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Colts gain point in gritty performance

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With only Jay missing, Andy had almost a full-strength squad to pick from. With the U15 game a victim of the weather everyone was raring to go – no excuses for tiredness! Home this week was at the same venue as our away game – Wellsway School. The line-up was:

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

Having already lost twice to Whitchurch this season – in the League and the Cup, it was good to see us competing straight from the off – no negative vibes. The first few minutes were relatively evenly contested, mainly in midfield where we seemed hungrier for the ball. Andy's tactics – five in midfield – seemed spot-on. The lack of a fourth player at the back didn't seem to affect our defensive capability – Tom, Joe and Phil all getting in quickly and decisively, staying on their feet and not diving in recklessly.

The first real chance fell to Curtis, after almost ten minutes play – a powerful shot from 30 yards that cleared the crossbar. We had a fright after a quarter of an hour, however. Joe appeared to have a through ball covered only to lose his footing. Two Whitchurch players converged on goal and Nick came out quickly to narrow the angle and the shot went just wide of the far post.

A quick break by us saw Dan release Ross who crossed for Gareth, only for the 'keeper to just reach the ball first. Play was quickly back to our end and Nick pulled off a brilliant fingertip save, deflecting a shot from a narrow angle on to the post and then grabbing the rebound.

A long throw from Mark reached Dan at the near post and he turned and hooked a shot just under the bar, but the Whitchurch 'keeper was well positioned to hold the shot. A good long free kick by Tom, inside his own half, found Dan's head but he couldn't get a clean header on target.

HALF TIME: FRY'S 0 WHITCHURCH 0

Jason came on at half time to replace Joe, but Andy resisted any further changes. The game was delicately poised and he didn't want to disrupt the pattern of play by making mass changes.

With a couple of minutes gone, Tom pumped a free kick in to the box and Mark and Curtis combined to set up Ross for a shot that also cleared the crossbar.

Seven minutes in to the half and Gareth was booked for leaving his foot in – the second time in quick succession. Three minutes later and Mark joined him in the book following a two-footed tackle from behind. So, after thirteen minutes of the half Liam and Nick came on to replace Mark and Gareth – Andy taking no chances on them picking up a second caution and a sending off.

A good break by Ross and Curtis on the left following a good crossfield ball from Dan saw Curtis get in a cross that Nick stretched to reach at the near post - but he was just unable to deflect the ball on target. An unnecessary foul by Jason – he'd already forced the player wide and the ball

was going out of play – provided Whitchurch with a free kick on the edge of the area. Poor marking left the Whitchurch centre forward in space at the far post and we were fortunate that he wasted the opportunity by heading wide.

Just over 20 minutes of the half gone and Dan tried to work his way through on goal from the edge of the area. His shot was deflected in to the path of Nick but he couldn't get sufficient power in his shot to trouble the 'keeper.

Whitchurch broke quickly and Jason got across well to clear the danger. Dan then won the ball in midfield and played it wide to Liam whose good through ball found Nick bearing down on goal. The 'keeper did well to come out quickly from his area and tackle Nick and win the ball.

Nick then turned provider for Curtis who was robbed by an excellent tackle as he sped towards the area. In to the last five minutes and Curtis received the ball on the halfway line and made for the area, unleashing a shot as he was pressured, the ball flashing the wrong side of the post.

A bounce-up in the final minute of normal time following the ball being trapped under a player on the ground saw both players taking part injure themselves – a clash of feet. Although both recovered after treatment, Dan no sooner kicked the ball before going down in agony. Dave Webb was visibly wilting under the weight as he carried Dan off! Down to ten men and Whitchurch pressed forward. Jason fouled an attacker 35 yards out and the free kick was met by an excellent Whitchurch header; it flew only six inches over the bar. Finally, just as Ross broke away and it looked like we might grasp a last second winner, the referee blew for time.

FULL TIME: FRY'S 0 WHITCHURCH 0

Afterthoughts.....

A much better performance this week – everyone contributed and played their part - we just couldn't get the finishing touch to match our solid defending and industrious midfield play. In the first half particularly we were winning most of the lose balls and looked really up for the game. Let's carry on in the same vein on Thursday against Whitchurch 'A' – the new League leaders.

Results: U14s – Sunday 25th March

Brislington 'A'	2	Whitchurch 'A'	3
Fry Club	0	Whitchurch 'B'	0

U14 TEAM FACTS		F	B	P	S	L	C
James Baker			1				
Joe Cook	12		1	1			2
Sam Evans				1			
Ian Field	9	4	4		1	3	
Nick Frost	12						
Mattie Green	1						2
Nick Guest	6	6	3				
Tom Hamblin	15	1	1		3	4	
Curtis Jack	6		4	1	1		
Sam Johnson	1				1		
Liam Kavanagh	9	5	2	1	2		
Phil Knight	10	1	2	1			
Jason McCrossan	12	1	4				
Ross Malone	12		1				5
Jack Morgan	2	1					
Craig Palmer	10	4	3				4
Dan Payne	11		3		3	2	
Jay Slade	12	1	1		5	14	
Gareth Smith	7	4	1	1	3	1	
Colin Stallard	6	2	1	1			
Mark Webb	11	1	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'	1-2
	25	H	Whitchurch 'B'	0-0
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
Whitchurch 'A'	13	6	4	3	26	22	22	+4
Bitton 'A'	11	6	3	2	30	17	21	+13
Whitchurch 'B'	12	5	3	4	26	15	18	+11
Fry Club 'A'	10	5	2	3	19	15	17	+4
Brislington 'A'	10	5	2	3	20	17	17	+3
Warmley 'A'	11	5	1	5	25	24	16	+1
Avon Athletic	9	4	1	4	17	21	13	-4
Almondsbury	9	2	3	4	14	19	9	-5
Thornbury	9	3	0	6	12	20	9	-8
Frampton 'A'	12	2	1	9	18	37	7	-19