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The future depends on what we do in the present.

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Only a few teams had taken part in the preliminaries, and as first division sides, we were given a bye past the next round, so effectively into round three without playing. This was going to be a hard test. This had been the Lawrence Weston side who had given us such difficult games as U10's and had inflicted our biggest defeat in that year. They had broken away and had come into Division 5 as Avonmouth. They had won that division, and then last year won Division 4. At the time of playing this game, they were clear at the top of Division 3. Josh had pulled cartilage and would be out for a few weeks, however we welcomed our newest signing Jake. Aaron was also still suffering, however was here in kit and wanting to play!

The line up was:

		Joby		
Charlie	Brandon	Reece	Joel	
Jay	Bryn	Sam	Max	
	Tom	Callum		

Substitutes: Jake & Aaron

They closed us down quickly on the left and played a ball in behind us, however Joby was quickly out and made a brave save. He kicked to Callum who turned and found Tom, but his shot was from an acute angle and just too high. Bryn won the ball and found Max and his ball to Callum was flicked over from Sam, but he was flagged as offside when in on goal. They won the ball in midfield and played it through relying on the pace of one of the twins. Brandon chased and Joby came out, but he got there first and lifted it into the net 0-1. Another ball saw Joby again race out and bravely dive at the feet of their attacker to win the ball. He went down clutching his face (a boot had caught him in the mouth), and their other attacker had followed in and just had to go around our last defender to have an open goal. Seeing Joby down however he instantly turned and kicked it for a throw and a gesture which the whole crowd applauded and I will remember for a long time. Callum took a quick throw and Sam flicked on for Tom to win and cut in from the right and find Max near the goal, however their defender slid in just in time to block it. Reece floated a free kick in which Aaron headed back across goal for Callum to shoot, but the 'keeper made a good diving save. Under some pressure Brandon won the ball and went wide to Tom. He played a first time ball towards the 'keeper which we thought looked a bit too long, but Callum raced across, got there first and rounded the 'keeper to slot it

into the open net 1-1. Callum turned his defender wide and crossed for Tom coming in, but his shot just went the wrong side of the post. Callum threw from in line with the area and it was headed back to him. He took a touch and delivered a lovely ball over and Aaron rose strongly in the middle to power the ball over the 'keeper and in 2-1. A ball over the top saw them in, however Joby narrowed the angle, stood big and reacted well to the shot to push it wide.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 AVONMOUTH 1

We put a ball over the top which they headed out as far as Sam, but he returned it into the path of Callum some 30 yards out and he leathered it first time into the top left giving the 'keeper no chance 3-1. They had a short period of pressure which ended with the ball dropping outside of the area for their big attacker and he caught it sweetly on the half-volley and it flew straight, always rising until it hit the underside of the crossbar and bounced down and in. It's the sort of power shot that you'll see Premiership 'keepers struggle with 3-2. They had a corner which quite a few players jumped for, but everyone missed and it came to an unmarked Avonmouth player on the back post, but he was leaning back and his shot was fortunately high. Callum played it to Max, who found Tom in the area and he shot hard and high, but it hit the crossbar, bounced down, and was cleared. A ball over the top saw Montel for them in, and as Joby came out he lifted it, but fortunately he put too much power on it and it flew over. Callum was given a similar situation from Brandon's free-kick, but his ball over the 'keeper went just wide.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 3 AVONMOUTH 2

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

Afterthoughts.....

We knew this was going to be a tough game, but I feel that some of our players were caught out by just how good they were! You can see why they had won consecutive divisions, should also win the third this year and if they keep their squad together, would be one of the favourites to win the 2nd division. That said, I was pleased to how we reacted to going one down, not panicking, and playing the football. Once we had taken their pressure and turned it back on them, we got more into the game and got the goals. Their stunning second goal led to a nervy last 10, but I felt that we deserved the win.