

Number 5 - Victorious warriors win first and then go to war, while defeated warriors go to war first and then seek to win - Sunday 2nd October 2016

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Our 3rd and final game in our group saw Coalpit Heath visit a bright and sunny Somerdale. After two good wins against Bradley Stoke and Mangotsfield, would we be able to get the win that would see us into our first ever final? For this crunch game we were without Bartek and Ethem.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie

Tristen James

Keanu Tyler Aran Bradley W

James who was not feeling very well went in defence having originally been set for midfield. We started well and moved the ball out wide to Tyler who cut inside and went for goal but his shot hit the post. The ball game back to Tyler whose shot was well parried by the 'keeper and this time the ball came back to Aran who slipped the ball past the defender. Aran went for the ball with the 'keeper who brought Aran down, and after a guick look the ref gave the penalty which Aran picked himself up from and beat the 'keeper easily from the penalty spot 1-0. Some good work from Bradley out wide saw him cut inside and pass to Keanu whose shot was well saved. We then had a throw in taken by Tyler who found Aran in space and he ran across the edge of the penalty area and hit a reverse shot into the bottom corner 2-0. Another throw in from Tyler found Aran in space again who chipped a shot in from the edge of the box that just drifted over the bar. Coalpit Heath had a little bit of pressure but some good defending from Tristen prevented them getting any shots away. James picked the ball up in defence, played the ball out wide to Tyler who flicked the ball on to Aran who got a shot away

which just went wide. Aran went down the wing and got a great cross in which Bradley got his head to, but the ball drifted past the post. They got a quick break away and one striker was away, however four of our players worked hard to get back and snuff out the chance; great defending from the boys. Alfie rolled the ball to Tristen who went forward and played the ball up to Aran who got to the edge of the area and hit it to towards the corner, but the 'keeper made a great save to prevent it from going in.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 COALPIT 0

We started the 2nd half well with some good football from Keanu, James and Bradley controlling the middle of the pitch meaning we were dominating the match. Some good crossing from Aran and Bradley eventually came to Tristen whose shot was deflected for a corner. From the corner the ball came back to Aran whose shot was blocked by the defender and came back to James who hit it just wide. From the kick-off Aran got to the ball and got to the edge of the area where Keanu and Brad had got clear and with an open goal Brad got his foot to the ball but it went past the far post. They cleared the ball and we could not close their attacker down and from the corner of the box he got a powerful shot off which Alfie dived down low and tipped the ball around the post for a Coalpit Heath corner. We were defending when James got a deflection which Tyler picked up and went a great run. He saw Aran in space and found him with a world class pass, Aran powerfully shot which the 'keeper got a hand to but was unable to stop from going in 3-0. Coalpit Heath had a free-kick which they got on target but Alfie kept the ball out. Alfie passed it to Tyler who passed it Tristen who passed to James who then passed back to Tyler who then passed on to Aran who conceded a free-kick getting the ball, but it was a great passing move. From a goal-kick Aran closed down the player and with a strong tackle, got the ball off him and guickly moved forward then got a shot off which went under the 'keeper and into the net 4-0. Aran picked the ball up in the middle of the pitch and worked out wide

left beating two players and then cutting the ball back to **Tyler** who had an open goal, which he smashed the ball into **5-0**. We were attacking well and some good football from Brad saw him square the ball to Tyler who had a shot that was blocked but came back to Tristen whose shot was blocked, but came back to James, whose shot the 'keeper did well to save. From the goal-kick **Aran** got the ball and hit a shot from 20 yards which the 'keeper had no chance to save **6-0**. The ref blew up soon after.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 6 COALPIT 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for five great goals and an assist – Aran

The Game 2 line-up was:

Cory

Finn W Finn M

Kaylum Bradley G Charlie

Liam

Coalpit Heath kicked the 2nd game off and almost straight away we could tell that they had left two of their better players for the 2nd game. From our corner they broke quickly and only a last ditch tackle from Finn M prevented them from scoring, however from the kick-off they got the ball to the edge of the area and the hit a good shot that was well blocked by Liam. They worked the ball well to the edge of the area and shot; Cory made a good save but the ball came back to one of their players who got another shot away; Cory saved well but they knocked at the 3rd attempt **0-1**. They attacked again but a good save from Cory prevented a goal! He quickly rolled out to Charlie who passed down the line to Brad. With Liam in the middle, Bradley took on a player and got tackled but the deflection went out for a corner. Charlie took the corner and they cleared it for a throw-in. Brad took the throw in and found Kaylum who crossed it to find Liam who calmly finished to level the scores 1-1. We were now playing some good football and a great ball by Charlie found Brad who flicked it on to Liam who shot first time wide of the goal. It was end to end stuff and a good shot from them was well saved by Cory which went for a corner. Charlie took a quick throw in to Brad who spun and hit a lobbed shot that just went over the bar. They attack quickly and looked to have a clear shot but Finn W came across and made a welltimed tackle. They took a big goal-kick, Brad tried to head it away but was unable to get a good connection and it came through to their striker who hit a shot which went under Cory into the back of the net 1-2. A guick throw in by Charlie found Brad in the middle who played the ball through to Liam who took the ball on a couple of yards before

shooting, and only a good save prevented him from scoring. Charlie took a corner that went all the way through the box; Kaylum picked up the loose ball and crossed it, they tried to clear it but it came back to **Brad** at the edge of the area who hit a thunderbolt into the bottom corner of the net **2-2**. The ref blew the half time whistle soon after.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 COALPIT 2

We started the 2nd half well and a good pass from Kaylum found Charlie in space who cleverly looked for Liam who looked to place the ball in the net but a good save from the 'keeper prevented us taking the lead. A throw in taken by Finn W found Kaylum who passed down the line to Brad who looked to cross to Liam but the defender deflected out for another throw in. Charlie took it to Brad who crossed it to Liam who took his time to finish really well to give us the lead for the first time 3-2. From their throw in Brad intercepted the ball well and found Liam with a pass down the right. Liam crossed the ball into the middle where Charlie was but as he was about to shoot they got there first and cleared the ball well. From the clearance they picked it up and one of the players went on a good run and hit a shot at the goal which was saved by Cory and Finn W did well to clear the loose ball. A good pass from Charlie found Liam out wide who cut in for a corner. A good corner from Charlie found Brad at the edge of the area and he crossed to Kaylum who shot on the turn and hit the bar and over. From the goal-kick Brad got to the big kick and ran towards goal, his shot was blocked but he picked up the rebound and crossed to Kaylum in the middle whose shot was low this time and it went under the goalkeeper for a goal **4-2**. From another big kick Finn W got to the ball first then passed to Charlie. He moved the ball on to Liam whose shot was deflected wide for a corner. From the corner the ball ended up at Finn M's feet, but just as he was about to shoot he was well tackled. They had a corner which they took whilst the ref was doing laces on one the players. They carried on playing whilst we stopped and scored, a lesson to play to the whistle 4-3. There were no other chances for either side before the end of the game.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 4 COALPIT 3

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for keeping position and some great tackling – Finn W

OVERALL: FRYS 10 COALPIT 3

Afterthoughts.....

The play on the day was very good and the performance of Aran was a special one and he was assisted by some great play from the team in match one who dominated the game from start to finish and in the three group games have not conceded a goal which is a great effort and well done to Alfie. In the 2nd match Coalpit Heath had put their two best players but Andy changed the formation and all the boys worked really well to get the win in match two as well. No matter what the result in the final hopefully the boys and parents enjoy the experience, well done to all.