



FRY CLUB COLTS

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Number 10 - **Appear weak when you are strong, and strong when you are weak** - Sunday 6th November 2016

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We faced Chilcompton for the first time in our history. Neither Jamie, Finlay nor Bradley G were available, so neither team had a sub.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie
Tristen Finley
James Tyler Aran
Bradley W

A throw on the right was taken by James to Bradley, and he flicked it over his shoulder for Tyler to run onto, however his low shot was straight at the 'keeper. They advanced to halfway where Finn won it, passed it to James and he advanced before slipping it to Tyler, and he progressed past the last defender, and then passed it past the 'keeper, but unfortunately just the wrong side of the post. James ran through the middle, passed it to Tyler and slipped **Aran** in to pass it past the 'keeper **1-0**. James won it and played it through to Bradley, and his shot was blocked back to him, so he shot again and this time it was saved by the 'keeper. We had a corner which Aran played to Tyler, who returned the favour and Aran swung over an inviting cross for Bradley simply to head in, however he tried to get his leg high instead and missed the ball; the header was a guaranteed goal! At this point I heard someone on our side-lines shout "get rid of it", so felt it necessary to remind people that we pass it out, we never get rid of it! In fairness, we sometimes have to pass it out with power, to an area that we hope someone will be heading towards, but we pass it nevertheless.... They were on the attack, and from a ricochet off of a throw the ball crossed the goal-line, however as their player had chased it he kicked it back in (it was only just over the line and his momentum was to try to keep it in), and from the

cross they scored. The referee turned to give a goal, but Andy called the referee to say that it had gone out, and then one of their players confirmed that, so no goal was given. Aran won their ball in the middle on the right, ran down the line and crossed for Brad at the far post, and although it went just beyond him he retrieved it, turned and shot, but it flew across the face of the goal. James threw to Aran, who cut in from a narrow angle, and it flew across goal, but no one was able to get a touch to the ball. Tristen passed out to James, who played it back so Tristen found Finn, and he went left to Aran, and he found James on the other side of the pitch, and James then saw Tyler, and he crossed for Bradley.... who lifted his foot to control it, but it ran under! It was a great passage of play however. Aran played Bradley through, however his touch took him just too close to the 'keeper. Tyler passed it up to Aran who found James and he crossed for Bradley who this time did head it, back across goal, however the referee blew for halftime before we could get to it.

HALF-TIME: FRY'S 1 CHILCOMPTON 0

From the kick, they attacked straight down the right and shot, but were denied by a fantastic diving save from Alfie. Alfie's ball found Tyler and he went wide to James, but with both Bradley and Aran waiting, James' cross was too close to the 'keeper. Bradley won the ball into the middle which Aran used to shoot, but just wide. Chilcompton then attacked and Alfie was exposed to a shot. He jumped up to try to save, it hit him, ricocheted into the inside of the right post, but then dropped back onto the goal line, which Alfie picked up. Things were happening so fast and so often that at this point in the commentary it was noted that too many things were happening for all of them to be remembered! Their best player ghosted past all of our players, with James being the first he went past, however by the time he had gotten past the rest, James had recovered to make the challenge and stop him. Aran then went on a lovely run, past three players but just lost control of it as he got in on goal. Their goal kick out came to a player who tried to get past Bradley, however Bradley won it, fed in Aran, but his shot was narrowly wide. Aran then found Bradley, but his cross/shot went into the side of the net. Their clearance was met halfway by Tristen who returned it with interest, and the 'keeper could only parry the

ball, even from that distance. By this stage the play was a lot more frenetic with less calm control on both sides as they went for the goals. Aran took the ball wide and crossed the back post to Bradley, but he was leaning back as he shot and it flew over. Aran then emerged from defence with the ball, found Bradley, and he controlled it then found Aran again, and his ball through for James to run onto was exquisite, and **James** shot high, and the 'keeper could only parry it over his head and into the net, such was the power in the shot **2-0**. We were attacking on the left and the ball found Tyler who passed it past the 'keeper, but a defender on the line cleared as far as Aran. Aran found Bradley wide who drove the ball across goal, and with **Tyler** still there, there was only going to be one outcome **3-0**. A quick throw from Aran found Tyler, and he returned it for Aran to cross to Bradley, whose great shot was well saved. James took the corner and it was blocked. They broke to good effect, and we wondered if Tyler could have gotten there, however he had been distracted to kick another ball off of the pitch, and so their big player was through, Alfie made an excellent save, but it dropped kindly for them to knock in **3-1**.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 3 CHILCOMPTON 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for a great header and setting up goals – **Bradley W**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Charlie/Aran
 Ethem Cory
 Kaylum Liam Keanu
 Bartek

