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Again, because only five of our team came, Mark was playing and six of the Wanderers. Again, with no recognisable 'keeper, Ryan Carreyett went in the first half and Gary Kipling did the second. All 12 outfield players again had ten minutes as sub with Sam K & Joe W first. This promised to be a much tougher game as they had beaten our previous opponents 12-0 only two months earlier. Sam K was captain on the day. Having seen the players play together two days earlier, it had given me a chance to assess where I felt they could be more effective within our setup, and so the formation and positions were different from Tuesday's game, with Oli left back and Joe W going sweeper when he came on.

The line up was:

	Ryan/Gary			
James	Sam B	Mark	Oliver	
Jordan	Aaron	Josh	Max	
	Joe C	Jace		

Sub: Sam K & Joe W

From the kick they attacked using the wind well and passed the ball around very effectively. A ball through evaded our defence and their quick attacker was through and although Ryan narrowed the angle, he could do nothing about the shot **1-0**. Joe C got the ball and fed Jace down the wing. He laid it back to Max who found Josh. Josh shot and it was blocked out to **Max** who hit it, at the 'keeper, but it seemed to take an unusual bounce, and evaded the 'keeper **1-1**. They used their fast attacker again to try to get behind us, but Joe W used his pace and just pushed him wide and away from the danger zone. Our attack broke down and they came down our right and James stood firm to win the ball. Aaron the received the ball from Sam K and went down the wing. His ball in found Jace who shot, but it wasn't hard enough and the 'keeper made the save. Max was back in defence and hit it up for Sam K. He crossed the halfway and just kept going, past challenges and eventually had a shot, which the 'keeper could only parry, and it went for a corner. James took a good throw which Max controlled and found Jace. His pass was for Sam K who again ran down the left wing past challenges and this time his shot hit the outside of the post. Joe W went shoulder to shoulder with their fast attacker and held him off, until he was shoved aside, by which time Sam B was

there strong with the tackle. He put their attacker off enough that the ball got slightly away from him and Aaron charged in the finish the clearance. Sam B took a throw which Jordan won and hit forward to Aaron who crossed it over to where **Jace** was ghosting in at the back post and his shot was high over the 'keeper **1-2**. Sam K then made it three for three with attacks down the left wing as he cut in only to see the 'keeper make a save for a corner. Joe C took the corner and it bobbed around before Jace saw his shot cleared off of the line, then Jordan had a go, then Mark, and then finally Josh, but all were blocked and cleared.

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From the kick, we laid it back to Sam K for a shot with the strong wind, but it went wide. We attacked down the left and the ball came into the middle. After a bit of a melee it spilled out to **Max** in line with the left post on the edge of the area and he curled a lovely ball high just inside the right post to make it **1-3**. Sam K found Jordan heading for goal, but his shot was deflected wide. They then attacked forward down our right, but James was there with a sliding tackle to win it back and find Max. He in turn found Joe C who headed down the line, whilst Max went for the middle. Joe crossed it in, the 'keeper fumbled and Max got his toe to it, but it was cleared off of the line by a defender. We attacked down the right, then came back with a ball to James. He hit it into the middle to Max, who controlled, turned and shot, but it was just wide. Jace & Joe C combined well down the line to win a throw, which Joe then took, confounding all of the defenders with the distance. Sam K was onto it and as the 'keeper raced out, he lifted it over him, but it went just too high and over the post. At the end, I asked the Wanderer's parents to choose a Man of the Match from the Saltford & Colts players, and vice-versa.

FULL-TIME : WEST WIGHT 1 FRYS 3

Man of the Match – Chosen by the Wanderers Parents for excellent play and effort – **Joe C**. Chosen by the Colts Parents for excellent play and effort – **Joe W**.

Afterthoughts.....
That was actually a better performance from us than the previous tour game, despite the scoreline being a lot closer. We had a better understanding of each other and used that well. Every player on the pitch worked for the other and some of the interplay was sublime. An extra day of playing together on the campsite Astro turf must have also helped. Again though, it was nice when we scored to see all players celebrating together.