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Out to Hallen for this game and a debut for Sammie Hicks, who had joined us until the end of the season as his season had already finished. It meant that we had four subs for the first time in about five years! To avoid confusion, he is Sammie, whilst Sam K is Sam.

The line up was:

Jay
Aaron Brandon Reece Joel
Bryn Charlie Josh J Tom Max
Callum

Substitutes: Joby, Sammie, Sam & Jack

Aaron had a boot on his ankle and went down, but got to his feet and tried to struggle on, however he was out of position and they exploited the space, before crossing to the far left. Jay got across there and palmed it away, but there were three Avon players waiting unmarked at the back post and one of them blasted it in **1-0**. Max won it left and played it down the line for Callum who got a cross in towards Tom, who flicked it goal-wards but the 'keeper made the save. Max and Callum combined well and played the ball down the line for Sammie, and he laid it inside for Max to lay back for Callum, and he crossed for the far post, however no one had gotten there and it went out for a goal-kick. We were attacking but they cleared long and the chase was on. It bounced over Brandon on the hard surface, and although Reece got his head to it, he only managed to knock it on and they were in and blasted it beyond Jay's dive into the far right corner **2-0**. From the kick off, Callum and Tom played it back to Sammie, who went forward to Tom, who in turn found Callum. Sammie kept on running and Callum found him with a lovely ball through which **Sammie** was forced to take wide with the 'keeper coming out, however from the narrowest of angles he found the back of the net **2-1**. We won the ball back from their kick out and Brandon hit it for their box, where Sammie flicked it over one player, and then another, but unfortunately their 'keeper got to it first. A goal-kick from Brandon was flicked on by Tom, and Callum got ahead of their defender, but again their 'keeper was quick and just got it. A lovely ball split their defence, and Callum got there just ahead of the 'keeper and tried to flick it past him, but only succeeded in catching him in the face with the ball, before being caught himself by the 'keeper's dive. Both went down, and the ref stopped play. Max, Sammie & Callum worked the ball down the left before Callum sprinted down the left with it, crossed it in, saw a defender head it upwards, and **Sammie** went for an overhead kick as it came down which deceived the 'keeper and went in **2-2**. Sammie won the ball back from their kick off, found Callum through, but his shot flew well over. Brandon then won the ball back in our defence, played a one-

two with Sammie, before threading it through for Callum, but again their 'keeper was quick off of his line and gathered it. They then won a free kick out on the left and swung it over to fall between our defence and Jay. Now when you defend free-kicks you have two main choices. Hold the line, step up, and try to catch them offside, or you go back with them as the ball is hit in and jump with them to head it clear. We chose to combine the two, but combined the two wrong options! We didn't hold the line and step up, but aimlessly edged towards our goal, and let three of their attackers run and jump at the cross. Luckily for us, one of them headed the ball over the bar. They attacked down our left and looked to get in a dangerous position until Reece flew in with a perfectly timed tackle to take it off of them.

HALF-TIME: AVON 2 FRY 2

Avon tried to regain the initiative in the second half and a dangerous corner was palmed away from under the bar by Jay, and their player took a snap-shot which rebounded off of the crossbar, and the follow-up was blasted wide. Sammie floated the ball to the far side of the area where Callum brought it down and stabbed at it, but unfortunately it went wide. Josh won it in midfield and chipped it forward to Callum, whose through ball saw **Tom** challenging with their last defender. He used his strength well to get in front of the defender before passing it past the onrushing 'keeper **2-3**. They hit a high ball into the box, and Jay got his fingers to it, to push it onto the post and out. A corner flew into our box which they headed goal-wards, and Joel was on the line to clear it. A goal-kick was brought down by Sammie, and then he laid it through for Callum on his right foot, and he hit it past the 'keeper, however the other defender had kept going and got to it before it crossed the line. A high ball into the box bounced just in front of Jay. He palmed it up, but it looked to be going over the line when he jumped quickly to push it out and Brandon flicked it on, however it came to an Avon player on the six-yard line with his back to goal and he spun and shot, and despite two more players getting back on the line, it flew away from them into the far corner **3-3**.

FULL-TIME: AVON 3 FRY 3

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Sammie Hicks

*Afterthoughts.....
Firstly my apologies to Sam. He had had a taste of match-play on Tour and was here to play, but when the time came, I felt that it was too close to put him on considering he was still coming back from injury, and the game was veering so quickly, so sorry Sam. As for the game, to come back from 2-0 down felt good, but then to concede the goal with two minutes to go, to draw, deflated us. Bottom line, it's a valuable point for the season's tally, so well done to the boys.*