



# FRY CLUB COLTS

## U9 MATCH REPORT U9

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We travelled across town to play Hallen in a Group game of the cup competition. We were without James, Tyler, Finley and Aiden for the game meaning we only had 13 players. After a chat with the Hallen manager he generously agreed that we could play a couple of boys from the 1<sup>st</sup> game in the 2<sup>nd</sup> without having to forfeit the match. Andy and Lee were also unable to make the match, so it left Gaz, Paul and Mark to guide the troops.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie  
Cory Keanu  
Liam Finlay Bradley G Bartek

As we did not have any subs, we changed the formation a little, so we played two in defence and four in midfield with Bartek on the left, Finn on the right with Brad and Liam in the middle with the rocks Keanu and Cory at the back. Hallen were playing some good football and got to the edge of our area and a quick pass saw them have a clear shot at goal which they unleashed and looked destined for the roof of our net only for Lloris... sorry Alfie, to spring into action and tip the ball over the bar for a corner. From the corner, Keanu, as calm as anything, passed the ball back to Alfie to pick up. Alfie rolled the ball out to Keanu who under pressure looked to move the ball into the middle. The pass was intercepted, and the forward ran in and calmly passed the ball past Alfie **1-0**. We were playing some good football and a delightful ball from Liam enabled **Bradley** to run on to it, trick his way past one player and with pinpoint accuracy hit the ball past the 'keeper into the back of the net **1-1**. Hallen got the ball out to their nippy player on the right-hand side. Cory kept up with him and got an important tackle to take the ball off of him and then measured a pass up the wing to Bartek who with a delicate touch laid the ball to Liam who hit a great cross-field ball to Finn who bamboozled the Hallen player with his touch and then sped past him to catch up with the ball before crossing low into the box where Bartek had kept going; he shot first time and was

unlucky to see it drift just wide. Hallen were passing well, and a quick exchange of passes saw their striker free in the box and he made no mistake with the finish **2-1**. They were looking to extend their lead but a good tackle from Brad stopped the attack and he then passed to Liam who took it on a few yards and saw Brad had continued his run and guided the ball into the space where Brad was heading. **Bradley** got to the ball and was in the clear; he ran towards goal and waited for the 'keeper to dive before firing the ball past him into the back of the net **2-2**. Hallen had one more chance before half-time to restore their lead, but Alfie got a strong hand to the ball to put it behind for a corner which came to nothing in the end.

### HALF-TIME: HALLEN 2 FRYS 2

We came out for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half all guns blazing and a good run from Bartek down the left-hand side saw him leave two players in his wake. He then made a simple but effective pass inside to Brad who crossed the ball to where Cory had got into a good area; Cory's shot was blocked on the line and the ball came back to Liam who got a snapshot away which was well held by the 'keeper. There was then a battle in the middle of the pitch which Keanu came out on top of and he passed out wide to Finn who played a ball through to Bartek who shot just wide from just outside of the area. Hallen were looking to attack as well, and they moved the ball into our half and from a good 10 yards outside the area they let fly. The ball was hit with an awful lot of power and was motoring towards goal; however, Alfie got a strong hand to the ball to see it fly over the bar, a truly great save. Hallen kept the pressure up and we were camped in our penalty box for a few minutes with some really important blocks from all of the boys. A great tackle and clearance from Liam was a delight to see but eventually the pressure told and some quick passing saw them get only a couple yards away before they blasted the ball past Alfie **3-2**. The boys never gave up though and all kept going and bit by bit we started to gain control of the match. A quick throw from Keanu found Finn who hit a chipped pass into the Hallen half of the pitch; **Bradley** ran to collect the ball and the control and touch to bring it out of the air was of the highest order. Once in his control and with only the 'keeper to beat there was only going to be one outcome with the ball nestling in the back of the net **3-3**. We went looking for the winner and a lovely ball from Bartek to Liam inside the Hallen half gave Liam the chance to run at the defence. He beat one man and was just about to shoot when the ball got took off of his foot; they then

broke and only a last-ditch tackle from Cory prevented them having the chance to nick the winner.

