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We welcomed our local rivals to Somerdale for the $1^{\rm st}$ Keynsham derby of the season, we had the upper hand last season, could we maintain that? For this clash, we were missing the talent of Aran, Liam and Finn W.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie

Finn M Ethem

Keanu Charlie Cory

Bartek

Substitute: Bradley G

The game started at a frantic pace with both sides trying to take control of the game. We got our passing game going and a ball from Cory went inside to Charlie who passed for Bartek to run onto, Bartek took the ball in his stride went on a couple of yards but shot wide. We really were playing well and Finn got a crunching tackle and then passed the ball down the left-hand side to Keanu who passed it on to Bartek who looked up and saw Cory in space and put over a pinpoint cross and Cory got the ball under control but shot just wide. Keynsham were trying to pass the ball well and created an opening that Alfie did well to snuff out by coming off of his line to get to the ball before the attacker. Alfie then rolled the ball to Ethem who passed to Cory and he cut the ball into the middle to Brad who was still in his own half, and passed the ball by curling it around the Keynsham player into the gap for Bartek to run onto and he took the ball on and shot just wide. We were soon on the attack again and from the back, Finn passed wide to Cory who found Brad in the middle and he passed out wide where Bartek was, and he got to the ball and hit a wonderful cross into the penalty area to where **Brad** had continued his run to hit a first time shot past the 'keeper 1-0.

Keynsham attacked soon after the goal and we could not get a good clean tackle in and the ball came to the striker in the middle who gave Alfie no chance 1-1. Keynsham were soon on the attack again, Ethem made a great block but the Keynsham player put Ethem under great pressure and no matter how hard he tried Ethem was unable to get the ball away and in the end, he tried to pass the ball back to Alfie but it was intercepted and they placed the ball past Alfie to give Keynsham the lead **1-2**. Charlie was really passing the ball well and he got the ball out wide to Keanu who touched the ball onto Bartek who was in the clear and got the ball under his spell and finished with aplomb 2-2. We were now dominating the game and some nice play from Ethem at the back found Brad who played the ball into Bartek's path, and now that he had his eye in he finished really well to give us the lead back at half-time 3-2.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 3 K/TOWN JNRS 2

Keynsham started the 2nd half well and pinned us back in our half for the first couple of minutes, but some great blocks and last ditch tackles from Finn, Cory and Ethem meant that they were no clear-cut chances for them to score. Alfie rolled the ball to Cory who played the ball down the line to Charlie, and he cut inside and looked to play a cross-field ball to Brad who had drifted out on the right-hand side. He ran onto the ball, touched the ball past the defender and then cut the ball back to the edge of the area to where Bartek had got into a good position; he took a touch before firing a low shot past the diving keeper 4-2. Keynsham then attacked down their right-hand side and got a good cross in which was blocked by Finn who managed to knock the ball out for a corner. Keynsham took this opportunity to make a substitution, and the ball was crossed over to where the substitute was waiting and with his first touch of the game smashed the ball past Alfie 4-3. We were still passing the ball well and a cracker of a pass from Charlie found Keanu out on the left-hand side. Keanu got to the edge of their area and took a shot which was well blocked by Keynsham; the ball came back to Bartek whose shot was deflected wide for a corner. Charlie went over and took a good corner into the middle of the box there was a scramble, the ball came eventually came to Brad who bundled the ball home 5-3. Keynsham tried to get a goal back and were trying to pass the ball around and they did get a player

through to the edge of the box who hit a powerful shot that Alfie did well to save. Finn got the ball from Alfie and passed inside to Cory who got the ball to the halfway line where Charlie skipped around one player before moving the ball out to the wide right where **Brad** was waiting; he beat one player before shooting from 20 yards. It was not the strongest of shots but it bounced just in front of the 'keeper and went over him as he had already dived **6-3**.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 6 K/TOWN JNRS 3

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy some world class saves – **Alfie**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Alfie

