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Suddenly my eyes are open, everything comes into focus.

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Two games to go, and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> on the front pitch. This should have been an away game, but they were unable to get a pitch and we were happy to accommodate. Everyone was available, which was good considering the way injuries had kicked in just five days earlier.

The line-up was:

Dec Josh Aaron Reece Joel Bryn Sam Tom Max Lorenzo Callum

Substitutes: Noah, Charlie & Elliot

Callum threw to Tom who headed it down, but the pass was missed so Tom fought for it back and laid it out to Callum who swung one right over to the back post, but was just a little too swung, as it fell onto the roof of the net. They passed and moved down their right and lifted one into the area, but Dec was confident and took it high, under pressure. A high ball into our area was brought down by Bryn, flicked to Tom, who turned his man and laid it for Sam to play it forward. It doesn't sound much, but it was in the space of two or three yards, in our area and under intense pressure, but the three passed it calmly and cleared the danger with no fuss. By this time we had lost Max to illness after less than ten minutes and Noah was on, and a throw from Callum was held up well on the left edge of their area by Lore as Noah powered down the right to make up ground, and Lore just rolled it across the area and Noah blasted it low into the bottom left 0-1. A throw into our area was brought down and laid off, but the shot hit the outside of the post. They attacked into our area again, and Aaron made a great last ditch tackle. The ball was floated to the back post to where Josh controlled it, but was knocked over, however Charlie got there and stood his ground to deny a shot, and eventually they took a wild swing and blasted over. Noah was fouled just inside their half, and with the wind, Callum elected to shoot. We wondered if he'd get the distance, but he actually hit the top of the bar! They then attacked down the left on the break, and Callum and Reece both got in great tackles to stop them. They swung a free-kick into the area which was headed goal-wards, and Dec grabbed it well. They attacked down our left with numbers and managed to

evade tackles from Joel and Reece, before placing it just inside the post  $\ensuremath{\textbf{1-1}}$  .

## HALF-TIME: WARMLEY 1 FRYS 1

A free-kick to the back post was headed by Aaron, but their 'keeper palmed it down and it was cleared to the edge where lore shot on the turn and saw it hit the crossbar and fly over. They were really getting their passing rhythm going and it took Josh & Charlie combined to stop the next attack. We attacked down the left with Callum, but as the defender tackled, they clashed knees, and that was the end of Callum's night. They then passed through us again, and this time the shot beat Dec 2-1. They won it back from the kick and passed through us, but luckily the shot hit the outside of the stanchion. Dec caught a shot and rolled it wide to Josh, but he tried to pass it past the attacker and go past him, but it was stopped and they floated it high into the far left 3-1. They then put together a fine series of passes which culminated in a shot that gave Dec no chance 4-1. Max had been sick, but due to more players getting injured volunteered to go back on, and by now we had had to switch so many players that Lore was in defence as well. They then attacked down their left and floated a cross, which the wind took in 5-1. Aaron lifted a free-kick just over their defence as we ran in, but their 'keeper just got there ahead of us. Right at the end, and a player on the edge of the area powered a shot into the corner 6-1

## FULL-TIME: WARMLEY 6 FRYS 1

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

## Afterthoughts.....

Before our injuries we were competing equally, and even then we were strong as their manager agreed, saying that for 50 minutes it was a very close game. But when a sub scores after only ten minutes, you know you could have problems, and so it proved, as by the end of the game we had ten out of the 14 carrying some form of knock. I can only say that I am proud of my team, for carrying on under some extreme duress, but it would seem that the end of the season has finally seen us fold. That said we were injury free for 90% of the games, so we can't grumble too much.