

Number 13 When you feel like giving up, remember why you held on for so long in the first place. Sunday 1st

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Josh was still out injured and Jake pulled out on the morning of the game leaving us 12, but with Reece having his usual heel situation. During the warm-up Brandon pulled a muscle and just a few minutes in Bryn said that he was struggling with a muscle pull!

The line up was:

Joby Charlie Brandon Reece Joel Bryn Sam Aaron Max Tom Callum

Substitute: Jay

The kick off was played to Sam who went for a ball through which carried to the 'keeper. Not officially a shot, but early on a shot on target. After three or four minutes Bryn had come off and Brandon went up front where he had less chance of injury with Tom dropping back into the midfield. Callum took a long throw, the bounce deceived the defender and Brandon flicked it past the 'keeper from a wide angle, only for a defender to head it backwards off of the line. One of their players had a hold of Sam, so he pushed him off, catching their player in the face, so he kicked Sam. The referee had seen this but waved for play to go on as the ball had come away from them and they were through and hit a rising shot which Joby tipped onto the crossbar and out. A ball wide saw Aaron slide tackle but they rode the challenge and shot across goal, hitting Reece and deflecting in 1-0. By this time Callum had taken a knock and we were forced to rotate four injured players with three of them on at any one time! They attacked down the wing and crossed it over to where one of our players tried to block, but only succeeded in flicking it on to a Warmley player at the back post 2-0. Sam won the ball about 35 yards out and was taken down, so Callum floated one high, but just over. They attacked down our right, past Charlie and it appeared that Aaron grabbed hold of him, taking him down, how ever Aaron himself maintains that they had hold of him and that it was outside the penalty area. The referee awarded a penalty. It was placed to Joby's left, and although he dived the correct way and got his hand to it, it had enough momentum to carry over the line 3-0.

HALF-TIME: WARMLEY 3 FRYS 0

We had a free kick wide which was knocked outwards to Joel. He crossed it back in, Bryn headed it down and Jay shot well from distance, however their 'keeper got to it and made the save. Callum and Jay were then caught in quick succession by the same player, and it seemed to galvanise the whole team. Jason ran in bravely and got his foot to the ball to flick it for Bryn and he ran forward and shot which the 'keeper held, but you could sense the change in the team's belief. Jay again won the ball and played it down the line for Callum to battle with two players and Bryn charged in to win the ball and force the 'keeper to concede a throw. Callum took it, Tom flicked it on and Aaron controlled it with his head, before burying it into the far corner 3-1. They forced us back on the break, but we recovered well back into positions, how ever a ball into the middle was taken off of their forward's toe by Brandon, but the touch was just too heavy and it rolled into the far corner 4-1. We didn't drop how ever and Jay won the ball for Callum to push down the line and he shot, which the 'keeper saved and out for a corner. Callum took it but it came back to him, so he drove it in hard and low and it was cleared out towards Reece and as he challenged it flew off of his boot and in to the back of the net 4-2. They attacked into the area which saw Brandon tackle and then Joby dive at the feet, before getting up and diving on the line for another save. With three minutes to go they then ran down their right, across the goal and hit a reverse shot which we couldn't stop 5-2. Virtually from the kick they attacked again, Aaron slid tackle well but it fell to them to shoot. Joby was going the wrong way but somehow got his hand to it, but could only parry and they reacted the quickest to finish it 6-2.

FULL-TIME: WARMLEY 6 FRYS 2

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – The Whole Team

Afterthoughts.....

I tried to lift the team at half-time by telling them how well they had done, but the truth was, not enough players played with commitment and too few passes were accurate enough. The second half was a totally different proposition. Everyone fought, everyone battled and we looked to pass and move the ball.

What I said at the end was true however. I was proud of the way we had played, especially in the second half, and to cope with injuries to Reece, Brandon, Bryn and Callum, whilst all the time using just one substitute slot was brilliant, and it was just a shame that they got their two late goals. To have won the second half would have been just rewards for the spirit and play of the half.