the side netting.

**HALF-TIME: FRYS 1 BRISLINGTON 0**

Brislington were passing well and found a way through, but Ethem cleverly used his nose to save the blasted shot! Cory won it, played it wide to Kaylum who crossed it and Finn shot, but it was blocked. Further pressure led to Kaylum shooting and Charlie shooting twice, but none of them were able to beat the 'keeper. They charged down the right and crossed and Liam was running back, but too fast and so it went behind him and the grateful Brislington player on the back post tapped it in **1-1**. Finn & Kaylum were passing well and eventually Bradley crossed, but it was cut out. We were exposed down our left and Ethem got in the way, it hit his boot, rolled under him, but he turned and dived quickly to avert the danger. They attacked again, two verses Liam, however he held off tackling until the Brislington player tried to go past him, by which time another

defender had got back and made the tackle. A ball wide to Bradley saw him cross for Kaylum to attack, but a Brislington player on the line was able to block and clear after which the full-time whistle blew.

**FULL-TIME: FRYS 1 BRISLINGTON 1**

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

The Game 2 line-up was:

Alfie  
Tristen Ethem  
Keanu Aran James  
Bartus

Aran and Bartus surged forward and the ball was half cleared back to **James** who toe-poked it, although not too hard, towards goal, the 'keeper looked to have it covered however aran ran across the ball and it was enough to put the 'keeper off and it rolled through his legs **1-0**. Aran broke out from defence with the ball, all the way towards goal, and as we looked the 'keeper was way out of his goal having gone to kick a stray ball away! He managed to get back on the line and set himself in time, however **Aran** still rolled it past him **2-0**. Tristen, Bartus, Ethem and finally Aran all converged on one attack to make sure it went for a corner and not a goal. We broke and Keanu played it to Bartus who slipped it to James, but a defender got back just in time. Bartus broke out down the right and played a perfectly weighted ball for James who was on his left, and was tackled as he tried to get it onto his right. Ethem won the ball in defence, passed across goal to James and he set **Bartus** away, who waited for the opportune moment and passed it past the 'keeper **3-0**. We worked forwards and won a corner. Ethem went to take it, and as everyone was in the area, he passed it to the edge, which sent three Brislington attackers away. Alfie waited until the moment was right however and dived out to make an important and brave stop. A ball out from Brislington saw Aran intercept but his shot was just wide of the post.

**HALF-TIME: FRYS 3 BRISLINGTON 0**

A throw from brislington saw them evade both James and Aran, and as Tristen went to tackle the shot came in high, Alfie able to parry it, but it dropped over him and in **3-1**. A throw in our

corner from Tristen found Bartus and then Aran took it off of him, spinning and going with James and Bartus following. They went down the right, Aran passing inside to Bartus and he onto James, and although they were getting tackled the momentum was forwards, and eventually a challenge saw the ball ricochet into the middle to where **Bartus** had made his way and he passed into the open net **4-1**. Ethem made a tackle and the ball found Tristen who played it through for Bartus to shoot, however it ended nearer the corner flag... By this time the wind had really picked up and our very good attempts to pass were being affected. Aran passed down the line for Bartus to chase, the 'keeper challenged him and the ball fell loose to James with a clear goal and all he had to do was pass it past the defender on the line, but his shot was well wide. They played a corner to the edge and our defence chased, so Brislington played it back out to the unmarked attacker who shot high, stright towards Tristen who decided not to head it, which threw Alfie and the player on the back post had an easy tap-in **4-2**. Another Brislington corner came in, went back out and then was hit for the back post. Alfie made a great save but was unable to hold onto it and a Brislington attacker reacted quickest to knock it in **4-3**. We passed forwards very well, Aran finding James, and James going wide for Bartus and he played it into the middle to where Aran was challenging with their 'keeper and defenders, and then Bartus got there as well, but the big defender finally stepped in and cleared it. James came out of defence and was fouled on the halfway line. He hit for the area but it came back so he turned right, got down the line and crossed it in and **Bartus** raised his leg to the right height and angled his foot perfectly that it hit him and went square into the back of the net **5-3**. A Brislington corner came to the back post and a thundering shot saw Alfie down quickly to save.

**FULL-TIME: FRYS 5 BRISLINGTON 3**

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

**OVERALL: FRYS 6 BRISLINGTON 4**

**Afterthoughts.....**

*Redemption? Atonement? I don't know, I only know that from a 26-1 defeat to a 6-4 victory in just under two years is immense, and I could not be prouder of the way that they have stuck with it, listened, learned and improved. This credit is all to the boys, and as long as they continue along this path, they will be very good players!*