

FRY CLUB COLTS

U13 MATCH REPORT U14

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Gale-force winds make for difficult playing conditions

Weekend thoughts

Mixed fortunes for our teams this week, both found the windy weather made ball control difficult, and neither match featured particularly flowing football.

In conditions like these we particularly need to maintain shape and pass the ball accurately, and on the ground rather than in the air. Forward balls played in the air will just run away from attacking players when the wind is behind us. When playing against the wind, defensive clearances will lack distance as the ball hangs in the wind and is blown back towards us.

More use of diagonal balls, whether playing with or against the wind, and working the ball out of defence (rather than resorting to aimless punts forward that often see the ball being returned straight away in to the danger area) can help us maintain control. Of course there will be times when safety requires a rushed clearance, but often – with time available – we see just a hopeful long ball played. More communication between players – shouts of “time”, or “man on” can help. Too often there is too much chatter in pre-match and halftime tactics talks and none at all during the game!

U14 END OF SEASON TOUR

Parents - just a reminder – don't forget the meeting this Sunday evening – to discuss the possibility of another tour following last year's debacle (sorry that should read success!)

6th February, 7.30 at Fry Club

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Greg Tucker

Joe Garland Tom Hamblin Sam Jones

Lee James Phil Knight
Jack Gooding Dan Payne
Zolly Vanyai
Jamie Bryant Jack Belsher

Substitutes: Jason Pitman (30, Phil Knight),
Ross Ashman (35, Dan Payne), Chay Welsh
(55, Zolly Vanyai)

We won the toss and elected to kick with the wind – the theory being to build a lead and then defend it. Jack Belsher was only fractionally wide with an effort from an early corner, but Whitchurch defended stoutly thereafter and not too many chances were created.

The fact that conditions were going to be difficult was illustrated in only the third minute when the Whitchurch 'keeper, kicking from hand, saw the ball blown back over his head and straight out for a corner!

However, although we were to have plenty of the play in the first half and forced several corners we didn't adopt the 'shoot on sight' policy that might have paid more dividends.

Although a shot from Dan squeezed through the defence, it lacked power. It wasn't until a quarter of an hour had gone that a long ball

from Joe was well controlled by Zolly, on the halfway line, and his through ball gave Jamie the opportunity to run on and, from the edge of the penalty area, hit a shot only a yard wide.

With twenty minutes gone Whitchurch broke quickly and Tom was beaten for pace out on the left, Joe's challenge was shrugged off as the ball came over, and Greg had no chance with the shot over him and in to the net (0-1).

Dan was then just off target with a header from another corner, and Jack Belsher got in a shot after the ball had skewed off a defender's foot, only for it to be well saved by the 'keeper.

With half an hour gone another corner to us saw the ball headed half clear by a defender, only for the ball to drop to Jack B who drove low in to the corner of the net (1-1).

Whitchurch were straight back on the attack and for once Sam was outpaced on the left and although Greg spread himself and saved well with his legs, the ball rebounded around our area, we were unable to clear, and the ball was lashed home (1-2).

Phil came off with an injured ankle and Jason came on to play behind the front two, Zolly switching out wide.

HALF TIME: FRY'S 1 WHITCHURCH 2

Dan came off at half time, struggling with a thigh strain, and Ross went on for the second half, and later, with a quarter of an hour remaining, Chay was to come on in place of Zolly.

A push in the back on Jamie gave us the chance to equalise from the penalty spot, but Jason's kick was hit weakly at the 'keeper.

Other than this sortie into Whitchurch's half we spent most of the second half penned back in our own half. Whilst Tom, Joe, and Sam all made telling contributions in terms of tackles and interceptions there were again times when our defensive shape was found wanting and large gaps appeared. Greg made several good saves as Whitchurch launched wave after wave of attacks, one shot crashed back off the bar and the follow up shot was screwed wide.

A penalty conceded by Joe was converted and two other chances accepted as Whitchurch, who had overall played the more controlled football ran out deserved winners. At least there was no capitulation (*see Rich for explanation*) as there had been against Patchway, although overall it had been a disappointing performance. Jack Gooding was 'Man of the Match', well done Jack.

FULL TIME: FRY'S 1 WHITCHURCH 5

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Sam Johnson	
Tom Hamblin	Jason McCrossan
Nick Guest	Phil Knight
Craig Palmer	Colin Stallard
Liam Kavanagh	Ashley Rowe
Gareth Smith	Jay Beale

Yesterday's gale was still blowing and we elected to kick against the wind in the first half, today's theory being that if we started to tire in the second half then we'd be able to clear the ball easier.

