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Champions keep playing until they get it right.

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With the round-robin that we were due to play at the weekend cancelled, we managed to arrange a game against AEK Boco. It's a team who every year start very strongly, but lose their way around Christmas, so the start of the season should catch them strong. Brandon & Charlie were unavailable, however we welcomed back Joel from his holiday. Joby thought that it was 6.15pm arrival as opposed to 6.15pm kick off, so Aaron spent the first few minutes in goal.

The line up was:

		Joby		
Josh	Aaron	Reece	Joel	
Jay	Sam	Tom	Max	
	Myles	Callum		

Substitutes: Bryn

We pushed forward initially, however a quick ball over the top saw their player in, but Aaron narrowed the angle and made the save. Joby then arrived, however the same ball over the top caught us out and Joby narrowed the angle, forcing them to go for the chip which fortunately had too much power and floated over. Tom won the ball in the middle of their half, beat his man and then played a reverse pass for Myles to run in on, however Archie in their goal was alert and got there just ahead of him. We forced a corner which Callum floated across and Sam at the back post angled his header just the wrong side of the post. Josh went down ill, and that ended his night. Sam then played it wide to Bryn, back inside to Callum, out to Sam, through to Bryn and inside to Callum just as he was challenged, but it was Arsenal-esque, perhaps a bit too much passing when a shot was on?

HALF-TIME: FRY 0 AEK BOCO 0

A throw down in the left corner was taken by Callum back and in to Reece. He played it inside to Myles, who flicked it on out to Bryn, and he took an early shot with his left, but it didn't curl back enough and went wide. Tom then won it in the middle, played it in to Myles who went wide to Bryn again, and Bryn's cross was inviting for Sam, but again Archie got there just in time. They went down their right and crossed it however Jay got there and cleared it wide to where Bryn chased and kept it in, before he played it down the line. Sam took it wide and crossed, this time for Callum to attack at Archie, forcing a corner from the nervous defender. The corner flew in past everyone as no one attacked it. Jay won the ball on the right and played it forward for Tom, who found Sam with a pass. Sam

crossed to Callum who held it well before laying it off for Tom to shoot..... well we'll call it a shot just to be nice, but it ended fairly close to the corner flag! Tom swung in a corner, headed back at goal by a defender which Archie reacted well to save, and then Myles shot, but it skimmed up and dropped just over. They attacked and crossed it in to where Joel cleared, however it hit Tom and flew back at goal to where their player was waiting, and he toe-poked it past Joby 0-1. Callum swung over a corner which both Myles and Max had shots from, all blocked including Archie again on the line and out to the other side for a corner. Sam swung this one over and Aaron got a glancing header, but unfortunately too glancing and it shot wide of the far post. Tom was fouled 30 yards out, so Aaron charged in and took a quick kick for Callum, but his low blast was held well by Archie. We pressured their goal, but it came out and Reece just leathered it goalwards, unfortunately for Aaron, right at him. Their attacks were increasingly rare, however one saw a spin and chip which Joby decided was too difficult for a catch and pushed it over. Right at the end a corner came in and somehow Sam missed it as he ran at the goal, however it came to Max, and the Ref saw a push in Max's back and awarded a penalty, to many complaints from AEK Boco. I have to admit to not seeing the incident so couldn't comment. Aaron stepped forward and buried it in the left corner 1-1. Sam had been injured going for that ball, so we finished the last minutes with 10 players.

FULL-TIME: FRY 1 AEK BOCO 1

<p align="center"> Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Aaron Sutton </p>

Afterthoughts.....

There were no bad performances tonight, however there were also very few stand-out performances. Everyone did enough, but we need a different few players at each game to play above their level to give us that little edge.

In the first half especially we looked hurried and harried, with only a few occasions of controlled passing and player awareness. It certainly got better in the second half as we did take control, but if I'm brutally honest, a season of playing at this level will see us relegated.

The amount of corners and crosses that went unchallenged, both going forward and in defence was galling, and a top flight team would have buried a few of the chances that we let past us, whilst we would fail to take those we created. All credit must go to Boco for their performance, especially in the first half, but we need to improve, and quickly.