



# ***FRY CLUB COLTS***

# **U9 MATCH REPORT U9**

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We had our first return game in our friendly league fixtures. We had beaten Chilcompton by the odd goal when we had played them previously, however for this game we were missing a few players through illness and we ended up with James, Tyler, Finn W and Jamie unable to make it, with Bartek having to go at half time. We had no subs which meant that Kaylum and Bradley G played minutes in both games so that we always had seven on the pitch. With a few boys playing after being off school for most of the week with sickness it was going to be a tough game on a very heavy pitch.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie
Keanu    Liam    Cory
Bradley G    Ethem
Bartek

Substitute: Kaylum (played 2<sup>nd</sup> half)

It was clear from the start of the game that it was going to be tough to play as the boys were struggling to get much distance with their passing as the grass was a bit long and the pitch was sticky in places but we came out quickly and a nice pass from Bradley saw Bartek in the space out wide; he crossed to the back post where Cory had made up a lot of ground; he got to the ball and shot first time just wide of the post. They played the ball around nicely until they hit a through ball down the right side; Liam came across and made a wonderful tackle before playing the ball down the line to Ethem, however one of their players was quickly over and got a telling tackle in before passing across the pitch and they charged down on goal. Keanu stood firm and made a crunching tackle before he passed to Cory who passed first time to Bartek who waited for Cory to getting into space before passing a quick through ball. Cory saw **Bartek** and played it back and he got to the ball before the 'keeper and poked it past him and it rolled nicely into the corner of the net **0-1**. We had a throw on the right side, half way inside their half. Bartek went over to take it and he took the throw at least three yards on the pitch and threw the ball netball style, never going over his head, in fact his arms never went over his neck, but saying that the throw in found Bradley in space on the edge of the area and

he ran in and shot; the 'keeper did well to save but the ball bounced back to **Ethem** who drove the ball home **0-2**. They hit a long ball up-field that ended up in our box. Liam went across to clear it but the ball got stuck in the mud and Liam was unlucky not to clear it before they nipped in and took it off his toes before scoring **1-2**. This seemed to give them confidence and they took a shot from distance which Alfie did well to save, but he could not hold onto it and they reacted quicker and shot; the ball came back off the post and back to the same player to score **2-2**. They were soon attacking again and we were unable to get a telling tackle in and after a scramble in the goalmouth the ball trickled in to our net **3-2**.

### **HALF-TIME: CHILCOMPTON 3 FRYS 2**

We started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half well and a good run by Kaylum down the right saw him get to the edge of the area. He passed inside to Bradley who ran into the box and he was being tugged at by the defender but unlike players on the telly he went on before nudging the ball to Liam who shot first time; the 'keeper did well to get down to it. They played some good football down the left side before Cory came across and knocked the ball out for a throw. For some reason Cory thought it was our throw and went up field! They took the throw quickly and were clear on goal and only a great save from Alfie prevented them from scoring. They picked the ball up on their left side and ran straight down the wing and we were unable to get a tackle in. The ball was crossed into the middle, Keanu got there first but he could not get his clearance far and they got to the loose ball first and then jinked right before firing low under Alfie into the net **4-2**. They were soon attacking again and the striker got the ball stuck under his feet and fell over in the penalty area. We stood back and watched as he rolled on the floor got up and then shot past Alfie **5-2**. We then made a tactical change going to three at the back with Kaylum and Bradley in midfield with Liam up front. After this change we looked much more solid with Ethem, Keanu and Cory keeping disciplined and stopping anything else Chilcompton threw at us, and it gave the three further forward a bit more licence to play some attractive football and only a couple of good saves and us not getting the power into our shots from the sticky pitch prevented us from getting a goal or two back. An example of this was when Liam got the ball from a good pass from Ethem, Liam went up the middle before laying the ball off to Bradley who passed first time into the path of Kaylum whose shot was blocked by the 'keeper for a corner. Liam whipped in a corner that found Bradley and he turned and shot first time; the ball was going in before hitting Ethem on the line. The ref blew for the full time whistle soon after.

