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Oh, justice is what you're threatened with.

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Ben had been ill, but had come along, so we had the full squad available.

The line-up was:

Harry			
Josh	Aaron	Reece	Joel
Bryn	Sam	George	Max
Lore		Del	

Substitutes: Ben, Tom & Noah

They took a quick throw into the corner and Reece charged over with a great tackle. The ball spun loose however and Harry was quick out to smother the danger. Stoke Lane forced a corner which was cleared back out, so they lobbed it high towards the back post to where two players charged in on Harry, also with the sun in his eyes, and one of them got the telling touch **1-0**. We won a free kick which Aaron took, floating a lovely ball in to their area, which was cleared as far as Joel running in, but his low shot was also blocked, but we managed to get it to Lore, and his turn and shot was well saved by the diving 'keeper. Stoke Lane then attacked again, and had a thunderous shot from distance which Harry did well to grab hold of. They had a free kick which they hit into our area which Sam stooped low to head clear, Max flicked it away from the attacker and Bryn hit it forward for Lore, however the 'keeper just got there ahead of him. They took a long corner which went to the back post and was returned for a ferocious close range shot, which saw incredible reflexes from Harry to push up, and as it came down Josh cleared the danger. They tried the same corner again but Del headed it clear before Del, Aaron, Sam and Lore charged forward passing between them, before it was sent right for Bryn to shoot, but he couldn't quite get it on target. A great throw was flicked on and Max challenged at the front post, getting the ball to Sam, but his shot was blocked.

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A high ball forward was headed on by Noah to Tom, who controlled it on his chest and then sent it over his shoulder for Lore to chase and shoot, and although the 'keeper saved well he could only parry it, and **Sam** had followed in to knock it in **1-1**. A high ball in was knocked on by Tom and Lore was away, to where he crossed it in and they conceded a corner under pressure from Sam. A ball out from Aaron saw Lore knock it wide and cross, to where it was cleared, however Josh was in support and lifted it back in, and everyone missed it, except for **Bryn** coming in at the back post, and he smashed it high into the roof of the net **1-2**. We had the ball on the right with Sam who spotted Tom wide left and found him with an excellent ball, which he took first time and shot, however the 'keeper made a good save. They played a quick one-two down our left and shot, and although Harry appeared to dive late, he made a great save. A ball came to Joel, but he tried to beat a player and lost it to concede a throw. They took a foul throw which Rob flagged, but the referee missed it and the ball came up and hit Del on the arm in the area to which the referee awarded a penalty. We pointed this out to the referee, however his view was that he saw the flag after the offense had been committed and therefore in his view the penalty stood. They stepped forward and smashed it in **2-2**. A high ball through was struck on the volley, and Harry dived brilliantly to save.

FULL-TIME: STOKE LANE 2 FRY 2

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

Afterthoughts.....

For the match itself I thought we were the better team overall, but were not awake when they scored their first, and could have lost it after they scored their equaliser. As for the equaliser.....

Page 24 of Laws of the Game 2011/2012 state:

The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final. The referee may only change a decision on realising that it is incorrect or, at his discretion, on the advice of an assistant referee or the fourth official, provided that he has not restarted play or terminated the match.

The game had not been restarted so he should have come back for the foul throw. After the match, the referee felt obliged to explain his decision again at which point I asked what he would have done if he had been at one end, we had broken quickly, scored, he had blown for a goal, and then he had seen an offside flag, what would he have done? He admitted in that instance he would have disallowed the goal. The same should have applied to the foul throw, and that cost us the win, and two extra points.