



## FRY CLUB COLTS

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**A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.**

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We had arranged a friendly against Southmead CS. Southmead had won the third division having been promoted two years running since their creation, and were in the final of the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Division Cup against Bristol Central. In the League Cup last season they had lost to Warmley 3-1, so we knew that this would not be easy. George had pulled out on the morning of the game, Tom pulled out at midday through injury, whilst Ben and Max had already declared themselves unavailable, however Noah brought Romario along to help out again. They had provided the referee, a newly qualified lad, so a referee mentor ran their line and was able to offer him guidance as well.

The line-up was:

		Harry		
Josh	Aaron	Reece	Joel	
Noah	Sam	Del	Bryn	
	Lore	Romario		

Substitutes:

There was a bit of attacking on both sides before a long clearance from Del saw Lore through on their 'keeper. They both arrived at the same time, but unfortunately the ricochet flew wide. A small flurry of activity in midfield saw Lore set away again, but his shot flew wide. Sam then set Romario away, and although he went wide of the 'keeper, it was unfortunately too wide and it allowed a defender to get back and block the shot. A corner was swung in which we didn't clear properly, and the Southmead attacker volleyed over from close range. Josh won a throw on the right and launched for Sam, who flicked it on for Lore to nip in ahead of the defender and head for goal, but this time it hit the post and the 'keeper gathered. They won a corner which was swung over, Del was pushed in the back, seen by myself, both their managers, the referee mentor stood near us... but not the referee, and their attacker lifted it back across goal in it dropped in to the left corner **1-0**. They sent in another corner, flicked it on and headed goal-wards, but Harry caught it. We played it down the line, Lore flicked it over his head and then centred it, **Romario** flicked it goal-wards, and a defender, under pressure from Bryn, hit it past his own 'keeper **1-1**. A few of our players were pulled out of position by a high ball down the right, so that when the cross came in we were outnumbered, and a player passed across goal for a back post tap-in **2-1**. They won a free-kick on the halfway line and launched it hard and high at goal, and Harry misjudged the flight under pressure and it went in, however our linesman flagged that the player pressurising Harry had come from an offside position, so the goal did not stand. A long throw into the corner saw Aaron charge in, Josh found him and he crossed to the back post, and after a bounce Bryn headed back across goal for Lore to head at goal, but into the 'keeper's hands. We threw into the area which they cleared as far as Joel. Joel looked left and saw **Bryn** so chipped a ball to him and he controlled it high before volleying at goal, and although the 'keeper got fingers to it, he couldn't

stop it **2-2**. They pressurised our goal and had two hard shots, the first blocked by their player, the second by Joel, and then we tried to clear it and it ricocheted off of our defender and dropped for a Southmead volley, but fortunately it was hit high.

**HALF-TIME: SOUTHMEAD 2 FRYS 2**

Sam attacked down the right flicking the ball around a defender, crossed it towards Bryn who laid it back for **Del**, and after going past a defender he smashed the ball high into the roof of the net and we finally took the lead in the game **2-3**. A corner came over, Bryn headed it out for Sam who chipped in for Noah to head in from close range, but the flag was up. They threw long into our area, Joel went for a huge volley clear, but it hit their player and flew towards goal, however Harry got down quick to make the save. They attacked down our left and managed to shoulder Josh off of the ball before thundering a shot low for the left post, however Harry dived quickly and pulled off a fantastic save and Joel got there to complete the clearance. A throw came in to **Romario** who took three touches and seemed to lose it, but the bounce off a defender came back to him and he swung his foot sideways and it flew into the bottom left **2-4**. A corner came in and no one challenged it out to an attacker on the other side. No one closed him down either so he shot, and Harry got down to block, and again Joel was there to clear. Romario dribbled down the left and crossed for Lore, who shot, it hit the post and ran across goal for Josh running in to shoot low, but the 'keeper had recovered and made the save, and finally they cleared it. A big throw was missed by their defence, and as it bounced up **Lore** headed past the 'keeper **2-5**. They launched a throw which was volleyed on the turn, and again Harry was there to make the save. A Southmead player picked up the ball in the box, twisted and turned past three challenges and then shot low into the bottom right corner **3-5**. A massive throw was headed by Aaron against our own post, and Romario completed the clearance. They were set through but Harry just beat them to it and sent it downfield, Del flicked it on for Josh who shot and saw it saved by the 'keeper out to Bryn who volleyed from the edge of the area, but just wide. A ball over the top was played by Aaron to Del who found Josh, but they tackled and hit it long and were through, but Lore swept up brilliantly and cleared the danger. They attacked into our half and Sam cleared it so long that their 'keeper had to be on his toes to save it.

**FULL-TIME: SOUTHMEAD 3 FRYS 5**

<p><b>Man of the Match – Chosen by Rob Harvey for excellent play and effort – Lorenzo</b></p>
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*Afterthoughts.....*

*We arranged this game as we had missed a few with the weather and we knew Southmead would be a good test. They were such a good test that we didn't really get going in the first half and I needed to remind everyone of that. I was pleased with the massive improvement that the second half brought, and even when we virtually reversed most player's positions, we were settled and looked untroubled, so well done. Southmead were a good team and very accommodating, and we wish them well for their Cup Final.*