

# FRY CLUB COLTS

## U14 MATCH REPORT U15

Number 5

Hunt on for new manager - Andy for England?

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Selection problems for Andy saw Dave resting Jay and Tom to ensure they didn't pick up any injuries. Sam was still out injured, and we lined up 3-4-3:

Greg Tucker

Joe Garland

Lee James

Phil Knight

Rich Healey Mark Webb

Dan Payne

Zolly Vanyai

Chay Welsh Ross Ashman John Pitt

Substitutes: Jack Gooding (Joe Garland, 40),  
Jamie Bryant (John Pitt, 55).

At this stage we looked quite impressive. Then the whistle was blown and Redcatch started off by passing the ball around. We couldn't settle, couldn't pass, and the players spent the first ten minutes encouraging each other with shouts of "Come on Fry's, this is pants!" Actually, it wasn't that good lads.

It's not often that I'm rendered speechless. However, all the tape recorder had to cope with after ten minutes was "We're playing crap".

With Rich dropping too deep, and only a four-man midfield, there was a large hole in midfield that Redcatch were exploiting. Once we sorted this out we started to look more solid at the back, but still found it difficult to string two passes together.

It was almost a shock then when we went ahead in the twelfth minute of the match with what was our first attack - a 15-yard shot from **Rich** going in off the post (1 - 0).

Two minutes later and a free kick from Zolly was headed down by a Redcatch defender, Mark's shot was blocked, and **John** fired home from close range (2 - 0).

A long ball from Joe to Zolly was pushed on for John to send in a low cross that Chay blasted over. Midway through the first half and a throw in from Phil found Mark in space with time to find **John** with a through ball. He bore down on goal and tucked the ball through the advancing 'keeper's legs (3 - 0).

During the next ten minutes John fired over and Lee had a well struck shot that was straight at the 'keeper. Play was still scrappy, however, and too many passes were going astray, or balls just hit aimlessly in the hope that a player might be somewhere in the vicinity!

Thankfully, there were some good moments amongst the dross. As half time approached, a quick throw from Chay to Ross, and a lay off to Dan saw his cross flicked on by John for **Zolly** to celebrate captaining the team by heading in at the far post.

### HALF TIME: FRY'S 4 REDCATCH 0

Jack came on for the second half to replace Joe, and Dan dropped in to the left defensive role, Phil pushing forward, and Zolly switching wings; and to think we were later amazed at Kevin Keegan's formation!

A good run down the left from John and cross in saw Ross sell the defender a dummy (I swear he did it deliberately), for Chay to set up Rich for a clear shooting opportunity. He pratted around, trying to get the ball on his right foot, and ended up by toeing the ball over the bar.

Another good run, this time down the right flank, by Zolly saw him cut in and elect to shoot rather than squaring the ball to one of his colleagues. The shot was well struck, but the 'keeper managed to tip the ball over the bar.



Ten minutes gone and a corner hit low to the near post saw half the team trying to get a shot in, and half the Redcatch team trying to clear. Miss-kicks and ricochets abounded before the 'keeper managed to get hold of the ball.

Chay was penalised for muscling a Redcatch player off the ball and this was followed by Phil appearing to be doing a bit of pushing in the box, only to get the decision go in his favour. On the basis that his luck must be in **Phil** took the penalty himself, confidently tucking the ball away (5 - 0).

Now, although we were five goals to the good, Redcatch had shown their deficiencies in defence and if we had been playing to anything like our potential we should have been in to double figures. As it was, Chay, John and Ross were not getting a lot of quality ball to work with, and too many players appeared to lack direction. Phil could have been speaking for any number of players when he yelled to Dave "Can I go back in defence, I haven't a clue what I'm doing!"

With a quarter of an hour gone, Jamie came on to replace John, and was almost immediately influential - a fine strike by Ross was ruled out for offside - against Jamie.

Phil showed he knew what to do in defence by getting a boot in the face - the only time the trainer had to come on (Jay wasn't playing).

With five minutes left **Zolly** completed the scoring, sweeping the ball home at the far post (6 - 0). A shot from Jack was then parried, Jamie got the ball back for Ross to get a shot in, only for the ball to be deflected for a corner.

As the game drew to a close, Chay trapped a corner kick for Jack to step forward and strike a shot just past the far post. Zolly was rushing in but made a late decision not to head the ball - the chance of a hat-trick was not worth the certainty of a headache.

**FULL TIME: FRY'S 6 REDCATCH 0**

### Afterthoughts.....

I'd sooner not dwell on it. The next scheduled fixture, unless Dave does any re-arranging, is against Fishponds Athletic. **Don't take it easy** - we follow it up with games against Winford and Patchway. If we have any pretensions about winning the league this year, **WE HAVE TO WIN THESE GAMES.** Let's get it right!

