

# Matchday Event & Reflection



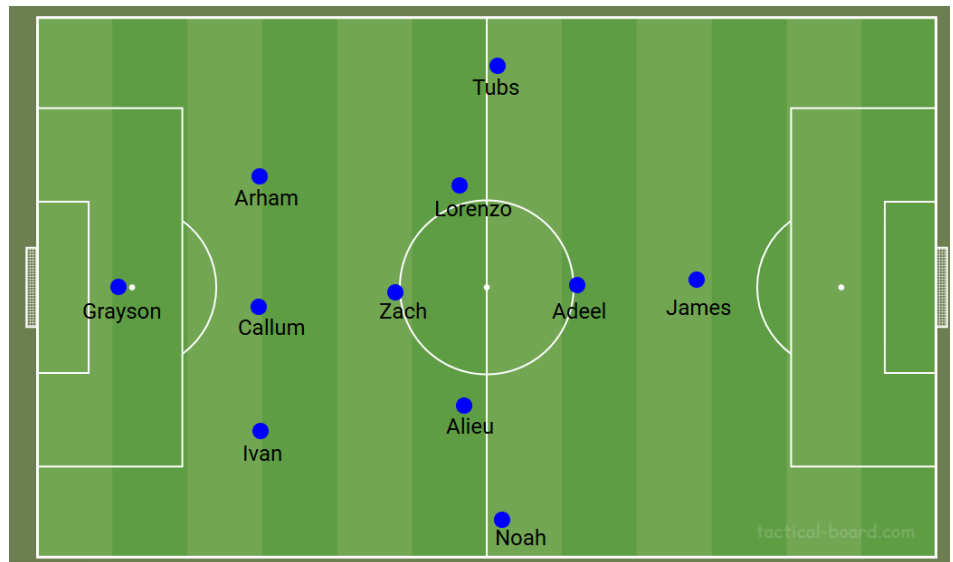
## 1. Matchday Information

- Cup
- Black Country Ravens
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- Greenhill (Away)
- 09/11/25 – 2.30pm kick off
- Wet – Pitch Poor
- 16/18 Available.

- HT 1-1 FT 2-4

Goals: Jamesx3

Assit: Adeel, Alieu



## 2. Pre-Match Objectives

### A. Team Tactical Objectives

1. Central Midfield combinations.
2. Compactness Out Of Possession
3. Outside CB split on Goalkick to create receiving angle if we are too build

### B. Unit Objectives

#### Defensive Unit:

- Communicate often and early. Callum to lead on that.

#### Midfield Unit:

- Wide player out of possession be reactive. CDM be disciplined in your position and in possession CM's look to support.

#### Attacking Unit:

- James stay central. Adeel look to run and supper from lines between opponent Mid and Defense. Toby and Noah in an attacking transition offer width to stretch.

### C. Individual Player Objectives

1. Zach – Be that link – 360 vision
2. James – Stay high for us, Adeel will connect you
3. Callum – Communicate early and often.

## 3. Matchday Actions

A. Pre-Match - Dynamic movement stretch which is player led – same as training. Socially good for them gets them moving. Led by Ivan this time. Went well

- I told the lads not to get complacent in light of last week's result. Stick to our plan and remain disciplined. Last week doesn't count for anything this week and we must remain disciplined.

### B. In-Game Coaching

I always try and keep my behavior consistent on the touchline. I use positive reinforcement with my players and give concise clear information. I won't give information when they are in possession as they need to make that decision themselves but may offer afterwards things like "can we start to make decision earlier so we don't get caught in possession" or "I loved that idea Yussuf but are there any other areas of the pitch we can look to play into?" If the ball has gone out following an attack I may remind them to "think of their shape, starting position and responsibilities" I reminded the lads to not try and force it and play their football and the chances will come. Having been 8-0 up at half time last week the lads were becoming annoyed when the goal wasn't coming and we were lacking on that final touch. I told them to relax.

C. Half Time: 0-0. Played really well, hit the post and missed a few 1v1 opportunities. Out of possession we remained compact and didn't give them a sniff really. I told the lads to continue as they are and remain calm and trust that it will come and try not to force it or be too radical in their approach. There is still a whole half left so don't panic. I challenged them to keep compact and a clean sheet.

### D. Changes and why

When we went 2-0 up I made 2 changes. Alieu and Noah were beginning to get tired so I brought Logan and Tyler on. I reminded the players coming into the system how well the others had done as a collective and individually and the importance of them combining. Pleased to see it done well.

#### 4. Match Summary (Key Events Linked to Objectives)

- Opponent behaviors noticed: They played with 5 at the back and they were full backs. They tried to counter fast and direct. I reminded the lads that the midfield combinations would work well against this if we just remained focused and stick to the plan.
- Patterns in our play: playing a CAM off the striker worked really well.
- Successes related to objectives: Midfield overload combinations worked well Wide players remembered their defensive duties.
- Challenges related to objectives: Having a full subs bench and getting everyone in
- Key moments affecting our tactical plan: Our Central Midfield Combinations were fantastic

#### 5. Post-Match Reflection

##### A. What went well?

- Central Midfield combinations and overload. Our patience to stick to this was pleasing too.
- CAM behind the striker worked really well. Pleased with this and this is how we will set for the start of the season. Pre match routine going well also.

##### B. What didn't go well?

- Some of the 1v1 chances we missed we could of done better with

##### C. Why did these things happen?

- 1v1 training development to have that composure in front of goal

##### D. What will I change next time?

- This will be my starting line up if all players are fit and available.

#### 6. Learning Points (Coach Development)

- I need to ensure I am putting more challenges in training on the players that require that development who are falling behind slightly – but also ensure the ones who are forging ahead are still engaged.

#### 7. Next Steps (Action Plan)

##### A. For the Team

- Build on this and keep momentum

##### B. For Individual Players

- technical ability as well as tactical understanding for the players who need that more

### C. For Me as a Coach

- Session planning to really cater to a broadening spectrum of player ability levels.