As expected, Eastwood did the early pressing and Sam showed confident handling in the first minute, comfortably holding a head high shot.

We responded with a flowing move, started by Liam on the right, inside to Colin, left to Phil, and on to Ashley before the ball was played in to the area for Jay to get in a shot that, in turn, was comfortably saved by their 'keeper.

A 'foot up' by Colin gave Eastwood a free kick, struck just wide from 30 yards. Eastwood took the lead in the eighth minute when an unfortunate bounce took the ball away from Jason and in to the path of an Eastwood attacker. His shot rebounded off the post, and with Sam grounded an Eastwood forward nipped in to poke the ball over the line (0-1).

Eastwood then managed to gain a couple of corners, one held by Sam under the bar, the other in to the side netting. Then, in the eighteenth minute an Eastwood player, forty

yards out, surprised us with a pot shot that flew over Sam and in to the net (0-2).

Whilst given the conditions this was by no means a calamitous occurrence it would obviously prevent Eastwood's confidence from growing if we could prevent them adding to their tally. With the midfield tackling strongly and the back four relatively in control – the odd miss kick notwithstanding – and Sam watchful, this was duly accomplished. If we could only get a goal back then this could deflate Eastwood.

Given that it was not until twenty minutes in to the half before we got our second chance – Jay's strong run taking him through and his shot past the advancing 'keeper was only just wide of the post – this might be optimistic!

However, with ten minutes of the half remaining, Jay again burst through and this time crashed his shot low in to the net (1-2).

HALF TIME: FRY'S 1 EASTWOOD 2

Mark came on at right back and Nick switched to the right wing in place of Liam, whilst Ian replaced Ashley on the left. Three minutes in to the half and we were level. A corner on the right saw Craig's cross met by Jay and his header cleared off the line. The ball was played back out to Craig who crashed his shot in from a narrow angle (2-2).

A quick throw-in by Mark, over the top of the defence allowed Gareth to get in a shot, that just cleared the bar. The lead was not long in coming, however, as in the fifth minute Jay unleashed a shot from the edge of the area. Although the 'keeper got both hands to the ball the power of the shot took it through his grasp (3-2).

A long throw from Jason nearly allowed Ian a shot at goal, but he was crowded out. Another cross in from Nick was headed over by Jay and Gareth again was just off target when Mark headed the ball through to him. Twenty minutes gone and a measured shot from Colin was well held by the 'keeper, but he had no chance two minutes later when Jay really leathered a shot from way out on the left that flew over his head and in to the net (4-2).

In to the last quarter of an hour and a rare incursion in to our half saw Sam collect the ball and his long clearance was knocked on

by Jay. Gareth hared after the ball and was always going to be second to the ball in his race with a defender. However, as the defender tried to shepherd the ball out for a goal kick Gareth's tenacity paid off as he won the ball in a tackle and crossed from the by-line to give Jay a simple tap in (5-2). Dan, sidelined with a thigh strain, but itching to get in to the action came on in midfield for the last ten minutes. Jay came off and Mark moved up to centre forward – had Dave bribed the manager in an effort to get Mark's name on the scoresheet before Phil? The battle was on to see who would be the last outfield player in the team to score!

With half an hour gone, Nick did well to win a corner on the right. He followed this up with a flick-on at the near post from Craig's cross and as the ball dropped to the far post Phil stooped to head the ball over the line (6-2).

A minute later and Dan backheaded a long throw from Mark and Ian reacted quickly to reach the ball first and slide the ball past the 'keeper from the narrowest of angles (7-2).

Gareth then tried unsuccessfully to power his way through a melee of defenders, but Dan waded in and used his greater weight to good effect, bursting through and knocking his shot in off the post (8-2).

Injury time saw us trying to get the ball to Mark to give him the opportunity to open his account for the season, but he was crowded out on a couple of occasions. My money's on him to score next week!

FULL TIME: FRY'S 8 EASTWOOD 2

My apologies for the brevity and lack of depth in this week's reports – the wind played havoc with the tape recordings!

TRAINING

From now on training for the U13s and U14s will be a combined session – Dave and Andy will be pooling their talents so we can expect even greater things for the remainder of the season!

