

FRY CLUB COLTS

U13 MATCH REPORT U14

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First goals of the season for Uppy and Mark

PANIC TIME FOR MANAGERS - important message for players for forthcoming fixtures!

Andy found out at training last Friday that Gareth, Mark and Phil would all be missing for the game against St Nicks - away on a school trip. The date - 26th March, so can all the other players make a special effort to be available?

It was worse news however for Dave - as well as Phil, he would also be missing Greg, Jamie, Joe, Rich, Ross, Sam Jones, and Zolly - leaving only ten players available for the Shirehampton game on 25th March. At the time of going to press, Dave is endeavouring to rearrange the game, but if the League refuse then Clive and Leo have agreed to Colin and Jason signing on for the U14s for this game. If any of the other U14s know that they can't make the Shire game can they let Dave know as soon as possible, please?

RAFFLE TICKETS

Please get money and counterfoils back to Kerry or Andy, as soon as possible, please.

The time has come, the walrus said, to talk of many things; of shoes and ships and sealing wax, and cabbages and kings; and why the sea is boiling hot and whether pigs have wings - and referees and linesmen.....

The start of the U14 match was delayed for twenty minutes whilst we awaited the arrival of a substitute referee. I believe that the original choice was switched to a more "important" game. This does not, of course, imply that the referee for our game was not of sufficient standard to referee "important games", and just dumped on us - I presume the fact that he arrived by bicycle means he is unable to referee too far from home. Now, some readers may recall that the League was also going to provide referee's assistants at each game this season. You know what these are - they used to be called linesmen - and the idea is that they assist the referee by signalling with their flags for offside, throw-ins, things that the referee doesn't see. Often they are in a better position to view things than the referee is. When they fail to turn up - that is every game - a parent from each side, invariably a man, is usually pressed in to service by the referee. This does not require any special male bonding ritual, but it does require a certain basic mutual trust, i.e.

- that the parent has a rudimentary idea of the rules and will not cheat (well at least not blatantly)
- that the referee is not blind

If, during the game, either of these premises are found to be false, then there is normally at least one independent adjudicator on the touchline to shout out the odd words of encouragement, such as:

"Never in a million years", or even words describing the act of spinning a coin.

And everyone lives happily ever after.... ..
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Remember how last week Sam Williams injured himself whilst warming up? Well, this week we can go one better – Jack Belsher injured himself whilst watching the Manchester Utd v Liverpool game – on television !

And it gets better still !!

A parent – who shall remain nameless – decided to come and watch the game, the player having gained a lift with someone else. Unfortunately, this was not one of our regular supporters and they inadvertently watched the wrong match. Do one's son – and his friends – look so different in football kit as to be unrecognisable and be confused with Fry's first team? Tell the truth. Is the reason you don't normally come to matches because you are a referee?

Anyway, no more carping – until I go fishing again – but that's another story.

Bob Dylan's first hit single in this country was "The times they are a changin". Dave Gooding's theme tune could be "The formation, it is a changin". This week, we proudly present: 3 - 5 - 2

	Nick Ford	
Tom Hamblin	Joe Garland	Phil Knight
	Lee James	Dan Payne
Jamie Bryant	Jack Gooding	Zolly Vanyai
	Chris Uppington	Jay Beale

Substitutes: (not used): Chay Welsh, Ross Ashman.

What early attacking there was came from us, although play was mostly confined to a congested midfield, with Winford's back four a match for our attack. However, after seven minutes Winford broke down our left only to be denied progress by a tackle from Phil, the ball going out of play off the foot of a Winford player. The linesman, who was only about four yards away, signalled accordingly. The referee, who was approximately twenty yards away, and with his view blocked by both Phil and the Winford player, awarded the throw to Winford.

