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Defeat may serve as well as victory to shake the soul and let the glory out.

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The final game of the season. Thanks to results in the week, a draw would move us above Brazilians on a two goal difference, and a win would see us 9th. As it happened, our final game was on the main pitch again.

The line up was:

	Joby				
Reece	Brandon	Aaron	Joel		
Bryn	Sam	Sammie	Max		
	Tom	Callum			

Substitutes: Josh & Charlie

Sam played a lovely ball over for Callum to split the defence, but he under-hit his attempted lob, and their 'keeper George was able to grab it. Brandon won a poor goal-kick on the halfway line, skipped past three players and found Callum, but again George was there and made the save. They broke quickly down the line and hit in a first time cross, and then rose highest to head it into the far corner 0-1. A high ball saw a bounce that Aaron just missed, and as a result Brandon was on the wrong side, however chased back well and managed to clear it wide. It was played back into the middle from the throw, and with at least eight of our players in and around the area, he managed to create space to shoot low for the far left corner and it was in 0-2. Sammie then won it from kick off and flicked it through for Callum on his right, but his shot was wide. They attacked and Aaron won it on the halfway line, before playing it in to Tom. Tom held it well and then played it to his left to where Aaron had kept running, and he then found a gap for Callum to take it on his right, however he was tackled at the same time and it went off for a corner, and at this point we had created at least double the chances they had, but were two down! Sam and Tom worked hard to find Bryn with it, and he lifted it marginally over the defender's head for Callum, but this time the shot came off of his shin, and lacked the power to beat George. They headed for goal from a corner and Aaron cleared for another. This time Reece on the line, headed it down, up and off of the crossbar, before it was cleared from the line. From a goal-kick, Sammie brought it down, jinked past two players and shot low, but George dived well and pushed it around the post. The ball was swung in from a corner and Callum touched it down to Tom, but was fouled at the time. Tom spun and shot as the ref blew for a penalty, and it nestled in the bottom right of the net 1-2. By the laws of the game, the ball should have been brought back for a penalty, however the referee elected to let the goal stand.

HALF-TIME: FRY 1 CITY 2

Sammie hit the ball over, Tom flicked it on and Callum managed to out-power the defender, but it ran away from him and George was out quickly to kick it away. Brandon played it wide to Josh, and he found Callum with it, and he jinked past the defender, however his shot was always rising too high. They hit a ball forward and two of our players thought that the other was going to get it, both missing it, and then the ball was played into the middle and a flick lifted it over Joby and in 1-3, their first attack in at least ten minutes. Sammie past two and played through Callum, who out-muscled the defender, however his shot was too straight and George was able to parry it.

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<p>Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Brandon</p>

Afterthoughts.....

If the second half has a short commentary, it's only because I was only caught up in attack after attack that we launched! If the score was a reflection on possession and chances we would have won about 10-5. We played fantastic football, but were caught by a few errors, and dominated the half, without getting the reward, something that I think we have done virtually from the start of the season when we should have been four up against Yate in the first game, instead of just two!

As for the season, I have been proud to be the Manager of such a hard-working, but fun team. They have kept their sense of enjoyment throughout the season and seem to have enjoyed it all. We have not had the best of luck this year however with injuries causing us to give away two games, and play others with only eight fit players out of the eleven or twelve available. We lost Josh B very early to Cartilage damage, Aaron was on crutches after the Rovers game, Joel dislocated his finger, Jay broke his wrist and Sam his ankle. Brandon has suffered all year with Osgood Slatters, Josh J with back problems and Reece & Max suffered with Severs Disease, although to be fair to Reece, although it meant he was unable to play very many whole matches, he was the only ever-present throughout all 33 games that we played. Congratulations must also go however to Aaron, Bryn, Charlie & Callum who played in all 22 League games.

Next year will see changes again, with players coming and going, but I would like to say well done to every player who played. We set out to avoid the bottom two in our first season in the top flight and we succeeded. Every player should be immensely proud of what they have done, I know I'm proud of them. Andy