Friday evenings: 6.45pm to 8pm
(bottom car park – bring trainers and boots)

30th January – U13 League Results

Fry Club Colts	8	Eastwood	2
Henbury	9	NBC	1
St Annes	2	Warmley	1
St Nicholas	1	Frampton	3
Shirehampton	12	Coalpit Heath	0
Stapleton	5	Christchurch	2

U13 League table as at 30th January

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Fry Club	15	14	0	1	94	14	42	+80
Stapleton	14	13	0	1	76	18	39	+58
Henbury	14	11	0	3	58	26	33	+32
Frampton	15	10	1	4	68	32	31	+36
St Annes	13	8	1	4	38	27	25	+11
St Nicholas	13	4	2	7	45	48	14	-3
North Bristol	16	4	2	10	36	78	14	-42
Warmley	14	4	1	9	31	42	13	-11
Shirehampton	15	3	3	9	38	63	12	-25
Christchurch	14	3	3	8	23	49	12	-26
Eastwood Boys	13	3	1	9	22	60	10	-38
Coalpit Heath	14	1	0	13	19	91	3	-72

Forthcoming U13 fixtures

Feb	6	A	Christchurch
	13	H	North Bristol Colts
	20	A	Stapleton Juniors
	27	A	Henbury O B Colts 'B'
Mar	5	H	Shirehampton Colts
	26	H	St Nicholas 'B' (re-arranged)
April	9	A	St Annes Rangers (")

U13 TEAM FACTS

Appearances

	Full game	1 st half	2 nd half	N/A	%
Jay Beale	10	3	2	2	83
Ian Field	10	1	4	2	83
Nick Guest	10	2	1	4	88
Tom Hamblin	15	1	1	0	94
Sam Johnson	15	0	0	2	100
Liam Kavanagh	5	3	3	6	73
Phil Knight	12	2	2	1	87
Jason McCrossan	13	1	1	2	93
Craig Palmer	13	2	2	0	88
Dan Payne	11	1	3	2	87
Ashley Rowe	9	3	3	2	80
Gareth Smith	13	2	2	0	88
Colin Stallard	13	1	3	0	88
Mark Webb	12	3	1	1	87

Goals

24 – Beale;	7 – Field, Hamblin (2pen);
16 – Payne;	5 – Stallard;
14 – Smith;	4 – Kavanagh;
9 – Guest, Rowe;	3 – McCrossan;
8 – Palmer;	1 – Knight, o.g.

29th January – U14 League Results

Brislington	0	Patchway	6
Fry Club Colts	1	Whitchurch	5
Horfield	2	Avon Park	1
Shirehampton	3	Fishponds	2
Winford	P	Hengrove	P

U14 League table as at 29th January

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Patchway	10	10	0	0	72	5	30	+67
Hengrove	10	9	0	1	65	5	27	+60
Winford	11	7	2	2	52	16	23	+36
Whitchurch	11	7	1	3	46	20	22	+26
Fry Club	11	6	0	5	34	31	18	+3
Shirehampton	13	5	1	7	19	41	16	-22
Avon Park	11	5	0	6	31	39	15	-8
Horfield	12	3	1	8	28	65	10	-37
Brislington	13	2	0	11	24	95	6	-71
Fishponds	12	0	1	11	16	70	1	-54

Forthcoming U14 fixtures

Feb	5	H	Brislington
	12	A	Hengrove (re-arranged)
	19	H	Horfield United (re-arranged)
	26	A	Horfield United
Mar	4	H	Winford
	11		Cup – Semi finals
	18	A	Fishponds
	25	A	Shirehampton

U14 TEAM FACTS

Appearances

15 – Garland, Payne (1);
14 – Hamblin (1);
13 – Gooding (1), James (2);
12 – Bryant (2), Ford, Knight (2), Vanyai (2);
11 – Pitman (2);
10 – Beale (2), Smith (1);
7 – Jones (2);
6 – Welsh (5);
4 – Ashman (4), Belsher (8);
3 – Tucker;
2 – Williams (1).

Goals

8 – Beale, Vanyai;	4 – Belsher;
7 – Welsh;	3 – Payne (1 pen);
6 – Pitman (1 pen);	2 – Gooding;
5 – Bryant;	1 – Ashman, Garland, Hamblin, o.g.

Man of the Match

2 – Beale, Bryant, Gooding, Hamblin;
1 – Garland, Jones, Pitman, Vanyai, Welsh, 'The Team'.

