



## FRY CLUB COLTS

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On a grey cloudy but dry day we welcomed Clifton Chiefs for the first time to Somerdale, another team we had not played before. We had played the other Clifton team a couple of weeks ago and managed a hard earned 1- 0 win so we knew we were in for a tough game. Andy was away studying; we did not realise he was only 16 (must have had a hard life!). Kaylum, Keanu and Tyler were rested for the game.

The line-up was:

		Alfie	
	Finn M	Tristen	Cory
Josh	James	Bradley G	Bradley W
		Ethem	

Substitutes: Oakley & Bartek

We started well and a good ball from Bradley G found Ethem who used his strength to get to the edge of the box before shooting wide. We had a throw which found Josh and he played a great ball into James who hit a first time shot that the 'keeper did well to push behind for a corner. James hit a lovely corner that Bradley G guided towards goal but they had someone on the post that cleared it off the line. Tristen was playing well, reading the game, making good challenges and interceptions. They came down their left and played a good ball into the box that evaded everybody apart from the player running in at the back post and he knocked the ball in **0-1**. A good ball from Josh split the defence and set Ethem away who was clear on goal but hit shot a few yards wide. They attacked down the middle; Alfie was brave and got a knock from their big attacker. The ball came back to them and although we had gotten back, we stood watching while they blasted the ball past Alfie who was injured **0-2**. We kept on trying and in general we were the team on top and we had earned another corner that James

took; it came into the box to Oakley who got a shot away that was cleared off the line again.

### HALF-TIME: FRY'S 0 CLIFTON 2

We were on the front foot straight away and a good ball from Finn found Bradley W who ran down the wing and crossed the ball and Ethem got there first but shot just wide. We were putting them under pressure and Bradley G got to their goal kick, laid the ball off to James whose shot went narrowly wide. We were battling hard and were putting them under pressure and a good ball from Cory found James in the box who turned and shot, the 'keeper made a good save, they tried to clear but Bradley G blocked it and shot, the ball smashing off the post and they then cleared the danger. We were striving for a goal to get us back into the game and a strong run from Oakley meant they knocked it behind for a corner. James put the ball in the right area and Bradley G attacked it only for it to be cleared off the line; the ball came back to Bradley G but he could only guide it back to the 'keeper's arms. They attacked down the right and we could not get a tackle in and they crossed the ball into the middle; Bradley G was racing back and tried to make the tackle but got the player rather than the ball to concede a penalty. They took a good low hard penalty giving Alfie no chance **0-3**. We kept going and a good ball from Ethem played **Bartek** in and he ran towards goal, got a yard on the defence before shooting hard and low into the corner of the net **1-3**. A good knock from Bradley G found Bradley W who waited for the ball to go across him before shooting just wide and the ref blew up not long after.

### FULL-TIME: FRY'S 1 CLIFTON 3

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

*This was a close game and on another day we would have won. We had four shots cleared off of the line, hit the post and lots of other chances whereas they had five chances at most and put them away, the 2<sup>nd</sup> goal was a foul on the 'keeper which the ref did not see. These are the sort of games we will have this season. I think we nicked it against the other Clifton and against Bradley Stoke we deserved at least a draw. These types of games are so much better than losing by a large amount or even winning by a big amount so even though the result did not go our way the performance was good though some of the boys were very tired after late nights on the Saturday!*