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On a bright Sunday morning we made our way to play Frampton Rangers. We had played some good close games against Frampton and we had a full squad to play. Andy was unable to make it so Gaz, Paul, Lee and Mark stepped in. Frampton had agreed to a 7v7 game unfortunately the game had to be played on a 5v5 pitch so good passing was going to be very important.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie

Tristen Ethem

Keanu James Bradley W

Bartus

Substitutes: Aran & Tyler

We kicked off and were quickly on the attack with Keanu finding James out wide who beat his man and got in a great looking cross which Bartus got to and poked his shot just wide of the far post. Frampton looked to pass the ball out from the back and a couple of good passes saw them at the edge of our area; Tristen got a tackle but the deflection came to one of their attacking players who hit a crisp shot which Alfie got down well to save. Alfie rolled the ball out to Ethem who passed to the free Keanu and he flicked the ball out wide to James who used skill and speed to get past two players, looked up and saw Bartus in space in the penalty area, and sent in a pin point cross that Bartus hit first time into the bottom corner for a great team goal **0-1**. Frampton looked to attack straight from their kick-off but Bradley got in a good tackle, then went past a player before playing a simple but brilliant ball inside to Aran who beat the remaining defender and then hit a cracking shot past the diving 'keeper into the back of the net 0-2. Frampton were playing some good football and moving the ball around well and had earned themselves a throw-in which they threw down the line and got a good cross into the middle of the box which Ethem cleared. Their player picked it up, went on a jinking run and calmly finished giving Alfie no chance 1-2. It was our turn to play some

good football and James, Bradley and Aran were doing some great passing in midfield with Bartus laying the ball off really well, one of these lay-offs came back to James who took a touch, saw Aran had gotten into an advance position, played a lovely ball to **Aran** who placed the ball behind the 'keeper into the back of the net **1-3**. Frampton tried to pull a goal back before the break and had a shot from distance which Alfie saved well to tip around for a corner. From the corner Bradley intercepted the ball, got the ball under control and set James away who then passed the ball forward for Bartus to chase. He got to it and hit his shot just wide to end a very good half of football.

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Frampton kicked-off and were looking to attack and got the ball out wide and were looking to cross the ball when Tyler made a great tackle and passed the ball to Aran and he looked to move the ball on to Keanu. Keanu was beaten to the ball by one of the Frampton players and he passed to their striker who hit a hard shot which went past the diving Alfie to crash against the bar the rebound came back to one their players but Tristen blocked the shot and Alfie dived on the loose ball. Alfie rolled the ball out Tyler who waited for the Frampton players to get to him before passing the ball down the line to Bradley who skilfully beat a player before passing to Bartus, and his shot was saved by the 'keeper. James then picked up the ball and ran into the penalty box, and when the Frampton player came in with a challenge we saw James go tumbling to the ground! No penalty was given and great credit to James and the rest of team as they got on with the game with no complaining. They played the ball from the back and despite our best efforts to get a tackle in they managed to work the ball to the edge of the area where they did a quick pass and the attacker was clear on goal and he slid the ball past Alfie into the net 2-3. Both sides were now playing great football and all on the side-lines were enjoying a great game of football. James picked up the ball inside our own half, he saw Aran just in their half and passed the ball through to Aran who went round one player and was on the edge of the area and hit a thunderbolt of a shot into the top corner giving the goalkeeper no chance at all **2-4**. A good tackle from Tyler stopped a Frampton attack, he then went on a run to the half way line and passed out wide to James who had the beating of the defender and got a shot away which was well saved by the 'keeper. Frampton attacked again and worked a situation of two attackers against Tristen who was up-to the task by not diving, then intercepting the ball and putting it out for a corner. The corner game in and the ball was bouncing around the

penalty area and we were unable to clear it so they got a shot in which was looking to go into the bottom corner before Alfie dived to make the save, when Alfie rolled the ball out the ref blew up to signal the end of a very good game.

