

Number 26 - They won the war but lost the peace - Sunday 28th April 2019

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Our last home game of the season was the last game in the Spring Cup competition; we welcomed St Vallier to Manor Road, a team we had not played before not even in a tournament. After Friday night's win we were looking forward to the game. Alfie was unavailable so Ethem stepped in.

The line-up was:

Ethem Josh Liam Kaylum Cory Bartek James Bradley G Bradley W

Substitute: Tristen

We started well and were soon on the attack, Bradley G battled well and won the ball in midfield, and he ran at the defence before passing out wide to Bradley W who took a touch before firing a shot into the bottom corner of the net St Vallier tried to play a ball through, but the 1-0 linesman flagged for off-side; Liam took the free kick it went over the defence and Bradley G was quickest to the ball, looked up and knocked it past the 'keeper into the net 2-0. We were well on top and a quick throw from Kaylum found Bradley G who passed inside to James who played a beautiful ball to Josh who shot first time but the 'keeper saved well; it was a great bit of football. St Vallier were trying to pass the ball and a good ball came through and only good defending from Josh forced them to knock the ball out for a goal kick. Ethem found Bradley W with the goal kick, and he passed the ball down the line to **Bradley G** who weaved passed two players before firing a shot into the top left corner of the net 3-0. Another quick throw from Kaylum found Bradley G who crossed the ball to James who got to the ball before the 'keeper and poked it past the 'keeper into the net 4-0. St Vallier were sticking to the passing principle and managed to get a shot away the Ethem saved well. We were causing them trouble with the long ball and another goal kick from Ethem went behind them and Bradley G got to it first again, this time the 'keeper saving well and knocking the ball behind for a corner. James took a great corner that bobbled out in the box and was cleared from danger. They were caught offside again and a good free kick from Liam went through to the 'keeper who cleared it first time but the ball came to

Bartek who passed inside to **Bradley G** who went around the 'keeper to knock it in **5-0**.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 5 ST VALLIER 0

The 2nd half soon took on the same pattern as the first half. St Vallier were passing the ball well but not really going anywhere where we were more penetrating and a good ball from Cory found James who drove past a couple of defenders before unleashing a shot past the 'keeper into the net 6-0. From a goal kick Josh did well to win the ball and pass it to Bartek who ran to the edge of the area before hitting the ball into the top corner of the net **7-0**. St Vallier were still trying and caused us some problems, one player ran through a couple of us then went past Ethem, but Tristen got back and made an amazing tackle! We were soon on the attack again and a delicate pass from Bradley W put Bradley G in; he went past one defender before slotting the ball past the 'keeper into the net 8-0. St Vallier were still trying and a great shot from distance came off the bar and dropped to one of their players who was unlucky to see his shot go over the bar. Tristen took a quick throw which found James and he saw Bradley G in space so played a great ball in between two defenders. Bradley G ran on to the ball and calmly finished into the bottom corner **9-0**. From another Ethem goal kick they tried to head the ball clear, but it just flicked off the defender's head straight to ${\bf Bradley}~{\bf G}$ who passed the ball past the 'keeper into the net ${\bf 10-0}.~$ St Vallier kept going and some good play down the right meant they had a yard of space to cross the ball it and as it came to them in the middle, they knocked it in to get a deserved goal **10-1**. We were quicker than they were though to situations and from another throw, this time taken by Bradley W, James went past a player and was quickly in space and he had no trouble in beating the keeper **11-1**. They kept going to the end and another cross from the right came into the box, Josh tried to clear and was unlucky to see his clearance go into the net 11-2.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 11 ST VALLIER 2

Afterthoughts.....

What a stunning way to end our home season! We have been on the receiving end of results like this earlier in the season so know how it feels to lose by this amount. St Vallier were missing their normal goalkeeper and the captain, and this will make a difference so if we play them again, we will need to make sure we are not overconfident. That said, the performance for much of the game was brilliant, we passed the ball well, stayed in position and took the goals well and it is understandable that we switched off at the end but well done all. One more game to go and then we can look forward to next season.