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It was a lovely sunny day to head to the coast.... We had to park under the motorway and wander down an obscure lane, and only Del and Ben had been here before, however Del still managed to forget where it was and arrived last having trawled through Avonmouth village! Callum was away on trial with Rovers (he was subsequently offered a two-year contract, so congratulations to him, we wish him the very best), and Tom was still out along with Bryn who had still not recovered from his injury. Andy was back from his Cruise so took charge.

The line-up was:

Harry  
Josh Aaron Reece Joel  
Sam Del George Max  
Lore Ben

Substitutes: Noah

We started brightly, a ball over the top which Josh got to and calmly laid it back to Harry to clear, then Joel challenged the tallest player on the pitch and beat him to a high ball. Ben worked hard down the left and crossed it in, but their 'keeper got there first. Sam, Josh, George and Del passed it quickly around, and although nothing came of it, it was good interplay. A high ball was missed by everyone and Del struck it goalwards, however the 'keeper was always behind it. Aaron went for a ball through and cleared it, but it was returned over him and Reece, Harry and their tall player all converged, and Reece slid in furthest from the ball, got his foot to it and stood up in the same movement, away from danger and cleared it to safety. He was injured in the challenge, but after a short break, was able to continue. They played a high ball into our area which presented danger, however it came down to Reece on the penalty spot, and he calmly turned away and spotted Lore up-field, and he found him with a pass. Lore clipped it past the right back, and as their fast defender came across Lore flicked it inside into the path of Ben, and he hit it past the 'keeper 0-1. Sam won the ball and played it in to Ben. He chipped it forwards for Lore, but their defender headed it back to their 'keeper who caught it. For some reason he then dropped it at the feet of Lore, who sidestepped him and kicked it into the open net 0-2. They broke and a bouncing ball kept evading Aaron's challenge but Del charged back to get a strong challenge in and clear the danger. We won a corner, and all of our attackers charged in, which meant that when it was headed clear there was no one to stop the break. They charged down our left, and then got a cross over which bounced up perfectly for the player running in at the back post to head powerfully past Harry into the top left 1-2. Del powered through three challenges into the box, with the final challenge going for a corner, however we remonstrated with the referee as their linesman had the flag up for offside, something that only happens when the ball is passed forwards! They attacked down the wing and a cross into the middle ended with a shot at Harry which he palmed down safely. He kicked to Del, who spun with the ball brilliantly and shot from distance, not well, but it went into the crowd and as Lore challenged

it bounced up for a free-kick just on the edge of the area. Noah stepped up to take it and floated it with power towards the right of the goal, but their 'keeper dived magnificently to push it wide, and Del powered it back across goal, but no one was there.

**HALF-TIME: AVONMOUTH 1 FRY 2**

A high ball was brought down by Del and he found Ben down the line who floated a cross towards the back post, but it just went past. Their defender hit a ball forwards, and Reece appeared to have it covered, but it took a wicked spin out of his path and they were away, and as Aaron came over they crossed to the back post for a simple tap-in 2-2. We hit a ball forwards and they returned it with extra, over the top and they were away, passing past Harry and giving him no chance 3-2. They hit another ball over the top down the wing, and were away, Harry again with no chance 4-2. A corner came over, they cleared it as far as Ben who lashed it forward to Lore, who turned his man and flicked it into the far left 4-3. We played it left and Max, rather than power it forward, feinted that way and instead ran past the defender down the wing, crossed it into Del who went wide right to Sam, and he got to the line to cross, but it fell just behind the post. Max jumped in just in our half and conceded a free-kick which they hit hard and high at the back post, and everyone missed it as it bounced up and just missed the left post by inches! Harry was confident! A long throw into our area was headed at goal, but Joel was on the line to head clear. Noah broke out and played it down the line for Lore, and he found Sam, but the pitch wasn't good, and it bobbed as he went to cross and flew behind. They won a throw on their left and launched to the middle, it was headed out, but fell invitingly just outside of the area and was thrashed low through the crowd into the bottom right 5-3. Andy switched Josh up front and it immediately paid dividends as Max ran out of defence, passed it down the left for Josh, who ran past a defender and on for Lore, before sprinting goalwards. Lore went past three defenders and crossed for Josh, however their defender managed to get a foot to it, but for once in our favour as it flew past the 'keeper into the bottom left 5-4. We pushed and pushed for the equaliser, but just ran out of time.

**FULL-TIME: AVONMOUTH 5 FRY 4**

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

*Afterthoughts.....*

*In the first half I felt that we would win, and win easily such was our dominance, the only concern was that we weren't turning that dominance into goals. But they emerged a different team in the second half, and were first to every ball, and unlike us, making their chances count, three in that five minute spell, and for long periods we appeared already defeated. The pitch was poor, with long grass and clumps of earth, however it was the same for both teams so we cannot use that as an excuse. We rallied at the end and could have grabbed it if the game had gone on a bit longer, although by then Harry was off injured, and Reece was hobbling up front. We missed Callum's presence, but have to accept that with his great news, we have to find another way. I believe that we have the players to do it, we just need to get the combination right, and once all 14 are back fit, that we can do that.*