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Off to Pensford to play Chew Valley, who had beaten us 2-11 at the start of the season. Kaylum was late arriving as Marina followed the Sat-Nav rather than my directions, and both Keanu and Finlay W were unavailable.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie
Tristen Tyler
James Aran Bradley W
Bartus

Substitute: Kaylum

Alfie played it out to Tyler and he spotted James down the right who attacked forwards. He was tackled for a throw, but it was a good passing start. Tyler spotted Bartus and lifted the ball over everyone to him, but he took a heavy touch and the 'keeper was able to gather it. Chew Valley were as dangerous as ever and an angled shot saw Alfie palm it away to safety. Tristen was last man and he won the ball and gave it to Aran who attacked and crossed for Bartus in the middle and Bradley back post. It hit one of their players and fell for Bradley on his right foot, however rather than take his time to get it onto his left (which normally he would), Bradley had a shot instantly with his right. The shot went wide, but that was great to see and definite progress from Bradley. They attacked and Tristen was

there again finding James, but he was tackled for a corner. Aran set James away and he shot which saw the 'keeper save out to Tristen who lofted the ball back in, and one of their defenders headed it away. We were back on the halfway line and as soon as their 'keeper rolled it out Aran was in pressing their defender with **Bartus** joining him to the left just in time for the deflected tackle to fall his way and he hit it low, in off of the left post **0-1**. Chew Valley were straight back at us, however Tristen and Tyler stood strong, the ball eventually passing wide for James to pass forward for Aran who went past a player and shot, but unfortunately wide. Aran won it and played it in to Bartus who was marked at the time, and he kept it and played it back out to meet Aran's run, and he went through two tackles, but the second saw the ball run away from him.

HALF-TIME: CHEW VALLEY 0 FRY 1

We broke out of defence with Kaylum and Bartus chasing the ball, Kaylum played it wide to Bartus, and as the 'keeper came out **Bartus** hit it with his left foot and it rolled past the 'keeper and into the net **0-2**. Alfie rolled the ball left to Tyler, he passed across the field to James on the right and he played it down the line for Kaylum. The ball was intercepted, but again it was a nice example of passing play. James was last man, had the ball and tried to take them on, losing to two attackers and they were away. Tyler and Bradley chased, Tyler got a foot in first to slow them, and then Bradley got in the way and that gave us time to recover and eventually it was James who made the clearance. We then broke and Kaylum played a lovely ball through for Bartus who was tackled and then Aran had followed but his shot was blocked. Chew Valley came back at us and Alfie dived bravely at their feet

to clear, but it came back and he was up brilliantly to make a great diving save. At the end a high ball from Bartus was brought down by James and he broke and crossed as three players charged in, however none of them got their head on it.

FULL-TIME: CHEW VALLEY 0 FRYYS 2

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

The Game 2 line-up was:

Kaylum (Charlie/Fin M/Liam)

Ethem Finlay M

Liam Bradley G Charlie

Cory

Substitute: Bartus

Charlie won the ball and hit it left to Bradley and he passed down the line for Cory who crossed it to Liam at the back post but he was crowded out and it went for a corner. Bradley crossed it to Liam at the back post, but the 'keeper made a great diving save from his cross. Kaylum rolled the ball to Ethem on the right and he went forward with it and passed through for Cory, but he was crowded out. They then attacked and three or four of our players just didn't challenge and a high shot from outside of the area flew over Kaylum **1-0**. Kaylum was unhappy at this and so Charlie took over in goal until halftime. **Liam** won the ball on the left in our half and surged down the left, leaving tackles behind before squeezing a shot in at the near post **1-1**. Chew Valley attacked again, Kaylum made a great clearance, however it hit their player in the stomach and rebounded perfectly for another attacker who smashed it in **2-1**. They attacked down the right and then switched play to where two players outnumbered Fin, and they then shot low past Charlie **3-1**. Chew Valley forced a corner and shot, past Charlie but Liam on the line blocked it, and Charlie spun to catch it. He rolled it out to Fin who turned, took his time and then passed, unfortunately straight to their player and he gave Charlie no chance **4-1**. We seemed to have stopped running and a shot from distance bounced just in front of Charlie, and it just bounced the wrong way and past him

5-1. A corner was swung over and a Chew Valley player on the edge of the area swivelled and shot through the crowd past the unsuspected Charlie **6-1**.

HALF-TIME: CHEW VALLEY 6 FRYYS 1

We reorganised positions for the second half and were hopefully better set, Fin M now going in goal. From our throw in their left corner they won it and broke strongly, powering up field before crossing to an unmarked attacker who coolly slotted it past Fin **7-1**. Kaylum won it on the left and passed to Liam who was away and he shot high, but unfortunately too high. We were struggling to get out of our area and a shot in was stopped by Fin with his legs before he cleared it. For the final part Liam went in goal. Fin passed wide for Cory who ran forward and passed to **Bradley** and he slipped inside the defender and was brought down for a penalty. Bradley took it and smashed it low past the 'keeper **7-2**. Liam went for a drop kick which Bradley fought to win, and then seemed to pass back to their 'keeper (that's how softly he hit his shot). Kaylum played a great one-two with Bartus and was through, however he scooped his shot high and wide.

FULL-TIME: CHEW VALLEY 7 FRYYS 2

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Bradley & Ethem**

OVERALL: CHEW VALLEY 7 FRYYS 4

Afterthoughts.....

The first match was a fantastic effort where I truly believe that we were the better side and deserved winners, with fantastic passing and effort, and in the main the players playing in what I believe are their best positions. Match two started okay, but it was the ten-minute spell just before half-time which lost it for us as some players were emotionally upset, and then others changed positions to end up in less effective areas and it gave Chew Valley that dominant spell which they took advantage of. In the second half it all stabilised and that was reflected in the various period scores. That said, this team beat us 2-11 at the start of the season, so to come a lot closer is another great achievement, but we are left with the regretful thought of 'what if...?'