CHOCOHOLICS !!! FRY'S RETAIL SHOP IS OPEN TO FRY CLUB MEMBERS

(This includes the boys and any parents who are also Associate members)

The shop is open 8.00am to 4.00 pm Monday to Thursday and most Fridays from 8.00 am until noon (see notice in the shop for dates)

U-14												
	Avon Park	Brislington	Fishponds	Fry's	Hengrove	Horfield	Patchway	Shirehampton	Whitchurch	Winford		
Avon Park	x		5 - 1	1 - 6	P	9 - 3		4 - 1		0 - 3		
Brislington	3 - 8	x	5 - 2	3 - 4	0 - 10		0 - 6		2 - 4	0 - 8		
Fishponds		2 - 4	x		1 - 10	2 - 7	P	1 - 2	0 - 7	1 - 6		
Fry's	4 - 0		6 - 0	x	0 - 3	P	0 - 6	6 - 1	1 - 5			
Hengrove		10 - 0		P	x	11 - 0	2 - 4	11 - 0	2 - 0	5 - 0		
Horfield	2 - 1	8 - 1	4 - 4			x	0 - 4	1 - 4	1 - 11	1 - 8		
Patchway	8 - 1	17 - 0		7 - 1		7 - 0	x			P		
Shirehampton	0 - 2	5 - 2	3 - 2		0 - 1		0 - 8	x	2 - 0	0 - 0		
Whitchurch	P	11 - 4		0 - 4		3 - 1	P	3 - 1	x	2 - 2		
Winford	8 - 0		11 - 0	5 - 2	P		1 - 5			x		
U-13												
	Christchurch	Coalpit Heath	Eastwood	Frampton	Fry's	Henbury	N B C	St Annes	St Nicholas	Shirehampton	Stapleton	Warmley
Christchurch	x	P	2 - 2			1 - 2	5 - 3		0 - 4	P	1 - 7	1 - 8
Coalpit Heath	9 - 3	x	0 - 2		0 - 13	P	0 - 4		4 - 8	2 - 4	0 - 7	0 - 3
Eastwood	0 - 1	6 - 2	x	0 - 6	0 - 5	1 - 10	6 - 2				0 - 1	
Frampton	P	10 - 1		x	3 - 1		4 - 1	4 - 1	4 - 4	14 - 1	2 - 4	
Fry's	3 - 0	3 - 1	8 - 2	3 - 0	x	5 - 2		1 - 0	P		4 - 2	9 - 0
Henbury	1 - 0		P	6 - 2		x	9 - 1	1 - 4	3 - 4	5 - 0	P	1 - 0
N B C	3 - 3	7 - 0	3 - 1	2 - 4	2 - 21	0 - 5	x	1 - 3		5 - 4		P
St Annes	1 - 1	P	P	6 - 3	P	1 - 2		x	6 - 1	4 - 1		2 - 1
St Nicholas			9 - 1	1 - 3	1 - 4	4 - 7	P	4 - 6	x	1 - 1	P	P
Shirehampton		12 - 0	P	1 - 3	1 - 12	3 - 4	1 - 1	P	3 - 1	x		5 - 6
Stapleton	5 - 2	9 - 0	11 - 1	P			6 - 1	5 - 1	6 - 3	4 - 0	x	4 - 2
Warmley	1 - 3		P	1 - 5	0 - 2		5 - 1	2 - 3		1 - 1	1 - 5	x

OUTSTANDING FIXTURES								
	Home	Away				Home		Away
	U14			U13				
Winford	Brislington	Fry's		Stapleton	13 FEB	Henbury	6 FEB	NBC
	Hengrove	Patchway			20 FEB	Fry's	27 FEB	Shirehampton
	Horfield				P	Frampton	5 MAR	St Annes
	Shirehampton						P	St Nicholas
	Whitchurch						P	Henbury
Whitchurch	Avon Park	Avon Park		Henbury	27 FEB	Fry's	6 FEB	Frampton
	Fishponds	Patchway			5 MAR	Coalpit Heath	13 FEB	Stapleton
	Hengrove	Winford			P	Eastwood	20 FEB	Warmley
	Patchway				P	Stapleton	P	Coalpit Heath
Hengrove	Avon Park	Avon Park		Frampton	6 FEB	Henbury	20 FEB	Coalpit Heath
	Fishponds	Horfield			13 FEB	Warmley	5 MAR	Christchurch
	Fry's	Patchway			27 FEB	Eastwood	P	Stapleton
		Whitchurch			P	Christchurch		
		Winford						
Patchway	Fishponds	Avon Park		St Annes	13 FEB	Eastwood	6 FEB	Coalpit Heath
	Hengrove	Fishponds			27 FEB	NBC	20 FEB	Christchurch
	Shirehampton	Whitchurch			5 MAR	Stapleton	P	Eastwood
	Whitchurch				9 APR	Fry's	P	Shirehampton
	Winford				P	Coalpit Heath		
Fry's	Brislington	Fishponds		Fry's	13 FEB	NBC	6 FEB	Christchurch
	Horfield	Hengrove			5 MAR	Shirehampton	20 FEB	Stapleton
	Winford	Horfield			26 MAR	St Nicholas	27 FEB	Henbury
		Shirehampton					9 APR	St Annes