



## FRY CLUB COLTS

# U14 FINAL REPORT U14

Number 25

Season ends in defeat

15<sup>th</sup> May 2001

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Following our defeats at the hands of Brislington and Avon Athletic, third place was ours if we could beat Bitton. They were in with a chance of the runners-up spot, along with Warmley. With Liam ill and Jason absent, we had Tom and Jay on the bench and lined up:

Nick Frost  
 Mark Webb Joe Cook Phil Knight

Nick Guest Ross Malone  
 Ian Field Craig Palmer Dan Payne  
 Gareth Smith Curtis Jack

Dan tried a shot straight from the kick-off, but it lacked length and was easily fielded by the 'keeper. Bitton responded with a shot from the edge of the area that found the side netting.

Eight minutes gone and a free kick out on the left saw the ball played to the edge of the six-yard box. Dan's attempted headed clearance only fell to two unmarked Bitton players at the back post. One was all that was needed to curl the ball past Nick and inside the post (0-1).

Craig burst through and tried a shot from 25 yards but hit it straight at the 'keeper. Mark then played the ball down the right wing for Curtis to chase and win a corner. Ross the corner deep, just over Joe's head, but we recovered and Phil played the ball in for Curtis to shoot, but it lacked power.

Twenty minutes gone and Bitton caught us on the counter attack; an attacker got between Mark and Joe and calmly slotted the ball past Nick (0-2).

Curtis and Ian combined well on the left, culminating in a low drive that the 'keeper to get down to save.

In to the last ten minutes of the half and Dan headed the ball down for the unmarked Nick to shoot wide. Again Bitton attacked and again a player got between Joe and Mark and we were fortunate that his shot caught Nick's leg and went out for a corner that Dan cleared.

With five minutes of the half remaining Ross travelled down the left flank and hit a cross-shot that the 'keeper dropped. **Gareth** was on hand to convert the chance (1-2).

Two minutes later and a head out by Bitton was well controlled on the run and the Bitton forward ran through the centre of our defence to plant the ball firmly past Nick (1-3).

**HALF TIME: COLTS 1 BITTON 3**

Being only slightly mystified by the first half team selection, I was somewhat taken aback to hear Dan say quite happily at half time that he was only pissing about. Completely gob-smacked was a fair description of how I felt when I saw Andy replacing Nick in goal. I've got no real interest in joke football, so I went home.

*I wasn't going to waste my time doing a match report, but as Andy wrote some notes I have done. The rest of the report is his.*

The second half line-up was:

Curtis Jack  
 Gareth Smith Mark Webb Dan Payne

Nick Guest Ross Malone  
 Ian Field Tom Hamblin Phil Knight  
 Nick Frost Jay Slade



Bitton kicked off but our defence broke up the attack. Gareth and Mark back in the positions in which they first played for us looked as if they had never gone away. Dan, playing in a position that he had occupied a few times last year mopped up the loose balls and was commanding in the air.

A long ball was played down the right wing for Nick Frost to chase and, showing a surprising turn of pace, got to the ball turned back and passed for Nick Guest to get in a cross that was cleared.

Within five minutes it was clear that were the stronger side with their managers getting nervous and shouting a lot on the line.

A high ball in to our box was missed by Curtis and headed behind for a goalkick. It was the only ball he missed. Another high ball was punched clear and a third was held comfortably. After that he was a virtual spectator as we ran rampant.

Ross played a neat one-two with Tom, fed Ian and the cross was just too close to the 'keeper. Ian and Tom then combined well to put Nick Frost through, but the left back managed to put the ball out for a throw. Gareth threw to Nick Guest who passed to Phil, whose through ball was just too close to the 'keeper.

A throw on the right from Mark was headed in to the penalty area from Jay to Phil, to Jay for a spectacular overhead. Unfortunately it went up rather than goalward and harmlessly over the bar.

An excellent ball from Tom into the corner was chased down by Jay. He laid it back to Ross who passed inside to Ian to get to the goal line and cross. Unfortunately no one was in on goal and the ball was cleared.

With 20 minutes gone the ball was played through and **Jay** reacted faster than anyone else including the 'keeper to prod the ball home (2-3).

This panicked Bitton even more as they desperately clung to their slender lead. We on the other hand just smiled and had more fun. We continued to press to the end and their chances were few and far between. One, a cross in to the box was firmly met by Mark. This led to a remark from a Bitton player of "Ref, in the \*\*\*\*\* back." He was quickly given his marching orders, the same player who was sent off in our first encounter.

We pressed forward even more but couldn't find that breakthrough. The final whistle was met with cheers of relief from Bitton.

**FULL TIME: COLTS 2 BITTON 3**

### *Afterthoughts.....*

*With no medals to play for, my aim was to give boys a chance who hadn't played as much this season and at the same time ensure that all boys enjoyed themselves. They did with a vengeance regardless of the result.*

### **U14 results – week ending 13<sup>th</sup> May**

Avon Athletic	1	Warmley 'A'	5
Avon Athletic	6	Frampton	0
Bitton 'A'	2	Whitchurch 'B'	1
Fry Club	2	Bitton 'A'	3

### **U14 TEAM FACTS**

	F	B	P	S	L	C
Joe Cook	15	4	2		1	2
Sam Evans			1			
Ian Field	13	4	7	1	1	3
Nick Frost	20					
Mattie Green	1					2
Nick Guest	10	8	3	2		
Tom Hamblin	22	1	2		6	4
Curtis Jack	12		5	2	2	
Sam Johnson	1			1		
Liam Kavanagh	12	5	4	1	2	
Phil Knight	13	3	4	1		
Jason McCrossan	19	1	4			
Ross Malone	15	4	1	1		5
Jack Morgan	2	1				
Craig Palmer	14	5	6			4
Dan Payne	14	2	6		3	2
Jay Slade	16	3	2		8	14
Gareth Smith	12	6	2	1	4	1
Colin Stallard	6	2	1	1		
Mark Webb	15	3	3	1	4	

### **FINAL LEAGUE TABLE**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Brislington 'A'	18	11	3	4	43	25	36	+18
Bitton 'A'	18	10	4	4	47	33	34	+14
Warmley 'A'	18	10	3	5	42	27	33	+15
<b>Fry Club 'A'</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>+5</b>
Whitchurch 'B'	18	7	4	7	48	24	25	+24
Avon Athletic	18	7	4	7	37	38	25	-1
Whitchurch 'A'	18	6	5	7	29	43	23	-14
Almondsbury	18	4	7	7	35	40	19	-5
Thornbury	18	5	2	11	26	47	17	-21
Frampton 'A'	18	2	3	13	24	59	9	-35