



## **FRY CLUB COLTS**

# **U16 MATCH REPORT U16**

Number 25

Now your head is spinnin', Broken hearts will mend, This is our beginning, Comin' to an end.

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And so we came to the very last match this team would ever play. It had been a long journey, and only Sam & Tom were still here from our very first game 10 years earlier! That said, this team were infinitely better than at any point in those ten years. Unfortunately not everyone was available. Jack, Lore, Ben Worlock and Harry had prior commitments, and Tom and Ben Watt were injured. In to help came Clappy in goal, Bryn making a return and Del's brother Steve, who had originally planned to play against us but now joined us to make 11. The Manager's were bolstered by five U21 players, with Nick Johnson, Dave Kipling and Andy also being joined by Geraint. Andy as Manager took charge of the Manager's team, and Sam as team Captain took charge of the U16's.

The line-up was:

						Clappy
						Jay Del
Bryn	Joe	Lewis	Sam	Steve	Charlie	
						Sean Boxey

Sean was played through in the first minutes, lifting it over the 'keeper, but unfortunately onto the top of the bar and over. Boxey was then played through and smashed one back off of the crossbar, but he had already been flagged offside. Boxey then attacked down the wing and crossed for Sean to head back across goal, but the 'keeper dived to save. **Boxey** was played through in on goal and the 'keeper came out to force him wide, and it looked too narrow an angle, however he turned and swept it home **1-0**. Bryn crossed it in, Sean laid it back across goal for Sam, five yards out, unmarked, and he blasted it over! Adults team started to get into the game, and a ball cut the two defenders and they slipped it past Clappy, to see it nestle in the back of the net, only for the offside flag to be raised. **Boxey** then picked up the ball,

stepped left and right before driving in to the bottom right **2-0**. A ball lifted over the top saw both Jay and Lewis fly through, but the 'keeper was off of his line just quick enough to get there. Lewis then shot, and the 'keeper dived to push it away. The adults then attacked down the right and crossed, but Jay was there with an important block. The adults were growing in confidence and a ball though the defence was buried past Clappy **2-1**. Lewis was played through, and his early high shot was only just too high and too wide. The adults had come in to this game, and some slick passing got past our overcommitted team, and we made challenges but they kept falling for them, and then a quick one-two put them in and their attacker made no mistake **2-2**. The U16's had by now switched things around with the attacking line of Lewis and Jay with Joe and Boxey in defence! Jay hit a great corner which the 'keeper went for, but it slipped through his hands. Because of this however, we had all stopped, so were not able to capitalise in the error. An adult player then curled a shot into the top right, however Clappy got a hand to it to concede a corner. The adults hit a corner over which was headed goalwards, but Clappy tipped it over. Boxey tried to dribble out of defence and lost it, however Steve was there to make the saving tackle. Del swung a corner in which the 'keeper parried, and then dived on as we charged in. A corner in by Jay looked to be controlled by Dave Kipling's hand, however the referee waved away the protests.

### **HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 MANAGERS 2**

Charlie played Del through with a fantastic ball, but he was at least five yards offside! Del was played into the left corner, chased and won it, ran across goal and shot, but the 'keeper blocked, Lewis unable to convert the rebound. The Manager's team passed it very well amongst themselves left and right, before a low shot from the left found its way into the bottom right to give the Managers the lead for the first time in the game **2-3**. Boxey charged into their area but was tackled, and it came back to Sean who shot, but it was just wide. Bryn forced his way through three challenges, before finding Del in the middle, but it got caught under his foot and they were able to clear. Sam received the ball from a corner, skipped past two and shot which