FULL-TIME: FRAMPTON 2 FRYS 4

Man of the Match – Chosen by Paul for a great all round performance – Bradley W

The Game 2 line-up was:

Ethem

Finn M Charlie

Finn W Bradley G Cory

Liam

Substitute: Kaylum

Frampton kicked off and like their first team they looked to pass the ball and had moved the ball out wide. Charlie had tracked the player and got over to him, did a welltimed tackle and then did a little pass to Brad who ran to the half way line and passed wide to Cory who got to the by-line before crossing to Liam who hit a lovely shot that just went wide of the post. We were playing some really good football and the passing again was a joy to watch. Finn W had the ball out wide and a lovely pass inside to Brad saw him in a little space in the centre of the pitch. He passed the ball forward to Liam who tried to turn his man but the defender got a good tackle and the ball came back to **Bradley** who moved to the edge of the area. He looked up and saw the goalie coming out so he hit a high shot into the air that went over the 'keeper and looked like it was going to go over the bar only for it to drop at the last second into the net 0-1. From the kick-off Frampton passed the ball back to one of their defenders but Brad quickly closed down the defender and tackled him and got the ball, Bradley then beat the defender and calmly put the ball past the 'keeper to score two in less than a minute 0-2. Frampton looked to respond quickly and this time played the ball out wide and they were away but Finn M came across and made a trademark crunching tackle to knock the ball out for a corner. The corner came in and the shot, which just went wide. Ethem rolled the ball out to Brad who could not quite get to it and the Frampton striker pounced on the ball and was away to finish giving Ethem no chance 1-2. Frampton were fired up by this goal and came at us strongly but we defended really well with all the boys getting back and helping, this was typified by a great tackle by Finn W which saved a certain shot on goal. From another Frampton attach Cory got back, intercepted the ball and laid it off to Brad who looked up and saw Liam making a run down the middle. A great ball followed by Brad and Liam was clear on goal, the 'keeper came out but Liam was not going to miss and knocked the ball into the back of the net 1-3. Frampton attacked straight from the kick-off and their best player skipped past a couple of tackles and was clear on goal hitting a shot which gave Ethem no chance 2-3. Frampton had one chance to equalise before half time but Kaylum got a block in to prevent the cross going into our box.

HALF-TIME: FRAMPTON 2 FRYS 3

Frampton started the second half well and again the boys worked very hard to keep them out and they worked as a unit as well keeping their shape and making it hard for Frampton. Some solid defending from Finn M and Charlie was very good with a special mention to Liam who tracked back very hard and if needed stayed back to ensure we had cover at all times. Frampton were on an attack and this time managed to beat Finn M and got a great shot away which came back off our cross-bar and back into the area and was bouncing around. They got a shot away which Cory blocked and Kaylum cleared but one of their players got there first, played the ball forward again to a striker clear on goal but Ethem came out and did enough as the striker could only hit the ball wide. Ethem rolled the ball out to Liam who brought the ball out and looked to pass the ball to Finn W. The Frampton player was quickly on Finn who used his strength to get the ball further up the wing to Kaylum who was unlucky to see his shot go wide. The 'keeper rolled the ball out and their player went on a run beating two of our players before passing out wide. He then crossed and the striker got there just before Charlie to finish past Ethem 3-3. From our kick-off we passed the ball to Charlie who then passed the ball down the line to Finn W who crossed the ball to Bradley who went round one defender before hitting a low shot past the diving 'keeper into the corner of the net to give us the lead once again **3-4**. Frampton did not give up and came at us again, a tackle from Cory prevented an attack and he passed up to Liam who was away. Liam beat one player and was about to shoot when a great tackle knocked the ball out for a corner. We then had a series of corners that were very well taken but we could not get the final touch on. From about the 4th corner though they cleared and were away but Finn M was there to make the vital tackle as the ref' blew the final whistle to end an amazing game.

FULL-TIME: FRAMPTON 3 FRYS 4

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Finlay W

OVERALL: FRAMPTON 5 FRYS 8

Afterthoughts.....

This was a very good game of football against a side that pass the ball well and last year was a team that we were impressed with in the way they play, so for us to play them in the same way and in this game out play them shows how far the boys have come in this time and how well they have done this season. There was not one time that we did not have at least one defender and the boys talked and worked really well as individuals and a team and is a pleasure to see. Well done all.