



# FRY CLUB COLTS

# U11 MATCH REPORT U11

Number 9 - The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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We travelled to Little Stoke to play a team we have had some good games against so after recent results we knew we were in for a hard game; they confirmed that they beaten Ashton 4-3 the week before, a team we had lost 13 -1 to only a few weeks earlier. We had a lot missing this week with Ethem, Finn W, Finn M, Charlie, Keanu, Bartek and Josh unable to play due to illness and family commitments meaning we had the bare nine players.

The line-up was:

Alfie  
Tristen Liam Cory  
James Tyler Brad G Brad W  
Kaylum

The game started at a frantic pace with neither side getting control of the game and no clear chances. A hopeful ball into our box was dealt with by Tristen who looked to clear the ball; it got blocked, Tristen got what looked like a great tackle in winning the ball however the ref saw it differently to most of the people watching and gave a penalty, which they blasted past Alfie giving him no chance **1-0**. The game then settled down to a battle in midfield; we were more than holding our own and keeping the game tight and playing some lovely football, passing the ball around well and the whole team really working hard without creating many chances, but Alfie did not have to make any saves. We were also defending well as a unit with Liam controlling the back line well and Cory and Tristen getting blocks and tackles in when needed, and when they did get through Alfie was on hand making a good save where they attacked straight from a throw. Liam made a great tackle and laid the ball to Brad G who looked and played a beautiful ball to Kaylum who was clear on goal and one on one with the 'keeper, but he slid his shot just wide of the post. We were the better side and some lovely play by James set Tyler up who shot just over. Brad W played a lovely ball to Brad G who got a great shot in that was well saved by the 'keeper. Almondsbury were playing well and from a throw the ball was bouncing all over the place and they managed to get a shot that was going into the back of the net but James somehow managed to get back on the line and got his head to the ball and cleared it over the bar; an amazing bit of defending and was an example of the great effort all of the boys were putting in. Some great play by James down the right saw him get a great cross in towards Brad G who was clear in the box; it just bounced in front of him, and he could only guide it to the 'keeper. We were playing great football and some wonderful play by James again down the right and he got a great shot away that was well saved.

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We started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half really well and another great ball from James found Kaylum who hit his shot just inches wide. We were playing some lovely football and a great ball from Tyler found Brad G who got into the box and was about to get a shot away when he got a push in the back; the ref did not see it as a penalty so the ball came back to Cory who floated a ball back into the area causing all sorts of problems for them; the ball came to Brad W who hit a crisp shot that just went over. We were dominating and a good finish by Kaylum found the back of the net only for the linesman to flag him for offside. When they attacked Liam was reading the play well and sweeping up any loose balls and getting us back on the front foot. Brad G picked the ball in our half and played a great ball to Kaylum who worked hard to battle the defender and win the ball; he then got his shot away hard and low that was saved by the 'keeper. Alfie found Cory from a goal kick, and he played a great ball to Tyler who hit a shot that bounced in front of the 'keeper who did well to tip it around the post for a corner. James took a great corner that came out to Cory who hit a first time shot that was heading into the net; Kaylum got a touch on to the ball and it just went over the bar. Almondsbury had a rare attack, but Tristen and James did well to defend it. Tristen got a great clearance up to James who beat his player and whipped in a fantastic cross that **Kaylum** did well to get to before the 'keeper and knocked it in past the 'keeper **1-1**. A lovely ball by Tyler found Brad G who got clear in the box; he looked to turn the defender and from the side-lines it looked like he got an elbow in the back, but again the ref saw it different, and the penalty was not given. They attacked down their right, Brad W did well to get a block in and knock it out for a corner. We did well to clear the corner, however the ball fell to their player outside of the area who connected sweetly with the ball that flew past Alfie giving him no chance into the back of the net **2-1**. We were attacking, and they broke on us quickly and were clear on goal they got a shot away, but Cory had done well to drop back and get a block in, and the ball deflected on to the bar and Alfie dived on the ball. We were attacking down the right James got brought down the ref giving a free kick. James floated a great ball into the area and **Tristen** had sneaked to the back post to knock the ball into the net for a well-deserved equaliser **2-2**.

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### Afterthoughts.....

*What a game and an amazing performance from the boys who played super, each one of them and if some of the decisions from the ref had gone our way we would have won. What the game showed was that with less subs we played so much better as the boys got into the rhythm of the game and as they stayed in the same positions knew what their jobs were and stuck to it. What we are looking for is to be competitive in most games where we win some, lose some and draw some and this result and performance proved that we could do this. Well done to all that played and as coaches we are super proud of all the boys!*