

Congratulations to 10 year old JR, Breton Day, who is the winner of the accolade of Cheltenham Town Junior Reporter of the Year. His prize is a Football League goodie bag, and a match day reporting experience in the press box at Whaddon Road, in the company of Gloucestershire Echo football writer, Jon Palmer. Breton now goes forward into the national competition. Well done Breton. Your report of our 2-0 victory over Hartlepool was great.

CHELTENHAM TOWN 2

HARTLEPOOL 0

Saturday 14 March K.O. 3:00

Manager: Martin Allen

Manager: Chris Turner

Report by Breton Day

First Half

In the first few minutes neither teams could make good use of the ball. Some misplaced passes lead to some breaks but nothing came of them. Cheltenham started to attack which worried the Hartlepool defenders but the robins still couldn't find the net. Although Hartlepool created chances Cheltenham still had the edge. Hammond coming close numerous times, surely Cheltenham would find the net. Then Connor weaved in and out of the Hartlepool defence and crossed. HANDBALL!! The referee gave a penalty. Hammond takes.... He SCORES!! 1-0 Cheltenham. Brown made 2 fantastic saves to keep Cheltenham ahead at half time.

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Second Half

After the break Hartlepool upped their game, determined to score. They did but.. It was disallowed for offside! The Cheltenham defence held firm but when Brown was beaten Lindegaard headed off the line like a leaping salmon to deny Hartlepool an equaliser. Low worked up and down the wings creating opportunities with 1 occasion where he ran half the length of the pitch and his cross was inches away from Spencer's head with the goal at his mercy. Hartlepool and Cheltenham both made substitutions: CTFC replacing Spencer for s Bignall, Gallinagh for Hammond and Watkins replacing Connor. Hartlepool tried to get through the Cheltenham defence but with the help of Diallo they kept clear. Hartlepool showed their frustration as

Robson lunged at Westlake earning himself a yellow card along with Brown receiving a yellow for time wasting. A lovely team move resulting in the ball going to Bignall where with his back to goal he controlled, turned and hammered the ball into the bottom corner. GOAL!!! 2-0. What a beautiful shot by the loanee!

A record 6 minutes added time left Cheltenham supporters still uncomfortable but the team proved strong.

Full time, Cheltenham Town 2 Hartlepool United 0.