



FRY CLUB COLTS

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All around, people looking half dead.

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After the Boco game, Andy had reflected on his input, and felt that with the change in direction of the team, that more input on tactics was needed to avoid the ability we had being wasted, so asked both Mark and Tony to take more of a forward role on match days. Into the quarter final of the League Cup, and our reward was a home tie with Bristol City Supporters. Del was away and Boxey was still unavailable, however after a lengthy spell injured we welcomed back a tentative Joe.

The line-up was:

		Harry			
	Joel	Jack	Jay	Ben	
Aaron	Sam	Lewis	Joe	Tom	
		Lore			

Substitute: Max

Lore worked their back line well as they passed it around, and forced an error, the ball falling to Lewis, however his left-foot snap-shot went just wide of the post. Joe played a lovely ball through and Lore was away, but unfortunately his shot was too near to the 'keeper and he made the save. A corner was floated over, Harry palmed it down, then Tom blocked and eventually their player stabbed it wide. A quick chip over our defence saw a City player in, but he volleyed first time and fortunately it was over. City won a free-kick just outside of the area on their right. The kick was blasted, it hit a player, and the deflection was enough to take it past Harry **0-1**. A ball over the top saw Joel race after them, and he slid in as the City player shot, taking the ball away at a different angle, however the referee pointed at the penalty spot, and the ball was duly dispatched **0-2**. The ball was then bobbling around in front of goal, and no one managed to get the telling touch, until a City player hammered it into the bottom corner **0-3**. By this point Joe's tentative comeback had ended, as it became clear that his injury had not fully recovered, so we were down to 11. A ball forward was headed on by Lore for himself to chase, and he hammered a shot, but the 'keeper got a hand to it. City pushed us back into the area, and then an attacker swivelled too quickly for Aaron, and he fell over Aaron's outstretched leg and the referee awarded the second penalty, and again they gave Harry no chance **0-4**. Lore attacked down the right and crossed for Lewis at the back post, but he was challenged as he jumped so could only head it upwards, and

this allowed the 'keeper time to get there and grab it. Lore again worked well down the right and shot, which was saved for a corner. Lewis went over to take, but then Aaron ran forwards towards the near corner of the area to Lewis drilled it low at him and Aaron swept it goal-wards, and although he got a palm to it, he couldn't stop it and the defender on the line could only head it in to the roof of the net **1-4**.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 1 CITY 4

We had a free kick which we floated in to their area. The 'keeper caught it and threw it out, and three quick passes later their forward was sliding the ball under Harry (although he did get a hand to it), and this was about 10 seconds after we took the attacking free-kick **1-5**. Max played the ball into the left of the area where Lore got to and won the ball, then he played it out to Ben to cross for the far post, headed back down by Aaron for Sam to shoot low, but the 'keeper dived well to make the save. A quick exchange of passes saw a City attacker through, but Harry made a great save with his feet for a corner. We were defending well, and cleared the ball 35 yards from goal, but the attacker leathered it, and it flew in off of the underside of the crossbar, giving Harry no chance **1-6**. A quick one-two put a City attacker through and he gave Harry no chance **1-7**. By this point Lewis was limping and Max had had to come off, essentially giving us nine outfield fit players, and so we asked the referee to call time.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 1 CITY 7

<p>Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Jay</p>

Afterthoughts.....

A few of the players questioned why even bother if we just call it off, but there were more considerations involved. It was a Cup match, so goal difference was immaterial, just the score, and 1-7 down with nine fit players in the last ten minutes meant that we were never going to turn this around. Added to that, the fatigue that would have occurred in those players left could have led to more injuries. Finally, had we had 11 fit players, we would have battled on to the very end regardless of the score-line, but 11 v 9 in these situations was never going to be a good idea, so we took the decision to end it, and whilst I know that some players were demoralised and angered by this, I feel that it was the best decision to make, based on the longer-term view of the remaining season. Unfortunately, after the game Aaron decided to go and play for AEK Boco, not because of our actions, however it still meant that our squad was down to 13.