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Number 9 - **'Fight, gentlemen of England! fight, bold yeomen! Draw, archers, draw your arrows to the head! Spur your proud horses hard, and ride in blood'** - Sunday 29th October 2017

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The first Keynsham derby of the season saw us travel the very short distance to play our near neighbours Keynsham Town. We have had the upper hand for the last couple of seasons that we had played Keynsham, but they had gone up to the B Division in the Hanham Minor League so were a division higher than us. For the match we were without Bartek, Finlay and Tyler.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie
Ethem Tristen
James Kaylum Finley
Bradley W

Substitute: Aran

Keynsham attacked first and with some direct play managed to get the ball into the penalty area and cut the ball back and hit a shot high that looked like it would hit the back of the net, but Alfie somehow managed to get a hand to the ball and put it behind for a corner. Finley got to the ball first and played it out under pressure to Kaylum who saw that James had made a run, so played the ball through; James was in the clear, but the ball got stuck in the very long grass and James did well to open up and was about to shoot when the 'keeper did really well to save at his feet. Some good football down the right saw Tristen finding Aran who played a delicate pass on to James who powered down the wing before floating the ball into the area where Kaylum got to the ball first. It hit his knee and was heading in, the 'keeper saving well. It then came back to Kaylum

who got a head to it, this time blocked again, back to Kaylum who toe poked it towards goal; the 'keeper doing his best again to stop it going but the ref decided that ball had crossed the line at some point in the melee and **Kaylum** had his goal **0-1**. Considering how long the grass was we really were passing the ball well from the boys at the back all the way forward and on one occasion we moved the ball up the right side, then back across the middle and the up the left side; most of these passes were done first time and involved all the boys on the pitch! As this team are not usually known for their passing it was amazing to see and shows how much forward the boys have come. A crunching tackle from Ethem set us on our way again and some wonderful skill from Aran left two defenders in his wake, then he passed out to Bradley who went past a defender like he was not there, before shooting, the 'keeper somehow managing to keep the shot out.

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Keynsham settled into the 2nd half quicker than us and were winning the 50/50 challenges and it was not long before they had worked an opening; they had worked the ball down the right and got a cross in, and before Tristen could intercept the ball dropped nicely to the player waiting in the middle who struck a shot from no more than six yards out; Alfie somehow managed to react and make a great save and also managed to hold on to the ball as well. Alfie cleared up-field, but they got to the ball first and came at us in numbers! We were unable to get a challenge in and from the edge of the area they hit a low shot that Ethem managed to block to prevent an almost certain goal. We broke down the left with Bradley cleverly going past a player before chasing his own ball down the wing; he got a cross in that Aran reached but could only head the ball at the 'keeper. They played the ball into midfield where Kaylum did well to win the ball off them; he then guided the ball to James who did a trademark run down the right before cutting in, and he was about to shoot when they made a good challenge. Our

passing was much better, and we were beginning to take control of the game and we were working well as a team! A great ball from Tristen found Bradley who tried his luck from distance, the ball just going over the bar. The 'keeper went long but Aran kept his eye on the ball and got a good head to it which he cushioned well and was first to react; he then threaded the ball to **James** who powered a low pile-driver past the 'keeper and into the bottom corner of the net again **0-2**. Some great individual skill from Aran opened the Keynsham defence and he was clear on goal with only the 'keeper to beat but his shot went wide of the post. Keynsham had one more chance to see if they could get a goal and a move up the left got them to the by-line where they hit a low cross in, and two attackers were waiting but Finley got to the ball first and cleared the danger as the final whistle blew.

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The Game 2 line-up was:

Ethem		
Keanu	Cory	
Oliwier	Bradley G	Charlie
Liam		

We started by passing the ball around well and a good pass from Cory found Charlie out wide on the left. He cut the ball into the middle to Bradley who played the ball through to Liam who had made a good run; he took a touch and then shot, the ball only inches going wide. We gained control of the ball again in the middle of the pitch with Bradley finding Charlie who returned the pass to Bradley who fed it across to Liam who laid the ball off beautifully to **Oliwier** who took a couple of steps before hitting the ball like an arrow into the bottom corner of the net **0-1**. Keynsham attacked down the middle, but Keanu had seen the danger and came across to make a great tackle, with Cory then clearing it up-field. They intercepted the ball though and hit a shot from distance, Ethem saving well. Keanu played a ball out wide to Charlie who crossed to Liam who had to stretch to reach the ball and could only guide it to the 'keeper. Keynsham tried to play the ball out from the back, but Bradley put them under pressure and a stray pass went to straight to Oliwier who shot, and his shot hit Bradley on the back; the 'keeper had already dived so **Bradley** had the easy job of blasting the ball home **0-2**. We got the ball quickly off of them and Oliwier played the ball down the line to Bradley who went past one player before hitting a low cross into the middle of the penalty box where **Charlie** was coming in like a steam train and hit a rocket of a shot past the diving 'keeper into the net **0-3**. We were playing

some delightful football and a cracking ball from Cory found Oliwier who laid the ball off to Liam who with only the quickest of looks found **Charlie** in space and he gave himself a couple of yards before shooting, the ball coming off a Keynsham, head wrong-footing the 'keeper and into the back of the Keynsham net **0-4**. Keynsham went long with a pass and Cory did well to win the tussle with the winger, his clearance though went into the middle where the Keynsham striker got to the ball first and hit a shot first time that gave Ethem no chance **1-4**.

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Keynsham were first to attack in the second half and were in our box within seconds, shooting low, Ethem doing well to save with Keanu following up and clearing the danger. A good ball from Cory found Oliwier who managed to get half a yard away and create an opening for himself. Oliwier got his shot away but it was well saved by the 'keeper who cleared long, the ball making its way to our half and we were unable to get the ball away with it bouncing around the penalty box like a pinball, before it dropped to one of their players three to four yards out that looked like it was going in only for Cory to get a vital touch and put it behind for a corner. We did get a lovely move going with Bradley hitting a glorious pass that found Oliwier on the right, he controlled the ball with great skill and cut back onto his right before laying the ball on to Liam, who once he sorted his feet out went past the defender before shooting, the 'keeper making a great save. We closed them down well and Charlie got to the edge of the box before crossing, and Oliwier had done well to just reach the ball, but his shot was well saved by the 'keeper.

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OVERALL: KEYNSHAM 1 FRYS 6

Afterthoughts.....

A great win in the local derby in tough conditions with the grass being very long and the pitch heavy so with only one sub in Match 1 and none in Match 2 the boys did well. The passing in both games was a joy to watch and was in some respects more pleasing than the result. In the first game one of the passing moves went from side to side with Keynsham chasing shadows, with the 1st time passing that all the boys did, and they made it 2-0 and were the dominant side, and on another day could have won by a few more. In Match 2, the first 15 minutes were magnificent, and we raced into a four-goal lead, and only their 'keeper keeping the score down with some very good saves. Well done all.