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Smooth seas do not make skilful sailors.

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Max was late turning up, so a last minute line-up shuffle was required.

The line up was:

	Jay			
Aaron	Brandon	Reece	Joel	
Bryn	Josh J	Sammie	Charlie	
	Tom	Callum		

Substitutes: Joby, Max & Sam

Before the game I told the team that St Aldhelms are into their aerial bombardment, and are good at it, therefore I wanted everyone to jump for the high ball into the area. The first corner they won was swung in from the left, and was headed in with only Aaron jumping! Brandon had been stood near and had not jumped, however I'm not pointing the finger of blame at him as he legitimately thought that Aaron was going to get it. The point that I want to get across is that everyone needed to jump at the ball which was coming their way, as if they didn't, and the player going for it missed it (as had happened here) then they would not then have time to get into the air to make the clearance, **1-0**. Callum won the ball in the middle, saw Tom's run, lifted it over the top and **Tom** calmly slotted it past the 'keeper with his right foot **1-1**. Joel and Charlie combined well and kept it in, before Reece played it forward for Callum and he in turn found Tom. Tom held his man off and laid it back for Callum who hit a very long shot, which we all thought was going in, but the 'keeper grabbed it just above his head. A corner was flicked on by Tom but missed, so Callum retrieved it and turned it back in to where Josh set himself for the volley which he caught sweetly, but the 'keeper dived well and turned it away. We were then attacking but they won it and went with the long ball down the line, and Reece's tackle was deemed a foul. Brandon however out-jumped everyone to head it clear. They attacked down their right and shot hard and early for the far post **2-1**. Almost from the kick off we didn't deal with it and luckily Jay was out quick to clear. They hit a ball through, which Brandon cleared but collided with Jay and lengthy treatment was needed. We hit forward from the throw, but it came back at us down their left before it was crossed to an unmarked player almost central, and he hit for the right of the goal, but Jay dived magnificently and pushed it around the post. They then won a corner out on the left and swung it in as hard as they could, and it just curled straight in from the corner, into the top right corner of the net, nothing anyone could do **3-1**. Reece won the ball and brought it down for Josh, who turned and found Callum, who attacked and shot, but it was always rising. Josh picked up the ball halfway and ran at them. They backed away and

away and he found himself in the box with everyone shouting shoot, but seemed a bit confused and his final effort lacked the power to beat the 'keeper. They then won a free kick 25 yards out on the right. We packed the line as they shot high, and Jay jumped through the crowd to palm it away.

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From a throw on the right Callum found Tom, who turned and got it to Sammie. He turned two or three times to create space and shoot, but it was deflected wide. Callum swung it outwards, and Sammie at the back-post headed it down at goal, but a defender on the line lifted it over the bar. Callum swung it over again to the back post for Aaron to jump, but the 'keeper just got his hand to it and took it away. Tom then spun and shot, and that was deflected for another corner. This time Brandon took it as we wanted an in-swinging, and **Tom** on the front post, headed for the back post and we were really in the game **3-2**. Tom then had the ball back to goal, laid it out for Callum, and Aaron prodded his cross just wide. They had their first (and only) attack of the half with a cross that saw three unmarked in the middle, but luckily it was headed over. They tried to put the ball over us but Brandon over-head kicked it clear and Tom was first there. He played it wide for Sammie, who cut inside of the defender and shot, but it was just wide of the right post. Jay got to an over-hit through ball and kicked a lovely ball wide left to Sammie, who found Tom, in turn finding Callum who spun and shot, but again the 'keeper made the save. Tom curled a ball from the right into the back post and this time through a crowd, Joel just missed getting on the end of it. From a throw on the right, Callum tried to curl one for the far post. Their defender got his head to it and we thought it was going up into the far corner, but it went just over. Into the last minute and a throw into our area was won by Reece who played it wide left for Sammie and he just ran at them, virtually the whole length of the field, with their players unable to catch him, into the corner of the box and crossed for **Tom**, just in front of goal to lift it over the 'keeper with his left foot, completing both his perfect Hat-Trick and the comeback **3-3**.

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<p>Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – Jay, Tom & Josh</p>

Afterthoughts.....

What a difference the order of the goals can make to the way you feel at the end of the game! Last week, we conceded with just seconds to go to draw 3-3, and we felt like we had lost. This week we score with seconds to go to draw 3-3, and we feel like we have won! The first half saw many players ignore my comments about heading the ball, and it cost us, not just the goal, but through relentless pressure. The second half was almost a different game, as they had just one real attack, and we dominated. At the end, we had all packed up and left, whilst their Manager was still berating them on the field, but I feel that it was our ability, rather than their capitulation.