



FRY CLUB COLTS

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Number 13

I am stronger than they think

Sunday 17th February 2013

HALF-TIME: BOCO 1 FRYS 2

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After thirteen weeks of no League football, or to put it another way, a QUARTER OF A YEAR later, we finally resumed. AEK Boco's pitch wasn't perfect, and there were areas of really churned up mud, but it was deemed playable. In the intervening weeks, Joe had finally recovered from his back injury and Charlie Hayne had returned to us via first Yate and then Frys Wanderers. Ben had a Welsh running event he had to attend, so we had 12 players available to face old boy Aaron.

The line-up was:

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| | | Harry | | |
| | Jack | Jay | Joel | |
| Tom | Sam | Joe | Lewis | |
| | | Del | | |
| | Boxey | Lore | | |

Substitute: Charlie

Boxey attacked down the right, getting away from the defence, and crossed well, but it stuck in the mud and that took it out of the path of Lore running in. Harry's place kick into the wind wasn't far, and Joel mis-controlled, so the ball rolled into the middle of the pitch, and their striker took a touch and leathered it, and I think the combination of the strong wind, and the sun right behind it meant that Harry was unable to get to it and it flew into the very top right **1-0**. They hit a ball across our area and Joel under pressure managed to hold of the player for Harry, and although Harry wasn't able to gather straight away, it got up off of the floor to dive onto it. Tom had twisted his ankle and was off after 15 minutes, and so Charlie was the player who slid in and made the decisive block after they had worked in front of our goal. They hit a ball down our left wing and a cross came in, and Harry did well to grab the ball as the attacker was getting ready to shoot. Jack won the ball off of a dangerous attack and passed left to Joel, and he played it up the line to Lewis. Lewis then took a touch back and rolled it sideways to Lore, but his shot was too close to the 'keeper. Joel threw to Lore, who headed on to Joe. Joe played it down the line for Boxey in the left corner, and he turned back and crossed it for **Sam** running in, who took a touch and hammered it for the bottom right corner **1-1**. Another attack down our left saw a shot race across the face of the goal and go wide. Harry played it wide to Jay and he played it for Sam. Sam then passed out to Joe who hit down the line for Lore, who hustled the defender, kept it in and then tolled it in for **Boxey**, who swivelled past his man and shot low into the bottom left **1-2**.

They were still playing their long ball into the corners, and one found its way behind our defence, however Jay recovered really well and slid in to concede a corner rather than a goal. Their goal-kick was hit back by Tom for Del to chase, but he was forced away from goal and his shot was deflected for a corner. A long throw took two of our defenders out, but a fantastic sliding tackle from Charlie stopped them in their tracks. Tom played it up for Jack to head it on and then play a one-two with Joe, before flicking Boxey through, and although he was flagged offside, this was showing that we were getting more control. A ball out to Del on the right saw him flick the ball around Aaron and run on for goal, riding three challenges, but the third saw the ball ricochet just too far away from him, and they were able to clear. Lore on the left switched to the right for Boxey who went past his man and was taken down, and tried to get up and follow but it was cleared, however it was a definite foul, and the referee did nothing! A ball over the top saw a man bearing down on goal, and his rasping shot was saved fantastically by Harry for a corner. We cleared to Lore, he found Boxey, and his pass released Del who powered down the right, but his cross was just too high for the players running in. A Boco player ran into the box and Harry pulled out another fantastic reaction save, and it wasn't cleared and Harry again, this time with his feet made the save. We then hit a corner right under the bar on the 'keeper who dropped it, and a Boco player had to overhead a clearance, and Joel's follow-up was wide. With five to go we switched Del back into midfield to stop their growing pressure, but they still managed to get a cross in, and although Harry called, a Boco player nipped in and got his head to it, but fortunately not with power and Harry was able to readjust and catch it. His drop kick flew over everyone and Lore was away, but as he closed in on goal, his shot flew wide. Lore attacked down the right, Boxey taking over, but his driven cross was dived upon just in time by their 'keeper.

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| <p>Man of the Match – Chosen by Mark for excellent play and effort – Joe</p> |
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Afterthoughts.....
After thirteen weeks out, to ask our players to try to play the passing game that we have been, on the muddy, heavy pitch, was quite a lot, but they responded magnificently. In the first half with the wind at their back Boco were strong, and the long ball for their quick forward was effective, but once we had changed ends all that changed, and but for a last ten minute flurry they never consistently pressured us again. There were many excellent performances, with no player playing badly, but Jay, Jack and Harry made very important contributions at vital moments, so well done to them, and over to Joe, after so long away, his influence was there to be seen. Our first League win finally, now can we take it forward?