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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
Finley Cory
Liam Bradley G Charlie
Bartek

We started really well passing the ball and stretching Saltford; a cracking ball from Charlie found Bradley in the middle of the Saltford half and he went on a couple of yards before shooting; the 'keeper diving down and making a good save, however he was unable to hold on to the shot and the first to react to the loose ball was **Bartek** who rammed the ball home from a narrow angle **0-1**. Saltford were attacking down their right, but Cory came across and made a vital tackle and won the ball and then passed down the line to Charlie who turned on a sixpence before playing the ball into the Saltford half where Bradley ran on to it; the 'keeper came out, but **Bradley** calmly chipped the 'keeper into the back of the net **0-2**. Saltford had a rare attack and managed to get a shot away from distance which Alfie watched all the way and made an easy save for a 'keeper of his ability. He played the ball out to Finley who found Liam with a nice pass. Liam turned and saw Charlie in space and played a cracking ball to him; Charlie took a shot and was unlucky to see it go wide. We played some great football down our right with Finley finding Bradley who in

turn laid the ball off to Bartek and he did some great skills before crossing the ball to where Bradley had continued his run and he laid the ball off to Liam who shot low and hard' the 'keeper making a good save but the ball bounced back to **Liam** who fired it into the roof of the net **0-3**. We were in total control and a wonderful ball by Cory found Charlie who had space to run into which he did very quickly before shooting, his shot well saved by the 'keeper. Charlie took the corner which went over everyone, but Bartek managed to retrieve it before crossing it back in and Bradley got his head to the ball only to see it go thundering off the crossbar, the ball coming back to **Liam** who rifled the ball past the 'keeper **0-4**. A clever pass from Liam found Charlie who ran down the wing, but his cross was blocked and behind for a corner. Charlie whipped in a lovely cross which found Bradley and he shot first time, the ball coming back off the crossbar to Finley who took a shot which just went over; a great effort.

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A good tackle from Finley stopped a Saltford attack and he toe poked it to Cory who passed to Bradley, and he ran to the halfway line before playing the ball between two defenders to find **Bartek** who took a touch before firing low and hard into the bottom corner of the net **0-5**. From the kick-off **Bartek** was quick to close and get the ball off the defender; he was in the clear and with 'keeper out of position made no mistake with the finish **0-6**. Liam picked up a loose ball in the middle of pitch and passed to Bradley who went around one player before shooting; his shot well saved by the 'keeper however the ball came back to Bradley who got away another shot and this time it came off of the post and was rolling across the line when on all fours **Bradley** managed to tap it in with his nose **0-7**. A ball from Charlie ended up bouncing in the penalty area and under no real pressure one of the defenders had forgot he was playing football rather than Rugby which he had been playing earlier and handled the ball; **Charlie** stepped up and confidently smashed the ball past the 'keeper into the net **0-8**. They played the ball down the right and managed to get the ball just before Cory and got a good cross in; Alfie had read the situation though and dived on the ball. Alfie kicked the ball long and all four of our midfield players went chasing it, however the Saltford player got to it first and cleared leaving all four of them stranded and the Saltford attack against Finley and Cory who could not prevent them having a clear shot which they finished well to give Alfie no chance **1-8**. A flowing move followed from the back with Alfie

finding Cory who waited until a player came to him before passing to Charlie down the line; he passed first time to Liam who played it on to Bradley who drew the defender to him before a simple but effective pass to **Bartek** and he took a touch, looked up and fired the ball into bottom corner; again a great team goal with a top finish at the end of it **1-9**. To give Saltford credit they never gave up and a good move down the left was well worked before they cut inside and played a good ball into the box where a player was on his own who shot low into the corner past the diving Alfie **2-9**.

