

Number 14 - Concentrate your energy and hoard your strength - Sunday 8th January 2017

U9 MATCH REPORT U9 MATCH REPORT WARMLEY RANGERS V FRY CLUB COLTS U9 MATCH REPORT U9 MATCH REPORT

Our first game of 2017 saw us make the short trip to Warmley to play a team we started the season against when the game finished 6-6. We were missing a few a players for this game with James, Tyler, Kaylum and Jamie unable to play so Bradley G and Cory agreed to play ¹/₂ each in both games and the other boys played the whole of one match meaning all boys played 40 minutes each but gave us one sub in each game. Andy and Lee were unable to make it leaving Paul, Gaz and Mark to run the team. After our loss to Purnells how would the boys react?

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie

Keanu Tristen

Aran Bradley W Cory

Bartek

Substitute: Bradley G

We started on the front foot and a nice pass from Cory sent Aran on a run down the right-hand side; he got all the way to the by-line before cutting back and shot towards the near post, the 'keeper did well to get down and save the shot. Warmley attacked down the middle but Keanu came across and made a vital tackle before laying the ball to Tristen who played the ball down the wing to Aran and he passed inside to Bartek who played it on to Bradley W who very skilfully beat his man before crossing low to Cory who touched the ball on to Bartek but fell as he shot and the ball went high and wide. Aran closed them down from the goal-kick and then ran into the box and shot low and hard, but again the 'keeper made a great save. The passing was very good from the boys and a good ball from Tristen found Cory in space. He played it into the middle to Bartek who took one touch before playing a through ball to Bradley W inside the penalty area and he got his toe to the ball but could not get enough on it to direct towards goal and the ball drifted wide. Warmley kicked the ball long, it bounced in our half, Keanu got to it first but the loose

ball was picked up by their player who swiftly moved into the area before shooting. Alfie sprung at the ball and made a good save knocking the ball behind for a Corv got to the corner first and cleared to corner Bartek who laid the ball off to Aran who went on a lung busting run down the right-hand side; he got all the way inside the area before shooting, this time the 'keeper did well to tip the shot around the post for a corner. Aran took the corner and they cleared it as far as Tristen who hit a first time shot which went wide. We attacked again and a good ball from Cory saw Bartek through! Just as he was about to pull the trigger a defender came across and took it off of his toes and behind for another corner. The corner came to Bradley W who hit the shot high and it just went over the bar. A final attack before half-time saw Bradley W pass to Bartek who took a touch before laying the ball off to Aran who shot powerfully at goal only for the 'keeper to make another amazing save.

HALF-TIME: WARMLEY 0 FRYS 0

We were soon on the attack again and a nice pass from Tristen to Bradley G on the middle meant that he had space to run into. He waited until the defender came to him before passing out wide to Aran who darted between two defenders before shooting just wide. Keanu intercepted the pass out of the Warmley defence and passed down the line to Bradley W who beat a player before passing to Bradley G who passed forward to Bartek and laid the ball back to Bradley G who beat one defender before shooting hard and low into the bottom corner giving the 'keeper no chance **0-1**. We were playing some great football and passing the ball well; a good move involving both Bradleys and Bartek saw the ball come to Aran who shot just wide. Warmley had resorted to the big kick up field punt; the ball going through our midfield from one big kick and they got the ball out wide to the left and cut the ball across our goal. Keanu got to it first and he knocked it behind for a corner. From the corner Alfie dived onto to the ball to snuff out the chance. Alfie rolled the ball to Tristen who passed into the middle to Bradley G who played the ball through to Aran who got to the edge of the area before hitting a powerful shot towards goal that looked like it was going to just go wide, however before it went out Bartek got a crucial touch to deflect the ball into the net 0-2. We were playing some great football and Bradley G and Aran combined really well to break down the Warmley defence and a cross from Aran found Bradley G in the penalty area; he beat one defender, cut inside another defender and then waited for the goalie to dive before putting in the ball in the opposite corner to where the 'keeper had dived **0-3**. A great interception from a long clearance by Keanu saw him pass up the left side for **Bradley W** and he ran with ball, beating one defender before shooting from the edge of the area with the accuracy of an Olympic archer into the top corner of the net **0-4**. Warmley had one more attack where they moved ball to the edge of our area before shooting, but Alfie dealt with shot comfortably to stop them from scoring.

