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We travelled to Pomphrey Hill for the first of the Spring HML cup group games. The weather was awful with a strong wind and heavy rain showers; the pitch was just about playable. The last time we played Bromley we edged the game 3-2. Josh was unavailable and on the morning of the game both Alfie and Tyler pulled out ill, and with Ethem away for the weekend on a Scout Camp, Keanu stepped up to the plate and went in goal.

The line-up was:

Keanu
Finley Liam Tristen Cory
Josh James Bradley G Bartek

Substitute: Bradley W

We started well and a good pass from Liam found James who shot from just outside the box, but the ball was well saved by the 'keeper. Some good play down the right by James found Bradley G who crossed the ball to Bartek, but he headed the ball just wide. We were putting them under pressure and the ball was hit into the box by Cory where there was a scramble and we got three different efforts toward the goal but somehow the ball would not go in, then they broke into our half, but Keanu was quickly out and made a good save. We were trying to play good passing football in awful conditions and a good pass out of defence from Tristen found Josh out wide and he went past a player before crossing; Bartek got a shot away, but it was narrowly wide. A good pass from Bradley G found Bradley W who shot from distance; it beat the 'keeper but just drifted wide. A lovely ball from Bradley W was played down the line to Bradley G who whipped it across to James whose shot flicked up in the air, Bradley G had followed in and got a head to it which was cleared off the line and it came back to Bartek who flicked it towards goal but the 'keeper made the save. From their goal-kick it came to Bradley G who passed wide to **Bradley W** who hit a lovely, lobbed shot over the 'keeper into the back of the net **0-1**. A good run from Finley forced his way into their half; he then passed to Josh whose shot was well saved by the 'keeper. They finished as they had begun with a lot of possession, but our defence was solid and stopped them getting any chances.

They had the wind advantage in the 2nd half. We were playing well on the break and a good break from Bradley G meant that only a good tackle knocking out for a throw prevented him being clear on goal. From the throw the ball came to Tristen who shot just wide. Bradley W was quick to react from the goal-kick, the 'keeper saving well. We were playing well and pinning them in their half and the ball was cleared but it only came to Cory whose shot was tipped onto the cross bar and then dropped on to the post; very unlucky to not double our lead. They then had us pinned in and a good cross came in, but Liam did well to knock it out for a corner. They got a good shot in that Keanu save well but they reacted first to the rebound to score **1-1**. We broke quickly from their next corner and a good ball from Finley found Liam who knocked it up to Bartek who passed to Bradley W who toe-poked it just wide. Good defending from Josh saw him get to the ball first before laying it up to Bartek who set Bradley G away, but he got bogged down in the mud and they tackled him and broke and managed to get a good shot that Keanu did well to save. A great ball from Cory sent Bradley G away; he was away and clear on goal and the defender running back gave him a push in the back; it looked like it was in the box, but the referee gave it outside the area but did not send the player off which is wrong in the laws of the game. Bradley took the free kick and the 'keeper saved the ball. They broke and played the ball through, Keanu came out and cleared it, they got to it first and it came back to them and this time they shot, Liam cleared it with some great defending. They were attacking a lot and they worked the ball into our area which we could not clear, and they poked the ball into the back of our net with just two minutes remaining **2-1**. We were unable to create a chance to get the draw.

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Afterthoughts.....

We were very unlucky not to get the win let alone a draw in this game; the effort put in by all the boys was fantastic. How Cory's shot did not go in we will never know, and Bradley should have been awarded a penalty or the defender should have been sent off. Sometimes decisions go against you, but you keep going and the boys did that in very testing conditions. Special mention to Keanu for going in goal, he was brilliant. It was also a great effort by the boys on the Saturday before the game bag packing at Tesco, raising an amazing £422.60 which will be split between the Club and the Children's Hospice South West. Well done.

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