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Charlie was ill, but apart from him we had a full team available.

The line up was:

Joby

Callum Aaron Jack Joel

Josh Chilly Sam Max

Tom Joe

Subs: Dan & Spike

They attacked in numbers and with pace and although we challenged, no one really put their foot through it and the attacker just lifted it over Joby and after just three minutes we were down 1-0. We launched our own attack in response and Tom played a great one-two with Josh to force a corner. Joe swung in a great corner, but no one got their head to it and the ball went out. From that they broke quickly down their right and flighted a ball over the top which we all missed and leathered a shot from outside of the box 2-0. From kick off we lost the ball, they broke down our right and into the box with no real challenge, giving Joby no chance 3-0, although Aaron dived on the line to try to clear it. After less than ten minutes we were staring at a rout! They attacked and Joel came in with a hefty clearance, turning defence into attack and Tom was in, however it hit his knee and the 'keeper was able to gather it. Joe threw into the area, Max controlled on his chest, and as it dropped he turned and hit it first time and it floated over everyone, but hit the left stansion and came back out. We finally started to exert some pressure which led to a corner. Joe swung it in, and under pressure from our team, their 'keeper palmed it into his net 3-1. We worked it forward well and the cross was cleared to Chilly 30 yards out. He hit it high, but their very tall 'keeper was able to catch it above his head.

HALF-TIME: OLDLAND 3 FRYS 1

After appearing to finally weather the storm and gain a foothold in the game, we hit the self destruct button as a simple ball through the middle found us all out of position, and although Joby came out to narrow the angle, they just lifted the ball over him and into the net 4-1. They attacked down our right and Dan intercepted, laving it down the line for Tom to chase and force a corner. Sam went over to take it and floated it back over everyone. Tom tried a shot but mis-hit it into the middle where Spike took a touch to control before lifting a shot into the top right of the goal 4-2. They attacked down the left and at some stage all four of our defenders, and two midfielders could have foot their foot through it but no one did. It came to an Oldland attacker on the back post and he had a simple tap in 5-2. Spike & Josh worked the ball well down the right and then laid it back for Dan to swing in. A defender, Tom & their 'keeper all dived at it and it bounced out but too quickly for Dan to take a measured shot and it was into the side-netting. Another ball over the top and Aaron & Callum confused each other going for it and they were in. Joby charged out of his area and slid in with a tackle, but it ricocheted out to our left where they had run in support and just passed it into an open net 6-2. Aaron & Callum both make good challenges, but the run of the ball went their way. Joby dived in and got his foot to it, but it spun towards the net, however Max had tracked back onto the line and was able to clear it.

FULL-TIME: OLDLAND 6 FRYS 2

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Joel, Joby & Josh

Afterthoughts.....

It was a very strange game in a way. Three down inside ten minutes, and then every time we think we got a foothold, they struck again. They were awesome going forward with the speed of their passing matching the speed of their running, and the first three goals at least were outstanding compositions. That said, even in the first half, when we were most under the cosh, I felt that every time we attacked, we had a chance of scoring. In the end we only took two, but on another day, we could have scored just as many.