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We Can Work It Out

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A month after our last game, the weather lets up enough for us to play again. Joby was a week out and thought we were away to Oldland, turning up at 10:28am. Josh was ill, Tom was ill but turned up, and Nick was ref'.

The line up was:

Joby Jack Aaron Callum Joel Spike Sam Tom Max Joe Chilly

Subs: Dan & Charlie

We put pressure on their area, it came out to Joel who knocked it back in to Chilly who laid it up for Tom on the half-volley. It dropped at the 'keeper, however it was a good passage of play. Their 'keeper kicked it out. Spike won it and passed it to Tom and he in turn found Chilly. Chilly tried to turn and was blocked, but the ball spun loose to Tom who was in on the 'keeper. The 'keeper came out and Tom hit it at him, where it bounced back, hit Tom and went out for a goal-kick. Their player barged Tom off of the ball which the ref' never gave. Dodgy ref'! and the player drove towards the left side and shot high from outside of the area, giving Joby no chance 0-1. Sam kicked through to Charlie who got there at the same time as the 'keeper, but he won it and shot across goal and off of the post. Max went wide and crossed back in, but it was eventually cleared.

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The ball was played into our box where their attacker on the penalty spot shot high. Joby missed it, but it hit the crossbar and bounced down and out to where two of their players went for it and hit it at goal, however Joby had jumped up and dived at it, making a fantastic catch. A corner is driven in from the right to Max at the back who

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hit it back across goal for the far corner, but a defender on the line headed it out as far as Aaron, and he hit it up and back to goal, and as two of our players challenged, the 'keeper recovered to make a good catch under pressure. We tried to attack out of defence, but the ball was lost. It was crossed in from their left towards the penalty spot and Joby ran out to get it, however Joel didn't see him and running across tried to clear it, however instead of using his right to clear it away from goal, he used his left and it drove it back across goal where one of their players was lurking, and with Joby out of position, he just passed it into an empty net 0-2. Sam won the ball and attacked down the right wing, past their defenders, and as he raced into the box and prepared to shoot, their centre back dived across and just got his foot to it, diverting it for a corner. They took a corner which we half-cleared but was hit back into the middle to where three players had become unmarked and one of them put it in 0-3. Chilly, Sam, Tom & Charlie moved the ball forward well and eventually it came to Tom, 25 yards from goal, and he leathered it. The 'keeper did get his fingers to it, but it wasn't enough and it was in 1-3. Next Dan, Tom and Aaron combined really well in getting the ball forward and again Tom shot, however this time it was low and the 'keeper got there, however we were at this stage putting them under a lot of pressure. They took a throw which Callum headed back and their player volleved it goalwards. It his the stantion part of the goal and came out, but I don't think we would have been too upset if it had gone in, such was the quality of the strike. Again I gave the whole team the Man of the Match award, such was the character they all showed against the team who are top and flying.

FULL-TIME : FRYS 1 ST ALDHELMS 3

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – The Whole Team

Afterthoughts.....

We lost Tom early in the match due to illness and he only came back for the last ten when his condition improved, and I felt that that, along with Josh missing did hinder us a bit. This is a very good side, and but for a few missed opportunities, we really could have won the game. Well done the whole team, see you in the New Year!