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We welcomed Saltford to Manor Road for our 2nd Friday game; Saltford brought a mixture of their Saturday and Sunday team (the Saturday team play in the 1st division of the Saturday league and the Sunday team in Division 6th division). This was meant to be a game mainly for the boys that only train and have missed games on a Sunday, but we knew at kick off this was going to be a tough game and had to change plans at half time.

The line-up was:

Alfie
Keanu Tristen Kaylum Finley
Daniel James Josh Bradley W

Substitutes: Cory, Bartek, Liam & Bradley G

Saltford were a big side with the Saturday boys playing rugby on a Sunday, so they were physically stronger than us and it took us a few minutes to feel okay that we were able to tackle them and win the ball. A quick throw by Finley found Daniel who passed the ball on to Josh who hit a lofted shot that beat the 'keeper but he was unlucky to see it hit the crossbar and they then cleared the danger. They played some good football in the middle of the pitch and passed a great ball through the middle and their wide man had made a good in run between two of our defenders and made no mistake in stroking the ball past Alfie **0-1**. We took another quick throw, this time Josh finding Daniel who passed through to Bradley W who got a shot away that just went over the bar. We were playing well but Saltford were solid in defence, getting in tackles and blocks just as we were about to shoot and if we did get past, the 'keeper made some good saves with one stinging shot from James well saved. They then attacked down the right and we were drawn to the ball and

then they played it into the middle where they had three players who were unmarked, and they smashed the ball into the net **0-2**. Not long after the goal the ref blew up for the end of the first half.

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We started the 2nd half well and good play by Cory on the left opened the play up and he got a good cross in that came to James, but his shot was well saved by the 'keeper. We were playing some good football and a nice ball by Bartek found James, the defender came across and knocked it behind for a corner. James whipped in a lovely corner which **Bradley G** headed home **1-2**. Liam made a good interception then played the ball wide to Keanu who very skilfully went past two players before passing to Daniel who knocked the ball into James who shot from distance, the 'keeper saving. They started to get back into the game and a good shot from distance just went wide. A quick pass from Tristen found Bartek who flicked the ball past the defender before getting a shot away which the 'keeper did well to hold on to. We attacked down the left with Bradley W whipping a dangerous ball into the middle and it bounced about before Bradley G got a shot away which just went wide. We broke quickly and a good ball from Bradley W found Cory who was in on goal, he shot hard but straight at the 'keeper who clung on to the ball. They then hit a long ball into the corner, we had a chance to clear the ball though it did not go that far, and they intercepted and were through on goal to score **1-3**. The game petered out with no more chances created by either side.

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Afterthoughts.....

We had to slightly change our plans as they had come with a stronger team than was agreed. That said we played well and had enough chances to win but we kept shooting straight at the 'keeper rather than hitting the corners; they were stronger and bigger than us but in footballing terms we played better than they did. It is a good learning experience for the boys, and we carry on planning for next season with three games left this season.