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Andy was back, but as the team had won all three whilst he was away, he felt he couldn't pick the team as he didn't know who had performed at what level and in what position, so elected to watch today. Josh returned after two weeks of injury, however Max & Spike had been ill during the week and had missed training, and Jay had been bad since training, so all would be used a bit more sparingly today

The line up was:

Joby
Dan Josh Aaron Joel
Spike Sam Tom Jay
Andy Joe

Substitute: Kallan & Max

Ten minutes in and nothing of real note had happened. They did get through with a ball over the top down our left, but their attacker sliced well wide. Another ball into the same direction, and Joel couldn't decide whether to head or kick, and so missed completely. Joby was too far to pick it safely and a few of our defenders dillied and dallied, until Aaron made a fantastic clearance from left back to right wing for Spike to charge onto, but he just ran out of room. We gained two corners in a row on the left, but with it being a wide pitch it was hard to get right over. Sam did on his second attempt, and it was cleared, however Jay was covering and Dan shot, which saw it deflected for a third corner on the left. This time Tom went over to swing it outwards and Aaron charged in at the front post with an absolute bullet header which was in before anyone could react **0-1**. I did note on the Dictaphone that that was the way you want people to attack corners! Another corner, again on the left and Tom didn't get it in, but Joe was there and played it back out. They then played a one-two before Joe blasted it across goal and Sam flew horizontally for the ball, but it was just too fast for him. Joel took a throw on the left to Sam. He went cross-field to Kallan who worked hard to keep possession and got it to Andy with his back to goal and he laid it back for Joe to hit hard and high, over the 'keeper, and had it been on target it would have been in, however it went about a yard wide. Joe threw

long from the right and it skipped across goal to where Jay ran after it, going away from goal he turned it back with his left, inside of the 'keeper, but a defender was on the line. We forced a corner which came in and was headed clear to Jay, 20 yards out who took a shot, but it was just wide of the post. Joe then swung a corner in from the right for Tom, 10 yards from goal, but he got so much on it that it flew over. Aaron won the ball, went past a player and got it to Tom. Tom under pressure flicked it out to Max who passed inside first time to Andy and Andy released first time down the line for Sam which forced a corner, however it was a fantastic bit of one-touch intricate passing whilst surrounded by the opposition.

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We worked it down the line and in to Kallan who played back to Andy, but he was leaning back as he shot and it went over. They hit a ball over the top and Joel tried to clear but it went to Joby for which they called for a back-pass, but the ref said no. We gave a free-kick away as Joby's kick came down however and their attacker shot high from 30 yards, and with players bearing down on him, Joby did really well to catch it above his head and hold it. Josh won a defending header and Aaron flicked it on to Tom who used his strength to turn his man and shot, but it went wide, and we heard shouts of "shoot next time!" The ball bobbed about just inside our half until Spike charged out and won it. He ran with it until he came to defenders when he played it left for Joe. Joe took it right to the by-line and crossed it in and it missed everyone except Kallan charging in at the back post and he made no mistake for his first goal of the season **0-2**. One of their players charged at us, and although we made challenges, no one managed to get to it and the ball into the middle was dispatched **1-2**.

FULL-TIME: ST NICKS 1 FRY 2

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy & Dave for excellent play and effort – **Spike, Dan, Tom & Josh**

Afterthoughts.....

Not the flowing game that I had witnessed before my holiday, however we stuck at our task. Comparatively speaking, it was a professional performance rather than electrifying, but it got the job done. The fact that their first shot on target was a free-kick, and their second shot on target was the goal, which came in the second minute of injury time, is a testament to the hard work and ability that our boys showed.