The throw was taken quickly, over Phil's head, the attacker held off Joe's challenge, crossed in to the six-yard box and Nick was unable to save the firmly hit shot, (0-1). One wonders what Sir Alex Ferguson or the likes of Martin O'Neill or Gordon Strachan might have said regarding referees. Sad to say, this was not to be an isolated incident.

This piece of luck spurred Winford on, and they forced a corner on our left that was wasted, the ball hit behind. We, in turn, attacked with Jay centring the ball, only for Jamie to slip as he shaped to shoot.

Another quick break from Winford saw Zolly race back to shepherd the ball back for Nick to hack clear for a corner, as an attacker was breathing down his neck. Jack belted the ball clear as the corner kick dropped beyond the far post.

However, we were caught napping after a quarter of an hour when a cross from our left flank was met at the far post by a Winford attacker who headed the ball just inside the post (0-2). In the past, in such circumstances, I've seen the heads go down, and the whinging start. Full marks then for trying to take the game by the scruff of the neck and dominate the opposition.

Jamie and Uppy combined on the right and Jamie crossed deep for Jay who was unable to get a shot on target, but gained a corner that Winford cleared. Winford attacked again and everyone backed off (somebody has to go to the player with the ball!). As the player shot from the edge of the area, Nick managed to get a hand to the ball and Phil cleared as an opponent homed in on goal.

Play deteriorated into a midfield-tackling contest, both defences standing firm and both attacks outnumbered. With ten minutes of the half remaining, Jay had a shot deflected for a corner.

Jack's centre to the far post was met by **Dan** and his downward header was firm enough to beat the 'keeper and the defender on the line (1-2).

A good cross from Zolly, on the left, and Jay got in a strike, but straight at the 'keeper. A long ball down the right wing by Dan saw Uppy turn his opponent only for his cross to be cut out at the expense of a corner. Jay took the kick and as the ball dropped in the area Phil and then Jack both had efforts blocked.

HALF TIME: FRY'S 1 WINFORD 2

Straightaway we were on the attack with a through ball for Jay to run on to, only for his shot to be blocked, and also that of Uppy, following up. Jack's throw in on the right saw him receive the ball back from Jamie and cross for Jay to pull the ball back for Uppy to shoot, his shot being blocked on the line and cleared for a corner. Again Dan won the ball from Jack's corner but his header back across goal was just wide of the post.

Some powerful play by Jack in midfield – somewhat fired up, I think – saw him win the ball and combine with Lee and Jay to produce a chance for Uppy, but the shot was just wide.

A quarter of an hour gone and with Jamie and Uppy battling for the ball Winford cleared only as far as Dan whose low shot went narrowly past the post. Another throw from Jack on the right, long in to the box, and Jay turned and shot only for his effort to be blocked. However, the ball fell nicely for **Uppy** to beat the 'keeper from inside the six-yard box and level the scores (2-2).

Winford came straight back with a raid down our right flank and Joe sped across to head off the danger, but had to concede a throw in. The throw was long, to the near post, and as Joe headed clear Tom brought the ball out of defence and set Zolly free for a run down the left that finished with a cross that was cut out before it could reach Jay and Jamie, waiting in the centre.

Twenty-two minutes gone and a foul on Jay gave Jack the opportunity to deliver a quality ball from 30 yards. He elected to shoot instead, the shot being high, wide, and not too handsome. Two minutes later and a quickly taken free kick by Jack, over the top of the defence, allowed Jay to run through. In a race with the 'keeper he just

managed to get a toe to the ball first and the ball trickled agonisingly slowly towards the goal, only to strike the foot of the post. Jay was unable to recover in time to net the rebound, but did win a corner. His centre was met by Jamie and his downward header was turned round the post by the 'keeper. Jack swung the corner in under the bar, only for it to be headed off the line.

Less than ten minutes to go and a long throw by Jay was headed down by Phil and Uppy's shot was stopped on the line by the 'keeper.

Winford again broke quickly and Nick had to rush out to clear. When the ball came back in a good tackle from Lee foiled the attack.