**MAN OF THE MATCH :** We were struggling here. There were not many contenders, with too many below par performances. The general consensus of opinion was that **LEE JAMES** had at least put in a tidy performance in a game littered with mistakes. As Kipling once said "If you can keep your head when all around are losing theirs, then you have a fair chance of winning the MOTM award."

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Initial excitement at the thought of a trip out to the country was dashed with the realisation that the age limit for the Somerset Cup ruled out those of our players born in August. So, no Dan, Gareth, Joe, Mark or Phil.

Also, no Curtis, and the absence on the day, again, of Sam. Fortunately, we were able to field our new signing - Ross Malone (pen picture next week), and welcome Jack Morgan from the 'B' team. So at least we had ten players.

	Nick Guest	
Tom Hamblin	Jason McCrossan	
Liam Kavanagh		Jack Morgan
	Craig Palmer	Colin Stallard
Ian Field		Ross Malone
	Jay Beale	

Two minutes in to the game, and just the start Nick wanted; three players bearing down on him and not a defender in sight - bang, thank you very much, a goal down.

We responded with a shot from Jay, tipped over by the 'keeper, and a shot wide from Ian following a corner kick. Play was fairly even, although Nick was not being tested - Liam clearing a corner, before Tom fired a free kick over the bar

Good play by Colin and a rolled pass to Ian allowed him to play an incisive through ball for Craig to run on to, only to drag his shot wide of the far post as the 'keeper advanced.

Jason then did well to out-muscle a Hutton forward, turn and play the ball up for Ross who, in turn, did



well to gain a corner despite being hemmed in by three defenders. Craig's first kick was turned behind for a corner, his second was whipped in to bounce at the foot of the far post, but nobody could get on the end of it.

With a quarter of an hour gone, a long goal kick from Tom was headed on by Colin for Jay to burst through and shoot from 30 yards, only for the 'keeper to push the ball round the post. Hutton clearly learned from this. Three minutes later when Jay received the ball on the half way line he was surrounded by four players, and with no support. He turned, shrugged off the challenges of three defenders and leathered the ball past the 'keeper (1 - 1). Now I know **Jay** scores some spectacular goals, but this one was a bit special!

A header by Jay from Craig's corner was headed off the line and then a good ball from Jason gave Ross the opportunity to run through. Although he successfully chipped the advancing 'keeper, the shot was just off target.

Then, with twenty-five minutes gone, Colin and Ross combined to set **Jay** free again. Another shot from the edge of the edge of the area powered in (2 - 1).

Then, Ian ghosted in between two defenders and slid a shot towards the corner of the net, only for the 'keeper to fingertip it round the post. From the corner Ian and Tom both had shots blocked before the ball was cleared. Another good interchange between Colin and Ross on the left - they were linking up well - nearly set up Ian, who was just beaten to the final pass by a defender.

Hutton continued to press forward, however, trying to pass the ball around and take advantage of their extra player. With the linesman flagging for offside the referee waved play on and Nick did well to come out quickly and clear with his feet.

### HALF TIME: HUTTON 1 FRY'S 2

Three minutes in to the half and a Hutton free kick from 35 yards was safely held by Nick. We responded with a corner from which Ross hit a good shot on the volley, but the shot was blocked. Another good move down the left - Jack to Craig to Ross and a low cross whipped in but just deflected by a defender. Another free kick from Tom was low and wide, and a goalmouth scramble saw Ian's shot blocked.

Having seemed to have concentrated most of our play down our left flank, we switched play to the right. Craig laid the ball back for Liam to centre and a defender was forced to head out for a corner. Colin's

header from Craig's corner was well directed towards the foot of the post, but was cleared by a defender.

A good interception by Jack, as Hutton attacked, and pass to Ross saw him send Craig away, but he couldn't cut his cross back. Then, a long free kick by Tom saw both Craig and Ian beat the offside trap. Craig won the race to the ball, but as he rounded the 'keeper he hit his shot in to the side netting. Jack and Colin then combined to set Ross off on a run down the left and his early cross deceived everybody to flash only a foot wide of the far post.

Jay had been having a fair old tussle with the Hutton centre half and Tom and a Hutton attacker had also had a bit of a niggles going on. With half an hour gone tempers flared and the referee sent a player off for calling one of our lads a naughty name.

Two minutes later and an overhead shot from Ian was held by the 'keeper, just under the bar. Then in the last minute **Jay** made sure of victory when he held off another challenge - just the two players - to find the target again.

