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Charlie was at a Christening, Jack was still in Oz, and Tom was coming back from Egypt, but would not come in until the evening. Because this was a friendly, we decided to play four lots of 20 minutes, so that we could try out different formations, but then we only had 11, so that was scuppered somewhat.

The line up was:

	Joby				
Spike	Callum	Aaron	Joel		
Josh	Chilly	Sam	Max		
Dan	Joe				

During the warm up, Joby had gone down to stop the ball and had injured his wrist. He said that he wanted to play, but we were obviously going to keep an eye on it. From the kick they launched over the top with a great ball from Mark. They had a player offside, but he stopped and so was not interfering and another forward was through, however Aaron did enough to force him to shoot wide. Chilly got the ball and went wide to Joe, and he tried to curl the ball in behind their defence for Dan to run onto, however their sweeper cut it out. We attacked but they cleared wide to where Sam was. He hit a cross/shot and the 'keeper couldn't hold onto it, and when it dropped, **Dan** was the first to react to stab it home **0-1**. Spike won the ball with some strong tackling and got it to Sam. He ran at their defence all the way to the line to cross it, but it was just too close to the 'keeper and he made the save. We had the ball on the edge of our area but it was not quite under control and they won it and passed into the middle where their player shot high and it dropped just right, giving Joby no chance **1-1**.

QUARTER-TIME: SALTFORD 1 FRY 2

The line up was:

	Joby				
Dan	Callum	Josh	Joel		
Aaron	Chilly	Sam	Max		
Spike	Joe				

Joe threw the ball into Sam who kicked it over his head towards the middle to where Aaron was charging in with a half-volley, but someone was in the way and made the block. Dan threw to Aaron down the right who beat his man and crossed it in. Spike headed it on towards goal, but the 'keeper grabbed it just ahead of Max. Aaron worked hard to force a corner, which Joe swung in. It bobbed around without being cleared and so **Aaron** pounced with a shot, which took a deflection up into the roof of the net **1-2**. Saltford applied some concerted pressure and after a bit of a melee with no clearances, Dan took charge and made sure of the situation. It went down the line to Spike and he found Sam, forcing a corner in the process. **Joe** swung it in, off of one of the Saltford defenders and in **1-3**. We won another corner which Joe took, and although everyone rose, a Saltford defender glanced it wide for another. Joe trotted over and hit it from the other side, and this time Max met it with a touch for the corner, but their 'keeper got down and made the save. They broke out, and despite our attempts, Bryn found his way clear down the right and hit it hard and low into the centre where it was converted **2-3**. Trying to make the save, Joby went down on his wrist again and was in so much pain that he had to come off, with Aaron taking over the 'keeper's gloves, and we were down to 10 players. We attacked but lost it and suddenly they were away. Bryn attacked with pace and was through, so Aaron came out to try to save, but Bryn just passed it to his right, where another Saltford player had matched the break and he had a simple pass into the open net **3-3**. Another ball over the top saw Callum & Josh chase, whilst Aaron charged out, however Bryn got there first and chipped it up, but luckily it went just wide.

HALF-TIME : SALTFORD 3 FRY 3

The line up was:

	Joel				
Aaron	Callum	Spike			
Dan	Josh	Chilly	Sam	Max	
Spike	Joe				

Although Joby's hand was hurt, he still felt ok to play, so after some bandaging by CaroleAnn (thanks!), we were back up to 11, with another change in formation! Dan & Sam combined well to force a corner which Joe hit over, but the 'keeper made the save from Chilly's shot. Bryn attacked down the right and shot. Josh made a great block on the line, but it came back to three Saltford players and one of them returned it with interest **4-3**. Josh worked his way down the right to force a corner which Joe swung over. **Sam** stood tall and got his head to it, knocking it into the corner **4-4**. Bryn again was the Saltford outlet down the right, but Callum & Josh combined to put him off, and when the ball did come into the middle, Joel pulled out a great save, and then Josh cleared the loose ball off of the line. We passed it into the middle where Spike cleverly let it go, taking out a player by doing so and leaving Dan free. He found Chilly with a great one-two and then Dan passed a great ball down the line which Joby chased and we forced a throw, however it was a good move, worthy of note. Sam took the throw to Joby who swung and shot, but it was into the side netting. Joe threw to Sam who swivelled and crossed to **Max** unmarked in the middle and he hit it back across goal **4-5**. They hit a ball into the middle which bounced up and hit Aaron which the ref blew for. They took the penalty, Joel dived the right way, however the ball went just outside of the post and out.

THREE QUARTER-TIME : SALTFORD 4 FRY 5

The line up was:

	Joel				
Aaron	Callum	Spike			
Dan	Josh	Chilly	Sam	Max	
Spike	Joe				

After a bit of a melee, Sam had a thirty yard shot which was going wide. The 'keeper dived, fumbled it inside, but then recovered just before Max got there. They were through with Josh against two attackers, but he held them off well and forced a throw. They took it quickly and this time Josh slid in and got his toe to it back to Chilly in goal. Joel hit a great ball down the line to Max and he hit it through for Sam to run onto, but two players challenged and forced his shot wide. At this point a few of our players looked dead on their feet, but fair play to all of them, they kept going! From the goal-kick that Sam had forced, Joby won it and played it right to **Dan** who hit it low and through the 'keeper's legs **4-6**. We then forced a corner and everyone bar Chilly was in their area. Joe floated it across and Joby got his head to it and it flew just over the net. Into the last minute and **Sam** won the ball and ran at them, holding off the challenge of two defenders before clipping it over the 'keeper **4-7**. Considering that we had the bare eleven players, rotating around various positions, over 80 minutes, and against a determined opposition who only ran out of steam in the last ten minutes, there was no hesitation in my mind to give the Man of the Match to all eleven.

FULL-TIME : SALTFORD 4 FRY 7

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

I was really proud of the boys after this match. It was a long game, with no subs, with the players having to react quickly to four different line-ups. They never let their heads drop, even when Saltford took the lead and it's a credit to our players that they had the strength of will, even with tired bodies, to fight their way back and eventually win.