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A touch of realism as the dream dies

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The top of the table clash – and I couldn't make it. Sparing no expense we obtained the services of a professional journalist to compile the match report – so thanks to Rich Smith. The line up was:

Nick Frost
Tom Hamblin Jason McCrossan
Joe Cook Phil Knight

Gareth Smith Mark Webb Dan Payne Ross Malone

Curtis Jack Jay Slade

Substitutes: Ian Field, Craig Palmer

A wet dull evening but thankfully no wind to worry about. A big game for both teams that could settle the league, so expectations from both sets of supporters were running high to set an exciting scene.

Brislington started well with some quick passing from defence to attack that challenged our defensive skills. In the second minute Jason saved our skin, with a timely interception. Unfortunately, Brislington's direct and quick passing style was causing problems down our left side. In the 5th minute they gained possession in midfield, moving the ball quickly from the right wing, resulting in a well-taken goal.

After the restart the game settled down and we started to get a grip in midfield with Mark and Dan winning good possession. In the 10th minute a good run and shot from Curtis resulted in our first attempt on the Brislington goal.

In the 15th minute Curtis again made a penetrating run down the right to win a corner. Ross took an in-swinger met by Tom's head, which sadly went just over the bar. We were now on top and pushing Brislington back. An exchange of passes between Gareth and Curtis won another corner, which was easily cleared.

Brislington capitalised on some loose play to again hit their front players early but both Jason and Tom defended resolutely. In the 27th minute, a snap shot from the Brislington midfield brought an excellent save from Nick Frost.

We responded well with Mark splitting the Brislington defence with an incisive pass for Curtis to win another corner. Again some solid defending by Brislington thwarted our efforts. A combination of Mark and Dan, who were battling away in midfield slipped the ball to Jay who headed on to Curtis who ran at the Brislington defence only to be judged to have committed a foul - unlucky.

HALF TIME: BRISLINGTON 1 COLTS 0

We battled and defended well without putting the Brislington defence under real pressure. Brislington's movement, particularly up front and quick passing style posed a real threat and danger, so in the second half Andy decided to keep the same line up.

Brislington started the second half with greater urgency, which put our defence under immediate pressure. Jason making a timely tackle and clearance in the first two minutes to save our blushes. Gareth and Dan combined well to win a throw-in and a chance for Mark to show his long throw-in skills, but again the Brislington defence cleared.

A strong tackle from Gareth resulted in the ball falling to Jay who ran directly at the Brislington defence hitting a rasping left foot drive just wide. We continued to take a grip of the game with some inspirational play from our midfield quartet. Winning a free kick in the centre circle, Tom pumped the ball into the Brislington penalty area, which was met by Jay only for the Brislington keeper to gather comfortably.

With 50 minutes gone Brislington turned up the gas after our early domination, a clash in midfield left Mark flat out and clearly distressed. The referee, choosing to let play continue, ignored Mark and allowed the Brislington attacker to continue, who outpaced our defence to slot in their second goal. Disappointing for the team as we dominated the early play in the second half.

From the restart Brislington continued their slick passing game with their midfield and forwards displaying excellent movement. We were still competing well with Dan and Mark winning plenty of possession. In the 55th minute Andy decided to go for broke - introducing Craig for Phil in a tactical substitution to add some attacking flair with a 2-5-3 formation.

Despite being two down our enthusiasm and competitive edge was still evident as we pushed forward. A strong run from Jay on our left flank resulting in a cross which eluded the Brislington defence finding Gareth on the right who set up Curtis to cleverly chip the ball agonisingly too high, hitting the top of the Brislington crossbar.

Another penetrating attack from Brislington brought an excellent save from Nick Frost, and Jason's strength and pace was put under pressure but he responded with determination cancelling out several Brislington attacks. Gareth, Craig and Curtis combined well to get the ball behind the Brislington defence winning a free kick on the right wing. Again the Brislington defence cleared comfortably.

Good movement and sharp passing on the Brislington right stretched our defence after we lost possession to set up Brislington's third goal. A skilful cross eluded Nick, only for Gareth to clear the ball to a Brislington forward who calmly slotted in their third goal on the 60th minute. Straight from the restart a good run and shot by Jay hit the side netting. On 63 minutes Andy substituted Ross for Ian, and we continued to compete with determination to the final whistle.

FULL TIME: BRISLINGTON 3 COLTS 0

Afterthoughts.....

