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Number 33 **All the adversity I've had in my life, all my troubles and obstacles, have strengthened me... You may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you.** Wednesday 9th May 2012

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Josh was away on holiday and Max was injured for our last League game of the season. City were late getting across town, so kick off was delayed, and after 10 years this was Leigh's last league game in charge of City now that George had signed for Manchester Utd, and we wish him all the best.

The line-up was:

Harry
Bryn Ben Reece Joel
Sam Aaron George Tom
Lore Del

Substitutes: Noah

We chipped a ball into the right corner and Del forced a corner. Tom swung it in and Sam headed down, but their 'keeper dived on it. Reece hit a free-kick into their area which the 'keeper could only parry, and although two of our players swung legs at it, neither made contact. A big throw from George which Lore flicked on came to Del who swept it goalwards but it hit the post and ran across the face, with no one following in to finish it. A high ball in saw Del shoot, but it was blocked out to Tom to cross, and this time Del got his head to it, but it went just wide. Ben hit a ball forward and their defender slipped as he tried to clear and Lore was through, and he shot as the 'keeper closed him down, but it was just wide. They broke down their right and crossed and a player six yards out had an open goal. Luckily the ball was just behind him, so as he tried to hook it in he just failed to hook it enough, and it went just wide. Del turned to take a thrown ball into the area, and he was about seven yards out and about to shoot as the last ditch tackle came in to stop him. Lore controlled from a throw and laid the ball out to Bryn who went down the right and crossed, but Del just couldn't get on the end of it. Lore went down the left and lifted the ball over for Del, but the 'keeper just got there ahead of him. Ben and Reece combined to win the ball and found Noah with it, and he turned inside and found Aaron with a little one-two before flicking it through for Lore and he ran with the ball and shot, but the ball hit Del instead of the net. George then got the ball thirty yards out and shot low which the 'keeper held, luckily for them as Aaron had chased in. City then hit a ball through our defence and were in. Harry charged out and saw the ball lifted over him, however Reece had raced back and slid in to clear the ball off of the line, and although a City attacker got to it, Joel was in quickly to stop him. We then broke away, Lore closed them down and raced away with Del's support, two against three, and Lore eventually shot just over. Noah was played into the right corner and was hemmed in. He kept possession well however and managed to find Bryn who crossed for Lore to hit first time 1-0. A bit throw from Joel was flicked on by Aaron, but the ball hit a defender and came back so he shot from an acute angle, but into the side. They lifted a corner in, Ben headed clear, but it was ferociously driven back in and Harry dived brilliantly to save. We cleared from defended, George went left to get it,

played it inside to Lore, and he flicked it on to Del who swept it high with his left foot 2-0. A ball over the top was missed by their defence and Del was away down the left, before playing it across the face of the goal for Lore sliding in, but he was inches away from it. Bryn retrieved it and crossed it back and they headed out towards Aaron, but his shot was high.

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They worked the ball down our left, keeping possession before laying it out to a player thirty yards out who shot well, but Harry saved. Lore then flicked a ball on for Del to chase, but the 'keeper got there just ahead of him. Harry kicked towards Bryn, but they intercepted and crossed, and Ben slid in really well and cleared the danger. Harry kicked long for Sam to win and he set Del away, who tried to curl the ball into the top left, but it was wide. Bryn won the ball and attacked their players, passing three before he was brought down near the edge of their area. George took it, but it was cleared and they sprinted down the right and played it to an attacker in the area and he smashed one towards the back post 2-1. City kept up the pressure and got to the line, before smashing from a narrow angle. It didn't make it to goal as it took Ben out instead, but he did recover. Tom swung a ball into the front post which Sam flicked on, but no one could head it in. George then sent Lore away, but a sliding tackle came in just as he was going to shoot. A long ball through got behind our defence, and it was just pace which set them in on goal, and the attacker slotted it in 2-2. They hit a ball over the top, but Harry was out quickly to clear the danger, and our defence closed down quickly to stop the shot at the open goal. A City player was played through and Ben held him back, conceding a free-kick but fortunately no more. The attacker shot through the crowd and Harry dived well to force it away for a corner. The corner wasn't cleared properly and the resulting shot was beyond Harry, but Joel was on the line to clear. We then conceded another free-kick. We blocked the attempted shot but didn't follow the runs made by their attack and one of them slotted it into the far post 2-3. We were attacking from the kick off but lost it and they cleared long, and Ben went for it but just missed it and they were through and we had no chance to catch him 2-4. We attacked with a few minutes to go and they hit it over our defence; we trying to catch them offside, but one of their players beat it and he got to the line and laid it back for another attacker running in 2-5.

FULL-TIME: FRY 2 BRISTOL CITY 5

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

Afterthoughts.....

This game typified our season. For well over half of the game we were dominant, and even got two goals ahead. Had we scored one or two more as our pressure would have suggested then this would have been all over. Instead they came back into the game, and in fairness we were still level with 15 to go before they finally broke us down. After the game Leigh said that he bet we thought we'd finally beat them, and he's right. I did think we would finally beat them, and that would have been the right result. That said, we again outplayed our rivals as we have for most of the season, and although the score went against us, I am positive that with a few additions, we have the squad to next year challenge for every honour.