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Number 19 In every battle there comes a time when both sides consider themselves beaten, then he who continues the attack wins. Sunday 19th February 2012

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Ben was away running, Tom was off skiing, but everyone else was available. We had a bit of a trek to find the ground, with the location a bit hidden, however we got there eventually. It was a nice sunny day on a big, flat pitch. Harry was struck down with a bad migraine but recovered just in time to play.

The line-up was:

Harry
Josh Aaron Reece Joel
Bryn Sam George Max
Del Lore

Substitutes: Noah

A great ball in to the middle and Del swept it wide for Bryn to control and return the favour, but unfortunately the 'keeper got there just ahead of him. Their striker was played through, sidestepping one challenge; however Aaron slid in and got there in time to take the sting off of the shot. Harry then played it forward, Lore flicked it on, past a player and crossed, and it was cleared for a corner. Sam hit a great corner into their area but unfortunately everyone missed it! They attacked down their right and crossed in for Reece to clear, but the shot came back with venom and Harry was forced to make a great save at his near post. Josh was set away but a tackle stopped him, however Bryn was following and set him away again, this time into their box to cross back for Lore to shoot, but it was blocked. A ball through the middle saw Bryn reverse pass for Lore to use his power and pace and charge for it but he was challenged just as he shot. They broke and crossed in, and this time Reece was there with a great clearing header. We then won a free-kick on the halfway line and Josh swung it in, over everyone, falling perfectly for Lore to smash goal-wards, and although the 'keeper got something to it, Max, Bryn and Lore ran in to make sure as it trickled in. It was already in; however it was great that all three had followed in to be sure 0-1. A ball into their area fell to Josh, who sidestepped one player and set up Sam on the edge of the area, however he sliced it just wide. A corner came out to Josh who laid it to Bryn, who flicked it up to Sam, who controlled and returned it into the path of Josh who had continued his run, but his shot lacked the power to beat the 'keeper. Coalpit worked hard down the left, battling past good challenges from Joel and George to cross in, and Harry dived outwards through two attacking players to palm the ball away from danger. Another ball was played in behind our defence, and again Harry was alert to it to clear. A big throw from Josh was cleared to about 40 yards out for Joel running in who did his trademark half-volley. It was straight at the 'keeper, however there's always the danger of a dodgy bounce, so it was worth the effort. Harry dealt

well with a Coalpit shot and cleared it towards Bryn, who crossed into the middle for Sam to take a touch and lay through for Lore who crossed it back and saw it cleared for a corner, but it was nice that it took less than 10 seconds from Harry to winning a corner. Del won the corner, flicked it to Lore who played it back, and Del shot, but unfortunately wide. They put a dangerous corner in, but Harry was strong with a punch, and Reece completed the clearance.

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They had a free kick on the halfway line, which they dropped over everyone, tight in on goal, but Joel Kung-fu'd it clear. They dropped a ball into our right and Reece got there with a clearance, then as it came back across, Joel dummied it, putting off their attacker and it went harmlessly across goal. Del floated a lovely free-kick right onto the back post, but no one was there to finish it. Josh then swung a great free-kick in which was cleared to Del, who shot through the crowd, but the 'keeper saved. They were through and Reece slid in, then Aaron and their attacker tumbled... from my position 60 yards away it looked as though Aaron got the ball, and despite loud protestations from their side, the ref agreed. Josh tried an overhead kick in their area, missed it, and suddenly they were away, right down to our end and must have been on the six-yard line ready to pull the trigger when Joel again slid in with a perfectly timed last ditch tackle. Another high ball at our defence saw the bounce deceive us and they were in, however Joel was there again with a massive stop. We cleared a corner but it came clear for another shot, however Harry held it well. We won a corner with about seven minutes to go and tried to keep it there to run the clock down... possibly a bit early to do that! We suddenly it wide to Noah under pressure who hit it down the line for Lore who cut inside a player and nicked it past the 'keeper and it rolled agonisingly wide of the post.

FULL-TIME: COALPIT 0 FRY 1

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

Afterthoughts.....

For the majority of the game we were far superior, and cut through them with fantastic passing time and time again, indeed we should have scored five or six based on play and dominance, however in the last twenty minutes Coalpit could have easily scored four goals through long ball one-on-one's, and in all four occasions it was Joel with last ditch tackles or goal-line clearances that ensured the win. His Man of the Match was richly deserved, however it highlighted the fact that we need to take the chances that our superior possession produce, or we could easily lose a game we should win.