



## **FRY CLUB COLTS**

# **U11 MATCH REPORT U11**

Number 20 - **Never think that war, no matter how necessary, nor how justified, is not a crime**  
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We travelled to Ashton for our last Spring Cup group game; the last time we played Ashton at their place we were beaten 13-1 so we knew we were in for a tough game! For this game the rotated players were Ethem, Keanu and Bartek. It was a very windy day but after the rain of the previous day the pitch was in a good condition.

The line-up was:

Alfie

Tristen Liam Josh Finley

James Tyler Bradley G Kaylum

Substitutes: Cory & Bradley W

Ashton started kicking down the slope and were being very physical, and a strong challenge on Liam meant Liam went down injured! A couple of our players stopped to make sure he was ok however the referee did not give a free-kick or stop the play and they carried on and slotted the ball past Alfie **1-0**. The wind was making it hard for the teams to play football and it was battle in the middle of the pitch for ten minutes with neither side creating a chance. We then came under pressure, but we defended solidly and kept them away from the goal and they were unable to create any chances. We were also struggling to get any attacking going and did not create any clear-cut chances. Towards the end of the half, we got into the game more and a good run from Bradley G opened the space and he laid the ball off to Kaylum who got a shot away which was

deflected wide. James took the corner and it floated towards the goal; it hit the crossbar and went over. The ref then blew the whistle to end a hard first half.

**HALF-TIME: ASHTON 1 FRY S 0**

We were soon on the attack and a great pass from Bradley G found James who was suddenly clear on goal and just had the 'keeper to beat but a defender deliberately fouled him! This foul was outside the area but there was a case that the defender should have been sent off! James hit a free kick which came back to Cory who shot low and that was saved by the 'keeper. They broke quickly and with a hint of offside they got behind us and hit a low shot that went across Alfie; the ball hit the post and luckily for them bounced to their player who slotted the ball home **2-0**. They were on top, and a good cross found their striker who got a header to the ball which was well saved by Alfie. We were not pushing up and our defence was sitting and allowing Ashton just to attack and not long after they were in again and a good finish gave Alfie no chance **3-0**.

**FULL-TIME: ASHTON 3 FRY S 0**

### **Afterthoughts.....**

*Well, we improved by nine goals from the last time we played them at their place, and out of the Cup games this was our hardest match! It is not that Ashton are technically better than us, but they are more physical and have adapted to the 9-a-side game better than us which is something we will work on over the summer and will make us stronger. Saying that, another decision by the ref went against us when James was fouled, as the defender was the last man and so should have been sent off meaning they would have only had eight players when the score was only 1-0!*