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And so to the final game of the season. Thankfully after Friday we were able to relax and both Jordan and James came along to play, and it was nice to see them. The weather wasn't brilliant, but that didn't matter. St Nicks also did the same and some players who didn't usually get a game for them also were able to play.

Game 1 - The line up was:

Joby
 Jack Callum
 Josh Joel Tom
 Joe

Rolling Subs: Luke, Dan & Jordan

After a bit of to-ing and fro-ing Tom broke away and played a great reverse pass to Joe, in on the 'keeper, but he hit his shot straight at him. It went for a corner which Joe floated in at a perfect height, but everyone seemed to just stop, and it went harmlessly wide. A throw down the line saw Josh flick the ball past a defender and shoot at the near post, but their 'keeper made a good save. Tom won the ball on the left, hit it through their defence for **Joe** who cut right across goal, but flicked it with the outside of his left foot into the net **0-1**. They came straight back at us and hit a rasping shot which Joby did well to hold. Joel won the ball and played it wide to Josh. He passed inside for Tom and went for the return, before crossing into Joe whose shot was blocked, and Tom hit the rebound, but it was always rising too much. A throw from Tom was cleared to Jack who shot. It was blocked but played wide to Joe who crossed in and Joel flung himself at it, but unfortunately didn't connect. Down by the right corner flag Tom threw to Joel who laid it back and Tom struck it, from a really narrow angle on the half-volley and the 'keeper did well to react and push it away. Jack played it in to Josh who found Tom. Tom's reverse pass found the run of Josh, but his touch took it just too close to the 'keeper.

HALF-TIME : ST NICKS 0 FRY 1

From a big throw, Jordan brought the ball down and got it to Josh. He hit it hard and high from about 25 yards, but it was the wrong side of the post. A high ball into our box was well defended by Joby and Josh, then Josh put Dan through, but his shot was at the 'keeper. Dan took the corner to Luke, and he went wide to Jordan. Jordan went past two players and got the cross in, to where Dan hit a first time shot which was blocked, the Luke had a go but it was also blocked and eventually cleared. The ball was crossed into our box and we all seemed to stop, and their shot was just past the left post from the right side. Luke then won the ball from a throw, passed to Tom and he played Joe through, however Joe just couldn't reach it. They had a corner so Jack tried to score! Luckily it went the wrong side of the post. Tom won the header from the next corner and broke away. As the last defender closed in he slid it through to Joe wide and went for the return, however it was just beyond him to where Jordan was running in, but then in came the sliding tackle of the century to put it behind for a corner. Joe floated it in, **Tom** controlled it, beat a man and hammered it low into the right corner (Josh on the Dictaphone agreed with that!) **0-2**. Tom broke out again, only after this run, the 'keeper made the save. They were then through and Jordan raced back. He made the tackle, and although he didn't win the ball, he did enough to put them off. They then had another break which first saw Luke challenge, and then Dan come in to finish the job. Tom broke forward and got the ball to Joe in acres of space, but rather than shoot for goal, he tried to get it back for Tom and it was cut out. They then came at us again and Luke and Jordan challenged before Joby bravely flew off his line to claim it at their feet.

FULL-TIME : ST NICKS 0 FRY 2

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Game 2 - The line up was:

Jamie
 Sam B Mark
 Spike Sam K Max
 Chilly

Rolling Subs: Jim, Josef & James

They had a shot hard and low through a crowd, but Jamie watched it all the way and made the save. Some battling

outside of our box saw a low shot which Jamie confidently let go, however a few of us across the way held our breath! Sam K won the ball and played in Max. He shot high, but their 'keeper made the save. Spike hit it forward to Max who turned and shot. Their 'keeper made the save, but as Chilly raced in on the rebound, their 'keeper dived at it to push it away from goal. They attacked down the right and Sam B came in with a strong tackle. Mark picked up the deflection and fed the ball to Sam K. He ran and crossed it, but it was just too far ahead of Chilly and Max. We conceded a poor goal right on the stroke of half-time. It flew in, we all stopped and it bounced up five yards out. Their player headed it just the wrong side of the post, however another player running in across goal, got his head to it and forced it inside of the post **1-0**. From the kick the ref blew half-time!

