

Number 21 - Religion isn't the cause of wars, it's the excuse - Sunday 31st March 2019

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Our first game this season against Imperial, a team we have played many times before with us winning some and them winning, so we knew we would be in for a good game. With it being Mother's Day, we were missing some players with Alfie, Tristen, Kaylum, and Finn unable to play. It was a nice day, but the pitch was rock hard, and the grass was very long.

The line-up was:

Ethem

Keanu Liam Josh Cory

James Tyler Bradley G Bartek

Substitute: Bradley W

They started well and passed the ball down the right side before getting a good cross in that one of their big players chested just wide of the post. They were playing some good football and we seemed to be wary of their two big players and we were backing off them and on one of their attacks they had a shot which bounced off the bar and in giving Ethem no chance O-1. They hit a back pass to the 'keeper who cleared it. but Bradley G got to it first and ran into the box and from a tight angle he shot, the ball beating the 'keeper but it was cleared off the line; he did have an option of cutting it back to Tyler who would have had a tap in. This though did seem to give us a boost and when we did get forward, we looked dangerous and a good run from James saw him get into space and get a cross in which Bartek deflected wide. Imperial were still attacking well and only a brave tackle from Josh prevented them getting a shot away. A goal-kick from Ethem went all the way through to their half where James was first to it, and he got to the edge of the area where he passed the ball into Bradley G who looked up and squared the ball to Tyler who had an open goal to tap the ball into 1-1. Imperial were generally still on top, and they were soon on the attack and a good move down the left side saw the ball crossed in and we did not attack the ball and they got to it first before knocking the ball past Ethem **1-2**. We were struggling to get out of our half, and we were slow when getting out which meant the ball kept coming back and a good block from

Liam prevented another goal but from the corner, we made the same error of not attacking the ball and they prodded the ball home **1-3**. A good through ball from Tyler found Bradley G who went around the 'keeper and put the ball into the net however the linesman put his flag up for offside. Ethem took a goal kick, but it went straight to their player and as we were not goal-side he ran through and tucked the ball past Ethem **1-4**.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 1 IMPERIAL 4

The 2nd half started the same as the first one ended with us struggling to get out of half and only some good defending from Cory prevented them from scoring. They still carried on attacking and some guick passing got the ball into our half and only a good save from Ethem stopped them from increasing the lead. They were attacking on the right side and Cory was very brave to take the full force of the ball in his face to prevent them from attacking. A guick ball from Bartek sent Bradley W away who did well to get a cross in, James got to it, but the ball just went wide. They then played a through ball behind us and got to it first, Ethem made a good save however the ball deflected back to the area after a scramble, and they knocked it in **1-5**. We did try to play some football and a good pass from Tyler found Bartek whose shot was well saved by the 'keeper. Bradley W then played a good ball to Bradley G who went past one player before he was clipped from behind for a free kick. James whipped in the free kick, and it was saved by the 'keeper who could only knock it in front of her and Bradley G tried to turn and hook the ball in, but he was tripped over, and a penalty given! Bradley G took the penalty and knocked it past the 'keeper 2-5. Nothing else was created and then just as the ref was about to blow the final whistle their skilful little player got the ball on the halfway line and ran past three Frys played before finishing it well past Ethem 2-6.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 2 IMPERIAL 6

Afterthoughts.....

This game could have been a lot closer and only a spell in the first half and them scoring with the last kick of the game gave them a convincing win! Saying that, if we want to start winning on a more regular basis all the boys are going to need to play to their ability and try harder in games: too many of them are relying on other players to do the work for them. We now have three games left on the Sunday and three on a Friday that all the squad will be able to play in as we look towards next season when we are in an official league.