



## FRY CLUB COLTS

# U13 MATCH REPORT U13

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If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders.

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This was always going to be a tough game, our neighbourhood rivals, for the first time ever in an official capacity. We had already lost Josh through injury, now confirmed until Christmas at the earliest, and with it being half-term, both Joel and Jay were away. We also knew that Reece had a long term injury that meant he was struggling to complete a whole game, and so when Joby cried off ill on the morning of the game, we had a maximum of ten players, one of which was doubtful of completing the game. I laid out all of the options to the players, reminding them of the high of winning 5-1 against St Nicks 'B' with ten players, but also of the low of losing 7-1 against Brislington with ten, and I left the choice to them. After a short discussion amongst themselves they came back and said that they wanted to give it a go.

The line up was:

	Charlie		
Aaron	Brandon	Reece	
Bryn	Sam	Tom	Max
Jake	Callum		

After a bit of passing back and forth between both teams, Sam won it and hit it forward to where Jake flicked it past a defender and Callum was through in on the 'keeper but he blasted his shot too high. We took a quick throw down the left for Tom who played it down the line for Callum to keep it in. He beat the defender and had a shot, this time lower, but still just over. They were looking to overload us and went for goal. Aaron's challenge slowed them, then Brandon's did the same but two still got through, however Reece's sliding tackle took the ball. We were attacking, however the ball was lost and they broke down the left quickly and played a ball across the edge of the box to their player who controlled and shot first time past Charlie's dive 1-0. Tom then went in for a challenge and was caught by studs raking down the side of his ankle, the upshot of which was he couldn't play on and we were down to nine players. At this point there was a lot of discussion between various people, some of it a bit heated about the laws and what to do. The ref said that the game would be abandoned if we went down to seven and I felt that this was wrong and that it was nine. Later on a few

others said that they had checked various sources and it was eight. I pointed out Reece hobbling to the referee and he went to speak to him, where Reece basically said that he wouldn't last past half-time. The Ref, not knowing for sure still said seven, but I basically said that the next injury would be seven so why play on. Keynsham wanted us to abandon the game, which would mean that they would get the win. I refused this as it was down to the Ref, and in the face of seven players, he abandoned it. We agreed to carry on as a friendly with Charlie Brain, Mike Ollis and Sam Black playing for us. Sam Black played a ball forward which Callum got to and went around the 'keeper onto his right foot and passed it in 1-1. They broke after we attacked, outnumbering us and scored past Aaron who had now gone in goal 2-1. They then had two shots in a short space of time which Aaron saved, but then a push on Charlie in the box was missed by the Ref, however he did see the subsequent challenge by Sam Black as he took out their player. Their 'keeper came up and took the penalty, Aaron dived to his left and made the save, however they followed up quickly and got it back to him to score 3-1. They then won the ball outside of the area and hit a lovely shot high into the top right corner 4-1.

**HALF-TIME: K/TOWN 4 FRY 1**

The Ref decided at halftime that he had had enough because dangerous challenges were flying in as the boys were not really taking it seriously, and that was the end of it.

**FULL-TIME: K/TOWN 4 FRY 1**

<p><b>Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Match Abandoned, Not Awarded</b></p>
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*Afterthoughts.....*  
*On reading through the Avon Youth League rules afterwards, it states that a team must have nine players to play, which meant that as soon as Reece was withdrawn injured, the game should have ended. What happens now is up to the League. Officially, a game abandoned before 75% of the time has passed should be replayed, however they may say that as we only had ten players to start with, that had the game continued, we would still have lost and therefore the result should stand. We now simply wait for their decision. I do feel however, that judging the performance over the first 15 minutes, when we do play them, be it a replay or the return fixture, if we have a full squad, we will give them a real run for their money.*