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No match reports last weekend, due to the editor and the whole reporting and printing staff being engaged in hedge removal – so a bumper issue this week.

ANDY'S CHALLENGE – Results

The twenty 'endings' are Albion, Alexandra, Argyle, Athletic, City, County, End, Forest, Hotspurs, Orient, Palace, Rangers, Rovers, Town, United, Vale, Villa, Wanderers, Wednesday, Bournemouth (sneaky the last one, but the full name is AFC Bournemouth).

Well done to Dan Payne for getting all 20 – and lucky that Notts County were playing Bournemouth when he was doing the competition. Phil Knight came second with all but AFC Bournemouth. Nobody else took the time to enter.

U14s:

Cup Quarter final – we have drawn Winford (A)
Training will be from 6.45 until 8.00 from now on
Second instalment of subs (£20) now due

U13s:

Congratulations to Dan, Ian, Nick and Phil for making the effort to get to training last Wednesday. How about a few more coming along this week?

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Final reminder!!

The U14s are holding a Christmas Disco in the Carter Room at Fry Club on Sunday 19th December

7.30 until midnight

U13s - Players, parents, family and friends are most welcome to join us. Andy will be there, but there will be no speeches and the disco (Steve Curtis) plays a wide range of music and will take requests.

Tickets are £2 for adults and £1 for children

I shall be selling tickets at the U13 Henbury match this Sunday and the U13 Shirehampton match on 28 November – bring along your dosh!

ALSO

If you would like to contribute a raffle prize these will be gratefully accepted at the same times.

Kerry will have tickets for sale at the U14 games against Shirehampton this Sunday and also at the cup game against Winford on the 27 November.

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WINFORD WIN BRUISING
BATTLE 5 - 2
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A poor turn out at training on the Friday night – some players so good that they could afford to take time off to watch fireworks rather than supply them on the pitch. With Jack Gooding suffering from a knee injury and unavailable for selection, Dave needed to reinforce the midfield as we knew that Winford were big, strong, and fast.

Having scouted out in the sticks the previous weekend, found the ground, and provided maps – Winford switched the match to Chew Valley School. Plan 'A' went out the window when Rob and Tom Hamblin were dished duff info by a local yokel and sent to the wrong school!

With Jamie one of the previous night's AWOL, and confined to the bench, and Jay deployed on the left of midfield to provide some strength – we thought a bit of skill and trickery might unlock the Winford defence, so started with Jack Belsher and Zolly up front.

Nick Ford

Joe Garland

Lee James	Sam Jones	Phil Knight
Jason Pitman	Dan Payne	
Marcus Smith	Jay Beale	
Jack Belsher	Zolly Vanyai	

Substitutes: Tom Hamblin (45, Joe Garland), Jamie Bryant (50, Jack Belsher), Ross Ashman (67, Phil Knight).

A foretaste of what was to come saw Jack bundled off the ball in the first minute – "foul", said the referee. Winford did most of the early attacking and Joe and Phil were particularly busy. Jason and Dan were dropping back almost in to the back four to help out the defence, but this meant that we were allowing Winford to press forward. Winford also played an offside game, dragging our players up to the half way line. With their greater pace they were able to outpace Zolly and Jack and pick off our long passes before we could reach them.

A good pass out of defence by Sam saw Jack hold the ball up before sliding it through to Zolly who was again caught offside. A long throw from

Dan saw Jay get on the end of it and move towards the penalty area where he was obstructed. Dan and Jason seemed in some confusion as to where the ball was to be teed-up for the shot, and Jason's shot from Dan's pass was charged down.

With thirteen minutes gone, Winford took the lead with a simple goal. A throw in on the left, the ball returned to the thrower – who nobody was marking, and a centre over Sam's head for a Winford striker at the far post to shoot low past Nick in to the corner of the net (0-1).

A foul on Jason produced our best chance of the first quarter. Dan took the kick and set Marcus on a run down the right. He beat one player for pace but his shot on the run was high.

We were fortunate not to go two down when a shot from the edge of the box beat Nick's dive but came back off the post. When centred, the ball was hit over the bar from only two yards out.

A free kick, 40 yards out, was parried by Nick, who then reacted quickest to claim the ball. Play was somewhat frantic and whilst we were not defending with too much composure, at least we were getting in tackles – Joe in particular. However, if we had defended more as a unit, and not lost shape too much we may not have needed to make some of the tackles in the first place. Nick again had to be nimble to get down quickly to save a shot from about eight yards out.

With half an hour gone, Jay battled his way through a couple of tackles before being caught from behind and sent crashing. After treatment from Dave and the magic sponge he responded in the best possible way, crashing the ball in direct from the free kick – another thirty-yarder for Jay! (1-1).

With time running out we forced a corner that Marcus took from the left. The 'keeper got a hand to it and sent it out for a throw-in and he then claimed the ball when Dan centred.

HALF TIME : WINFORD 1 COLTS 1

Dan intercepted a Winford pass and launched himself goalwards but collided with the 'keeper, who recovered after treatment. Five minutes in to the half and a long ball through saw Joe fail to get in a clean tackle, Nick reluctant to come off his line, and the Winford forward react quickest to prod the ball home (1-2).

A poor goal kick from Nick then nearly presented Winford with a third goal but Joe managed to jockey the player and the shot went wide.

