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We had been almost two months without a competitive game, so on the Thursday before we had a training game against Bristol City U11's to get back into the routine. We had a good run-out, but had lost 9-1! Would we suffer morale because of the defeat, or would the fitness session be more important? We had signed Kallan during the break, but had finally lost Chilly to Rugby.

The line up was:

Joby  
Dan    Josh    Aaron    Joel  
Spike    Sam    Joe    Max  
Jay    Tom

Substitutes: Andy & Kallan

A big throw by Tom over their defence was chased by Sam and he crossed it in to where their 'keeper palmed it away, then Jay had a shot which hit the post and it was cleared left where Max went after it, turned and shot in, but it was saved. They then went on the attack and managed to get through tackles by Dan, Josh and Aaron, before Joel slid in, in the area and the ball just stopped dead! The player carried on tumbling, and we were able to clear. Jay was then put through, and he rode the sliding tackle from one defender, however his near-post shot was saved. We forced a corner out on the left which Sam swung in, and it dropped right on the line where Spike challenged, as did a few others, but they had six players on the line and one of them got one block, then another cleared. We kept up the pressure and forced another corner on the left. Sam swung it in to the near post where it was cleared back to him, so he came in a bit and was tackled for a goal-kick. It was poorly hit and went for a throw, still on the left. Sam took a big throw across the edge of the area to Tom, who turned and shot into the far right corner 0-1. Spike won the ball on the right and worked hard down the line, got his cross in after beating the defender, but it hit the defender as he did, and the deflection was enough to see the ball roll right across the face of the goal between three of our players running in, and their 'keeper. We forced a corner on the right, so Tom swung this one over. It dropped to Jay who hit it from two yards out, but they threw players in the way, blocked it, watched it roll to Aaron, and he made sure 0-2. They attacked in numbers, and we threw body after body in the way as Dan, Josh, Tom, Aaron & Joel all made decisive defensive tackles, and it was eventually cleared. Tom won the ball in the middle of

our half and played a brilliant 40 yard ball out to the left where Max stormed down the line, doing well to keep it in and charged right at their goal, eventually losing it for a goal kick, but the pass and the run were superb.

**HALF-TIME: FDS 0 FRY 2**

We changed our system at half-time and went 1-4-1-4-1, with Kallan being the anchor between the defence and the midfield, and Andy asked to run the hard task of lone front man. We did this as it was still close, but with changing ends, we wanted to make sure that we didn't concede early into the very strong wind. They used the wind to their advantage and hit a ball into the right channel, where Joby came out to force them wide. They were then quite acute when they shot, and Joby's actions had allowed Joel time to get on the line. It hit his hand, but was definite ball to hand, not hand to ball, and Aaron had also come around the back and cleared it for a corner. We hit a ball down the right for Jay to chase, and with their left-back shielding the ball, he decided that the best course of action was a rugby tackle!!!! However they didn't hit the free-kick very well, and Tom won it, played it wide to Jay who hit it across goal towards Sam. He laid it forward into Andy who couldn't turn, but held it up well before laying it back to Sam who hit it low at goal. It wasn't the hardest shot, but it may have bobbed, as the 'keeper let it roll under him and into the net 0-3. They caught us going forward and broke quickly down their left, to where Joby was forced to come out and make a good save for a corner. It came in and was cleared, but Josh was down after being kicked, off of the ball, and unfortunately that was the end of his day. We took a corner across to Andy who flicked it up into the middle for Sam to head and Max latched onto, but his shot was just wide. They attacked again, but Aaron came out of nowhere to make a great challenge, then he hit a ball wide which was chased by Joe. Our shouts of "cross it" turned into shouts of "shoot" as he beat the right back, but it went across the face of goal. Dan then won it in the centre and played an excellent ball for Joe again, but this time the 'keeper was out quick and made an excellent save.

**FULL-TIME: FDS 0 FRY 3**

**Man of the Match** – Chosen by Andy & Dave for excellent play and effort – **Dan & Joel**

*Afterthoughts.....*  
*After the great passing displays of Henbury, Bradley Stoke Utd and Coalpit Heath, this game was excellent for another reason. They closed us down quickly whenever we had the ball, so it became more about strength and the will to win. Once we had won the physical battle, our passing was then the difference. Again, and I know I keep saying this, but all 13 could have been Man of the Match, that is how good our collective were. Well done to all of them.*