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On a glorious spring morning, we welcomed Almondsbury to Somerdale. We played them earlier this season on a very wet morning and after a tough game we edged the victory; would it be any different on a hard pitch? For this game we were without James, Finlay, Aiden, Ethem and Tyler which meant we had no subs and four boys played 10 mins each in the 2nd game.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie
Liam Keanu
Kaylum Bradley G Cory
Bartek

We were soon on the attack and some good work from Kaylum got us into their half; he laid the ball out wide to Bartek who did very well to beat his man and got to the corner flag, then cut back inside to beat the player again and got past another player before crossing, the ball just going out before Cory could get a finishing touch on it. They played the ball long, but Keanu had read the situation well and got to the ball after one bounce and played the ball sideways to Liam who looked up and passed up the middle to Bradley who passed out wide to Cory and he hit a first-time ball into the box. Bartek took a shot before shooting, the 'keeper saving well. They played some good football down their left side, but Keanu came across and made a crucial tackle before passing back to Alfie who moved the ball to Liam quickly. Liam

found Bradley and he controlled the ball well and passed out for Cory who did well to get past a player before crossing; Kaylum managed to get a touch on the ball but the 'keeper made a simple save. Kaylum got the ball in the middle of the pitch and found Bradley with a nice little pass. Bradley powered down the left side; he looked like he was going to get tackled but battled through and got to the byline and instead of shooting cut the ball across the goal to where **Bartek** was waiting, and he calmly tapped the ball into the net **1-0**. The goal gave us a boost in confidence, and we were on top, playing some good football. A good pass from Liam freed Bartek on the right side and he controlled the ball well before cutting back in on his left foot before pushing it down the line and crossing, Bradley getting to it, and he cut it back to Cory whose shot just went wide. Liam got to the long kick from the goalkeeper and played the ball to Bradley who from the halfway line threaded the ball in between the Almondsbury players, breaking the line and Bartek ran onto it but could not control the shot and the ball drifted wide.

HALF-TIME: FRY 1 ALMONDSBURY 0

We started the 2nd half well and a good run from Liam saw him lay the ball off to Kaylum who hit a good cross in that they defended well to knock behind for a corner. Bradley took a short corner to Liam who passed back to Bradley, and he did well to get a good cross in which they defended well but could only clear as far as Keanu who controlled the ball well and beat his man, however just as he was about to shoot, he was fouled, the ref giving the free kick. Keanu took a great free kick into the middle of the box where **Bradley** got to it first before spinning and shooting into the bottom corner **2-0**. They played some nice football to get the ball to the edge of the area and Cory made a good tackle that forced them out wide, but they managed to get a cross in which Alfie

did well to come and punch the ball away; they shot first time, but Kaylum deflected it behind for a corner. They whipped in a good corner which they managed to get a good touch back to a player at the edge of the area, but the shot went well wide. Alfie passed the ball out to Liam who played a great ball to Bartek, and he looked up and played a crackerjack of a pass to **Bradley** who turned the defender before firing a wonderful shot into the bottom corner of the net, a really great team goal **3-0**. As the game was entering the last five minutes and with Liam struggling with an injury, we started to tire in the Keynsham heat, and Almondsbury who were able to make substitutes were finishing the game well. A flowing move that we could not stop saw the ball played through, with a player in the box who fired home past the stranded Alfie **3-1**. They came at us again hoping to get another one back, but Keanu worked hard with Cory to snuff out the last chance they had by forcing the ball out for a throw, after which the ref blew the final whistle.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 3 ALMONDSBURY 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for a great disciplined performance and playing with pain – **Liam**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Alfie
Tristen Finley
Aran Charlie Bradley W
Kaylum/Bartek/Cory/Bradley G

From the kick-off, it was obvious that Almondsbury were playing a stronger team in the 2nd game as they were moving the ball around well and had us pinned back into our own half. Tristen got in an amazing tackle as they were attacking down their left and got the ball to Aran who battled well to beating two players before getting tackled; they broke quickly and got a good cross in that Finley did well to knock behind for a corner. They put a great ball into the area that was like pinball in the area before Bradley W cleared the ball out for a throw. They were soon attacking again and got a shot in which Alfie did well to knock behind for another corner. They played the ball in low and managed to react to the ball first, and even though Alfie was brave diving at their feet they managed to bundle the ball into the net **0-1**. A lovely ball from Charlie sent Aran on his way and he used his strength to hold off the player running back to shoot, the ball just

going wide. They were still coming on to us and a quick exchange of passes in the middle opened us up and a clever finish gave Alfie no chance **0-2**. They were soon attacking down their right and a nice slide pass into the box set them free and they hit a fierce shot which Alfie did well to tip onto the crossbar; Bradley W was first to react and cleared the ball well to end the danger.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 0 ALMONDSBURY 2

We started the 2nd half well and a good lay off from Charlie gave Aran space to run into. Aran used his quick feet to beat one player before passing out wide to the left side where Bradley W tricked his way past the defender before crossing back to where Aran had continued his run; he hit his shot first time which saw the 'keeper save well. They played the ball into our half, but Finley read the situation well and came across, made the tackle, and passed to Tristen who played a wonderful pass to **Aran** on the half way line; he played a delicate touch past the defender and then used all of his pace and strength to get to the edge of the area before placing the ball out of the reach of the goalkeeper into the back of the net **1-2**. We were now on top and some good work by Charlie found Bradley W who played a grand first-time pass to lay it back to **Aran**, who with a wonderful touch gave himself a yard of space to finish like a player with a touch of class does **2-2**. They attacked down the right, but Tristen had tracked across to get a great block in; he then whipped the ball down the line, the ball finding its way to Charlie who dinked the ball wide to Bradley G who dropped his shoulder and cut inside before shooting, the 'keeper making a very good save, the ball dropping at Aran's feet but the 'keeper reacted well and dropped on the ball.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 2 ALMONDSBURY 2

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for a great performance and two wonderful goals – **Aran**

OVERALL: FRYS 5 ALMONDSBURY 3

Afterthoughts.....

It was a great performance by all of the boys on a hot day with only 12 players over the two games against a side that played some good football. In Game 1 we were by far the stronger side, and we played some wonderful football and we could have easily won by a lot more. The boys in the 2nd game struggled in the 1st half and we were worried as they had played a stronger side for the 2nd game, but the boys really responded well in the 2nd half and showed great character to come back to get a well-deserved draw, playing some cracking football and all of them giving 100%. Three games to go, let's finish the season on a high.