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Chilly was in Lanzarote, Jack had managed to get himself to Australia which meant only one sub again.

The line up was:

		Joby		
Spike	Aaron	Callum	Joel	
Dan	Sam	Josh	Max	
	Tom	Charlie		

Sub: Joe

Twice in quick succession we had the ball over the top for Tom to chase, but both times their 'keeper just about got there ahead of him. Then there was an attempt into our area, Callum blocking, Joby getting his hand to it and Josh using his unmentionables to stop it, before it was finally cleared. It was all a bit frantic, but after a while began to settle down. We were caught offside, so they hit a ball over the top from the free-kick and our defence did the old Arsenal trick of stopping, raising their hand and shouting "offside". Unfortunately the linesman disagreed and they were through. Aaron reacted very quickly and got after it, and slid in to knock it towards Joby. He grabbed it and then had it kicked out of his hands, and we were awarded a free kick. Joby kicked long and their defender got a touch which took it away from the rest of their defence and Tom was away. Their 'keeper charged out and Tom shot early, but it was just the wrong side of the post. The ball was hit wide to Max and he played it down the line to Tom. Tom cut in and went to shoot, but slipped as he did and it almost threw the 'keeper, but he recovered to save it. Charlie hit the ball wide for Tom to run down the line. He hit his shot hard and low, and the 'keeper palmed it. It came to Charlie, a yard out with an open goal, but rather than tap it in, he tried to break the back of the net, and in doing so, swung his foot and missed totally, and their defender then got back to toe it out for a corner. The ball was swung in from that corner and it came to Charlie with his back to goal, so he back-heeled it and it almost caught them out but a defender on the line cleared it to their left where they were away. We made a few

challenges, but each one fell in their favour and eventually they crossed into the middle and found an un-marked player to give Joby no chance **0-1**. From the restart, we hit wide to Max who ran down the line and forced a corner on the left. Sam swung in a great corner and **Tom** was in line with the front post, just three yards out and rose above the rest to bullet it into the top left, **1-1**. There was tooing and froing, until Max managed to chip it up for **Tom** on the corner of their 18 yard box by their right back. He got his foot under it and hit it high with his right foot towards goal, and it just dropped perfectly, over the 'keeper and under the bar **2-1**. From the restart they pushed forward and Joe won the ball. He played a defence splitting pass for **Tom** to run onto and with his left foot he buried it into the far right corner. Four minutes after going **0-1** down, Tom completed his perfect hat-trick (left foot, right foot and head) to make it **3-1**.

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They won Joby's drop-kick out and turned us back to goal. Aaron ran across and forced the early shot, and Joby dived high to his left and just got his hand to it and pushed it around the post for a corner. Joby caught the corner and hit a massive kick to the edge of their area where Tom controlled it. He turned and burst into the area, only to be taken down and their linesman signalled a foul and it was a penalty. Tom stepped up to take it but hit it fairly close to the 'keeper. He had dived the right way and made the save. From a goal-kick Aaron won it and hit it wide to Charlie and he found Tom down the line. He cut inside and hit a rasping shot just wide. The rest of the game was a bit of a battle in the middle of the field, and the referee ended the game as it had been at half-time.

FULL-TIME : FRY'S 3 ST NICK'S 1

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

Afterthoughts.....

This game all hinged on an amazing five minute spell. First Charlie missed an open goal, then they broke from the resulting corner and took the lead. Our heads could have dropped at this point, but we kept pushing and the stunning perfect hat-trick from Tom effectively ended the game. You can tell by how short the second half commentary is, that they knew it was lost, and we dropped our game to just enough to hold them. We got away with it this time, but I wouldn't want us to do that on a regular basis!