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Putting On The Ritz

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We were due to play the Under 12's on this lovely evening, however they professed a mix-up and were unable to field a side (I think that they saw us play the Juniors and got worried!) Callum was the only absentee, his injury that kept him in goal on Sunday was still hurting, so as this was a friendly, Alison & Jeff requested he rest, as we still had our final League game on the Sunday, which was more important. Jason Skinner, who is the Juniors 'keeper had kept on to his mum about having one go on pitch. I was friends with her, so offered to give him the opportunity as it was a friendly. FDS kindly stepped in at the last minute. They had already won the 'C' division and their manager Steve was interested in the difference between the 'C' and the 'B' division (we had already found that out to great cost in our first five league games!)

The line up was:

	Joby			
Spike	Aaron	Jack	Joel	
Charlie	Josh	Chilly	Max	
	Jason Joe			

Subs: Tom, Sam & Dan

Joe attacked down the line and got in a cross which was met by Chilly with a measured kick, but their 'keeper made the save. Max attacked down the left and crossed it in. They won the ball, but passed back to their 'keeper who couldn't pick it up, and **Charlie** was on him in a flash to poke it in **1-0**. Spike battled hard to win the ball and played it down the line. Charlie and Josh then worked hard to keep possession, and Josh saw Chilly in the middle, but his shot with his left foot was grabbed by the 'keeper. They then struck back with an attack down the left, which switched across to the right, and a lovely ball through saw their attacker in, and he finished it with a powerful shot over Joby **1-1**. Tom hit the ball down the line and Joe was away. Jason ran for the middle unmarked, but Joe elected to shoot, and it crept just over. Their linesman flagged for offside, which confused us seeing as Joe had shot, but nevermind! Tom broke out of defence, beating three players and released Joe down the line which he chased hard. He was just lining up to shoot when the tackle came in, but we did get a corner. Joe hit it over and **Tom** flicked it with his left foot, up into the top far right of the goal **2-1**. They forced their way through again, and this time Joby was off his line quick. He parried it wide and went after it, but they got there just ahead of him and hit it towards goal, but Joel had gotten back and headed it off of the line. They then hit it again, and Joel blocked it for a corner. Dan & Charlie got back to make a good block, but it deflected loose and they shot. Joby made an excellent save, but it

stopped on the line with their players running in, however Joel got there first and cleared it just in time.

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We worked the ball through and Tom hit a rasping shot which their 'keeper saved for a corner. Joe took it, which was knocked clear, and Sam had a shot on the turn which went just wide. Tom worked hard down the right and crossed it in, getting hit in the face as he did. Jason latched onto it and rounded the 'keeper, although he was pushed wide as he did, and tried to cross for Joe, but their defender got back and headed it clear. Max forced a corner which Joe took. Sam controlled it and laid it back for Max, but his shot rose too early and went over. Sam latched onto a throw and got it through to Tom. He beat two players and had a shot. The 'keeper got his hand to it, but it came across to **Jason** who controlled it and hit it low past defenders on the line **3-1**. They put pressure into our half, but Tom won it and hit it over their defence. **Jason** was in line with two of their defenders, but his pace took him away from them, and as the 'keeper came out he hit it low into the bottom left **4-1**. Tom then played the ball in for Spike to chase but he was brought down on the edge of the area. **Tom** took the free kick high... **5-1**. We were defending, but then cleared long and Jason was away again. The 'keeper charged out of his area to try to get to the ball first, but **Jason** got there and clipped the ball high over him from about 35 yards out and into the open net **6-1** and Jason's hat-trick. They kicked off and Aaron charged in, winning the ball and ran towards the left of their box. Max followed and as he reached the box Aaron found Max which he hit first time, just past the post. The 'keeper took the kick which came to Spike. He went as if to kick it so their defender turned his back and Spike ran past him with the ball. Spike then squared it to **Chilly** and he hit the ball first time into the bottom right **7-1**. From a throw Aaron went past two players and hit a shot from a fairly oblique angle. It hit the right post and went across goal to where Jason controlled it but hit it just wide of the left post. The ball came wide to where Sam & Max combined well and got the ball into the middle. Chilly had a shot which was saved but came loose and for some reason everyone just stopped. They then reacted to clear it to the edge of the area where **Aaron** was waiting and he hit it into the top right corner **8-1**.

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<p align="center"> Man of the Match – Chosen by Mark for excellent play and effort – The Whole Team </p>

Afterthoughts.....

That was a good game to watch and play. We had to work very hard for the first 45 minutes, and it was only when the fourth goal went in that their heads finally dropped and it got easier. Before that, they showed why they had convincingly won the 'C' Division, and I can guarantee that it will be two harder games next season. That said, we played very well, and after a bit of a hit and miss first half, Jason really got into his stride and provided us with a quick outlet which I was impressed to see we utilised very quickly. It showed that the boys saw where our advantage lay and exploited it, instead of playing the same game over and over.