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Andy was back, how ever as on past occasions when he had not been at the previous game, he felt it would be unfair to pick the team, not knowing who had done what, so asked Gareth to carry on. It had rained through the night and so the pitch was softer than at Yate, ideal for passing football.

The line up was:

Jay Reece Aaron Brandon Joel Bryn Josh Sammie Max Callum Tom

Substitutes: Matt, Jack, Charlie, Sam & Joby

After just four minutes the ball was played forward for Tom to latch onto and he was shoulder-barged off of the ball for a free kick just outside of the area, which Callum set and then powered into the back of the net 1-0. After the goal however Oldland settled better and we were having problems getting the ball, and a ball over the top saw tem race away, however Brandon caught up the three yard gap, and slid in to nick the ball off of their toe, and Jay completed the clearance. Tom and Callum connected well and Tom won a corner. Aaron and Tom went for it, and Tom saw his header cleared off of the line. They fought their way to the edge of the area and shot, but Jay held it well and kicked long, which Tom flicked on and Callum under pressure got his shot away, but the 'keeper held it well. Oldland's left winger attacked down their left and almost got a cross in, but Bryn and Aaron combined well to win it back. Bryn then went down the right with support from Sam and Sammie, before finding Joby through the middle and he sprinted through to shoot high, through the 'keeper's hands and into the net 2-0. Joby then hit a great pass through for Callum, but he was forced wide and shot at the 'keeper. Callum then received the ball on the edge of the area, held off the defender and shot into the net, but the ref' had blown for an infringement and the goal was disallow ed. Sam and Sammie defended well before Sam found Bryn and he forwarded to Joby whose shot was blocked out to Bryn, and he shot, but it just went wide. Brandon hit a long range free kick which the 'keeper parried down, and although Tom raced in, the 'keeper managed to clear it. Bryn had a race down the wing and was fouled. Aaron shot from the cross, and the 'keeper watched it sail just over.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 OLDLAND 0

A long throw was flicked on by Tom and Sam poked it goalwards, but it was blocked and cleared. Joel misjudged a high bounce, and Reece had to get across, conceding a foul as he did. The free kick was smashed for the top left and flew in giving Jay no chance 2-1. From the kick off we forced it forw ard to the edge and won a free-kick which Brandon curled for the top corner, but it went just over. Sammie hit a corner over which Max retrieved and sent back for Aaron. His shot was deflected and bounced up, falling nicely for Joby, and although his connection wasn't perfect, it nestled in the top of the net to restore our two-goal advantage 3-1. It was still a fairly even game though as both midfields battled well for possession. Jay threw for Charlie, but they intercepted and Aaron had to slide in to time it perfectly and win back, but he was injured in the process and had to come off. They won a corner which was hit high and long and their big defender won it at the back post and it flew in off of the underside of the crossbar 3-2. Sammie took a free kick to Brandon, but it was intercepted and they were away leaving Reece and Joel outnumbered, but Reece timed the challenge perfectly and cleared the danger. The corner was hit in however and it was cleared to the edge where the Oldland attacker whacked it as hard as he could and it flew through the crowd and in 3-3. Sam found Josh marauding down the left and his cross was met by Tom's head, but it flew just wide. Some nice interplay between Josh, Sam & Sammie ended with Josh being fouled just outside of the area. Sammie shot for goal, it hit the bar, bounced down, and Tom reacted quickest to knock it in from one yard 4-3. A poor goal-kick came to Sammie on the edge, who took it around the 'keeper and passed sideways to Callum with an open goal, but it bobbled as he sw ung at it and it skimmed up and over. In the last few minutes we decided to go one up front to win the midfield battle. They had one final high ball into the area which Brandon jumped highest to clear, and the final whistle blew.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 4 OLDLAND 3

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

Afterthoughts.....

This game was a lot closer than it should have been, and we were at fault for that, letting then get first to the ball, but when we finally got possession and started passing, we were dominant and the result was just about deserved. I criticised the decision making especially in the last few minutes when we were a goal ahead, and we were attempting close passes under pressure on the edge of our area, and trying to bring it down, again under pressure rather than head clear. We got lucky today, and four points clear of Bitton should now see us survive, but we have to learn from this ready for next season.