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For the third game in a row, we were able to field subs! This was getting habit forming. After six months out with cartilage damage, Josh B had finally returned to training, but had set his sights for a competitive return on the Tour. Josh J had hurt his back in training and had pulled out on Saturday, and Jake had injured his ankle and pulled out on Sunday. Sam, now out of his plaster-cast, came to watch. Dave had woken up ill, so Andy steered the ship. Jack finally made his long awaited debut.

The line up was:

Jay  
Charlie Aaron Reece Joel  
Brandon Bryn Tom Max  
Joby Callum

Substitutes: Jack & Matt

They attacked from kick off but Reece dealt with it comfortably, before emerging and playing it to Callum. Callum then embarked on about three consecutive one-two's with Max all the way down the left before trying to cross. That was blocked but he laid it back to Joel, and he hit a high cross which Joby challenged for, but it ran through to the 'keeper. It was an excellent passing move however. Brandon to a short throw to Callum, who turned his man and played a lovely cross-field ball for Max. He played a great one-two with Joel, before playing it down the line for Callum, but unfortunately it ran out, however another passage of play which was great to see. A ball forward was first headed on by Joby, before he chased it down. They gave it away under the pressure to Callum and his turn was blocked back to Joby who hit it through the crowd and it ricocheted off of the left post and away. Callum chased after it, beat his man and crossed/shot depending on whether Callum is telling the story, and the 'keeper had to dive back to his near post and palm it away for a corner. Callum threw to Tom, and he laid it out to Max, but his shot was wide of the left post. Joby won the ball after some battling in the middle and found Bryn, who in turn got it to Brandon. Brandon jogged at the two defenders, before spurting with pace around the back, where he crossed it high towards Joby, but rather than head it, Joby tried to get his foot high, but only succeeded in hitting it upwards and it was cleared. Aaron and Reece combined well to win the ball before finding Max, and he and Callum again worked the ball down the line together to win a throw. Instead of launching to goal however Callum went across-field to Tom, who laid it wide to Brandon, but his shot was saved by the 'keeper. They attacked into our area, and Aaron tackled but hit it across the box where an attacker could have shot, but delayed, giving Reece time to come in

with a crunching block, and then get up and play it out to Max. He combined with Bryn, before finding Callum down the line and he crossed behind the goal-bound defenders to Brandon, who took it on to his right foot, but his shot lacked power and the 'keeper made the save, but it was a fantastic break. Brandon won the ball and laid it back to Charlie. He chipped it forwards for Brandon to head on and Joby got there to cross to the middle where Callum tried to use the pace of the cross to flick it on towards goal, but unfortunately it went wide. We seemed to have control of the ball on the right, but they won it and drove it to their right where an attacker ran onto it, but shot early as our defenders closed in, and it went wide.

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Early in the second half and at last we won our deserved goal. An attack down the left saw them slide in to concede a corner. Callum hit it across and **Aaron** ran towards the front post and got his boot to it, flicking it in **0-1**. Tom won the ball in the middle and played it to Matt who flicked it forwards to Callum, and he spun and hit it high towards goal, and the 'keeper lost it a bit in the sun, and it bounced in front of him, but then just over the bar. They hit a ball over the top and their attacker was in, but Jay came out and did enough to put him off, then we got bodies in the way to allow Jay time to recover his position, before Charlie finally cleared it wide. They were exerting quite a bit of pressure now trying to get the goal back. They were attacking but then Brandon cleared it long and Callum chased, using his strength to get ahead of the defender. The 'keeper managed to block his shot, but it came loose near the penalty spot and **Jack** reacted the quickest to knock it into the open net **0-2**. A corner was swung in right under out crossbar. Jay got his hand to it to palm it down, and the shot came in and hit the underside of the crossbar, before bouncing down and out and Tom completed the clearance. Max and Bryn harried their defence as they failed to clear it, before Bryn won it and shot, but it was at the 'keeper. Callum then threw into the box, to where Bryn took it down, around two defenders and shot, but this was just over. Bryn won the ball in the middle and passed it to Callum, who played it wide to the right for Matt to chase all the way down the right, before he cut in and crossed to **Jack** running in to finish it off **0-3**.

FULL-TIME: BITTON 0 FRYS 3

**Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Aaron, Tom, Bryn & Callum**

*Afterthoughts.....*

*This was definitely a game where I wanted to give Man of the Match to the whole team! I avoided that, however I did still go with four of them. At half-time I really thought, "Oh no, here we go again!" We had dominated the first-half, perhaps even more than the Home game, but like that game we were level, and I remember how much the grew in the second to almost win it. We got the goal very early in the second half, but they still had their 20 minute spell where we were chasing the ball and a bit shapeless. We got that back however and I was very pleased with the last goal, with our two deadline day signings combining to get it.*