

### FRY CLUB COLTS



## U14 MATCH REPORT U14

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Losing control, yeah, I'm all over the place.

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Bryn was away, but other than that we had the full accompaniment available as we travelled to Filton. Avon share their pitches with a Saturday adult team and it showed. The pitch looked like a tractor had ploughed it. The other looked better, but had patches of standing water so we went back to the ploughed field with the referee happy, and advised our team to lift their passes and play firm football, staying away from the middle area.

The line up was:

#### Declan

Josh Aaron Reece Joel

Noah Sam Tom Max

Lorenzo Callum

Substitutes: Charlie & Elliot

We lost the ball from kick off and Avon launched an attack down their right, passing challenges and cutting into the area before unleashing a shot which hit the crossbar and went over. From the goal-kick, Callum won it and saw Josh running down the line, who managed to get it to Noah, and Callum had gotten there and chipped it over and it looked like Lore was in, but their last man got his foot to it, out as far as Max who crossed but saw it blocked and they were away down their right again with this time Aaron making a great block as they entered our area. A goal-kick from Dec was volleyed on by Sam and Lore was away, but as he tried to go around the 'keeper he seemed to get it stuck under his feet in the mud, but then a mix-up between the 'keeper and the defender saw both leave it, allowing Lore to have another shot which was blocked this time. He then tried to cross for Callum, but it got stuck in the mud. We forced a throw on the right which Josh threw to Callum who went down the right, cut onto his left as if to cross, but then turned again back on his right to the line and chipped one over which saw Tom shoot and the 'keeper instinctively pushed it over. Lore got away down the left but their defender slid in to clear for a corner. Callum swung it out and Lore jumped, but his header was just wide. Sam won the ball in the middle and floated a perfect ball over the defence for both Lore and Callum to race after and as Lore bore down on the 'keeper, the 'keeper seemed to slow slightly which allowed the un-noticed Callum to nip in from the right, left past the 'keeper and fire the ball into the empty net 0-1. Callum passed the ball down the line for Max who returned the ball inside and Callum found Sam in the middle who laid it off for Lore who shot for the bottom right and the 'keeper dived brilliantly to push it around the post. Josh then worked hard down the right and fought with two defenders, but saw his cross

blocked, however it bounced up and he got his toe to it for Callum, and **Callum** stepped left of the defender and hammered it high, in off the underside of the crossbar **0-2**. Just before half-time and they were on the edge of our area and some of our players were shouting "bang" as they looked to shoot, so the ref awarded an in-direct free kick. We closed the first one down a bit too quick for the ref's liking so he ordered it re-took and Dec got his body behind it.

#### HALF-TIME: AVON 0 FRYS 2

Lore was set away against two defenders and managed to force a corner which they cleared but we won back and the 'keeper was forced to save as Lore went through one on one. They then had a corner which their player got to first with his head, but this was over. Our goal-kick was won back outside of the area by an Avon attacker who shot first time, over Dec but hit the crossbar and bounced down, and fortunately for us just at the wrong angle for the attacker in the area and both Max & Joel surrounded him, not letting him turn and he fell calling for a penalty whilst Joel completed the clearance for a corner. The corner came in and Callum on the front post volleyed it clear high and chased and it bounced up once as he put his head to it, unfortunately as their player did the same and there was a bit of a sickening thump as they clashed heads and both players fell. The game was stopped instantly and after some treatment both wanted to carry on. Their player didn't seem that bad, however Callum still looked a bit vague so we took the safe decision to take him off for five minutes in case there was any delayed reaction. After about five minutes there wasn't and he went back on. Noah worked hard and broke out of defence and rather than blast it forward looked for the chip for Callum, and he played in Lore who chased in on the 'keeper and lifted it over him, but unfortunately it rolled just wide. From the kick however Sam won it back and laid it left for Callum, and he took a step left past the defender and walloped it from a good 30 yards and it flew straight over the 'keeper and into the top right for his hattrick 0-3. They played the ball into our area which Noah won, and he held of the challenge to lift the ball for Lore to chase and he hit it hard and low as the 'keeper advanced 0-4.

#### FULL-TIME: AVON 0 FRYS 4

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

#### Afterthoughts...

I was very pleased with the performance today. It took about 10 minutes to get used to the playing surface and we were under a lot of pressure as they adapted quicker. Once we had adjusted however we took control and took our chances well. In the second half they put us under a lot of pressure but we held out, and when we finally got away took our late chances just as clinically. What impressed me the most today though was the way that both teams continued to pass the ball around in spite of the atrocious surface which is praise indeed for both teams as anyone who was there and saw it will testify.