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U14 MATCH REPORT U15

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U15s hit for six to crash out of Cup

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Sam and Ross were both ill, and unavailable for selection, and a couple of other players were under the weather, but we were still able to field a strong side and were hopeful that we could spring a surprise and beat Hengrove for the first time. Redcatch had held Winford to a 2-2 draw in the League, so the underdogs do sometimes get a result! Bristol Rovers had started winning, so I guess that almost anything is possible in football. The line-up was:

Greg Tucker

Tom Hamblin Steve Bacon Phil Knight

Jack Gooding Rich Healey Dan Payne
 Zolly Vanyai Jay Slade
 Jamie Bryant Jon Pitt

We'd made the mistake in the opening League game of scoring an early goal to go 1-0 up. This obviously riled Hengrove and they'd gone on to beat us 5-1. This time we let them take an early lead when, in the fifth minute, we gave the ball away in our half and Jason Pitman evaded Phil's tackle to calmly lift the ball over Greg (1-0).

We were penned back for much of the first half, but did manage to get in some counter attacks. Jamie, in particular, made some good runs down the right, but Kye Hendy and Kevin Curtis were solid in defence, and Jon was often a lone figure up front. Jay, struggling with knee problems was unable to get forward as much as we would have liked. Forced to come off at half time, he is sure to

be out for a month – possibly for the rest of the season. However, there is nothing to be gained by playing him and risking long term damage. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his return when fully fit.

With Rich his normal tigerish self in midfield, and the midfield helping out our defence, we prevented Hengrove extending their lead until the half-hour mark. A corner on our left saw Marcus Smith lose his marker and head in, unopposed, from the edge of the six-yard box (2-0).

Our chances were few and far between. We did force a couple of corners that we hit low and hard – no point in hitting them in high with the height advantage that Hengrove have at the back – and twice we had shots cleared off the line. Bad luck, poor finishing, or good defending? They didn't go in, which is all that counts at the end of the day.

The big blow was conceding a third goal on the stroke of half-time. A quick break down our left flank saw Marcus Duharty skilfully beat both Steve and Tom before rounding Greg and shooting past Phil, on the line (3-0).

HALF TIME: HENGROVE 3 FRY'S 0

Mark came on to replace Jay, and we switched to 4-4-2. Five minutes in to the game and **Jon** outstripped his marker and sped down the left flank before shooting over the Hengrove 'keeper in to the far corner of the net (3-1).

Hengrove restored their three goal lead a quarter of an hour later when the ball was unfortunately deflected in to the path of Marcus Duharty, who beat Greg with a fiercely struck shot (4-1).

Three minutes later Dan was beaten for pace on the left flank and the cross was whipped in for

Marcus Duharty to clinch his hat-trick, giving Greg no chance again with a well-struck shot (5-1).

An excellent save from Greg, at full stretch saw him turn a shot bound for the top corner around the post, before Hengrove wrapped the scoring up with ten minutes to go. Greg appeared to have the ball in his hands only to be robbed by Marcus Duharty who knocked the ball home (6-1).

Joe came on for the last ten minutes to replace the injured Rich, and Chay replaced Zolly for the last couple of minutes, but we were unable to add to our solitary goal.

FULL TIME: HENGROVE 6 FRY'S 1

MAN OF THE MATCH

For an industrious whole-hearted performance, Jeff Garland's choice was **JAMIE BRYANT**.

Afterthoughts.....

Well, we didn't play as well as we can – which was disappointing. We know that Hengrove are a very good team, and they seemed more up for the game than we did. They were quicker to the ball, chased and harried more, and sprayed the ball around. We were second in every department. Perhaps it's a confidence problem, perhaps we don't believe in ourselves. It might not have helped that we haven't played for a few weeks, and that we haven't been able to train on grass. Perhaps the fact that we haven't played most of the top teams means we can't up our game when it's needed.

Well, the hard games are coming up thick and fast now. Unless we can play to the standards we are capable of – like the effort against Whitchurch then our season could tail off. Hengrove beat Whitchurch the week-end after we beat them 4-1, by ten goals to nil, and Hengrove didn't play as well in that game as they did against us as. We have the opportunity; still, to achieve our best ever position in the League – let's go for it!

