



FRY CLUB COLTS

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Champions toppled as Colts grind out victory

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Andy rewarded the eleven players who had attended training the previous Friday by giving them starting roles in the line-up against local rivals Warmley – a club that we had never managed to beat previously. Could we lay this hoodoo to rest?

Nick Frost

Tom Hamblin Joe Cook

Craig Palmer Phil Knight

Mark Webb Dan Payne

Nick Guest Ian Field

Curtis Jack Jay Slade

Substitutes: Ross Malone (Jay Slade, 35), Jason McCrossan (Nick Guest, 35), Gareth Smith (Craig Palmer, 37).

Rain overnight following last week's frosts meant that the pitch was boggy to start with and ended up as a quagmire. Any thoughts of being able to play the ball through the middle should have been dispelled early on as the ball stuck under players' feet and passes stuck in the mud. The flanks were a little more playable and defenders were always going to find it difficult to turn if attackers pushed the ball past them and ran at them.

Warmley kicked off and play was frantic to begin with. Nobody had time or space to put his foot on the ball as challenges flew in. As reigning League Champions, Warmley were always going to present a threat even if they had started off the season with some indifferent results.

However, although we hadn't played a league game for three months we've progressed to the quarterfinals of both cup competitions and suffered only one defeat in the league, so we weren't intimidated by their reputation.

Warmley kicked off and a good flick on nearly gave Curtis the opportunity to open the scoring, but the Warmley 'keeper was out smartly to gather the ball.

A quick break down our right flank by Warmley was well cleared by Mark. From the resultant throw in a good flick-on forced Phil to concede a corner as an attacker bore down on the ball. The corner was taken short and Nick easily held the shot from the edge of the area. Another quick break by Warmley saw Joe having to put the ball out for a corner. Tom's header to the edge of the area was met by Phil, only for his clearance to rebound off the referee for a Warmley player to strike his shot wide.

Warmley were doing most of the early pressing, working the ball out wide, and another good run down our right flank needed a good tackle from Joe to prevent a cross coming in.

However, we took the lead with our first real attack. A long throw in from Mark was met by Ian who played the ball back for Jay to take a couple of touches to work an opening and crash the ball home from 10 yards (1-0).

Warmley immediately broke back and another strong challenge from Joe broke up the attack. Nick then made a good catch to a dangerous cross, punted the ball long for Jay to head on for Dan to run through, but he was unable to get a shot in.

A nice ball from Curtis then allowed Nick to get a good cross in from the right flank, only for a defender to just get a foot in before Jay and force the ball out for a corner. From Craig's kick Dan just managed to get a touch to the ball only to see his header cleared off the line, and then his follow-up shot blocked. It was now our turn to start pushing forward a bit more, Nick and Dan combining to almost get Jay away again.

However, with a quarter of an hour gone Warmley caught us with another attack down our right flank. A super whipped in cross was met by an attacker who got in front of Phil to plant home a good firm header in to the corner of the net that gave Nick no chance (1-1).

Nick again showed his catching ability by holding a floated free kick, before a break by Warmley saw Tom outpaced on the left flank and Joe come across to concede a corner. A poor clearance from Craig - one of the few opportunities when there was time and space available for him to travel - saw Nick have to come quickly off his line to save at the feet of an onrushing forward as the ball was hit back over our defence.

Dan won the ball with a header from the Warmley keeper's clearance and the ball dropped for Ian to thread a ball through for Jay to screw a shot wide of the far post. Another good clearance from Joe made their keeper rush out of his area to kick clear as our forwards attempted to chase the ball down.

With twenty-five minutes a good through ball from Jay put Dan clear. He drew the keeper and slid the ball past him only for the ball to strike the upright and rebound in to the keeper's arms.

Warmley were now starting to exert pressure as possession ebbed and flowed between the teams, neither side being able to dominate the game. One shot flew a couple of yards wide before a deceptive lob from the edge of the area just cleared the bar.

Back at the other end and a flick-on from Dan then saw Curtis do well to win the ball in a tackle and get to his feet only to screw his shot wide. In to the final minute of the half and Warmley responded with a corner that Mark headed clear.

HALF TIME: WARMLEY 1 FRY'S 1

Jay had been struggling with knee problems and Curtis had not been the threat up front that we hoped, so Andy changed things round big time for the second half. Nick also came off and Dan was moved up front to provide height as a weapon, as opposed to Jay's pace. Ross was to provide the trickery - as opposed to Dan's clumsiness presumably!

So, the second half line up was:

	Nick Frost	
Tom Hamblin		Jason McCrossan
Joe Cook		Phil Knight
	Mark Webb	Curtis Jack
Craig Palmer		Ian Field
Dan Payne		Ross Malone

A good long clearance from Curtis from the edge of our area saw Dan flick the ball on for Ross to run through. Rather than release the ball he attempted to run through only to find out early that the ball stuck in the mud and two defenders converged to rob him.

