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Reflections of the fears I know I've left behind.

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Finally our day arrived. This was the first time that we had ever reached a major final, and we were going to savour every minute. First of all we met at Frys for a team photo in our Matchday Polo Shirts (thanks Dave). Then we hopped into the Team Bus (thanks to Tony Harper of the U15's) and travelled the short distance to Keynsham Town's ground. We took a leisurely walk around the pitch, with both Andy and Ray talking to the players about the game. Then we changed into our commemorative Football Shirts (thanks DriBuild) for a warm-up and more photos, before Sam led the team, with both Ollie Kipling and Brad Fry joining the walkout as mascots, to rapturous applause from around the stadium. We knew that this would be a tough game, but we just asked our players to play with pride and never give up.

The line up was:

		Declan			
Josh	Aaron	Reece	Joel		
	Bryn	Sam	Tom	Max	
		Lorenzo	Callum		

Substitutes: Noah, Charlie & Elliot

They kicked off and attacked at us, but we were able to stop them before they reached our area. Then Tom picked it up in the middle and sprayed it wide for Bryn who tried to lay it in for Lore, but it was cut out just before it got there. Callum threw for their area, but it came back to him and he volley for Lore and it hit his heel as he faced away from goal and spurred just wide. Lore then picked up Sam's pass and went past three defenders, but it took an awkward bounce as he went to shoot. It was cleared but played back into the left of the box and Lore got there unmarked, but again it bobbed and he slipped over the ball. He got up and centred, and as Callum swung at it, their defender cleared it long, to another who floated it over our defence, and Dec started to come, stopped, dived at the ball and stopped it, but it squirmed loose right into the path of the attacker who hit it into the open net **0-1**. From the kick we played it forward but they won it, went down the right and crossed it, but it just floated in at the top left of the net **0-2**. We tried to go forward, but they won it and broke down our left, crossed it and Dec dived out to parry it, but their player was already following up and got to the loose ball first to blast it into the far corner for three goals in less than five minutes **0-3**. They attacked down the line and crossed it, but none of our players were able to reach it and it came out to their winger who blasted it, but Joel on the line made the block and we cleared it. They lifted it into our area and Joel headed it wide to Sam, who came inside to Tom and he went wide to Callum, who went down the line and crossed low across the area, but George in goal dived on it just ahead of Lore. Joel won the ball on the left and played it down the line for Callum, who ran right to the line and whipped across a low ball, but again it bobbed as Lore got there, however he went after it and came in again with a shot under intense pressure, but it was wide.

They won a corner and it was floated over, and their player rose highest **0-4**. Callum threw long into their box and Sam headed it on, but it hit a defender, came back and hit Sam, and dropped nicely for their 'keeper. He kicked long and Reece was last man as it came, but he let it bounce first, and that allowed their attacker to get past him. Dec made the initial save, but he followed up and completed it **0-5**. From the kick off they won it back, attacked down the line and crossed, and Dec under pressure was unable to hold it, and it fell to their player on the line who had a tap-in **0-6**. They came at us again and

Aaron did enough to make Dec's save easier. He kicked for Lore, who battled hard against their fast defender and got it to Callum, who took a step left and then curled it right into the top right of the goal **1-6**. They chipped a ball into our area, and the bounce just wouldn't come down as we tried two or three times to clear, and eventually a half clearance fell to the edge of the area and their attacker shot low into the bottom left **1-7**. From the kick Sam passed it back to Josh, and he in turn found Bryn who went back to Josh, who thread it through for Elliot to chase but George just got there, however again it was a lovely passage of play.

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They attacked down our left and Noah powered across to stop the shot, however it deflected into the middle to an unmarked player who looked totally offside, but wasn't given, however Josh raced in and made the block just in time. Lore then headed on a clearance and Bryn chased right into the corner forcing George into an error. Bryn attacked down the right and passed inside for Lore, who played it forward again to the line for Bryn, but George dived on it just ahead of him. Sam and Josh won the ball in the middle and laid it back to Tom, who went right to Bryn who flicked it past the player and played Lore in, but his shot was saved. Callum then floated a corner over and Lore challenged at the back post, but it was eventually cleared. Callum chased a great ball down the left and swung it over, and again it bobbed on the poor pitch. After a good ten minute spell of pressure, they then broke after another bad bounce and three on two left us no chance **1-8**. Dec's clearance forward saw Lore chase under pressure from two defenders and the 'keeper coming out, but his speed got there ahead of them all and all he needed to do was lift it over them into the open net, but he seemed to catch the ground and the ball spun off left. They won the ball on the left side, and their player 30 yards out floated a direct shot and it dipped just under the bar and in **1-9**. Callum went wide, all the way down the line and cut in, but decided to shoot rather than lay it across, and it just missed the bar and went over.

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<p>Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for never giving up despite the score – The Whole Team</p>

Afterthoughts.....

We had three good chances to have taken the lead before they did, and who knows what could have happened. In the end they had two devastating five minute spells where they scored three in each period, all in the first half, and the game was effectively over. What impressed me the most was our refusal to give in. Yes heads dropped when each goal went in, but by the time we kicked off we were back up for it. I actually feel that we had more possession in the second half than they did and created more, but we failed to take any, and when they created they took them. There is no doubt that the best team won, but I feel disappointed for the boys, as three or four goals for us would not have been unfair.

At the end of the game as we were laughing and spraying champagne, two City players were heard to say "Why are they celebrating, they just lost." Well for those players I will say. Regardless of the score, we had just played our first ever major final, and we were celebrating that great achievement for the team, and we were showing our appreciation for them and our pride. Afterwards we also went back to Frys for food, drinks and post-match socialising, and I think on the whole had a great and memorable day. Well done to our players.