FULL-TIME: SALTFORD 2 FRYs 9

The Game 2 line-up was:

Bradley W/Kaylum
 Tyler Tristen
 James Aran Kaylum/Bradley W
 Finlay

A crunching tackle from Tristen got us under way and he played the ball out wide to James who powered down the wing before firing a cross into the penalty box; Kaylum did well to reach the ball sticking out a foot, the ball going just wide. They broke quickly and were soon in our half, Tristen came across and made a well-timed tackle to rob the attacker and then he played the ball out to the left where Finlay kept the ball, he passed first time inside to Aran before he played a little dart of a pass to James who from outside the area fired a rocket of a shot which bounced off of the bar, leaving the bar shaking; it came back as far as James who did well to control the ball but was forced out wide. James still did amazing before crossing the ball low and Aran got it and had given himself a yard of space which was all **Aran** needed to find the gap and put the ball in the bottom right corner **0-1**. We were confident now and we attacked in numbers; they made a good tackle and played a quick ball into our half and in the blink of an eye their striker was one on one with Bradley who did well to narrow the angle so that when he shot the angle was so narrow and all he could do was shoot into the side netting. Bradley played the ball out Tyler who did well to take it to the halfway line before passing to Kaylum, who after a quick look laid the ball off to James who fired in a shot hard and low which was well saved by the 'keeper, but the fox in the box **Aran** was first on the scene and cleverly dinked the ball over the 'keeper into the back of the net **0-2**. We were soon attacking again and a good cross from James found Finlay who hit a first time shot which was just deflected wide. James took the corner and found Aran whose header flew over the bar. They went long with the goal kick, and we let it bounce into our half so that they were in the clear; this time they took a snapshot which Bradley did well to save with Tristen clearing the danger. Aran was battling well in midfield and won the ball off two players before threading a ball to James who wriggled clear of the defender before shooting: the bounce unkind to him and just whizzing past the wrong side of the post for Fry's fans.

HALF-TIME: SALTFORD 0 FRYs 2

We were quickly out of the blocks from kick off with Bradley, who was playing on pitch (and Kaylum going in

goal - thanks to both boys for offering to go in goal); Bradley used his skill to beat a player on the wide left before cutting the ball back to Tyler who drove forward before laying the ball to Aran who went past one player before shooting; the 'keeper making a very good save. Saltford had gotten the ball into our half and were trying to play some attractive football and open us up but Tristen had read the situation well, made a great interception and in a flash had played a cracker of a ball to James who slid the ball past a defender before running down the wing where he cut the ball back to Aran who passed first time back to **James** and he hit a shot which had a lot of pace and a bit of swerve and beat the 'keeper via the far post; a sweeter strike you will not see **0-3**. Bradley had worked himself a good angle to get a cross in which he did with great accuracy, the ball coming to Tyler who hit a shot that was goal-bound only for a defender to get a touch on the ball and deflect it wide. James took the resulting corner and hit it with precision to find one of the smallest players on the pitch; **Aran** did not even have to jump to power the header into the back of the net! Andy was happy as he was asked earlier in the day when we will score with a header, **0-4**. We were totally on top and like the first game we were playing some wonderful football, but to Saltford's credit they kept giving 100% and a snapshot from the edge of the area forced Kaylum into making a good save, deflecting the ball behind for a corner. Tristen defended the corner well and got the ball out of the area before passing to Aran who took the ball to the halfway line before seeing out of the corner of his eye James making a galloping run and found him with a perfect pass. James thundered on down the wing before cutting inside, waited for Aran to come level with him before placing the ball on a plate to him just inside the penalty box; Aran shot first time, the 'keeper though made a great save to keep it out, the ball coming out to Bradley at pace but he still managed to get a shot away and was unfortunate to see it just go over the bar; a very quick move that had Saltford chasing shadows. Saltford were glad when the ref blew the final whistle.

FULL-TIME: SALTFORD 0 FRYs 4

OVERALL: SALTFORD 2 FRYs 13

Afterthoughts.....

Well done to all 14 boys who played, to see it was a joy to watch and even the opposition parents/fans commented on how good the football that we played was. The passing and movement from all of the boys was a credit to them; if we play like that, we will be a match for anyone. In Game 1 it was a dominant performance and apart from the fact that we switched off for five minutes at the end were brilliant, and the boys in that game have come on so well. In Game 2 the 'keeper for Saltford made some great saves to keep the score respectable; the only thing to improve on is to try to pass the ball first time rather than try to beat a man then pass but that is only being picky. Saltford, to give credit to their team, even though they were losing there were no tantrums or tears and they kept going to the end. Well done all though to all the boys, on to the last group game next week where a win or draw will see us into the final.