HALF-TIME : ST NICKS 1 FRY'S 0

The second half turned more into a middle of the field battle of attrition with very few chances being created at either end. We broke forward and a ball into the corner was chased by James. He got his foot to their attempted clearance and it fell for Jim, whose shot went just wide. Then Josef battled hard to win the ball and shot, but the 'keeper held onto it. They played some excellent passing football which had our players turning in circles and as Jamie raced out at their attacker, he managed to turn the ball inside him and inside Jamie and it rolled in **2-0**. Right at the end of the game, we cleared a throw to the halfway line and their player blasted it goal-wards. It came down yards from goal and Jamie tried to dive on it, however in the rain and mud it came loose and their player just chipped it over him into an empty net **3-0**.

FULL-TIME : ST NICKS 3 FRY'S 0

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OVERALL RESULT : ST NICKS 3 FRY'S 2

Afterthoughts.....
For the game itself, we played long periods of good football, especially the 'A' team and they deserved to win their game. The 'B' team didn't create so much, but I felt that a 2-0 defeat and a draw overall would have been a fair result, but it was not to be. At this point I would like to say congratulations to Max, the only ever present in the team with all 32 games played, and to Chilly, 32 goals, an average of a goal a game is a fantastic achievement at any level.

As for the season, we ended up winning the league by one point from St Nicks, and to be fair, they have been the strongest team that we have faced. That said, we scored more than any other team in our division and let in less than any other team and had a goal difference of +99, which is superb. In fact we scored the most goals across all four divisions and had the best goal difference, something we should be proud of as a team! I quite like the fact that we played 12 at Home, won 9, drew 1 and lost 2, and played 12 Away, won 9, drew 1 and lost 2. It shows a consistency that has ultimately underpinned the title.

It has been a long hard season, and one the boys should all be proud of. To win a division, at any level of any sport is a great achievement and many people have been congratulating me, however I say to them all, don't congratulate me, congratulate the boys. It is their achievement, their effort and their success, and they have the right to be pleased with what they have done.

People may say that it was only the third division, but that doesn't matter! To put it into context, the last team I ran played their final game against Thornbury Falcons, and afterwards their manager said to me that he was proud that his team had been in the first division from the start as U10's to the end as U16's, which is a great thing, but what did they have to show for it? My team had come up from the second division as U14's but had won two divisional titles, 1st division runners-up as U15's and both League and County Cup runners-up as U16's and we had all the medals to show for it, they had nothing. Furthermore, our Club has never won any U10 divisional title..... until now, and we are just the fifth team from our Club to win a Sunday divisional title in the Club's 25 year affiliation with the Hanham Minor League and the Avon Youth League.

We now go 11-a-side as Under 11's into the 'B' division, and I see no reason why this team cannot be pushing for honours again this time next season. This team started out five years ago with just a few fledgling players and this for me is the culmination of five years of hard work by those players. We signed on 21 players for this campaign, not all were regular players, but all were committed and available if needed, so well done to Callum, Chilly, Dan, Jack, James, Jamie, Jim, Joby, Joe, Joel, Jordan, Josef, Josh, Luke, Mark, Max, Oscar, Sam B, Sam K, Spike & Tom.

Results Sunday 13th May 2007

Fry Club Juniors	4	v	0	Bradley Stoke Youth
St Nicholas 'B'	3	v	2	Fry Club Colts

HML C Division 2006/07 – Final League Positions

Team	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Fry Club Colts	24	18	2	4	140	41	99	56
St Nicholas 'B'	24	18	1	5	115	43	72	55
FDS Bristol	24	16	3	5	135	67	68	51
Fry Club Juniors	24	15	3	6	115	78	37	48
Lawrence Weston	24	12	2	10	115	94	21	38
Cadbury Heath 'A'	24	12	1	11	91	84	7	37
Fishponds OB Youth	24	11	3	10	93	92	1	36
Deerswood Youth	24	10	3	11	73	65	8	33
Nicholas Wanderers	24	10	1	13	85	101	-16	31
Bradley Stoke Youth	24	8	1	15	67	110	-43	25
Saltford Stars	24	6	1	17	60	140	-80	19
Mangotsfield	24	4	5	15	75	112	-37	17
DRG Stapleton	24	2	2	20	49	186	-137	8