### **FULL-TIME: CHILCOMPTON 5 FRYS 2**

**Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for keeping position and trying to the end – Keanu**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Alfie  
Tristen Finn M  
Aran Charlie Bradley W  
Kaylum

Substitute: Bradley G (played last 10 minutes)

We started on the front foot and some delightful play by Aran saw him beat two players before playing a cracking ball up to Kaylum who was clear one on one with the goalie, however his first touch was a bit heavy but he still got to the ball first, but was unable to control it and his shot drifted wide. A quick attack from them saw them at the edge of the area. They played a quick one two and were clear, but Alfie did well to come out and smother the danger. Alfie rolled the ball out to Tristen who passed down the line to Aran and he saw Kaylum in space again and played him in, this time his shot was well save by the 'keeper. We were playing some good football and a super pass from Charlie saw Bradley in space out wide on the left; he beat his man and got to the by-line and then crossed into the middle and Kaylum shot just wide. They then attacked and a good block from Finn M prevented a clear shot and it was an easy save for Alfie. Alfie kicked the ball towards half way but they picked it up and danced through us up the middle before a quick pass saw one player in space in the penalty area and he shot past Alfie **1-0**. We were the better side for the rest of the half and Charlie and Aran combined well to send Kaylum on his way; he beat one defender before shooting but the shot whizzed past the 'keeper, going past the wrong side of the post. Aran then went on brilliant run beating three players but he was unable to get a shot away and the ball came back to Charlie whose shot flew over the bar. They then had a break away but Finn would not let them past with a determined tackle and he quickly past to Tristen who found Charlie on the half way. Charlie dinked the ball out wide to Bradley who did well to keep the ball in and he then fired a low cross into the box, Aran got there and after taking a touch shot towards the top corner but the giant of a 'keeper stuck out a hand and made a good save. Another good shot from Aran was well saved by the 'keeper who got the ball away quickly and they ran the ball deep into our half; Tristen came across and made a crucial interception that prevented a great opportunity for them.

**HALF-TIME: CHILCOMPTON 1 FRYS 0**

We started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with great gusto and a lung bursting run from Aran down the left side saw him have time to cross the ball where it looked like Kaylum would knock it in, however the ball got stuck in the mud and the 'keeper was able to stop the danger. Next some lovely skilful play by Bradley W on the right side saw him beat his man and jink into the penalty area; he got a good shot away which the 'keeper did well to save. They broke quickly but Tristen and Finn did well to double up on the attacker and get the ball off of him with Finn finding Bradley W. He then past inside to Charlie who hit a great cross-field ball to Aran. Aran ran into the box and hit the ball into the 'keeper's arms. Charlie then had a shot that went narrowly wide. We were quicker to the ball than they were and from a goal-kick Tristen got to the ball first, fed it down the line to Aran who tricked his way around one player before crossing to Kaylum who let the ball go past him before ghosting past the remaining defender, but the 'keeper came out and just

did enough to force the ball wide. We were now putting a lot of pressure on the Chilcompton goal and Bradley G had worked his way to a few yards from the goal and with us shouting for him to shoot he dinked past one player before going past him again, and by the time he went to shoot the 'keeper had got hold of the ball. From the kick-off the two Bradleys played some good football between them before Bradley W passed to Aran who went past one player and shot just wide. Next Bradley G saw Charlie in space and played the ball across to him. It was just in front of Charlie who lunged at the ball but his shot went wide. They broke quickly and we thought they were going to get us on the counterattack but Charlie had run back like a train to knock the cross behind for a corner. They took a good corner into our penalty area but Alfie did well to get to the ball and cling to it. He laid the ball to Bradley G who found Bradley W with a crackerjack of a pass, Bradley W twinkle-toed his way past the tiring defence before laying the ball back to Aran a few yards out from goal but the ball got stuck under his feet however he still managed to dig it out and past the 'keeper but before it could roll in they cleared it.

**FULL-TIME: CHILCOMPTON 1 FRYS 0**

**Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for some great football that on another day he would of scored at least two! – Aran**

**OVERALL: CHILCOMPTON 6 FRYS 2**

**Afterthoughts.....**

*This was a very good game of football that on another day we would of won overall. In Match 1 we started really well with some great passing and some lovely football and were deservedly 2-0 up. We then tired and when listening back to the recording of the match we conceded three goals in three minutes at the end of the half. It was the same in the 2nd half and then after 12 minutes we conceded two in two minutes. We then change to three at the back and played well for the rest of the game. The 2nd game is a game that will be remembered for a long time, the game started end to end and they nicked a goal (interestingly it was from the only time that Alfie kicked long rather than roll the ball to feet), we were then the dominant side and had chance after chance and in the last ten minutes were camped in their penalty area just unable to get the goal which we deserved. So even though we lost this time, all of the coaches believe that if we had a full squad on a good pitch on most occasions we would have won this fixture, but in football you get days like today and it is a good learning experience for the boys. On to the next match.*