



FRY CLUB COLTS

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Dethrone the dictaphone, hit it in it's funny bone, that's where they expect it least.

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Everyone was finally available, but the light was fading and we had to get there as early as we could, aiming for a 6.15ko. Leigh from City had lost the referee earlier in the day, but had managed to get a last minute replacement, an adult from the County League, so hopefully this would be a well controlled affair.

The line up was:

Declan			
Josh	Reece	Aaron	Joel
Bryn	Sam	Tom	Max
Lorenzo		Callum	

Substitutes: Charlie, Connor & Noah

They kicked off and instantly Callum charged in and won the ball, before chipping into the box for Lorenzo to get at, however George was off his line and gathered it just ahead of him. George kicked long, and with the wind it totally deceived our defence, bouncing well over them and City were in, but Dec came out and stood tall, and although their attacker lifted it over him, he put too much on it and it went over the bar. City then won a throw which they launched long. We missed the bounce and seemed to just watch as it came down in the box, and a City player swung his foot at it, and again we were lucky to see it sail over. Max won it on the left and set Lorenzo away. He beat their last man and cut into the middle to poke past George into the crowd heading towards goal which included Bryn. Now I couldn't see clearly, but I am reliably informed that it hit a defender before rolling over the line and then being cleared. Bryn was right there and was adamant it was in, but the linesman didn't flag and the ref waved play on. Geraint asked Bryn if the ball was totally over the line and the Ref gave him the eyeball! Callum through into the middle and Lorenzo knocked it on and it came in the air to Bryn, six yards out with his back to goal. He controlled it in the air and then spun and shot as it came down, but unfortunately it was straight at George and he caught it. He drop kicked it long into the right and their tall attacker was away. He crossed it in and they were the first to react, hitting it high into the net 1-0. They were lifted and a ball into the edge of the area was controlled and then curled into the left corner on the turn, but Dec dived well and pushed it away. This was followed up with another shot which sailed narrowly over.

HALF-TIME: CITY 1 FRY 0

We hit over a corner which George palmed away and under pressure Josh passed it to Bryn, who knocked it wide for Callum and he chipped it inside for Lorenzo, over the defender and in. Lorenzo

lifted it over George, but then had to dodge him as he advanced, and that split second avoidance gave their defender half a second to get back and he just got their ahead of Lorenzo to clear it from the open goal. Callum had a free-kick out wide on our left. We all called for an in-swinger but Callum ignored us and floated it outwards to the back post. Aaron charged forward and in our view was hauled down, however the confusion had been caused and it left Sam to jump high at the back post and head it into the far left 1-1. Aaron closed down as they were attacking and was tripped, however the ref waved play on and they were in down their right. It was crossed in and hit for goal, which Dec parried, but they reacted quicker and tapped it in to restore the lead 2-1. Their tails were up and a quick break down the right was crossed in. Aaron slid in to try to cut it out, but unfortunately only managed to turn it past Dec 3-1. In this half we had the wind and a drop kick from Dec was misjudged and Lorenzo was in at an angle, but his kick was too close to George and he made the save. As they attacked Joel timed his challenge perfectly and flicked it to Lorenzo who knocked it on for Callum and he was away, burying it low into the right past George 3-2. Another ball through saw Lorenzo in and he found Conner, but the save was made at the near post. Noah defended well and his long ball into the right found Callum. He cut inside the left back and curled for the far post, but it went just the wrong side. A quick break saw Lorenzo flick on for Callum and he tapped it past the last defender before being brought down as Lorenzo was after it and through. The referee blew for the foul however, and as last man we expected to see a red card, but he only showed yellow. From a personal point of view the ref either had to show red, or do nothing and wave play advantage. As it happened we had a free kick 35 yards out which Callum walloped with the wind and George could only push it around the post for a corner. Everyone got into the box except Aaron who passed it short to Callum and he again tried to curl for the top left, but again the wind wasn't quite there and it went wide. Into the very last minute and we were desperately swiping at it to get it forward for the equaliser, however City were calmer and suddenly played it for the far post, where Noah had hung back playing them onside and they poked it into the bottom left to finish it as darkness really began to take hold 4-2.

FULL-TIME: CITY 4 FRY 2

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

I spoke with Leigh after the game and agreed that on the balance of shots, the result was probably correct, especially in the first half when they created a lot of chances. That said we had a lot of shots with the wind in the second, and at 3-2, had we equalised they would not have been able to complain having missed their chances. As it happened we didn't, and in going for it let them get the killer in the last seconds. As for that goal however, I accept it. When you are one goal down with minutes remaining you have to commit, and that will leave you open to counter-attack, but it's a risk you have to be prepared to take if you really want to be successful. After the game Leigh said that he was looking forward to reading this report, so it's nice to know my reports go further than just our team, so Leigh, this one's for you. HI MATE! ☺