



## FRY CLUB COLTS

# U15 MATCH REPORT U15

Number 14 **Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way. And don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines.** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011

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Tom was still injured from the previous week but everyone else was there. We had an instant opportunity to reverse the result, and Tony and Andy tinkered with the line-up to try to achieve this.

The line-up was:

Harry  
Bryn Aaron Josh Joel  
Sam Del Max George Ben  
Lore

Substitutes: Noah & Reece

We kicked off and played it wide to Sam who ran down the right, crossed it in and Ben shot, which was blocked, then George shot, which was also blocked, so Ben lifted it back in for Lore to head, but they headed clear. The ball was played out to Lore who sprinted down the line and crossed, but unfortunately for our two waiting attackers, the 'keeper dived out and caught it. Sam played Lore through, and he ran across their area, into the corner, winning a corner. Ben floated it across, the 'keeper called, got nowhere near it, but we had all stopped for the shout and it went harmlessly across and out. Josh broke out of defence and found Ben but he was close down as he went to shoot, and then they broke forward and Del conceded a corner with a stunningly fierce tackle. Harry's kick dropped over everyone, just right for Lore and he raced towards goal but was tackled for a corner, which we headed over.

**HALF-TIME: FRYS 0 ST ALDHELMS 0**

At the start of the second half, we had a throw in our left wing area which was taken to Lore, and he ran across their area and shot hard, the 'keeper dived low and parried it wide, however **Sam** had gambled at the back post and powered it in **1-0**. Lore gambled down the line through three challenges, forcing a corner as he battled through them. A free-kick dropped into the box, but on Del's left foot, and unfortunately his lifted shot was over. They broke from our attack and shot, but deflected over for a corner. They floated

the corner over, and it ricocheted around before being blasted high into the net for the equaliser with twenty minutes to go **1-1**. From an in-swinging corner they all charged in and one got the touch just a yard from goal and it was in **1-2**. We hit over a great corner and Del rose highest, but unfortunately just wide. They swung a corner in from the left and it was headed for the far right of the goal, with our defender appearing to duck slightly **1-3**. They hit a ball over the top, and had beaten our offside to see four players in on Harry, and they lifted it over him **1-4**. Josh in our corner played it forward to Sam down the line and he passed it on for Lore who ran down the line, in past their player and he was tackled as the 'keeper came out and fell perfectly into the 'keeper's arms. They won the ball in the middle, passed out to the right and the attacker had an easy tap in from the cross **1-5**. We tried to push forward to get a goal and a ball over the top beat our back line and the attacker Harry, and despite Reece and Del's best efforts to get back on the line, he squeezed it behind their run and in **1-6**. We appeared by now to have given up and a player in the area hammered it low into the bottom corner **1-7**.

**FULL-TIME: FRYS 1 ST ALDHELMS 7**

**Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Lore & Josh**

**Afterthoughts.....**

*What happened? We were 1-0 up with twenty minutes to go, and somehow managed to lose 1-7! For the first time in a very long time (November 11<sup>th</sup> 2007 - Lost 2-6 to Henbury), I was very angry at the end of the game, although didn't rant and rage, just spoke quietly of my disappointment. Because we lost? No. Because we let in seven in the last 20 minutes? No. It was because we gave up! We could lose 20-0, and I am sure that everyone would accept it if we battled and fought to the final whistle, but with this game we didn't, and for me their last three goals were uncontested. There were still individual players who tried their best to the end, but collectively we seemed to go missing, and that is something I will not accept, and propose to change training from now on to counter that. What makes it worse though is reading the Match Report, right up until they scored. If you look, they hardly get a mention and we had lots of chances. In all honesty this game could have been buried in the first half, however like the week before, we didn't make the most of our chances, and after weathering our storm, they took theirs with a vengeance!*