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We travelled the short distance to play Spartak a team we had not played in a couple of years due to a few unsporting people involved with them. This has all changed and they were friendly and sporting through the whole game. It was our first game where we were trying the rotational system and for this game Cory, Ethem and both Fin's did not play, in most cases as they were in parades for Remembrance Sunday so well done to them.

The line-up was:

Alfie
Liam Tristen Keanu
James Tyler Charlie Bradley W
Bartek

Substitutes: Bradley G, Kaylum, Josh

Before the game there was one minute silence for Remembrance Sunday which the boys did brilliantly and were a credit to Fry Club JFC. We started the game well and a nice ball from Tyler found James who powered forward and got a shot away that went narrowly over. We had a corner which came out to Bartek; he got tackled and they broke quickly forcing Alfie into a great save. They broke quickly but Keanu had read the situation and even though he could not get a tackle in he put them under enough pressure to make sure the shot went wide. They were playing some good football and only a couple of good saves from Alfie stopped them from scoring. Good play from Bradley and James on the right ended with James getting a good cross in which found Bradley W, and he got the ball under control before shooting, the ball just going over. They worked the ball down the right and whipped in a great cross, but Liam had read the situation brilliantly and got to the ball first, laid it off to Josh who cleared the danger; very well defended. A good throw from Liam found Bradley G who turned to get a shot away which was well saved by their 'keeper. From a corner the ball came into our area, but no one could get a clearance and it bobbed around before a toe poke went under

Alfie into the net **1-0**. Some good passing from both Bradleys and Charlie found Liam who had a shot from the edge of the area just wide. We were working hard and Bradley G and Bartek played the ball around well, a lovely ball from Bradley G found **Liam** who from the corner of the box hit the shot low and hard into the corner of the net **1-1**. They responded quickly and came down the middle; Charlie was unlucky that his tackle went back to one of their players who hit a snapshot into the net to make the half time score **2-1**.

HALF-TIME: SPARTAK 2 FRYS 1

The start of the 2nd half was very even with no clear chances for either side for the first five minutes. A push in the back of Bradley G resulted in us having a free kick; James struck the free kick at goal, the 'keeper saved well, Bartek got to the rebound but the 'keeper recovered quickly and smothered the ball. They took a quick throw which we were not switched on to and they were one on one with Alfie, but Alfie did well to come out and make the save. It was still an even game and some good play by Tyler on the left saw him find Bradley G inside who hit a good shot that was saved by the 'keeper the ball but came back out to Bradley W who got a shot in that just went over the bar. It was then their turn to attack, and they got to the area, Josh got a good block in, and Keanu cleared the danger. From our goal kick the midfield had pushed too far forward and was not goal side, this meant they had a clear path to goal which they took to finish well into the bottom corner **3-1**. Again there was a period of football in the middle for a few minute with not a lot going on, then they broke down their right, Tristen did well to get the block in, but the ball bounced at the edge of the area where we did not respond and just watched as they reacted quicker and forced the ball into the net to make it **4-1**. There were no other chances before the ref blew the final whistle.

FULL-TIME: SPARTAK 4 FRYS 1

Afterthoughts.....

This was generally a better performance, and the effort was better. Having less subs certainly had a positive impact as the boys could stay on the pitch longer and got into a rhythm. Spartak only had two subs and in fact all the teams we have played so far have only had a maximum of two subs and that makes a difference. As we are in a high division, we need to learn that we need to play for the whole game as we still switch off. That said, it was a 100% better than the Keynsham game so well done everyone.