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Number 10 I don't care if I fall as long as someone else picks up my gun and keeps on shooting. Sunday 30th October 2011

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After six weeks under-strength, we finally came to a game with the full squad. Tom was ready but had to be careful of his hand, and Bryn was still feeling the effects of his thigh injury, but both wanted to play. It was Tony's first match as the official assistant manager.

The line-up was:

Harry
Josh Aaron Reece Joel
Sam Del George Max
Lore Ben

Substitutes: Tom, Noah & Bryn

Bitton worked the ball down the right via a throw, and a cross went all of the way to the back post, to where Sam just got there ahead of Gideon for them, to clear it, and Del completed it. We had a free-kick on the half-way line and it was cleared and they were off down their right, past two challenges before Reece slid in and made the tackle. Ben was then set away down the left, and we saw his true pace as he powered up the line, but unfortunately it rolled out of play just before he got there. Max worked through two challenges and found Ben who centred. Lore headed it on and then wide for Sam who came in with a shot at the back post, but he was tackled as he did for a corner. Their throw was headed by Aaron to Sam, and he did a light flick upwards, but this wrong-footed the defender and Sam was away with a ball down the right for Ben, who crossed in towards Lore, but Jamie Noble just got there ahead of him. Aaron again laid it for Sam, and this time his ball down the line found Lore who was away and crossed, but again they got there first. From a drop kick Josh went and headed it, but they played it back, and we backed away towards goal, and as they went to shoot, Del charged in from nowhere and made the vital challenge. From our goal kick Ben won it, found George, and he saw the run of Lore, playing it through, but again their defender just got there. We had a free-kick on the half-way line, which didn't make it over the first line of defenders and suddenly they were away with pace and we had too many players up-field still, and we couldn't catch them as the ball was squared for a tap-in 1-0. They had a corner to the back post, but although James Ferguson jumped highest to head it in, he had first of all pushed Josh in the back, and the ref saw it. From a goal kick however, Bitton won it back, and a series of errors and misfortune (clearances hitting theirs or ours and falling to them) saw them in and past Harry 2-0. By this time we had lost Sam, Aaron and Josh to injury, Aaron for the remainder of the game, Sam and Josh came back just into the second-half. We had a free-kick just in their half, and Tom played a lovely ball in behind them, but they got there first

and cleared, outnumbering us as they attacked, however fortunately the referee blew for half-time.

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We started the second half brightly, and put them under pressure from the start. A clearance came to Ben halfway, and after controlling the ball he drove it back at chest height, and their player couldn't deal with it, and it dropped behind him for **Bryn**, and he took a touch and passed it past the 'keeper 2-1. We then won a free kick on our left at the halfway line, and Ben dropped it over them all, and it looked to be going out, but Bryn just got there and laid it back, along the goal-line, and **George** was stood on the line to blast it in 2-2. **Lore** then broke away down the left, with Max's support, and got to the line, crossed it with his left foot high for the back post, and Mo in goal got his fingers to it, but just enough for it to drop in at the back post, and Tom didn't need to make sure 2-3. A free-kick on the edge of the area was blocked out to George, and instead of shooting, he decided to see how high he could hit it..... Into the last ten and they were pushing us back, and a ball into our area came to Kieron Baldie, and he hit a cracking shot, which Harry did brilliantly to tip over. Lore broke all the way down the right and into the area and laid back for Noah, but it was just too far away from him for a shot. A free-kick into the edge of our area was controlled on the chest and volleyed, and although Harry got a hand to it, it wasn't enough to stop it and it dropped in 3-3. Another free-kick was lifted over the top and it looked like the entire team either played the offside, or thought it would go to Harry, however it didn't and three of their players ran in, one of them passing it into the net 4-3. From another free-kick we forced them right, but the player turned back for goal, and Bryn caught his legs, and he went down for a penalty. Harry dived the correct way, but it was hit with power into the bottom right 5-3.

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

Afterthoughts.....

My biggest gripe, was that their last three goals came from free-kicks, and in total we must have conceded at least ten in the second half, in areas that let them put dangerous ball in, and it was these that led to their goals. For long periods we were better than them, but for long periods they were better than us, the difference being that they took more of their chances. Next time, we need to take ours! That said, to concede three in the last seven minutes needs to be addressed.