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We were back to development games so it gave a chance for James and Ronnie to play. We were without Alfie and Bradley W for our travels to Chew Valley on a lovely Saturday morning. We have always had hard games against them; would today be any different? It was agreed that in each game it would be four quarters of 12 ½ mins each.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Cory / Brad G

Tristen Keanu

Tyler Bartek

Aran Finn M

Substitutes: James & Jamie

We were on the attack first with Tyler passing down the right for Aran to latch on to the pass. Aran used his strength and pace to beat the defender before shooting wide of the post. Chew Valley passed the ball around well and created an opportunity down their right-hand side which saw them cut the ball back in to the middle where they jinked past Tristen to create ½ a yard of space to shoot, however Cory did well to get down low to save the ball. Cory rolled the ball to Tyler who looked up and hit the ball up to Bartek who battled with the defender for the ball, the deflection came back to Finn who passed the ball into the box to Aran whose shot was well save by the 'keeper. The game then became a midfield tug of war with neither side creating any opportunities for a while and both sides were defending strongly, notably Tyler and Tristen for us who made some very good tackles. We did break with a good pass from Keanu who found James out wide and he used his skill to create an opening and got a good shot which was straight at the 'keeper; a yard either side of the 'keeper would have given us the lead. Chew Valley had a change of tactic from the 'keeper and they hit a long ball. We let the ball bounce which meant the ball came to the edge of our area where their striker skilfully got the ball under control before laying the ball off for another striker to shoot over Cory's head and into

the back of our net **1-0**. Even though we were a goal behind we were playing some good football and were the better side. A lovely move involving Tristen, Jamie and James saw Bartek one on one with the 'keeper. Bartek tried to place the ball in the bottom corner but the ball rolled narrowly the wrong side of the post, however it was a wonderful move and the type of football we are encouraging the boys to play. From the goal-kick James was quick to put them under pressure and by doing this forced them to push the ball out for a throw to us. Tyler took the throw and found James who beat one man and hit a lovely cross towards **Bartek** who was in the area waiting, and he controlled the ball before finishing in style **1-1**. Chew Valley had one more attack before halftime, Jamie got a block in which took the ball near the corner flag. They got to the ball before Keanu and got a good cross in, however Tyler got to the ball first and somehow it deflected into Cory's arms.

HALF-TIME: CHEW VALLEY 1 FRY 1

Brad went in goal for the 2nd half. From the kick-off, they passed the ball around well and one of their players went on a run, Tyler tried to make one of his trademark tackles but was slightly late meaning the ref had no choice but to give a free-kick to Valley, we were trying to get everyone in place and whilst we were doing this they took the free-kick which they hit high and hard in to the back of the net **2-1**. Aran got the ball in the middle of the pitch and went on a run down the left-hand side using all his power and speed to keep away from any Chew Valley defenders. He got to the corner of the box before shooting and it looked for all the world to be going into the bottom corner before bouncing just wide. Chew Valley were passing the ball well in their own half before playing a through ball into our half that their striker was running on to, but Brad had seen the danger and was quickly out of his area to calmly take the ball off of the Chew Valley striker's toe, going around him and passing the ball down the line to Bartek who then passed first time to Keanu who powered past one player before finding Jamie who shot just over the bar. Chew Valley had seen that we were very strong defensively and instructed their players to shoot from distance, and a couple of these long-range efforts went wide or were well blocked. Finn M got the ball in our half and played a lovely little pass to Jamie who looked to find Aran out wide. The ball was intercepted though and as we were looking to attack at the time it had left us with nobody at the back so they were in the clear and with two of them against Brad they finished the move well to give them a two-goal lead **3-1**. It was our turn to attack and Tyler sprinted down the left with the ball, cut it back to Aran whose shot first time was well blocked; the

deflection came to Bartek who could not get any power on his shot and the 'keeper saved the ball. They kicked the ball long but Finn got to it first, he found **James** who beat one man and was in their half quickly. He moved the ball to the right before cutting back in and from 15-20 yards out hit a bullet of a shot that went into the top corner of the net **3-2**. Chew Valley defended well so we were unable to create any chance to see if we could get a goal to draw the game.

