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Our first competitive game and we were home to Bradley Stoke Youth. We were without Aran. Andy made it back in time to lead the boys.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Cory/Ethem
Finn W Ethem
Keanu Bradley G Charlie
Liam

We started the game well and were the dominant side and some good football was being played by all the of the boys. We were attacking and a good pass inside from Keanu found Charlie in space who hit a crisp shot that the defender got back to deflect wide. Charlie took the corner and a Bradley Stoke defender blocked it back to Charlie who crossed the ball back into the area and found **Bradley** who hit the ball first time into the bottom corner 1-0. We were playing well but were holding onto the ball a split second too long giving Bradley Stoke the chance to get blocks in which were giving us a lot of corners. We were taking good corners but were unable to get the final touch, and from a good corner from Charlie the ball came back to Ethem who passed to Liam whose shot was well saved by the 'keeper. Cory took a goal-kick and found Finn who passed to Brad who played a through ball to Liam. The defender and 'keeper both went for the same ball and the ball came back to Liam whose shot went just wide. From the goal-kick Charlie got to the ball first and passed to Brad who was about to shoot when he was fouled. Brad took the free-kick which was well saved by the 'keeper however the ball came back to **Brad** who beat the defender before shooting past the 'keeper 2-0. We had another corner which went all the way through to Liam, who did some skills and tried to get a shot away but it was blocked, and the ball came back to Keanu who shot just wide.

Bradley Stoke played some good football down the right hand side, we tried but could not get a tackle in and they played the ball into the middle and they shot past Cory to score 2-1. Bradley Stoke got some confidence from the goal and attacked again and only a good block from Ethem avoided another goal, although at the expense of conceding a corner. From the corner Bradley got to the ball first, passed to Charlie who hit a wonderful pass to **Liam** who calmly waited for the 'keeper to make his move before finishing well 3-1. Bradley Stoke came at us and got to the edge of the area, Ethem tried to tackle the player but conceded a free-kick. They hit the free-kick well and Cory made a good save but they were quicker to react and tapped it past Cory 3-2.

HALF-TIME: FRY 3 BSY 2

Ethem went in goal for the 2nd half. The 2nd half started as more of an even game with Cory and Finn making some good tackles. Charlie and Brad passed well between them before finding Liam who from 20 yards hit the ball over the bar. They played the ball well into our half but Cory was determined in the tackle and after three attempts got the ball up-field to Liam who used his pace to get clear but shot wide. Bradley Stoke were passing the ball well and managed to get a shot away; Cory went to clear the ball but deflected it into the back of the net 3-3. From the kick-off Liam went on a good run and shot, the 'keeper made a great save and the ball came back to Brad who hit a curling shot only for the 'keeper to make another great save. We then broke from our half and Liam was away with Finn and Cory in space though he went for goal a long way out that went well wide. In the hot conditions it was a real battle. We were still playing well but could not create a clear chance. Keanu was determined to get the ball and played it to Charlie who hit a rasping shot that the 'keeper did well to save. Charlie did well to get the ball into the penalty area only for them to make a big clearance. Finn got to the ball first and saw Liam in space and found him with a good pass. **Liam** got to the ball, beat the defender got to the edge of the area before blasting the ball past the 'keeper into the back of the net 4-3. We conceded a free-kick that they hit towards goal but Ethem saved well. We were attacking and Charlie looked to cross the ball to Brad in the middle but their player got in the way by handling the ball to give us a free-kick. Charlie took the free-kick which was well

saved by the keeper. We were attacking when they got a good tackle in and broke on us quickly out wide with some wonderful passing and hit a first time shot which flew past Ethem into the back of the net 4-4. Cory made a good tackle and passed to Brad who played the ball out wide to **Liam** who went straight for goal and passed the ball calmly past the 'keeper into the back of the net 5-4. We went looking for another goal but their 'keeper made a couple of great saves from Brad and Charlie.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 5 BSY 4

Man of the Match - Chosen by Paul for keeping his position great effort and passing – **Charlie**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Alfie
 Tristen Finn M
 Kaylum James Bradley W
 Bartek

