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Our last game of the season saw us to travel to play Imperial who we had lost to a couple of weeks before. In Imperial's team was Charlie who had left us earlier in the season. The whole squad was invited to the match as it was the last game, but Ethem and Finley were unable to make it.

The line-up was:

Alfie

Josh Tristen Liam Cory James Tyler Bradley G Bartek

Substitutes: Bradley W, Kaylum & Keanu

The game started evenly with both sides looking to play some nice football and a good ball from Josh found Bartek in space; he ran into the area where he was about to shoot but a good tackle came in to stop him. They played the ball out wide, and the wide player tricked his way past a couple of our players before knocking the ball into the corner of the net **1-0**. We were doing well in the game and starting to be the dominant team; a good ball by Bradley G found Bradley W who shot from the edge of the area and was unlucky to see it go wide. Tyler was putting pressure on their defender, and he passed it back to the 'keeper who picked it up giving us an indirect free kick. Tyler gave a touch to James who shot, and it cannoned off the bar. We were putting them under a lot of pressure and from their goal kick Bradley W got to it first and he laid it off to James who shot just wide. A nice ball from Tristen found James who went past a couple of players before floating over a lovely cross; the ball went all the way to Tyler who took a touch before firing into the back of the net 1-1. From a corner we broke quickly, and an amazing ball found Bradley W who was in on a goal and only a last-ditch tackle prevented him from scoring. Another great cross from James came to Tyler; this time though his shot went wide.

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Imperial were very quickly on the attack and got a shot away; Alfie made a good save and the ball dropped down and we stopped and looked at it whilst they ran on to the ball and knocked it in **2-1**. This gave them some confidence and they soon had a shot from distance, Alfie got to it but could not stop it from going in **3-1**. They then played a long ball into the box and the attack was through on goal; Liam got to him and made a good tackle and whilst on the ground he went to clear it, but the ball went to their player who fired it in 4-1; in five minutes we conceded three goals and we could have prevented all three! Our heads dropped and from a throw they quickly turned and shot, Alfie made a good save but the re-bound went to them and they knocked it in **5-1**. When we got forward, we were looking dangerous and a good cross from James was met by Bradley G whose shot was cleared off the line. They were causing us problems though and a simple ball over the top put them in as we had kept them onside and the player in had put the ball in the corner of the net **6-1**. A good ball from Bartek into their half-found Bradley G and he went past one player before running into the box then looking where the 'keeper was and knocking into the net 6-2. From a throw it went to their big lad, so we backed off and he shot from distance, the ball going into the top corner 7-2. A guick throw from Corv found Josh who passed the ball up the line to Bradley G who went past Charlie and was in goal and slipped the ball past the 'keeper 7-3. From the kick off a straight kick of 10 yards stopped us and they just ran straight down the middle to score 8-3. Not long after the ref blew to end the game and the season.

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Afterthoughts.....

So, we finished the season with a defeat, but to be fair it was individual errors that cost us in this game rather than being outplayed. In the first half we were the better team and with better finishing and a bit of luck we should have been a couple of goals up! A couple of lapses in defence cost us in the 2nd half and on another day, we could have gotten a result. The boys have improved as the season has gone on and the results since the New Year have been ok. It was always going to be tough losing Aran just before the season started and Charlie leaving not long after the start of the season, but with us training through the Summer and hopefully in a league where we are competitive it is looking good for next year. As a group the boys have been fantastic this year and have done well, with the fund raising they have done from collecting money during the home games to the bag packing at Tesco and the triathlon they have raised over £1500 which an amazing effort and one we are very proud off. We look forward to next season and hopefully some amazing memories will be created.