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With Nick off scrambling, we welcomed Craig for his league baptism in an otherwise unchanged team:

Craig Mehew

Joe Garland

Sam Jones Phil Knight

Rich Healey

Jack Gooding Dan Payne

Jamie Bryant

Jay Beale

Zolly Vanyai John Pitt

Substitutes: Mark Webb (Phil Knight, 19),
 Tom Hamblin (Sam Jones, 72),
 Ross Ashman (John Pitt, 73).

Whitchurch, with only 10 players created the first chance when Phil conceded a free kick for a push in the back. Dan cleared for a corner from which Uppy, a one time Fry Colt, shot wide. Craig was soon in action, getting down quickly to smother a shot from the edge of the area.

We won our first corner in the sixth minute. Jamie won the ball in midfield, Dan got the knock down and passed out to Jay, whose shot was turned round the post by the 'keeper. Jack's corner was whipped in, but with a strong tail wind was too high and long.

Ten minutes gone and Jay knocked a crossfield ball back for Phil to centre. Jamie just failed to connect and Zolly thrashed a shot wide from a narrow angle when a pullback might have brought greater reward.

However, we were not to be denied the lead for long. With a quarter of an hour gone, a long throw by Jay found its way through a crowded penalty area to Rich, who shot low in to the corner of the net (1-0).

Two minutes later and Whitchurch were caught offside. Sam pumped the ball forward and Dan ran on and from the edge of the area hit the ball low and true past the advancing 'keeper (2-0).

Jay then swung in a corner from the right and Dan could only plant his free header over the bar. Phil decided that he had contributed sufficient to the match and hobbled off to play with Jack Payne, Mark coming on to fill the left defence position.

A snap shot by Dan whistled six inches over the bar and then, with just over half an hour gone Zolly attempted to be too clever in midfield, losing the ball; Whitchurch played an incisive through ball that split Joe and Mark, and Craig couldn't prevent their forward sliding the ball past him (2-1).

Straight from the kick-off Dan played the ball out to Jay on the left. The cross came in and John's shot was blocked, then his follow-up effort was saved by the 'keeper.

Mark had a pot shot from 40 yards, but well over the bar.

HALF TIME: FRY'S 2 WHITCHURCH 1

Only a minute in to the half and a through ball from Dan was played out to Jay by John. Jay turned his marker, advanced to the edge of the penalty area and slammed the ball home (3-1).

Two minutes later and an interception by Joe and pass to Jack, one-two with Zolly, and cross to the far post saw Jay stretching but just unable to get his touch on target – but a good move.

A quick throw by Jack gave Jamie the opportunity to beat his man and cross for John to head home, only for the 'goal' to be disallowed for offside.

With seven minutes gone, Jay ran on to a long punt from Craig, allowed the ball to bounce twice, and then hit a trade-mark cannonball shot from 40 yards past the stationary 'keeper (4-1).

A quarter of an hour in to the half and a long free kick by Jack and good ball out to Jamie from Dan saw Jamie flick the ball over his marker's head and turn and chase, only to be just beaten to the ball by the 'keeper. Dan then had a near post header blocked.

A tackle on Jack saw him go down clutching his knee. The referee waved play on and our defence concentrated on shouting for Whitchurch to put the ball out of play, rather than marking opponents. As Whitchurch themselves only had 10 players I suppose they felt justified in continuing. So they did, and they scored (4-2). Interestingly, Law 5 – The Referee, states that the referee:

Stops the match if, in his opinion, a player is seriously injured and ensures that he is removed from the field of play, or allows play to continue until the ball is out of play if a player is, in his opinion, only slightly injured.

Jack duly recovered, which I suppose validates the referee's decision that the injury wasn't serious, and Joe was duly booked for calling him a b*****d.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct lists "shows dissent by word or action" as one of the seven cautionable offences. It lists "uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" as one of the seven offences for which a player should be sent off. I would therefore suggest that Joe was a lucky b*****d to still be on the pitch.

Twenty minutes gone and a good ball in by John saw Jamie spoon a left foot shot over the bar from six yards. However, two minutes later and **Zolly** turned on the edge of the area and shot across the 'keeper in to the far corner of the net (5-2).

Almost half an hour gone and a moment of panic in the Whitchurch defence as Jack's low shot was parried, Rich's miss-hit and **John's** hit low past the 'keeper (6-2).

A bit of slackness crept in to our game at this stage and we were penalised for it when we all stood rooted to the spot and allow a forward to run through and shoot low past the unprotected Craig (6-3).

Less than 10 minutes left and a shot by Jay was turned over by the 'keeper, and Sam went down after taking a knock on his ankle. I thought, "sod it" and ran on with the bucket before play had been stopped and ventured the opinion that the tackle had been rather late. Fortunately the referee saw fit not to: *take action against team officials who fail to conduct themselves in a responsible manner and may at his discretion, expel them from the field of play and its immediate surrounds* (Law 5, again).

