



## FRY CLUB COLTS

# U12 MATCH REPORT U12

Number 23

It's not the despair, I can take the despair. It's the hope I can't stand.

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HALF-TIME: FRY 1 BRISLINGTON 1

With the draw on Friday we knew the Top Spot was no longer our choice. We needed FDS to slip up, whilst we keep winning.

The line up was:

		Joby		
Dan	Josh	Aaron	Joel	
Spike	Sam	Tom	Max	
	Jay	Andy		

Substitutes: Kallan & Joe

They had a corner which flew high in. It seemed too high for Joby and was heading for a Brislington header a yard from goal, however Joby just got his fingertips to it and took it away and Josh finished the clearance. A ball through saw Andy away, however a sliding challenge saw a foot nick it away for a throw. Another corner saw Joel rise brilliantly to head clear under pressure, Max took it on, found Tom who went wide, but the shot was into the 'keeper's arms. We took a goal-kick which they won with a header, but Joby was out quick to grab. He took a quick drop-kick to the left for Max to win and he was away down the left. He found **Sam**, and he had the pace to beat the right back, in towards goal, riding a challenge and from an acute angle lifted it with pace over the 'keeper **1-0**. They had a long high shot, but Joby caught it. Wide again to Tom who knocked it on for Max to battle with their right-back. He laid it through for Tom who had continued his run, but it took a nasty bobble as he went to kick it, and it skewed wide. They hit a high corner over and Sam attacked it brilliantly to clear as far as the edge, however it was hit back in. they had three players on the six-yard line offside, but a fourth slightly wider and onside, and it came to him and he smashed it in **1-1**. At least we can say we have an honest and fair linesman. Read on to see if they can say the same! Tom swung an attack over, but Andy & Jay were just beaten to it by their defenders. A ball down the left was won by Andy and he cut inside past their defenders and smashed it high from an acute angle, just like Sam's goal, but this one hit the bar and bounced out.

Spike found Sam with the ball and he laid it across for Tom. Tom played it back to Sam who found Max left. Max got it back to Sam 40 yards out, who passed it inwards to Tom 30 yards out. He played a diagonal ball for Andy to run into. Their 'keeper came out and made the save from Andy's shot, pushing it wide right. Andy went after it and got it to Spike, who beat a defender and got it to Andy, who crossed it over and it came to **Joe's** chest to control, then he hit it high and the 'keeper was going the wrong way before he glimpsed it and couldn't recover **2-1**. We pushed our big players forward for a throw and suddenly they were away and they were just too fast. Joby came out, but it was slotted past him and in **2-2**. A great ball was played into the middle for Andy to control, on the halfway line with his back to goal and two defenders behind him. Joe at this time was right out on the left touchline in an offside position. At this point their linesman's flag went up for offside, and the referee blew! Honest! Andy then challenged a high ball in the box and took a knee in his back for the trouble. Joe played a great ball down the left for Max to cross over and all Spike had to do was dive at it to head it in to an open net, but unfortunately it was just too far ahead of him. Jay hit a ball down the line for Joe with the outside of his foot and Joe crossed it over. Jay had got there, got a touch to the far right post and Spike was inches from it. Tom worked hard down the left and got it back for Joe to cross. It went for the far post where it just dropped wide. A foul throw, which the linesman saw but ref didn't, came into our middle and their player shot hard and high, just over Joby's despairing hand and in **2-3**. We switched Jay and Aaron at this point as a last throw of the dice, and a ball in saw Joel chase in and slide for the ball, but their 'keeper saved it bravely and took a toe in the face.

FULL-TIME: FRY 2 BRISLINGTON 3

<p><b>Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Spike</b></p>
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*Afterthoughts.....*

*We know that with this result, our aspirations of League winners effectively ended. Dave was quite hard on the team after the game, and with good reason at many points, as we simply had not tried hard enough in the first half, nor passed it well enough. The second half was a different matter as we dominated, however they created two chances and took them both. I was more upbeat, as we knew at least, despite school bragging rights over the result, we had school bragging rights over the League positions.*