### FULL TIME: HUTTON 1 FRY'S 3

#### Andythoughts.....

Andy has asked me to pass on his thanks to:

- The players - for a gritty, never-say-die performance in terrible conditions - and in particular to Ross and Jack.
- The five over-aged players for understanding why they couldn't play (and particularly that it wasn't Andy's fault!) - and especially to Dan, Mark, and Phil for coming to support the team.
- The spectators for making a 50-odd mile round trip to shout encouragement.

#### AROUND FRY'S

Come on down on a Sunday morning and watch the youngsters enjoying themselves. This week I again watched the U8s, for whom **Sean James** plays in goal, against Bromley Heath. Fry's took the lead with a cracking goal on the counter attack, but were pegged back in their own half for much of the game. The pressure eventually told as the Heathens went on to score three, although Sean could not be faulted for any of the goals.

Meanwhile, for the U7s, **Jack Payne** was celebrating his selection for the 'A' team by scoring the winner in a 2-1 victory over Keynsham Town. Apparently it was a thunderous drive in to the roof of the net. Proud parent Steve is over the moon to have a son that can play football, at last!



## U15 Fixtures

Sep	9	H	Hengrove Boys	1-5
	23	H	Whitchurch	7-3
	30	A	Brislington	12-0
Oct	7	H	Redcatch	6-0
	14		Cup Preliminary round	Bye
	21			
	28	A	Fishponds Athletic	
Nov	4	H	Winford	
	11	H	Patchway	
	18	A	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	A	Redcatch	
Feb	3	H	Fishponds Athletic	
	10	A	Winford	
	17			
	24	A	Patchway	
Mar	3		Cup - Semi-finals	
	10			
	17	H	Avon Park Rangers	
	24	H	Fishponds United	

### 7<sup>th</sup> October - Cup result

Winford	2	Patchway	1
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### 7<sup>th</sup> October - League results

Avon Park	1	Whitchurch	3					
Brislington	1	Fishponds Utd	8					
Fry Club	6	Redcatch	0					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Hengrove	3	3	0	0	32	1	9	+31
<b>Fry Club Colts</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>+18</b>
Fishponds Utd	4	3	0	1	21	14	9	+7
Whitchurch	4	2	0	2	11	12	6	-1
Winford	2	1	0	1	12	4	3	+8
Brislington	3	1	0	2	5	22	3	-17
Patchway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Avon Park	2	0	0	2	1	8	0	-7
Redcatch	2	0	0	2	2	10	0	-8
Fishponds Ath	2	0	0	2	1	32	0	-31

### NEW 'KEEPER REQUIRED

*Sam will no longer be 'keeping for the U14s, so Phil will be taking over between the sticks; still - if he's pants against Avon Athletic on Sunday then tell Andy if you know of someone better!*

## U14 Fixtures

Sep	10	A	Thornbury Falcons	3-1
	17	H	Whitchurch 'A'	P
	24	H	St Vallier (League Cup 1 <sup>st</sup> round)	5-0
Oct	1	A	Frampton 'A'	4-1
	8	A	Hutton Juniors (Som Cup)	3-1
	15	A	Avon Athletic	
	22	H	Brislington Juniors 'A'	
	29		League Cup 2 <sup>nd</sup> round	
Nov	5	A	Bitton 'A'	
	12	H	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	
	19			
	26	A	Almondsbury (LC r3)	
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' (LC QF)	
	11	H	Bitton 'A'	
	18	A	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	
	25			
Mar	4	H	Almondsbury (LC SF)	
TBA		H	Warmley Rangers 'A'	
		H	Whitchurch 'A'	

### 8<sup>th</sup> October - League results

Almondsbury	1	Frampton	1					
Bitton 'A'	3	Warmley 'A'	2					
Whitchurch 'B'	5	Avon Athletic	0					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Bitton 'A'	3	2	1	0	9	6	7	+3
<b>Fry Club 'A'</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>+5</b>
Brislington 'A'	3	2	0	1	7	7	6	0
Whitchurch 'B'	4	1	1	2	11	9	4	+2
Whitchurch 'A'	3	1	1	1	6	6	4	0
Avon Athletic	3	1	1	1	7	9	4	-2
Frampton 'A'	4	1	1	2	8	11	4	-3
Warmley 'A'	3	1	0	2	6	7	3	-1
Almondsbury	2	0	1	1	2	4	1	-2
Thornbury	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	-2

### CASINO NIGHT

I believe that a good time was had by all - but especially **JAY** who amassed most dosh to win the first prize - a £75 ASDA voucher. I understand that Kerry enjoys shopping there so much that she's offered him £80 for it!