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And so I cry sometimes when I'm lying in bed.

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Everyone was available for this and we were given the front pitch. The rumour was that they only had nine players the night before, but that they had managed to convince their two Bath Academy players to play, meaning that although they only had eleven, it was a strong eleven. Reece was still feeling the effects of his thigh injury from the week before, but felt he could play, and Bryn had a heel injury, but again declared himself fit.

The line up was:

	Declan			
Josh	Aaron	Reece	Joel	
Bryn	Sam	Tom	Max	
	Lorenzo	Callum		

Substitutes: Charlie, Elliot & Noah

From kick off Jack Bailey shot, and it went just over, however Dec watched it all the way! We started the game very lethargically, and allowed them to get through us. They played into our area and Reece just missed a through ball, then Aaron did, and Dec sprinted off of his line to save with his legs, but it was an early warning. Dec kicked well and Lore headed left to Callum who took a touch and played it back into the middle, but a sliding tackle came in just as he went to shoot. Callum threw from the clearance and Tom challenged their 'keeper Sam Davey for it, but got a bit flattened. He then threw it left and Josh closed the player down, but half jumped at the challenge and the ball went Keynsham's way. He crossed it in and Harry Neil turned his right foot to lay the ball wide right, and Jamie Noble came flying in and his shot beat Dec at the near post **0-1**. Josh again half jumped into the challenge rather than going in whole-heartedly, and the cross was sent in, but was fired over. Dec's kick was flicked on by Tom and Lore was in, but he was tackled and the ball spilled right to Bryn running in, but his shot at the near post was saved by Sam D. A bouncing ball just inside their half on the right side of the pitch was hit high and long by Jack Bailey, and Dec started to come but thought better of it, but by then it had bounced on the dry surface and gone over him and in **0-2**. Jack Gallagher created space for a shot, but Aaron dived in with a fantastic sliding tackle, and then got up and did it again to clear the ball. Callum then flicked a great ball in for Lore to go around Sam D, but their flag had gone up. Sam then cut in from the left and crossed it in, but Lore's header was just over. Noah chased a through ball as Sam D charged out and managed to win it with two defenders running towards goal and the Sam D out of his area. He chipped the ball, but their Sam D raised his hands and saved it, but he was outside of the area. Now the FIFA handbook on the Laws of the Game, Law 12 – Fouls & Misconduct says the following:

Sending-off offences:

A player, substitute or substituted player is sent off if he commits any of the following seven offences:

- serious foul play
- violent conduct
- spitting at an opponent or any other person
- **denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)**

- denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
- using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- receiving a second caution in the same match

So following the Law, the referee should have sent Sam D off, reducing them to ten players, and giving us the advantage for their denial of a goal-scoring opportunity. What happened? We were awarded a free kick and Sam D stayed in goal. Aaron shot well, but it was just wide of the left post.

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Callum swung a corner in from the right and Tom got there under the bar, but it hit the underside, bounced down, and Sam D caught it. It was kicked long and they were in, but Dec made a great save with his unmentionables! Callum threw to Tom from the right, and he turned and curled a great shot for the far post, but Sam D dived over to push it around the post. Dec's kick was headed first by Tom, then Lore and Callum was in, and he blasted a shot for the roof of the net, but again Sam D got his fingertips to it and tipped it over. Callum hit the corner to the far post to where Aaron headed it back across into the danger zone, but the ref deemed the ball to have already gone out. We were attacking and they just hit a long ball and Jack Gallagher was through, but Josh raced in and made a great saving tackle and Dec cleared the loose ball. Max battled hard with Jack B and fed a lovely ball for Lore who passed it past Sam D as he came out, but just right of the post. A throw from Callum found Lore working hard and driving into their area, and he lifted the ball past Sam D but just over. A ball into our area after a clash of players saw our players stop a bit (there was a whistle on the other pitch) and Sam Jarman slid it into the bottom left **0-3**. Another long ball from Keynsham (And they called us a long ball team after the first game!) was headed on for Harry Neill, but Reece slid in with a fantastic saving tackle. Callum's throw to Lore was flicked on to Sam who went for a volley, but it flew just wide of the post. Right on full-time a free-kick from the left was floated to our back post and a choice of two unmarked players had a simple head in which Sam Jarman took, **0-4**.

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

Afterthoughts.....

We were asleep again for the first ten minutes and gave them a two goal lead. After that we settled into it and although weren't dominant, were at least creating our fair share of the chances. For me the game hinged on the handball. The referee should have sent their 'keeper Sam D off. He told me that Noah's shot was going wide, but even after the game Noah was adamant that it was on target, as were other spectators around the pitch. Had that happened, who knows? Perhaps the ten of Keynsham would have still held out and scored two more, but I doubt it, especially given how many outstanding saves Sam D made in the second half. Unfortunately we'll never know, and that is what galls me the most. I don't mind losing to a better side, but I do mind not having a fair chance to pull it back due to poor decisions, and more importantly, referees who don't have the strength to administer the game as the Laws dictate, usually with the excuse "But they're just kids". At this age that is not an excuse as I know fathers younger than our players, and players need to understand the Laws of the Game, and play to them.