was deflected for another corner. This time Joe took a short corner to **Boxey**, he ran inwards and shot low into the bottom left **3-3**. Joe tried to curl a free-kick into the far right, but it was just wide. Del went down the right, sent it towards Lewis in the middle and he sky'd it, blaming the pitch for it! An adult ran down the right and cut in, before blasting one back off of the crossbar. Joe found Boxey with a corner, he worked it inwards and found Lewis ten yards out who..... passed it back to their 'keeper! Sean brought the ball down on the half-way line and then hammered one over his head, but just too short! The goal-kick was short, but as Lewis commented on the Dictaphone, Andy's great touch saw him turn into space and set himself for the perfect pass! (he's correct, but it was probably the only good thing of the game!) The Manager's attacked down the left and hammered one into the bottom right **3-4**. Joe picked up a goal-kick and shot high, but unfortunately also wide. Jay drop-kicked well into the Manager's half, Sean got it, cut it across to Boxey, but he shot just wide. A ball down the left saw the Managers attack, and Jay did really well to tip the shot over. According to Del, this was unfair as the Manager's had Basso in goal! Boxey ran into the corner and found Sean, who powered it across goal and found **Joe** on the back post to equalise **4-4**. From the kick we won and Boxey ran through and fed Lewis, only for his chip to drift wide. Under pressure from Geraint, Sean ran in, and despite calls of "don't shoot" he did..... wide! **Sean** chased a ball into the right corner, turned inside and ran in, before shooting from the narrowest of angles, however the 'keeper couldn't save and it flew in off him at his near post **5-4**.

**FULL-TIME: FRY'S 5 MANAGERS 4**

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

*Afterthoughts.....*  
*What this game really highlighted for both Mark and Andy, was just how important their own role really is. Despite undoubted talent and superiority, the lads made hard work of this as they had no one on the sides driving them on or giving instruction, and it was only with five to go when told that both U16's were losing, that they really bucked up and scored two goals at will! As for the overall match, what was clear was that we could have won by a cricket score had we taken it seriously, however because we didn't, it was only really the mature understanding of the game that Steve had which meant we avoided what could have been a heavy defeat, as he defended valiantly, quite often outnumbered with only one or two of our players getting back. In the end we won, and although the combined score was tied, which meant the Manager's retained the trophy, it was fun and everyone seemed to really enjoy it.*

*And so what of the season? This has been in many ways one of the most demoralising, not because of the results, but because of what could have been. Our first competitive game was the Cup win over Longwell Green, and I clearly remember standing with Mark and Tony, with all 15 available, saying how hard this was going to be getting everyone on the pitch through the season. How wrong I was, as that turned out to be the first, and last time that every player was available, as three players picked up injuries in that game alone! Then we lost Boxey for six weeks. In that time we lost Joe and he was out for four and a half months. In that time we lost Samuel, Aaron and Max, but picked up Charlie, and then with just one month to go we picked up Sean and Ben Worlock, but lost Ben Watt and Joel, which meant nine games to the end of the season! In fact congratulations must go to Team Captain Sam Kipling, the only player to play in all 27 games, however honourable mentions must also go to Del and Lewis who made it 26 out of 27. So why demoralising? Well quite simply, if everyone had been available, all season, we know that we would be challenging for the title, but instead we conceded three games, and ended tenth. Hopefully the players who were available had fun, and I'm pretty sure that as the season ended they were having a laugh at games and enjoying it, regardless of the result.*

*And so what about the eleven years? It has been an amazing time of my life, meeting players and parents that I will never forget, and having experiences that will stay with me forever such as the U14 semi-final win over the then impregnable Warmley, and the U15 Tour to Holland, so much of which we owe thanks to Dave Kipling. I'd like to thank Tom Baker, Jack Gooding, Maurice Baker, Mark Yeoman, Dave Churches, Dave Gooding, Ray Fry, Tony Watt and Mark Bezer for being my Assistants during those 11 years, for all of the help and support they gave me. Also the unsung heroes such as Lino Rob Harvey, 1<sup>st</sup> Aider Julie Harvey, photo and video from Geraint Williams, Rob again and his son Kris, and for help with monies Jon Bane. Also support down the years from Nick & Val Johnson, and Tony & Sam Sutton, and anyone else who supported us, names too numerous to mention. Finally to every player who played for us, about 75 all told. Thank you to everyone.*