It was Sam's "good" ankle, but Dave brought on Tom to replace him in any case. Ross then came on to replace John up front and two minutes later got a good flick on to a long throw from Dan that **Jay** powered on to, held off a challenge, and again shot low across the 'keeper (7-3).

FULL TIME: FRY'S 7 WHITCHURCH 3

Afterthoughts.....
A much better performance this week. We played with passion and looked like we wanted to win. As you get older and stronger and faster there is often less time and space for flowing football, especially from the opposition if we close them down quickly. Most of us were impressed with what we saw (although little Jack Payne wasn't too keen on Sam Jones' goatee!).

MAN OF THE MATCH : A few contenders this week. Joe played well at the back; a hat-trick from Jay; but after conferring with Rob and Steve I awarded the MOTM conker (we still haven't traced the trophy) to Dan Payne for his all round, non-stop effort and commitment.

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No Sam, AWOL, so Phil - nursing a thigh injury from the day before that might have flared up if he played outfield – went in goal. Otherwise, the personnel were the same as for the opening match. Nick and Ian were fit again and occupied the subs' bench (or would have done if we had one!).

	Phil Knight	
Tom Hamblin		Jason McCrossan
Joe Cook		Liam Kavanagh
	Mark Webb	Colin Stallard
Craig Palmer		Dan Payne
	Gareth Smith	Jay Beale

Substitute: Ian Field (Colin Stallard, 50), Nick Guest (Gareth Smith, 50).

We were expecting a difficult game for, as we had seen at Wandswell, St Vallier were a good passing side. In addition, Andy was an absentee manager and we had no referee. Clive reffed the first half and I

was acting manager. The team-talk consisted of the warning "Don't argue with the ref's decisions" and "Now go and play football". I don't like cluttering their brains with too much to remember!

There were few first half chances for either side. A downward header by Tom, from a corner, beat their 'keeper but was hacked off the line; a chipped free kick by Dan that failed to beat the 'keeper. These were all we had to show for the first twenty-five minutes play.

Andy now arrived and things started to improve! With half time approaching, Jay ran on to a through ball and let fly from outside the left edge of the penalty area, only for the rocket to pass just the wrong side of the post.

Two minutes later and an almost carbon copy shot followed Tom's headed clearance and Dan's pass. Then Mark's persistence saw him win the ball and get a good cross in from the left that we couldn't get on the end of.

The best chance of the half, however, fell to St Vallier. An attacker cut in from our right flank and as Phil covered his near post the ball was cut back to a forward just outside the six-yard box. Somehow Phil managed to slide across the goal line and clear the shot with his feet!

Then a good knock down by Gareth unfortunately fell to Craig's left foot and his shot was wide and lacking power.

HALF TIME: FRY'S 0 ST VALLIER 0

Two minutes in to the second half and Gareth and Colin combined to set Jay loose in the area. The wise move looked to send the ball out wide to Mark, but Jay turned well and fired low past the 'keeper and in to the far corner of the net (1-0).

A minute later and Jay lifted another shot just over the bar from the penalty spot. Colin then won the ball in midfield and passed out to Dan on the left. He checked back and centred with his right foot to find Craig unmarked at the far post. Unfortunately, Craig didn't realise how much time was available and missed his kick as he tried a first time shot.

A good passing move, involving Mark, Dan and Jay ended with Gareth steaming in from the right to flash a shot just wide of the far post.

Eight minutes in to the half and Joe broke up a Vallier's attack, and we advanced quickly. Dan's shot was only parried by the 'keeper and Jay calmly netted the rebound (2-0).

We were looking really impressive now. Our midfield, which at times in the first half had been second to the ball, was now in control. We looked commanding at the back where Joe and Liam were preventing their opponents getting in crosses; Tom was in dominant form whilst Jason was mopping up any long balls coming through.

A long run by Dan from inside his own half finished with a shot that beat the advancing 'keeper, only for a defender to clear off the line.

With 20 minutes remaining Andy decided to inject some fresh legs to the team and brought on Ian and Nick. It was nearly a brilliant substitution as Ian got in a shot from Jay's long throw, only for the 'keeper to save.

However, with 15 minutes remaining we put the result beyond doubt when Tom rose at the far post to head in Craig's corner kick (3-0).

Dan got on the scoresheet with a 35-yard shot that bounced in front of the 'keeper and squirmed through his hands (4-0), before Jay secured his second hat-trick of the weekend (5-0).

FULL TIME: FRY'S 5 ST VALLIER 0

Afterthoughts.....
Another strong performance against a team whose first half performance had given no indication that they would collapse in the second half. Although St Vallier played some pretty football we showed greater spirit and resilience.