Ten minutes in to the half and Joe injured himself in a tackle and was carried off, Tom coming on to slot in to the centre of defence. Almost immediately Winford broke forward again, and Lee was faced with two attackers who got past him. Dan's challenge was evaded and the Winford payer curled the ball over Nick and in to the far top corner of the net (1-3).

With a quarter of an hour gone, Tom received a lecture from the referee for a late challenge on a Winford player's knee. Jamie came on in place of Jack. Winford tried to curl the free kick in to the top corner, but the shot was wide.

We then had the excitement of a goalmouth melee, Nick parrying a shot – Sam blocking the second shot – Nick pushing the third shot round the post.

Twenty-five minutes gone and it was Jason's turn for a talking-to for a scything tackle. Two minutes later, and Jason broke out of defence, put through a good ball to Jamie who laid it off to Jay on the edge of the box, but his shot was blocked at the expense of a corner. Jay hit the ball high in to the box, but nobody challenged for the ball and it was cleared downfield where Sam got in to trouble. Dan got in a good tackle to block the ball.

Play stopped yet again for another injury – fortunately it was only Dan's head, so nothing serious! Half an hour gone and Tom was penalised for a push in the back and although Nick dived the right way, the penalty was struck low and hard in to the left-hand corner of his goal (1-4). Ross came on to replace Phil and with time running out (thirty-five minutes played), Winford broke forward again and their forward turned Sam and slotted the ball past Nick (1-5).

In to a lengthy period of injury time and although one couldn't fault our endeavour, we had never been able to dictate the pace of the game, had been out-fought and out-muscled, and not allowed to string passes together. Jason, Marcus, and Dan in particular had chased and harried yet not been effective in attacking and supporting the forwards – not through lack of effort but through an inability to break free of Winford's shackles. We were also losing shape throughout the match with players following the ball to try and regain it, but leaving holes for other Winford players to run through.

Three minutes in to injury time and Zolly managed to play an incisive ball through to Jay who powered through and although the 'keeper got a hand to his shot he was unable to prevent the ball trickling over the line (2-5).

Although there was no more scoring, there was still time for a Winford player to be carried off after a tackle with Jay, and for Jamie to have a shot blocked by the 'keeper, and Marcus to shoot wide.

FULL TIME : WINFORD 5 COLTS 2

MAN OF THE MATCH

A typical battling display, some heavy punishment taken, and two goals to take him to the top of our scoring chart. Well done:

Jay Beale

**U13 MATCH REPORT U13 MATCH REPORT
RECORD SCORE AS
NORTH BRISTOL ARE
CRUSHED BY FRY'S
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After the debacle against Frampton it was important that we were better organised this week. Andy advised everyone on Wednesday's training session that the match was at Page Park, so things didn't bode well when, at twenty to two on Sunday, he realised that North Bristol Colts play at Whitehall! Half of the team were at Fry's, and we managed to get the rest across from Page Park in time for the start. As Andy had gone to collect Jay, Terry Field was instructed, in about five seconds, to organise the team – and that we were going to play three at the back and five in midfield. So, we lined up:

Sam Johnson

Mark Webb Tom Hamblin Jason McCrossan

Dan Payne Ian Field Liam Kavanagh
Colin Stallard Ashley Rowe

Nick Guest Gareth Smith

Two minutes in to the game and the NBC centre forward outpaced Tom and Sam had to come out quickly to block the shot, and then parry the follow-up shot, allowing Jason to complete the

clearance. Two minutes later and another run through by the same player saw Sam again out quickly, but this time the ball bounced off him and as it ran goalwards Mark was adjudged to have fouled the NBC forward in clearing the ball.

Although Sam managed to get a hand to the ball he was unable to keep the penalty out of the net (0-1). Incidentally, did anyone else think that the referee possessed more than a passing resemblance to Eddie the Eagle? I think it was the glasses! Still, as we've seen on television replays, they don't always get decisions correct. It is no point arguing or complaining, however, I've never yet seen a referee change his mind. You just have to accept decisions and get on with the game. As it was, Mark did just that and didn't let the fact that he had been penalised affect his game – full marks (no pun intended)!

Tom struck a long free kick wide, and this was followed by a sparkling move after eight minutes when Dan sent Nick on a run down the right and his pass inside to **Ashley** was slid past the advancing 'keeper, Ashley injuring himself in the process (1-1).

Twelve minutes gone and Dan picked up a half clearance on the edge of the box and volleyed the ball home (2-1).

NBC broke back almost straight away as we lost the ball in midfield and a punt forward saw their centre-forward run between Tom and Jason and poke the ball past the advancing Sam (2-2).

An indirect free kick saw Colin touch the ball for Dan to let fly and although the 'keeper stopped it he failed to hold the ball and Nick, anticipating, was on hand to put it in the back of the net (3-2).

At this stage Andy switched Dan in to the middle with Ian moving out wide on the left and Liam coming over to the right wing.

A long throw from Dan on the left gave Gareth a strike on goal, which the 'keeper did well to hold above his head. With twenty minutes gone Dan again sent Nick coursing down the right and as Nick hit the ball early the 'keeper let it slip under his body and in to the net (4-2). At this stage some of the NBC players were starting to argue and I said to Dave Webb that if we kept our concentration and continued to play in the same way they could collapse and we could be in for a hat-full of goals. If they fought back like Frampton did from 3-1 down and we failed to keep the pressure on, then who knows?

