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For our final Home game of 2016 we welcomed Bromley Heath to Somerdale Pavilion, a team we had not previously played but had heard that they were good a side. We were missing Aran, Brad W, Tristen and Jamie so we had no substitutes in either game but seeing as it was a cold crisp morning this would keep the boys warm.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie
Finn M Tyler
Keanu James Charlie
Bartek

Bromley Heath kicked off and were passing the ball around nicely until James, snapping that them like a terrier got a tackle in! He moved the ball to the left before passing inside to Charlie who looked up and saw Bartek further up the pitch and played a delightful ball into space for Bartek to run onto. **Bartek** got to the ball first, took it to the edge of the area before calmly passing the ball past the 'keeper into the back of the net, a great start for us **1-0**. From kick-off, Bromley Heath were passing the ball well and had gotten the ball out wide and though there were some tackles put in from Finn and Keanu, we were unable to prevent the shot that went narrowly wide past the post. From the goal-kick Alfie passed to Keanu who fed the ball to Charlie who again saw Bartek in the clear and did an almost identical ball to the one that we scored from early in the game, this time though the defender came across and knocked it behind for a corner before Bartek could get to it. Tyler took the corner and a defender cleared it back to him, after making space for himself he whipped over a cross which nobody could get a touch to and Tyler was unlucky to see the cross shave off the post and go wide for a goal-kick.

Both teams were passing the ball well; we were passing out from the back when a pass from Finn was picked off by the Bromley player and they broke on us very quickly and we were unable to get back and they hit the shot past a stranded Alfie **1-1**. Some good crisp passing from James and Charlie saw Bartek get the ball out wide on the right; he beat one man before crossing the ball to where Tyler was and as he was about to shoot he had the ball stolen off of his toe. Bromley Heath were quick to break and Keanu was alert to defend. He made a great tackle but the ball came back to another Bromley player who slid a pass through and the attacker fired in a shot hard and low past Alfie **1-2**. We were soon looking to get back into the game and a nice lay off from Keanu to Charlie saw him thread a pass through the eye of a needle to Bartek, and he beat one man before finding **James** in space, who beat one man with some lovely skill before firing a rocket of a shot at goal. The 'keeper managed to get a hand on it but was unable to stop it from going in and was rubbing his hands for a couple of minutes after **2-2**. Bromley Heath tried to go back in front before the break and managed to get a shot away which was well saved by Alfie; the ball came out to Finn whose clearance was intercepted and they got in another snap shot! Alfie had got back on his feet though to make an amazing save to keep the sides level as the half-time whistle went.

HALF-TIME: FRY S 2 B/HEATH 2

We kicked off, Bromley Heath tried to close us down but some lovely quick passing from James, Charlie and Finn meant that they could not get the ball off us and after three or four passes Charlie saw that Bartek had gotten into space and played the ball on to him. **Bartek** got to the edge of the area and in a repeat of the first half put the ball past the diving 'keeper into the back of the net **3-2**. The football from both sides was of a very high quality but for the next seven to eight minutes there were no clear cut chances with both sides cancelling each other out. A good pass from James saw Charlie out wide and he got to the corner of the area before putting in a great shot/cross that went across the goal; Bartek made up a lot of ground but could not quite get his foot to the ball to make the telling touch. We then were passing the ball well in their half when it was intercepted and like a flash they had passed the ball

out wide on the right-hand side which took our attacking players out of the game. They managed to control the ball and then crossed the ball back into the middle; we were walking back so it gave them time to get into a good position, draw Alfie out and put the ball past him **3-3**. It was not long after that we were left up-field again when they hit a long pass and in a carbon copy of what had just happened they shot a bit harder to give Alfie no chance and score **3-4**. We tried to get back in the game and after a good tackle from Keanu, some delightful skill from James sent Tyler through who cut inside one player before hitting a shot that looked like it was going in before hitting the post and going behind for a goal-kick. Bromley Heath then used the long pass routine, but this time we were more switched on and had gotten back and forced them out wide. They still managed to get a good cross in which they got to first before they hit a very powerful shot, but Alfie did to well tip the ball around the post for a corner.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 3 B/HEATH 4