Another long throw from Jack and a good backheader from Jay enabled Jamie to get in a header that the 'keeper saved.

A fine header out by Tom – one of many by him and Joe – gave Jay the opportunity to blast a shot over, and we continued to press forward looking for the winner, without success.

FULL TIME: FRY'S 2 WINFORD 2

MAN OF THE MATCH

Rich Pitman and Jason came to watch as Hengrove's game was called off. So we roped in Rich, along with Scott, to pick the Man of the Match. For leading by example and ball winning as well as distribution, the trophy (maybe) and this week's copy of "Angling Mail" – along with the black eye he received – go to:

Jack Gooding

Afterthoughts.....

I thought that we showed a lot of commitment and did well to come back from two goals down. Indeed, we were unlucky with the first goal we conceded, and created more, and better, chances than Winford. We can still finish in third place, but we will need to show the spirit and determination that we did in this game – and hope the rest of the results go our way.

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Sam Johnson	
Tom Hamblin	Dan Payne
Liam Kavanagh	Phil Knight
Craig Palmer	Colin Stallard
Nick Guest	Ian Field
Gareth Smith	Jay Beale

Although we did the initial attacking, a break by Shire saw Dan concede a corner, met by a Shire head, but Sam caught the ball easily. Another attack and a shot straight at Sam brought the encouraging shout from a Shire parent "Come on, we can beat this lot, today."

"Doubt it" – I thought to myself – but it's good that parents encourage, I think maybe I'll try it with Phil sometime!

It was ten minutes in to the half before we really got in to our attacking stride, with Craig and Colin combining to send Gareth away, only for a defender to get the ball out for a throw in. From the throw Jay had a woeful strike at goal that was heading out for a throw in before Nick retrieved the ball and centred. This time **Jay** made no mistake, leaping to head in at the far post (1-0).

A free kick for handball was hit long by Tom, but the 'keeper got to it just before Jay. Shire responded and with the ball bouncing around our area, Dan cleared the ball to Phil, who lost possession, regained it, and passed to Ian. The ball was then moved to Colin, Craig, and Nick who centred for Jay to beat the 'keeper to the ball. His shot was then straight at a defender on the line, but he persevered and at the third attempt **Jay** succeeded in getting the ball over the line (2-0).

A minute later and **Gareth** latched on to a through ball and neatly lobbed the 'keeper as he came out (3-0).

Shire responded with an attack down our right flank, stopped by Liam with a firm tackle, only to be fouled for his trouble. A good run down the

right touchline by Gareth and cross in for Jay saw the 'keeper react quickly to stop his head being taken off by a point blank thunderbolt – getting his hand to the ball and deflecting it round the post. Tom's header from the corner was wide and Jay blasted another shot across the face of the goal from a narrow angle.

Phil was caught dwelling on the ball, but Ian rescued the situation and exchanged passes with Colin before setting Jay free down the left. Nick met his long cross at the far post, but he was tackled just as he was about to shoot.

In to the last ten minutes and a long ball through the middle by Phil saw **Gareth** chase past a defender and round the 'keeper before slotting the ball home (4-0).

Two minutes later and a long free kick from Tom saw **Dan** take his eye off the ball as he leaped, and the ball skid off the side of his head – or was it a deliberate glance – and in to the back of the net (5-0).

Another long free kick by Tom saw Colin get in a shot that was blocked on the line, and Jay's follow up shot hit wide. Jay then crossed the ball in for Ian, who was unable to get a shot in.

Jay was unable to get on the end of a deep ball in from Liam, but the ball was only cleared as far as Colin whose shot just cleared the bar.

HALF TIME: FRY'S 5 SHIREHAMPTON 0

Tom and Colin came off at half time, with Jason coming on and Gareth dropping back in to midfield as Andy launched his secret weapon – Mark on as centre forward.

