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Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

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We had lost Josh on Tuesday night, and Aaron L had gone to play for the Juniors, how ever in came Ben (Clappy) Clapp and Ben (Harpz) Harper who had played for the Juniors against Dawlish. We also gained Tom, who had been in Cornwall for Easter and had chosen to travel home today via Bovey Tracey so that he could play for us. There had been confusion over the directions (which was noted on the Dictaphone) with some being sent to where the Juniors were playing instead, how ever w e all finally arrived at the correct pitch only to see the local Press. They had been invited by the Home team for publicity, which was also fine by us.

The line up was:

Clappy

Charlie Aaron S Jake G Reece Bryn Dan K Tom Max Gary K Callum

Substitutes: Harpz, Gareth W & Sam

A throw into the near post was headed back to Callum who controlled it and shot with his right foot, but it was at the 'keeper. Tom won the ball in the middle and chipped it over the top for Gary, but his shot was mis-hit from the edge of the area. Bovey attacked and there was a scramble in front of the goal that was eventually cleared to an attacker whose shot flew over. Callum received a throw back to him and he found Reece 30 yards out, but his shot lacked power and the 'keeper was able to gather it in. Jake broke up a Bovey attack on the edge of our area and broke out, playing a lovely one-two with Harpz, before shooting which the 'keeper saved well. They attacked straight back and a ball into the box was headed goal-wards but Reece was there to clear it off of the line. We won the ball back in defence and Harpz played a great ball through for Gary, but the 'keeper was quick off of his line and just got there first. From a throw in the middle, a Bovey player took the ball to just outside of the area and pow ered one low tow ards the bottom left. Just as it seemed to be the breakthrough Clappy stuck out his leg and just got his foot to it. Their left back attacked down the wing before cutting inside Aaron and shooting, how ever Clappy got his fingers to it and tipped it around the corner.

HALF-TIME: BOVEY 0 FRYS 0

During the half-time commentary Jon felt that a lot of our players had battled well, how ever the very long grass was affecting our passing game. Bryn played the ball through to Callum to control and shoot, how ever the 'keeper made the save. A cross was floated over from the right which Max controlled and then hit on the volley, but it flew just wide. They then attacked down the right and Clappy went out to narrow the angle so the attacker chipped it over him towards the middle, how ever their attacker got under it and headed it over the bar. Dan then played a ball into Callum to turn, but his shot was just wide of the right post. Max battled down the left and laid it in to win a free-kick, how ever Callum decided to shoot from 40 yards, but didn't hit it with enough power. A good combination between Max and Callum ended with Callum shooting, however he was in the longest grass on the pitch, and was unable to get enough purchase on the ball. Callum delivered a good cross from another free-kick out on the left and Aaron rose highest to win it, but the 'keeper held it under the bar. A cross-field shot by their player was knocked back to the penalty spot for a shot by a Bovey player, but Aaron got his body in the way and the subsequent shot was over. There was then a melee in our area as every defender and most of the midfield threw whatever they could of themselves in the way of attackers and various shots, and we prevailed to see it cleared. After a bit of ping-pong in the middle, Harpz had a 40 yard shot which was only just wide. Callum played a ball through for Max to one-two with Tom, before he was blocked as he went to shoot.

FULL-TIME: BOVEY 0 FRYS 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by the Bovey Tracey Manager for excellent play and effort – Jake Garnett & Aaron Sutton

Afterthoughts.....

Jon's final words on the Dictaphone were... "If these should be my final words, please can someone write them down? Well we did! It was a fantastic game for reasons other than goals. Despite the Match Report, Bovey Tracey did dominate most of the match, but we saw a tremendous team defence, with players closing down both opposition and the space around them to deny them time and time again, and we had some fantastic blocks and clearances. The whole team combined brilliantly to produce a solid wall in front of goal, but still broke forward when the opportunity arose. Jake & Aaron were worthy choices, but it really could have been anyone, and it was a great way to end the tour games. We must thank Bovey Tracey as well. After the game, both our game and the Juniors game went back to their Clubhouse where they had laid on sandwiches for all of the players, and it was a nice atmosphere where parents from all sides mixed and discussed the games, our thanks to them. For more on Bovey Tracey, visit www.boveytraceyafc.co.uk