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Lee, away in London, and Sam, nursing his injured ankle were the only absentees as, looking very smart in our new yellow kit, we lined up:

Nick Ford

Joe Garland Tom Hamblin

Phil Knight

Rich Healey

Dan Pavne

Jack Gooding Zolly Vanyai

Jay Beale

Jamie Bryant John Pitt

Substitutes: Mark Webb (Dan Payne, 40), Chay Welsh (Jay Beale, 40), Ross Ashman (Jamie Bryant, 40).

Fry's kicked off on a balmy afternoon with the slope in our favour, and it was only three minutes in to the match before we created our first scoring opportunity. A good ball in from Rich to Jamie saw him cross in to the six-yard box only for a defender to get in first and concede a corner. Tom rose at the far post and headed narrowly over.

Dan then won the ball in midfield and his pass to Jack saw the ball knocked on for Jamie to cross and Jay to win another corner when challenged by a defender, but this came to nothing.

Then, in the sixth minute, a good through ball by Zolly and again Jamie made ground down the right before pulling the ball back for John to shoot on the turn. Unfortunately, the ball cannoned off a post and was cleared for another corner. **Jamie** rose high at the far post to meet Jay's kick and I could swear he had his eyes open as he headed the ball just inside the post (1-0).

The Bris 'keeper made two good parries from shots by Rich and John before, in the eleventh minute, a poor goalkick saw John win the ball and **Jamie** slide in to beat the 'keeper to the ball and roll it under him in to the net (2-0).

We then continued to attack fluently and the goals came regularly. In the next twenty minutes **Jamie** secured his hat trick, **John** got a couple and hit the post again, and **Jay** also thumped one in. John hit the post for a third time, and Jamie just failed to get to the rebound before Rich had a shot saved.

Thirty-five minutes gone and a rare attack by Bris saw Tom come across and intercept the ball, winning a throw as well. Phil took and promptly threw the ball straight to a Bris player who ran on unchallenged before shooting weakly straight at Nick.

A minute later and Zolly won the ball out on the right and dribbled in to the box before shaping to shoot and then knocking the ball sideways for John to feed **Jamie**, who shot low across the 'keeper (7-0). The next minute and it was 8-0 as Jamie cleverly switched the angle of our attack - standing on the penalty spot he elected to pass the ball out to the right wing! Zolly passed it back to Jamie, who this time passed it goalwards for **Dan** to strike the ball low in to the corner.

HALF TIME: BRISLINGTON 0 FRY'S 8

Dan, Jamie, and Jay were brought off at half time, to be replaced by Mark, Ross, and Chay. Two minutes in to the half and a long ball over the top from Jack allowed Zolly to burst in to the box and strike his shot against the crossbar. Chay played the rebound back to Ross who teed it up for John to lift his shot over the bar.

Five minutes in to the half and a long free kick from Jack saw a Bris defender win the ball, only for it to drop to **Ross** – who calmly shot past the 'keeper to make it 9-0. Straight from the kick off John won the ball and attempted to chip the 'keeper from the edge of the area, only to shoot wide. A corner from the left

and **Zolly** slid in at the near post to meet Jack's kick and shoot between 'keeper and post (10-0). Then a good run from Jack down the right wing saw him cross to the far post where Zolly might have done better than head wide.

Ten minutes in to the half and Joe, ambling back to intercept a through ball decided to pass back to Nick. The ball was woefully underhit and a Bris attacker nipped in and took the ball round Nick before squaring it for a colleague. Joe dived in and missed the tackle but fortunately the Bris forward shot weakly straight at the back-pedalling Nick.

A quick throw by Tom, and cross by Jack, saw Zolly slide in at the far post, but just fail to make contact. Then a long throw from Ross and flick-on by Tom saw Zolly try an acrobatic shot that the 'keeper held. However, from the clearance **Jack** struck the ball cleanly from 40 yards, over the 'keeper and under the bar (11-0), making up for two weakly-hit left foot shots a couple of minutes earlier.

Tom tried to get in on the goal rush with a run from the back and a shot from 35 yards that was just over.

A knock down by Chay and cross over to the far post from Jack saw Zolly lay the ball back for **Rich** to come in and complete the scoring (12-0). Then a good crossfield ball from Phil to Ross allowed him to play a one-two with Chay before producing a low shot that the 'keeper turned round the post. Tom stretched to get his head to the ball from the resulting corner, but his effort was wide.

Careless play at the back by first Jack and then Phil almost allowed Bris in, and this clearly gave Bris a bit of belated confidence, as they actually put us under a bit of pressure at the back. We obviously need more running in training to stop us wilting! We were actually making it easy for Bris to come on to us as Jack, Mark, and Rich were camped on the edge of our penalty area. We seemed to be playing a 6–0–3 system, with Zolly in a floating role! Now, if it had been 3-0-6 I might have understood, Anyway, Mark cleared long for John to chase through and try to caress the ball past the 'keeper, only for an outstretched foot to deny him.