A minute later and as Ashley slipped on the ball, it ran free to Nick who ran through the middle and crashed it home (5-2). A hat trick in only four minutes!

Colin hit a good ball through to Nick who shot on the run, the 'keeper fumbled, and Gareth ran in to force the ball over the line (6-2). Hardly had NBC re-started when a long clearance from Mark sent Ashley and Gareth away. Gareth reached the ball first and shot against the 'keeper, **Ashley** hammered in the rebound (7-2).

NBC appeared to have only one strategy, the long ball for their centre forward. Tom and Jason had sussed this ploy, however, and as he was the only real danger he was receiving close attention.

With half an hour gone, Nick rolled the ball in to the path of Ashley whose goalbound shot was well saved by the 'keeper, pushing the ball round the post. Colin's corner was cleared by NBC who then attacked down our left flank, as the ball came across Mark was on his own in the centre against two attackers, and did well to force the ball out for a throw-in, from which their centre-forward lobbed the ball over the bar.

As we moved towards half time, another break down our left saw the NBC centre-forward dive to head past Sam – who reacted well to fingertip the ball round the post. The NBC player was injured in the process, but recovered after treatment. From the corner we moved the ball out with Ian and Tom playing a one-two before Ian played the ball in to Liam, on to Nick in a flowing move that finished with **Gareth** slotting the ball in the back of the net (8-2). Brilliant!

We won the ball straight back from the kick-off, and **Gareth** waltzed through to knock it past the 'keeper again (9-2).

In the fortieth minute of the half Liam won the ball, passed it on to Dan who slid the ball through to Nick who, running in from the right, chipped the ball over the 'keeper (10-2).

HALF TIME: N B C 2 FRY'S 10

Andy brought on Craig, Jay, and Phil in place of Dan, Gareth and Tom, and we all wondered whether the team would play as well as they had in the first half. Had they learned that when you are playing well you keep on doing the things that you have been doing rather than all charge upfield looking to score, stop passing, lose shape, and pay the penalty. Remember what I

said after the Shirehampton game – goal difference could be crucial come the end of the season. Don't get cocky and blow it!

Well, we started where we had left off. Straight from the kick-off we ran through their defence and **Ashley** knocked the ball in to the back of the net (11-2).

Two minutes later and **Jay** got his name on the scoresheet when he hammered the ball low in to the far corner of the net from the left hand edge of the box (12-2). He then saw the 'keeper manage to hold another shot that lacked his usual power, but not by much!

A long ball through from **Mark** then saw both **Jay** and **Nick** breaking through the NBC rearguard. **Jay** left it for **Nick** who pushed the ball past the 'keeper, ran round him, and finished with aplomb (13-2).

Just over a quarter of an hour gone and **Ian** won the ball in midfield, moved the ball on to **Nick** whose cross-field pass was met by **Ashley** – only to see his shot cannon off the 'keeper's legs for a corner.

Liam then sent **Craig** charging down the wing and his cross was pulled back for **Ashley** to knock it over the 'keeper's head (14-2). **Ian** then sent **Jay** down the left but his shot thundered over the bar. At this stage **Sam** was practically a spectator. We were rampant and relentlessly pressing forward. **Phil** won the ball in midfield, passed it out wide to **Liam** and on to **Nick** whose cross was cut out at the expense of a corner. **Craig** swung the ball in from the right and as the ball dropped amongst a huddle of players on the goal line, **Jason** stabbed the ball home (15-2).

Twenty-five minutes gone and **Ashley** ran through in the inside-left channel and slotted the ball coolly past the 'keeper (16-2).

At this stage of the game we were almost scoring at will. The ball seemed to be homing in on our players like it was made of steel and we had magnets in our boots. **Colin** won the ball, passed to **Nick**, and his cross was met by **Ian** (17-2). A minute later and **Jay** again hammered the ball just over the bar. Then **Colin** again passed to **Nick** and his cross was met by **Craig** who fired the ball in to the roof of the net (18-2).

NBC then surprised us with a snap shot from wide out on the right that sailed close by **Sam's** far post.

A minute from the end of normal time and **Nick** dummied his way past a defender on the edge of the area, ran along the by-line, and crossed. **Phil** just missed it with a diving header, **Ian** slid in to apply the finishing touch, but the ball was already over the line (19-2).

Colin then set **Nick** going once again down the right, he beat his marker, shimmied round the 'keeper and lashed the ball home (20-2).

In to injury time and three players chased a long through ball. **Craig** won and although his shot was parried, **Ian** forced the ball back to **Craig** and his shot was lofted over the 'keeper and in to the roof of the net (21-2).

Jason then went on a solo run – egged-on by the crowd – and beat about six players before running in to trouble and out of steam. It was then **Phil's** turn to break in to the area and with the prospect of glory shot in to the side netting when his teammates were queuing up for a centre.

FULL TIME: N B C 2 FRY'S 21

Congratulations on a stunning performance

What a contrast to the cup game against Frampton! Everyone deserves a pat on the back after this game, rather than a kick up the pants.

