



FRY CLUB COLTS

U14 MATCH REPORT U15

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Both teams seeking Cup glory this coming weekend

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Lacking the services of Rich Healey with a foot injury, and Ross Ashman with a knee injury, the squad virtually picked itself. A slight change in tactics in that we decided to go 4-4-2. The theory was that the fullbacks would get up to support the midfield and the wide players would get forward further. Given that we were playing on a narrow pitch there didn't seem much point in cluttering it with five abreast. Tom elected to wear a bandage on his right knee to remind him to play on the right. Phil had a bandage on the left knee to remind him to play on the left. Joe and Sam tend to wander about in any case and no amount of reminders seems to make any difference.

Nick Ford

Joe Garland Tom Hamblin Sam Jones Phil Knight

Jack Gooding

Dan Payne

Zolly Vanyai

Jay Slade

Jamie Bryant

John Pitt

Substitutes:

Mark Webb (Joe Garland, 50), Chay Welsh (Zolly Vanyai, 60), Lee James (Tom Hamblin, 70).

Rangers kicked off but lost the ball straight away. Jack played the ball through for Jamie to run on to, but he was caught offside. This was to be the first of what turned out to be a number of occasions that our attackers got caught out.

The free kick was only about ten yards inside the Rangers half. Our defence lined up about fifteen yards inside our half. When the kick was taken we turned and watched the ball go over our heads whilst the Rangers forwards ran through.

At least Nick wasn't ball watching – he was watching the onrushing forward and didn't see that the ball was nowhere near him when he took the forward out.

Apart from being lucky not to be sent off – or even booked – he could have stayed on his feet and the player was going to have to go wide and probably wouldn't have scored anyway. The penalty wasn't great, but good enough: 0 – 1.

Six minutes in to the half and from our first real attack we won a corner. Jay swung the ball in and Tom arrived late at the far post to prod the ball home (1- 1).

A free kick to Avon was hit straight back by Tom for John to run on to and tuck his shot wide of the advancing 'keeper but also wide of the far post.

A good run from Zolly down the right wing finished with a blistering shot from a narrow angle that flew across the face of the goal. It's the sort of shot that looks great when it goes in. However, Jamie and John were in the middle waiting for a cross and in much better scoring positions.

Following a throw in a snap shot from Avon was only just wide. Then an up-and-under pass come clearance from Dan gave Jay and John the opportunity to run clear. John won the race but his far post shot was fielded by the 'keeper just before Jamie could get a foot to it.

Jack and Jamie then combined with Zolly on the right before Jamie crossed to the far post. Jay and Phil both went for the ball, Jay got in Phil's way and his shot was wide. Another occasion when we're too quiet and nobody shouts for the ball, or for other players to leave it.

A free kick on the right was wasted as Jack and Joe played a one-two that gave time for Jack to be closed down before he could deliver a cross. We did gain a corner, but Jay's cross was straight

in to the 'keeper's hands. Twenty minutes gone and Sam was forced to concede a throw in as a Rangers player broke clear following a ricocheted clearance, but we cleared the danger. Jack won the ball, cut inside and played a precise through ball for **John** to run through and clinically tuck the ball inside the post (2 - 1).

Five minutes later and a blistering run down the left from Jay - a ploy that we seemed incapable of playing for most of the game - resulted in a cross on the run that ended up as a shot that crashed back off the bar. Jamie then hit the rebound against the bar and John finished the move off with a shot in to the side netting.

A quick counter attack from Rangers saw their centre forward mesmerise Sam before shooting wildly over the bar. Two minutes later and, clearly relying on the theory that Rangers couldn't shoot straight, we allowed the centre forward to roam free. When the cross came in he calmly tucked the ball under Nick (2 - 2).

At this stage we were looking woefully lacking in ability to mark at the back, and were short of snap in midfield where Dan and Jack were frequently being caught in possession as they dwelt too long on the ball before passing, or elected to try and beat players instead of releasing the ball.

