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We needed to bounce back from our previous week's defeat and Longwell Green, although had come down from the first division, had not done that well. It transpires that five of their team had left when they had dropped a division!

The line up was:

Joby Jack Callum Joel Josh Sam Aaron Tom Max Chilly Charlie

Subs: Spike, Dan & Joe

I give the line-up ahead of the report, but the truth is, I had already commented on a goal before I did this on the Dictaphone, it came that guickly! We attacked but shot wide. Their 'keeper took it which Aaron won and he shot from distance, which the 'keeper failed to hold and Charlie was the only player to follow up, beating the 'keeper to the loose ball 0-1. They attacked and we failed to clear, lot of our players standing as it bounced around and eventually Max half cleared it and they shot just wide of the left post to lot's of Ooohhh's. A free kick from the left was reached by Tom, but he hit it upwards and Max somehow kept it in to Aaron. He went back wide to Max who fed him into the box and he shot. It hit one of their players and deflected up to come down on the line where Josh had chased in and made sure 0-2. Josh had been told that if he scored and we won he would get a goldfish, so all we had to do now for that was hold onto the lead! Max won it and played Chilly through, one on one with the keeper. He hit it past him, but unfortunately just wide of the post as well. They put on some concerted pressure and as they got through, Joby raced out and cleared it right into their half to turn defence into attack.

Sam then won the ball and got it to Tom who returned it for him. There was no obvious pass so he chipped it over the defence to where Charlie reacted first, but the flag went up instantly for offside. We won a corner out on the left which Sam curled in and Aaron got a glancing touch, but it was too glancing and it went wide. They attacked in numbers, but Callum managed to get the last touch to Joby who cleared it under pressure and the ref' blew for half-time.

HALF-TIME : L/GREEN 0 FRYS 2

A drop kick was missed by Spike and their player was through. He was so fast that we just couldn't catch him, however Joby was out quick and made an excellent save. They had come out a lot more determined for the second half and used their pace up front to great advantage. They were through and as they shot, Callum got a touch to push it wide, however Joby had dived for the initial shot and was down as it rolled to another player. Josh got back onto the line to try to cover, but they shot high over him and in 1-2. This obviously gave them an even bigger lift. To try to counter this pace, Andy changed it for the last ten minutes, putting Sam at the back with Callum and their pressure slowly faded away. Josh got it to Tom who went wide to Joe and he shot, but the 'keeper saved well. We forced a throw on the left which Joe launched in. They headed it out and Aaron hit it on the volley and it skimmed the outside of the post. They ball was then crossed into our box and they headed well goalwards, but Joby dived and parried it wide. Aaron fought through three players, getting a knock in the process and found Charlie unmarked who raced at goal and hit it high right into the back of the 'net 1-3.

FULL-TIME : L/GREEN 1 FRYS 3

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Aaron, Charlie & Sam

Afterthoughts.....

It seemed in the first half that we would overrun them, but they came out strongly and almost caught us in the second. Some dogged defending and good finishing finally saw us through so well done.