



## FRY CLUB COLTS

# U13 MATCH REPORT U13

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The man dies in all who keep silent in the face of tyranny.

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Josh was over his illness so everyone was available... sort of! Charlie had been ill late in the week, and Max had picked up an injury at training, however all were committed and wanted to play. The pitch half resembled Weston beach with patches of sand everywhere which could have an impact.

The line up was:

		Joby		
Josh	Brandon	Reece	Joel	
Jay	Aaron	Sam	Bryn	
	Tom	Callum		

Substitutes: Max & Charlie

Nothing major happened in the first few minutes. We misjudged a few headers allowing them in behind, however the shot were from distance and Joby held them easily. They got down our left and crossed, which we headed clear, but their midfielder on the edge of the area shot high. Straight away someone on the side said 1-0, however Joby stood tall and pushed it over the bar for a corner. Callum worked well down the left and got it to Aaron, whose cross wasn't the best, however it came back to him and he beat the defender and got in on goal, and they had to make a last ditch tackle to stop the shot. Callum hit a great corner over, right under the crossbar and the 'keeper was struggling, however it was deemed to have gone out and a goal kick was given. Callum threw for Tom to flick on and it bounced up quicker than Aaron had realised and rolled just beyond him to the 'keeper. They went down the right and hit a difficult looking, bouncing shot, however Joby again got their and made the save. We started to settle and look for the passes, with Callum down the wing, passing inside to Tom, who found Bryn, back to Tom, in again for Callum to shoot. The 'keeper was able to make the save, but we had finally started to look for the passes and be confident making them. A dodgy free-kick on the edge of our area saw it deflected with a header, however Joby recovered and made the save. We had a free kick in the corner. Swung over, cleared, hit back in, cleared again, and suddenly the break was on for them. Charlie chased their big striker all the way back and challenged enough that the cross was errant, and we gained a goal-kick. Up to this point, they had controlled a lot of possession but had had to resort to long shots, which Joby was coping with quite easily. Callum threw into the left corner which Aaron chased and shot well, but was "tackled" by two players and went down injured, requiring extensive treatment and he had to come off. They hit a corner in from their right, which Brandon cleared back at them, so they floated it over higher, and for some reason we had all gone to the front post, and three of them were dead centre of the goal, unmarked! One of their players tried a kind of Scorpion kick, and it flew over. Joby kicked long which they misjudged, Callum headed it onwards and then shot from 25 yards, but unfortunately it was always rising.

HALF-TIME: ROVERS 0 FRYS 0

We attacked down the right and Sam floated the ball over for Max at the back post, but his cross/shot was blocked for a corner. Josh came to tackle their defender but was "tackled" and had to come off with marks on the side of his ribs. Reece won the ball with a commanding tackle and found Bryn down the right, who crossed for Sam, unmarked, but his header was at the 'keeper. Joel won the ball off of them and advanced, only to be "tackled" from behind as he tried to pass, and needed treatment. We pushed a few forwards, but lost it and were hit on the break with players out of position. They cross from the right and Josh on the near post blocked it back to them, and their player took a first time shot high into the net from a very acute angle 1-0. Callum challenged a ball hit forwards but was "tackled" and had to come off. Max ran down the left and crossed for the middle. Jay knocked it perfectly into Bryn's path, but he caught the bouncing ball just in the inside and it skimmed away for a goal-kick. They played some good passing football into our area and shot. Joby dived the right way and might have saved, however Joel tried to block it and unfortunately hit it behind Joby's dive and in 2-0. They played a ball into our right back area, however Bryn put them under pressure and so they tried to pass it backwards to keep possession and missed their midfielder and Sam was away down the right. He played a lovely curled ball in behind their defence and Tom was away, passing it through the 'keeper's legs and in 2-1. Callum was played through with a ball over the top and tried to run across the defender to block him off, but slipped and the defender was able to clear it. Callum was in, but was "tackled" again just after the ball had gone, and came off for the rest of the game. They hit a ball over the top and Joby got there to catch it ahead of their attacker, but he carried on and put his knee into Joby with a late "tackle". Even some of their parents by now said that it was finally going to be a yellow, but the ref said carry on. Just as the final whistle went Joel cleared down the line, and then was "tackled" with a two footed studs up, from behind, challenge!

FULL-TIME: ROVERS 2 FRYS 1

<p><b>Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for courage in the face of violence – The Whole Team</b></p>
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**Afterthoughts.....**

*By far the nastiest game we have ever played. I can only surmise one of two things, either their Manager is not strong enough to control his players and stop their unpleasant approach to football, or their team actively encourage that style of play as a way of approaching the game. Either way it is unacceptable, and I have asked the League to look at them closely, and make sure that we have a stronger ref for the return fixture. And what about the ref? Well believe it or not, for me he was one of the better refs. He was decisive with his whistle and made sure the players knew what they had done. Where he fell down however was with his control of the violent players. He should have used both his yellow and then red cards. Had he done so early, and with authority, I feel that the injuries that many of our players sustained, including Aaron out for a few weeks and on crutches, could have been avoided. At the end I understand that a few of our players had a few words for the ref. This is one thing that I must demand does not continue. The RESPECT campaign is gathering momentum, and FA's will come down hard on Clubs who breach it. That said, we must also fight in the proper way for our children as RESPECT must also be accorded to them!*