Two minutes in to the half and a foul by Craig conceded a free kick 40 yards out that was well hit and only just wide. Another free kick conceded and Sam was unable to hold the ball, fortunately a Shire forward hit the ball wide. Ian picked up a loose ball in midfield and played the ball wide to Jay on the left; his cross in was met by a diving header from Mark that went wide of the near post.

Ten minutes in to the half and good work by Gareth and a pass out to Nick whose cross just clipped the top of Mark's head as he leaped for

the ball. Ian won a corner on the left, and from Craig's corner Liam headed towards the top corner only for the 'keeper to get a hand to it and put the ball out for another corner. This time Mark stooped to head – but straight to the 'keeper. As the ball was cleared Phil spotted the 'keeper off his line and had a speculative punt from the half way line, wide – but a good idea. (*How's that for encouragement?*)

Thirteen minutes into the half and the big moment arrived. A long throw by Jay and although Ian was unable to get in a shot the ball fell to **Mark** who made no mistake with a left foot shot from the six-yard line (6-0). So, the final piece in the jigsaw, so to speak, as Mark became the fourteenth player to get on the scoresheet this season – that's all of our regular outfield players, a good achievement. Mark's reward was to return to the right back berth as we reverted to a more normal formation for a while, with Liam pushing forward in to midfield.

A minute later and a through ball from Gareth saw **Craig** run on and coolly slide the ball past the advancing 'keeper (7-0).

A flowing move initiated by Craig and involving Mark, Ian, and Nick finished with Nick shooting into the side netting. Then an interception by Mark and pass to Craig saw him burst through and shoot wide from the edge of the area.

We now reverted to a back three, with Jason moving forward. A cross in from Nick and a flick-on by Gareth nearly saw an immediate reward for this ploy. Somehow, however, Jason managed not to score from a yard out with two shots and a header – the 'keeper managing to block on each occasion!

An interception by Mark and pass to Liam and on to Nick gave him the opportunity to shoot from the edge of the area; instead he elected to pass to Gareth, who had strayed offside.

Another interception, this time by Liam, and another cross from Nick was claimed by the 'keeper. Phil broke up the resulting Shire attack and Jay won a corner from his through ball. **Dan** met Craig's corner with a firm header past the 'keeper (8-0).

A through ball for Jason to hare after saw him try to round the 'keeper, who just got a hand to the ball. Jason still managed to get to the ball and shoot goalwards and **Nick** was on hand to ram the ball home (9-0).

In to the last couple of minutes and Craig won the ball, passed it out to Ian and his ball to Jay was centred for **Jason** to turn and crash the ball past the 'keeper (10-0). Liam then intercepted the ball and a run down the left by Jay ended with Jason feeding the ball to Gareth who was denied by the 'keeper.

Shire reserved their best attempt for injury time with Sam, having been a spectator for most of the second half, bringing off a smart diving save.

FULL TIME: FRY'S 10 SHIREHAMPTON 0

Afterthoughts.....

Well, another game that, with all due respect to the efforts of the Shirehampton players, was not likely to prove too testing. But, another clean sheet, another convincing win. With the St Annes v Stapleton match postponed, the championship is still undecided. There are quite a few outstanding fixtures to be played, but let's look forward to our next match against St Nicholas and win in style!

NAME AND SHAME!!

Andy has requested that I print an updated list of what is owed by whom. So, boys and parents – pull your finger out – dig in the pockets, search the drawers, and pull out the following!

	Money	Birth Cert	Parents form	Info form
Ashley	£2	yes	yes	
Colin	£3	yes	yes	yes
Craig	£1			
Jay	£2		yes	yes
Nick		yes	yes	yes
Sam	£2			

OUTSTANDING FIXTURES

U13

Well, as far as the U13s are concerned the only question is – by how far are we going to win the League?

Stapleton still have some tough games left, and we will want to keep our winning run going. Training will continue on Friday evenings so we remain focussed.

