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Your ballroom days are over, baby.

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After the triumph of last week's League Cup semi-final, we turned our attention to the Somerset FA County Cup, the Lewin Cup. This was still only the 2nd round, having not been involved in the preliminary, and having beaten Bishop's Lydeard in Taunton in the 1st round. We knew nothing of Westfield except that they were 3rd in the Midsomer Norton Youth League 1st Division. There was one good omen, and that was that when running his first team through 10 years ago, Andy's Frys team had met Westfield at exactly the same stage and had beaten them 8-1 at home. Could his new team replicate that? In keeping with the previous round, Andy invited Ben Watt along to bolster the team.

The line up was:

	Declan	
Josh	Aaron	Reece Joel
Bryn	Sam	Tom Max
Lorenzo	Callum	

Substitutes: Charlie, Noah, Elliot & Ben

We forced a corner on their right early on which Callum swung in, and in the bad conditions it seemed to go through the 'keepers' hands, which caused Sam to hesitate, and when he reacted, was just too late and his header went wide. Callum then threw in which their big defender cleared, but Josh charged in and shot, only to see it deflect high and to the right of the post, to where **Bryn** was running in and he volleyed it across goal into the bottom left **1-0**. From the kick off they attacked and Callum ran at them, but decided to fall over instead, so they went around him. An unusual tactic, and maybe it will work next time! Bryn won the ball and fed it inside to Callum, who ran past a defender and powered it low from 20 yards just wide of the right post, but it was worth the effort as it skimmed very quickly and would probably have beaten the 'keeper had it been just inside the post. We closed them down in our half and Max's touch went left to Callum, who split the defence with a low ball and Lore was away past the last two defenders with the last one grabbing his shirt, but Lore kept going into the box before finally being hauled to a stop and the ref blew for a penalty. Curiously he did not send the defender off considering he was the obvious last man, however **Callum** stepped forward and powered it low into the bottom right **2-0**. Max won the ball well in the middle and fed Lore, who went forward but turned in to feed Bryn, and his first touch was into Sam. Sam played left to Callum who cut back onto his right before curling for the far post where Lore missed it but Bryn behind him volleyed again for the left corner, but this flew agonisingly wide. It did however deserve a goal as it was fantastic one touch play in very bad conditions. Josh broke out of defence and played it into Sam's run and his little poke past the defender was perfect for Lore's run, but his shot dragged wide of the left post. Callum threw to Joel who passed it back!!! (It was almost aimed at Callum's head, but the intent was there) and he flashed the ball right across goal, and again Lore and Bryn were sliding in at the back post but this time it was just too

far ahead of them. Tom lifted a lovely pass over the defender and he shot high first time, with the ball slipping through the 'keepers' hands, but he swung around and grabbed hold of it on the line.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 WESTFIELD 0

Callum played it down the right and Sam chased it to cross it in and Ben charged forward to get a touch and it came loose for Callum to slide in and poke through a defender's legs, but the 'keeper gathered it. Westfield attacked and flashed a shot in from 30 yards which Dec gathered well, then a high ball saw Max try to control it and it bounced up onto his lowered hand, happening in an instant with no arm movement towards the ball, and yet the referee blew instantly for a free-kick! It was smashed low from 22 yards, skidding off the surface quickly, but Dec parried it left and dived on it as Aaron slid in behind him to cover the net. Sam then attacked down the right and crossed it over and **Lore** jumped from just two yards to head it into the net **3-0**. They attacked down the left and Noah tried to shepherd the ball out, but their attacker was quick and ducked ahead of him, so Noah tried to use his strength to get it back, but the player fell and the ref awarded them a penalty. Their player stepped up and blasted as Dec dived the other way **3-1**. Ben then won the ball and played a perfect ball through for Lore, but this time the 'keeper got his foot to it and forced it away for a corner. Callum swung it over and Max headed for goal only to see the 'keeper save, Sam poked the rebound goal-wards and this time a defender blocked it on the line, however at the third attempt **Lore** knocked it in **4-1**. Lore then battled well to force a throw on the right near the corner. **Callum** took it and it was played back to him, almost by the flag, and yet he hit it with his right foot, out-swinging, but somehow right into the top left **5-1**.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 5 WESTFIELD 1

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

Afterthoughts.....

The conditions were atrocious, the referee's decision at times dubious, at others just unbelievable, and after a good 15 minutes of fair battling, some of the opposition's play degenerated to become simply dangerous. And yet through all of this we continued to play our game, passing when we could, and making the best of the conditions when that wasn't possible. I know that there was a lot of anger on our side at seeing reckless challenges ignored by the referee, whilst blowing the whistle against us for some innocuous challenges, but I will remind everyone that the referee is the sole arbiter of the game, and mutterings will achieve nothing, nor will arguing with the opposition manager, no matter what comments he may have made about women washing up! I do not say this to reprimand our support, just simply to remind them to try to not get involved and let the boys do our talking as they did this day.