



FRY CLUB COLTS

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On the hottest day of the year so far, we welcomed Warmley to Somerdale Pavilion. We had played Warmley just after the New Year and managed to get a narrow win. They were a team that were improving, and we knew we would be in for a hard game. For this match Aran, Aiden, Alfie and Tyler were not available so on a warm bright day there were no subs in Match 1 and only one sub in Match 2 with a couple of the boys helping out in goal. After the success of last week, we opted to go with a 1-2-4 formation, with no strikers, but all four players breaking from midfield.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Bradley G
Finley Cory
Tristen James Bradley W
Bartek

The game started at a frantic pace which was going to be hard to maintain in the heat! A good interception and quick pass from Finn sent James away and he drove forward, playing a great ball to Bradley W who ran on to the ball to shoot; the 'keeper making a good save on his near post. The 'keeper liked to kick the ball long, but we had the giants of Cory and Finn with their immense height, and they dealt with the long ball well, positioning themselves to get to the ball first and preventing many from getting through, a credit to both. From one of these kicks Cory chested the ball down, passed down the wing to Bradley W who flicked the ball on for him to run onto and he used his pace to get to the ball first where he crossed first time for Bartek who had his back to goal. He laid it back to James whose shot went just wide of the post. We worked the ball well into the Warmley half down our right side with James going on a great run before

getting tackled and they managed to knock it out for a throw. Finley took a great throw and Bartek did well to flick on with his head and **Bradley W** had read the situation well and ran onto the ball from Bartek's flick, got the ball under control and around the penalty spot hit an arrow of the shot past the 'keeper into the back of the net **1-0**. Warmley were soon on the attack, and they passed the ball to the edge of the area, and it looked like the attacker was going to be clear on goal, but Bradley G was quick to realise the danger and was off his line like a whippet before knocking the ball out for a throw. We closed them down well from a throw and Tristen worked hard to get the ball and cleared it to the halfway line where Bartek did well to get to the ball first and was in the clear; he shot from distance, and it looked like it was going to go in only for it to drift wide at the last second.

HALF-TIME: FRY S 1 WARMLEY 0

It was a very even start to the 2nd half with most of the play in the middle of the pitch with Bartek and Tristen working hard to see if they could get the upper hand in the game, and a good pass from Tristen put Bradley in space down the left side. He tricked his way past a player before driving the ball across goal, however James could not quite reach before it went out for a goal-kick. They played some good football down their left side and Finley had to come across to knock the ball behind for a corner. They whipped in a good cross which fell to the player at the edge of area who got a shot away that was well saved by Bradley. Bradley rolled the ball out to Cory who brought the ball almost to the Warmley half before cutting the ball inside to Bartek who fed it out wide to James. By this point the ball was in the Warmley half, and James had time to look up before shooting, the ball whizzed past the 'keeper but a defender deflected it just wrong side of the goal from the Frys fans perspective. James took a great corner which found Cory on the edge of the area, and he managed to shoot but the ball floated over the bar. They were playing some good football down their left and quick pass saw their winger get to the edge of the penalty area before shooting, the ball squeezing between Bradley G and the post to settle in the net **1-1**. We went looking for a goal to give us the lead back and a nice pass from Finley found Bradley W on the left side and he played an amazing rabona which

found Tristen in space, and he passed first time to the edge of the area to where Bartek had made good ground and Bartek shot first time with ball just going wide. They were playing the ball out, but Finley intercepted an under-hit pass, burst forward, and got to the edge of the area where he was crowded out by two players. Finn kept battling away however and the ball bounced out wide to James who hit a shot/cross which Bartek was inches away from reaching and deflecting the ball goal wards.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 1 WARMLEY 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for working really hard with some great passes and important tackles – **Bartek**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Cory/Bradley W
 Ethem Keanu
 Kaylum Liam Charlie
 Finlay