24th September - Cup results

Bitton 'A'	6	Longwell Green	0
Bristol Merlins	0	Frampton 'A'	18
Frampton 'B'	2	Eastwood 'A'	5
Fry Club 'A'	5	St Vallier	0
Shirehampton Colts	5	Henbury O B 'A'	8
S Glos Boys	1	Avon Athletic	3
Stoke Lane Ath.	0	Warmley 'A'	18
Thornbury	7	Winterbourne	0
Yate Utd	5	Pucklechurch	6

On the basis that we should make the most of the expertise that is available, and that where both teams want to be is at the top – future team talks will be conducted by Rich Smith (Evening Post 18th September):

U15 Fixtures

Sep	9	H	Hengrove Boys	1-5
	16	A	Brislington	P
	23	H	Whitchurch	7-3
	30			
Oct	7	H	Redcatch	
	14		Cup Preliminary round	
	21			
	28	A	Fishponds Athletic	
Nov	4	H	Winford	
	11	H	Patchway	
	18	H	Avon Park Rangers	
	25		Cup – Quarter-finals	
Dec	2			
	9	A	Fishponds United	
	16	A	Hengrove	
Jan	6	H	Brislington	
	13	A	Whitchurch	
	20			
	27	H	Redcatch	
Feb	3	A	Fishponds Athletic	
	10	A	Winford	
	17			
	24	A	Patchway	
Mar	3		Cup – Semi-finals	
	10			
	17	H	Avon Park Rangers	
	24	H	Fishponds United	

9th September - League results

Fry Club Colts	1	Hengrove	5
Fishponds Utd	10	Fishponds Ath	1
Whitchurch	4	Winford	1

23rd September - League results

Brislington	4	Redcatch	2
Fry Club	7	Whitchurch	3
Hengrove	5	Avon Park	0
Winford	11	Fishponds Utd	0

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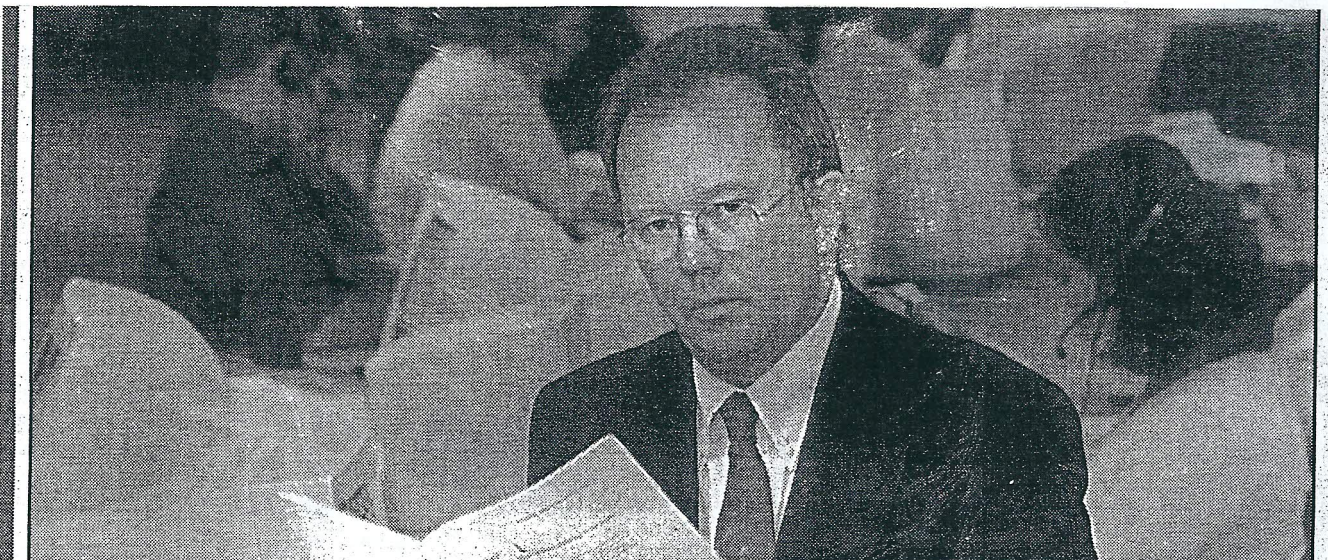
Sep	10	A	Thornbury Falcons	3-1
	17	H	Whitchurch 'A'	P
	24	H	Cup - St Vallier	5-0
Oct	1	A	Frampton 'A'	
	8	A	Hutton Juniors (Som Cup)	
	15	A	Avon Athletic	
	22	H	Brislington Juniors 'A'	
	29		Cup – First round	
Nov	5	A	Bitton 'A'	
	12	H	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	
	19			
	26	A	Almondsbury	
Dec	3			
	10			
	17	H	Thornbury Falcons	
Jan	7	A	Whitchurch 'A'	
	14	H	Frampton 'A'	
	21	A	Warmley Rangers 'A'	
	28	H	Avon Athletic	
Feb	4	A	Brislington Juniors 'A'	
	11	H	Bitton 'A'	
	18	A	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	
	25			
Mar	4	H	Almondsbury	
TBA		H	Warmley Rangers 'A'	

17th September - League results

Brislington 'A'	1	Avon Athletic	4
Whitchurch 'B'	3	Frampton 'A'	5

24th September - League results

Whitchurch 'A'	1	Brislington 'A'	3
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