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The last game before Christmas saw us welcome Ashton to Manor Road. Last time we played Ashton, they beat us 13-1, could we improve on that? This was the first game we were trialling a reduced squad.

The line-up was:

Alfie
Josh Liam Cory
James Tyler Bradley G Bradley W
Keanu

Substitute: Bartek

Ashton started on the front foot full of confidence after the last game against us and were passing the ball well, but the defence of Liam, Josh and Cory were standing firm, closing well and restricting them to long range shots. Bit by bit we worked our way into the game and a good run by Tyler saw him go into the box and get a rocket of a shot away that just fizzed over the bar. A good pass from Bradley W gave Tyler a yard of space to work into and as he moved close to the area he was fouled. James took the free kick and floated a great shot over; the keeper doing well to make a great save. Ashton were playing some good football and a shot from the edge of the area forced Alfie into a good save. Some good play by Josh then found some space and he played the ball to Bradley G who swept the ball on to Bradley W and he touched the ball down the line before firing a shot that just went wide. The game was 50/50 and we were playing some good football in the middle of the park. A nice combination of Liam and Tyler set James off who got a shot away that just went over the bar. The end of the half finished with a neither side taking control nor could not create any more chances in the half.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 0 ASHTON 0

We started the 2nd half well with Bradley W finding Bartek in the middle who flicked the ball into the area

but was unable to get to the ball before the 'keeper. They were attacking down their left side, Keanu had done well to get them between the penalty area and the corner flag, but Keanu gave the Ashton striker a little push in the back which was noted by the ref. From the free-kick they hit high and hard into the back of the net giving Alfie no chance **0-1**. They were soon on the attack again down the right side and we kept backing off and they shot hard and low past Alfie, so in two minutes we had slipped two goals behind **0-2**. The game settled down for around 10 mins with not many chances created then a good ball by James found Bradley W who hit a low shot that just went wide. They attacked down the middle, but Josh made a vital tackle and was unlucky to see the ball deflect to a striker who hit it low past Alfie **0-3**. A great through ball by Cory sent Tyler away, and with the ball heading to the edge of the area it looked like the 'keeper was going to get there first, but he missed the ball sending Tyler clean on goal; he shot first time, but the ball just went wide. We kept going though and a great ball from Bradley G found Josh who sprinted down the right and got a great shot away which was saved by the 'keeper, the ball coming back to Bartek only to see his shot blocked, it then came back to Bradley W whose shot was saved by the 'keeper, finally coming back to **Bartek** to score **1-3**. Bradley W had an amazing run down the left that took him past three players before shooting, the ball bouncing just the wrong side of the post for us.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 1 ASHTON 3

Afterthoughts.....

Even though we did not get the win or draw this was a 100% better performance than the last time we played Ashton and to improve by 10 goals shows that to compete it is better to have the less subs so the players know their positions and can get used to playing in position. The teams that we are playing are coming with no more than two subs and in most cases will not take their better players off; to compete this is what we may have to do as some of the best performances so far this season have been when there has been one or even no subs. Well done to the boys for keeping on going the first half of the season and let's hope 2019 gives us more wins than losses!