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The League Cup Semi-Final and everyone was available. Only Warmley stood in our way. We had beaten them earlier in the season, but they had had a few more ex-academy players come back to them and were a stronger outfit. We would have to be at our best. As it was a semi-final, we had an official referee and lines-people. Ray and I talked to our players before the game about belief. Belief that if we scored, they wouldn't give up. Belief that if they scored, that we would still be in it, and most of all belief in themselves, that they could win this game as long as they worked as a team, kept their discipline, and never stopped trying.

The line up was:

	Declan			
Josh	Aaron	Reece	Joel	
	Bryn	Sam	Tom	Max
	Lorenzo	Callum		

Substitutes: Charlie, Noah & Elliot

We closed them down right from the start, not giving them any space to pass, and from our first attack forced a corner out on the right. **Callum** swung it in with the wind, and their player got his head to it but could only divert it into the net **1-0**. They attacked and we cleared wide, but they got it back and ran at us, but Aaron stepped in to win it and send it through for Lore, and he saw Callum's run down the left and tried to find him, but the last defender dived forward and managed to head it out for a corner. Callum swung it in again and this time a defender was on the line to head it clear. Lore found space and clipped it central for Callum to race after, but their 'keeper got there about a yard ahead of him. Sam and Aaron worked in the middle to win the ball back and Sam clipped it forward. Callum controlled it well under pressure and chipped it forward for **Lore** to take around the 'keeper and roll it in with his left foot **2-0**. Warmley finally managed to get time on the ball and worked it well down the right, before finding players in the middle, each time with their back to goal as we wouldn't let them turn, but they moved it quickly and finally created that space in front of goal from 10 yards. Dec got his body to it, but it had enough power to find the net **2-1**. Warmley again kept possession well and forced their way into the game with some slick passing, this time to the left as we tried to keep up. A Warmley player received the ball in front of goal and looked to shoot as we jumped in, but instead laid it off and this time the attacker had a bit more time and space and he poked it into the corner **2-2**. As half-time approached, you could see our players start to tire, as they had worked so hard to restrict Warmley's space, however a great ball down the left for Callum and he switched it to the right to where Josh had gotten forward, but his shot went just to the right of the post. They had a corner which was swung over and headed goalwards. Dec dived across, but Josh was in front of him and headed it upwards, luckily Dec still got a partial touch, and it was enough to loop it onto the top of the net.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 WARMLEY 2

We dinked a free-kick over the top for Tom to shoot, but the 'keeper saved, and with the wind his drop kick flew over everyone and Dec faced an attacker one on one and just managed to get his foot to it and force it wide. We won a free-kick out on the left, and Callum swung it in right at the 'keeper with Aaron & Tom challenging, forcing the 'keeper to fumble, but it fell kindly for a Warmley defender to clear. They tried to break from the clearance, but this time the wind was in our favour as the final ball was over-hit. We had another free-kick and Aaron challenged the 'keeper and forced it free for a melee to ensue, but the ref blew the whistle as the lineman had spotted that the ball was in the 'keeper's hands. Another free-kick was caught by their 'keeper and his big kick saw them break away, but Josh made a vital challenge to stop them. The ball came back at us and was met on the half-volley, but was wide.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 2 WARMLEY 2

We now faced 10 minutes more each way, with our boys tiring, but we had come this far, could we take that final step? Back with the wind for the first ten and a goal-kick by Noah was flicked on by Sam, and **Lore** was through, but with three defenders around him to beat, and he just battled hard and forced his way through all three of them, in on goal, and toe poked it into the bottom left to restore our lead **3-2**.

EXTRA-TIME H/T: FRYS 3 WARMLEY 2

A massive throw from Callum came out to Max who looked to shoot, but the wind took it away from goal, but straight to **Bryn** ghosting in at the back post, and he bobbled his shot back across goal in to the bottom left **4-2**. Warmley really stepped up the pressure and we had to work hard to stop them, with Callum having to defend. A shot flew in, and Dec dived to his right to push it out for a corner. Another nice bit of play saw the ball centred as we were trying to get to wherever the ball was, and it dropped ten yards out for a player to shoot with just Dec to beat, but Aaron launched his body across the area and managed to get the block in just in time. From a corner the ball went out 20 yards for an attacker to send in a rocket, but Dec flew across to make another fantastic save. The corner came in and our player missed it at the front post, and it rolled through everyone to the back, and was hit back across, and Dec somehow managed to get his right foot to it to clip it just wide of the post.

EXTRA-TIME F/T: FRYS 4 WARMLEY 2

<p>Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy & Ray for excellent play and effort – The Whole Team</p>
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Afterthoughts.....

What can I say. I told the boys that I had never been more proud of them when the game ended, and as I type this later, nothing has changed. We worked harder as a team than I had ever seen us, and when you compare this to recent performances such as Lydeard, Rovers & St Nicks, it shows just how good we really are. Ray & I had no hesitation in awarding MotM to everyone for a brilliant team effort. To make a final is something that some people will never achieve, and we must enjoy whatever happens. Well done to everyone, you were magnificent.