A through ball from Dan to John saw him pass out to Zolly on the right but the Rangers defence was first to the ball when the cross came in. Zolly then got the ball in to the net, but was offside.

Half an hour gone and - when we could deliver the ball accurately - the pace of Jay and John was causing problems for the Rangers defence. A good through ball from Jack gave John another one-on-one against the 'keeper. The 'keeper won this one as he saved with his feet as John tried to drive the ball under him.

Coming up to the last five minutes of the half and we were again caught out at the back by the pace of Rangers' attackers. As they had four players queuing up in our penalty area we were fortunate that the centre forward screwed his shot weakly wide. A nice lob over the Rangers defence from Tom again provided John with an opening. This time he elected to try and lob the advancing 'keeper but his attempt passed harmlessly wide of the goal.

However, a minute later and Dan and Jack combined in midfield for **Jack** to send in a forty yard chip that the 'keeper could only palm in to the roof of the net (3 - 2).

A good run down the left saw John's cross met by Jamie as he came across his marker, but he was unable to direct his header on target.

Avon then switched the focus of their attack from our right flank to our left with a crossfield ball that gave their centre forward the opportunity to beat Sam and shoot across Nick, low in off the far post (3 - 3).

Coming up to half time and a ball from Joe was flicked on by John for Jay to run on to, but he shot weakly wide. Zolly then tested the 'keeper with a shot that he held at the second attempt. The first half finished with Nick holding on to an attempted chip from the Rangers winger.

HALF TIME: RANGERS 3 COLTS 3

Well, we'd not played at all well in the first half but had still created enough chances to have been leading comfortably. Things could only improve couldn't they? Tom switched to right back for the second half so that the bandages were more symmetric. Joe moved in to the centre to give us two centre halves with pace and half a brain between them.

A minute in to the half and a ball across the area from John saw Jamie miss a sitter. Two minutes later and Avon forced their first corner of the half, but Dan and Jack combined to clear. Avon attacked again down our right flank but Joe made a good tackle to prevent the player reaching the goal line. Seven minutes in to the half and Avon again cut through our defence, and Nick had to come out quickly and dive at the feet of an attacker to claim the ball.

A long throw from Jay and an overhead kick from Jamie saw Zolly knock the ball in to the net, but the effort was disallowed for pushing. With ten minutes gone Mark came on to replace Joe who was struggling with his knee - no bandage, clearly the problem! We forced a corner that Jack hit long and although Zolly managed to direct a header on target it was comfortably held by the 'keeper.

A push in the back of John allowed Jack to shoot, or cross as the case may be, from 45 yards but Zolly - the last player in the line managed to be offside - as the ball went wide. With almost a quarter of an hour gone a break down our right flank saw Sam get in a good tackle, followed by one from Mark that was unfortunate to yield Rangers a corner. Although the corner was cleared the ball was played straight back in, over the top of the defence, and Sam needed to get

back and concede another corner, this one headed clear by Jay.

Another free kick saw Jack whip the ball in to the far post but Zolly just unable to get on the end of it. Twenty minutes gone and Avon were three-on-two as they broke forward. Sam did well to get back and rescue the situation. Dave brought Chay on to play wide on the left, Jamie switching to the right flank, and Jay moving up front. Another free shot to Avon was fortunately struck wide, but a minute later and Mark found himself stranded at the back with two attackers to cover. Nick came out to try and gather the ball but didn't collect and the ball was knocked past him (3 - 4).

A long throw by Tom and a flick on by Jay saw Chay with a chance but he couldn't get any power in his shot and the ball was cleared. With a quarter of an hour remaining, Avon played another ball through the middle. Again Mark was there with two players bearing down on him. He missed the tackle, Nick missed the shot and Rangers were leading 5 - 3. At this stage, with us not looking like scoring, yet likely to concede at any time, I was debating whether or not to retreat to the warmth of the Grahamobile.

