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On a cold wet day, we travelled to Little Stoke to play Almondsbury, a team that we had not played before for this game. We were without Tristen and Bartek but we welcomed Aiden to the club to make his debut. After a couple of poorer performances, we moved a few players about to see if we could get a positive reaction.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie
 Liam Keanu
 Brad G James Finlay
 Finley

Substitute: Aiden

We started the game in a very positive manner with James picking the ball up in the middle of the pitch and beating one man before finding Brad he did a quick turn and played the ball out wide where Finn W had made a fantastic run he got to the ball and hit a low hard cross into the danger area Finn M got to the ball just before the defender and battled well to lay it back to James who hit a bullet of a shot that whizzed past the keeper but just the wrong side of the post. The keeper took a big kick but James got to the ball first and saw an opportunity to run down the right; he got to a great position before crossing the ball Brad had made a run into the box and tried to guide the ball into the corner of the net but it drifted narrowly wide. We continued to dominate the early stages of the game and lovely pass from Liam down the line gave Finn W a chance to run into space to pick the ball up he did very well before cutting the ball back to **Bradley** who danced his way through the gap that the two defenders gave him before firing in a low hard shot that the 'keeper could not get down to and the ball nestled in the net **0-1**. Almondsbury came into the game and had us pinned back for around 10 minutes where we had to defend bravely and get in way of crosses and shots, from one of a numerous number of corners they had Keanu did very well to get to the ball first before finding Finn W

who cleared well for a throw in. They took the throw in and moved the ball well to the centre of the penalty box before shooting Alfie sprang into the air before getting his hand to goal bound shot and pushing the ball behind for a corner. Aiden intercepted the corner well and passed the ball out wide to James who took the ball up to the half way line before laying the ball off to Finn M who used all of strength to hold the ball up and pass back to Brad who played in James who had continued his run he beat the defender with skills Messi would have been proud of before shooting the keeper did well to save the ball it came back to Brad who with 3 defenders around him tried to wriggle through before shooting as he was about to pull the trigger one of the defenders got a vital touch on the ball and the shot went wide.

HALF-TIME: ALMONDSBURY 0 FRY 1

We were on the attack straight from kick-off and a nice pass from Brad put James into space on the right-hand side he beat a defender with ease and found himself on the corner of the penalty box he cut inside and got the ball on his right foot before floating in a delightful cross. Liam had done well to peel off the player marking him, so he was in space when the ball came to him, he took a touch before hitting a low shot which the keeper did well to save. They kicked it long and into the space on the left; Keanu did well to come across and slow them down, but they still managed to play a through ball into the area, Alfie was out as quick as a whippet and bravely dived at the Almondsbury attacker's feet and smothered the ball. Alfie distributed the ball out wide to Aiden who looked up and passed to Finn W who flicked the ball past the player and ran onto it before passing inside to James who was in the middle of their half, James drove forward powerfully before hitting a crackerjack of a shot which looked like it was going into the back of the net only for a defender to stick out a foot and knock it behind for a corner. Liam whipped in the corner which was well defended but the ball came back to Liam who looked up before hitting a pin-point cross to Brad who as the edge of the area who hit a volley sweetly that flew just over the bar. James was first to react to the goal kick, got into space before seeing Brad had made a run forward and hit a slide pass between two players perfectly; Brad ran onto it and to the edge of the box looked up and passed the ball low past the keeper and looked like it was going in only to bobble narrowly wide. They went with another kick up to the halfway line where James was again this time he powered to the edge of the area before laying the ball off to **Bradley** who this time waited for the keeper to

dive before chipping it over him into the back of the net **0-2**. They managed to get into our half and worked the ball well done the left. Finn M got in a strong tackle and was unlucky to see the ball deflect to another of their players Aiden had done well to come across and got in a good block the ball came back to the original player who cut inside before shooting low only for Alfie to make a great save. Keanu picked the ball up looked up and passed forward to Liam who shrugged off a player and managed to use his speed to run down our right side; he slightly over ran this but still managed to get a rocket of a shot away that crashed into the side netting.