**FULL-TIME: HALLEN 3 FRYSS 3**

**Man of the Match** – Chosen by Gaz for an energetic performance and some wonderful passing – **Liam**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Ethem  
Tristen Cory  
Charlie Kaylum Bradley W  
Aran

So that we could play with seven players, Cory, Liam and Brad G played 13 mins each and we are grateful to the Hallen Management for allowing this. We were on the attack first with Charlie passing down the right-hand side, Kaylum used his strength well to go around the outside of a defender before cutting the ball back to Aran who used his quick feet to nip between two players before hitting a low shot that was well saved by the 'keeper. As with the first game, Hallen were trying to pass the ball well and passed it to the middle of the pitch where they dinked over to their left-hand side and then looked to cross the ball, but Tristen made a well-timed block and was quickest to react before passing up-field to Aran. Aran looked to turn his marker, but they got in a strong challenge, and they then attacked down the right, but Cory did well to shepherd them into the corner and knock the ball behind for a corner. They whipped in a good corner that Ethem, as calm as cucumber, picked up with no fuss. A ball from Cory found Brad W out wide and he strode forward before a delicate pass inside to Charlie who had gotten into space. Charlie powered into the Hallen half before playing the ball through to Aran who danced around a defender before shooting just wide. It was a tense affair with us on top, but Hallen were defending well in numbers, and we could not break them down. Our passing was really good with Charlie, Aran, Brad W and Kaylum working the ball around really well and we had a solid base of Tristen and Cory or Liam for the last six minutes of the half not letting Hallen get any clear chances at Ethem in his goal.

**HALF-TIME: HALLEN 0 FRYSS 0**

We were playing some good football and a lovely pass from Charlie put Brad W in space on the left-hand side. Brad got to the ball before holding it up and shielding it well from the defender before laying the ball off to Aran who powered into the Hallen penalty box from a narrow angle; he fired in a shot that the 'keeper did well to save. The 'keeper tried to kick the ball up-field but did not connect properly leaving Aran to pick up the loose ball; the 'keeper did well though to force him out wide. Aran managed to cross the ball to where Kaylum was steaming in and he shot first time, the ball whizzing past the wrong side of the post. Hallen played some good football, and they were passing the ball well and a through ball looked like it was going to put us in trouble, but Liam had read the situation well and came across and knocked the ball behind for a corner. They hit a good corner which their striker hit first time only for Ethem to calmly make the save. A good ball from Brad

W into the middle saw the ball go into the penalty area and Kaylum got to the ball before the 'keeper and dinked it past him. The 'keeper brought Kaylum down accidentally as the ball was rolling slowly into the net and a defender was running back but **Kaylum** decided the quickest way to the ball was to crawl and he got his nose to the ball just before the defender to knock to the ball over the line **0-1**. They were soon on the attack looking for an equaliser and a well-timed interception from Tristen stopped them from threading the ball into our area. Tristen passed down the line looking for Brad W, however they blocked the pass and hit the ball into the sky; it went as high as a Bus and looked like it was going well over, but it suddenly dropped out of the sky and going just under the bar giving Ethem no chance to do anything with it **1-1**. They were looking to attack again to nick the winner and hit a great cross into the box which Charlie had read well and knocked out for a throw in. They took the throw in and hit a cross-field ball, but Brad G nipped in front of their player and passed first time back to Tristen who hit a first time pass up-to Aran. The ball just ran away from Aran and their defender knocked the ball out on our right-hand side. Kaylum got to the ball first and hit a lovely ball between the two Hallen defenders to where Aran had timed his run to perfection (he would have been level if the offside rule was in place) and **Aran** then took the ball on a couple of yards before guiding the ball beyond the goalkeeper to nestle in the back of the net **1-2**. We then stayed disciplined, not letting Hallen create any more chances before the ref blew the final whistle to end an amazing game.

**FULL-TIME: HALLEN 1 FRYSS 2**

**Man of the Match** – Chosen by Paul for some great tackling, passing and working really hard – **Charlie**

**OVERALL: HALLEN 4 FRYSS 5**

**Afterthoughts.....**

*What a great performance from the 13 boys that played from the 1st minute to the last in both games! All of the boys gave 100% against a side from the 'A' Division who had two subs in both games. In Game 1 the boys went behind three times but never gave up and worked really hard and when they had the chance passed the ball really well to get a deserved draw. The 2nd game we deserved to get the win being the better side after two bizarre goals cancelled each other out, and the winning goal was a wonderfully worked goal (please watch on the Team Facebook page - thanks Gaz) with three first time passes and a wonderful run and a very good finish from Aran. It was wonderful from start to finish with the effort being put in outstanding and the play as well from world class saves, tremendous tackling, quick accurate passing and sublime finishing! Well done all.*