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Our first game in the mini-cup competition and we welcomed Ashton to Manor Road, who got there eventually; most of the Ashton team going to Somerdale first and playing the first half of a game against our Under 9's before it was realised that they were playing the wrong team and heading to Manor Road. Many thanks to all the players and parents for staying longer so that the game could be played. For the first time, all the players were available, and Andy was able to take the team photo and present Keanu his trophy for being the Most Improved Player last season.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie
 Tristen Finley
 Ethem James Bradley W
 Aran

Substitute: Tyler

Considering the late start the boys were quickly into playing some good football and a pass from Ethem found Bradley in space; he tricked his way past a player before passing inside to Aran who moved the ball onto James, and from the edge of the area he cracked a shot which drifted just wide. We were playing some good football around the Ashton penalty area, the ball coming to Ethem whose shot was deflected for a corner. James whipped over a great corner and the ball came to **Aran** who controlled it before firing the ball at goal, the ball brushing the post and into the back of the net **1-0**. A good pass from James found Aran in space, and he ran into the area before shooting; the 'keeper saving but the ball was still rolling towards goal and only a quick retreating defender managed to get back and clear the ball off the line. They came into the game,

and we were defending well with Tristen making some outstanding blocks, protecting Alfie's goal. They were dominating for a bit though and managed to get a shot away which was well saved by Alfie. We broke quickly with Tyler and Ethem exchanging passes with the ball finally coming to Tyler who hit rocket of a shot that just whizzed past the far post. They were playing some good football and a through ball put them in the clear and they had a one-on-one chance that the striker made no mistake with, putting the ball past Alfie into the net **1-1**. They were soon attacking again with Finn making a great tackle which saw the ball deflecting to the Ashton player who shot past Alfie, but Tristen had got back to make a vital clearance. Alfie's clearance found Bradley and made a delightful step over before running down the wing and cutting the ball into centre where James shot first time, only to see the 'keeper making a great save. Aran was quick to close the defender and got the ball off of him, however the angle was too tight, with Aran just shooting into the side netting.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 1 ASHTON 1

We were really on top for the first five minutes of the 2nd half and how we did not score in this period was amazing with Bradley, Aran, Tyler and James having shots either blocked, saved by the 'keeper or going just wide, and in this period, Aran hardly coming out of their half. When they did get into our half Tristen and Finn were there to clear up and a good ball from Tristen found Bradley wide on the left and he crossed to Aran who took a touch before hitting a bullet of a shot which hit the bar and went over. From the kick-off James closed them down and shot hard and low forcing the 'keeper into making a great save. They did a big clearance that went into our area which we managed to get to first, but we were unable to get a good clearance with the ball bouncing around like in a pinball machine, eventually falling to their player who toe-poked the ball past the unlucky Alfie **1-2**. We were still on top and a great pass from Ethem found James who powered into the area before shooting, the 'keeper making a good save. Tristen got to the long kick first and found Aran with a brilliant pass and he shot just past the far post. They went long again, the ball the coming straight to **James** who after a quick sharp run had a shot from distance which was deflected into the back of the net

2-2. Finn saw one of their players making a break down the right and came across and made a typically powerful tackle, winning the ball and finding Bradley who passed first time to Tyler, and he was away like a whippet; he jumped over one tackle and from the edge of the area unleashed a shot which flew high, but just a bit too high over the bar. **James** again was the first to react to the goal-kick and danced his way past two players before placing the ball with great skill past the 'keeper and into the net **3-2**. Ashton only had time to kick-off before the ref whistled for the end of the match.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 3 ASHTON 2

The Game 2 line-up was:

