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Number 22 Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt. Friday 24th April 2009

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HALF-TIME: FRY'S 0 L/GREEN 0

Friday night at Frys. We needed to win our last three games, starting here! Sam was back from his holiday, so the full complement was resumed.

The line up was:

Joby
Dan Josh Aaron Joel
Jay Sam Tom Max
Andy Joe

Substitutes: Kallan & Spike

Not much happened in the first few minutes except we remembered just how fast their two forwards were! We attacked down the right and Jay swung the ball in. Andy charged at the 'keeper, but he held it well. They then attacked with a ball over the top, which Aaron just got his toe to, but they were quick, and we could see what strategy they would utilise. Tom won the ball with a battling tackle and laid it in to Andy with his back to goal. He played it off for Joe to hit as hard as he could, but it was always going wide. Joe then launched a throw for Tom to turn and shoot from, but it went high over the far post. Sam & Max combined well to get it to Joe. He tried to return it with a back flick, lost it, and a quick ball forward saw their attacker through on goal. Joby came out to narrow the angle and got the faintest part of his glove to the ball to deflect the ball wide. Aaron came to the left and won it, but his pass forward was cut out and they hit it to the far side where Dan was against their quickest player. Dan just got his boot to it to flick it up and backwards, and Joby rushed out and dived on it with attackers bearing down on him. We then hit a ball over the top for Sam to chase and he hit it inside for Andy to run after, but this time their 'keeper rushed out and just got his hand to it in time.

Spike won it and went down the right, before crossing it in. Their 'keeper was unable to claim it and Max came in at the back post, but they managed to force it for a corner. Tom swung it over, Jay headed it back and Aaron got hit by the 'keeper as they both went for it, but he was able to continue after a spell of treatment. Tom then returned the goal-kick and Andy was forced wide by the 'keeper and shot wide. They then hit a ball over the top and their attacker beat three players to be away, but Joby was again out quick at his feet and smothered the ball. Kallan played a lovely ball through for Sam to hold off two challenges, but his shot was well saved by their 'keeper. Sam then ran down the right and crossed it in, where it was turned out for Spike to shoot, but again the 'keeper made a good save. Max threw it down the left and it came inside to Tom, who took a snapshot high, but the 'keeper got up really well with a strong hand and pushed it over. We tried to clear two or three times, but they kept at us and Aaron got his foot to it but couldn't clear, and so Josh and Joby stood tall forcing them to pass to their right, and suddenly their was a big gap for their player to aim at from 10 yards, but Joby sprinted over and dived, getting his hand to it and forcing it for a corner. From the corner Tom hit long, they actually hit it the wrong way and Andy chased, but their 'keeper forced him wide and got his hand to the shot. Max flicked on a throw and they knocked it to the back post where Spike was running in, but their 'keeper somehow got over there and managed to make the save.

FULL-TIME: FRY'S 0 L/GREEN 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Joel

Afterthoughts.....

I felt that they were the best drilled defence that we have played this year. They were strong, resilient and got something to almost every ball that we tried to thread or chip through. They also had pace to burn up front. With that in mind, I would say well done to our players. It was a hard-fought game, but our eventual dominance came to light for the last ten minutes when their fastest attacker, suddenly became their fastest defender! Unfortunately a point is not enough to keep our future in our hands, and we are now relying on FDS to slip up.