Christchurch	v	Coalpit Heath
Christchurch	v	Frampton
Christchurch	v	Shirehampton
Coalpit Heath	v	Henbury
Eastwood	v	St Annes
Frampton	v	Christchurch
Fry's	v	St Nicholas
Henbury	v	Coalpit Heath
Henbury	v	Eastwood
North Bristol Colts	v	Warmley
St Annes	v	Coalpit Heath
St Annes	v	Fry's
St Annes	v	Stapleton
St Nicholas	v	North Bristol Colts
St Nicholas	v	Stapleton
St Nicholas	v	Warmley
Shirehampton	v	Eastwood
Shirehampton	v	St Annes
Stapleton	v	Frampton
Stapleton	v	Henbury
Warmley	v	Eastwood
Warmley	v	St Nicholas

U14

Things are not so certain here. Looking at the remaining fixtures I make Patchway the favourites to retain their title. However, the result of this weekend's Cup semi-final between them might have some psychological bearing on the destination of the league championship.

Whitchurch and Winford, our rivals for third place have each to play Patchway and Hengrove and if we are to pip them then we may need a result against Hengrove. It could end up on goal difference as far as we are concerned, although it won't come down to this for the championship. If Hengrove and Patchway finish level on points then there will be a play-off.

Avon Park	v	Patchway
Avon Park	v	Whitchurch
Brislington	v	Shirehampton
Fishponds	v	Fry's
Hengrove	v	Fry's
Horfield	v	Hengrove
Patchway	v	Fishponds
Patchway	v	Whitchurch
Patchway	v	Winford
Shirehampton	v	Fry's
Whitchurch	v	Avon Park
Whitchurch	v	Hengrove
Winford	v	Brislington
Winford	v	Hengrove
Winford	v	Horfield

I don't know if the Winford v Shirehampton game will get played – Shire never turned up last weekend, so I've included it in the table as a 1-0 win for Winford, and not included it in the above list of outstanding fixtures.

U14 TEAM FACTS

4th March – U14 League Results

Brislington	5	Horfield	2
Fry Club Colts	2	Winford	2
Hengrove	P	Avon Park	P
Patchway	8	Shirehampton	3

U14 League table as at 4th March

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Patchway	14	13	1	0	92	9	40	+83
Hengrove	13	11	1	1	75	8	34	+67
Whitchurch	14	9	1	4	56	25	28	+31
Fry Club	15	9	1	5	62	39	28	+23
Winford	14	8	3	3	57	23	27	+34
Avon Park	14	7	0	7	43	47	21	-4
Shirehampton	16	6	1	9	29	52	19	-23
Horfield	16	3	1	12	35	89	10	-54
Brislington	16	3	0	13	36	118	9	-82
Fishponds	16	0	1	15	22	97	1	-75

Appearances

18 – Garland (1),
 17 – Gooding (1), Payne (2);
 16 – Bryant (2), Hamblin (1), James (3),
 Knight (2), Vanyai (2);
 14 – Beale (2),
 13 – Ford (2);
 11 – Pitman (2);
 10 – Smith (1);
 8 – Jones (2), Welsh (6);
 7 – Ashman (4);
 6 – Belsher (9), Tucker;
 2 – Uppington, Williams (2).

Goals

13 – Beale;
 12 – Vanyai;
 11 – Bryant;
 9 – Belsher, Welsh;
 6 – Pitman (1 pen);
 5 – Payne (1 pen);
 4 – Ashman;
 2 – Gooding;
 1 – Garland, Hamblin, Knight, Uppington;