Although we lost the game we competed well and matched Brislington for effort throughout the game. On reflection we had greater possession in midfield, particularly in the later stages of the first half and early in the second half without really penetrating the Brislington defence. Brislington had six goal attempts and scored three goals. They moved the ball quickly from defence to attack with slick, accurate passing and intelligent front movement and running. We should not be too disappointed, we are now challenging at the top of our age group, something we did not envisage at the beginning of the season. We can feel proud of our performance, with a touch of disappointment. No doubt we will get our revenge another day!

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AVON ATHLETIC
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How would we react to Tuesday night's defeat?
We lined up:

Nick Frost
Tom Hamblin Jason McCrossan
Joe Cook Phil Knight

Gareth Smith Craig Palmer Dan Payne Ross Malone

Curtis Jack Jay Slade

Substitutes: Mark Webb, Ian Field, Liam Kavanagh

Avon kicked off, with what wind there was behind them, and for the first few minutes the ball was mostly in the air, with neither team dominating. We were coming to a stop against their defence and they were mostly hitting the ball too long and Nick was fielding the ball.

The first chance came in the seventh minute when Ross was penalised for a foul. The free kick was 40 yards out from goal, but Nick had to get across his line quickly to push the shot round the post. Gareth headed the corner kick out of the danger area for Ross to clear long.

A minute later and Craig's pass back to Joe was under-hit, Joe's clearance was charged down and

bounced back in to the penalty area. Phil got a foot in to take the ball away from an Avon attacker but without sufficient strength to take the ball out for a corner and an Avon forward nipped in at the post to smash the ball home (0-1).

A long throw from Jason allowed Jay to get in a good cross to the far post but Gareth's downward header lacked power and was easily held by the 'keeper. Approaching a quarter of an hour and a high ball from Avon saw Tom and Jason in a tangle that gave an Avon forward the chance to step in and steal the ball. Nick safely gathered the shot at the second attempt. Another foul by Ross – for pushing – and Nick failed to hold on to a deep cross and conceded a corner that saw Avon fail to capitalise upon as they too were penalised for pushing.

Curtis charged down a clearance and reacted quickest to seize upon the loose ball on the right wing. The Avon 'keeper started to advance, then decided to retreat but Curtis's shot cleared the bar as well as the 'keeper.

Jay, Craig and Dan then combined to make ground. A good tackle stopped Dan, but the Avon player then handled the ball while on the ground. Dan struck the 25-yard free kick over the wall but curled it a foot wide of the post. Twenty-five minutes gone and although we were doing most of the pressing we were failing to create chances. A long throw from Jason was headed clear only as far as Curtis on the edge of the box whose attempted lob was just wide.

With five minutes of the half remaining Avon played the ball in from our right flank to the near post where the ball seemed to take Tom by surprise and bounce past him for an Avon forward to poke home (0-2).

HALF TIME: COLTS 0 AVON ATHLETIC 2

Tom climbed all over an Avon player to concede a free kick 35 yards out, but the ball was struck straight at Nick. Craig, Gareth and Curtis combined in a good move down the right that finished with a cross come shot from Curtis that landed on the top of the net. Six minutes in to the half and Mark came on to replace Dan. Mark immediately combined with Ross as they interchanged passes to move from the edge of our area to that of Avon, only for Ross to fail to cut the ball back in and his cross went behind the goal.

Seventeen minutes gone and Andy switched to a back three, Phil coming off and Liam coming on

to bolster the midfield. A storming run from Joe ended with a lay off to Curtis who promptly lost the ball. Two minutes later and Curtis was booked for a reckless challenge on the Avon 'keeper.

A good run by Gareth saw him pass inside to Mark who laid the ball back for Craig to shoot over the bar. Twenty minutes gone and Ian came on to replace Ross. Gareth forced a corner following a head on from Jay, that Joe just failed to get a head to, the ball dropping to be cleared off Jay for a goalkick.

A long throw from Jay saw Mark's effort blocked, and from the ricochet Curtis's miss-hit shot trickled through to the 'keeper. Although we kept on going to the end we failed to create any further chances.

FULL TIME: COLTS 0 AVON ATHLETIC 2

Afterthoughts.....

For all our team spirit, effort and ball winning capabilities there are times when this is not enough to see us through, and our lack of technique and tactical awareness lets us down. Considering the individual weaknesses of players we have done well as a team to remain in contention for the Championship until the last few games of the season. Given that every promoted team has gone straight back down, we have had a successful season, far exceeding our initial hopes of merely surviving or even ending up mid-table.

