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Finally, after many cancellations, our first game of 2008. We had played one game in ten weeks, and that had been six weeks earlier. With that in mind, Andy gave a full hour training game on the Friday before to blow away the cobwebs. Everyone was available against a team who had outplayed us for 50 minutes previously getting three goals, and then allowing us into the game for the last ten, where we got two back. How would we start this time?

The line up was:

		Joby		
Jack	Aaron	Callum	Joel	
Josh	Sam	Tom	Max	
	Joe	Chilly		

Subs: Spike, Dan & Charlie

They attacked into our area and we cleared it long. The ball was brought down well and hit into the heart of their half. Their defender came across to clear it but only succeeded in hitting the ball into our right wing area, where **Chilly** raced onto it, and as the 'keeper advanced, he lifted it over him, it hit the left post and rolled into the 'net **0-1**. A Brislington ball over the top was chased and Joby hesitated and stayed on his line. Then he realised that he could get it and ran out to dive on it, but it came loose. Their player, who had been tracked by Max turned out to get it and then spun and shot without looking. Max stumbled and as he fell, it hit his arm and Joby jumped on it. Max went down in a heap and covered his head with his arms fearing the worst, however the referee deemed it accidental, and waved play on. We then attacked back at them with some great play from Sam and Tom which led to a ball through for Chilly to chase, however this time the 'keeper was quickly out and got there first. Sam, Tom & Joe then combined well for Sam to cross, but Joe's touch was deflected for a corner. Sam then attacked down the right wing into the box where the 'keeper came out and got a touch. The ball spun up and Joe hit it on the spin only to see it again go for a corner. Tom took a corner to Sam and he laid it back for Tom to cross. It came

to Jack who shot, but was deflected to Josh. Josh shot but this was blocked and it came to Chilly, and he spun and shot, but it was just the wrong side of the post.

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They had a drop kick which Sam & Tom won between them. Tom hit it wide to Chilly who tried to force his way through. There was a bit of a mix-up in their defence and it came to Max wide left and he shot, but the 'keeper made a good save, diving at his near post. From their ball out, Dan won it and forced a throw. He took it quickly to catch them out and Charlie laid it off for Sam who kicked it in for Tom. Tom ran past a defender and was in on goal, but just as he was about to pull the trigger, one of their defenders made an excellent sliding tackle to clear for a corner. I am sorry for the shortness of the Match Report, but I just couldn't take my eyes off of the game, such was the battling and the intensity of the performance. At the end there could only be one Man of the Match, and so for the third game running (such has been the level of effort and play) the whole team won it. But before we move on, let me make it clear that it wasn't just effort and commitment. During the game, and for long passages of play, our passing and movement was outstanding. I hope that what we have been doing in training recently has played its part, and I will continue to do it, as I feel our recent performances have been superb.

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

Afterthoughts.....

The speed of the goal took everyone by surprise, especially me as I will still recording the line up and only looked up at the last moment as the ball came off of their defender for Chilly. Trying to defend for 59 minutes of a 60 minute game is a hard proposition, but I don't think it's what we had to do! Nothing against Joby, but I feel he had one of his quietest games. Don't get me wrong, he had to make a few dashes off of the line to dive at feet, but I don't remember an actual shot which he had to save, such was the dominance of our defence, and the players ahead of them. Don't get me wrong, we were by no means all over them, but I felt that we gave their 'keeper more work on the day. I felt again that the team were a deserving Man of the Match. This was a hard fought game, and everyone did their bit. A real standout for me was Joe, playing like he did back in the days of the U8's & U9's where you knew if you hit it forward, Joe would get it. Well done to all though!