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You gotta give the other fellow hell.

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Tom was still suffering with his heels from the Warmley game, and Elliot had been ill. With so many injuries from the past two games, this did not bode well, especially Callum who had badly knocked his knee and had turned up with a support in place, but we had to play and so went with just the one sub. We welcomed both Brandon & Sammie, back for their first game at Frys.

The line up was:

# Declan Josh Aaron Reece Joel Bryn Sam Noah Max Lorenzo Callum

#### Substitute: Charlie

With the wind in their favour Yate were on the offensive from the start, and two attacks in a row saw us mis-read the headers and head towards goal, the first shot well wide, but the second pulled a good save from an alert Dec. Noah played a good ball behind their defence for Lore to run on to and we gained a corner from it. Then Sam ran through and played in Callum, but it was just too close to the keeper. Yate then broke and we defended magnificently, first Joel, Max & Reece all sliding in with challenges, then the ball broke into the middle, and Sam and Bryn were instantly upon them with crunching tackles. In the end we gave away a free kick, but the wall stood brilliantly, and we were able to catch them offside. Noah played a ball wide to Lore on the right, who held it well facing our goal with a defender on his back, and Josh had raced forward to help, so he flicked it inside for him, and he then passed down the line for Lore to spin and chase and force a corner. From a defending ball it was played right to Josh, and he passed forwards to Lore and went after it. Lore controlled and flicked it inside for Josh, who took a touch and passed it inside of their last defender, for where Lore had run, and he was in as last man and played it under their 'keeper 1-0 and a memorable move. They had a throw on their right, and Sammie launched one. Joel jumped but just missed, and it seemed as though every player in our team stopped expecting Joel to get it. Three of theirs didn't, and one had a header from about a yard past a helpless Dec 1-1.

### HALF-TIME: FRYS 1 YATE 1

Noah tackled hard on the right and accelerated down the right into the space, before playing a lovely ball across and it was forced out for a corner. Callum swung it in right over the 'keeper to the back post and Aaron with the side of his face knocked it in to restore our lead 2-1. A big throw dropped over our defence and a player was in on Dec, but he stood up really well and saved, before Aaron got there to clear for a corner. They had a free-kick which was floated into Dec's hands and he kicked long, first for Sam to head on, then for Max to head on and Lore was away down the left, before cutting in and passing to Callum with his back to goal five yards out, and he just tapped it outwards to where Bryn was running in and he buried it into the bottom left 3-1. Bryn played a ball for Callum to chip and Lore was after it, powering past three defenders and shot, and although the 'keeper saved, the spin on the ball combined with the wind meant that it bounced into the net 4-1. Lore crossed for Sam to control across the area, and as he went after it, the 'keeper got there just ahead of him. From the left Sam swung in a corner, which hit the stanchion and came back, so he hit it to the back-post, to where Sammie got it, and he turned and was away, all the way down their left wing and we just couldn't catch him, right to in line with our 6yard line, a virtual carbon-copy of St Aldhelms from last season, but where last year his centre was flicked over the 'keeper by Tom for a goal, this time the centre was sliced wide of the far post by their attacker. Noah played a great ball down the right for Lore, and he found Callum in the area with the easiest of tap-ins 5-1.

### FULL-TIME: FRYS 5 YATE 1

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

### Afterthoughts.....

With the injuries we were carrying, I have to admit that I feared the worst, but to the boys eternal credit, it affected none of them! We underwent some severe pressure in the first half, but having held out, I felt the game was ours and so it proved. I was nice to see Brandon and Sammie, but we accept that they moved on, and that part of our team has died whilst we live on!

And what about the season itself? What a massive difference a season untouched by injuries can make! Noah came in along with Dec and Lore and all three made significant impacts, and Elliot helped later when he joined, in his own way. A few people said that we didn't miss Sammie & Brandon and the results showed a great improvement. I agree to a point, but I can't help think of what might have been, had they both stayed, and what we could have achieved. But we cannot dwell on the past. They both left to try to play at a higher standard, and only they can decide if that worked for them, although they may want to glance at the final league table before they decide!

Well done to Reece and Noah, ever presents at all 36 games (Noah didn't manage to get on at the abandoned game, but he was still there, so well done to both of you, but especially Reece, as that is now two years in a row! And as for next season, changes are already in motion, and hopefully we can carry on the great work that we did this year, and see if top two is on. Good luck boys, you have been immense.