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Jack was away on a short holiday for this one, Ben Watt pulled out injured an hour before the match and Lore was feeling unwell (code I believe for "there's a party", backed up by Del admitting that he's going to the same party!)

The line-up was:

Harry
 Joe Del Jay Tom
 Lewis Sam Ben Worlock Charlie
 Sean Boxey

Substitute:

Bitton opted to kick with the strong wind in the first half, and an attack down the left saw their striker cut in and shoot, but against the outside of the stanchion. They attacked again and lifted the ball over our defence, and the attacker ran in and hammered a shot, which Harry did really well to save, however another player was lurking on the line and had an easy tap in **1-0**. They took a short corner, and then swung a dangerous ball in across our area, but fortunately no one got to it as it passed. Joe won the ball in the middle and lifted it over their defenders, and **Boxey** smashed it past their 'keeper **1-1**. Bitton won another corner and swung it in to our area, and three of our players looked at the other to clear it, and a Bitton attacker had a simple flick to retake the lead **2-1**. A bouncing ball into our area was headed back by Joe, however slightly to the side of Harry, and it could have bounced past him, but he was alert and on his toes, and was able to turn and recover under pressure. They worked down the line, laid it back and shot, the first was saved by Harry, and the follow up saw Tom on the line clear. From that clearance, Sam ran out with it, past three players and in to Boxey, who in turn found Sean, but his attempted shot was blocked. A ball to Harry was played wide to Tom, and he found Boxey down the line who challenged the 'keeper, and then Sean forced a corner. From that corner we had three attempts to score,

but all were blocked or tackled. We passed out of defence to Joe, through Ben to Sam, on for Sean running down the, and his cross saw the 'keeper scramble out to clear.

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We now had the wind behind us, however gave a free-kick away on the left, and it was hit high to the back post to where a Bitton player lost his marker, and headed it in from close range despite Harry's attempts to save it **3-1**. Tom swung a free-kick in to the back post, but Sean headed just wide. Sam ran at their defence and shot twice, the first blocked and the second forced for a corner. Tom swung it in, and Sean just flicked the ball over the bar. Lewis swung a corner in and it hit the front of the bar, out at a very narrow angle to Joe, who instinctively hit it, but just over. Tom swung another corner in, and this time it was Sam who headed just wide. Bitton were attacking, but we won it back, found Lewis on the right, and then he switched it to the left for **Boxey's** run, and they couldn't stop him **3-2**. Lewis worked it well and crossed, this time Ben forcing a good save from their 'keeper. Del had had a major tussle with Liam Crew all day, but by this time had won that battle, taking the ball off of him again and finding Tom, who under pressure slipped it inside of an attacker and found Boxey who was fouled. Del shot from the free-kick, but unfortunately wide. We had a corner, Joe shielded well before crossing the ball in and this was headed against the post by Ben. A ball was played into the far left corner which **Boxey** chased. He ran the ball away from the corner, back down our line, cut across the pitch, and from 25 yards unleashed an unstoppable bullet into the top right, the 'keeper not even moving **3-3**.

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

Afterthoughts.....

This was definitely a game of two halves, as they constantly played the long ball with the wind in the first half, putting us under a lot of pressure, but except for a lapse in the first few minutes of the second half, didn't really trouble us again as we attacked and attacked, and in fairness, their manager even admitted that had the game gone on much longer, we would have won. Not bad against the top of the league!