



# **FRY CLUB COLTS**

## **U10 MATCH REPORT U10**

Number 2 - **'Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste death but once.'** - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017

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Our first league game of the season saw us travel to play Imperial on their 4G surface. The weather was a total contrast to Friday evening with it raining and a lot cooler. For our first league game of the season, we were without Tyler and Aran. Andy was back to guide the team until a transfer in forced him to miss the 2<sup>nd</sup> game.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie  
Liam Finley  
Bartek James Cory  
Bradley W

Imperial were first to attack and were used to playing on the superb 4G surface and had quickly moved the ball to the edge of our area where a great tackle from Liam prevented them from getting a shot away. Liam calmly played the ball to Cory who tricked his way past one player before passing inside to James who with great energy powered into the Imperial half before shooting just wide. They played some good football down their right and a cross into the box had us in trouble, and a good block from Finley could only see the ball come to one of their players on the edge of the area who made no mistake in firing the ball past Alfie **1-0**. They were soon attacking down their left and again put in a good cross; we had done well in tracking back and were extremely unlucky, as in making a great effort in getting back Bartek managed to get the important touch to give Alfie no chance **2-0**. Andy made a tactical switch putting Cory into defence making us a solid three in defence, three in midfield with Bradley W dropping onto the left side of Midfield. The new formation had an effect straight away with Cory passing down the line to Bradley who with great silky

skills tricked his past a defender before crossing to where Bartek had made up a lot of ground; he had to stretch to get to the ball and could only direct wide for a goal-kick, but a great move. It was a battle in midfield with neither side able to create much. On more than one occasion James, who was working hard broke up play and was getting about the pitch well. Finley made a crucial tackle and found Liam who looked up and played a cracker of a ball to Bartek and managed to get a touch on it and move it away from the defender; he took a shot from distance that the 'keeper clung on to. The 'keeper then kicked long up-field, we let the ball bounce and it came straight to the striker who hit a rocket of a shot that somehow Alfie reached and pushed around post a save of great ability.

**HALF-TIME: IMPERIAL 2 FRY 0**

We were much more solid in defence with Cory keeping them at bay on his side and making some well-timed tackles and getting in the way to prevent some attacks, and Finley taking no prisoners when the ball was near him; he was focussed and determined to win the ball with some crunching tackles. Cory and Finley are two of the smallest players but two of the braver, getting in the way of shots and tackling no matter the size of the opposition. From one of Finley's crunching tackles Liam got to the ball and with great pace and skill ran down the right side before crossing to Bradley who waited for the ball to go across him before catching up with it and putting a majestic cross in for Bartek whose shot was well saved by the 'keeper. A lovely pass from James found Bradley wide on the left; he gave himself a couple of yards before hitting one of the most delightful chip shots which for all the world looked like it was going to go in for a most spectacular goal, only for a pesky Imperial defender to be on the line to make the clearance, but a truly wonderful bit of skill from Bradley. James disrupted another move and in a flash was in the Imperial half; he beat two players before shooting low, the 'keeper getting down making a great save. Imperial were struggling to create any chances and when they did get through Alfie was on hand to clear up. We were really on top and were looking for the goal that our performance, for most of the game and certainly in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, deserved. A shot from Bartek was

deflected for a corner, James took that corner which swung into box; they cleared it but only to Finley who shot and looked like he was going to score, only for them to clear off the line and away from danger, the ref looked at his watch and blew the final whistle.

**FULL-TIME: IMPERIAL 2 FRYS 0**

The Game 2 line-up was:

Cory/Liam  
Keanu Ethem  
Tristen Charlie Kaylum  
Finlay

Substitute: Bradley G

Not for the first time this season we started slowly, and Imperial were soon on the attack. The ball came into the penalty box and Ethem did well to get to the ball first; by the time he had controlled the ball and looked to clear it though, an Imperial player was closing him down and blocked the clearance, and he then shot past the diving Cory **1-0**. Imperial were playing some good football and we were struggling to get out of our half. A great tackle from Tristen prevented a clear shot on goal with his clearance going out for a corner. The corner was swung in, the ball coming off Ethem, but we did not react, and the ball was fired in through a body of players and nestled into the corner of the net **2-0**. Keanu intercepted the ball and passed out wide to Charlie who saw Bradley in the middle and played a ball into him; Bradley waited for Charlie to continue his run before passing back. Charlie ran on and shot, the 'keeper doing well to save. They managed to get the ball into our half and shoot from distance; Cory watched the bounce before making a good save. Cory passed the ball out wide to Kaylum who ran to the halfway line before passing into Bradley and he passed first time back to Kaylum who ran with the ball to edge of the area and then cut the ball back to **Bradley** who took a touch before firing a shot from the edge of the area that flew into the bottom corner of the net **2-1**. Finlay made a vital tackle and then battled well before running down the wing with all his might before crossing; Kaylum getting to the ball first but the effort narrowly going wide. The Imperial 'keeper kicked the ball long and the ball bounced into our half. Tristen kept his eye on the ball before controlling it with great skill, beating the attacking player and playing a quality ball to Keanu who found Charlie. Charlie in turn took on a player before shooting, but again the 'keeper was up to the challenge.

**HALF-TIME: IMPERIAL 2 FRYS 1**

Liam with ball in hand played a lovely pass out wide to Tristen who managed to get to the ball first and passed inside to Bradley, and he glided past a player before playing a reverse ball to Kaylum and he crossed the ball; it looked like it was going too far

but Finlay managed to get to it and crossed the ball into the middle to where Bradley got a shot away but the Imperial defender got a good block in the ball, though it came back to **Charlie** who gave a quick look before firing the ball into the gloomy sky and it flew all the way into the top corner, a great strike **2-2**. Brad took a throw and found Charlie who laid the ball back to Finlay and he beat one man before finding Ethem near the centre circle. Ethem flicked the ball on to **Kaylum** who skipped past a player before shooting; the ball came off the post and in **2-3**. Imperial attacked down their left and put a great ball into our area, however Keanu got to the ball first and cleared the danger; they picked up the loose ball and tried their luck from distance, but Liam got across his goal well and put the ball behind for a corner. From the corner they hit the ball into the area where Charlie did well to get to the ball first and was unlucky to see it deflect into the net **3-3**. From the kick-off Bradley laid it back to Kaylum who waited for Bradley to get into the Imperial half before passing the ball to him; **Bradley** took the ball in his stride and then went passed one, two, three players before calmly putting the ball past the 'keeper into the net **3-4**. We went looking for the goal which would give us the overall draw. Finlay got the ball in our half before playing a lovely ball out wide to Ethem who poked the ball in the middle to Charlie and he saw that Bradley had made a run into space and played the ball into the Imperial half; Brad was running onto it and looked like he would get to it but their 'keeper came out like a train and took Bradley then the ball! The ball deflected off Bradley behind with both players injured and in tears. Once all was okay the ref decided to award a goal kick and blew for the full-time whistle not long after.

**FULL-TIME: IMPERIAL 3 FRYS 4**

**OVERALL: IMPERIAL 5 FRYS 4**

**Afterthoughts.....**

*We played well in both games but again we started slowly in both games and is something we will need to work on, as in both games and against Warmley we have had to come from behind. Once we have got our game going, we have been the better side. In Game 1, after the slow start we played some excellent football and with some luck and better finishing could have easily drawn if not won the game. In Game 2 we came back superbly and deserved the win. All the goals we scored were of the highest quality and special mention must go to Bradley and Charlie for not only their goals, but the way they passed the ball and dominated the game, so even though we lost the game there was an awful lot of positives to take from the performance.*