*I don't think anyone would object though if I made a special mention of **Nick's** performance. Not just his seven goals, but his running and crossing – he was involved in passing moves or provided crosses that led to five other goals.*

*We're not going to romp home like this every week – our previous highest score was as U10s – against Hanham. The scorers in an 18-0 victory were **Ricky Avery** (3), **Curtis Jack** (3), **Danny Hunt** (2), **Richard Godsland** (2), **Luke Temblett** (2) and **Nick** (2), **Liam** (2), **Colin** and **Ian**. **Jason** and **Ashley** also played.*

However, consider why we won this game. For the most part we:

- * *Marked tightly*
- * *Challenged for the ball when we didn't have it*
- * *Kept our shape – no big gaps for the opposition to run in to*
- * *Kept our concentration*
- * *Applied constant pressure*
- * *Used the ball constructively*

As a result we created lots of chances – and converted most of them in to goals with some good finishing.

Remember.....

What I said about goal difference possibly being a deciding factor in the championship/promotion issue at the end of the season? Well, after this game we went to the top of the division, above Stapleton on goal difference: +37 goals against +36 goals. It shows the value of concentration. Each tackle or interception can help prevent a goal being conceded. Each accurate pass can help set up an attack. Every goal scored helps – as does every save from Sam or block from an outfield player. Keep going until the final whistle, like you did in this game.

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FISHPONDS HIT FOR SIX
BUT CHANCES GALORE MISSED
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Nick Ford

Joe Garland	Tom Hamblin
Lee James	Phil Knight
Marcus Smith	Dan Payne
Zolly Vanyai	Jay Beale
Jamie Bryant	Jason Pitman

Substitutes: Jack Belsher (45, Jamie Bryant)
Chay Welsh (45, Zolly Vanyai)

Colts were immediately on the attack in this clash with bottom of the table Fishponds. A poor free kick by the 'keeper saw Marcus get his head to the ball – or not out of the way in time, as a bloodied nose testified. Jamie got the ball and crossed in to the six-yard box only for a defender to get there before Jay.

From Jay's corner Zolly stole in at the far side and hit his half volley just wide. Another poor kick from the 'keeper was capitalised on by Marcus, but instead of electing to shoot passed outside to Jamie, whose shot hit the side netting.

Yet another poor kick from the 'keeper – straight to Jamie – and straight back to the 'keeper! Dan intercepted the ball in midfield and set Jay on a run down the left. His cross was just too far in front of Jamie, but a defender thundered the ball just wide of his own goal. Jamie's downward header from the corner went wide.

Fishponds now elected to leave place kicking to a defender. His clearance was much longer, but headed back by Joe to Jay, whose shot on the run was just over the bar.

All this action and we were barely five minutes in to the game! Marcus and Zolly then exchanged passes on the right wing before Jamie crossed. Jason went up for the ball and his header dropped for Jay who knocked the ball up before turning and volleying over the bar.

A long throw down the right saw Jamie pull the ball back, but just behind Jason. The defender's ball out was only as far as Zolly on the edge of the box; his shot was over the top.

We were launching wave after wave of attacks – Fishponds were struggling to get out of there own half, but the finishing touch or final pass was lacking accuracy. Given the 'keeper's dodgy handling and kicking we should have buried Fishponds in the first fifteen minutes!

Dave was imploring the players to keep it simple – pass and go rather than run in to trouble or try and thread the ball through non-existent gaps.

Marcus nearly capitalised on another fumble by the 'keeper, but his shot hit the bar and went over. Phil intercepted the ball from a rare Fishponds break and passed to Dan who in turn found Jay whose cross was met by Jamie only for the ball to be cleared for a throw in.

Another corner was half cleared but Dan found Jay on the left and his shot rebounded back off the post. Then a shot from Jason was fisted in to the air and collected by the 'keeper. A quick throw on the right by Zolly allowed Jamie to roll the ball back for Jay to shoot (right-footed) only a foot wide of the post.

Following another spell of activity in and around the Fishponds penalty area the ball fell to Dan and it was his turn to shoot over the bar.

Twenty-three minutes gone, and 'Hallelujah', a goal! Another poor kick from the 'keeper, Jay controlled the ball and played a diagonal (note this word) ball through the defence for Zolly to run on to and slot home (1-0). A good through ball from Dan saw Jamie burst through the offside trap only to lift his shot over the advancing 'keeper and wide of the post.

Four minutes later and Jay tormented his marker on the left before crossing low for Jamie to

bundle the ball over the line for his first goal of the season (2-0).

A long headed clearance from Joe saw Marcus and Zolly take the ball on before Dan shot just wide from outside the box.

On the half-hour and another poor goal kick (and we used to think Nick's kicking was poor at times!) allowed Jamie to burst through only to shoot against the legs of the 'keeper.

Another ball out of defence from Joe saw Marcus move the ball on to Jamie whose pass saw Zolly stride forward and crash a shot against the post. Jamie was then challenged, fell down and appealed for a penalty, but Rich waved play on.

Jay had a shot in to the side netting and Jamie another shot straight at the 'keeper before another goalmouth scramble saw the ball come out to Lee; his centre was turned past the 'keeper by Jason (3-0).

