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Andy was away in Dawlish with the U15's but had chosen to drive back up for the game (Fran was unimpressed). We had everyone available, it was a lovely sunny day, and we were on Pitch 1 again.

The line up was:

## Declan

Josh Aaron Reece Joel

Bryn Sam Noah Max

Lorenzo Callum

Substitutes: Charlie, Elliot & Tom

They kicked off and a ball down the left saw their attacker with blistering pace get behind us and cross the ball, and produce a first time shot which Dec saved well at his near post. A great ball by Callum saw Lore against three defenders but he was tackled and the ball spilled to Noah. Noah went wide to Callum who went past their last man and shot from a narrow angle and their 'keeper made a good save. We sent over the corner but they cleared and again their forwards were away but the shot was wide. Dec took the kick and Lore gathered it and was away down the left and they couldn't catch him, inside at the area and passed it past their 'keeper 1-0. Callum then attacked down the left and crossed for Lore running in, the 'keeper made a great save but Max was following up and hit it for the roof of the net, and although the 'keeper got his fingertips to it, he was unable to stop it **2-0**. St Nicks struck back though as an attacker rode three challenges to get into our area and blast it into the bottom right 2-1. Callum then slid out to the line to stop it going out on the halfway line, but as he slid, kicked it down the line for Lore to get away, and although Bryn made great ground up down the right in support, Lore went alone and curled it into the far right of the net 3-1. They then chipped into our right back area and as Josh went to clear it he was challenged, caught on the knee with a stud as well as pushed over at the same time. The attacker then looked up and curled it high into the top right **3-2**. They took a quick throw down their left after we had attacked and were out of position and charged through to nip it past Dec 3-3. From our right wing Callum threw long and the bounce deceived their defenders and Lore just volleyed it past their 'keeper 4-3. Dec took a goal-kick which they headed back at him so he launched one from his hands which Tom flicked onwards with his chest and Lore played it wide to Callum. He attacked down the left, but cut back onto his right and curled a cross over which Lore flicked onwards into the net 5-3.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 5 ST NICKS 3

Sam and Lore combined with a great one-two, and Lore went down the right before laying it back for Callum, and he passed it first time towards goal, but it struck the outside of the right post and went out. Callum launched a great throw which Tom headed on and the 'keeper missed and on the hard surface it bounced up for Lore, centre of the goal to head in, but he was slightly under it and it cannoned back off of the crossbar and was cleared. A corner was swung in and Callum tried the spectacular overhead kick, but it didn't quite work! Callum then swung in a corner. Which looked to be going straight in, however a player on the line cleared it. They hit over a corner which Sam headed clear and Joel and Bryn tackled well to win it before Bryn set Lore away, in at the 'keeper at his near post but the 'keeper made a great save. We had a corner which they cleared and were attacking quickly with numbers when the referee blew his whistle. We all looked on unsure until the ref himself limped off with a pulled muscle, Nick kindly taking over. Callum won it out on the right, cut across goal and leathered one right over the 'keeper but much too fast for him 6-3. Max then played Callum in who rode two tackles but was fouled on the third however managed to play Lore in whose shot was well saved, and Noah blasted high the follow-up. Lore was played through their defence by Tom and nipped it past their 'keeper 7-3. Sam then played it wide to the left for Callum to sprint down the line, and he crossed it low and hard, to where the 'keeper dived out and got a touch, but it flicked up quickly, however Lore reacted quicker with his head at close range and it was in 8-3. St Nicks were not done fighting however and hit a shot with such venom that when it struck the bars around the pitch, it punctured! Callum had the ball on the edge of their area and laid it back to Sam and he played it right for Charlie who chipped it over their defenders and Elliot lunged low and caught the ball sweetly and it fired under their 'keeper for his first goal 9-3. They had a free-kick which they floated high and three attackers turned and beat our offside, and Dec had no chance 9-4.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 9 ST NICKS 4

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

Afterthoughts.....

It's not often that you need to substitute both the referee and the ball, but we are full of surprises this season! That was the highest total goals that we have ever posted against a first division side, and could have easily got to double figures if we had taken two more gilt edged chances early in the second half. That's a minor quibble however at what was another great team performance. Most people expected Lore's double hat-trick to win him Man of the Match, however it was Dec's performance and dominance, especially with high balls in the first half that I felt at times kept us in it, before we finally took control. It was a game well worth travelling back to watch, even if Fran expected me back at 2.00pm and I got there at 5.00pm! Whoops.....