



## FRY CLUB COLTS

# U14 MATCH REPORT U15

Number 17

Battling display by U14s in Somerset Cup defeat

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With Rich carrying a leg injury, and Jay out, Dave toyed with the idea of reverting to 4-4-2. Jack used his influence as captain to dissuade our manager – something to do with Jack and Dan having to do too much running around when there are only four in midfield. So, Mark came in to provide the midfield graft to support the silky passing skills of Dan and Jack (should the word alleged be in here somewhere?).

Sam came back in at the back and Phil was to be our secret weapon wide on the left. Actually, Phil thought he had to play as a winger until I pointed out he lacked both speed and trickery – the two attributes most commonly associated with wingers. As a secret weapon the ploy was to meet with mixed success. As a weapon, it didn't work – mainly because it was so secret that none of the players knew, so we never passed the ball out to the left! Anyway, we lined up:

	Greg Tucker	
Tom Hamblin	Steve Bacon	Sam Jones
Jack Gooding	Mark Webb	Dan Payne
Zolly Vanyai		Phil Knight
Jamie Bryant	Jon Pitt	

Jack won the toss and elected to kick with the crossfield wind slightly behind us. Patchway were quick to close down and did the early pressing. In the fifth minute Jack was suckered by a piece of nifty footwork on the right and a dangerous cross to the near post was met with a good header by a Patchway attacker. Greg pulled off a fine reaction save to push the ball round the post. However the ball was played back from the corner and when

the cross came in it was met by a Patchway forward who powered his header past Greg (1-0). Steve cleared a second corner on our right, after 10 minutes, whilst our response was a speculative shot from Jack, on the edge of the area that sailed over the bar.

We were starting to come back in to the game now. Steve looked impressive at the back, and Tom was strong in the tackle and in the air. Mark had taken a few minutes to adjust to the pace of the game – Patchway tend to play the ball quickly with lots of runners in support – but soon started to get in some crunching tackles to break up the play. Dan and Jack were prompting, but the wind was tending to take the ball beyond our front runners and Callum Francombe was seldom under too much pressure as he swept up at the back for Patchway.

Patchway increased their lead in the twentieth minute when a quick throw on the right saw the ball laid off and crossed in low for their forward to lose his marker and crash the ball low past Greg (2-0). In the past, we have folded against Patchway when going a couple of goals down “capitulated” as Rich Pitman said. It was good, therefore, to see some resolve in the team. We battled away in midfield, and although Phil and Zolly were forced deep we tackled well and kept our shape. Our reward came just before the half-hour when we were awarded a free kick for a push in the back of Zolly, on the left. Jack hit the kick in to the box where Dan ghosted in to plant a downward header just inside the post (2-1).

Greg pulled off another good save from a header, following a free-kick on our right, and we broke forward to win a corner on the left. Jack swung the ball towards the penalty spot where it dropped for Zolly to drive the ball home, despite the effort of a Patchway defender to clear off the line (2-2). Patchway were not looking so controlled now and

a good cross from Jamie almost found Phil at the back post, a defender just getting his head to the ball first. However, Patchway then broke quickly and it needed a good foot in from Sam, at the expense of a corner to prevent a Patchway forward getting in a shot.

**HALF TIME: PATCHWAY 2 FRY'S 2**

An early scare for us as a cross from the left flank rebounded off the crossbar, before we unluckily went behind in the sixth minute. A cross in from the right reached a Patchway player at the far post and his shot took a deflection, past Greg, and in off the post (3-2). Chances became fewer as both teams defended well, and the midfield battle became fiercer. Nobody was shirking tackles, and there were some real crunchers – hard, but fair. I felt sure that the ball was going to burst at some stage! Patchway did have a free header that was glanced wide following a long throw from the left, but that was about it for almost twenty minutes of the half.

With a quarter of an hour to go Rich came on to replace Zolly, Dan moving up front. Another Patchway long throw saw a back-header just pass our far post before a cross from a short corner evaded Greg's grasp but was hacked to safety. A ball down the left from Rich saw the ever-willing Jamie battle for the ball, only to be foiled again by Callum. With ten minutes to go, Jamie did manage to break free and latch on to a good through ball from Jack, only to shoot weakly straight at the 'keeper.