HALF TIME: FRY'S 3 FISHPONDS 0

Two minutes in to the half and Phil tried to let the ball bounce rather than head it, was challenged, and as Tom tried to rescue the situation the ball fell to Fishponds and three players advanced on Joe! Fortunately the final pass gave Nick just sufficient room to dive at the feet of the forward and claim the ball. Given his first half inactivity it was nice to see him remain vigilant.

Colts continued to press and Jason was just unable to climb high enough to direct his header on target, the ball passing over the bar. Phil then won the ball in a challenge and passed to Marcus who centred for Jamie whose first shot was parried by the 'keeper, his second shot blocked. Jamie managed a third shot from the clearance only for the 'keeper's legs to deflect the ball wide. Next it was Jason's turn to direct a shot straight at the 'keeper from the edge of the box. Zolly then went down under a challenge – again Rich waved aside claims for a penalty.

Ten minutes in to the half and Batman and Robin gave way for Speedy Gonzales and the Mighty Atom – alias Jack and Chay.

Two minutes later and Lee launched a raid down the right, having now moved in to a midfield role, with three at the back; Jack's cross being cut out for a corner. Marcus took it and Dan headed just over the bar. Marcus then had a shot from the

edge of the box – wide. Chay then put in a good cross from the right that just evaded Jason's boot, but from the corner on the left Jay's cross was acrobatically bicycle-kicked goalwards by Marcus and Chay nipped in at the far post to tuck the ball in to the back of the net (4-0).

Dan then centred from the right, Chay dummied and Jack shot on the turn, but straight at the 'keeper. Another run down the right from Chay, Jack laid his cross back and Lee's shot hit the bar. Lee followed up with another shot just over the bar.

Dan then played a through ball for Jay to chase. He just managed to keep the ball in play, centred, and Chay slid in only to put the ball wide from almost on the goal line.

A free kick on the edge of the box, for a foul on Marcus, was headed on to the top of the bar by Jay. From the clearance Joe shot from the edge of the box – straight in to the 'keeper's hands.

Jack then laid the ball back to Phil who threaded the ball through to Dan. Although his shot lacked power the 'keeper spilled it and it the ball trickled over the line. Nice one Dan (5-0)!

Marcus, back defending on a rare Fishponds attack conceded a free kick on the edge of the penalty area, A slip by Joe then nearly let a Fishponds attacker through, but Chay was back covering, and Nick came out to claim the ball. A sustained minute of Fishponds pressure!

However we responded with Phil winning the ball and passing to Marcus, whose through ball found Jay in acres of space. He ran on and clipped the ball past the 'keeper (6-0).

A corner on the right was played short to Joe who centred for Phil at the near post. The ball was whipped away from him as he controlled the ball and was about to shoot. C'est la vie – another game gone without scoring! Another centre from Joe – by now only Tom was playing in defence – and Marcus was denied a shooting opportunity by a good tackle. As the ball came out Dan struck the ball firmly, but just wide.

A cross in to the foot of the near post from Chay saw Joe tangle with the 'keeper, and the ball going just wide – yet again.

FULL TIME: FRY'S 6 FISHPONDS 0

Post match thoughts.....

Despite not playing as fluently as we can, we created about thirty chances. If we had taken half of them then the margin of victory would have been a truer reflection of our territorial domination. As it was we missed out on a good opportunity to boost our goal difference. Still, it was nice to get back to winning ways, even if the opposition was not of the same standard as Winford.

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CHAY DOUBLE CLINCHES
CUP VICTORY
U14 MATCH REPORT U14 MATCH REPORT

Jamie and Zolly playing for Brislington – Jason and Marcus unavailable – Sam Jones ill; added to this, Dan, Jay, Phil and Tom had a crunch league match in the afternoon. So, the team almost picked itself, Sam Williams coming in for his first start of the season:

Nick Ford

Joe Garland

Lee James Tom Hamblin Sam Williams

Jack Gooding Dan Payne

Ross Ashman Chay Welsh

Jack Belsher Jay Beale

Substitute: Phil Knight

Hutton kicked off after we observed a minute's silence, today being Remembrance Sunday. The match was fifteen minutes late starting as Hutton had gone to the wrong changing room and pitch – but at least the right ground!

After the normal midfield skirmishing early on, Jack G made a forward run and was brought down on the edge of the area, the Hutton defender injuring himself in the process, Jay fired the free kick straight in to the wall. We followed this up with a corner in which Jay was hurt in a clash of heads. We were holding Hutton mainly in their own half, despite their overall size advantage.

Ten minutes gone and Jack G won the ball in midfield, passed to Tom, wide out to Chay, in to Jack B and back to Chay who sliced his shot on the run wide of the goal; an excellent, flowing move.

A quick break by Hutton saw Lee beaten but then get back quickly in to position to prevent a shot. Sam completed the clearance. Hutton were starting to come back in to the game and

there were some good interceptions and tackles by Tom and Joe.

At the other end the 'keeper failed to hold a 30-yard shot from Jack G, but recovered to prevent Jack B from a poacher's finish.

Hutton forced a corner that we had difficulty clearing and Nick pulled off a good save. Jack B – making some intelligent runs up front – then had a shot on the turn that the 'keeper saved. Meanwhile, Chay was working hard out on the left – it seemed we wanted to continually play in that direction! At the back, Sam was occasionally caught out, but generally got his tackles in and passed the ball neatly to other players in better positions.

