



FRY CLUB COLTS

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Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day.

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This had originally been a return fixture from pre-season last year, when Bath City Youth 'A' had beaten us 3-1 at their ground. Added this year was that the Bath City Youth 'B' team would play our Wanderers at the same time on the next pitch, making it more of a communal game. Unfortunately, a lot of their players were injured or away, and as a few of their players were at the Bath Academy, that Manager offered to take their slot. To make it more interesting, Matt, who had played for us and scored at the weekend against Weston Crusaders, would this time line up against us. We welcomed back Jay from injury, and both Bryn & Callum for their official 11-a-side debuts

The line up was:

		Joby		
Josh	Aaron	Brandon	Reece	
Jay	Charlie	Sam	Max	
	Myles	Callum		

Substitutes: Bryn, Tom & Ben Clapp

They played some nice possession football but as they approached our goal we won it back and Josh picked it up, playing it down the line for Jay. He ran with it, then curled one in behind their defence to where **Callum** was running through, and after taking a touch he rifled a shot that was still rising as it cannoned in off of the underside of the bar **1-0**. They were then awarded a free kick

just outside of the area which Brandon got his head to and pushed it onto the crossbar and out for a corner. Their player curled in an in-swinger and **Aaron** got his head to it, unfortunately from the wrong direction, and although Joby got his hand to it, it wasn't enough to stop it and that was the equaliser **1-1**. Another great ball down the right for Jay and he slipped Sam in behind them where he shot from the bye-line, but it was high and too narrow. We forced a free-kick in their right-back area and Tom floated one over which Aaron jumped for, however he was just under it and it went up and came back off of the crossbar for Myles to spin and shoot, but it was well saved by the 'keeper. They then played some nice one touch passing which led to an attacker through and he prodded it past Joby into the corner **1-2**.

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Joby's massive kick saw the bounce deceive their defenders and Tom was almost in, however their defender was also quick and big, and he used his strength to manoeuvre Tom away from the ball and allow the 'keeper to gather it. Bryn then played Tom through, but his shot was parried and then cleared. Bryn harried Matt really well down in their left-back corner and won a corner. **Tom** chipped it in but it was met at the front post back out to him, and from this better angle he hit high for the back post and in **2-2**. Charlie played a ball in to Tom, who slipped it first-time wide for Max to chase, and after progressing down the line, he played it into the area to Myles, and from where we were stood, he looked to be brought down, however the ref waved play on and it came to Tom on the right, but the 'keeper saved his shot. After a brief discussion Myles had to come off, and the injury ended his night's participation. Bryn then also had a long shot, but the 'keeper again was in the right place. They then worked the ball in behind our defence. Joby made a great save, but it came loose and he was off of

his line and so they turned and chipped for the far post, but it was wide. Brandon passed out of defence and it was flicked through for Tom, but the 'keeper just got there ahead of him. They attacked again, and despite some good challenges the ball ran for them, and Jay again had to make the save. They hit a corner over and no one made any challenges as it was headed over, a lucky escape. The ball was played into Callum's feet and he swivelled first time left with a ball out to Tom. Tom flicked it over the defender and shot, but unfortunately it went behind the goal. The approach play from all concerned was excellent however. Another ball into Callum was hit wide to Charlie this time who played Tom down the line, but his ball in was just gathered by the 'keeper. Another nice passage of passing play however. They then played wonderful passing to get in, and we thought "goal", however Joby narrowed the angle, made the save and Brandon cleared it up. Charlie won it and went down the line to Tom who beat his man and got the ball in. Their player got there and tried to pass back for his 'keeper however Callum had carried on and nicked it away from him taking him wide. He shot for the line and it was cleared to Sam, but he was crowded out. Callum then spun with the ball out to Charlie who shot high but the 'keeper saved it. Jay then played a lovely ball down the right line for Callum who controlled it and spun inside and switched play for Charlie to go down the line, but his cross was intercepted at the last minute. At this point I actually made the point on the Dictaphone that plays were happening faster than I could record it, that how fast the attack and counter-attack was occurring! They then passed well and their attacker spun and shot for the bottom right, but Joby dived athletically and got his hand to it.

TWO-THIRDS-TIME: FRYS 2 BATH ACADEMY 2

They were instantly through with Reece chasing. Joby came out and forced the early prod, and Reece was able to get around the back and clear from the line. Charlie played it over the top for Tom, but again their fast defender just got there ahead of him and got in to clear. Tom played wide for Charlie to play inside. They won it back and tried to pass to the 'keeper but Charlie intercepted and passed to Callum with his back to goal and he spun and shot for the far right first time, but it was just wide. A ball at our defence saw Reece get the end of his foot to it, but that took it away from Aaron, who himself could only do the same and that took it past Brandon and they were in on goal, however Charlie slid in with a fantastic six-yard line block and it was cleared.

Bryn went down the right and passed inside to Tom. He touched it on to Callum whose shot was blocked out to Max running in, however his shot fell just over. Sam won the ball on the left and switched a fantastic 40-yard ball for Bryn to run onto, but as he nicked it past the 'keeper, the 'keeper was just able to get something on it and gathered at the second attempt. A great ball from Sam though. They shot early through the crowd, low and from distance, and the late sighting took Joby by surprise and he couldn't get there, however it hit the right post and ricocheted back into the middle, where Joby and Brandon reacted just ahead of the attacker and between them cleared it. Right at the end and a speculative shot flew in, bounced up off of the wet grass, and with the light fading, deceived Joby who could only parry it up, and for once our defenders hadn't chased in, and they had a simple one yard header **2-3**. Aaron won the ball in the middle and played it to Sam. He ran and laid it wide right to Callum, who cut back onto his left and flashed a shot across the face of the goal and just wide.

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<p>Man of the Match – Chosen by the Bath Academy Manager for excellent play and effort – Tom Johnson</p>
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Afterthoughts.....

What a fantastic game. In terms of quality, that was without doubt the best I have ever seen us play, but then judging by where we are now going to be playing, we should see those sorts of performances. With just Joel missing, that was a much better game to allow Dave and I to see what our team can do, and I have to say that I was impressed. Yes there were individual errors, and yes, a few players tired near the end, but take nothing away from that performance, we passed incisively, we used the full extent of the pitch, and we created numerous chances against a very good team. If I am honest I would say that they had more of the possession, but we battled hard to win it back, and possibly had a few more chances than they did, and I feel the fairest result would probably have been a draw. I hope that this bodes well for the coming season, as I feel (without having seen some opposition teams) that we have a great chance to made a real impact on the first division.