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I've Been Walking Up Your Side Of the Road For So Long.

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Fran had an injured back, and as such with the medication could not be left alone, so Andy stayed to look after her (ahhh, it must be love!) and so Ray took charge for this trip to Chipping Sodbury. Jon took Dictaphone duties and kindly enquired about Fran's health as the first commentary (thanks Jon). Elliot was finally able to make his long awaited debut.

The line up was:

Declan			
Josh	Aaron	Reece	Joel
Bryn	Sam	Noah	Max
Lorenzo	Callum		

Substitutes: Tom, Charlie & Elliot

Noah played a great ball over the top for Callum to race onto. He chipped the 'keeper but unfortunately it went over the top of the crossbar. St Nicks were also in on goal, but the shot was matched by a great save from Dec. After our normal slow start, St Nicks attacked down the left, crossed it in and powered the ball past Dec **1-0**. Another attack down the left saw the attacker cut inside and shoot low, but Dec was equal to it down in the bottom right. Half an hour in, St Nicks moved forward passing it well, however we had three or four chances to clear the ball, but didn't take it, and suddenly the ball was threaded behind our defence and they gave Dec no chance **2-0**. We then set Callum away with a ball over the top, but his shot went just wide of the post. With a few minutes to half-time St Nicks attacked in numbers and the quick movement of the ball saw them create a chance to shoot low, which they took **3-0**.

HALF-TIME: ST NICKS 3 FRY S 0

The word on the report was that we'd have to come back

like Lazarus, such was their domination! We emerged much more determined and were in tackling right from kick off. A great ball through from Sam saw **Lore** race away, beat the last defender, and he calmly powered it past the 'keeper into the top right to bring us back into the game **3-1**. Sam played the ball in from the right and Callum controlled it before firing his volley just over, however we were coming more into the game. Max won the ball in the middle and played Callum down the left. His ball across goal was just right, however Lore was just a yard away from getting there. Callum swung a corner over from the left and first the header by Sam and the shot from Aaron was blocked and cleared. Callum threw into the box which saw a scramble for the ball, and ended with Aaron's shot which was blocked. This throw fell to Bryn, however his shot was just wide. They then finally eased their pressure and won a corner. It came in, and in the words of Jon, "scramble, scramble, scramble", which ended with their fourth goal **4-1**. With six or seven minutes to go we did the same back, and from the scramble, **Lore** squeezed it in **4-2**. Max and Lore played well down the left and chipped it towards the middle, and Elliot headed it down to the right for **Tom** to slot into the top left **4-3** with just five minutes left. They attacked just after, and by far their best shot of the day was unstoppable as it flew into the top corner **5-3**.

FULL-TIME: ST NICKS 5 FRY S 3

Man of the Match – Chosen by Ray for excellent play and effort – **Noah**

Afterthoughts.....

The general consensus was that we had not defended that badly for quite a few years. Some inexplicable refereeing decisions didn't help, but that can go both ways, so we can't use that as an excuse. The second half was a massive improvement and with five to go we were back to a goal apart until a wonder strike sealed it. Ultimately, we need to get back to how we were earlier in the season, when we were firing right from the start of the match.