

FRY CLUB COLTS

MATCH REPORT

Number 7

13th November 2000

With almost as much water on the Fry's playing fields as there is in Keynsham marina, it was no surprise that the U15s match against Patchway was postponed. Seeing that the U14s game was due to be played at Radstock, it was a surprise that we played at Fry's on the Sunday. Westfield kindly agreed to surrender ground advantage and Andy used his considerable weight to wangle us a pitch.

Now we know that Andy works hard behind the scenes - not just on match days when the whole team hangs on to his every word at the pre-match and half-time team talks. We know this, because he tells us so. So, for the last few weeks he has had chief scout Leo McCrossan scouring the leagues to strengthen the squad.

This week, using the gallon of petrol he has been hoarding in case of another fuel crisis, he swooped to finalise the transfer of two players. With Jack Morgan and Curtis Jacks also coming in to bolster the squad we hoped that the five 'senior citizens' of the team wouldn't be missed.

U14 LEWIN CUP MATCH REPORTU14 **WESTFIELD BOYS**

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Nick Frost

Tom Hamblin

Jason McCrossan

Nick Guest

Jack Morgan

Colin Stallard

Craig Palmer

Liam Kavanagh

Ian Field

Jay Slade Ross Malone

Substitutes: Curtis Jacks (Jack Morgan - 35)

An early effort from Jay was on target, but lacked its customary power. Our first decent effort was after three minutes when a foul on Jay gave Tom the chance to launch a 40-yard free kick just under the bar, where it was well held by the 'keeper.

Play was fairly even for the first five minutes, Westfield passing the ball round quite well but their advances blunted by our twin towers - Jason and Tom. Then, in the sixth minute, a nice through ball from Ross gave Jay the opportunity to run through the defence, hold off a defender's challenge and whack the ball past the 'keeper from the edge of the area (1-0).

A minute later and a good interception by Nick and pass to Ross saw him again set Jay free - this time the shot whistled a couple of feet wide.

With a quarter of an hour gone it was Ross' turn to run through and just manage to get to the ball as the 'keeper dived for it. With three defenders now back between him and the goal, Ross switched the ball to his left foot, went back round the 'keeper and curled a shot goalwards. Although a defender managed to get his head to the ball he couldn't keep the ball from crossing the goal line (2-0).

A minute later and tenacious play from Craig saw him win the ball and cut in to the area and cross low for Jay to again shoot narrowly wide. A well weighted through ball from Ross found Craig making an intelligent run down the right; his pass inside was met by Liam whose shot was unfortunately blocked by Ross. Nick then burst through only to be caught offside.

Liam's persistence saw him come out on top in a tussle with a Westfield defender and play the ball inside for Nick to cross in for Ross to strike at goal. Although the shot was off target Jay managed to retrieve the ball and crash a shot behind from a narrow angle.

A high ball over the top from Craig allowed Jay to run through and unleash another trademark thunderbolt. Unfortunately the glare from the sun confused the spectators and the third 'goal' had actually hit the side netting.

With twenty minutes of the half gone we were beginning to dominate the game. It was needing some last ditch tackling from Westfield to prevent us getting in on goal, and with Colin winning most of the ball in midfield and Craig having more of an influence on the game than when playing wide or further forward, we were looking good. Ian and Liam were also snappy in the tackle so we were winning most of the loose balls and passing with accuracy. Nick was looking to push forward whenever possible, Jack was playing comfortably in the left back berth and Tom and Jason looked untroubled. In goal Nick was having a relatively quiet time, a couple of long through balls that he'd been quick out to collect being about it.

Ross and Nick then combined on the right to set up Liam for a shot that curled just the wrong side of the angle of bar and post.

A free kick for a foul on lan saw Tom hit the ball goalwards from 45 yards. Ian laid the ball back for Colin to have a strike at goal, the 'keeper getting down quickly at the foot of the post to hold the ball.

A quick break from Westfield saw Jason try and shepherd the ball back to Nick, only for our 'keeper's clearance to come back off the attacker. Fortunately our new signing's reactions were sufficiently speedy to get in a successful challenge and get the ball out for a corner. Westfield won the corner but their player was unable to direct his header on target and although the ball appeared to drop invitingly to the feet of one of his teammates we were able to clear.

HALF TIME: WESTFIELD 0 COLTS 2

Curtis came on at half time to replace Jack — no reflection on the way he was playing, but Andy wanted to add more midfield penetration. Two minutes in to the second half and we got the cushion we wanted — a third goal. Craig swung in a corner from the right. Tom went on a decoy run to the near post and **Jay** rose unopposed in the centre of the goalmouth to head downwards and in to the net (3-0). Now we switched to three at the back with lan slotting in to a holding role in the centre of midfield and Curtis going wide on the left.

Two minutes later and an accurate through ball from lan saw Ross weave his way in to the penalty area. He rode a wayward tackle and kept his feet only for the referee to award a penalty. A harsh decision perhaps – neither players nor supporters appealed, but you don't argue with the referee's decisions, do you?

Tom stepped up to take the spot kick. I predicted low in to the 'keeper's right hand corner; Rich agreed. Steve and Andy opted for a blast high to his left. Well, with age comes wisdom — and Rich and I got it right. Tom's kick was low and true; 4-0.