Another long clearance from Mark this time saw John round the 'keeper only to take the ball too wide and allow time for a defender to get back and clear his shot off the line. Another acrobatic effort by Zolly, a shot from Rich that was well saved, a drive just wide from Mark, more close shaves from John, and a header wide by Phil. So many chances created but not taken.

FULL TIME: BRISLINGTON 0 FRY'S 12

Afterthoughts.....

Well, last season Steve and I were in charge for this fixture and everybody played pants and we won an exciting game 4-3. This time Dave was in charge, you played better, and the spectators were bored!! Just goal, after goal, after goal. Where was the tension? Where was the excitement? Well, it looked like Steve and I might have been in charge for the Redcatch game, but Dave chickened out - or managed to get time off work - a shame, really, I had some excellent tactics and formations worked out!

MAN OF THE MATCH: Greg Tucker came along to watch and awarded the "Good Egg" trophy to Rich Healey. The normal MOTM award will resume shortly now that Nick has owned up to having the trophy.

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Well, Andy got tough! Colin and Nick were dropped for not coming training, as was Sam for missing last week's game. Jason was lucky not to face the same treatment, but Andy decided to play safe and start with eleven players:

Phil Knight

Tom Hamblin Joe Cook

Gareth Smith

Jason McCrossan Liam Kavanagh lan Field

Mark Webb Dan Payne Craig Palmer Jay Beale

Substitutes: Nick Guest (Ian Field, 35), Colin Stallard (Craig Palmer, 55), Sam Johnson (not used).

Good control and an incisive pass from Gareth, in the first minute, allowed Dan to run through, but rather than taking the direct route and trying a shot he took the ball wide and the cross went behind.

Still, eight minutes gone and we took the lead. A long goal kick from Tom was helped on by Dan, Craig nodded the ball down for Jay to run on to, but the 'keeper did well to block the shot. **Ian** kept a cool head and, from outside the area, lifted the ball over the 'keeper and in to the net (1-0).

A good effort by Craig was plucked out of the air by the 'keeper before a good interception by Liam and crossfield ball to Gareth saw him move in and unleash a shot that was well held by the 'keeper at the near post.

A throw-in on the right saw Jay unleash a spectacular overhead volley that whistled across the face of the goal and actually go out for a throw-in on the far side!

A skilful piece of play by Frampton down our right flank saw them win a corner that was hit low to the near post. Jason cleared to the edge of the area where Liam completed the clearance. Indecision at the back between Tom and Mark nearly let in Frampton for the equaliser, but the shot went narrowly wide. Then, as Phil came out for the ball Liam hooked it away — unfortunately the ball dropping to a Frampton player. With Phil stranded there was relief when the ball was struck wide.

A good ball over the top gave Jay the opportunity to turn and let loose a left foot shot and, again, the 'keeper made the save look easy.

Although Frampton had played some pretty passing football, our defence had looked strong and Phil hadn't actually been called upon to make a save. At least we were getting shots on target.

HALF TIME: FRAMPTON 0 FRY'S 1

Nick came on to replace Ian at half time, and we kicked off the second half. A good run down the right by Craig and pull back allowed Mark to set up Dan for a chip that beat the 'keeper but just passed over the bar.

This was followed by a good ball from Liam, in to Nick, and a lay back for Mark to shoot narrowly wide before we increased our lead after a quarter of an hour with a sparkling move. It started with a good run by Nick down the left flank. He checked, played the ball in to Dan who couldn't get a shot in but played the ball back to Liam whose cross in to the area was perfectly met with a flicked header by **Jay**, past the 'keeper (2-0).

A minute later and a good break by Frampton ended with Phil making a spectacular dive to his right to turn a shot round the post.

Colin came on to replace Craig, with Dan moving up front. A long ball caught our defence, for once, napping, and Phil sprinted out of his area to attempt a tackle, which he missed. The ball was played back in and Frampton managed to shoot over the bar from almost point blank range.

With twenty-five minutes gone our defence again went to sleep. This time the shot from the edge of the area was fiercely struck over Phil, and although he managed to get his fingertips to the ball he couldn't prevent the ball crossing the line (2-1).

Now our defence was starting to look a bit ragged. Two players called for the ball, both left it for the other, fortunately the shot from Frampton went wide.

Dan then waltzed his way in to the box, only to shoot weakly at the 'keeper. Frampton were now streaming in to the attack, sensing that they could get something from the game. However, with just over five minutes remaining, Joe claimed the ball and cleared long for Jay to knock the ball on for **Dan** to lift over the 'keeper (3-1).

In to injury time (mostly for Jay, as usual) and **Jay** had the last laugh when he burst through between two defenders and deceived the 'keeper with an early shot that passed between the keeper's legs, and the posts (4-1).