Substitute: Aran

They attacked initially however a combination of Liam and Cory were there to snuff out the danger. We had a great move with a pass out from Liam to Keanu who played it in to Bartek and he shot at the 'keeper but it was well saved. They attacked and we faced a three on one situation with just Ethem facing them down, but he timed it brilliantly to make the challenge, then get up and clear the danger, but they came straight back at us, however by then Cory had gotten back and this time stopped them. A number of times it was just Cory and Ethem as our midfield were not coping well with the transition from attack to defence and only the resolution of those two defenders, along with, on the occasions they got past them, Charlie making good saves, that had kept us even! Two of their defenders had the ball but Bartek closed them down and managed to win the ball before threading the ball through for **Kaylum** and he advanced a few yards before passing it past the 'keeper to take the lead **1-0**. Yet again Ethem faced down three players and again the same result as he chose the correct option and won the ball before clearing the danger. From their goal kick Kaylum

closed them down, forcing the error and shot which the 'keeper saved but we kept them penned in and Kaylum won the next ball out, fed it to Bartek who laid it out to Charlie and his shot whizzed just over. Liam cleared from defence but our midfield had gone too far and we were under pressure but fortunately their striker fizzed in a shot just wide of the post.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 1 CHILCOMPTON 0

Liam took a long throw to Cory who took a shot which was blocked back out to Liam. **Liam** went for a cross, but it evaded everyone including the 'keeper and rolled into the net **2-0**. Ethem was tackled as he tried to bring the ball out of defence, but Aran saved the stinging shot that flew in. Chilcompton were putting us under a lot of pressure but Ethem, Cory and Keanu were standing as resolute as possible but in the end it had to give and two defenders were pulled wide, so that when the cross came in they overloaded the area and gave one of their strikers the easy tap-in **2-1**. Chilcompton kept on coming and another attack down the right saw Aran produce a fine save to keep us in front. Chilcompton swung over a corner which we cleared initially back out to the corner taker, so he sent the ball back into the danger area and in trying to clear it, Bartek unfortunately redirected it into our net past a stranded Aran **2-2**. Bartek played Liam through but he was fouled twenty yards out to win a free kick which Liam then stepped up to take from twenty yards. He struck it well and forced the 'keeper to tip it over for a corner. The corner in, deflected off of Kaylum to **Ethem** on the edge of the area who hammered it under the 'keeper and in to restore our lead **3-2**. Chilcompton were still on the hunt for an equaliser and another fine save from Aran denied them. Aran threw out to Bartek but he was quickly closed down and tackled and they played the ball into our middle, and before anyone could get near their striker he unleashed a shot which evaded Aran and they equalised the score again **3-3**. We went streaming forward and when the attack broke down they broke quickly and Aran reacted well to fingertip the shot over the bar. Chilcompton kept up the pressure and a run down the wing and cross saw Bartek score past Aran for the second time **3-4**. The referee blew for the final whistle just seconds later.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 3 CHILCOMPTON 4

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for a goal and quite literally bleeding for the Team – **Ethem**

OVERALL: FRYS 6 CHILCOMPTON 5

Afterthoughts.....

What impressed me the most in a scintillating first game was just how well this team passed the ball, something that has been lacking from this particular group for most of the season up to now. I actually told them after the match that we had been waiting two years to see that, so it was a really gratifying feeling to finally witness the passing that we all knew they were capable of. The second match was a game of two halves as we did really well in the first half but were under a lot of pressure in the second half as our midfield were always too far forward and left our defence abandoned and that was reflected in the final score, however we won the overall match and that was the most important point, so well done!