Tom came off, struggling with his knee, and Lee came on. Ah well, I thought - the last throw of the dice, I've suffered it all so far, I might as well see out the remainder. Ten minutes left and a free kick on the edge of the area gave **Jack** the opportunity to reduce the arrears, and he duly obliged, his shot cannoning in off the bar (4 - 5). Two minutes later and a long throw in from Jay and a scramble at the near post saw **Dan** eventually manage to prod the ball home (5 - 5).

More diabolical marking at the back again allowed a Rangers player a clear run at goal. Nick came halfway out and then stood still. This was sufficient to confuse the Rangers forward and he shot wide. Another long through ball from Rangers and although the forward got ahead of Sam he over-ran the ball and Nick was able to gather.

A long clearance then saw Jamie with space to run at the 'keeper. Although the 'keeper managed to get his body to the ball it ran free and **Jay** coolly knocked the ball in to the unguarded net to put us back in front, 6 - 5, with just four minutes remaining. John then had a shot that brought out a good diving save, as we managed to cling on to our lead, much to the surprise and relief of the us supporters, until the final whistle.

FULL TIME: RANGERS 5 COLTS 6

Afterthoughts.....

Well, what can I say? Words just trip off the tongue. Ignoring the wealth of expletives that spring to mind from watching Sunday morning pub teams, words such as diabolical, pathetic, naïve, all spring to mind. I watched Bristol Rovers get trounced 5 - 1 on Sunday. Cardiff didn't outplay them as much as we were at times by Avon Park. It was daylight robbery that we came away with three points. If we play like this against the likes of Patchway, Hengrove, Winford or Fishponds United we are in for a hiding. This was the worst collective performance that I've seen from you in the five seasons I've been watching - an opinion shared by Dave, Steve, and Jeff - just as well Glen and Bob weren't there as well - I'm sure they would have agreed! I reckon only Ross and Rich are pencilled in for next week.

Congratulations to Jamie on being Dave Webb's choice as Man of the Match, for at least expending some effort and injecting some spirit in to the proceedings. Still, at least our heads didn't go down towards the end when we were losing, as they have done in the past. So I guess the afternoon wasn't entirely wasted, even if we did need to use our "Get out of Jail Free" card to come away with the points.

18th November - U15 League results

Avon Park	5	Fry Club Colts	6
Brislington	P	Fishponds Ath	P
Hengrove	16	Redcatch	0
Patchway	3	Whitchurch	0

19th November - U14 League results

Avon Athletic	0	Whitchurch 'A'	2
Warmley	6	Frampton	1

19th November - U14 League Cup results

Hanham	2	Eastwood 'B'	17
St Annes Rangers	3	BRSC	1
Thornbury	1	Whitchurch 'B'	2

19th November - U14 Lewin Cup results

Bishops Lydiard	P	Durleigh Boys	P
Victoria Park Rgers	2	Stanton Drew	11
Westland Sports	1	Brislington	4
Yatton Athletic	3	Wessex Youth	1

U14 Third round Cup draw

Almondsbury	v	Whitchurch 'B'
Avon Athletic	v	St Nicholas 'A'
Cadbury Heath	v	Eastwood 'A'
or Bitton 'B'		or Ingleside
Eastwood 'B'	v	Pucklechurch or Frampton 'A'
Henbury Colts 'B'	v	Warmley A
St Annes	v	Fry's Club or Ashton Boys
Stapleton Jun	v	Whitchurch 'A' or Brislington 'A'
Warmley 'A'	v	Henbury Colts 'A'

NB Ashton Boys beat Henbury Colts 'B' on penalties after their Glos Cup match finished 3-3, this weekend.

