



FRY CLUB COLTS

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Number 10

Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure.

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During the two weeks of cancelled games, we had signed Andy on from Chew Valley, and this was his first chance to play. Six weeks after injuring his hand Joby was back, on the understanding that as soon as it hurt he would come off. What this meant, was that for the first time this season (game 10) we actually had two subs!

The line up was:

		Joby		
Dan	Josh	Aaron	Joel	
Spike	Sam	Joe	Max	
	Jay	Tom		

Substitutes: Chilly & Andy

Sam won the ball in the middle and played it wide to Spike who nicked it past his man and went inside to Jay. Jay went back out wide for Spike down the line and he hit a cross in, but the 'keeper got there just ahead of Tom. Dan played an excellent ball down the right for Spike to chase and again he crossed in a lovely ball, this time for Jay to challenge, but again the 'keeper got there first, however already both Spike & Jay are working overtime! Tom then shot from a poor clearance, but their 'keeper again saved. We were attacking on the right, but it was cleared long to the left and suddenly they were through as we had over-committed. Josh raced across and Joby charged out, but all in vain as their attacker just lifted the ball over the top and in, against the run of play **1-0**. They had a throw on the edge of our area and went across field. Aaron anticipated, cut it out, and then went for it, all of the way through and into their box, but his shot went just wide. Joby then kicked out but they won it, ran in on goal to where Joby forced them wide and Joel ran in behind to cover and guarded the net as the shot ran wide. Joe took a throw which was flicked on by Tom and Sam ran onto it, shooting high, only to see it hit the crossbar and come out.

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Joel threw for Max to duck, allowing Sam to run onto it. He crossed and Tom shot, only to see the defender make the

block. Aaron picked it up, ran across goal and hit a lovely reverse pass, but their defender got there just ahead of Andy. We forced a corner which Tom floated over and Aaron attempted an overhead kick, but it was wide. Spike worked hard to win a free-kick wide on the right. Tom whipped it in for them to concede a corner. Tom hit it in low and Spike returned it so he chipped it in for Aaron to flick on and their defender headed it goal-wards, but unfortunately just the wrong side of the post. Andy won the ball, passed it to Chilly and he played Tom in on the left to lift over the 'keeper and into the net, never in a million years was it offside as I was level, but their linesman must have looked up late and so flagged. For the last 15 minutes we went three at the back as we tried to get the goal back to keep us in the tie. It was always going to be a dangerous move against a first division team and they had their break. Josh chased back to make the challenge, followed by Aaron, but the ball broke for them just facing Joby, however he stood tall and made the save. They then had a shot from a good 30 yards which I thought was well over, but it dipped late and hit the crossbar, however it bounced down and Joby grabbed it. With ten minutes remaining Joby finally succumbed to the pain and so Jay went in. Joe floated in a great corner, but Tom's header was just over. We had a few more chances and saw the flag raised every time, some very debateable, but finally the whistle blew and our cup journey was over.

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<p align="center"> Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy & Dave for excellent play and effort – Spike & Jay </p>

Afterthoughts.....

We were absolutely fantastic to a man. If ever a team award was needed it was today, however those two did stand out for Dave & I. They must have had about six attacks during the whole game and we camped in their half for the rest, passing and moving the ball so well and I am sure an independent observer would have assumed that we were the 1st division side. We battled harder, ran more and tackled better, and a deserving result would have been a win. If we can carry this level of play onwards, there will be no team that we need fear in our division for the rest of the season.