With five minutes to go Joe came on to replace Phil, but it was Patchway that came closest to getting another goal as Greg finger-tipped a shot from the edge of the area over the bar. Ross came on for the last couple of minutes to replace the flagging Dan as Dave sought to gain a late equaliser, but to no avail. Jon, who hadn't had a lot of the ball, was fouled on the left, in what might have been a dangerous position for a free-kick; but the referee ignored the supplications of players and supporters.

**FULL TIME: PATCHWAY 3 FRY'S 2**

### ***Afterthoughts.....***

*A gritty performance – we didn't stop working, which was good to see. We didn't create many chances and paid for a couple of defensive lapses, but took the game to the wire and had Patchway rocking just before half-time. We did miss Jay's power down the left, and were*

*sometimes too predictable in continually channelling attacks down the right, but overall it was a good performance.*

### **MAN OF THE MATCH**

*For a storming midfield performance Mark Webb got the vote from Rich Healey and Ross Ashman who were this week's adjudicators. Close contenders were Greg, Steve, and Tom.*

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With the five old 'uns missing, Craig away at school camp, and Jay injured, this game was always going to be a struggle. Don't forget we'd only beaten Brislington 3-2 in the League with a full squad to choose from. Jack Morgan returned at left back, and James Baker came in at right back. Sam Evans was our only substitute. We also welcomed back Colin Stallard, playing against his old club. The line up was:

Nick Frost  
Tom Hamblin Jason McCrossan  
James Baker Jack Morgan  
Nick Guest Ian Field Colin Stallard Ross  
Malone  
Liam Kavanagh Curtis Jack

Brislington pressed right from the outset, moving the ball about quickly, and running at pace. Nick Guest made an early well-timed clearance to a dangerous cross from the right flank. Then an attempted fancy flick by Curtis gifted the ball to the opposition, but fortunately the shot was struck in to the side netting.

Jack then made a timely interception before confidently running the ball out of defence and releasing Curtis. The ball came back though, and a dangerous cross in from the left saw a Brislington attacker turn Jason and shoot – Nick pulling off a fine save. It was then Tom's turn to come to the rescue with a great sliding tackle.

We were trying to play football when we got the ball, but we seemed to be ploughing through the mud while Brislington appeared to be skating over it. We were unlucky when Curtis, Ian and Ross combined in a good move, but the final pass was just too strong.

With just under a quarter of an hour gone Tom was caught out for pace on the left and attempted what looked like a rugby tackle to bring his opponent down before he reached the penalty area. Sadly, it was inside the area, according to the referee. Fortunately, the penalty kick was blasted against the bar. Tom injured his foot in a tackle and was left hobbling, so when we were awarded a free kick 35 yards out, Curtis tried his luck, but the shot was too high.

Midway through the half and Tom was forced to limp off, Curtis dropping back in to defence. However, before we could re-group Brislington took the lead – a low drive from the edge of the area beat Nick's dive and flashed just inside the post. Two minutes later and it was 2-0 when we were unable to clear a cross in from the right and the ball dropped invitingly for a Brislington forward to crash it in to the roof of the net.

Tom came back on, still limping, to play the role of target man up front. No sooner had he come back on than James went down injured, pulling a muscle in another attempt to prevent Brislington crossing. He was forced to come off and Sam Evans came on to fill the right midfield berth, Liam dropping to right back, and Nick moving up front.

A good through ball from Colin allowed Tom to flick the ball on for Nick, coming through on the burst, but he was sandwiched off the ball. Good control by Curtis and a pass over the Brislington defence allowed Ross a run down the left, but their defence recovered to crowd him out. Colin tried to bustle his way through, but was thwarted and then Sam was quickly closed down as he tried to get a cross in. Colin, Ross, Ian and Tom then combined in a fine passing move that ended with Nick just being caught offside as he ran through on goal.

**HALF TIME: FRY'S 0 BRISLINGTON 2**

Three minutes in to the half and we were unlucky when Curtis leapt up to cut out a cross only to get just enough of a touch to take it over Nick's head and give a Brislington forward the simplest of headers, two feet from the line (0-3).

We responded with an excellent passing move that saw Ross and Ian play a couple of one-twos before Tom's return to Ross was just reached first by the Brislington 'keeper. Curtis then launched a cross from a free kick in to the area, Tom won the ball in a tackle and got the ball as far as Nick, who couldn't get his cross in. Tom just failed to get his head to a long throw from Jason, but Sam

managed to get a cross back in to the near post only for Brislington to clear. Nick was then forced to come out of his area and intercept with his feet, Jack confidently clearing. Then a deep cross in from the left saw Sam, unsure of who was behind him, calmly volley the ball over his own bar! From the resultant corner the ball was only headed out as far as the edge of the area where a Brislington player drove it back through a crowd of players, past the unsighted Nick and in off the post (0-4).

