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Our final match of the season and Ethem was unavailable, whereas Bradley W might be able to get there after kick off. We were playing Bristol Rovers Supporters Junior Football Club for the first time in a full match. Alfie was going to play both times in goal. We turned up and weren't sure if they were U8's or U12's, they were that big!

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie
Tristen Tyler
James Aran Keanu
Bartus

I was going to take photos of the final match, and as I was still getting my camera set, we scored! They kicked off, Aran won it, threaded it between both midfielders and just out of reach of the defender, and **Bartus** has flicked it just past the 'keeper from close range **0-1**. A ball to the right saw James get there and hold off three players before back-heeling it and running down the line, however under the pressure of the three he was unable to get his cross over. Tristen was left on his own against two attacking, however he won the ball and got it to James who went at them before passing out to Aran, but his shot was saved. From the corner the 'keeper parried it and Bartus was at the back post, he flicked it goal-wards, but it hit the post and went out. Another corner from Aran went long, Keanu returned it and Bartus flicked it over his head and James tried to volley it goal-wards but it was

blocked out so Tyler returned it, Bartus again tried to flick it over his head, but this time turn and shoot, however they were finally able to get to it and clear it. Keanu worked hard down the left, got it inside to Bartus who laid it off for James, but his shot was high. James won the ball, played it inside to Aran and he flicked it on and wide to Bartus who crossed it back in to the middle and Keanu coming in at the back left post, went for it with his right foot and just missed making contact. At this point we really were playing fantastic football! James twisted past two players and shot, but the 'keeper saved. James took a corner and Aran, with his back to goal went for the overhead kick but this one flew wide. A high kick from their 'keeper saw James get the wrong side of the bounce and the player chasing it, and then Tristen was running with him but on the outside, and he shot high, Alfie pushing it up onto the underside of the bar but it came down over the line **1-1**. Aran played it up to Bartus who headed it down for Keanu, however they got there first, sprinted down the right and crossed, and the attacker reacted quickest to flick it past Alfie **2-1**.

HALF-TIME: BRSJFC 2 FRYC 1

We forced a corner which James hit over and **Aran** met on the volley, into the back of the net **2-2**. They then hit over a dangerous corner but Alfie took it well on the front post. Aran and James were taking too long on the ball and this time Aran was tackled and they were away with Tyler and Tristen going to tackle, which meant Alfie faced three unmarked when the cross came in, and an attacker got a touch to it, taking it past Alfie **3-2**. Apologies for the paucity of the 2nd half, I was just so engrossed in the game!

FULL-TIME: BRSJFC 3 FRYC 2

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

The Game 2 line-up was:

Alfie
Charlie Liam
Finlay W Bradley G Cory
Kaylum

Substitutes: Bradley W & Finlay M

Bradley W turned up in time for match two, which meant that there were two subs. As with the first match, I was still recording the line-up when the first goal went in, this time against us however! We lost the ball and their big lads were left unmarked in the middle as some of our midfield were not getting back and they hit it past Alfie **1-0**. They attacked, Cory got in the way and then Charlie got in their way, but they switched sides and then hit a top corner screamer which gave Alfie no chance **2-0**. They then won the ball out on the left, hit a high ball over and an unmarked attacker headed in at the back post **3-0**. We played the ball out wide to Cory who controlled it, passed it inside to Bradley and he jinked past a player and shot, the 'keeper saving it however **Kaylum** had gotten there and reacted first **3-1**. Bradley won it, ran wide and shot, the 'keeper again making the save. He parried it wide of the left post but Kaylum went and got it, crossed it back in and **Cory** met it with a shot **3-2**. We crossed from the left and Bradley headed it for Kaylum's run. We all shouted 'shoot' but Kaylum went for the rugby conversion instead... They then broke, and although we were running back, four of them were closing in on Alfie's goal, and he held his line rather than run out and the early shot was straight at him. Bradley W threw from the left, everyone missed it and **Bradley G** ran all the way from the halfway line and slipped it past the 'keeper **3-3**. They won a corner and hit it high. I shouted 'head it' however Kaylum turned away and it hit the back of his head and dropped past Alfie **4-3**.

HALF-TIME: BRSJFC 4 FRYS 3

We were defending and a ball from Bradley G set Bradley W away but his shot hit a player which took the power away from it. We were defending a broke, Charlie played a great ball through and **Bradley W** hit it as it rolled across him **4-4**. We were back in numbers, which meant the shot through the crowd was seen late by Alfie, however he reacted quickly and was down to push it around the post. Their player was down on the right, so we shouted for someone to put

it out. Neither team did and their player broke through, and as some players stood off of the player, he toe-poked it just inside of the post **5-4**.

FULL-TIME: BRSJFC 5 FRYS 4

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

OVERALL: BRSJFC 8 FRYS 6

Afterthoughts.....

We did not deserve to lose this game. On the balance of play we were better in match one and they in match two, so a draw would have been the fairest result. The football we witnessed in the first match was just inspired as we passed it around and worked hard for each other, with just a few mistakes which cost us. In the second match we were just not alert in the first ten minutes, however came back well, but then stopped tackling in the last five minutes and that gave them the chance for victory.

As for the season, this has been brilliant with hard fought wins over Deerswood and Frampton, as well as close games with Portishead and Chew Valley. Highlights were the draw with Boco, but most of all the win over Brislington, coming just 18 months after the 26-1 defeat.

Congratulations to all of the players, especially Bradley G and Cory who played in every match although Liam missed just the one match.

My thanks must go to Gaz, Lee, Mark & Paul for all of the support they have given this season, to the parents for their support, whatever the weather, and most of all the players, who have listened, learned and improved, making this Manager lark a joy to be involved with.

The challenge now is to take this level of improvement, and keep the upwards trajectory. Can we get the players to be more disciplined in their performance, and to pass even more than they have done this season? That for me is the key, passing and possession, as no team can score against you if they cannot get the ball!

Next year there is a degree of competitiveness in some of the games given to us by the League, however I intend to keep playing and running the team the same way, as that is the best way to get the most out of each and every player. Well done!