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It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees.

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We travelled to Yate for our first return fixture of the season. Our sponsorship/support agreement with the Children's Hospice South West had been agreed and this was the first time we were to wear the kit. Yate very kindly agreed to let us collect donations around the pitch, indeed donated £20 from the team itself, and their Manager posed with Aaron & Sam for a publicity photograph. Before the match, both teams observed an impeccable minute's silence to remember the fallen. As for the game itself, everyone was available and fully fit, however one side of the pitch was very wet and boggy. Yate had a dodgy linesman, his name was Gareth.....

The line-up was:

		Harry			
Bryn	Ben	Aaron	Reece		
Sam	Del	George	Max		
		Lore	Tom		

Substitutes: Josh, Noah & Joel

From the kick we worked down the left and Max and Lore pressurised to force a corner. Ben floated a lovely corner over and six players jumped for it. Unfortunately they were all Yate players..... Both teams were working hard and it was fairly even, but then a ball over the top found two players ten yards from goal with our defence ten yards further up the pitch as they sprung our high line and as Harry closed in on the attacker he simply passed it to his left to the other attacker and he had a one-yard open goal tap-in **1-0**. Lore worked the ball forward and played in George whose second attempt saw the shot saved. They then attacked, passing well through our defence and Harry dived at their feet to save. They kept up the pressure and got behind us again, past Harry with the shot, but Bryn had raced in behind and cleared it off of the line. We forced a corner which was cleared at the front post and they raced away down the line, and again Harry was quick out to pull off another fantastic save. Aaron then broke forward and played it right for Sam who crossed to the far post for Max to shoot, then Tom the rebound, before Lore shot again and the 'keeper dived well to save. George then played Sam down the right, in onto his left and curled one for the far post, but it was just wide. They had a corner to the far post which Reece headed and Harry cleared, and Josh was away down the left, cutting inside Brandon and

finding Lore in the middle, and he held it well before finding Sam right coming in to shoot as Josh raced in, but just beyond him. They then hit a free kick high to the back post but Harry held it well and laid it out to Sam to run, however he was scythed down by a two footed slide. Luckily he wasn't injured. Ben delivered the free kick and Sam at the back post headed just wide. We attacked down the left, Max forcing a throw which Josh took long and Yate headed clear to about 30 yards out and Joel running in smashed it low, through everyone and it hit the right post and ricocheted out! A great ball into Lore saw him turn and slip Josh in one on one with their 'keeper but he just got something to Josh's shot as it bounced narrowly wide. Ben floated the ball over and this time it was Del who headed just wide, but we were keeping up the pressure. Just before half time we forced another corner and this time Lore rose highest, but headed it over.

HALF-TIME: YATE 1 FRY 0

We were attacking and Sammie won it for Yate and was away down their right, and even Ben with his pace couldn't catch him, however luckily his ball across our goal was missed by the attacker. Joel threw long and Lore flicked it on for himself, past three challenges in on the 'keeper but unfortunately he fired it into the side netting. Their player attacked into our area and Aaron came in and their player fell. Aaron turned to the ref protesting his innocence saying that he hadn't touched him and the ref blew a free kick for diving! With just eight minutes remaining they threw long, headed back across goal and the player at the back post stabbed it in **2-0**. In the last two minutes they had a corner which flew over their player and hit Sam on the stomach, before dropping in front of the Yate attacker three yards out, and he fired it high into the net **3-0**.

FULL-TIME: YATE 3 FRY 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Harry
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Afterthoughts.....

You can see by the paucity of the second half report that both teams cancelled each other out, and it was only with ten to go when we altered the set-up to chase for an equaliser that they got their final two. An honest result should probably have been a draw, but it was not to be. Tony and I were full of praise for the team after the game. They had battled, passed and played excellent football, and in our view were unfortunate to lose. As long as we continue to play like we did, we will win more than we lose. Thanks must go to Callum, who came along and supported us, and was the first to take the Hospice collection bucket around.