Cory/Keanu
 Keanu/Cory Finlay
 Kaylum Liam Charlie
 Bartek

Substitute: Bradley G

Thanks to Cory and Keanu for volunteering to do half a game each in goal. Finn started attacking down the right before passing inside to Liam whose shot first time was well saved by the 'keeper. They broke quickly and shot from a good 25 yards out; the ball went high and bounced in the area; however, Cory watched the bounce and made a good save. We were trying to pass the ball around, but they managed to get a toe in and looked like they would be in, but Keanu got to the ball first and as calm as a cucumber passed it back to Cory who cleared it. We were playing some good football and a good run from Charlie found Kaylum who flicked to the running **Bartek**, and he finished with style first time **1-0**. Charlie got the ball and passed the ball down the wing to Bradley who went past one player and got to the by-line, then cut the ball into the middle for **Bartek** who had a simple tap-in **2-0**. We were in control of the game and if they did attack, Keanu was there and dealt with everything, even willing to pass back to Cory in goal to make the clearance whilst under pressure. Charlie had his passing boots on and had seen **Bradley's** run and after receiving it, he went round the 'keeper and put the ball in the net **3-0**. Kaylum made a crunching tackle in the middle of the pitch and used his quick feet, giving himself a yard of space before passing to Finn who passed inside to Liam, and he played a quick one two with Bradley before shooting; the ball taking a deflection and it came to **Bartek** who reacted first to score **4-0**. Bradley took a short corner to Charlie who worked an angle before shooting, the ball deflecting to Liam whose shot was well saved. A great passing move involving all the boys had Ashton chasing shadows and the ball came to Charlie whose shot just went over the bar. From a goal-kick Bradley got to it first and passed to Liam who got to edge of the of the area before crossing the ball to Kaylum's head, but the header was well save by the

'keeper and went over the bar. They went long and we could not get to the bounce. Keanu tried to come across but could not quite get there and they toe-poked it past Cory **4-1**.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 4 ASHTON 1

We did not let the goal with the last kick of the first half knock us off our stride and a good ball from Bartek found Bradley who shot low and hard, the 'keeper getting down well and deflecting the ball wide. We were passing the ball well and a good ball from Kaylum came to Bradley and he found Liam in space who hit a bullet of a shot which was well saved again. We reacted first to a lost ball and Finn played a great ball to Bradley who shot first time, the ball thumping off the post back at Liam at pace; he got it but with his back towards goal and shot, only for it to come off the other post and into the 'keeper's arms. Ashton attacked well down the right, but Cory came across and made a vital a tackle and managed to get to the ball first, finding Kaylum with a good pass. Kaylum used his extreme pace and got to the area but saw his shot flashing just wide of the post. The passing was great from the boys and a move from the back involved all of them and only the 'keeper being brave at the feet of Finn prevented us scoring.

They were attacking but a good tackle from Cory stopped them. Finn got to the ball first and played a quick ball up-to **Bartek** who was in the clear, with just the 'keeper to beat which he did, and the ball nestled in the net **5-1**. They were attacking but Kaylum made a firm tackle that the ref gave as a free kick which they hit into the area, and it bobbed, then snuck into the corner of the net **5-2**. We were still in charge though and a good ball from Charlie found **Liam**, and he moved into the centre of the pitch before shooting powerfully; the 'keeper got his hands to the ball but could not stop it going into the net **6-2**. We piled forward leaving Kaylum on his own, so when they broke, he was on his own and was unable to prevent them from getting the ball past Keanu **6-3**.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 6 ASHTON 3

OVERALL: FRYS 9 ASHTON 5

Afterthoughts.....

Well done to the boys for winning the first game of the mini cup competition against a good side who had won both of their previous games. The football was of the highest quality with some good goals and the boys passing and moving well. There were a couple of incidents where there was some moaning at each other and arguing and swearing at the opposition; this is not acceptable and if any of the boys swear or have ago at each other or the opposition they will be subbed. That said, this it is very much a minority of the time and for most of the time all the boys are a credit to the club and themselves. We travel to play Saltford for the first-time next week in the 2nd game of the cup competition; if we play how we have been, with the right attitude as a team, we should give them a good game.