



## FRY CLUB COLTS

# U13 MATCH REPORT U13

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Victory and Defeat are each of the same price.

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**HALF-TIME: FRYS 1 STOKE LANE 2**

Josh was still out injured with rumours of non-availability until after Christmas, although a visit to the Doc's later this week would clarify the situation. Other than that, everyone was ready to go with just Reece's ongoing heel injury to watch. The big problem today was going to be that Andy had forgotten his Dictaphone, so this Match Report was going to be sketchy at best!

Not long into the second half and we had had the better possession when disaster struck. The ball was played left to their winger and he shot, but fairly weakly and Joby fell onto it quite comfortably, but somehow it squirmed under him and in 1-3. Despite the score-line our players fought on, and I think that they recognised that it was luck going against them, rather than playing badly. With ten minutes to go Andy made the decision to go for it on the premise that he would rather lose by four goals trying to get back into the game, than defend a three goal defeat. Reece was injured and leaving two quick players back changed the system.

The line up was:

Joby  
 Aaron Brandon Reece Joel  
 Jay Sam Bryn Max  
 Tom Callum

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 Bryn Sam Charlie Aaron Max  
 Jake Tom Callum

Substitutes: Charlie & Jake

We did create chances and pressured them, however we couldn't get the goal, and with two minutes left they caught us on the break and a ball through saw an attacker get there just ahead of Joby and poke it in 1-4.

**FULL-TIME: FRYS 1 STOKE LANE 4**

<p align="center"> <b>Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Max</b> </p>
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The early exchanges were fairly even. They were passing it around well and were winning quite a lot of the ball in midfield (for reasons we soon realised, they had three in defence, one up front, so six in midfield!). We were strong in defence and weren't giving much away, and when we got forward in numbers, we created chances. The first blow was dealt by Stoke Lane however. The ball was passed around outside of our area and one of their players took a speculative shot, which Joby ran across to gather, however he forgot himself and bent to pick up the ball with his legs open and miscalculated just how slippery the ball was, and it ran through his fingers and into the net 0-1. We lifted ourselves fairly quickly as I think the boys realised that the goal had not come through them being better than us and we went on the attack, a ball down the line for Callum saw his shot rising, but just too much. They then attacked down the right and passed the ball into the middle in line with the six-yard box, and three of our defenders in a small triangle each left it for someone else and it ran through to a Stoke Lane player who blasted it high into the net 0-2. Another mistake and another goal down. We went on the attack again and fairly soon had our reward. The ball was played wide to the left which Max ran towards however Joel got there first and played a great ball down the line for Callum and he got past the right back before crossing a great ball, in to the area of uncertainty between the defenders and the 'keeper, and Tom slid in to push it into the far right corner 1-2. We were on a high and attacked again but this time the whistle blew for half-time.

**Afterthoughts.....**  
*When you look at it, two mistakes by Joby, one by three defenders and one getting caught going for it, the only actual well-worked goal was ours! I wouldn't say we deserved to win the game, or that we were the better team today as they passed the ball around very well, especially the simple short passes, however if you take away the mistakes, I feel that a point could have been a fairer reflection. It was however not to be. It's not just Joby who has made mistakes this season, and we all need to look at our own actions and how we play, and learn from whatever mistakes we each individually make, whether it be a sloppy pass, kicking it aimlessly when we have time, or simply holding on to the ball too long. If we can all recognise our faults and learn from them, very soon we will cut the mistakes out and perhaps we will start to see the points that some of our performances have deserved. One thing I did say after the game, and I will reiterate here. Two of their goals came from speculative shots from outside the area, where as we seemed to want to find the perfect killer pass every time. Sometimes you just have to hit it hard and hope.*