

FRY CLUB COLTS



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Number 03 I believe in the brotherhood of all men, but I don't believe in wasting brotherhood on anyone who doesn't want to practice it with me. Brotherhood is a two-way street. Sunday 4th September 2011

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And so the start of the U15 season was upon us. For some players it was their tenth year with the Club, for others their first. The first day of the season saw last season's top six face each other, City v Warmley, Yate v St Aldhelms, and we faced Keynsham Town! Ben had recovered from his bug, and although not 100%, wanted to be part of the game. The referee did not turn up so Tony went ref, and we were on the dreaded slope of pitch 2.

The line-up was:

Harry

Josh Aaron George Reece
Sam Ben Bryn Max
Lorenzo Callum

Substitutes: Joel, Noah & Tom

We won a corner and Callum trotted over to take it, and as he swung it in we all charged at goal, so that when it didn't clear the defenders we had seven players the wrong side of the ball. Bryn tackled Harry Neil who slipped, but managed to hook it behind Bryn and set Jack Gallagher away, and although Josh was ahead of him, Jack used his strength to knock Josh off of the ball and lifted it over Harry and in 0-1, and with five minutes gone we were one down and Lore was off with shortness of breath, however Tom ably replaced him. Callum went wide and shot low, and Sam in goal for Keynsham held well, which was lucky as Tom had followed in just in case. A high ball over us was met by Reece with a header, but he slightly misjudged it and headed it onwards, however Harry made a fantastic save to push it out for a corner. They passed it out to the right, to where Max closed down quickly and won it, but was then sandwiched by two players to win a free-kick. Callum swung it over, and just like the header we charged into the area, so that the clearing header fell to Keynsham, however this time Reece got there and cleared for a throw, allowing us time to regroup. Aaron was felled wide on the right, and as Callum went over to take it, Aaron passed it to him, enabling Callum to be closer with his delivery, unsettling the Keynsham defence out of their line, and as he swung it in Sam headed on and Ben went in with their 'keeper Sam Davey and got his head there first, although he was clattered as he did, but it went our way 1-1. From their left back area they played a long ball over the top and Rob put the flag up, but then realised that it hadn't gone to the offside player and lowered it again, but some of our players reacted to the flag rather than played to the whistle and they were through, and a pass across goal was met by Jack Gallagher again 1-2. Max again chased a pass into their corner, and again won it, but this time their player reacted quicker and managed to get his toe to it. Jack Gallagher was then sent away down their left and no one could catch him, and he lifted it over Harry, but fortunately off of the crossbar and out. Aaron threw to George, and he laid it back for Aaron to swing over to the left to where Lore got ahead of Sam Black and turned inside, running across the 18-yard line and hooked a high shot over the 'keeper, however Sam did just get his fingers to it to push it over. Callum's long throw was flicked on and then cleared, but only as far as Noah, who controlled with his chest and then smashed one across the face of the goal, but unfortunately just wide. A ball into our area was won by Noah and he set Callum away, and Callum swung a low ball across goal, and the defender lunged for it and missed, but it was enough to put Lore off as he went for it as well, and the ball was cleared.

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We started with a move out of defence utilising quite a few players as we passed swiftly from one end to the other; Josh played it out to Noah who laid it back to George and he found Tom on the left who pushed it wide to Bryn who was out on the left wing, and he crossed it in for Lore, but it was just too far in front of him. Tom and George combined well in the middle to win it and find Sam, and he crossed it to the back post to where Callum nosed it down (heading it down would be inaccurate) and Lore from just one yard blasted it high, and although it hit the 'keeper, the power and angle carried it into the net 2-2. Another ball behind their defence saw Lore get ahead of Sam Black, and Sam slid in, missed the ball, but to Lore's credit he stayed on his feet, turned wide and passed it back, but the cross was over-hit. We over-committed and they were through, but we defended well, Harry making a good close range save, but it came out to a Keynsham player from about seven yard who blasted it, and Joel had positioned it fantastically and headed it off of the line. It then went to their right for another blasted shot, and Harry has gotten into position well to save again. They forced us back and won a corner, and it was swung to the back post to where James Harvey rose highest and won the header 2-3. George controlled the ball and sent Lore in who touched it passed their 'keeper, but was caught and went down. Callum stepped up and blasted it straight down the middle as Sam swayed left 3-3. Callum then went left with a sliding tackle to win it, but afterwards, it appeared that the Keynsham player stamped on his leg, and Callum's day was effectively ended. Into the last two minutes and Lore used his strength to get past the last defender and was in on goal, but slightly lifted his shot, allowing Sam in goal to get a hand to it and make the save

FULL-TIME: FRYS 3 KEYNSHAM 3

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

Afterthoughts.....

This fiercely but fairly contested game was ended on a sour note thanks to the challenge on Callum, however my over-riding impression of the game was generally dominance! Not necessarily totally, but I feel that we had more control of the game compared to Keynsham. That said however, I will caveat that with the fact that Keynsham created more clear-cut chances and could have won convincingly had they taken them. We need to turn our possessional control into goals or else we will lose games that perhaps we should be winning. A good result to start the season though.