



FRY CLUB COLTS

U12 MATCH REPORT U12

Number 13 Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. Sunday 1st February 2009

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Another week missed due to the bad weather, and then we were off to Henbury. We had won convincingly at home, but they had had some big wins and had only lost one other. Previously we had both had 11 players, whereas this time we both had more. The pitch was awful, muddy, long grass and undulating which we were sure would play a major factor.

The line up was:

		Joby		
Dan	Josh	Aaron	Joel	
Spike	Sam	Joe	Max	
	Andy	Tom		

Substitutes: Jay & Kallan

Max was being fouled but the ref played the advantage and he put a great ball down the left wing for Tom to take on. He steadied himself for a shot, but it allowed their defender time to get back and he just got a tackle in. Joel played the ball to Joe out wide left who flicked it up and in for Sam to flick on and Tom charged through, taking the ball with him, but shot just left of the post. A bad kick out was chested down by Joe and he found Tom, but his shot was held by the 'keeper. He kicked long and it was flicked on and they were in on Joby. He came out well to narrow the angle, but it was hit past him in their first attack after we had had three or four **1-0**. They went wide and hit into the middle where Joby dived out, but it slipped behind him, however he recovered well and got to it amongst a flurry of feet. They forced a corner on their right which was floated over and no one made a challenge and it came to a player on the back-post who side-foot volleyed it in **2-0**. We committed forward to try to get back in the game and again they hit us very fast, however Dan got a vital challenge, then Josh, and it hurried them as Joby came out as well and they hit it wide. Max won the ball and got it into the middle for Tom

to win and shoot. The keeper made a save, but the ref had a word with Tom! We don't know why.

HALF-TIME: HENBURY 2 FRYS 0

Major words at half-time about desire and the need at times for the simplest things meant that we started the second half renewed. They hit it over the top and Josh got to it, but his pass-back was short in the mud, however Joby was quickly out and forced the shot wide. Jay chased back to win the ball and touched it to Kallan and then onto Dan to hit into the middle, where Aaron rode two challenges before getting it wide to Joe. **Joe** shot high, and we all thought over, however it dropped perfectly into the net **2-1**. Josh won the ball in the middle and found Sam, who in turn got it to Max, and he went down the line to Joe. Joe hit a low cross in early and **Tom** stormed in at the near post to beat the 'keeper **2-2**. They hit over a corner which Joby juggled with but eventually got hold of before kicking wide towards Kallan. He got it and set off on a storming run, well over half the length of the pitch down the wing, before hitting a low shot which the keeper kept out at his near post with his foot. Joel won the ball left and played a cracking ball down the line for Max to chase and he crossed it only for no one to be there, however they panicked a clearance to Joe, who hit high again, but this time it was over. A ball down the line and crossed had us chasing towards our goal, but Tom just got a foot in, then Joby dived in at the feet of two or three challenges bravely to gather it. They went down the right and crossed to the back post where one player hit it back across the face of goal and three players ran in, any of them needing a touch to win the game for Henbury, but it was just too far ahead of them.

FULL-TIME: HENBURY 2 FRYS 2

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Aaron, Josh, Tom & Sam**

Afterthoughts.....

The pitch had a major effect on us, at times getting stuck, and in one passage of play we had about 15 attempts to clear it but none went further than five yards! That said we played great passing at times, and the effort in the second-half was phenomenal and in fairness we could have easily gone on to win it, although over the balance of 60 minutes, a draw was a fair result.