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Goodbye to the sky, I know I can't fly, but I feel love. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011

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Back to the League routine, and our return fixture with Rovers Supporters. Tom's heel had been hurting since training and unfortunately it was too bad for him to play. There was a concern about the state of the pitch with the water, but a sheen of ice made it firm without being hard and made the pitch playable.

The line up was:

Declan			
Josh	Aaron	Reece	Joel
Bryn	Sam	Noah	Max
Lorenzo		Callum	

## Substitute: Charlie

Their 'keeper hit a bad goal-kick straight to Lorenzo and he was in at an angle. Callum was square and it seemed to catch Lore in two minds, and he cross/shot and the 'keeper saved for a corner. Three corners followed this, and on the third Max on the front post hit it up for goal, but it hit the outside of the stanchion and ricocheted away. We overcommitted in attack and suddenly a big clearance saw us three against one, but as Dec came out they shot wide of the post. They managed to win a corner on our left, and the ball was floated over and met unchallenged by their attacker who headed past an unprotected Dec 1-0. From kick off we turned them into their left back area which they cleared as far as Noah. He had two attempts to play Callum down their right, and the second saw their 'keeper charge out, but not totally aware of his goal as he did and Callum clipped it inside of him into the middle of the unguarded net 1-1. From their kick we forced a corner on our left. Callum swung it outwards and it was met by Sam's low diving bullet header, but a player on the line was in the right place and he headed it over. We played Callum down the left, he came back inside to Sam, and as they followed Sam put it back out to Callum who now had space and he drove it across for Lore, but it was just slightly too high and came off his head and over. We piled pressure on their goal, but they broke away and we failed to clear the ball and a shot was pushed wide by Dec, however they had a player out there and he hammered it in from the narrow angle 2-1. Aaron broke forward with the ball and rode a challenge that saw studs down his Achilles, however he managed to release the ball for Callum, but his rising shot flew just over. Aaron however was down and needed to be carried off, and looked like he needed to go to hospital, however he wanted to stay to see if it improved. Sam won the ball and played Callum perfectly through and he went past the 'keeper away from goal, and over compensated on the shot and it rolled wide of the right post. Joel

and Max combined well on the left to win it before Joel laid it in to Callum. Joel kept going so Callum back-heeled it for him into the box. He nimbly side-stepped the two-footed sliding challenge and centred it for Lore who hit it at goal, it hit the 'keeper, came back, hit **Lore's** knee and went in **2-2**. Callum then threw long and Lore shot, but it hit Max and went wide.

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Callum threw to Lore and he centred for Bryn running in, however the 'keeper just got there ahead of him. Their attacks were diminishing as the game progressed, however they did hit one for the top right corner, but Dec was quick and acrobatic and pushed it away. We then mounted a sustained period of pressure, and every time they tried to clear we just kept putting it back in the danger area giving them no respite and it was eventually pushed to our right, 10 yards from goal, but no more than a yard from the line and Lore hit it on the turn, over the 'keeper and it hit the inside of the opposite left stanchion and went in 2-3. Max played Callum through who hit it inside of the 'keeper, but a defender running back made contact and just forced it out for a corner. Callum floated the corner over and this time it was Lore who rose unopposed and put us two ahead 2-4. At this point we noticed that Aaron was no longer hobbling towards us, but was jogging which was a great relief all around, not just for this game but the upcoming ones. Dec's long kick was headed slightly forward by their defender outside of their area, and Callum with his back to goal hit it over his head high, it hit the crossbar, then the back of the 'keeper, but bounced upwards not backwards and he was able to grab it. Josh ran past three players and played Aaron in, but hit the side netting with his shot. Their goal-kick didn't get outside of the area before their player touched it, however this season the law has changed and instead of it being retaken it is an indirect free-kick to the opposition! Joel laid it for Callum, but it went iust wide. Callum threw for Sam to head on and Lore headed for the top right, but the 'keeper got his hand to it. More sustained pressure brought a free-kick from a foul on Max, but Callum's kick hit the outside of the net. Lore and Brvn linked well to get down the right and rather than shoot from the narrow angle two yards out he centred for Aaron, who wasn't expecting it and he missed the ball, however the linesman did say that Aaron was offside and that had he hit it in he would have flagged anyway. A short throw to Lore on the left saw him turn and attack across the edge of the area before hitting it low and hard into the bottom right 2-5. From the kick the ref blew for time.

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

### Afterthoughts.....

I was not happy with a lot of their challenges, and at times we seemed to stand off of them, especially in the first half. In the second we looked more determined and won the battles for the ball in each area and the dominance told. I am only disappointed that again against this side we could have easily scored 10, but failed to take the chances. In the grand scheme however it was an important 3 points and meant that we surpassed last year's points tally in half the amount of games, and moved us back up to third. Well done!