Substitute: Tyler

We started on the front foot to begin the 1st half with James going on a run past a defender and towards the corner flag where he got over a good looking cross which was just behind where Bartek was standing, however Bartek managed to get to the ball and turn to get his shot away which drifted just wide of the far post. As in the first game, Bradley Stoke were passing the ball well but the boys were working hard to close them down and getting in some good tackles to prevent them getting any chances. We were defending in our half when Finn got in a crucial tackle and played the ball to Brad who broke quickly and played the ball inside to James who beat one defender and then got a shot away which the 'keeper saved well. From the kick Kaylum closed their player down and got a block in which deflected to Bartek who laid the ball off well to Bradley who shot narrowly wide. It was becoming a battle in midfield with no chances being created by either side, however as the half wore on we started to get on the front foot with Tyler making some strong runs from defence, and from one of these runs he did a quick one-two with James and hit a shot that the Bradley Stoke defender did well to deflect for a corner. They broke quickly from the corner and Tristen did well to get in a goal-saving tackle, however the ball came back to another one of their players who was clean in on goal, but this time Alfie came out and did enough to put the striker off and he shot well wide. James picked the ball up in the middle of the pitch and went wide on a run. He got to the edge of the area and looked to cross the ball; their defender got to it though and knocked it behind for another corner. James took a good corner into the middle of the penalty area where it came back to Tristen whose first time shot went high and wide. We were winning most of the battles in midfield but were unable to create many chances as we were holding on to the ball to long allowing Bradley Stoke to get in

tackles and blocks to prevent any more chances before the ref blew the whistle for half time.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 0 BSY 0

The 2nd half started the same as the 1st half had finished with Bradley Stoke passing the ball well with us working very hard to get the loose balls and Tristen and Tyler making some wonderful tackles preventing Bradley Stoke getting any clear chances on Alfie's goal. From one of the attacks though they got to the ball before Tyler and got to the by-line before cutting the ball back to the edge of the area. They took a touch and lined up the shot which was heading for the bottom corner of the net only for a diving Alfie to get to the ball and tip the ball around the post for a corner. We defended well and Finn somehow got to the corner first being the smallest player on the pitch and with great determination cleared the ball away from danger and into the path of Tyler who surged forward with the ball and hit a cross-field ball for Bartek to run onto. He got there just before the defender and touched the ball into space before crossing the ball into the middle where Kaylum had made up a lot of ground to shoot first time. The shot though went well wide, a great move by the boys however. With time running out and Bradley Stoke needing to score twice to get an overall victory in the fixture they started pushing forward, but our whole team working overtime to ensure there were no clear chances on Alfie's goal. Bradley Stoke were attacking and a great tackle from Tristen stopped the attack going any further and he managed to get control of the ball and lay it off to Tyler who headed up field. He managed to get all the way to the edge of the Bradley Stoke area before a defender came to tackle him. He beat the player though and shot, the 'keeper made a save but could not hold on to the ball, and a Bradley Stoke defender got to the ball and cleared it. It came back to James who passed forward to **Kaylum** who had his back to goal but a quick turn and shot was able to beat the 'keeper in the far corner and nestle in the net 1-0. Bradley Stoke had one chance to see if they could equalise and a quick move saw them get a fierce shot but Alfie was up to it and produced a wonderful save to ensure we won both games by the odd goal.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 1 BSY 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by Gaz for a great performance and a wonderful goal – **Kaylum**

OVERALL: FRYS 6 BSY 4

Afterthoughts.....

This was a hard game in very hot conditions where Bradley Stoke passed the ball a lot better than we did. We got the win as we worked hard and defended very well especially in game two where we kept a clean sheet and kept Bradley Stoke to very few chances. We worked very hard and with only one sub in the 2nd game and none in the first game, it was a great effort from all of the boys. If all of the boys can pass the ball to the level that we know they can, then it bodes well for a good season as the commitment and effort; I have not seen any team give more.