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Our second and final friendly. This followed from our unsuccessful showing at our 11-a-side tournament, but it was nice to have a friendly with everyone there. It was late, it was dark, it was Bath. They had finished midway in their first division last season, but we had seen them in the summer and they looked a decent team. It was very cold and very windy, so let's see how we'd cope.

The line up was:

Joby
Dan Josh Aaron Joel
Charlie Chilly Sam Max
Jason Joe

Substitute: Tom

After a bit of nothingness Aaron won a free kick. It was chipped in and returned, and he managed to win a corner. Joe swung the corner over and Sam headed goal-wards, but a defender on the line headed it clear. Joe forced a throw which he took. It eventually came to Sam and he shot across the face of the goal, but unfortunately it went narrowly wide. Another throw was headed forwards by Tom. Joe controlled it, looked up and shot, and it flew off of the top of the crossbar and over. They broke at pace and Joby was out quick to make a good save at the edge of the area, before Joel dived in and made a block, then finally Dan steamed in with a big clearance. Joel hung back and played them onside. Joby came out again and made a great save, before Joel (who was closest!) got in and cleared the loose ball. Aaron played it out to Joe, who hit it to Max without needing to look up. He went down the wing and crossed it in, where it hit a defender, fooling the 'keeper, but going just the wrong side of the post. Aaron controlled a clearance and played a lovely one-two with Joe before shooting, only to see the

'keeper make a good near-post save. Dan cleared for Joe to chase and he crossed the ball in. Jay dived in but it bounced up and hit his head rather than his boot, which put it at a great height for the 'keeper to save. Joe swung a corner in under the crossbar which the 'keeper fumbled under pressure and it went in **0-1**. Joe celebrated by drawing two guns from a holster and shooting away.

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We attacked via Sam and he crossed it in for Aaron to try an overhead kick, but the 'keeper made a great save. Their livewire midfielder won the ball in their half and drove at us. We back away from him until he was thirty yards out and he hit a stunning power-drive which gave Joby no chance **1-1**. Their tails were up now and a run down the right saw a shot which Joby did well to turn wide for a corner. The corner came in and their player controlled it, turned and shot, but we were lucky to see it flash across the face of the goal. We win the ball back in the right back area, and commendably try to play the ball out, however our passing let us down and we lost it and their player drove it low first time into the bottom right **2-1**. They won a free-kick on halfway and their player launched a shot with the help of the wind. It bounced once, up and fast, and although Joby got a hand to it, it was not quite enough and it hit the underside of the bar and in **3-1**.

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Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Josh, Max & Joby**

Afterthoughts.....

The referee actually played about an hour and fifteen minutes, and with an hour gone it was 1-1! That said, it does show the importance of carrying on to the very end and keeping your concentration. The blustery conditions did not help, but then they had the same things to deal with. It was a good run-out for the boys against a very good opposition.