



FRY CLUB COLTS

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Number 16 When everyone's mind is dulled or distracted, the leader must be doubly vigilant. Sunday 24th January 2010

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In to the Quarter Final of the Cup and we faced Bristol Brazilians for the first time this season. Over the Christmas break, Sam had managed to break bones in his ankle and was out for at least eight weeks. Josh was also still out, probably almost to the end of the season, so we had 12 players. There was so much fog when we got there that we couldn't see the other side of the pitch, but it soon started to clear and we could kick off on time.

The line up was:

Joby
Charlie Brandon Reece Joel
Jake Tom Aaron Max
Bryn Callum

Substitute: Jay

They kicked off and Callum charged after the ball, nicking off of their players and getting fouled out on the left. He elected to shoot, but it was into the 'keeper's arms. They then passed the ball around well and forced two successive corners. The second was headed high by their tall defender, and as it came down he headed again, but over. We win a throw out on the right and everyone starts to walk back, but Callum sprinted over, so I shouted "Go Bryn" and Callum's throw went over them all, but Bryn was forced to turn back so found Callum again, and his cross saw Aaron go for it, but miss, and Max just got ahead of their right back and blasted it in 1-0. We then won a free kick on the half way line and everyone was slowly heading for goal and this time Brandon saw the quick ball over the top which Callum muscled his way onto, but unfortunately his shot cannoned off of the 'keeper's legs and out. Aaron won the ball in the middle and found Callum through, but he got his feet caught a bit, but managed to tap it back to Max, but his shot was low and cleared. Joel and Reece were then alert to stop one attack, and the next one saw Joby push the shot wide. They then hit a ball over the top which Brandon got to first and laid it back to Joby, however just like Paul Robinson for England in Croatia during the 2008 Euro Qualifiers, the ball bobbed up and Joby's foot missed the ball and they ran in and slotted it into the empty net, nothing he could have done 1-1. Tom then played a great ball over the top for Callum who shot from the left and it hit the outside of the stanchion, and went out. We then forced a corner which Callum swung in and Tom got to it, but it was into the 'keeper's arms. Bryn chased after a ball over the top and laid it back to Aaron, but his shot ran the wrong side of the post. They attacked again, and we closed them down but couldn't clear it, and one of their players poked it high from about 25 yards, but it was always going over. Aaron chased a ball into the box which they were trying to shield out and managed to get his foot around them

and keep it in. Their 'keeper dived towards it as Aaron did the same and it popped loose and Aaron got up to kick it goal-wards and their 'keeper grabbed Aaron's ankle, and although the ref had a clear view, and put his whistle to his mouth, he didn't blow for a penalty and eventually our shot was cleared for a corner. From that corner we won a free kick on the right from an acute angle and Callum tried to swing it in to the top left, but it was just over. From our throw on the edge of their area, they won it back and moved it forward at great pace with one touch passes, into our area and past Joby 1-2.

HALF-TIME: FRY 1 BRAZILIANS 2

Tom chipped over their defence into the right wing area and their 'keeper cleared it as Callum got his foot there, and unfortunately Callum caught him. There was quite an uproar with many unjustified shouts from parents on the line and apparently a few threats from players on the pitch, upsetting Callum and taking his mind off of the game for a short while. Callum then chased back and won a free kick just in their half, and again they were all walking back and failed to spot Tom & Callum gesture to each other and Callum just passed it down the line for Tom to run onto and blast it across the 'keeper and in 2-2. One of their players skipped through three challenges and shot high, but Joby reached up and grabbed it, then moments later dived bravely at their feet to make it safe. They passed quickly into our box and Joby came out as Brandon tried to clear wide, however it hit their player and came back in with Joby out of position because of it and they had an easy tap in 2-3 with about five minutes left. We pushed forward to try to get the equaliser and they won it and broke, down the wing and into the bottom corner 2-4.

FULL-TIME: FRY 2 BRAZILIANS 4

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Brandon**

Afterthoughts.....

We were for my money the better team in the first half, however they got lucky with a bad bounce and it lifted them, allowing them to take the lead and end the half stronger. They were better for a while in the second but when we got the goal we became more dominant. They caught us on the break however, and again a bit of bad luck. A draw would have been fair in my opinion. We need to get our boys to understand however that they cannot let themselves get riled whilst playing as it can have an adverse effect and in some cases take them out of the game. It happens in all sports, and we just need to recognise and ignore it, allowing our football ability to do the talking.