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The FA had recently changed the status of professional Academies. There were now four levels, and Yeovil had applied for level three, however this had been rejected and they had been given level four instead. What this meant however was that they had to release all of their U16 players. Andy was approached by Matt Long's dad to see if we could play them to give the local professional scouts the opportunity to see them play, and perhaps pick up some of them. Harry was unavailable, as were Max, Aaron, so Joe Fry kindly played in goal for us and Romario came along to help. Coming to watch were Bristol City, Bristol Rovers, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Southampton, Swindon and Manchester Utd!

The line-up was:

Joe					
Josh	Ben	Reece	Joel		
Bryn	Sam	George	Tom		
Lore	Del				

Substitutes: Noah & Romario

Yeovil forced a corner early, and a player at the back post jumped highest, but fortunately it was wide of the back post. We passed into their area, but they won it back and attacked down our right, Josh being turned as he dived in, and then crossed it to the back post, and although we had players there, the attacker was able to head it out to a player on the edge, and he smashed it across goal into the top left **0-1**. We passed it well and forced them back into their area, but they broke out quickly down their left and in on goal, and as Joe came out they passed it under him and in **0-2**. Yeovil won the ball as we attacked and just hit a long ball over the top, and Joe handled outside the area as he blocked. The referee gave a free-kick and nothing more fortunately, and as we turned away to go back to goal, their striker asked if he could take the free-kick quickly, which the referee allowed, and with our backs turned he passed it into the unguarded net **0-3**. They again hit a ball over the top of our defence, and this time Ben got back with a good block. They hit another ball over the top and this time we managed to stop them, but Joe couldn't gather the loose ball, so an attacker smashed it high, it hit the bar and bounced down and out before Joe grabbed it. The referee was generous and said no goal, however our linesman had flagged for the goal and so it stood **0-4**. They had a throw in our left corner which George won and played it forward for Del, and he used his strength to hold off the defenders and passed it past their 'keeper **1-4**. A ball over the top saw Joe race out and slow them, and this allowed Ben time to get back on the line and he was able to block the shot and clear. Noah won the ball and went down the line before finding Sam, and he swung in a dangerous cross which forced them to concede a corner. They won the corner ball and tried to break, but Joel tackled well and found Sam and he switched play to Del, for a lay back to Noah, but he thundered it high and over. A ball over the top saw Josh chase and Joe block. Josh got back on the line as cover, however Joe was able to reach high and catch the attempted chip. We tried to push them into their half, but they used that to beat our offside as two players raced away, and although Joe made himself large to face one attacker, he simply passed it to his side for the other attacker to score into the empty net **1-5**. Noah and Bryn combined well down the right and got the ball to George, but he took too long to shoot and was dispossessed and they broke, Joe making a fine save at the end of it. Yeovil again sprung our offside trap and gave Joe no chance as they hit it under him as he dived out **1-6**. A

corner on the right was swung to the back post by Tom and Noah got it, gave it to Romario, but he tried to beat too many players and it was taken from him.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 1 YEOVIL 6

Yeovil were keeping possession more in their half and that gave us time to close them down, and we were so successful at it that they were eventually forced to hit it long, but again their fast striker was faster than our defence with predictable results **1-7**. A ball forward was controlled well by Lore and he turned and slipped Noah through, but again his shot was too high. We worked the ball down the right, Del, Noah, Josh and Lore combining well to keep possession before Lore was set away, and as he ran into their area he got the ball caught under his foot and they got back to tackle. Tom then won the ball and tried a shot which was blocked, then Del was hit in the face with the ball as they tried to clear it and he raced after it and shot with his left foot, but it was into the side net. Yeovil attacked down their left and Sam slid in but they nicked it past him and crossed to the back post for the attacker to knock in **1-8**. We kept possession better for a while, but then elected to hit it long and lost it. Rather than launch the long ball they passed it well, worked down their left to the line and crossed and the ball was turned in **1-9**. They worked the ball down their right with quick passing, before playing it into the middle and lifting it over Joe as he came out **1-10**. Yeovil worked the ball forward and thundered a shot, which Joe kind of saved, but it still managed to go through his hands, and as he turned after it an attacker muscled through and tapped it in **1-11**. We then worked the ball around, passing from left to right with Josh, Bryn, George and Reece keeping possession, but then Noah tried to beat one too many defenders and was dispossessed. They worked the ball down their left and crossed in, and as Sam was running back it hit his leg and was deflected past Joe **1-12**. They then worked it into our area and George flew in and took out their attacker, who also happened to be the South West area boxing champion! The resulting penalty was blasted over by Matt Long! For some reason Del was shown a yellow card! Apparently he shouted at the player and it was deemed unsporting behaviour. Yeovil shot for the corner and Joe dived well to save and push wide, however although he was up quickly, the Yeovil attacker got there quickly and hammered it past him from a very acute angle **1-13**. Joe played the ball out to Ben, and he put Bryn through, but the 'keeper just got there ahead of him to clear it.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 1 YEOVIL 13

After the game we laid on sausage and chips for both teams, and it was nice to see everyone mingling in the bar, and Yeovil were appreciative and a nice team. That final score equalled our heaviest ever defeats, however you don't tend to mind so much when you are playing against an Academy!

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

It was very quickly obvious that we were in for a long, hard day, however I was very disappointed by Yeovil. They had come here to show the scouts that they had the ability to play, and yet all they did in the first half was hit a long ball for their very fast striker and let him score. The scouts must have had the same view, because at half-time the Swindon scout berated the Yeovil players and said as much, and told them that if they wanted to be viewed properly, they were to keep possession in their half and show what they could do under pressure. It's nice to know that it's not just me who sees things at times ☺ As for our team, we rotated the entire outfield squad to keep everyone as fresh as possible, and when we had the ball we were trying to do the right thing, but still tried to hit long or take too many on and that led to losing the ball and coming back under pressure. This is something we need to change to compete with the very best teams that we will face as we try to win in our final season.