Seven minutes into the half and there seemed no imminent danger to the Westfield goal as they defended in depth and we were knocking the ball around in the inside right channel. A nice little layoff from Craig found **Jay** in very little space but a Blackthorn shot — minimum effort — and suddenly the ball was in the back of the net; 5-0.

Suddenly, we were rampant. This must have been just like it was the previous day when Bristol City was scoring three times in the space of 12 minutes against Luton!

Another couple of minutes later and Colin won yet another header from a Westfield clearance and from this lan fed **Jay** and a simple toe-poke was enough to beat the advancing 'keeper; 6-0.

Ross was then unfortunate when a good run ended with him shooting just wide of the post. An interchange of passes between Ross and Curtis wide on the left saw Curtis look up and, seeing the 'keeper at the near post, try a shot that came back off the bar — and we thought it was a cross! Jay's shot from the rebound was cleared off the line. However, a minute later and an interception and measured ball inside from Ross allowed **Craig** to pick his spot and place the ball to the 'keeper's left; 7-0.

Just over a quarter of an hour gone and Craig held the ball up well on the edge of the penalty area before releasing it for Ross to cross to the far post where **Jay** had the relatively simple task of heading it in; 8-0.

A through ball from Ian to Ross saw him win a corner, Craig sent the ball in and Jay was unlucky with a near post flick. Then, a quick break from Westfield nearly caught us unawares as, with Jason now employed as a centre forward, albeit with little success, we were a bit stretched and lacking in pace at the back. Fortunately, despite his lack of action in the second half, Nick was still awake and came out quickly to narrow the angle and get a hand to the cross-shot and divert the ball round the post.

lan cleared the corner as far as Craig who played the ball on upfield to Jay who for once was dispossessed. However, from the quick throw Jason raced to the goal line and got in a hard low cross that the 'keeper did well to hold.

The Westfield 'keeper was then penalised for travelling outside the area with the ball and Craig touched the free kick for Tom to blast goalwards and a brave defender headed the shot over the bar. A good move involving Colin, Ian, and Craig saw the ball centred for Ross to lay the ball off for Liam to have a crack, but the 'keeper got down quickly to save.

Pressure was now continuous, Jason won another corner that we couldn't convert, and then a good headed clearance from Tom fed Jason who turned, got the ball on to his left foot and calmly chipped the 'keeper. Unfortunately, he also chipped the bar.

In to the last five minutes and Ross charged down a clearance and got in a good left foot shot that the 'keeper did well to get down and smother. Then, a free kick on the left touchline allowed Westfield to swing the ball in, over the defence, and an attacker was quickly in at the far post to knock the ball past Nick; 8-1. We were nearly caught on the break again in the final minute, but Curtis did well to make up the ground and get back to win the ball.

FULL TIME: WESTFIELD 8 COLTS 1

Afterthoughts.....

Another impressive performance, especially the first twenty minutes of the second half when we had our six-goal spell and tore holes through Westfield's defence.

Tom and Jason were solid at the back. Nick and Liam confirmed their versatility. Jack came in and again played steadily, Curtis gave us glimpses of what a talented player he is when he puts his mind to it. Ian looked more his old self, presumably now recovered from injury and fully fit. Craig was more influential in the centre of midfield than when asked to play more forward or out wide. Colin won just about every tackle or loose ball. Jay continued to bang in goals and Ross could have had almost as many with a little more luck, but had a hand, or I should say foot, in several of the goals. In goal, Nick didn't have a lot to do but looked both confident and competent.

So, all in all, a good performance - and one to leave Andy with a headache - Dan, Gareth, Joe, Mark and Phil all available for selection next week. Can it be that we'll see 100% attendance at training now as the battle for places hots up. We even saw Jason there last week!

WELCOME TO

Ross Malone – striker / midfield / winger



d.o.b. 7.5.87

Knocked in around 30 goals last season for St Annes Rangers, Ross plays in the school team – St. Bernadette's

CHRISTMAS DISCO

U14s and U15s joint Xmas Xstravaganza Saturday 23rd December 7.30 – 12.00

Tickets from Kerry Gooding: Adults - £2.00 and Kids - £1

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that the second instalment of £20 is now due for those of you who haven't paid. Can you either pay Kerry (U15s) at Friday night training or Cynthia (U14s) at Sunday matches.

WELCOME TO

Nick Frost – goalkeeper



d.o.b. 8.6.87

On Andy's wanted list for 3 seasons – previously with St Annes Rangers, Nick also represents his school – St. Mary Redcliffe

4th November – U15 League results Brislington 1 Hengrove

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5th November – U14 League Cup results

Castle Court 0 Henbury 'B' 4
St Nicholas 'B' 2 Stapleton 5

12th November – U14 League Cup results

Avon Athletic 3 Bamfield 0 BOCO Juniors 3 Henbury 'A' 3

(Henbury win 4-1on penalties)

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Outstanding Cup games will take precedence over league games until they are played.

12th November – U14 Lewin Cup results

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| Street & G'bury 'A' | 5 | Hungerford 'A' | 3 |
| Taunton Jnrs 'A' | 14 | Holway Utd | 0 |
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