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After last week's postponement this was our first game in the cup competition and the draw has not been kind to us with all the other teams in our group from a division above. After our last performance against Ashton, we knew we were in for a tough game but were hoping to see a better performance than against Ashton. Andy was still away and the players missing were Charlie, Bradley W and Ethem.

The line-up was:

Alfie
Finley Tristen Cory
Finlay James Tyler Liam
Bradley G

Substitutes: Bartek, Kaylum, Josh & Keanu

Hopefully for the last time this season, this is not a proper match report as we suffered a big defeat in a 10-1 loss. The positives were that the performance was a lot better than against Ashton and in small parts, we showed we could match them, however if Alfie had not been in such good form, making at least six great saves, the score would have been a lot worse. The boys came off at half time moaning that Yate were pulling shirts (bibs), kicking them, etc. To be honest there was some of that going on, but in general Yate were not a dirty side, they just wanted to win more, wanted the ball more and put the effort in. Some of the boys in our team do not play like that which whilst they are still young and learning is fine, but they do need to put effort into the game. There was one instance when Yate had a corner; one of

our players cleared it then ran past four of our players to try to get to the ball and ran back past three of the same players as he was trying to get the ball back off Yate. If some boys are not going to try and just stand there, then that is not fair on the boys who are trying. Another example is when Alfie made save after save, the ball would come back into play and instead looking to clear the ball we would just stand still, and Yate would get another shot in before scoring. We will at times play against teams who are more skilful, quicker, and more advanced than we are. This happens to virtually all teams up to the Premier League. The one thing that teams should never be able to do though is put in more effort! If the boys come off the pitch and they have given their best, which is all as coaches we can ask, the rest we can improve as a team. Our one bit of positive play going forward was from a long ball; the Yate 'keeper who did not have much to do cleared it from just outside the penalty area, the ball going to **Bradley G** just inside the Yate half, and seeing the 'keeper way out of his goal hit the ball David Beckham like back over the 'keeper into the back of the net for a very good finish.

FULL-TIME: YATE 10 FRY 1

Afterthoughts.....

Yate and certain other teams have split their groups into two different teams. In Yate's case they had 30 boys on the books and have split them into the first team who we played, a group of 13 with only 11 playing each Sunday on a rotation, and the other 17 playing in Division 6. With us sticking with the 16 boys, they will learn together and when we get to 11-a-side will have a team ethic. Teams like Yate will need to add a least another two players at that point and then let them gel, so we will see how this develops.

We have decided to play only one more of our cup games against Longwell Green and then hopefully a couple of friendlies before returning to league games after the half-term holiday.