Tristen Jamie

Tyler Kaylum Brad W

Ronnie

Substitute: James

It was a good battle to begin with and the first five or so minutes of the game was mainly in the middle of the pitch with neither side getting any rhythm going; the commitment and the tackling though was 100%. A strong tackle from Tyler got the ball off of the Keynsham player and he kept on his feet and managed to the play the ball out wide where Brad W was waiting. He tricked his way past the defender before sprinting with the ball to just inside the penalty area where he crossed the ball to Ronnie who managed to get to the ball before shooting just wide. Keynsham were passing their way out from defence and like in the first game were trying to pass the ball and not just lump it up field. A pass down the wing saw their quick striker run into space, Tristen had read the danger though and came across and made a welltimed tackle that took ball out for a throw in; from the throw they whipped the ball into the area where Kaylum managed to get in the way and clear the danger; the ball came to Jamie who once he had it under control passed to Brad who again was very skilful in beating his man before passing on to Ronnie who laid the ball back to Tyler who hit a rasping first time shot that went whizzing over the bar. Bit by bit we were starting to get on top and with James now on the pitch we started to dominate the middle of the park. From a Keynsham clearance James picked the ball up on the halfway line. With no options further up-field he powered forward, beating two players before shooting from just outside of the penalty area; the ball flew past the diving 'keeper into the top left hand corner of the net for a great individual goal **1-0**. When Keynsham did attack, they did so with pace to their game and one quick move involving three of their players saw them out on the left-hand side. They played a quick pass that Jamie could not quite intercept before shooting; the shot came off of the post and into Alfie's arms. Kaylum used his strength well to beat a Keynsham player just in our half, he

then passed wide to Tristen who played the ball down the line to James who beat one player before seeing that **Kaylum** had carried on his run; James played the ball through and without breaking stride Kaylum connected with the ball that then shot past the 'keeper into the back of the net **2-0**.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 K/TOWN JNRS 0

We started the 2nd half well and a good pass from Tyler found Brad out wide. Brad was very determined to win the ball and got past two players before slipping the ball to Jamie who took a touch before shooting just wide of the far post. Another move saw Kaylum find James who took the ball out wide on the right-hand side and hit a powerful cross into the Keynsham box that Brad got his head too that went back across the goal where the 'keeper dived on the ball before Tyler could prod it home. Keynsham were soon trying to get a goal back, but a good block from Ronnie prevented the ball getting through, but it went out for a throw in. Keynsham took the throw guickly and caught us out and before we switched on their quick striker was clear on goal and hit a bullet of a shot that was heading into the back of the net when out of nowhere Alfie had taken off and stretched as far as he could and got a strong hand to the ball and pushed it out for a corner which we defended well. Keynsham had got a bit of confidence from the last couple of minutes of play and soon they were in the clear again and this time the quick striker put the ball into the back of the net **2-1**. James was working really hard and had used his skill and pace to get to the by-line; his cross was blocked and went out for a corner. James took the corner and aimed for the edge of the area where **Tristen** had managed to find half a vard of space; he touched the ball into the area before hitting a low powerful shot into the bottom left hand corner of the net for a well worked goal **3-1**. Brad W wrestled the ball fairly off of a Keynsham player before passing inside to Tyler who hit a shot from 25 yards out that the 'keeper did well to save. The ref then blew the final whistle to end an enjoyable game of football.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 3 K/TOWN JNRS 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for his best performance in a Frys kit – Bradley W

OVERALL: FRYS 9 K/TOWN JNRS 4

Afterthoughts.....

What a wonderful game with both sides playing some lovely football; and with Keynsham trying to play a passing game it was a joy to watch. In game one, the football that was played in the 1st half was the best football that the team has played with some crisp passing and some great energy. The 2nd team with a few changes had to work harder but they did that well and some great performances saw us get the victory. A special mention to James whose work-rate was exceptional. If the boys put this much effort in and play as well as this for the rest of the season, then no matter the results it bodes well for the future.