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Deerswood had requested a friendly to which I had agreed. With the transition that had begun to take place, and a few others away, we had to borrow Clappy from the U13's, Bryn from Saltford, Charlie from Bristol Utd & Jason from the Juniors. Josh was also late arriving, so we actually started with ten players. When he did arrive, eight minutes in, he slotted into the middle. With only two recognised defenders, the six midfielders had to take turns as centre-backs as well.

The line up was:

Charlie
Dan Tom Bryn Joel
Sam Josh Clappy Max
Jason Joe

Substitute:

The first five or six minutes saw the ball lost more than it was won, although Deerswood hit us with some intense pressure. Then Bryn won the ball in defence and played it out to Max. He passed inside to Clappy and went for the return which was given. He hared down the line and crossed in, to where **Jason** used his pace to get in front of the defence and he calmly slotted it past the 'keeper from the edge of the area **1-0**. They attacked and again Bryn got back to win it, laying it forward to Clappy and he went long. **Jason** again was uncatchable, **2-0**. We attacked again and a crossed ball was won by **Jason**, but the 'keeper forced him wide. That didn't stop him however and he spun from an acute angle and chipped it into the open net for a first 15 minutes hat-trick **3-0**. Clappy again had the ball wide and crossed to Jason. He tried to shoot but it rebounded out to where **Sam** had chased in. He shot at goal, but Josh was in the way. Josh jumped however and the 'keeper was thrown by the movement **4-0**. Max & Sam dropped back into defence at this point. They attacked down their left, but Dan got there and hit it down the line. Jason chased and got it to Josh. Josh showed off some skills with a turn past the defender. He hit it to the far side of the box where **Tom** controlled it, cut inside a defender onto his right foot and hit it high for the right corner **5-0**. Max defender two on one and managed to knock it back to Charlie who cleared downfield. Max went down injured, but the ref played on and Tom went for it, before

cutting inside and curling it with his right foot up and off of the stanchion. They attacked and found their way through, but Charlie charged off of his line, forced them wide, and did enough that they ran out of pitch. Joel won it in the middle, passed forward to Bryn on the right. He laid it inside to **Joe**, a good 25 yards out and he just hit it **6-0**.

HALF-TIME : FRY S 6 DEERSWOOD 0

After some early exchanges Josh played the ball over the top for Joe, who tried the lob, but it went to the 'keeper. Josh played another great ball through, this time for Tom, but rather than shoot he drew the 'keeper wide and passed into the middle where **Jason** reacted first and got his fourth **7-0**. Clappy & Josh dropped back into centre-back now. The ball was hit down the right where Bryn chased and forced an error. They tried to clear but only hit it high and into the middle. Joe went wide with it to the line, where a quick side-step saw him cross to find **Tom** unmarked with an open goal **8-0**. Bryn chased all the way down the right, got the ball, cut inside and shot, where a deflection deceived the 'keeper and it rolled in as **Joe** made sure **9-0**. **Max** won the ball in the middle and used his acceleration to go past three rather demoralised defenders before blasting it in **10-0**. At this point Joe & Jason dropped to defend left and right, to allow Joel and Dan the last ten minutes up front. They forced their way in, but even at ten goals, our players were still fighting to block every ball and this time succeeded in forcing the shot wide. We tried to pass out of defence and lost it, and this time they took their chance **10-1**. Clappy broke out and went wide to Max who chipped over for Tom. Tom tried to lob the advancing 'keeper, but only succeeded in passing it back to him. Joel took on three players and tried to walk it in. It came out to Max who crossed and Bryn shot, but it was blocked and fell to Dan, but his shot was just over.

FULL-TIME : FRY S 10 DEERSWOOD 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Joe & Jason**

*Afterthoughts.....
As with the start of last season, this was tough to really glean information as we had had to borrow a few players. What it did show though was how adaptable our players are in coping with change, and being able to play to new strengths such as Jason's pace.*