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I will not surrender responsibility for my life and my actions.

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Due to past weather conditions, the Avon Youth League had not scheduled any games for this weekend, however we had not played for a month and faced Warmley next, whilst the U16's were in a similar position and had another week off. Both Dave Gooding and I knew that Frys would cancel with the slightest hint of moisture in the air, so took the decision to hire South Bristol Sports Centre, which used to be the Imperial Club. With no official match Lore had made a prior engagement, however Callum came to watch, and under the eye of his Academy head of recruitment, played the second half.

The line-up was:

	Harry			
Josh	Aaron	Reece	Joel	
Bryn	Sam	George	Max	
	Ben	Del		

Substitutes: Tom, Noah & Callum

We started the game with some nice, neat and at time under pressure, passing which was good to see. Sam then controlled a high ball and flicked it to Bryn, who controlled and shot in one swift movement, but Jack Clench in goal for the U16's made the save. The U16's then had a series of high ball crosses into the area which resulted in headers towards goal, however Harry dealt with them comfortably. A ball in towards Ben was brought down well on his chest as he was about to turn and shoot, however the referee felt that it was handball. I was talking to Jon at this stage, and we both said the same thing, that the whole team were controlling the ball well, passing in tight areas, and generally keeping possession, even in defence whilst under pressure, which was great to watch. Harry threw to Joel, and he turned away and laid it down the line for Max, who flicked it inside for George without even looking, and then the two of them progressed down the line, before getting it to Del, at which point the U16's cut it out for a throw, however from 'keeper to the edge of their area with constant passing was very impressive to watch. By halfway through the half, there weren't a lot of clear chances, but again Jon and I were very impressed by the way we were controlling the ball in terms of pass and move, and although there was no goal on the end of it, it was still heartening to see us keep possession rather than just rush up field. George played it out to Tom, and he turned back inside to

George who had continued his run, and he in turn found Noah down the line, and then back to Tom, who cross/shot, and their 'keeper just got there ahead of Bryn. Ben ran down the right and crossed in to the back post to where Max met it with a shot, and saw it parried by their 'keeper, out towards Bryn running in, and again their 'keeper made a great save as he shot goal-wards. The U16's won the ball wide on the right and crossed in, and as Harry raced out, Leo got there just ahead of him, but the ball rolled out for a goal-kick. They hit a ball into our right back area, and Josh under pressure couldn't quite control it, and they went down the line and crossed in, to where we made a few tackles and blocks, but not enough to clear, and eventually it came to Leo who shot low into the bottom right **1-0**.

HALF-TIME: FRYS U16's 1 FRYS U15's 0

Callum came on at half-time at centre-half, a position he is used to now at the Academy. Tom won the ball in the middle and flicked it out to Del, and he forced his way past one defender, however the other just got there to concede a corner. Callum then won it in defence and strode forward with it, however he was tackled and they broke against three, however Josh raced inwards, and as it was crossed in, he got just enough to it to put off the other striker, and it rolled away from goal. The U16's then swung over a corner, and none of our players seemed to jump as Leo did, but luckily his header was off target. Callum then had a shot from outside of the area which forced their 'keeper to make a diving save. A high ball into our area was headed partially clear by Callum, and then Ben charged back to tackle, and eventually Joel made the final tackle to clear for a corner.

FULL-TIME: FRYS U16's 1 FRYS U15's 0

<p>Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Tom & Callum</p>
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Afterthoughts.....

The result didn't matter to me, and I made that clear before the game. What I wanted was a good run-out for all of the players after a month off, and everyone had at least an hour's hard running. I also wanted to see us keep better possession, especially under pressure, and as you can see from the report, that ran through the game, probably what pleased me the most. It was nice of Callum to come support, and I was glad to be able to give him a half, especially as it will keep him familiar with the team, and vice-versa, with the Tour now just three months away. As for the game itself, I felt from a possession perspective that we were more dominant, however again in a match, the opposition had more chances. If we can turn possession into clear chances, we will win almost every game we play.