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Harry was still unavailable, however on Mother's Day; all of the rest of the team was there, so well done for the great commitment!

The line-up was:

Ben

Jay Jack Tom

Lewis Joe Sam Joel

Del

Lore Boxey

Substitute: Charlie

Sam played Boxey down the left, and he worked his way into the area, before he was crowded out. Avonmouth then had two consecutive corners, the first headed clear, the second again headed clear, but shot back and over the bar. They then hit a ball long into their right wing and an advance into the area saw the shot dragged wide of the left post. Avonmouth worked the ball down their right, Tom tackling but the ball went their way, and a cross in to the area was laid out, and then hammered low into the bottom right 0-1. They attacked down the right and Sam went to cover but slipped at the crucial moment, allowing their attacker a free shot at goal, and he hammered it high into the net 0-2. From defence, we played the ball out of defence, Joe and Lewis exchanging passes and then played it out to Boxey and he went inside to Lore, before the ball dropped to Joe who lifted it through the small gap and Boxey flicked it on and Jack, in on goal hammered it into the ground and it bounced over the diving 'keeper 1-2. Boxey was then set away down the line and he charged through into the area, but his shot from a tight angle was well saved. Avonmouth attacked down the right, Jay got their and was clearly pushed down, however the ref didn't react and the attacker smashed it into the far left 1-3. Joel stood up well to their attack and forced a rushed pass to Sam, and he played it in to Joe, who lifted it through their defence into the path of Boxey's run from the right side, and he smashed it into the far left 2-3. Del lifted a free-kick to the far post and Boxey headed down at the right post, but unfortunately it bounced the

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 AVONMOUTH 3

At half-time both Lewis and Joe said "Hello Andy" into the dictaphone.... which was nice! Lore had been feeling bad all day and came off, and as it turned out was unable to return. Charlie stretched for the ball and kept it in with a ball down the line for Boxey, and his pace took him into the area, but the 'keeper was out quick and as they came together, the ball looped up and fell for a defender to clear. Boxey ran through two players and headed straight into the area and looked to shoot, but instead slipped it left to Lewis, and his shot was handled by a defender for a penalty. Jack stepped up and calmly passed the ball away from the diving 'keeper 3-3. An Avonmouth attacker worked through three tackles and hammered it low under Ben, and although he got a hand to it, it had enough power to roll into the net 3-4. An attacker worked his way through our players and was right in on goal, just as Jay slid in with a magnificent challenge and then got up to make sure of the clearance. Joe played Jack into the area, and as he was facing away from goal, he was clearly pushed in the back, but the referee played on. A high ball in the middle saw two of our players stand their ground, and although the Avonmouth player didn't protest, the referee awarded them a free-kick. It was floated towards the far right post, and looped back across goal with a header, and it dropped in 3-5. A free kick by Boxey on the right, dropped to the back post for Lewis to hit back across, but the 'keeper grabbed it. They switched play well and got into our area, but Del slid in with a magnificent tackle to stop the shot.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 3 AVONMOUTH 5

Man of the Match – Chosen independently by Mark, Tony & Andy for excellent play and effort **– Del**

Afterthoughts.....

The inconsistencies of refereeing cost us today, firstly when Jay was clearly pushed over for their third goal, then as Jack was bundled to the floor at 4-3 he did nothing, but their fifth goal came from a free-kick where our players simply stood their ground. For about an hour it was a very even game, and the other twenty saw both teams on top at one stage or another. A truly fair result would have been a draw, but results are never always truly fair.

We should take a lot from today, especially considering the changes we had to make. No Harry so Ben drops back out of defence, so Tom drops back from left mid, so Joe goes out from centre mid, so Jack goes forward from centre back, so Del drops back from attack. All as a result of Harry's illness! I have nothing but respect for the whole team, because of the way they have reacted to this upheaval, against teams that would be tough with the full squad.