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On a lovely Spring Day Hanham travelled the short distance to Somerdale; we played them last week and even though we won they passed the ball well and it was a close game, so we knew we were in for a hard match. For our last game of the season, we were without Finn W, Ethem, Aiden and Charlie.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie
Finley Tristen
James Aran Bradley W
Bartek

Substitute: Tyler

Hanham started the game really well and they were passing the ball around in midfield and a pass through the middle saw their quick striker in the clear; Alfie came out to narrow the angle, the striker aimed for the far corner, but the ball just went wide. Alfie played the ball to Tristen who took his time and waited for the Hanham player to come to him before passing down the line where he found James who used his skill and pace to get past a Hanham player before passing the ball to Bartek who got to the edge of the penalty area before shooting with the ball drifting just wide. The Hanham 'keeper played a simple pass to the defender who looked to clear up field but Aran had read the situation well and intercepted the ball; his first touch was pure class and he then ran quick and direct at the Hanham defence who could not get a tackle in and in a blink of an eye he was in the area, before with power and accuracy **Aran** hit the ball behind the 'keeper into the back of the net **1-0**. We were playing some good football and Tristen combined well with Bradley who had space in front of him to run into which he did at great pace; the defender came across to

Bradley who waited for the last second before cutting the ball back to Aran who dinked his way past two players before shooting hard and low the, goalkeeper reacting just in time to save the ball. Hanham broke very quickly and left our midfielder the wrong side of the ball, Finley though slowed them down by getting in a couple of great tackles and by the time they had worked the ball to the area we were back in numbers and a great interception from James saw the ball deflect behind for a corner. They took a good corner that Tristen did well to get his head to first, the loose ball dropped to a Hanham player who hit the ball sweetly, but Alfie sprang into action and tipped the ball over the net. We broke quickly from the corner with Tyler passing to Bartek who ran into their half and just as he was about to be tackled, he hit a shot that just went over the bar.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 1 HANHAM 0

A great pass from Tyler early in the 2nd half gave Aran a few yards to run into and he ran down the right wing causing the Hanham defence all sorts of problems before whipping in a cross towards the back post and Bradley was coming in like a steam train and hit a shot that flew just over the bar, a cracking shot from a great passing move. Bartek worked hard to get the ball off of the midfielder and once he achieved this, he passed back to Tristen who hit a great ball down the line to Tyler who in one touch took a defender out of the game he laid the ball back to James who hit a first time screamer of a shot that the 'keeper was lucky was straight at him. They then played the ball well from their half deep into our half and then played a ball of great skill into the area which Finley could not quite get a touch on and just by the penalty spot they hit a low shot past Alfie into the net **1-1**. The game of a very high quality from both teams with both defence doing well and an awesome tackle from Tristen was an excellent example of this, he then also reacted quickest to get to the ball first before passing inside to James who beat one man before finding Aran with a delicate pass, Aran tricked his way past the defender before shooting millimetres wide. The Hanham 'keeper played the ball out and then moved it down their left, Tyler though got to it first and with one quick look up he passed first time to Aran who was away and once Aran was clear of the defence they were not going to catch him and even though the 'keeper came out to

narrow the angle **Aran** made no mistake and fired us back into the lead **2-1**. They had one more chance to see if they could force an equaliser and had an opportunity at the edge of the area, but Bartek came across made a crucial tackle and James then completed the clearance.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 2 HANHAM 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for great effort and some good skills – **Bartek**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Tyler

Keanu Cory

Kaylum Aran/James/Alfie/Tristen/Finley Bradley G

Liam

Hanham started quicker than us and had the first chance of the game and after a quick exchange of passes were into the box; Tyler came out quickly though and cleared the ball with his feet, Cory got to the loose ball and played it inside to Aran who ran at the Hanham defence before finding Liam with a great little pass, Liam was under pressure though and did well to get a shot away that the 'keeper managed to get a hand on it before dropping on the ball just before Kaylum could tap it in. Keanu made a great interception in our half before finding Bradley who with a quick spin and pass found Liam on the right who powered down the line before firing a cross into the box; it looked like it would go all the way through the area but **Cory** managed to get it to it and first time hit a shot that gave the 'keeper no chance of saving **1-0**. We were playing some great football and Bradley got to the ball first in midfield before chipping the ball out wide to **Liam** who got the ball under his spell before cutting in and leaving the defender in his wake, he looked up before unleashing a rocket of a shot that only stopped when it hit the back of the net **2-0**. We were on top and only some good saves prevented Tristen and Bradley extending the lead. We were over committed though and suddenly they had four players against Keanu and Cory, and they played the ball around leaving the player in the middle with time to pick his spot before firing past the diving Tyler **2-1**. We were back on the attack soon and a great run from Kaylum had the Hanham defence in all sorts of trouble and only a last second deflection prevented the ball going in and instead behind for a corner. Liam took a great corner that found Keanu who controlled the ball before shooting just wide.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 HANHAM 1

We were on the front foot straight away and Liam did well to find Bradley in the middle who had seen that Kaylum had made a great run just to his right and once he saw Kaylum had a yard of space played it perfectly to him **Kaylum** got the ball and carried on with his run before finishing with great calmness past

the 'keeper into the back of the net **3-1**. Hanham played the ball down the right and looked like they were away, but Cory had read the situation and came across to make a great tackle knocking the ball out for a throw. They worked the throw well and managed to get a ball into the area, but Keanu was first to it and cleared the original danger however the ball came back and from distance they shot from which Tyler made a great save. Tyler saw that Bradley and Finley had got forward quickly and hit the ball into the Somerdale air and when it landed in the Hanham half Bradley was first to the ball he got the ball under control and managed to get past the defender; he was in on goal and as the 'keeper came out to him Bradley had seen out of the corner of his eye Finley just to his right and passed it to him and Finley got the ball but the defender got back at the same time but there was no denying **Finley** who managed to get his shot past the defender an into the net for an unforgettable moment **4-1**. The boys now were buzzing and were an unstoppable force and a ball forward from Keanu found James just inside the Hanham half and he ran into the space in front of him until the defender tried to close him down but before he could **James** hit the ball sweetly past the defender across the goalkeeper and into the far corner **5-1**. Liam had the ball in midfield and past the ball with accuracy to **Bradley** who beat three players before chipping the ball over the diving 'keeper from a narrow angle to finish what was a wonderful 2nd half **6-1**.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 6 HANHAM 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for a wonderful goal and amazing defence work – **Cory**

OVERALL: FRYS 8 HANHAM 2

Afterthoughts.....

This was a great performance to end the season on a high against a good side that passed the ball very well. In Game 1 it was very close, and we battled well with some of the football from both us and Hanham the best we have seen all year and we edged it. We were more dominant in Game 2 and were the better side and played some awesome football with the highlight of the day Finley's first goal for the club and the reaction of the players on the pitch and parents on the side was a moment that will not be forgotten and shows the great friendships and bonds that have been built up and shows that we are a very good team with the best boys possible and we are extremely proud of all of them! On to the tournaments and roll on the 2017/18 season.