

Number 10 - If we don't end war, war will end us - Sunday 2nd December 2018

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We welcomed Brislington to Manor Road on a wet day for our next game. Brislington had been a side that had on most occasions gotten the better of us; would today be different? For this game we were without Alfie, Keanu, and Charlie. Andy was away so Lee, Gaz, Paul and Mark were in charge.

The line-up was:

Ethem

Tristan Liam Cory

James Bradley G Tyler Bradley W

Bartek

Substitutes: Kaylum, Finlay, Finley & Josh

We started the game well and a good flowing move involving James, Bradley G and Tyler ending with a good pass from James finding Bartek who got barged off the ball but managed to get a shot away which was well saved. Brislington broke quickly and we backed off them before they fired high into the roof of the net giving Ethem no chance **0-1**. Bradley G found Bradley W from a throw and Bradley W moved forward well before firing a shot away which was well saved by the 'keeper. We were playing some great football and were the better side and a fantastic ball from Cory found James who rushed into the box and shot hard and low: the 'keeper making a good save, but the ball came back to James who with great skill chipped the ball over the 'keeper into the corner of the net for a very good finish after some great football 1-1. From their goal-kick Tyler intercepted the ball. He looked up and saw James on the right and played a great ball through, James ran onto the ball and calmly put the ball into the bottom corner of the net 2-1. Brislington were starting to come back into the game, and we were getting pinned back and unable to get the ball out of our half and they were passing the ball around well and a shot from distance gave Ethem no chance as the ball hit the net **2-2**. They were soon on the attack again and a through ball down their right went past Finley and the right winger was

quick to it and cut inside before passing the ball into the net **2-3**. From their goal-kick Josh picked the ball up and played a nice ball to James who had a shot from distance and was unlucky to see it go wide.

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The 2nd half started as the first half finished with Brislington passing the ball well and us being out of position and giving them a free shot that they made no mistake with **2-4**. They took a pot shot from distance that bounced just in front of Ethem and flew into the net **2-5**. We were still trying to pass the ball and the two Bradleys combined, with Bradley W getting a shot away which was well saved by the 'keeper. A nice ball from James found Bradley G and he skipped past a defender before shooting, the 'keeper making a good save. They were soon attacking us again and their speedy, big skilful striker sprang into the area to finish well (Brislington along with a lot of the sides we played kept their best players on the pitch for virtually the whole game where we have been playing all the boys the same regardless of ability) 2-6. From a corner by James, it came to Cory on the back post who shot low and hard past the 'keeper but was cleared on the line. Kaylum defended well and got the ball to Tyler who fed the ball out wide to Cory who sprinted down the wing and got a good shot away, but he was unlucky to see it deflected wide. Another quick ball from Brislington found the striker who again sprinted past us to tuck the ball past Ethem into the net 2-7. A great ball from Liam found Kaylum in space who got to the edge of the area before shooting, the ball just going wide. They had a throw, and we were distracted by a dog barking on the side which allowed them to run past us and cross the ball into the area which they got to it first, but Josh came across and made a well-timed tackle and Finlev cleared the danger. Brislington were soon attacking again, and a quick pass split our defence open, and a good finish gave Ethem no chance 2-8.

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Afterthoughts.....

This was a performance of two halves; the first half we played some good football, and the level of play was like the Almondsbury game. The 2nd half was back to the performance earlier in the season where we were outbattled, and the effort was not there which was a great disappointment after the improvement that had been made over the last couple of weeks.