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It was a hot sunny day, Del got lost on the way and ended up in Bath. I had a call to say Lore was not available as I was heading in to Radstock. It was played on Radstock Town's ground, with stand and seating, and a bar showing Liverpool about to beat Newcastle (Liverpool lost 2-0). Also unavailable were Harry, Joel and Max, so in came Romario Amos to guest for us. We were playing against U16's so it would be an interesting test.

The line-up was:

	Tom				
Josh	Ben	Aaron	Reece		
Bryn	Sam	Del	George		
	Noah	Romario			

Substitutes:

With the surface so hard, the ball spent a lot of time in the air as it bounced up a lot. There was a bout of head tennis before one of their players was set away, and he smashed a shot low and hard into the corner **1-0**. We picked up our play after the goal and George sent it across field to Bryn who returned it high to the far post, but the 'keeper reacted quickly and got it. Aaron strode forward out of defence, past a player and shot from 35 yards, but again the 'keeper was equal to it. Tom played a low ball out to Bryn, and he played a one-two with Sam, before playing it up to Noah and he released Romario, who set of Josh to send Del through on the 'keeper. Unfortunately the flag was up for offside, but from 'keeper to in on goal through a series of quick passing moves. Sam lifted the ball over the top, Romario flicked on and Bryn went after it, and he centred for Noah, but he was crowded out as he went to shoot. There were a series of debateable decisions from a fairly young and inexperienced looking ref as some of the Radstock players appeared to go for the player and not the ball on some of the challenges, all of which were waved away. Josh, by now in goal, threw out to Ben and he found Tom, who headed on for Romario to race away, however he needed to turn back as the support was still coming, in the end winning a throw, but again good, quick movement. They shot and Josh saved well. He kicked to Tom, who played it inside to George, and he sent Del away, winning a throw, which was eventually cleared, but again incisive passing from one end to the other. They had a corner which we cleared, it was volleyed back at goal to a player a few yards out and he spun and shot, however luckily he was leaning back from the spin and it flew harmlessly over. Josh's goal-kick was headed back, and Aaron let it go for Josh, but didn't quite assess their striker's pace, and he got there and went around Josh to score **2-0**. From the kick Aaron ran forward, but lost possession and they passed through us and coolly slotted it in **3-0**. From the next kick we passed to Aaron, out to Bryn, down the line to Noah and he sent Romario away to find Del, but his shot was wide. A nice kick from Josh found Tom whose touch on the turn beat the defender, but his volley was just too high. We won a free-kick just outside their area for a high boot on Del. George took it, around the wall, but the 'keeper got fingertips to it and tipped it over. We had a corner which Tom swung over and the 'keeper dropped as far as Ben who smashed it into the crowd, and as it came back we switched direction to the back post only for the flag to go for offside. Ben then found Tom, who slipped Romario in, but his shot went agonisingly wide.

Ben hit long to Noah and he put Aaron through, and he held off his man well, but then got under the shot. Tom played a lovely cross-field ball which Noah flicked on for Aaron to charge through and bury in the bottom left, however the flag was up. Radstock had a rare attack and hit a long ball through which we missed, and they blasted it past Josh **4-0**. Noah passed down the line and Romario flicked it onwards and then crossed to the front post for Tom, but his flick was wide. Tom and Del then battled well to win the ball between them, before finding Aaron to put in **Romario** to sidestep two players and shoot through the legs, which fortunately saw it take a deflection on its way, past the dive of the 'keeper **4-1**. A ball over the top saw Del through, so the 'keeper raced out of his area and headed the ball clear, turning them into attack, and a wayward back-pass saw Josh put his hand out to stop it, but the inexperienced referee let it go rather than give an indirect free-kick for the pass-back. There was then an interesting five minutes as Romario and one of their players had an altercation and squared up. Eventually it was calmed, and Romario had a yellow card. A Radstock player then took a throw right in front of us and the referee and continued to walk as he threw, but the ref let the obvious foul throw go! We put Del through but their 'keeper just got there first, and then released it quickly as we were out of position, and the attacker lifted it over Josh, but Reece had run back and dived in to volley it off of the line. A great ball over saw them head it in our favour so Noah was through and smashed a left foot shot, but it sailed side. Del was set through, and he held off the challenge, but then shot straight at the 'keeper. We then won a free-kick which we took quickly, and again Del was in on goal, but this time he blasted it over. A bad kick from the 'keeper then went to Del again, but this time he was tackled just as he went to shoot. Tom floated a great corner over which dropped to Aaron to shoot, but it was deflected over. We lifted a free-kick over for Ben to chase, but he lost it as he turned and they were off, however first Sam, then Aaron got saving challenges in when it looked like they would score. A goal-kick was brought down by Ben, who found Sam and he lifted it forward for Del again in on goal, however the defender made a fantastic tackle to concede a corner. From a throw George shimmied past a player and shot, but at the 'keeper. Tom passed brilliantly to Bryn to flick on for Aaron whose touch took it past the 'keeper, but with too much pace and it went harmlessly out.

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

Afterthoughts.....

That was an interesting game to say the least. I felt that they were a bit over physical considering it was a friendly, and the referee was very poor, with bad decision making and no control, especially over players who must have been friends seeing that his house overlooked the ground. As for Radstock, well I was unimpressed. They constantly played the long ball over the top, so much so that at half-time their manager was urging them to do it more. We at least tried to play football, and many of the best moves came from us. It's quite funny if you read the report that they sent to the Bath Chronicle. Their manager knew we were U15's, and yet the report is written as though we were the U16 Juniors who had a very long unbeaten run to win their division! Well done to the players who never gave up in some serious heat.

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