RE-ARRANGED FIXTURES

*The Bristol Junior League has issued an updated fixture list for the remainder of the season. Details are on the back page. If you know **now** of any games you can't make please let Dave know.*

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No Jay – bad knees. No Curtis – we wish him well in his County rugby trial. So, a new-look attack against Almondsbury, bottom of the table but with games in hand and only beaten three times so far. Given the disruptions to the season, league placings may well be false, so we needed to treat the opposition with respect. We lined up:

Nick Frost

Tom Hamblin Jason McCrossan
Joe Cook Phil Knight

Craig Palmer Mark Webb Dan Payne Ross Malone

Gareth Smith Liam Kavanagh

We kicked off but lost the ball and Almondsbury countered with an attack down our left flank. Phil was penalised for a push in the back and the kick was hit low and hard in to the area. Our back line stood and watched, allowing an Almondsbury player to shoot. Although Nick was able to parry the attempt he couldn't get to the rebound and despite Joe's valiant effort to clear, he couldn't prevent the ball from crossing the line (0-1).

Coming up to ten minutes gone and a foul on Gareth, 30 yards out gave **Tom** the opportunity to put us level. Curling the ball over the wall, the ball flew just under the bar (1-1). Almondsbury's 'keeper was quite tall, but couldn't get a hand to it. A minute later and a corner on the right saw Craig hit the ball to the near post and **Gareth** nipped in to head past the 'keeper (2-1).

Fry's continued to press and we had a spell where we passed the ball around well. Jason surprised Almondsbury with a trademark long throw to the penalty spot, and a flick-on found **Liam** who hit a shot low in to the corner (3-1).

With a quarter of an hour gone, a good ball down the left from Mark allowed Ross to make ground down the left and find Gareth who had made a good run to the corner. His cross to the near post was headed out for a corner. Craig swung the ball across, the 'keeper fumbled and dropped the ball, and **Mark** swept it home (4-1).

A quick break by Almondsbury down our left flank saw Phil recover ground to get in a good tackle

on the edge of the box. We came back and a good interception from Phil and pass inside to Craig saw him pick out Dan on the left side of the area, only for a good tackle to rob him of the ball as he lined up to shoot.

Tom then got in a strong challenge on the left touchline, gaining the throw as well, that enabled Ross to break down the left and get in a good cross that was again put out for a corner. Unfortunately, Craig's kick was in to the side netting.

Almondsbury were awarded a free kick, but we broke quickly and Dan made ground before finding Craig. His shot from the edge of the area flew just past the far post. A good ball from Gareth, out to Craig saw his cross kicked clear by the 'keeper, under pressure.

Half an hour gone, and some nimble footwork from Ross enabled him to gain the space to unleash a wickedly swerving shot that only just cleared the crossbar by a couple of inches. Then a good through ball from Joe then nearly allowed Liam in, but a good tackle robbed him.

HALF TIME: FRY'S 4 ALMONDSBURY 1

Jason came off for the second half, with Ian coming on, on the right flank. Craig switched to right back, and Joe moved to sweeper.

A good cross from Ross gave Ian the chance of a shot from the edge of the area, but he was shoulder charged just as he let fly, and the shot lacked power.

Almondsbury responded with a break through the middle but Joe's challenge did enough to unsettle the attacker, and he shot wide. Ten minutes gone and two Almondsbury players suddenly found themselves clear, only for Nick to defy them with a brilliant stop. From the resultant corner Tom headed clear, only for the ball to drop for an Almondsbury player to head goalwards and Phil clear off the line.

A quick throw by Dan allowed Ross to make ground down the left and whip in a great cross that Liam met well, only to hit his shot straight at the 'keeper. A bit of head tennis in the middle of the pitch ended with the ball being deflected in to the path of Gareth who hared goalwards, but he elected to shoot early, from distance, and the shot lacked the power to trouble the 'keeper. Whether we had decided that enough had been done to win the game now, I don't know. What had never

been a convincing performance, despite the scoreline, now deteriorated into a scrappy game, with Almondsbury now showing more enterprise and penning us back.

A corner on our left hit the top of the crossbar, and Nick pulled off another good save. Mark and Gareth then combined well on the right to give Ian the chance to turn his marker and get in a low cross that Liam just failed to get on the end of. In to the last five minutes and Almondsbury at last got the reward for their second-half efforts when a player evaded our defence to slide the ball past Nick (4-2).

Afterthoughts.....

Well, the performance wasn't one of our better ones in terms of scintillating football, although thanks to a ten-minute spell when we got it together we got the result. As the end of term report says: "Room for improvement"!

