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Behold the pale horse, off course.

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Joe was still injured, which meant we had 12 available. Coalpit were confident having beaten Warmley last week, so we knew this was not going to be easy. Rob was injured so Andy took the flag.

The line-up was:

Harry Ben Del Jay Lewis Sam Jack Tom Joel Lore Boxev

Substitute: Max

Early on, a great ball through saw Lore take a touch that was just too heavy. Jack then attacked down the right and hit over a lovely cross, but Lore headed over. A high ball into our area saw Joel head clear whilst getting fouled. Sam took the kick left to Tom and he threaded it through for Boxey, but his shot was just past the post. Boxey went right and played a great one-two with Lewis before shooting, and the 'keeper parried for a corner. A high ball forward saw their defender head clear, however Boxey had dropped off so was able to cheat the ball, and then volley, but it was just over. Jack received a reverse pass from Tom and lifted the ball through for Boxey, who then clipped it across goal for Lore, but his shot hit the post.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 0 COALPIT 0

We gave the ball away in the middle of the pitch, but Del chased back to clear for a corner, which was swung over and hammered into Jay's nether regions, so there was a stoppage for a while for him to recover. They then attacked into our area and a mix-up between Del and Joel saw them through, but Harry got a strong hand to it, and then recovered to save the subsequent header. Coalpit put another ball over the top to be through, but Harry got down magnificently to save. After a passage of play where half of our team and more were involved, keeping possession and passing sharply, Sam was played through, but the keeper was equal to his shot and a defender got back to hack it clear. They worked the ball to our back post and headed for goal, but Jay was there to clear it. Their attacker was then clear through, but he rushed his shot and it went wide. Lore then took a fre-kick down on his chest and volleyed on the turn, but their keeper saved well. Jack then controlled the ball well and strode through to play in Boxey, but their 'keeper dived out just in time. Max & Sam then played a onetwo through, but shot just wide. Lore chased a ball and just kept it in, before sending it across but Boxey's shot was saved. With five to go they threw long into our area, and it just fell nicely for the attacked to shoot for the far corner 0-1. We had three consecutive corners but each time a Coalpit player got in the way of the shot or attempted shot. At the very end we had a corner which put everyone bar Harry in their area but it just didn't fall for us. Finally a free-kick on the halfway line which harry floated towards their back post as again we threw everyone in, but no one could get on the end of it.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 0 COALPIT 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Mark for excellent play and effort – Del

Afterthoughts.....

Whilst they had quite a few good attacks and chances, this was a game we dominated in terms of possession and really should have won. They played the constant long ball whilst we passed, and even a Coalpit parent congratulated our style of play and virtually begged us not to change. It's small consolation for the defeat, but it's nice to know that others recognise that, despite the results, we are playing the way it should be. Keep the faith guys, it will eventually come!