The Hutton 'keeper got down quickly to a snap shot from Dan – definitely busier than Nick who was mostly engaged in fielding long punts forward from Hutton.

A raking right wing cross from Ross was fumbled by the 'keeper, but wouldn't quite drop for Jay. The 'keeper then comfortably held another long range shot from Jack G, this time with his left foot.

The two Jacks then combined to send Chay in to the area but he was crowded out as he tried to work the ball on to his right foot for a shot. A good turn by Chay on the left and a cross that was only half cleared saw Jay's shot deflected for a corner. Neither Tom nor Ross was able to get in a clean shot as the ball bobbed in the area. As half time approached Dave swapped Ross and Lee around.

Another corner saw Jack hit the ball low and hard towards the near post. Although the 'keeper managed to get a hand to the ball, he couldn't hold it, but again nobody could get on the end of it. The next corner was played short to Chay, back to Jack G and the move ended with the 'keeper holding Lee's well-struck shot.

HALF TIME: FRY'S 0 HUTTON 0

An evenly matched first five minutes, then a foul on Chay gave Tom a chance to send in a free kick. Hutton cleared and broke quickly, but were caught offside – not often that happens against us! Hutton were now starting to press a little harder, and Tom was forced to give away a corner – which he then cleared. Joe then attempted to run the ball out of defence, lost it, but we were fortunate that the Hutton striker's shot cannoned back off the underside of the bar,

Sam and Tom completing the clearance. Nick then saved comfortably as Hutton again surged forward. A firmly hit free kick following a foul by Tom was then fisted clear by Nick.

A fine run by Jack B and a pass out to Chay allowed him to cut inside and pass for Jack G to shoot wide.

Half way through the half and we were struggling to get in to the game as Hutton had a good period of play. Lee then advanced down the right wing and passed inside for Jack B to cut inside the box and gain a corner. The 'keeper really had to arch his back to fingertip Jay's header over the bar.

Jay was shaping to shoot as a defender came in to tackle and we could hear the cry of anguish as he dislocated his knee in blocking the shot. It was 25 minutes before he was able to leave the pitch in the arms of two ambulance men after a paramedic had managed to put the joint back in place. It was good to see both sets of players and the spectators clapping him off the pitch. I don't suppose it lessened the pain, but it may have cheered him slightly. We wish him a speedy and full recovery.

A strong run from Joe, on a mission down the right wing, forced a throw near the corner flag; thrown long by Ross to Jay who was unable to get his cross in.

Five minutes after the restart and another long throw by Ross, a head back by Dan, and Chay nipped in to clip the ball past the 'keeper (1-0). Hutton then broke through and Nick dived at the forward's feet to block the shot, Tom whacking the loose ball clear.

Back at the other end and Chay, Sam and Jay combined, ending in Jay shooting a yard wide. Thirty-three minutes gone and a good run down the right by Jack B again provided Jay with a shooting chance that only just whistled wide.

A long ball in from the right from Ross and as Jay tried another shot the ball cannoned off a defender and Chay tucked the ball away between the keeper and a defender (2-0).

Although we were now in injury time (and we hadn't had any since the restart) there was still time for Joe to make a good covering tackle to prevent a forward bearing down on goal, and a save from Nick at the foot of the post following a foul by Sam.

Tom and Joe then combined to try and prevent a forward getting in a shot – the referee awarded a penalty which was slotted home (2-1). This gave us another minute or so to hold firm – mission accomplished, match over at 1.03!

FULL TIME: FRY'S 2 HUTTON 1

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The clash of the titans – both teams boasting a 100% record – whose would be the one to go? With three of the team having played in the morning, would there be tired legs? All would soon be revealed as we lined up:

Sam Johnson

Tom Hamblin	Jason McCrossan
Mark Webb	Phil Knight
Colin Stallard	Craig Palmer
Dan Payne	Jay Beale
Nick Guest	Gareth Smith

Substitutes: Ian Field (35, Nick Guest), Ashley Rowe (Gareth Smith), Liam Kavanagh (Phil Knight)

Both teams sparred in midfield during the opening minutes and Jay got in the first strike on goal after three minutes – straight at the 'keeper.

Two minutes later and Stapleton attacked with pace down our right flank and Sam watched eagle-eyed as the shot passed the post and in to the side netting.

With only nine minutes on the clock, Stapleton attacked again, this time down our left flank. Their lanky centre forward had the room to outpace Tom and he cut the ball back from the byline. Our defence had come across and left a player unmarked at the far post. The pass picked him out and he shot low and hard past Sam from six yards (0-1).

Stapleton then forced a corner that was headed clear by Jay. Stapleton were doing most of the early attacking and we were finding it hard to get the ball in midfield. With a quarter of an hour gone, Dan conceded a free kick on the edge of the 'D' that was crashed against the post and back in to play.

Five minutes later and another break by Stapleton that Mark covered, holding the player off and shepherding the ball back to Sam.

Although most of the play was in our half we were defending stoutly. Phil was winning most of the battles on the left as was Mark on the right. Despite conceding several inches in height, Tom was sticking close and winning most of the aerial duels with the centre forward. Jason's speed at the back meant he was able to mop up most of the long balls at the back.