Nick Guest now dropped in to the back four and Curtis was pushed up front as we went for glory or bust! This left us a bit short in stature and pace at the back – with the exception of Jason – but the two Nicks and Jack combined to clear the ball off the line and thwart another Brislington attack. Twenty minutes gone and for once our marking at the back let us down. An unmarked Brislington player had time to pick his spot but again Nick pulled off an excellent save.

At the other end Curtis had a shot from the edge of the area that took a deflection and looped in to the 'keeper's hands. Then another Brislington corner saw them head narrowly wide. Just under half an hour gone and another long throw from Jason was met by **Ross** with an overhead kick, the ball cleared the 'keeper and dipped under the bar (1-4). A nice strike! We were now actually looking stronger – the goal had lifted us. A cross in from Tom was sliced just wide of his own goal by a Brislington defender and from Curtis's corner kick Tom headed just wide.

**FULL TIME: FRY'S 1 BRISLINGTON 4**

**Afterthoughts.....**

*I know the players will be disappointed at losing, but they shouldn't be downhearted. We showed great spirit against a very good team. In terms of effort it was a better performance than when we won last week against Almondsbury. It was nice to see Colin playing for us again, and I thought that both Sam and Jack did well, playing safe and sensibly and not being overawed. Let's look forward now to renewing the League campaign.*

**League Results: U15s - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Fishponds Utd	1	Avon Park	2
Patchway	3	Fry Club	2

**League Cup Semi-final: U15s**

Brislington	0	Winford	3
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**Results: U14s – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Whitchurch 'A'	3	Bitton 'A'	3
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**Results: U14s – Somerset Cup Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Bath Arsenal	3	Clevedon Town	1
Frome Sportshouse	3	Portishead Jun	2
Fry Club	1	Brislington	4
Shepton Beauchamp	4	Churchill Club	0

## 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	4	1	1	10	
Steve Bacon	3	1					
Jamie Bryant	5	3	1		2	6	
Nick Ford	3	1					
Joe Garland	3	3	2		1		
Jack Gooding	8	1	2			6	
Tom Hamblin	7	1	2		1	1	
Rich Healey	6	2	2		3	4	
Lee James	3		2		1		
Sam Jones	5	1	2			1	
Phil Knight	8	2	1			5	
Craig Mehew	1						
Dan Payne	8	3			1	10	
Jon Pitt	7	3	1			15	1
Jay Slade	5	2				7	
Greg Tucker	6						
Zolly Vanyai	6	4	1			12	
Mark Webb	3		5		1	1	
Chay Welsh	3		5			2	

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	2-3
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
<b>Fry Club Colts</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>+60</b>
Whitchurch	14	8	0	6	85	42	24	+43
Patchway	9	7	1	1	62	12	22	+50
Winford	9	6	1	2	75	12	19	+63
Fishponds Utd	12	6	0	6	54	47	18	+7
Avon Park	8	2	0	6	13	51	6	-38
Redcatch	11	1	2	8	10	65	5	-55
Brislington	12	1	1	10	14	105	4	-91
Fishponds Ath	10	0	0	10	8	175	0	-167

## TRAINING

**There will be no training next  
 Friday (23<sup>rd</sup> March)**

## U14 TEAM FACTS

	F	B	P	S	L	C
James Baker		1				
Joe Cook	11		1			2
Sam Evans			1			
Ian Field	7	4	4		1	3
Nick Frost	10					
Mattie Green	1					2
Nick Guest	6	5	2			
Tom Hamblin	14	1	1		3	4
Curtis Jack	4		4	1	1	
Sam Johnson	1			1		
Liam Kavanagh	8	5	1	1	2	
Phil Knight	9	1	1	1		
Jason McCrossan	12	1	3			
Ross Malone	10		1			5
Jack Morgan	2	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	6	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)	1-4
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)	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Bitton 'A'	11	6	3	2	30	17	21	+13
Whitchurch 'A'	12	5	4	3	23	20	19	+3
Whitchurch 'B'	11	5	2	4	26	15	17	+11
Brislington 'A'	9	5	2	2	18	14	17	+4
<b>Fry Club 'A'</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>+5</b>
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