



FRY CLUB COLTS

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This should have been the quarter final of the Cup, however Stoke Lane were unable to raise a side so we were into the semi-final. Bitton had called about a game earlier in the week and as we had been due to play St Aldhelms as our League fixture I pointed them in that direction, but when our game was cancelled I thought I'd try Bitton as I knew that they had a pitch. Bitton were waiting for St Aldhelms to get back to them with confirmation, however when informed that we were free, St Aldhelms wanted to play the original fixture, and we were off to Headley Park School. We warmed up ok, however our attention was drawn to the other end of the pitch which was boggy and had a few deep puddles. The referee felt that, as we were there we would try to play and hope that our play would help dissipate the water, however he would keep an eye on it in terms of injuries.

The line up was:

		Declan		
Josh	Aaron	Reece	Joel	
	Bryn	Sam	Tom	Max
	Lorenzo	Callum		

Substitutes: Charlie & Noah

We had a few good attacks, one in particular saw passing between Bryn and Sam set Lorenzo away down the right, and he passed it back across the area to where Tom was running in on the left hand side for a shot, but it hit a puddle near the penalty spot and stopped, and they cleared it! A few minutes later and Tom caught his ankle in the puddle, twisting it and had to come off. Lorenzo had had problems breathing and had come off, but was able to go back on for Tom. Lorenzo was sent away down the line and shot low, but the 'keeper dived well and got his hand to it, turning it past the right post. They then broke down their left as we lost the ball going forward and

their centred pass had no puddles to contend with and an attacker passed it past Dec **1-0**. They clear our attack and Joel was turned towards our goal as last man, however rather than pass back, or clear wide he tried to turn the attacker and lost it. Their attacker was in on Dec, who came out well and narrowed the angle, and the resulting shot rolled narrowly wide of the right post. Callum's throw was cleared as far as Sam who played it back for Lorenzo in the area on the right and he passed left for Callum, who went past the defender and was brought down. **Callum** slotted it straight down the middle of the goal as the 'keeper dived **1-1**. We attacked down our right but lost the ball and they counter-attacked and crossed. Reece slid in to win the ball and it appeared to get caught under him, brushing his hand although not deliberately. The shout went up for a penalty and everyone froze except one of the St Aldhelm's forwards who blasted it high into the net **2-1**. The goal stood as the ref' had not blown his whistle! Twice more we mounted attacks, and each time the water was what ultimately stopped us.

HALF-TIME: ALDHELMS 2 FRY 1

The referee had another look at the pitch during half-time and felt that it wasn't clearing and if anything had become more dangerous to play on, so took the decision to abandon the game.

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

I was annoyed at their second goal, as we repeatedly tell the players not to stop unless you hear the whistle, something that also cost us a goal at Bishop's Lydeard due to calls of offside from their line. Hopefully that will be it now and the players will finally learn! At 2-1 the game could have gone either way as we would have been attacking the non-boggy end, however abandoning it was the correct call for the referee to make, and also gave both teams a good 35 minute workout after the Christmas break. My apologies to Noah as he had been poised to go on at half-time, however I will make it up to him at the next game.