Own goals - 1

Man of the Match

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

U14 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 – replay	3-0
Nov	6	A	Winford	2-5
	13	H	Fishponds	6-0
	14	H	Hutton Juniors	2-1
	(Somerset FA Lewin Cup – 1 st round)			
	20	H	Shirehampton	6-1
	27	A	Winford - Cup	4-5
Jan	8	H	Avon Park Rangers	4-0
	9	A	Backwell	5-5
	(Somerset FA Lewin Cup – 2 nd round) (Backwell win 4-3 on penalties aet)			
	22	A	Patchway Colts	1-7
	29	H	Whitchurch	1-5
Feb	5	H	Brislington	14-3
	19	H	Horfield United	7-1
	26	A	Horfield United	5-2
Mar	4	H	Winford	2-2
	11	Cup – Semi-finals (Patchway v Hengrove) (Winford v Horfield)		
	18	A	Fishponds	
	25	A	Shirehampton	
TBA		A	Hengrove Boys	

Maps are included for the remaining three fixtures

U13 TEAM FACTS

5th March – U13 League Results

Christchurch	P	Frampton	P
Coalpit Heath	1	Henbury	6
Eastwood	0	Warmley	3
Fry Club	10	Shirehampton	0
North Bristol	4	St Nicholas	2
St Annes	P	Stapleton	P

Appearances

	Full game	1 st half	2 nd half	N/A	%
Jay Beale	14	3	2	3	87
Ian Field	14	1	5	2	85
Nick Guest	13	2	3	4	86
Tom Hamblin	17	2	2	1	86
Sam Johnson	19	0	0	3	100
Liam Kavanagh	7	4	4	7	73
Phil Knight	16	3	2	1	88
Jason McCrossan	16	1	2	3	92
Craig Palmer	16	4	2	0	86
Dan Payne	14	2	4	2	85
Ashley Rowe	10	4	3	5	79
Gareth Smith	17	3	2	0	89
Colin Stallard	17	2	3	0	89
Mark Webb	16	3	2	1	88

Substitute appearances:

2 – David Hares;
1 – Adam Britton, Mattie Green, Luke Temblett.

Goals

34 – Beale;
20 – Payne;
19 – Smith;
12 – Rowe;
10 – Guest, Stallard;
9 – Palmer;
7 – Field, Hamblin (2pen);
4 – Kavanagh, McCrossan;
1 – Green, Knight, Webb;

Own goals – 2

U13 League table as at 5th March

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Fry Club	20	19	0	1	127	17	57	+110
<u>Stapleton</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>+59</u>
Frampton	19	14	1	4	91	37	43	+54
Henbury	19	12	1	6	70	47	37	+23
St Annes	17	11	1	5	57	32	34	+25
Warmley	18	7	1	10	48	46	22	+2
Eastwood	18	6	1	11	37	71	19	-34
St Nicholas	17	5	2	10	58	62	17	-4
North Bristol	20	5	2	13	41	92	17	-51
Christchurch	18	4	4	10	31	66	16	-35
Shirehampton	19	3	4	12	41	81	13	-40
Coalpit Heath	19	1	0	18	21	130	3	-109

U13 Fixtures

Sep	12	A	St Nicholas 'B'	4-1	
	19	H	Frampton Rangers 'A'	3-0	
	26	A	Shirehampton Colts - Cup	11-1	
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' - Cup	3-6	
Nov	7	A	North Bristol Colts	21-2	
	14	H	Stapleton Juniors	4-2	
	21	H	Henbury O B Colts 'B'	5-2	
	28	A	Shirehampton Colts	12-1	
Dec	5	H	St Annes Rangers	1-0	
	Jan	9	A	Frampton Rangers 'A'	1-3
		16	H	Warmley Rangers 'A'	9-0
		23	A	Coalpit Heath	13-0
		30	H	Eastwood Boys 'B'	8-2
Feb	6	A	Christchurch	8-1	
	13	H	North Bristol Colts	4-0	
	20	A	Stapleton Juniors	5-0	
	27	A	Henbury O B Colts 'B'	6-2	
Mar	5	H	Shirehampton Colts	10-0	
	26	H	St Nicholas 'B'		
April	9	A	St Annes Rangers (see enclosed map)		