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Number 11 He is a man of courage who does not run away, but remains at his post and fights against the enemy. Sunday 6th November 2011

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Tom was away, but everyone else was available, although Aaron was still struggling from the injury that took him out of the game at Bitton the week before. After a dodgy start, Coalpit had entered a string of stunning results with wins in their last two games against Keynsham & Yate Utd. Reports were that they were a very physical team and relied on that for their wins, however Gareth Thomas had reported from Yate that they were also a good team. What would we face? There was a minute's silence before the match, which was impeccably observed.

The line-up was:

Harry
Noah Aaron Reece Joel
Sam Del George Max
Lore Ben

Substitutes: Bryn & Josh

We won the ball straight from their kick, and Max fed Lore out to the left. He was away down the line, before cutting onto his right and shooting, however it hit the side-netting. Coalpit then mounted a spell of pressure, but Del was strong on the edge of our area, before finding Noah, and he played the ball forward to Lore, who flicked it over the defender, before turning and going after it., and laying it through for Ben, who charged through two challenges, but was pushed very wide by the keeper, but shot on the turn and hit the outside of the post. They then broke through three challenges and looked to get to a shooting position, but then Joel came from nowhere and essentially laid in front of the player, with the ball stopping and the player flying! Coalpit started to build pressure again, and Reece tackled well, and the loose ball was fired in low, but Harry was positioned well. There was some fantastic quick touch play between Max and Lore, before Ben was slipped in, but the flag was up for offside as he slipped it into the net. They then threw long for our area, and the flick on was buried in our net, however the player was offside from the flick, so that was one each chalked off. We were attacking, but they put a ball over the top and their striker headed it on and attacked, but with Aaron in close attendance, Harry was quick out to grab it at their feet. We forced a corner which Ben floated across and Aaron headed first, and then shot the rebound, but it flew over. Coalpit were not shy at shooting, and a high 25 yard shot was well held by Harry. Bryn then won the ball and played a perfect ball just beyond their defenders for Lore to attack, however their last man timed his tackle perfectly to clear for a throw.

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A high ball from us into their area was headed clear to where Del was running on, and he controlled it on his chest as he ran, before thundering it from a good 35 yards straight in over the 'keeper 1-0. They then attacked down the left and crossed in for their attacker to try to flick it past Harry, but it went the other side of the post. From their free-kick Harry caught it and drop-kicked a massive ball, over everyone and Lore was in, and as the 'keeper came out he lifted the bouncing ball, but unfortunately just wide of the post. Josh attacked down the line before finding Lore, and he in turn played in Del, who found Sam, before eventually laying it across the area for George to shoot low through the crowd, and although the 'keeper saw it late, he dived well and pushed it away for a corner. We attacked well and Bryn battled well in the

right corner before being felled. Geraint called loudly for a penalty, but this elucidated a few laughs as he was quite a way from the area! George swung it in low, it hit the post and came out to Lore, but he was just unable to get on the end of it. Harry saved a free-kick and rolled it for Josh and he was away down the line, playing a one-two with Lore, before centring for George, and although his shot was the right height and speed, unfortunately it was about a yard wide. We then saw Bryn, Josh, Lore and Sam play some fantastic one-touch triangular passing out on the right, but with no end product as Del and George were waiting in the middle! It was good to watch though. We then lost the ball in a similar situation and they were away and two attackers were in on Harry as Ben chased, and Harry made the angle difficult for one attacker so he passed it right for the other, but luckily he slipped at that moment and it went just behind him, and by the time he had got to it more defenders had got back and we managed to force the final shot wide. We then conceded a free-kick just outside of the area and they shot high and it hit the crossbar, and four had followed in with one scoring, however luckily we had held our line as the kick was taken so they were offside, and although it was deemed a shot, as soon as it came back from the bar and into play, they were then offside as they had scored from an original offside. That said, Rob later explained that only one of the four had been offside, but fortunately for us, it was the one who got to the ball. We then won a corner which Ben floated to the back post, to where **George** rose highest to head it in **2-0**. Max won a cleared ball and laid it down the line for Lore who used his strength well to get onto the ball and went down the line before cutting in and shooting. As he shot however his boot flew off, and without wanting to denigrate his shot too much, the boot went closer to the goal! A high ball into our area was headed for goal and Harry dived magnificently to touch it onto the post, and Noah completed the clearance. They attacked well, and both Ben and Aaron slid in well, timing the tackle perfectly to win it away for a corner. Del went down the line and put over a lovely cross, but Noah's header was just the wrong side. A great ball into the area saw Noah shoot/cross, Max toed it closer towards the goal, and then Bryn at the back post tried to get a touch in, but it was just cleared. They attacked down their right and Joel charged out to shouts of "don't dive in".... so he dived in and conceded the free-kick. It was floated over and Harry made another great save and Ben cleared for a throw. The throw was launched in, and we all jumped, and as it dropped their player fired it low through the crowd into the bottom right with just 30 seconds remaining **2-1**. We attacked and George and Noah both had shots, then they broke, and we were holding them up as the ref blew for full-time.

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

Afterthoughts.....

Despite what I had heard from a number of other managers, I found Coalpit to be a good, competitive team. It was a great game to watch, with both teams creating chances, however I thought that we were the stronger team, and ultimately deserved the win. The only contentious moment was the third of the three disallowed goals! Below, is copied verbatim from FIFA.

A player in an offside position is only penalised if, at the moment the ball touches or is played by one of his team, he is, in the opinion of the referee, involved in active play by:

- interfering with play or
- interfering with an opponent or
- gaining an advantage by being in that position

"gaining an advantage by being in that position" means playing a ball that rebounds to him off a goalpost or the crossbar having been in an offside position or playing a ball that rebounds to him off an opponent having been in an offside position.