



## FRY CLUB COLTS

# U15 MATCH REPORT U15

Number 18 **When the tempest rages, when the thunders roar, and the lightning's blaze around us it is then that the truly brave man stands firm at his post.** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012

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The venue for this game had been switched just before kick off, so we all trooped off to Patchway High School. Max was injured, however had come along to support. There was a strong wind right down the pitch, which we kicked with in the first half.

The line-up was:

Harry  
Josh Aaron Reece Joel  
Bryn Sam Ben George  
Del Lore

Substitutes: Noah & Tom

A great ball through saw Lore away, however he stumbled on the uneven surface and their 'keeper cleared it, turning us towards goal and they were almost through, except for a last ditch tackle from Reece. Joel crossed the ball in and Del flicked it on for Lore, who took a touch and hammered it at goal, only for a defender to jump in the way and deflect it for a corner. Josh went over to take an in-swing, and hit what looked to be a poor corner, in low at the front post, however their clearance was sliced inwards and it dropped to **Lore** and he poked it in **0-1**. George attacked down the left and crossed a really dangerous ball, however no one got on the end of it and the danger passed. They threw a dangerous ball into our area and Ben knocked it away, and Joel hammed it high over their defence for **Del**, and he was in on goal, holding off the defender before lashing it venomously past the 'keeper **0-2**. They hit a ball over our defence and Josh was on the outside of the attacker, so cut behind him to get inside but must have clipped his heel as he did, as the attacker went down and the referee gave a penalty, which was hit low into the bottom left **1-2**. Del was sent away down the left, did two step-overs and shot, but the 'keeper was there. They then attacked and hit a lovely ball to drop behind our defence, and as Harry came out, their attacker lifted it high over him, and into the net **2-2**. We reverted to a 4-5-1 formation to stem their tide, and it worked as a high ball was flicked on by Del, and Lore was in on the 'keeper, and the ball rolled free from the challenge in **Lore's** favour and he had an open goal tap in **2-3**. Sam then took a dangerous knock to his previously broken ankle which the referee did nothing about, and whilst treating Sam, Dave told the ref that it was diabolical that he had done nothing about it. He said it a few times, but nothing else, however the referee's reaction was to send him from the side-lines! George kept a ball in, ran down the line and crossed in a lovely ball, which came out to Sam to shoot, and the 'keeper did well to save as Bryn followed in. Del won it on the left and ran forwards before clipping it inside to Lore, who hammered a shot, which the 'keeper did well to save.

**HALF-TIME: AVON 2 FRY 3**

Avon played a ball through with the strong wind this time, and Harry came out decisively to block and Joel cleared, however they followed up, and again Harry was there to clear it. With the wind behind them Avon were almost playing with four forwards, and one of them lashed a shot narrowly wide, which Harry watched, content that it wasn't going in! Twice Lore attacked, both times pushed left, once for Josh to cross in and the other time Josh played it back for Aaron to cross and Lore headed goal-wards, however the 'keeper was able to make the save. Harry then sprinted off of his line and made a block, but it span loose to an Avon player only for Ben to get there and make the block. We attacked in to the middle, to where Del played it right for Noah. He laid it out for Josh and he crossed it in, and it came to Noah, who took a touch onto his left and he stroked it into the left corner 2-4. Sam then intercepted a through ball and laid it back towards Harry who raced wide and stopped it from going for a corner, but then he decided to keep everyone on their toes as he played it central for the Avon attack to shoot, however Ben was covering and cleared it! Another through ball saw Ben covering, and he calmly played it back for Harry who was happy to clear it. They took a free-kick into our area, however Bryn got it, advanced out and played it through for Lore and he took it past the last defender and slotted it under the advancing 'keeper 2-5. They attacked with a ball over the top and Ben was right on the attacker who fell, and the referee gave a free-kick. Ben wasn't happy and chose to argue the point, the result of which was a yellow card. The free-kick was blasted at goal, and Sam headed away for a corner. It was floated in and three times Ben headed away their attempts, before the fourth one went wide. George and Reece combined well down the left before chipping towards Tom, who controlled on his chest before instinctively playing it over his shoulder for Noah who took a touch and shot, but it was blocked wide. He ran after it and jumped at the clearance with his leg high, and the referee felt that that challenge warranted a yellow card. At the final whistle Tony went to ask the referee about how he could give the free-kick that led to Ben's caution as he had been over forty yards away, however rather than answer, he just thanked Tony and said that his views had been noted. Tony turned to me and said that it was rubbish, and the referee then also took Tony's name.

**FULL-TIME: AVON 2 FRY 5**

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

### **Afterthoughts.....**

*Firstly with regards to the two cautions, and the adult "discussions". I constantly ask that every player respect the referee and their decision, regardless of their opinion of it. Along with respect for the position of referee, a major reason is that as the players get older we now encounter stronger referees, and they are happy to show both yellow to red to a player, something that never happened when the boys were younger. I was nearby for both adult incidents, and in my opinion neither said or did anything to warrant the reaction they received from the referee, but I suppose therein lies our dilemma. We just don't know how the referee will react, and so the safest course of action is to simply say nothing, regardless of how raging you are at his actions or lack of them!*

*As for the game itself, after our first two goals, I briefly wondered if this could turn into a rout, then after they got their goals back and subjected us to a lot of pressure, wondered if that could go the other way? In the end though our stout defending and dangerous attack won over, and it was nice to see our efforts finally rewarded. Now can we take this forward and get the victories that our play has been deserving?*