Two minutes in to the half and Mark lost the ball in midfield, and the defence suddenly appeared to open up for a Warmley forward to surge through and slot the ball low past Nick (1-2).

Gareth came on to replace Craig and Warmley started to put us under increased pressure. The re-arranged midfield seemed too slow to get to the ball and Ross and Dan were isolated up front. We were fortunate that a break down our left flank ended with their forward striking a good shot less than a foot wide of Nick's far post.

Andy responded by switching Dan and Curtis back round, and we immediately started to look more effective. Curtis showed his commitment if not his skills by chasing back to tackle, only to concede a free kick, 40 yards out, for his effort. The ball was hit hard and low towards the goal, and Nick had to come out quickly to save with his feet as the ball was deflected to the feet of a Warmley forward.

However, the scores were levelled after a quarter of an hour. A good long throw from Jason found Ian who tried his hardest to get in a shot, although surrounded by four defenders. He did win a corner though and Curtis's kick dropped for Dan to bundle the ball over the line (2-2).

The goal positively buoyed us up and a clearance by Tom saw Joe positively hare up the line to pressurise the keeper in to kicking clear. Joe's sterling efforts were nearly rewarded with a goal as the ball dropped to him on the edge of the area following a headed clearance from Dan's long throw. The keeper managed to hold on to the ball as it dipped below the crossbar.

Warmley quickly worked the ball downfield and Phil somehow missed the ball completely, allowing the ball to reach the Warmley forward behind him. Fortunately the shot was struck narrowly wide. A free kick for a push in the back of Ian saw Tom pump the ball in to the area only for the keeper to just get to the ball as Gareth came in at the far post.

Twenty minutes gone and persistence by Ross out on the left saw him get a cross in to the near post that Ian hit narrowly wide. A good ball from Ian then gave Ross the opportunity to get clear of his marker, only to lash his shot just pass the angle of bar and post. Then followed a moment of panic in our defence as Jason missed the ball and Phil's tackle looked late. However, the referee ruled no penalty and the challenge was sufficient to put the striker off enough for Nick to block and Jason to recover and clear.

Dan then won the ball in midfield and played a through ball for Ross. Although a defender got a foot in, it was only sufficient to push it in to the path of Ross. His low drive was blocked by the keeper's outstretched foot but the ball fell to **Curtis** who had made ground through the middle and despite the close attentions of a couple of defenders managed to force the ball over the line at the second attempt (3-2).

A good ball from Curtis saw Ross do extremely well to hold the ball up until support arrived from Dan who couldn't get enough power in to his shot to trouble the keeper. Another good run from Ross saw him break clear and this time he elected to place the ball – only for the keeper to get his fingertips to the ball and a defender to get back and clear off the line. Gareth and Dan then combined to put Ian through only for a good saving tackle preventing him from getting a shot in. Warmley threw players forward during the last few minutes, but we held out for a hard won victory.

FULL TIME: WARMLEY 2 FRY'S 3

Afterthoughts.....

This was a tough, competitive game - but played in a good spirit despite the fierce local rivalry. It was a difficult surface for defenders to turn on, and the ball sometimes stuck - hence the odd errors by both sides. It was a difficult surface on which to attack as well - difficult to set the ball up for a shot with it sticking under feet. We were never going to see pretty passing football but this is the type of pitch we are going to be playing on for the next couple of months. It's at times like these that we need to take off the wussy gloves, shed the poncey earrings and fancy hats, and grind out a result. Games are going to be close and we'll need to work hard - as we did today - to maintain the hopes of our manager - the Treble!

Fixtures: U15s - Saturday 27th January

Fishponds Utd	v	Brislington
Hengrove Boys	v	Fishponds Athletic
Redcatch	v	Fry Club
Whitchurch	v	Avon Park Rangers
Winford	v	Patchway

Results: U15s - Saturday 20th January

Hengrove Boys	10	Whitchurch	0
Fishponds Athletic	1	Patchway	14

Fixtures: U14s - Sunday 28th January

Almondsbury	v	Warmley 'A'
Fry Club Colts	v	Avon Athletic
Thornbury	v	Whitchurch 'A'
Whitchurch 'B'	v	Brislington 'A'

Results: U14s - Sunday 21st January

Frampton	4	Whitchurch 'A'	1
Warmley 'A'	2	Fry Club	3

U14 League Cup Quarterfinal draw

(matches to be played 4th February):

Avon Athletic	v	Warmley 'B'
Cadbury Heath or Ingleside	v	Warmley 'A'
Frampton 'A'	v	Brislington 'A'
Fry Club	v	Whitchurch 'B'

U14 Somerset (Lewin) Cup Quarterfinal draw

(matches to be played 11th March):

Bath Arsenal	v	Clevedon
Frome	v	Portishead
Fry Club	v	Brislington
Shepton Beauchamp	v	Churchill

Did you spot last week's deliberate error?

