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Put your head back in the clouds and shut your mouth.

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Our first League game was down at Avonmouth, a team we had always had close matches with. Max and Aaron were away, and Harry was still injured from the previous cup game, so Tom went in goal. Sam was injured as well from that game, but had come along as Sub and was willing to go on if needed.

The line-up was:

Tom Samuel Jack Ben Jay Lore Lewis Joe Joel Del Boxey

Substitute: Sam

Ben strode out of defence with the ball, and saw Del out to the right, and he found him with a great ball, allowing Del to show his strength and beat the defender, cut in for a cross, but it was unfortunately over Joel's head. Avonmouth worked their way into the area and shot from a narrow angle, but Tom made a fantastic save. The ball was rolling around from that save and first Samuel then Ben made telling blocks to clear it. A high ball into their area saw lore challenge their 'keeper and put him under a lot of pressure, however their 'keeper was able to push it out for a corner. From the corner, we swung it right under the crossbar and quite a few players challenged the keeper, but again he held on to it. Joel and Jay combined well and found Ben to play a ball wide for Lore. We eventually worked a corner from this, but it was cleared as we all jumped. They hit a ball over the top and Jay stretched for it, unable to quite get there, however Ben was charging back and was able to put the attacker off. A high ball over our defence saw a player away and he shot early, tom unable to move,

however it hit the post and came back, and their player reacted first **1-0**. Boxey attacked really well down the line and crossed for Del to challenge the 'keeper, forcing him to drop it, but the referee then blew for a foul. In all honesty it was just a good challenge on the 'keeper! A big throw into the box and Avonmouth got a touch to it and tom saved well for a corner. It was swung in and Tom got a hand to it, and jay was there to make the clearance.

HALF-TIME: AVONMOUTH 1 FRYS 0

Lore and Boxey chased a ball through forcing a throw. Samuel took it to Joe, and he returned the favour, for Samuel to cross, but Boxey's header was just over. A high ball into the area saw Lore bring it down on his chest, and then shoot on the turn, but unfortunately it was just past the post. Boxev then picked up an injury and had to come off, Sam finally getting playing time. A high ball into our area saw Joe clear with an overhead kick, but the referee deemed it dangerous and awarded a penalty. Tom dived to his left and got a strong hand to it and forced it away. We pressed forwards near the end to try to get the goal back, however Avonmouth worked the ball down the right as we started to tire on the big pitch, and a cross was volleyed goal-wards, and unfortunately Tom was just falling the wrong way and was unable to save it 2-0.

FULL-TIME: AVONMOUTH 2 FRYS 0

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

Afterthoughts.....

Avonmouth are a very big, strong and quick team, and it didn't help that we were three players injured including our 'keeper, and a fourth just there as back-up, especially when you consider the size of the pitch. That said, we battled hard and never gave up, and their second goal came at the very end as we pushed for the equaliser. Avonmouth will be challenging for the title this year, and we were very close to them!