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Number 2 - **Rouse him, and learn the principle of his activity or inactivity. Force him to reveal himself, so as to find out his vulnerable spots** - Sunday 11th September 2016

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Our first game of the season saw us go to where we finished last season; to Bristol Rovers where we lost by one goal in both games, how would we get on this season? We were without Alfie and the injured Tristen. Andy was unable to make it so Paul, Gaz, Lee and Mark took charge.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Cory
Ethem Tyler
James Aran Keanu
Bartek

Substitute: Finley

The game started in very warm conditions and Rovers were soon attacking down the left hand side and only a last ditch tackle from Tyler prevented a goal scoring chance. James picked up the loose ball and ran into the Rovers half where he laid the ball to Bartek, and he got himself into position, but a Rovers defender managed to get back and block the shot. Rovers then attacked down the left hand side and they whipped in a cross, and the striker got a shot away but Cory managed to get a hand to it to put it behind for a corner. A Rovers player swung the ball in and their player was quickest to react and bury the ball into the back of the net **1-0**. We were not getting our passing game going and the Rovers players were tackling us with ease and it was not long before they had a four on two advantage which they worked well to leave the striker in space who calmly put the ball past Cory 2-0. From a throw in taken by Keanu he found Aran in space who managed to get down the wing, cut inside and get a cross into the middle of the Rovers box where **Bartek** took a touch and then blasted the ball past the 'keeper 2-1. The goal gave us some

confidence and we were now playing some really good football with James, Aran and Keanu controlling midfield and getting to all the loose balls first. Tyler got the ball from Cory and played a ball into James who went past two players before laying the ball off to **Aran** who gave the 'keeper no chance with a great shot 2-2. Rovers seemed shell shocked from the sudden improvement from us and a soft pass from them in midfield let James pounce and get a powerful shot away which the 'keeper did well to save, but first to the rebound was **Bartek** who tapped the ball home 2-3. As the half was coming to a close it was all one-way traffic with Aran causing the Rovers defence all sorts of problems, and on one of his runs he cut inside and got a shot away that looked destined for the corner of the goal only for the 'keeper to make a great save but **Bartek** was on the scene to chip the ball over the 'keeper on the ground 2-4. Rovers had one more attack before the end of the half but Finn made a crucial tackle and Tyler cleared the loose ball.

HALF-TIME: ROVERS 2 FRY 4

The 2nd half started the same as the first half had finished with us moving the ball around well and working well as a team. Keanu got a crunching tackle in and played a simple but good pass to James who went around one player before finding Bartek in space who hit a first time pass back to **James** who then went around the last defender before scoring a well-deserved goal 2-5. Rovers then went route one with a big kick from the goalkeeper which we let bounce into our penalty area but Ethem got to the ball and went to clear it however the ball hit a Rovers player who glanced the ball out wide to the oncoming player to hit a shot which Cory saved well and Finn knocked behind for a corner. The corner came in and Tyler got to the ball first and with great calmness beat two players on the edge of the area before passing the ball off to Ethem, and a quick pass out to Aran saw Aran in plenty of space as Rovers had gone up for the corner. Aran cut inside to the edge of the penalty area and shot, the 'keeper got down well to save only for the on rushing **Bartek** to score 2-6. From the kick-off Rovers launched the ball out wide which Finn did really well to get to and the ball then came to Ethem but the Rovers player got a crunching tackle in and ran into the edge of the area before hitting a shot past the diving Cory 3-6. We passed the ball well from the

kick off with James finding Keanu in space out wide. Keanu cut the ball back into Aran who beat a player before passing to Ethem who stretching got a shot towards the goal which the Rovers defender then did well to knock the ball wide of the post. James took the corner and Keanu flicked it just wide. Rovers tried to play the ball out from the back but **Aran** was quick to close them down and was clear on goal and made no mistake with a great finish 3-7. One last effort from Rovers was well saved by Cory to keep our four goal lead.