U14 results – week ending 6th May

Almondsbury	2	Bitton 'A'	3
Avon Athletic	2	Almondsbury	2
Bitton 'A'	3	Almondsbury	3
Brislington 'A'	3	Fry Club	0
Brislington 'A'	4	Frampton 'A'	0
Fry Club	0	Avon Athletic	2
Thornbury Falcons	3	Brislington 'A'	2
Thornbury Falcons	2	Warmley 'A'	2
Whitchurch 'B'	11	Whitchurch 'A'	1
Warmley 'A'	4	Thornbury Falcons	0
Warmley 'A'	W/O	Avon Athletic	

(Avon Athletic were unable to raise a team, the score counts as 0-0 but Warmley 'A' are awarded the 3 points)

This week's fixtures, the last of the season:

Avon Athletic	v	Warmley 'A'
Avon Athletic	v	Frampton
Bitton	v	Whitchurch 'B'
Fry Club	v	Bitton 'A'

U14 TEAM FACTS

	F	B	P	S	L	C
James Baker		1				
Joe Cook	15	3	2		1	2
Sam Evans			1			
Ian Field	12	4	7	1	1	3
Nick Frost	19					
Mattie Green	1					2
Nick Guest	9	8	3			
Tom Hamblin	22	1	1		6	4
Curtis Jack	11		5	2	2	
Sam Johnson	1			1		
Liam Kavanagh	12	5	4	1	2	
Phil Knight	12	3	4	1		
Jason McCrossan	19	1	4			
Ross Malone	14	4	1	1		5
Jack Morgan	2	1				
Craig Palmer	14	4	6			4
Dan Payne	13	2	6		3	2
Jay Slade	16	3	1		7	14
Gareth Smith	11	6	2	1	3	1
Colin Stallard	6	2	1	1		
Mark Webb	14	3	3	1	4	

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
	29	H	Whitchurch 'A' (6.15 KO)			4-1
April						
	15	A	Almondsbury			1-1
	19	H	Frampton 'A' (6.30 KO)			1-0
	26	A	Whitchurch 'A' (6.30 KO)			2-0
	29	H	Thornbury Falcons			2-1
May						
	1	A	Brislington 'A' (6.30 KO)			0-3
	3	H	Avon Athletic (6.30 KO)			0-2
	11	H	Bitton 'A' (6.30 KO)			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Brislington 'A'	18	11	3	4	43	25	36	+18
Warmley 'A'	17	9	3	5	37	26	30	+11
Fry Club 'A'	17	9	3	5	29	23	30	+6
Bitton 'A'	16	8	4	4	42	30	28	+12
Whitchurch 'B'	17	7	4	6	47	22	25	+25
Whitchurch 'A'	18	6	5	7	29	43	23	-14
Avon Athletic	16	6	4	6	30	33	22	-3
Almondsbury	18	4	7	7	35	40	19	-5
Thornbury	18	5	2	11	26	47	17	-21
Frampton 'A'	17	2	3	12	24	53	9	-29

U15s

Results – week ending 6th May

Fishponds Utd	5	Whitchurch	0
Fishponds Utd	3	Winford	4
Winford		Patchway	W/O

(Winford couldn't raise a team, so Patchway should get the 3 points with the score counting as 1-0.)

Remaining fixtures

Wed 9 th May	H	Winford (6.30 KO)
Mon 14 th May	H	Fishponds Utd (6.30 KO) (Double fixture)
Wed 16 th May	A	Winford (6.30 KO)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Hengrove	16	14	2	0	155	13	44	+142
Patchway	14	11	1	2	77	17	34	+60
Fry Club Colts	14	10	1	3	98	30	31	+68
Winford	13	9	1	3	87	18	28	+69
Whitchurch	16	8	0	8	86	48	24	+38
Fishponds Utd	15	8	0	7	80	48	24	+32
Avon Park	13	5	0	8	30	62	14	-32
Brislington	15	2	1	12	21	118	7	-97
Redcatch	14	1	2	11	14	96	5	-82
Fishponds Ath	14	0	0	14	10	208	0	-198

PENALTY SHOOT-OUT COMPETITION

Congratulations to Rich Healey and to Craig Palmer, who will represent the U15s and U14s respectively in the final (9.30 Saturday 12th May). Dan Payne and Phil Knight were the runners-up for the respective teams.

U15s v MANAGERS

The traditional end of season game between the oldest Colts team and the managers of the various Colts teams takes place on Saturday 12th May – 10.30 KO.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 17th May

Fry Club Colts JFC Presentation Evening. Starts at 7.30 – please be seated in good time.

Saturday 2nd June

*U14/U15 Presentation Night/Disco
Tickets on sale shortly – Adults £2, Kids £1.*

For those who might still be unaware of the fact, Andy Glover is now a proud granddad. Mitchell Peter Glover weighed in at 7lb 13oz at 2.45 am on Monday 30th April. Mother and son are doing well, but the jury is still out on the grandfather!