FULL-TIME: CHEW VALLEY 3 FRYS 2

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for a great performance on his second game of the season – **Jamie** & for his hardest working performance to date – **Keanu**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Ethem
Cory Kaylum
Finn W Bradley G Charlie
Liam

Substitute: Ronnie

We started the game well with Liam laying the ball off to Kaylum who passed forward to Brad and he got the ball on the edge of the area, cut inside the defender, the 'keeper came out but **Brad** slipped the ball under him and into the back of the net **0-1**. Chew Valley started to take control of the game soon after our goal and with them being much bigger than us we were starting to struggle to get any tackles in that would stop them. A quick passing move saw them attack down the right and they whipped in a high cross/shot that Ethem did well to get to but unfortunately instead of tipping the ball over the bar it just dipped under the bar to go in **1-1**. They were not only big but a skilful side as well and the two wide players had lots of tricks in their bag. Cory prevented the winger from cutting in on the left but he went on the outside as well and his ball went all the way across the box to the winger on the far side who took a couple of touches before firing back across Ethem into the net **2-1**. Charlie put a pass through to Liam but the defender got there first and in one movement hit a cross-field ball into our area; Finn got their first but his touch was a bit heavy and the Chew Valley striker took full advantage to score **3-1**. Liam was trying his best to get something going up front and sheer determination from him saw him create half a chance but as he was being put under a lot of pressure his shot went well wide. Chew Valley were soon attacking again and only a good tackle from Cory prevented another chance, but this only delayed the inevitable and soon Chew Valley were celebrating another goal as we were unable to get any tackles in **4-1**.

HALF-TIME: CHEW VALLEY 4 FRYS 1

Chew Valley came at us hard and fast to begin the 2nd half; Ronnie did his best to get a tackle in but he was over powered and with no one in the box it left Ethem with no chance as they hit another one into the back of the net **5-1**. From the kick-off Finn was tackled and Kaylum could not get across in time to prevent them shooting and scoring again **6-1**. Our heads had dropped a bit by now

and the boys were not putting in the effort they normally do, this meant that it was not long before Chew Valley had created another and scored to make it three very quick goals in the 2nd half **7-1**. Chew Valley agreed with Andy that we would play with 8 against their 7 for the rest of the game. This is something we have done for other teams and is really what football should be about at this age, to give the dominant team more of a challenge and the team losing more of chance as football for all of the children from all the teams is about enjoyment and development. Having the extra player in midfield certainly helped us as they did not have as much space on the pitch. We managed to get some good passing going and a good pass from Brad released Charlie into some space and he played a beautiful delicate ball to Liam who carried on his run and got a shot away that the 'keeper did well to save. Chew Valley worked the ball well into our half but a good tackle from Cory saw the ball go out for a throw. From the throw in they hit a shot from distance which Ethem saved well and Kaylum cleared the danger. They picked the ball up at half way and a quick little pass meant they had another shot from distance that went in **8-1**. At the end of the 3rd quarter we challenged the boys to forget the score and imagine that it was 0-0, and if they could win the last quarter. Not long into the last quarter **Charlie** found himself in space just inside the Chew Valley half of the pitch; he set himself up and hit a shot from distance that looked like it was going over but dipped at the last second and into the back of the net **8-2**. Chew Valley were still playing some good football and a move straight up the middle caused us problems; we did not tackle and Ethem had no chance to save the shot that went high into the net **9-2**. Chew Valley were soon on the attack and only a crunching tackle from Cory prevented another chance for Chew Valley. Ronnie then did very well to pressure the Chew Valley player to put the ball out for a throw. Charlie took the throw to **Brad** who used his pace to get in to the clear and hit the ball across the goalie into the bottom corner to mean we won the 4th quarter, **9-3**.

FULL-TIME: CHEW VALLEY 9 FRYS 3

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for a great debut – **Ronnie** & for being outstanding in defence with some great tackling – **Cory**

OVERALL: CHEW VALLEY 12 FRYS 5

Afterthoughts.....
So, Chew Valley got the better of us again! In the first game, we moved the boys about so that they could all play in different positions which is something in the development we will do from time to time and the boys played very well in a close game that we could have easily won with lots of chances against a good side. Chew Valley admitted that their three best players were in the 2nd match and they were much bigger than our boys and a few of ours were reluctant to tackle meaning we were outplayed for a lot of the game, and as a good gesture Chew Valley allowed us to play with 8 for most of the 2nd half. When we had that extra player the rest of the match was a draw and for the most part the boys kept on going. It was nice to see Jamie and Ronnie getting a run-out, on to the next game.