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Number 14 **How many times did I tell ya for it finally got through? You lose, you lose.** Sunday 7th November 2010

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Our first return fixture of the season and it was the current leaders of the Division. We had had a close game at their place, and the game had only really been settled in the last minute when they got their fourth. They had added to their squad with ex-Academy players, so it would be interesting to see how we would cope with that.

The line up was:

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| Declan | | | |
| Josh | Aaron | Reece | Noah |
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| Bryn | Sam | Tom | Max |
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| Lorenzo | Callum | | |

Substitute: Joel & Charlie

Callum took a throw deep in their right back area which Tom headed on, and Bryn met with a volley, but it went just wide. They then attacked down our right and a huge cross evaded everyone, Dec making himself as big as possible as their winger was one on one, but fortunately he fired into the side netting. We hit a corner which went right through to Josh who lifted it back in, however they cleared and were suddenly away, Noah storming across to intercept, and he slid in as they shot, which took the sting off of the ball, and allowed Dec time to get his hand to it and push it onto the bar and over. Bryn played it back to Josh, but he slipped on the wet surface and they were through. From thirty yards out and wide they went for a shot, which I thought straight away "that's over", but it dropped quicker than I expected, right into the top corner **0-1**. A poor pass by City was picked up by Max, who found Callum turning onto his right to shoot, but with not enough power. They kicked long and were through with pace, but Reece got there and slid in to perfection to clear for a corner. Dec took a great kick from the ground, which their defender miscued and Callum was through and passed it past George, but also just wide of the right hand post. From the goal-kick we headed it back to Callum on the edge of the area, but he was tackled as he spun to shoot. They attacked down their right, and as we challenged the ball came loose, and they shot for the far corner **0-2**. We kicked off, and gave it away, they attacked quickly, and another shot was into the far corner giving Dec no chance **0-3**. They caught us again with a ball over the top, and Dec charged outside of his area, so they shot, and he pulled his arms across his chest to protect him and it hit the underside of his elbow. The ref gave a direct free-kick outside of the area, but ignored calls from George in goal for them, for a red card. More on that later! Max and Callum combined well and Callum got down the line and crossed to the far post to where Lorenzo was coming in, but George stood tall and saved his close range header. A ball over the top turned their defenders towards goal, and the pass-back took George by surprise and went past him. Callum sprinted after it and George paused for half a second and it gave Callum the slight lead, and although he then raced back, he couldn't stop Callum from passing into the open net, although his studs up slide caught Callum's ankle in the net. Luckily there was no bad damage and Callum was able to carry on **1-3**. Callum then ran past two defenders and shot, but unfortunately right at George. They then broke and rode three challenges, before shooting at close range, but Dec got down very quickly and made a fantastic save. Tom then won the ball in the middle and set Callum away down the left. He crossed for the far post to where Lorenzo and a defender both slid in, but the defender's touch did enough to take it just the wrong side

of the post. They forced a corner out on their left. The corner was hit high and long, and swung in perfectly right into the top right corner of the net **1-4**.

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A nice bit of attacking down the right with Callum and Lorenzo combining well, then Noah flicked it past the defender for Callum, who went past George, and George took him down for a Penalty. Going back to the earlier incident, I noted at this point that George didn't tell the ref that he was last man and deserved to be sent off!!! George if you read this, be careful what you ask the ref for, it can come back on you as well! Anyway, **Callum** stepped forward to take it and coolly despatched it into the bottom right **2-4**. We attacked but lost it and they broke down their right. Charlie tried to get across, but isn't the quickest, and his slide caught the player after the ball had gone. The ref finally brandished a yellow card, and Charlie became the first player in the history of this team to be cautioned. They attacked into our box and Josh, then Aaron and finally Reece, made three strong challenges, but each time the ball spun in the attacker's favour, and he had a simple toe-poke past Dec **2-5**. Lorenzo latched onto a ball down the left, found Max just inside of him who took a touch and crossed it for the middle, and Bryn a yard out hit it, but a player on the line got his foot to it to clear. There was a melee in our area which we partly cleared and tried to get organised as the cross came back in. This time the City player clearly handled to control it, however the ref didn't see it, so he spun and shot into the bottom corner **2-6**. Callum and Aaron worked themselves down the left wing, before getting the ball to Lorenzo, who slid Callum into the box, where a City defender just took him down, missing the ball, and the ref just ignored our appeals. They then attacked at pace with fast passing movement, and a shot unsighted Dec **2-7**. They then hit a wayward cross-field pass which **Lorenzo** raced after, away from their defender and around George to pass into the open net **3-7**. With ten to go we became aware that they wanted to reach ten, so told the team to play for pride, and in that period we battled and threw ourselves in the way and stopped them getting any more.

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Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Max & Declan

Afterthoughts.....

Despite the score-line, this could have easily been a draw or even a win for us! Now I will quantify that. City had the majority of possession, moved it around quickly and accurately and could have scored more but for some great defending by the whole team. That said, we created many chances, and had we taken them, and three goal-line clearances and an un-given penalty spring to mind, then it would have been a totally different game. Don't get me wrong, City were the better team and deserved to win, especially during the ten minute spell where just like at Yate we seemed to give up, but if we believe in ourselves, and take the chances when they come, this sort of game can still be won. That said, if City don't win the League, then they will only have themselves to blame, as I am yet to see a side as good as them (although Warmley come close and have their injuries finally behind them). Leigh, it's yours to win or throw away! ☺ ⚽ ☹