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How can I change the world if I can't even change myself?

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We had tried to arrange Yate for this weekend, but had failed to agree. Warmley had wanted to bring their game forward, but as it turned out we had four players out of fourteen missing, so it was a good thing that we hadn't sorted a league fixture. The U15's had a few new players they wanted to look at, and because we had 10, one of their friends, Callum Hinder, who had come to watch, agreed to play for us. The whole point of the session for Ray and Andy, was to start to try to change the way we play, looking to play the ball forwards from the back in short passes, and so with Dec missing, the Big Bear went in goal to help facilitate this. We decided to play for ussus the play with the boys.

The line up was:

#### Baloo

Josh	Aaron	Reece	Joel
Sam	Noah	Charlie	Max
	Elliot	Callum	

#### Substitutes: Callum H

They kicked off first and played the ball forward, however Aaron stepped in well to make the interception and passed out to Sam, who played a great ball in behind them for Callum, but his shot was saved. A few minutes later everyone stopped, and a mass swarm of migrating bees floated right the way down the middle of the pitch, and everyone moved off until they were away, luckily no one getting stung. Baloo threw wide to Sam, but he tried to go past a player rather than pass and lost the ball and they attacked down the wing and crossed. Luckily Leo for them missed it and Joel was on hand to swipe it clear for a throw. They chipped a ball over the top and Leo charged in as Baloo came out, tried to catch it, but the challenge forced it out for a corner. Two corners then flew across the face of the goal with everyone missing before Josh and Callum went away with it, but this time Callum lost it trying to beat a player and it came to Ryan, but his shot flew wide. They got their passing into gear better than we did at this stage, and four quick passes saw the ball go from corner giving Baloo no chance **0-1**. Josh played a one-two with Aaron, then with Noah and reached the edge of their area before his final pass went astray, but it was still an excellent flowing move. Max fed Callum down the left and he swung over a cross which Aaron challenged for, but their 'keeper just got his hands to it.

#### QUARTER-TIME: COLTS 0 15'S 1

Baloo laid the ball left to Joel, who played it left for Max, and he in turn fed Callum who laid it back to Joel for a cross which they cleared. Joel then played the ball back to Baloo under pressure, who turned right and chipped it to Sam and he went in to Callum who laid it back and went for the return down the line which Sam found, but his shot went wide. Sam then played it in to Callum H who jinked around three players and fed Elliot through, and he challenged Courtney in their defence and won it, pulled right and went for the shot, just as he was tackled, and it went for a corner. Callum then threw to Sam, and cut inside for the return, but was tackled as he shot. Baloo took a goal kick to Elliot, who controlled it and passed it down the line for Max who crossed and it was blocked for a corner. Noah floated it over, Callum headed it down, Charlie lifted it back into the danger area and they were forced to concede another corner. Noah took it again, and Callum met it, but was just under it and it came down on the roof of the net. Callum H played it right for Callum and he found Elliot inside who shot first time, but the 'keeper held it well over his head. Callum crossed and Callum H controlled it, found Charlie who were left to Joel who crossed plut it was headed away. Joel threw to Callum H, who crossed right across goal for Sam running in, but his shot was high. They chipped a ball down their left and were

through, however Baloo closed the angle well, and as they tried to flick it past him, he shot out his left hand and pushed it towards the middle of the goal, to where Josh had gotten back and was able to clear.

#### HALF-TIME: COLTS 0 15'S 1

Josh received the ball from Baloo and worked with both Sam and Aaron to progress up the field and played it in to Callum H. Aaron had carried on his run and received the ball back, with Sam pulling defenders wide with his run, played it left to Callum, who took one touch to steady himself, before blasting into the bottom right 1-1. Sam then won the ball right and ran across field to play in Callum who chipped high with his right foot, but Clappy in goal caught it above his head. Baloo rolled the ball to Charlie, who turned and played it to Callum H, who flicked it for Callum, but he was challenged as he went to shoot, and the ball went wide. The U15's shot which Baloo held, before throwing it to Sam, and he laid it back for Josh. Josh played it inside to Aaron and he went left to Callum H, who switched play to Sam and he fed it through for Aaron who had continued his run, but he just slipped at the wrong moment and they were able to clear. They clipped a ball over the top, but Baloo got there with their forward charging in, and under pressure, calmly found Joel. He went inside to Charlie, who fed Max and he laid it down the line for Callum, who crossed it in for Callum H whose shot was blocked, then it came to Sam and his shot was blocked and they punted it long, but Baloo rushed off of his line and got there ahead of the attacker, ran ahead of the defence in doing so, and laid the ball down the line to Josh, and he played it inside for Callum H, who came back for Reece, who played in Callum, but they got there to clear it. It was a great passage of possession play however. We gave away a free-kick a good 35 yards out, and their attacker blasted it. Baloo had it covered, as it rattled off of the top of the bar. Baloo played it left to Joel, who found Charlie, and he in turn Noah. Noah played it to Callum H, and he found Sam and he crossed to see it cleared, but again good passing. Baloo fed Josh, who turned inside his man and found Sam and he played it forward to Elliot who tried to flick it off for Aaron running through, but it came instead to Callum who shot, but it went just wide of the right post. Right at the end of the 20 minutes they won a corner on their left. They went for an in-swinger, which was headed out back to them, and this time it was swung in at goal, and just eluded the out-stretched hand of Baloo and was in 1-2.

#### THREE-QUARTER-TIME: COLTS 1 15'S 2

Callum tried a shot from kick off, but it bounced nicely for Aaron in goal for them and he caught it. Baloo kicked to Joel, who played it down the line for Max who played it for Callum H, and he flicked it to Aaron, who played it left again for Max and he tried to return it into the area for Aaron's run, but it was cut out for a corner. Noah's corner was headed high by Courtney in their defence and Aaron won the follow-up headed, but Aaron in goal for them got down to smother it. They swung a corner in, and we didn't clear it enough and it was hit high and wide of Baloo into the top left 1-3

## FULL-TIME: COLTS 1 15'S 3

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play, saves, distribution and all round effort – Andy

# Afterthoughts.....

Both Ray and I were very pleased with the way our players took up the idea we had given them. The first 20 minutes was about finding their feet and their range of passing and control, but after that they executed their moves brilliantly, and in all honesty dominated large parts of the game. As you read through this report, what comes across to me is the continual references to passing, and that I feel is a fair reflection on our performance as we played it forwards time after time. This bodes well for next season, well done!