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Number 10 - 'In peace nothing so becomes a man as modest stillness and humility' -
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FULL-TIME: MANGOTSFIELD 1 FRY 3

The Game 2 line-up was:

Ethem

Finley Cory

Finlay Aran Bartek

James/Bradley G

We were away to Mangotsfield Colts, a team we had last played on our way to the Cup Final last season. They had undergone changes as their first division team had nicked some of their players, but their fifth division team had folded and some of those players had joined them. We had players missing of our own with no Bradley W, Tyler, Oliwier, or Tristen, and some of these withdrawals were so late that we were unable to move players to even the numbers, so James and Bradley G took half each in Match 2, and it was a chilly day up on exposed Pomphrey Hill.

The Game 1 line-up was:

Alfie

Ethem Keanu

James Liam Charlie

Kaylum

Substitute: Bradley G

We fairly dominated this match and yet in the end it was only 3-1. This was almost completely down to some resolute defending from Mangotsfield, and some impressive goalkeeping which kept the score close. On another day we truly could have reached double figures, and some of the play from our boys was exquisite; Alfie resolute when called upon, Ethem and Keanu making sure that Alfie had very little to do, Liam, Bradley, James, and Kaylum marauding in waves, all set away by some sublime passing from Charlie. We took the lead through **James**, and then **Charlie** and **Liam** finished it off, with Mangotsfield getting one back late to make it respectable. It was nice as we were able to rotate the players through various positions, wide midfield, centre midfield and even ending with the last five minutes of Ethem & Keanu up front.... and yet three minutes after the changes Keanu had had enough of that nonsense and was back in defence of his own accord!

Match 2 followed a similar pattern as we dominated the possession against a resolute Mangotsfield defence. Again, plaudits to all of the players, Ethem looking strong in goal, Cory & Finley an immovable wall, and then Finlay, Aran, Bartek and James/Bradley powering forward with great awareness and passing. This time it was **Aran**, **James** and **Bradley** who got the goals however they managed to get two back. In fairness we were dominating possession so took the chance to move players around again and ended with Cory and Finley as our ravaging forwards but lost a little bit of shape because of it and they got their two late goals, which meant the overall score was closer than the reality.

FULL-TIME: MANGOTSFIELD 2 FRY 3

OVERALL: MANGOTSFIELD 3 FRY 6

Afterthoughts.....

I was very happy with the overall day. We had rotated all our players in various positions, partly to allow us to gauge their improvement out of their comfort zones, but also simply to give them a different experience which will help their global understanding of the game. This was not something that we could always do, and against other opposition that opportunity will not be there. We had also mixed up the two squads from their generally settled line-ups. This must be done every now and then, as next season we become one 9-a-side team with all players having to have a good understanding of each other's play. For this day it worked, as players not used to each other passed and linked up well, which bodes well for next season. I was also pleased that we did not run away with the result. Mangotsfield Colts are a nice team, and we have always gotten on well with their supporters and management, and so I would not want to see us destroy them in a Match. As always, well done to everyone.