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We learn not in the school, but in life.

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With so many injuries, this was always going to be tight. This game had actually been rearranged and I had been unable to get hold of Jake, so feared we would only have eleven. Tom cried off on the morning with an injured shoulder however, and then Brandon was also unavailable. We had nine players, however Max had come along to be a sub for the 12 as he had a bad injury to his ankle, effectively leaving us with eight. Faced with the prospect of a goal-flood, we took the decision to forfeit the game and play a friendly, with Stoke Lane offering the use of their subs to bolster the team.

The line up was:

SLA 'Keepers

Charlie Aaron Reece Joel

Jay Bryn Callum SLA SLA

Joby

Substitute:

Right from the start it was clear that Stoke Lane had not just sent over their back-up players, and both teams were passing it well. We went down the right and got it to **Callum**, who cut onto his left and lofted one towards the back post and in over the stranded 'keeper **0-1**. One of their midfielders picked up the ball on the halfway line and ran straight at our goal. He jinked left and right, with other runners going off, and for some reason our players followed the runners, which was correct, however no one actually stopped in front of him to attempt a tackle and the space just opened up and he lifted it over the 'keeper and into the net **1-1**. Jay knocked down a high ball for Callum and he in turn fed one of "our" Stoke Lane players, who played it wide to Joby for a shot, however it was at the 'keeper. They then attacked down their left, evading various tackles as they went, and chipped it into the far corner **2-1**. They charged into the area and shot, which our 'keeper managed to parry onto the crossbar, however it came down to another of their players and he squared it to the back post where a player was unmarked and he knocked it into the empty net **3-1**. Callum took a throw on the left, almost on the halfway line

and it was touched back, and he hit it with all he could, hard and high, and it went over the 'keeper and bounced, we all thought in, however it was just this side of the line and carried past the goal. We won the ball in the middle and chipped it right over their defence for Joby to run onto, and as the 'keeper charged out he lifted it over him, and after 31 tournaments and 132 games, in his sixth year and on his 164th appearance for the team, **Joby** finally got his first goal for the Club, **3-2**.

HALF-TIME: STOKE LANE 3 FRY 2

At halftime they switched their players around a bit, giving us the other 'keeper and two different outfield players. Aaron won the ball through some battling and played it left for Callum to shoot, but it hit the outside of the post. One of "our" Stoke Lane defenders tried to get a bit complex with the 'keeper and a proper Stoke Lane player nipped in and lifted it over the 'keeper **4-2**. In their final switch, they gave us their biggest defender, and we both soon went down to ten players each as Reece had a re-occurrence of his foot injury, but in a slightly different place, and they also pulled some out injured. "Our" big defender ran out of the defence with the ball over the halfway line, before playing **Callum** through, and he held the defender off and shot high over the 'keeper **4-3**.

FULL-TIME: STOKE LANE 4 FRY 3

<p>Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Joby</p>
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Afterthoughts.....

I know that it was only a friendly, but what a massive high, to finally see Joby get a goal, after years of service keeping them out! As for the game, it was a shame to forfeit the points, as had we had twelve, I really felt we could have had a go. That said, although we have now played two friendlies, they have been progressively harder, and after so many missed weeks because of the weather, I hope that these two games would have gotten our minds and bodies back to some semblance of readiness ahead of Avon next Sunday.

Footnote: Frome Town Youth U14's won their next SFA Cup game 4-1, so we can be justified in thinking that we could have done the same!