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The first local derby of the season, we were away to Keynsham, and it was damp day. Keynsham were looking to try out a new incentive of silent football where the coaches and parents were not allowed to give instructions, encouragement or in fairness any negative comments and just let the boys play. For this game there was no Kaylum or Tyler.

The line-up was:

Alfie

Tristen Ethem Finley

Finlay James Josh Bradley W

Bradley G

Substitutes: Liam, Cory, Charlie, Bartek & Keanu

The raise the profile of Movember, we had a photo of the boys with moustaches and a joint one with a few from Keynsham Town joining a few of ours which is available on our website and hopefully in the Keynsham Voice.



They started well with a good move down the middle, and we struggled to get a tackle in and a shot from outside the penalty area was well saved by Alfie. We attacked next and a good interchange of passes between Bradley G and James ended up seeing James shot just go over the bar. We closed them down well from the goal-kick with Josh getting the ball and setting up Ethem who shot just wide. We had a throw which they intercepted and broke quickly, and we were lucky to see the shot come off the post with Finley clearing. James and Bradley G then combined well again, this time Bradley getting the shot away which was well saved by the 'keeper down low. We earned a corner which was whipped in by Bradley G; the ball came to Josh and from a couple of yards out he was unlucky to see his shot go just wide. The game was played in four quarters to allow the coaches time to discuss with the players any pertinent information which they had been unable to convey during the silent part and the 1st quarter ended 0-0. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter started with Kevnsham on the front foot and only a good tackle from Keanu prevented a shot Kevnsham were soon on the attack again and Charlie knocked it behind for a corner to clear the danger, however from the corner we were unable to clear the ball and they managed to get a foot to the ball that trickled into the net **1-0**. They were on the attack again soon after and only a good save from Alfie kept the score at 1-0. They played a ball down the middle of the pitch, we had all pushed forward which left us wide open and they slotted the ball past Alfie 2-0. There was a battle in midfield, the ball was kicked towards the goal, it deflected off Keanu towards goal, Alfie thought it was a back pass and tried to play it out, but they closed him down and knocked the ball in 3-0. If we had been able to communicate to Alfie that it was not a back pass they would not have scored.

## HALF-TIME: KEYNSHAM 3 FRYS 0

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half started as the 1<sup>st</sup> half ended; we had lost our shape and a simple ball through, and they were in acres of space and a nice finish made it Kevnsham 4-0. We then got an attack going and some good play saw Finlay get the ball in to the middle and Bartek seemed to be in an offside position but was not flagged, so he calmly picked his spot and finished well Keynsham **4-1**. We started to play a bit of football and some good play down the left by Bradley W found Bartek and he flicked the ball on to Liam who used his strength before getting a shot in which was well saved by the 'keeper. They played a long ball forward as most of our defence had pushed forward looking for the offside, but Ethem had stayed well back and kept them onside; they then skipped past Ethem and scored with the ref blowing the whistle for the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter **5-1**. The start of the 4th quarter saw Ethem sitting deep again as they played the ball through, and they ran on and gave Alfie no chance **6-1**. Some good play by Finley down the right saw him surge forward before laying the ball to Bradley G who passed simply back to Finlay whose cross/shot went narrowly wide. They attacked again we did not get a

tackle in, and poor Alfie had no chance as they buried the chance **7-1**. A good tackle was made by Charlie and then he followed the ball to play it wide to Finley who ran and ran and ran down the right wing; Keynsham unable to get a tackle in, then he crossed and Bartek got a shot away that just went wide. A good run down the right by Bradley G opened some space up and he found Finley who moved the ball on to **Liam** who took a touch before blasting the ball home **7-2**. A quick throw from Bradley W found Liam, who from distance took a shot that he was unlucky to see cleared off the line.

### FULL-TIME: KEYNSHAM 7 FRYS 2

# Afterthoughts.....

This was a very disappointing performance and whilst I personally think that silent football does not work and did not help the boys it highlighted that before the game and at half time some of the boys do not listen and are more concerned with messing about, chatting to each and not listening to the coaches! It is only a small amount of time and now that they are getting older, they need to be able to do the basic things. When looking over to the Keynsham team they were all listening to the coaches! Also, we still have some boys who still need to be told the basics e.g., where to be on the pitch, to go to the ball and concentrate; this is all basic stuff and was one of the differences in the teams. We played well in the 1st quarter and could have gone a couple ahead. When the changes were made, we then lost our focus and allowed Keynsham to dominate for 10 mins at the end of the 1st half and start of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter was an even game with the score for that period being 1-1. We need to play for the whole game not just certain periods, and this was another game we should have won.

