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Our last game in the mini cup competition saw us up against another team from a league above us in Longwell Green Sports, who are a new team with a mixture of ex-Boco and Mangotsfield (the A Division version) players so again, we knew it was going to be a hard game as we had never beaten Boco. Like Yate they are a team of the better players and they only played with nine, so they did not have to disturb the side making subs. For this last Cup game, we were without Finley, Finlay, Bradley W and Charlie but someone who had been away was back and we were glad to see Andy back (the comments of "Who was this person?" seemed harsh). We had our new kit which the boys looked very smart in, and on Home games we aim to be collecting for the Children's Hospice South West charity.

The line-up was:

Alfie
Tristen Josh Cory
James Tyler Bradley G Liam
Kaylum

Substitutes: Keanu, Bartek & Ethem

The game started with a 50/50 feel to it and we had the first attack; a nice ball from Liam finding Kaylum who ran as fast as he could with the ball to the edge of the area before getting a low hard shot away, the 'keeper doing well to save. For the next five minutes it was a battle in midfield with both sides working hard, getting blocks and tackles in to make sure neither side could get control. We were playing some good football and a great ball from Bradley G found James out wide, and he beat the player before putting a dangerous looking ball that Kaylum was only inches away from poking in, the ball just drifting wide. For the first 10 minutes or so we had restricted Longwell Green to long range efforts only. Then they won a corner which they floated into the box; Alfie dived on it but could not quite get it under his control and they poked it into the net. We had players there, but we did not react quickly enough **0-1**. We attacked down the right where Bradley cut inside and was fouled just outside of the area. James put a delightful ball into the area which Bartek managed to get to, but his effort was cleared off the line, then another good ball from James found Liam who shot at goal, the

'keeper just about making the save. Longwell Green attacked on the right and Cory did well to slow them down and let our defence get back, however they still managed to cut the ball back though to a player who shot, Alfie again making a great save. They were soon on the attack again and a shot went over Alfie's head; it hit the post and we had two defenders who each thought the other was going to clear the ball, and whilst this was going on the Longwell player ran onto the loose ball to knock it into the net **0-2**. They were soon on the attack again and Alfie had two of their players barrelling down on him, but he stood up well and made a very good save. It was our turn to attack and a good cross from Bradley found Keanu who took a touch at the back post before shooting just wide.

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From kick-off Longwell Green were quick to close us down and got a shot away, forcing another great save from Alfie who tipped the ball around the post for a corner. Bradley headed the ball clear which Tyler picked up and after a little run up field cut the ball to Liam who took a shot which just went wide. From the goal-kick James picked up the loose ball and he played the ball through; the 'keeper got to it and his clearance hit the defender the ball going loose just inside the box and Kaylum did well to get to the ball first with his shot narrowly going wide. We were defending well, and Josh, Tristen and Cory were stopping all the attacks and keeping Longwell Green from getting any shots away. We were looking good going forward and a good effort from Liam just went wide. As with the first half, the first 10 minutes or so we were the better side and playing good football! Longwell Green were soon on the attack again and got a shot away from distance which forced another good save from Alfie but again they were first to react and knocked the ball in **0-3**. From the kick-off we had a bit of miscommunication between Keanu and Ethem and they were quick to react and went straight down the middle to score **0-4**. Longwell Green were now playing with confidence and some quick passing and another shot from distance looked to be heading in, and only a great save from Alfie prevented them from scoring. Some good work by Ethem in defence saw him play the ball up to Liam who ran to just outside of the area before unleashing a bullet of a shot which shaved the outside of the post before just going wide.

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Afterthoughts.....

This was a much better performance by the boys and one that we were very proud of against a team that only lost by one goal against Yate and are all about the winning. The effort from all of them was 100% better and on another day, we could have nicked a draw or even a win had we taken the chances which narrowly missed. With a bit of luck, when we return to league games after the half term holiday, if we can play with this much effort then the results will follow.