Number 15 - When the rich wage war it's the poor who die - Sunday 27th January 2019

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We welcomed Almondsbury to Manor Road. We had played Almondsbury earlier in the season and came away with a 2-2 draw; we knew it was going to be a hard game and on a windy day with a heavy pitch we were missing Tristen, Finley, Josh, and Alfie, and with a last-minute sickness bug Andy was not available.

The line-up was:

Ethem

Kaylum Liam Keanu Cory

James Tyler Bradley G Bradley W

Substitute: Bartek

We were shooting up the hill in the first half and started on a positive note; a good pass from Tyler found James out wide who battled past the defender before floating a ball into the middle, Bradley W getting to it before shooting low just wide of the far post. quickly from their goal kick and Bradley G played the ball wide to James who passed back to Bradley who had kept his run going before shooting, the 'keeper making a good save. We were defending well, and Liam was marshalling them well. Cory made a great tackle out wide, got back up and passed down the line to Bradley W who took a touch before passing on to Tyler who fed in James, but again the 'keeper made a good save. They tried their luck down the right side doing a lovely one-two past Kaylum, however Keanu came across and made the vital block. We were playing well and passing the ball around lovely; Liam fed the ball up the middle to Bradley G who span past his man and got tripped but the ref played advantage as it came to James who went forward a few yards before playing the ball to Bradley W who looked up and finished well in the corner; the ref though looked over to the linesman who was flagging off side and then the ref overturned the goal and gave them the free-kick, where is VAR when you need it? What he should have done is brought it back for the free kick as there was no advantage! They had a throw, which we struggled to deal with the ball bouncing all over the place and eventually it came to their player who flicked it through for them to shoot but Ethem did

well to get down and make the save. Ethem kicked the ball into their half, Bradley G chased and put them under pressure but their 'keeper got there first and returned the ball into our half, they ran through just staying onside and used their pace to get to the edge of the area before shooting hard and low past Ethem **0-1**. Ethem picked the ball up from a cross and looked up to see Bradley G had made a run so he cleared the ball up field, Bradley flicked the ball past the defender and span past him, another defender was there and passed the ball back to the 'keeper however Bradley never gave and chased it down putting the 'keeper under pressure and as he went to clear the ball it hit **Bradley G** on the knee and bounced into the back of the net **1-1**.

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Almondsbury started the 2nd half well and got a shot away from the edge of the area, Ethem making a good save to knock it behind for a corner. They put us under some pressure for a bit, but we defended well with Cory and Tyler getting good tackles and clearances in. They kept attacking though and tried to play a through ball into the box, Keanu had read the situation well however and got to the ball and as calm as a cucumber looked up and passed the ball to Liam in the box whilst under a pressure, for Liam to clear up to Bartek who held the ball up before passing out wide to Bradley G who fed the ball to James and he cut inside before shooting, the 'keeper reached up and tipped the ball onto the bar and over for a corner. Another great corner from James found Bradley G and his flicked effort just went over. It was our turn to attack for a bit and a great cross from James found Bradley W. The ball got stuck under his feet, but he still managed to get a shot away and the 'keeper dived on it though before it could go in. The rest of the game was a battle royale with tackles flying and all the boys from both sides giving it their all but with tiredness kicking in on a heavy pitch there were no more chances created by either side. The ref blew the whistle to end a great game.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 1 ALMONDSBURY 1

Afterthoughts.....

This was another awesome performance and our second draw! This was end to end stuff and a fantastic match. A big thank you and well done to Ethem for going in goal and playing so well. All the boys played well and put in a great shift, battling to win the ball and keep going for each other, this is getting better week by week. Whatever happens the rest of this season we have a base for next season! Well done boys.