FULL TIME: FRY'S 4 ALMONDSBURY 2

Results: U15s - Saturday 24th February

Fishponds Utd	1	Hengrove	9
Redcatch	2	Fishponds Ath	1
Whitchurch	8	Brislington	2

Mid-week game:

Redcatch	2	Winford	2
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League Results: U15s - Saturday 3rd March

Avon Park	1	Patchway	6
Winford	5	Whitchurch	2

League Cup Semi-final: U15s

Hengrove	6	Fry Club	1
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Results: U14s - Sunday 4th March

Bitton 'A'	4	Frampton 'A'	2
Fry Club	4	Almondsbury	2

League Cup Semi-final: U14s

Warmley 'A'	1	Brislington 'A'	2
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CHAY WELSH

Chay has decided to call it a day for the U15s. We all know that skills alone are not sufficient when you have to battle against defenders who are six feet tall. It's a shame to lose a player that has contributed a lot to the team in the years since he first donned the blue of Somerdale Wanderers. Thanks a lot for that Chay, and good luck with whatever you decide to do from now on.

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	2	1	3	1	1	10	
Steve Bacon	2	1					
Jamie Bryant	4	3	1		2	6	
Nick Ford	3	1					
Joe Garland	3	3	1		1		
Jack Gooding	7	1	2			6	
Tom Hamblin	6	1	2		1	1	
Rich Healey	6	2	1		3	4	
Lee James	3		2		1		
Sam Jones	4	1	2			1	
Phil Knight	8	1	1			5	
Craig Mehew	1						
Dan Payne	8	2			1	9	
Jon Pitt	6	3	1			15	1
Jay Slade	5	2				7	
Greg Tucker	5						
Zolly Vanyai	6	3	1			11	
Mark Webb	2		5			1	
Chay Welsh	3		5			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
Feb	3	H	Fishponds Athletic	15-1
Mar	3	A	Hengrove Boys - Cup (SF)	1-6
	10	A	Patchway	
	17	H	Avon Park Rangers	
	24	A	Fishponds United	
	31	H	Fishponds United	
Apr	7		On tour - no game	
	14	A	Hengrove Boys	
	21			
Apr	28	H	Patchway	
May	5	H	Winford	

TBA Winford (A), Redcatch (A)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Hengrove	13	12	1	0	136	8	37	+128
Fry Club Colts	9	8	0	1	78	17	24	+61
Whitchurch	14	8	0	6	85	42	24	+43
Winford	9	6	1	2	75	12	19	+63
Patchway	8	6	1	1	59	10	19	+49
Fishponds Utd	11	6	0	5	53	45	18	+8
Redcatch	11	1	2	8	10	65	5	-55
Brislington	12	1	1	10	14	105	4	-91
Avon Park	7	1	0	6	11	50	3	-39
Fishponds Ath	10	0	0	10	8	175	0	-167

U14 TEAM FACTS

	F	B	P	S	L	C
Joe Cook	11		1			2
Ian Field	6	4	4		1	3
Nick Frost	9					
Mattie Green	1					2
Nick Guest	5	5	2			
Tom Hamblin	13	1	1		3	4
Curtis Jack	3		4	1	1	
Sam Johnson	1			1		
Liam Kavanagh	7	5	1	1	2	
Phil Knight	9	1	1	1		
Jason McCrossan	11	1	3			
Ross Malone	9		1			4
Jack Morgan	1	1				
Craig Palmer	8	4	3			4
Dan Payne	9		3		3	2
Jay Slade	12	1	1		5	14
Gareth Smith	6	3	1	1	2	1
Colin Stallard	5	2	1	1		
Mark Webb	10		1	1	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
Feb	4	H	Whitchurch 'B' (LC QF)	1-4
	18	A	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	0-3
	25	A	Bitton 'A'	1-1

March

	4	H	Almondsbury	4-2
	11	H	Brislington (SC QF)	
	18	H	Warmley Rangers 'A'	
	25	H	Whitchurch 'B'	
Thurs	29	H	Whitchurch 'A' (6.15 KO)	

April

Thurs	5	A	Brislington 'A' (6.15 KO)	
	8		U15 tour - no game	
	15	A	Almondsbury	
Thurs	19	H	Frampton 'A' (6.30 KO)	
	22	H	Bitton 'A'	
Thurs	26	A	Whitchurch 'A' (6.30 KO)	
	29	H	Thornbury Falcons	

May

Thurs	3	H	Avon Athletic (6.30 KO)	
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Bitton 'A'	10	6	2	2	27	14	20	+13
Whitchurch 'A'	11	5	3	3	20	17	18	+3
Whitchurch 'B'	11	5	2	4	26	15	17	+11
Brislington 'A'	9	5	2	2	18	14	17	+4
Fry Club 'A'	8	5	1	2	18	13	16	+5
Warmley 'A'	10	4	1	5	23	23	13	=
Avon Athletic	9	4	1	4	17	21	13	-4
Thornbury	8	3	0	5	12	19	9	-7
Frampton 'A'	12	2	1	9	18	37	7	-19
Almondsbury	8	1	3	4	13	19	6	-6