FULL TIME: FRAMPTON 1 FRY'S 4

Afterthoughts.....

A difficult one to call. Maybe with better finishing by Frampton the score would have been closer. Maybe if the shots had been on target Phil would have saved them anyway. I thought that Liam had the best game I've seen him play for Fry's; I thought Dan had his worst. Having said that, he still scored a goal and was involved in the build up for two of the others. High standards lead to high expectations! We continue to play with determination, but we do need to maintain concentration.

BY POPULAR REQUEST:

Wer be that blackbird to,
I know wer 'ee be.
'Ee be up yon worzel tree,
And I be arter 'ee.
Now 'ee sees I,
And I sees 'ee.
Buggered if I 'ont get 'n.
With a gert big stick I'll knock 'n down Blackbird I'll 'ave 'ee.

'Ows thee father, Orl right!

Chorus from the Blackbird Song, by Adge Cutler and the Worzels

U15 Fixtures

Sep	9 16	Н	Hengrove Boys	1-5
	23	Н	Whitchurch	7-3
	30	Α	Brislington	12-0
Oct	7	Н	Redcatch	
	14		Cup Preliminary round	
	21			
	28	Α	Fishponds Athletic	
Nov	4 H Winford			
	11	Н	Patchway	
	18	Н	Avon Park Rangers	
	25		Cup – Quarter-finals	
Dec	2			
	9	A	Fishponds United	
	16	Α	Hengrove	
Jan	6	Н	Brislington	
Jan	13	A	Whitchurch	
	20	^	VVIIICITATOTI	
	27	Н	Redcatch	
Feb	3	A	Fishponds Athletic	
	10	Α	Winford	
	17			
	24	Α	Patchway	
Mar	3		Cup – Semi-finals	
	10			
	17	Н	Avon Park Rangers	
	24	Н	Fishponds United	

Organisation at the Bristol Junior League continues to be less than impressive. I don't know whether teams are actually playing matches or if the results are just not getting through. So, the table below is based on what I've been able to glean from the Bristol Soccerworld, no results having appeared in the Evening Post.

30th September - League results

Brislington Fishponds Utd Hengrove	shponds Utd 3			Wh	Club itchui hpond	12 1 h 0		
	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	GD
Hengrove	3	3	0	0	32	1	9	+31
Fry Club Colts	3	2	0	1	20	8	6	+12
Fishponds Utd	3	2	0	1	13	13	6	0
Winford	2	1	0	1	12	4	3	+8
Whitchurch	3	1	0	2	8	11	3	-3
Brislington	2	1	0	1	4	14	3	-10
Patchway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redcatch	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	-2
Avon Park	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	-5
Fishponds Ath	2	0	0	2	1	32	0	-31

U14 Fixtures

Sep	10 17 24	A H H	Thornbury Falcons 3- Whitchurch 'A' F St Vallier (League Cup 1 st round) 5-(
Oct	1 8 15	A A	Frampton 'A' 4-1 Hutton Juniors (Som Cup)						
	22 29	A H	Avon Athletic Brislington Juniors 'A' League Cup 2 nd round						
Nov	5 12 19	A H	Bitton 'A' Whitchurch Sports 'B'						
Dec	26 3	Α	Almondsbury (LC r3)						
	10 17	Н	Thornbury Falcons						
Jan	7 14 21 28	A H A H	Whitchurch 'A' Frampton 'A' Warmley Rangers 'A' Avon Athletic						
Feb	4 11 18 25	A H A	Brislington Juniors 'A' (LC QF) Bitton 'A' Whitchurch Sports 'B'						
Mar TBA	4	H H	Almondsbury (LC SF) Warmley Rangers 'A'						
1 st Oct Avon Athletic Frampton 'A' Warmley 'A' Whitchurch 'A'			3 Bitton 'A' 3 1 Fry Club 'A' 4 2 Whitchurch 'B' 1 3 Almondsbury 1						

I know that it's early days, but what the heck, doesn't the League table have a nice look to it!

	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	GD			
Fry Club 'A'	2	2	0	0	7	2	6	+5			
Brislington 'A'	3	2	0	1	7	7	6	0			
Avon Athletic	2	1	1	0	7	4	4	+3			
Bitton 'A'	2	1	1	0	6	4	4	+2			
Whitchurch 'A'	3	1	1	1	6	6	4	0			
Warmley 'A'	2	1	0	1	4	4	3	0			
Frampton 'A'	3	1	0	2	7	10	3	-3			
Whitchurch 'B'	3	0	1	2	6	9	1	-3			
Almondsbury	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	-2			
Thornbury	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	-2			

CUP GAMES: As of going to press, we don't know if the U15s have a game in the preliminary round of the cup. Only four of the tenteams play in this round – still it's not due to be played until next week! Nor do we know who the U14s' opponents will be in the second round of their cup.