We did manage to get Jay away on a run down the left, but his centre was cleared. Then, with twenty-four minutes gone, Mark found Craig with a long ball, he fed Dan who raced for the byline to cross. To everyone's surprise (except Dan's, of course) the ball flew over the 'keeper from the narrowest of angles, in the back of the net (1-1).

Sam did well to push a well struck shot round the post as Stapleton surged forward and they then gained a corner that Jay was forced to head over his own bar – this after a stoppage because the ball had gone a bit flat (*Andy remember to get a pump and a valve*).

With thirty-five minutes played, another free kick on the edge of the box saw the ball rebound back off the post. Jason headed the ball towards safety but as Dan attempted to complete the clearance from the edge of the box he was adjudged to have fouled his opponent. Dan was incensed – the parents irate, our players enraged, Stapleton happy. The spot kick was hit low and hard in to the corner, just beating Sam's despairing dive (1-2).

Straight from the kick off and Colin played the ball wide to Dan, and his crossfield ball dissected the Stapleton defence and Jay thundered a shot that was deflected for a corner. Craig's cross was headed out, and that concluded the half.

HALF TIME: FRY'S 1 STAPLETON 2

Clive blamed Dave Gooding, the U14 manager for being a Jonah – the only previous game he had watched being the Cup game against Frampton. I don't know what Andy said at half time but we came out and started playing with more conviction and determination – perhaps it was that penalty decision that riled our lads. Anyway, Ian came on to play wide on the left, in place of Nick who had not seen much of the ball at all in the first half, and Jay moved up front to give a bit of physical presence.

The half was only a minute old and Ian had half a chance in the six-yard box – unfortunately the ball was too high for him to get over, and his shot dropped over the bar.

Five minutes in to the half and Tom conceded a free kick, argued, had a little dig at another player and was left out of position as Stapleton attacked down our right flank. Fortunately the shot was across the face of the goal and Phil and Ian managed to get the ball clear.

A good ball over the top from Colin almost set Jay free, a defender's boot just reaching the ball in time. Another good interception by Ian and pass to Jay saw his cross knocked out for a corner. From this Jay's header dropped in the crowded area but nobody could apply the finishing touch. We immediately gained another corner and as the ball was headed out to the edge of the box, Tom smacked it low through a crowd of players and in to the net (2-2).

Thirteen minutes gone and from a throw-in on the left, Phil passed inside to Colin and from 30 yards he let fly, over the 'keeper's leap and in to the far top corner (3-2).

A strong run down the right and centre to the near post by Dan was grasped by the 'keeper just before Jay reached it. Although we were beginning to dominate this half in much the same way as Stapleton did in the first, they were still capable of quick breaks and Jason did well to get back and reach the ball just in front of two Stapleton players.

Half way through the half and Tom curled a free kick just wide. A poor clearance by the 'keeper was headed powerfully back towards goal by Colin, and Jay rushed in, collided with the 'keeper but kept his feet to smash the ball in to the back of the net (4-2). Dan expressed a wish for a pleasant Christmas, or something to do with turkeys, to the Stapleton manager. I understand that Dan had been taking a little 'stick' from him.

A minute later and Craig hoisted a high shot from way out, which came back off the bar. Gareth, who had run willingly without so much as a sniff at goal reacted quickest and passed across to Jay – who shot wide.

Good work in winning and keeping the ball by Dan and then Gareth saw the 'keeper do well to hold another Jay thunderbolt. Another shot narrowly wide by Jay was followed by one from Colin that only just cleared the crossbar.

Stapleton's centre forward had now pulled back deeper in to midfield and although he was fast and strong he also lacked the room to use his pace to such good effect.

Another free kick by Tom was straight at the 'keeper. With half an hour gone, Ashley came on for Gareth, and Liam in place of Phil. Dan dropped in to the back four (*I thought this a bit risky - he'd already conceded a free kick and a penalty!*)

A good ball from Ashley, in from the right wing, was only just out of Jay's reach. Ian then centred from the left and neither Jay nor Ashley were able to get on the end of it. Still, that was the last minute of the match and victory had been achieved. Well done boys, especially the second half performance. Clive was even able to apologise to Dave!

FULL TIME: FRY'S 4 STAPLETON 2

UNDER 13s FACT FILE

14th November - League Results

Frampton	10	Coalpit Heath	1
Fry's	4	Stapleton	2
Henbury	1	Warmley	0
St Annes	1	Christchurch	1
St Nicholas	9	Eastwood	1
Shirehampton	1	North Bristol	1

7th November - League Results

Christchurch	P	Shirehampton	P
Coalpit Heath	4	St Nicholas	8
North Bristol	2	Fry's	21
Stapleton	5	St Annes	1
Warmley	1	Frampton	5

7th November - Cup Result

Henbury	3	Eastwood	2
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League table as at 14th November

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fry Club	8	8	0	0	45	6	24
Stapleton	8	7	0	1	46	12	21
St Annes	7	5	1	1	25	17	16
Henbury	7	5	0	2	28	12	15
Frampton	8	3	1	4	40	26	10
St Nicholas	7	3	1	3	31	25	10
North Bristol	9	2	2	5	22	51	8
Shirehampton	7	2	1	4	19	33	7
Warmley	7	2	0	5	16	21	6
Eastwood Boys	6	1	1	4	11	39	4
Christchurch	7	0	3	4	11	27	3
Coalpit Heath	7	1	0	6	17	42	3

TEAM FACTS

Appearances

(substitute appearances in brackets)

10 - Hamblin, Smith;
 9 - Johnson, Knight (1), Palmer (1), Stallard (1), Webb (1);
 8 - McCrossan (1);
 7 - Beale (2), Guest (1), Payne (2), Rowe (2);
 6 - Field (3);
 3 - Kavanagh (3);
 (2) - Williams.