U15 TEAM FACTS

F = Played the full game
 B = Began the game but was substituted
 P = Played in the game after coming on as a substitute
 S = Non-playing substitute
 M = Man of the Match
 L = League goals
 C = Cup goals

	F	B	P	S	M	L	C
Ross Ashman	1		3			3	
Jamie Bryant	2	2	1		1	4	
Nick Ford	3	1					
Joe Garland	3	3			1		
Jack Gooding	5		1			6	
Tom Hamblin	2	1	2			1	
Rich Healey	4	1			2	4	
Lee James	2		2		1		
Sam Jones	3	1				1	
Phil Knight	4	1	1			3	
Craig Mehew	1						
Dan Payne	5	1			1	7	
John Pitt	3	3				12	
Jay Slade	4	1				7	
Greg Tucker	1						
Zolly Vanyai	4	2				6	
Mark Webb	1		3				
Chay Welsh	1		4			2	

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
	28	A	Fishponds Athletic	24-2
Nov	18	A	Avon Park Rangers	6-5
	25	H	Redcatch - Cup(QF)	
Dec	9	A	Fishponds United	
	16	A	Hengrove	
Jan	6	H	Brislington	
	13	A	Whitchurch	
	27	A	Redcatch	
Feb	3	H	Fishponds Athletic	
	10	A	Winford	
	24	A	Patchway	
Mar	3		Cup - Semi-finals	
	17	H	Avon Park Rangers	
	24	H	Fishponds United	
TBA		H	Winford	
		H	Patchway	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Hengrove	7	7	0	0	67	4	21	+63
Fry Club Colts	6	5	0	1	56	15	15	+41
Whitchurch	7	4	0	3	36	18	12	+18
Winford	4	3	0	1	38	4	9	+34
Fishponds Utd	6	3	0	3	23	25	9	-2
Patchway	3	2	0	1	12	5	6	+7
Brislington	5	1	0	4	6	48	3	-42
Redcatch	4	0	0	4	4	34	0	-30
Avon Park	4	0	0	3	6	26	0	-20
Fishponds Ath	4	0	0	4	4	73	0	-69

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	F	B	P	S	L	C
Joe Cook	5					
Ian Field	2	2	2		1	
Nick Frost	1					
Nick Guest	3	1	2			
Tom Hamblin	7				2	2
Curtis Jack			2			
Sam Johnson	1			1		
Liam Kavanagh	4	1	1			
Phil Knight	5					
Jason McCrossan	7					
Ross Malone	2					1
Jack Morgan	1	1				
Craig Palmer	4	2	1			1
Dan Payne	4		1		2	1
Jay Slade	7				4	11
Gareth Smith	3	2			1	
Colin Stallard	5	1	1			
Mark Webb	5					

U14 Fixtures

Sep	10	A	Thornbury Falcons	3-1
	24	H	St Vallier (League Cup)	5-0
Oct	1	A	Frampton 'A'	4-1
	8	A	Hutton Juniors (Som Cup)	3-1
	15	A	Avon Athletic	0-1
	22	H	Brislington Juniors 'A'	3-2
Nov	12	A	Westfield Boys (Som Cup)	8-1
	26	A	Ashton Boys	
			(League Cup 2 nd round - 2.15 pm KO)	
Dec	3	A	League Cup - Round 3	
	10	A	Almondsbury	
	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	A	Bitton 'A'	
Mar	4	H	Almondsbury (LC SF)	
	11	H	Whitchurch 'A'	
	18	H	Warmley Rangers 'A'	
	25	H	Whitchurch 'B'	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Avon Athletic	6	3	1	2	12	13	10	-1
Fry Club 'A'	4	3	0	1	10	5	9	+5
Brislington 'A'	5	3	0	2	12	11	9	+1
Bitton 'A'	4	2	1	1	10	8	7	+2
Whitchurch 'B'	6	2	1	3	14	13	7	+1
Whitchurch 'A'	5	2	1	2	9	10	7	-1
Thornbury	3	2	0	1	9	4	6	+5
Warmley 'A'	5	2	0	3	14	12	6	+2
Almondsbury	4	1	1	2	8	10	4	-2
Frampton 'A'	6	1	1	4	9	21	4	-12