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for some fantastic saves – **Alfie**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Alfie
 Ethem Cory
 Kaylum Brad G Finn W
 Liam

Bromley Heath started well and were passing well but some good defending from Cory, Finn and Ethem prevented any chances. We then broke quickly a good pass from Brad sent Liam away, but before he got a shot away he was tackled and the ball went out for a corner. Liam whipped in a lovely corner, Kaylum went for the header but it was a just a bit too high and the ball went out for a goal-kick. Bromley Heath attacked but we got back and with some friendly encouragement from the management we got a tackle in and they did not get a shot away. Liam played a delightful ball to Brad who span and shot, but it was deflected for another corner. Liam took another brilliant corner which Brad knocked backed to Ethem who was one yard out, but hit the ball high over the bar and it came down with snow on it! They attacked quickly and Cory was left as last man, but he got a great tackle however his clearance was intercepted and they broke and had two players charging down on Alfie who came out and made a great save. Kaylum cleared the ball to the middle of the pitch where Bradley got a delicate touch on the ball and span past the player; he then played the ball out wide to **Liam** who cut in and hit a fantastic shot into the bottom corner of the net **1-0**. Bromley Heath were attacking and Cory forced them out wide and got a good touch to put them off and took the ball off of the player and passed to Brad. He moved the ball to Kaylum who knocked it forward to Liam, and he beat his man and got a good shot

away that just went wide. They attacked quickly and we could not quite get a telling tackle in. The ball came to Cory but he could not get the ball out from under his feet in time and they whipped in quickly to toe poke the ball past Alfie **1-1**. We were attacking when they made a tackle and cleared long up-field. The attacker touched the ball past Ethem and then hit a shot destined for the top corner before Alfie sprung and made a fantastic save. They were attacking quickly and we did not get back in time and they chipped the ball over Alfie into the net **1-2**.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 1 B/HEATH 2

We changed tactics for the second half, playing three at the back with two in midfield and one upfront. We were playing well to begin the half and from our own half we worked the ball well to the middle of the pitch where Brad pushed the ball onto **Liam** who from a long way out took a speculative shot that the 'keeper tried to kick clear, but it bounced over his foot and into the net **2-2**. We were soon attacking again and a shot from Kaylum was deflected behind for a corner. **Liam** whipped in the corner that came off of their defender into the back of the net **3-2**. With the weather getting colder by the minute the game became a midfield battle with neither side creating a lot of chances. There was melee in our half which we were unable to clear. They got a snap shot in that Alfie did well to get down low to and make a good save. They were playing some good football but a good tackle from Finn stopped the attack and a quick move came to Brad who hit a shot that the 'keeper did well to save; the ball came back to Liam who shot first time, it hit the 'keeper's knee and flew over the bar for a corner. They broke quickly from the corner and their player was clear on goal and hit a shot that flew past Alfie but hit the bar and bounced back off Alfie to spin past the post and go wide. We had a corner which was intercepted by their player and only Finn was chasing. They got a shot away and Alfie parried, the ball came back to another Bromley player who with an open goal hit the post, it came back to Finn and he cleared to Brad who ran with the ball into their half, waited for the defender to come to him before playing the ball through to **Kaylum** who was clear on goal and hit a low hard shot into the back of the net **4-2**. Not long after the ref blew the final whistle.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 4 B/HEATH 2

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for some great defending – **Cory**

OVERALL: FRYS 7 B/HEATH 6

Afterthoughts.....

What a good game of football with both teams having a hard game. Bromley Heath were slightly stronger in the first game as one of their forward players was the best player they had in both games and he made the difference, and on another day we would of won, the passing and general play in the first game was very good. The effort the boys put in the 2nd game was outstanding and the general play was very good and they did very well to come back from being behind at half time to winning, not only their game but the overall game. A special mention for James and Brad G, both do a lot of work in the middle of the pitch to keep both teams going. Well done all and on to the next one.