FULL-TIME: WARMLEY 0 FRYS 4

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for a great defensive performance – Keanu

The Game 2 line-up was:

Alfie

Finn M Ethem Finn W

Cory Charlie

Liam

Substitute: Bradley G

Warmley started the game well and had passed the ball up to the edge of the penalty area before a good tackle from Finn M stopped the attack and he played a nice simple pass to Cory who elegantly moved the ball to Charlie who ghosted past the Warmley player before a majestic pass found Liam in space in the Warmley half; he cut inside to be just outside of the area before a bobble on the pitch meant he miscued his shot and it went wide of the post. The game became a battle in midfield with neither side able to take control. We were being very brave in the tackles with a great sliding tackle from Ethem cutting out a chance for the boys from Warmley. Finn W got the ball from Alfie deep in our half and he ran unchallenged to the half-way line before passing inside to Charlie who looked up and saw that Cory had ran into a good position up-field. Charlie played a through ball which Cory ran onto and shot first time that for us just went the wrong side of the post. Warmley made a quick move up their right side, Finn W went over to make the tackle, but they crossed it before he got there they had two players in space in the box! The first one shot, Alfie got a touch on the ball to divert on to the post, the ball came back to the other player in the area who crashed his shot against the same post, the ball then came back to the first player who could not get the ball under control and Alfie made a very brave save at his feet and we escaped from what looked like a certain goal. Alfie passed the ball to Ethem who played it down the line to Charlie who ran down the wing before crossing to Liam. The ball had gone just behind Liam so he turned the Warmley player before shooting wide. They kicked long from the kick-off but Cory got to the ball first and battled to beat two players before passing back to Finn M who passed to Charlie and he ran into the heart of the Warmley defence before shooting, the shot was well saved by another good 'keeper that Warmley have found.

HALF-TIME: WARMLEY 0 FRYS 0

A tactical change at half time saw Finn W move into midfield to give us 2-3-1 formation and we were soon passing the ball a lot better! A quick pass by Bradley to

Charlie out on the left side saw Charlie with a lot of space to run into which he did at pace. He got to around 10 yards out before aiming for the near post but the shot went into the side-netting. Finn M made a crunching tackle on a Warmley attacker before passing out wide to Finn W who went a gut busting run down the wing, powering his through two defenders, however he was going so fast he could not stop in time and the ball went behind for a goal- kick. The Warmley 'keeper launched the ball high into the grey winter's sky and when the ball came down Bradley got to the ball first and knocked it wide to Charlie who took it on a few yards before passing back to Bradley who crossed the ball to where Liam was running to get to it; the ball got there about 1/4 second before Liam and the chance was gone. Warmley broke quickly and their winger skipped past Ethem before crossing the ball; their player ran onto it and hit a sharp shot first time. Alfie managed to get to it and with a strong hand pushed the ball onto the bar and over. It was our turn to break and some quick first time passing between Charlie and Bradley left Charlie in space out on the left side. He drew the defenders to him before crossing. Finn W had made a great run to the back post where he got to the ball, the ball though then got stuck under his feet and by the time he was ready to shoot the 'keeper had got across to him and cleared the ball. Ethem got the ball from Alfie and passed down the right side to Finn W who was very strong to get past a player before passing to Bradley and he saw Liam at the edge of the area and found him with a first time pass. Liam turned one defender before getting blocked out by another two and the ball came back to Charlie who hit a great shot that just drifted wide of the far post. The ref blew for our first ever 0-0 score.

FULL-TIME: WARMLEY 0 FRYS 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for some great saves and keeping a clean sheet over both games – Alfie

OVERALL: WARMLEY 0 FRYS 4

Afterthoughts.....

On a pitch that was very heavy and every boy having to play 40 minutes, they did very well and all came off muddy and tired. After the Purnells game where we conceded 22 goals over both games, to concede none was an amazing performance and the boys defended very well. The first game we dominated the majority of the game and could have won by a bigger margin, but their 'keeper was outstanding, making some great saves. They were stronger in the 2nd game and it was a game that both sides could have won. We battled well in both games and we tried to pass the ball on most occasions. We will work on trying to pass that little bit quicker, however again we have improved from the last time we played Warmley; from a draw overall to a four goal win, a great start to 2017.