Yes, our second goal against Minehead was scored by Mattie Green and not Curtis Jack. Just testing!

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	1	3	1		4	
Steve Bacon	1	1					
Jamie Bryant	3	3	1		1	6	
Nick Ford	3	1					
Joe Garland	3	3			1		
Jack Gooding	6	1	1			6	
Tom Hamblin	4	1	2		1	1	
Rich Healey	5	1	1		3	4	
Lee James	3		2		1		
Sam Jones	3	1	2			1	
Phil Knight	6	1	1			4	
Craig Mehew	1						
Dan Payne	6	2			1	8	
John Pitt	5	3				13	
Jay Slade	5	1				7	
Greg Tucker	3						
Zolly Vanyai	5	2	1			7	
Mark Webb	1		4				
Chay Welsh	2		4			2	

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)	W/O
Jan	6	H	Brislington	3-0
	13	A	Whitchurch	4-1
	27	A	Redcatch	
Feb	3	H	Fishponds Athletic	
	10	A	Winford	
	17	A	Hengrove	
	24	A	Patchway	
Mar	3		Cup - Semi-finals	
	10			
	17	H	Avon Park Rangers	
	24	H	Fishponds United	
Apr	7		On tour - no game	

TBA Winford (H), Patchway (H), Fishponds Utd (A),

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Hengrove	9	9	0	0	81	5	27	+76
Fry Club Colts	8	7	0	1	63	16	21	+47
Winford	6	4	0	2	57	8	12	+49
Patchway	5	4	0	1	34	8	12	+26
Whitchurch	9	4	0	5	37	32	12	+5
Fishponds Utd	7	3	0	4	25	33	9	-8
Brislington	7	1	1	5	7	52	4	-45
Avon Park	5	1	0	3	10	26	3	-16
Redcatch	6	0	1	5	5	39	1	-34
Fishponds Ath	6	0	0	6	5	105	0	-100

U14 TEAM FACTS

	F	B	P	S	L	C
Joe Cook	8					2
Ian Field	5	3	2		1	3
Nick Frost	5					
Mattie Green	1					2
Nick Guest	5	2	2			
Tom Hamblin	10	1			2	4
Curtis Jack	3		2	1	1	
Sam Johnson	1			1		
Liam Kavanagh	6	2	1	1		
Phil Knight	7			1		
Jason McCrossan	8		3			
Ross Malone	5		1			4
Jack Morgan	1	1				
Craig Palmer	5	4	2			3
Dan Payne	6		2		3	2
Jay Slade	9	1	1		5	14
Gareth Smith	4	3	1		1	1
Colin Stallard	5	2	1	1		
Mark Webb	7		1			

Sep	10	A	Thornbury Falcons	3-1
	24	H	St Vallier (LC R1)	5-0
Oct	1	A	Frampton 'A'	4-1
	8	A	Hutton Juniors (Som Cup R1)	3-1
	15	A	Avon Athletic	0-1
	22	H	Brislington Juniors 'A'	3-2
Nov	12	A	Westfield Boys (Som Cup R2)	8-1
	26	A	Ashton Boys (LC R2)	6-0
Jan	7	A	St Annes Rangers (LC R3)	7-2
	14	A	Minehead Town (Som Cup R3)	6-0
	21	A	Warmley Rangers 'A'	3-2
	28	H	Avon Athletic	
Feb	4	H	Whitchurch 'B' (LC QF)	
	11	H	Bitton 'A'	
	18	A	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	
	25	A	Bitton 'A'	
Mar	4	H	Almondsbury (or LC SF)	
	11	H	Brislington (SC QF)	
	18	H	Warmley Rangers 'A'	
	25	H	Whitchurch 'B'	
Apr	1			
	8		U15 tour - no game	
	15	A	Almondsbury	
Thurs	19	H	Frampton 'A' (evening KO)	
	22			
Thurs	26	A	Whitchurch 'A' (evening KO)	
	29	H	Thornbury Falcons	

TBA A Brislington Juniors 'A',
 H Whitchurch 'A'

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Bitton 'A'	7	5	1	1	22	10	16	+12
Fry Club 'A'	5	4	0	1	13	7	12	+6
Whitchurch 'B'	8	3	1	4	18	16	10	+2
Avon Athletic	7	3	1	3	13	17	10	-4
Thornbury	5	3	0	2	12	8	9	+4
Brislington 'A'	5	3	0	2	12	11	9	+1
Warmley 'A'	8	3	0	5	19	22	9	-3
Whitchurch 'A'	7	2	2	3	10	14	8	-4
Frampton 'A'	9	2	1	6	16	28	7	-12
Almondsbury	5	1	2	2	8	10	5	-2