FULL-TIME: ALMONDSBURY 0 FRY'S 2

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for a great debut – Aiden

The Game 2 line-up was:

Alfie
Cory Ethem
Charlie Aran Brad W
Tyler

Substitutes: Kaylum

With the rain still falling and the pitch cutting up we attacked first with Charlie playing a sublime pass out to the left-hand side of the pitch where Bradley controlled the ball and then pushed the ball past an oncoming player before running on to it and crossing the ball where Tyler wanted to get to it before the defender and got a boot to the ball and it looked like it might just sneak in before the keeper did well to get down and save. They had the same keeper from game one in goal and he launched on of his kicks up-field; Ethem got to it first and cleared up-field on the right where Aran was waiting, he got to the by-line before crossing it back to Charlie whose first-time thunderbolt was deflected wide for a corner. Charlie fizzed the corner over nobody could get to it until it came to Cory on the edge of the area who beat one man before shooting low past the `keeper, but a defender got back to clear it off the line, but the clearance only went as far as **Aran** who made no mistake to knock the ball past everybody into the net **0-1**. They were soon attacking our goal and had played the ball down the right side, but Ethem went across and made a crunching tackle before passing down the wing to Aran he cut inside and looked for Tyler who just managed to get to the ball but was well tackled. They played the ball out wide and then got a cross in first time which they shot, and Kaylum did well to take the sting out of the shot and Alfie pounced on the ball bravely before they could kick it in. Alfie rolled the ball to Bradley who took a touch and looked to pass it to Cory, they had closed him down well though and intercepted the ball and reacted quickly before running into the box and shooting giving Alfie no chance to equalise **1-1**. We were soon attacking again, and Bradley used all his tricks to give himself a yard of space before crossing across the penalty box to Aran who shimmied his way past a couple of defenders before shooting, the keeper getting to the ball just before it crossed the line.

HALF-TIME: ALMONDSBURY 1 FRY'S 1

With all the boys covered head to toe in mud we started the 2nd half at great pace with Aran causing them all sorts of problems with his pace and skill he went on a run on the right-hand side turning their defence inside out before crossing the ball Brad W and done very well to get to the ball and was unlucky to see his first-time effort go the wrong side of the post with the `keeper beaten. We were quicker to the ball than they were, and Tyler got to the goal-kick first; he then waited until they came to tackle him and put a ball through of great expertise for **Aran** to run onto even with two defenders snapping at his heels he held them off and shot powerfully and low into the bottom corner leaving the goalkeeper flapping at thin air **1-2**. Our confidence had grown from this and a crunching tackle from Kaylum prevented them from attacking and in a split second he saw Aran in space and passed inch perfectly for **Aran** to run onto the ball in without breaking his stride He was in the clear waited for the `keeper to make his move before finishing with the maturity of a very clever player **1-3**. They tried to pull a goal back and were on the edge of the area before Cory made a vital tackle to force them out wide and when they crossed it into the middle Charlie was there first and cleared the ball to the half way line, where Tyler got to the ball and laid it back to Cory who passed first time into the gap for **Aran** to run on to they were unable to catch him and he masterfully finished the move with a brilliant dink over the keeper who dived at his feet into the net **1-4**. To Almondsbury's credit they never gave up and with a lot of encouragement to get a goal back from the side-lines they pushed on and looked like they would get a goal back as good run saw their striker clean in on goal, he got a powerful shot only for Alfie who got his angle spot on dived full length and got a hand on it to prevent it going in and got to the rebound and quell the attack. Kaylum got the ball off of Alfie and passed to Brad W who was working hard and with great aptitude rolled the ball past his marker before cutting the ball inside to Charlie who saw Aran at the edge of the area and found him well; Aran hit a first time pass into the area the keeper came flying out but **Tyler** got to it first and whilst sliding got hit foot to the ball and it soared over the keeper bounced once and finished in the back of the net **1-5**.

FULL-TIME: ALMONDSBURY 1 FRY'S 5

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for a much-improved performance – Ethem

OVERALL: ALMONDSBURY 1 FRY'S 7

Afterthoughts.....
After the last couple of performances, it was really nice to both teams play really well, and both win their games was a great effort from all of the boys on a horrible day on a very wet and in my opinion slippery service. Both teams deserved to win and some of the football was fantastic to watch with some great passing, everybody keeping in position wonderful defending and some great goals, When we get to Under 11 we will go to 1 team so between now and then we will look to mix the teams about so that the boys can get used to playing with each other which they did very well today another credit to the boys is that they all welcomed Aiden to the team like he has been playing with them for years. Well done all.