Goals

11 - Beale;
 9 - Guest;
 8 - Payne;
 7 - Rowe, Smith;
 5 - Palmer;
 3 - Field, Hamblin, Stallard;
 2 - McCrossan;
 1 - o.g.

Fixtures

Sep	12	A	St Nicholas 'B'	4-1
	19	H	Frampton Rangers 'A'	3-0
	26	A	Shirehampton Colts	11-1
			(Cup - 1 st round)	
Oct	3	A	Warmley Rangers 'A'	2-0
	10	H	Coalpit Heath	3-1
	17	A	Eastwood Boys 'B'	5-0
	24	H	Christchurch	3-0
	31	H	Frampton Rangers 'A'	3-6
			(Cup - 2 nd round)	
Nov	7	A	North Bristol Colts	21-2
	14	H	Stapleton Juniors	4-2
	21	H	Henbury O B Colts 'B'	
	28	A	Shirehampton Colts	
Dec	5	H	St Annes Rangers	
	12	A	St Annes Rangers	
	19	H	St Nicholas 'B'	

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Sometimes not all the results appear in the Monday edition of the *Evening Post*, which is what I use to calculate the league table. I check the table produced in *Bristol Soccerworld* most weeks - so here's a previous result, but I'm not sure when this fixture was played:

North Bristol Colts 5 Shirehampton 4

Interesting afterthought. The three players that played in the U14 match in the morning all scored in Stapleton game. Maybe the team should start warming up earlier!

UNDER 14s FACT FILE

13th November – League Results

Fry Club	6	Fishponds	0
Hengrove	2	Whitchurch	0
Horfield	1	Winford	8
Patchway	8	Avon Park	1
Shirehampton	5	Brislington	2

6th November – League Results

Avon Park	P	Hengrove	P
Fishponds	0	Whitchurch	7
Horfield	8	Brislington	1
Shirehampton	0	Patchway	8
Winford	5	Fry Club	2

League table as at 13th November

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hengrove	7	6	0	1	43	5	18
Patchway	6	6	0	0	37	3	18
Winford	7	4	2	1	34	10	14
Shirehampton	8	4	1	3	13	25	13
Fry Club	7	4	0	3	22	18	12
Avon Park	7	4	0	3	26	29	12
Whitchurch	7	3	1	3	31	15	10
Horfield	8	2	0	6	21	46	6
Brislington	8	1	0	7	18	48	3
Fishponds	8	0	0	8	7	53	0

TEAM FACTS

Appearances

(substitute appearances in brackets)

- 10 – Garland,
- 9 – Hamblin (1), Payne (1), Smith;
- 8 – Ford, James (1), Knight, Pitman, Vanyai (1);
- 7 – Beale (2), Bryant (2), Gooding (1);
- 3 – Ashman (2), Belsher (6);
- 2 – Jones (1), Welsh (3);
- 1 – Tucker, Williams (1).

Goals

- 6 – Beale;
- 4 – Pitman (1 pen), Welsh;
- 3 – Belsher, Payne (1 pen), Vanyai;
- 1 – Bryant, Gooding, Hamblin, o.g.

Man of the Match

- 2 – Beale, Hamblin;
- 1 – Bryant, Garland, Gooding, Pitman, 'The Team'.

Fixtures

Sep	11	A	Avon Park Rangers	6-1
	18	H	Hengrove Boys	0-3
	25	H	Patchway Boys	0-6
Oct	2	A	Whitchurch	4-0
	9	A	Brislington	4-3
	16	A	Whitchurch – Cup	0-0 aet
	30	H	Whitchurch – Cup replay	3-0
Nov	6	A	Winford	2-5
	13	H	Fishponds	6-0
	14	H	Hutton Juniors – Somerset Cup	2-1
	20	H	Shirehampton	
	27	A	Winford (Cup – 2.00 K.O.)	
Dec	4	H	Avon Park Rangers	

WINTER BREAK

Jan	15	A	Hengrove Boys
	22	A	Patchway Colts
	29	H	Whitchurch
Feb	5	H	Brislington
	12		Free weekend
	19		Free weekend
	26	A	Horfield United
Mar	4	H	Winford
	11		Cup – Semi finals
	18	A	Fishponds
	25	A	Shirehampton
T B A		H	Horfield United

I had the result of the Winford v Fishponds match as 11-0 – so did Steve. According to the league table in *Bristol Soccerworld* the result was 10-0, so perhaps the score was handed in incorrectly. We'll query it at the end of the season if it makes any difference.

Well folks, that's it for this week. If you haven't the time to read all of this and have just turned to the back page - please at least read the first page and - players, please show it to your parents or anyone else who might like to come to the disco.

Thanks