Substitute: Bradley G

They started very quickly on the front foot, and we backed off them and let them run into the box. Keanu got a good tackle in and played the ball back to Cory. Cory rolled the ball to Ethem who looked to pass up-field however the ball was intercepted by a Warmley player. Ethem did well to try to battle the ball back off the player, but they had managed to double team him and the ball came loose where they got to it first and blasted the ball past a diving Cory **0-1**. They were buoyed by this early goal and soon got the ball off us and opened enough space to get a long range shot away which Cory did well to save. Cory passed the ball out to Keanu and he in turn passed the ball down the line where Finlay got a great touch on the ball to give Bradley G the chance to run on to it. Bradley G got to the by-line before looking to cut the ball back to where Kaylum was waiting; the defender got to it first and knocked it behind for a corner. Liam sent over a peach of a cross, and **Kaylum** had gotten into a yard of space and with powerful header slammed the ball into the roof of the net **1-1**. A great ball by Charlie turned the Warmley defence and as they tried to clear the ball Bradley G had closed them down and the deflection came off a Warmley player for a corner. **Liam** went over to take it and just like the corner before, put the ball into the perfect place. The Warmley defence scared of us scoring again got to the ball first but all they could do was knock it past their 'keeper into the net **2-1**. Some strong tackling from Ethem prevented them starting an attack and he then passed into the middle for Liam who broke the line of the Warmley midfield to find **Bradley G** who tricked his past two defenders before running into the penalty area and with great calmness passed the ball past the 'keeper to find its way to the back of the net **3-1**. We were now dominating the game and some great work by Liam found Finlay down the right

side; he took the ball past one player before crossing into the box where Charlie took a touch before shooting just wide.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 3 WARMLEY 1

We started the 2nd half well and a lovely ball from Finn found Liam in space just inside the Warmley half. Liam got to the edge of the area before spinning a pass out wide on the left side where Kaylum was running, and he hit a shot/cross which was met by Liam who had continued his run. Liam's first-time shot was well saved by the 'keeper. They went long and the ball bounced into our half. Ethem got to the ball first, but the Warmley player nicked it off him before shooting; Bradley W doing well to make the save. A great tackle from Finlay just outside our penalty box set us up for an attack and he played a simple but effective ball to Bradley G, and he passed forward to Charlie who got to the halfway line before looking up and seeing that Kaylum was surging forward. Charlie played the most delightful pass between two Warmley players for **Kaylum** to run onto, and he got to the edge of the area, holding off the defender who was trying to make a tackle, and hit a rasping shot which beat the 'keeper and hit the back of the net **4-1**. Warmley did not give up and came at us again, and we had to defend well with both Charlie and Liam getting back and helping, and a great block from Ethem preventing an almost certain goal. The pressure was lifted when Keanu got the ball and with great calmness passed the ball into Bradley W's arms. Bradley W rolled the ball out Keanu who before the advancing Warmley player could get to him passed in field to Charlie, and he composed himself before passing up-field to where **Bradley G** had got into space. He was in the clear and ran into the penalty box before shooting low and hard, the ball coming off the inside of the far post and into the back of the net **5-1**. We were soon attacking with Finlay down the right side where he played the ball to Bradley G, and he powered into the box before shooting hard and low, the 'keeper doing well to make a good save; however, the ball came back to Bradley who shot first time with the 'keeper this time holding on to the ball to make a great double save.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 5 WARMLEY 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for taking the game by the scruff of the neck when coming on and two great goals – **Bradley G**

OVERALL: FRYS 6 WARMLEY 2

Afterthoughts.....
On a very hot day and with reduced numbers the boys put in a great shift with each boy giving 100%. In Match 1 the boys were unlucky not to win and they did very well with no subs and on another day, could have won by three or four goals. In Match 2, and after a slow start for the opening five minutes, the boys were on top for the rest of the game and deserved their win, with a special mention to Charlie whose passing was of the highest order especially the two which set up the two goals in the 2nd half. A massive well done to all 13 boys who played today.