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I will be conquered; I will not capitulate.

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Max had fallen the night before and bumped his head to the extent that he couldn't play. Sam was finally back in training with Josh B, but neither were ready for competitive games yet

The line up was:

Jay

Charlie Aaron Reece Joel

Jake Bryn Tom Brandon

Joby Callum

Substitutes: Josh J, Matt & Jack

They had a throw which was headed goal-wards. Jay came and it dropped dangerously at his feet, but he was able to grab it. They attacked down their right and Joel tried to scissor kick it away instead of heading it and missed, then Reece looked to be shepherding it out, only to back-heel it to their players, and then it was chipped across and our entire back line had been dragged over so that it was Jake van attacker in the middle of the goal to challenge for the ball and their player got it 0-1. Aaron played it out with Callum and Brandon combining well until Callum was fouled 35 yards out as he shimmied past a defender. He took it himself and blasted it low, the ball skimming off of the wet surface and it flew into the bottom right of the net 1-1. We were attacking but lost it and they broke down their left, with Charlie having to concede a corner. It was swung into the middle and their tallest player out-jumped everyone to restore them the lead 1-2. Another free-kick at halfway was chipped in by Aaron. They headed clear as far as Tom and he shot with his right, but it was always going over. A big throw was cleared as far as Charlie who shot. It was blocked and ricocheted upwards, and Callum ran across goal and flicked it with the outside of his left towards goal, but it went just wide. They then broke quickly with a ball over the top, but Jay stood strong and caught the shot. Reece took a short goal-kick to Joel who hit it to Callum and he flicked it on for Brandon. Their player headed it back and Callum returned it again for Brandon to flick up, and then attack the ball as it fell and both he and the defender fell. Callum had followed quickly, and with the ball loose, 25 yards out, wide on the left he just swept the ball goal-wards. Over the 'keeper into the far right of the net 2-2. They attacked again, and a deflected shot was held by Jay.

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They attacked and shot from distance which Jay saw late and dived well to get his hand to it to palm it away. They attacked into the left corner and then crossed quickly catching us by surprise, but Joel at the back headed it on away from the attacker. They came again into the left and Jay raced out forcing them away a bit before they chipped to goal, but it had given Aaron time to get back and head it away on the six-yard-line. They then put a ball through our defence and Jay rushed out and blocked the shot. They attacked and we were making blocks but not enough to stop them and again Jay made a last ditch save. For the third time in a row Jay was forced to make a fine save against the attacker who was through. We were riding our luck a lot, and eventually it failed. They had a corner on the left wing, and Jay, who had made fine saves, got his hand to the high ball, but unfortunately it dropped the wrong way and bounce in 2-3. They were piling on the pressure, and this time a thunderous shot flew back off of the crossbar. A speculative shot from the right clipped a player on the way through, and it was enough just to deceive Jay, and it was in 2-4. Another ball through was hit hard. Jay dived and got his hand to it, but it crept in 2-5. A ball was chipped in from their left and we seemed to be looking at each other as their forward had a free shot from six yards, giving Jay no chance 2-6. From the kick it went back to Jack and he in turn found Josh who went down the left wing before cutting back and finding Aaron, who crossed it over and it was just too far ahead of Joby sliding in at the back post. With that move over we finally started to pass the ball again! Callum and Brandon combined well before a ball through the right channel saw Jake in, but his shot for the left corner ran wide. Bryn worked hard down the right and won a throw which Callum took. It wasn't his furthest how ever Joby won it and laid it back to Callum. He took a touch back onto his left, and around a defender and measured a cracking shot towards the far left post, and it hit the post and came back into the middle to where Tom reacted quickest to poke it home 3-6.

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

Afterthoughts.....

I was not sure why it took us going down 0-1 and then 1-2 for us to put pressure of them, and when we did, we scored our goals. In the second half we failed to deal with high balls into the area, and I was really disappointed at what I saw as our team giving up at 2-4 and capitulating as we did. It shouldn't need the "Pep Talk" that I gave with about ten minutes to go, however I was pleased at the response, and in the final reckoning, that goal at the end may prove vital to us.

NB In the last 8 of the Somerset U14 County Cup, Frome Town Youth finally lost, 2-4 to Heathfield, but it's nice to think that we could have gone that far!