



## FRY CLUB COLTS

# U13 MATCH REPORT U13

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The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual.

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HALF-TIME: OLDLAND 0 FRY 0

Every player except for Josh was fit and well (we thought), and just two games played in the previous six weeks meant that we were confident of getting longer and longer out of Reece! As it turned out, Jay's fingers were better but not perfect, Joel had fallen off of his motorbike, hurting his knee and Brandon had picked up a head injury the day before! An old face lined up against us in the form of Charlie Scadding, and quite a few of our players knew quite a few of theirs, so school bragging rights were at stake for lots of players.

The line up was:

		Joby		
Brandon	Aaron	Reece	Joel	
Bryn	Sam	Charlie	Max	
	Tom	Callum		

Substitutes: Jay & Jake

Not a lot happened in the first few minutes, although they had a few long shots which Joby dealt with quite comfortably. We then closed them down to force a goal kick, which was poorly taken. Max won it and played it to Callum with his back to goal, and his turn and shot flew not far wide. We forced a corner out on the left which Sam swung in toward Aaron on the back post who met it strongly with his head, however they had a player on the line and he was able to stop it going in. They had a free kick in their half which was hit all the way through and going wide, so Joby went towards it, however their player got there first and turn it back in, trying to hit it past Joby, however as he slid trying to recover, he fell and was able to grab the ball as it was going past him. Joel's leg was too painful to carry on so it meant an entire switch involving Reece, Brandon, Charlie & Tom, allowing Jake to go up front. They hit a ball over the top which Joby sprinted out to clear. No one challenged the free head and it came back at us, however Aaron hit it first time for Callum to chase, however his shot was always rising just a bit too fast. Not much else happened as the muddy conditions stopped both teams from playing attractive football.

We kept giving the ball away without clearing it, and a shot from wide saw Joby dive on it, however the wet conditions meant that it squirmed out from under him and they had a player at the back post who couldn't believe his luck **1-0**. Brandon won the ball on the edge of our area and quick feet saw him past three players and release Callum down the left where his strength forced them to foul him. It was floated towards the back post and the 'keeper palmed it down, but no one was close enough. Sam then pressurised their defence and forced the ball to Callum who turned and shot, but it floated agonisingly wide. We broke out of defence with Sam getting through three tackles and got the ball to **Callum**. He didn't see the player coming up behind him and got pushed a bit, forcing him wide. He laid it back to Max and then got in space for the return out wide. He then crossed for the far post (he says shot) and it went high, across the face of the goal and hit just inside the posts in the top right corner and rebounded in **1-1**. They swung a corner in from our right and Joel ducked his head to clear it, but was facing the wrong way, however Joby was alert and agile and dived to make a great save! A ball through was then chased by Callum and the 'keeper just got his foot there in time to stop the goal. Sam hit a ball down the left which Max chased and forced a throw. After a short injury break Callum threw long and everyone missed it, allowing it to bounce once and up perfectly at the back post where **Jake** was waiting and he slammed it high into the roof of the net to get his first goal for the team **1-2**. Callum chased a ball down the right, cut inside but fell back slightly and Jay had followed in so shot, however the 'keeper was able to gather it in.

FULL-TIME: OLDLAND 1 FRY 2

<p><b>Man of the Match</b> – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – <b>Max</b></p>
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**Afterthoughts**.....  
*The first half was a scrappy and at times very poor affair. The conditions didn't help, but both teams looked more 2<sup>nd</sup> division battlers, than 1<sup>st</sup> division passers. After going a goal down however we pressed them higher up the pitch, closed them down, forced errors and then looked to capitalise on the loose ball with effective passing. I said before the game that I was fed up with saying that we played well, but were unlucky. I almost said that I'd take a played badly and win, but I didn't! that is effectively what happened, however we will gladly take the points, and on a better pitch can now look to move forward with that result and hopefully start to win a few more. Well done!*