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We travelled to a Bradley Stoke on a lovely early Autumn morning for our first game of season and our first ever official league game where there will be points to be played for. Their pitch had been marked out wrongly, so they had marked over that in Blue and remarked it in White meaning two different sets of lines quite close together which caused much confusion (more on that later!). For the last season of 9v9 we are making sure all the boys get a rest week equally as we will be taking a squad of 11 to the games, so on an equal basis all the boys will get rested; out for the first week Tyler, Keanu and Ethem were rested (if you know a week that is not convenient please let Andy know at least the Sunday before).

The line-up was:

Alfie
Finley Josh Cory
Tristen James Bradley G Bradley W
Bartek

Substitutes: Oakley & Kaylum

We were in our away red kit for the first game and we started well and were passing the ball around and put them under pressure causing them to handle the ball. James took the free-kick and it floated over the bar. We were just caught off side and they took a quick free-kick that caught us out and they hit a stinging shot that hit the bar and Alfie dived on it. From their goal-kick we got the ball off of them Bartek put a ball through, but it was just out of Bradley G's reach, but he got a toe poke that the 'keeper saved and put behind for a corner. They were soon on the attack and a good block from Cory prevented the cross coming in and went behind for a corner. The game then settled into a strong midfield battle without much being created. A ball was played down their left side, Finn got to it and went to look to see it out; the ball crossed a line but unfortunately not the right line and they nipped in and played the ball into the box; James did well and got back to make a tackle, the ball went behind for a corner, the ref though saw the Bradley Stoke player had gone down under the challenge and gave a penalty, their player hit a great penalty, Alfie got a hand to it but was unable to keep it out **1-0**. We were doing well from their goal kick and James got to the

ball first he passed into the box, Bradley G got a touch to the effort and deflected towards the goal, the 'keeper saved it and knocked it on to the post and behind for a corner. James put in a great corner, it came to Oakley whose left foot shot was deflected wide. They broke quickly and stretched us, but Finn used his pace to get back and knock it behind for a corner. They took a good corner and it was heading in only for Bradley G to clear it off the line. They kept us pinned in for a bit, but we were defending well and some good defending from Josh stopped them in their tracks. From a free kick Cory found James who beat one man before shooting just wide.

HALF-TIME: BRADLEY STOKE YOUTH 1 FRYS 0

We started the 2nd half well and were on the attack quickly the ball falling to James at the edge of the box and he shot at the near post but the 'keeper saved it; a bright start! A ball over the top into the corner was cleared by the 'keeper to Bradley W who hit a shot towards the goal as the 'keeper back peddled and it bounced up onto the underside of the bar, then down and bounced up, and as it bounced up, the 'keeper caught it, however his body was touching the back of the net! The linesman kept his flag down and the referee was on the halfway line, and waved play on! We were a bit shell shocked at the goal not being allowed and the pinned us back, Josh got a tackle in that the ref gave as a free-kick at the edge of the area they hit a great free-kick that went into the top corner not giving Alfie a chance **2-0**. This to be fair was a blow to the boys but they kept going and this was shown when Bradley Stoke worked the ball into the area; a good save from Alfie came back to them, Cory then got a block in it came back to them again who shot this time Finn blocked it then Bradley W blocked it before finally Tristen blocked it and made a great clearance. A great ball from Bradley G found Bartek who was clear on goal; the defender came across which caused Bartek to stop before shooting and the shot was easily saved.

FULL-TIME: BRADLEY STOKE YOUTH 2 FRYS 0

Afterthoughts.....

The result was probably the right one as we did not create enough going forward where we did not hold the ball up enough, chase them down enough and did not work hard enough in their half. Defensively we were brilliant and the only goals we conceded were the dodgy penalty and a free kick which was unstoppable. I thought all the boys were brilliant in their attitude after the decisions that went against us especially the penalty which was a good tackle and Bradley W's shot that crossed the line by a good couple of yards and kept trying and doing their best with no moaning at the ref! We have played teams that will moan and gripe over a throw in going against them so well done boys, next week we have the first local derby of the season!