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After a very wet 24 hours the pitch at Somerdale had held up and the game was on as we welcomed Clifton Chargers to Somerdale for the first time. Due to sickness Tyler and Oakley pulled out of the squad on Sunday morning meaning which meant that Bradley G and Cory got called up from their rotated weekend out. Bartek was already out as he had been sick all weekend. After last week's win against Coalpit Heath could we follow it up with a good performance?

The line-up was:

Alfie			
Finn	Tristen	Cory	
Josh	Bradley G	James	Bradley W
Ethem			

Substitutes: Keanu & Kaylum

The conditions were not the easiest with rain coming and going and some strong gusts of rain. From a long goal kick we let it bounce over us and they came in behind us to shoot just wide. It was hard for any team to get in to a flow; we had a corner which James took and the ball came out to Cory who shot first time just wide. We played some great football down the left with some good inter-passing between Cory, Bradley G and James with James' shot being well saved from the 'keeper. It was a proper battle and we were standing up to all that Clifton threw at us with the defence of Finn, Tristen and Cory fantastic at the back, reading the game so well and using their pace and resistance to stop them getting many shots away. If anything the times we were most at risk were from goal-kicks as they were quick to close down and get to the ball, but chances were few and far between. Some good play between Kaylum and Keanu who passed the well between

them led to a chance for Kaylum who shot just wide. No other chances were created in the rest of the half.

HALF-TIME: FRY'S 0 CLIFTON CHARGERS 0

The 2nd half started the same as the 1st half; the conditions were still just as bad and a shot from Bradley W was blocked which was followed by some nice passing between Ethem and Bradley G which was finished with Ethem just shooting wide. They were also trying to play some nice football and we could not get a tackle in as they managed to get a shot that just went wide. We played some good football with Josh finding Bradley G and he passed wide to James who knocked it into Ethem who turned and shot, but it went wide but was a good effort. They attacked and played a ball which split our defence and suddenly they had two players with only Alfie to stop! Alfie was up to it and made a great save to knock the ball behind for a corner which came to nothing. From their goal kick Kaylum did well to win the ball, he passed between two players to Ethem who used his strength to hold the ball up and cross the ball across the face of the goal and **Bradley W** ran on to it and finished brilliantly to give us the lead **1-0**. The wind was still blowing strong and was hard for both sides to play good football but the effort was fantastic. Josh dropped into defence and joined the other back line being brilliant and restricting them to little or no chances as we went four at the back in a bid to hold on to the win. When they did get a shot away Alfie was up to it and produced a great save when they hit a shot from distance. They nicked the ball off of James in the middle of the pitch and broke quickly, Finn M closed them down and put them under pressure and they shot but it went wide. They were looking for the goal that would bring them level but we were putting bodies in the way and getting blocks in and a great clearance from Josh stopped them getting any more shots at our goal.

FULL-TIME: FRY'S 1 CLIFTON CHARGERS 0

Afterthoughts.....

This performance, no matter if we had won lost or drawn the game was another step forward and from last week the effort was fantastic from all the boys they all worked their socks off, got in the way of shots, tracked back and were amazing going forward. We were not as good as we can be but at times it is about putting a shift in to get a result and they did that today so well done to all the boys. Next week we have a cup game against Keynsham Lions.