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Feels like I should be screaming.

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Three games to go and back to St Aldhelms, the scene of Ben's injury earlier in the season. Talking of injuries, Josh & Aaron had hamstring injuries but wanted to start to see how far they could go. Bryn had his ankle injury and Tom the heels, but again they both wanted to start. Finally Lorenzo had a knee injury but felt he could play. There was a very strong wide which we went with in the first half, but meant we would be against it in the second.

The line-up was:

Dec			
Josh	Aaron	Reece	Joel
Bryn	Sam	Tom	Max
Lorenzo		Callum	1

#### Substitutes: Noah, Charlie & Elliot

We kicked off and went down the line, but they cleared for a throw. They won it back and launched it into our area and Bryn and Aaron combined well to get it to Sam just outside of our area and he played it through for Callum, and the wind kept taking it as Callum chased after it, but their keeper stayed on his line, and just as Callum reached the six yard line he shot high into the net. When Sam played the ball through, if their keeper had simply walked forward he would have reached it ahead of Callum, however luckily he didn't and we took the lead 0-1. Callum threw to Sam who played it back and he chipped for the middle and first Lore, and then Callum who had gotten there tried to shoot but missed the ball, and it eventually came out to Max steaming in on the left and he shot low, but unfortunately to the left of the post. They attacked down their left and crossed it to the far post and it bounced loose for a close range shot, but Joel blocked magnificently and Max half cleared the rebound, then there was a bit of a melee, before Sam completed the clearance. Tom lifted the ball over their defence for Callum to run neck and neck with their defender, however their defender used his strength to muscle Callum off of the ball. Tom then played a ball down the right for Bryn, and he crossed into the left for Lore, who went around the 'keeper, but a bit wide, and his hurried shot went wide. Callum threw into the area and Sam flicked it on towards the top left with his head, but their 'keeper got across and made the save. They attacked into the area and Aaron slid in with a crunching tackle, and the ball spilled loose so Noah hurdled Aaron and then slid in the same on the next attacker, which left both attackers down and we cleared the ball. They were both ok and got up, but it was impressively strong tackles. St Aldhelms opened us up with a flowing move, and a shot from the edge of the area was brilliantly saved by Dec. Sam cleared their attack wide to the right on the half-way and Lore raced to keep it in. He did so and beat the defender, then raced down the line and jumped the next challenge, before crossing for Callum on the penalty spot with his back to goal, and he shifted it onto his left to leave only one outcome 0-2. By this point both Bryn and Josh had come off injured, and Tom soon followed. They played a ball behind our

defence which Aaron had covered as he went towards our goal. Dec did the right thing and called for it, and Aaron played it back, however it must have bobbled as it got to him as he dragged his clearance low just outside of the area, and the attacker following up launched one right for the top left **1-2**. They won a free-kick just outside the area and dropped it right into the box, and Dec made a brilliant save from a shot just yards from goal, and Max cleared the loose ball and the ref blew for half-time.

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A ball over the top saw the bounce elude Reece, and again Dec came out with a fantastic save, before Reece completed the clearance. They floated a free-kick into our area and Joel, running towards goal jumped with a magnificent backwards header, which dropped to Max, who played it forwards to Callum and received it back and then forwards again looking like it might roll out but Callum chased over and just kept it in as he hit it down the line and Lore was away, inside onto his right foot, but their 'keeper saved well. Reece then ran out to the line and slid in with a great strong tackle to concede the corner, which luckily their attacker got under as it was swung in. Callum chipped down the right and Lore was in, but again the 'keeper made a great save. It flew up and Ellz headed it back down for Lore, but his shot on the turn was blocked wide. Noah ran wide and used his body strength to win the ball for their throw. It came across to the left and Reece slid in strongly for it, but the ref deemed it a foul and showed Reece a yellow card. The free kick was powered high, and hit the stanchion and ricocheted down into the box to where an attacker reacted, but it bounced off of his leg and over the bar. From a throw they shot towards the top left and Dec sprang over to palm it away for a corner. They swung it inwards, high to the back post to where an attacker had an easy job with his head 2-2. They won a corner on the other side a few minutes later, and repeated the same tactic with the same result 3-2. They chipped the ball into our area and the plaver controlled it and shot back across goal into the bottom right **4-2** and three goals in about five minutes. They swung another corner over and Callum just missed the clearing header, and they volleyed across goal and hit Reece and ricocheted in having been destined to go wide 5-2. They won a free kick on our left and took a speculative shot for the top right. Dec looked to have it covered, but then it slipped out of his grasp and dropped in 6-2.

## FULL-TIME: ST ALDHELMS 6 FRYS 2

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

#### Afterthoughts ....

We were 2-0 up when the injured started to fall, and constant changes ensued. By the end we had five players injured but two of them had to be on the pitch at any one time to give the others a rest. As you read the Match Report it's clear that we created a few chances in the second half to have gone a few goals ahead before they started scoring, which came fairly late in the game, and who knows how that could have changed the game? We had worked on a set Phase of Play to prepare ourselves for this game, but it didn't mean we would be able to cope with their attack. Four of their goals came from corners, and even with every player fit, they have a taller squad than us, meaning that at set-pieces we will always be at a disadvantage. That will change as our boys grow, but for today at least you cannot take it away from them; they played to their strengths and got the win.