FULL-TIME: ROVERS 3 FRYS 7

Man of the Match – Chosen by Paul for a wonderful individual performance and two well taken goals – **Aran**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Ethem
Cory Charlie
Finlay Bradley G Bradley W
Kaylum

Substitute: Liam

We started the game very slowly and could not get into the flow of the game with Rovers moving the ball around with great skill. They attacked into our box and only a last ditch tackle from Cory prevented a great chance for Rovers. From a corner Charlie did well to get to the ball and clear it up to Kaylum, who was well tackled by the Rovers player and who hit a ball through to the Rovers striker who was the only player left in our box, and he turned and gave Ethem no chance 1-0. Brad G went to get a bouncing ball and got there first and turned the Rovers player who was a bit late and kicked Brad G in the back, Kaylum passed the ball back to Liam who looked to pass out wide to Brad W and he beat one player and crossed to Kaylum who looked to pass wide to Finn but the ball was intercepted by the quick Rovers player who ran down the wing. Charlie went across but could not get a tackle in and the Rovers player crossed to the unmarked striker to score 2-0. We began to start playing better and Brad G played a ball through to Liam who beat one player and hit a shot from 15 yards just over the bar. Rovers took the goal kick and the defender cleared the ball to the edge of the area. Brad G and Cory went to get the ball and then left it for each other which the Rovers player took advantage of and squared it to the striker to score 3-0. Liam took the kick-off, passed back to Brad G who went wide to Finn who showed great strength to get past a player and square the ball to Liam. Brad W had got into a lot of space but Liam beat one player and tried to beat another before being tackled, however the ball came back to Cory who passed wide to Brad W who hit a shot just wide.

HALF-TIME: ROVERS 3 FRYS 0

We started the 2nd half with Brad G passing wide to Charlie who returned the pass to Brad G who played a ball to Liam on the edge of the area, and he saw that Brad G had continued his run and laid the ball back to **Brad G** who hit a first time shot into the corner of the net 3-1. Rovers were looking to attack when they could but some great tacking form Cory and Kaylum were keeping them at bay. On one attack Cory managed to tackle the Rovers player, get up and tackle another player before passing the ball down the line to Brad G who laid the ball into the penalty area for **Liam** to run onto and he cleverly put the ball into the near post giving the 'keeper no chance 3-2. Rovers passed the ball back to their 'keeper who did a big kick up-field, however Kaylum was dominating in the back and got to this first and got the ball under control and passed to Brad W who saw Charlie in space and played on to Charlie. Charlie took the ball on for a couple of yards before hitting a shot that went whizzing past the wrong side of the post. From the Kick-off Charlie was quick to pounce on the Rovers player and pass out wide to Liam who beat a defender and was near the corner flag when he cut inside and went for goal; the 'keeper did well but could not hold onto the ball and **Brad G** bundled the ball into the back of the net 3-3. Rovers wanted their lead back and came on the attack again and for once in the 2nd half they managed to get a shot away but Ethem did well to get a good save and held on to the ball. He then rolled the ball out to Cory who moved up-field until the Rovers player came to him and then passed forwards to Brad G who did a delightful flick past the Rovers player into the path of **Liam** who used his pace to get to the ball before the Rovers player and hit an unstoppable shot from 15 yards into the bottom corner of the net 3-4. In a pattern that was repeating, Rovers attacked quickly only to face the little dynamo Cory who would put in a crunching tackle or the slightly bigger dynamo Kaylum who would let no one pass. Charlie got the ball from Kaylum and played the ball into the Rovers half for **Brad G** to pick it up skip past a Rovers defender and drill the ball into the back of the net 3-5. Rovers came at us once more but a good save from Ethem prevented their being any change to the score.

FULL-TIME: ROVERS 3 FRYS 5

Man of the Match – Chosen by Lee for a fantastic defensive performance – **Cory**

OVERALL: ROVERS 6 FRYS 12

Afterthoughts.....
In both games it took us a long time to get into the game. In the first game the boys got into their stride after 10 minutes and then started to play some good football and were strong in their running and dominated it after the start and could have won by a bigger margin. The boys in the 2nd game showed great character from being 3-0 down at half-time and we feared the worst, so to score five unanswered goals is a great achievement at any level. There are a lot of things to work on like making sure we are switched on from the first minute of the game and that we pass the ball better; these are things as coaches we will work in the upcoming season, but it was a great start and the boys all worked hard and never gave up so well done all.