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On a wet and windy day, we welcomed St Nicholas to Manor Road for the 2nd of our Spring Cup games. After last week's game against Bromley where if it was not for a dodgy ref's decision go against us, we would have gotten at least a draw (and probably the win!) we had confidence that we could improve on the result against St Nicks from the last time we had played them where we lost 6-0. For this game the rotated players were Josh, Tristen, and Finley.

The line-up was:

Alfie
Keanu Liam Ethem Kaylum
James Bradley G Tyler Bartek

Substitutes: Cory & Bradley W

We started well and pushed St Nicks back into their own half by putting them under pressure. From the 'keeper's goal kick Ethem got to the ball first and played the ball to Bradley G who got to the edge of the area before shooting just wide. St Nicks started to play some good football and from a throw they passed the ball around us before they shot from the edge of the area; Alfie dived but was unable to get to the ball and it crept into the net **0-1**. We were still playing good football and a flowing move saw Keanu winning the ball, passing inside to Bradley G who looked up and saw James in space on the right who ran into the box and cut the ball back brilliantly to **Tyler** who tapped the ball into an empty net **1-1**. We were playing well up the hill, passing the ball quickly and in most cases accurately. A good pass from Kaylum from the right side to **James** saw him beat the defender before driving into the box and shooting low into the bottom corner **2-1**. We were battling hard in midfield and a good tackle from James saw him win the ball before finding Bartek who got the ball to Bradley G, and he ran into their half before feeding the ball out left for **Bradley W** who skipped past the defender before unleashing an unstoppable shot **3-1**. St Nicks pushed on for the last five minutes, but we were solid in defence with Keanu making some

good blocks and playing with safety first which was good, preventing any clear chances.

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We started the 2nd half well with a great move by James down the right and he whipped in a lovely cross that Bradley W got to first; he shot with his weaker right foot, it beat the 'keeper and was going in but the defender got back just in time to clear it off the line. They then had a shot from distance that came off the bar and hit Alfie on the back; Alfie then spun around and dived on the ball but the ref from the halfway line decided that the ball had crossed the line and gave the goal! How the ref clearly saw from where he was stood was hard to believe, especially as Gaz who was running the line and was closest said that even he could not see, however for 2nd week running a big decision went against us **3-2**. The decision took the wind out of us for a bit, and we lost our shape and a cross from the right side found a player in space at the back post and gave him an easy tap in **3-3**. From a long goal-kick it went all the way through; their player went in and only a good save from Alfie and a great last-ditch tackle from Liam stopped them from getting a 4th goal. Some good football from Bradley W on the right saw him create a yard of space before passing to Bradley G who shot from the outside of the area, the 'keeper making a good save. From the goal kick Ethem got a good head to the ball that found Bartek who shot first time, the shot just going wide. They crossed a high ball into the box that was going in, however Alfie did really well to make the save and as he made the save, he got flattened by their big attacker, but the ref did not give a free-kick however Cory cleared the ball away before they scored.

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Afterthoughts.....

A great effort by the boys in horrible conditions and it was only another ref's decision that went against us preventing us getting the win. What is pleasing as coaches though is the improvement in the team in the last two weeks! We should have won both games if the referee had made correct decisions; this against teams that earlier in the season we had lost 7-3 and 6-0 against. The fact that we are frustrated not to get two wins is amazing! We have got Ashton in the last group game next week; last time we played them at their place we lost 13-1. I think next week will be much closer!