



FRY CLUB COLTS

U15 FINAL REPORT U15

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Is it really the end of the season, already, and not yet June!

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A double header, so two games, both of 25 minutes each way, and no Rich Healey or Steve Bacon available. For the first game we lined up:

Greg Tucker

Phil Knight Joe Garland Sam Jones

Jack Gooding Dan Payne
Jamie Bryant Mark Webb Jay Slade

Zolly Vanyai Jon Pitt

Substitutes: Ross Ashman, Tom Hamblin

Early on and possession of the ball was pretty even between the teams. Phil and Sam were up against a couple of tall strikers but were winning most of the ball, Joe sweeping up behind them.

It wasn't until the seventh minute that the first clear chance was created, Jamie just failing to get on the end of Jon's cross in from the left. Then, with ten minutes gone a headed clearance from Phil was picked up by Jamie, who exchanged passes with Zolly, before crossing in to Jon whose shot was deflected out wide on the left. Jay returned the ball for Dan to flick on and Zolly tried an overhead kick that the 'keeper, under no pressure, fisted over the bar.

Jack's corner was straight in to the 'keeper's hands, and Fishponds pushed forward only for us to win the ball and Jay to make ground down the left and cross in for Jamie, beating the offside trap, to run on to. The 'keeper blocked his shot

but Jamie managed to get to the ball first and beat the defender on the line with his shot (1-0).

Two minutes later and Dan picked out Jon on the left and he drove a shot from the edge of the area just wide of the far post. Another good run from Jay provided a cross to the far post where Jamie attempted a volley that was blocked for a corner.

Sam came up for the corner and handled the ball. We were somewhat puzzled therefore when the referee awarded a penalty. Justice was done however when the 'keeper dived to his left to save Dan's spot kick.

With Fishponds again attacking, Sam headed clear and Jack hit the ball long for Zolly to run on to and shoulder charge a defender. They both fell over and the 'keeper collected the ball!

With twenty minutes gone a break by Fishponds required a good interception by Sam to snuff out the danger. However, two minutes later and Fishponds won the ball in midfield, and played it out to our left where a forward sprinted in to beat Greg to the ball and hit it low in to the net (1-1).

HALF-TIME: COLTS 1 UNITED 1

Jamie came off at half time, with Ross coming on up front and Zolly switching to wide right.

Two minutes in to the half and a free kick following a shout of "Mine" from a Fishponds player saw Jack play the ball in for Zolly to strike a shot from the edge of the six-yard box that brought a good save from the 'keeper.

A corner on the right was cleared only as far as Zolly who returned it for Jack to cross in for Jay at the far post, but he was just unable to get his head to the ball.

Five minutes gone, and Zolly went close with a shot just over the bar from the edge of the area after a good turn. Another deep cross from Jack then saw Jay do well to retrieve the ball and get in a cross that saw Jon and a defender both go for the ball. The 'keeper got a hand to the ball but couldn't keep it out of the net – an own goal (2-1).

A minute later and a good through ball from Jack saw Jon run on and just be beaten to the ball by the 'keeper. However, his clearance only fell to Dan who successfully lobbed him, only to see the ball bounce over the bar. I guess the ground was harder than it looked.

With twelve minutes gone Tom came on to replace Mark. Three minutes later and we conceded a free kick just outside our penalty area. The ball was hit well and rebounded from the bar. Phil reacted quickest to break from the wall and clear for a throw-in. From the throw a Fishponds player took the ball almost to the goal line before beating Greg from a narrow angle at his near post (2-2).

Straight from the kick-off and the ball was played through for Zolly to strike the ball just wide. Zolly then turned provider with a cross in that Jon headed over at the near post.

In to the last five minutes and Joe burst forward to accept Dan's throw-in. Ross got on to his through ball but his shot was straight at the 'keeper. The ball was immediately pumped long. Joe was still upfield, Sam nowhere, and Phil struggling for pace to catch the forward. Greg started to come and then back-pedalled, lost his bearings and left a huge gap for the Fishponds player to shoot home, and take the lead 3-2. Then Sam conceded a free-kick 40 yards out. The shot took a deflection and was fumbled by Greg, but Dan was on hand to clear off the line.

FULL-TIME: COLTS 2 UNITED 3

Afterthoughts.....

We'd mastered the initial onslaught and were in charge of the game. Two defensive slips were seized upon and Fishponds stole the game!

MAN OF THE MATCH

Guest adjudicator Andy Glover's selection for the first game was - **PHIL KNIGHT**

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Round two, and we lined up:

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Jack Gooding Dan Payne
Jamie Bryant Mark Webb Jay Slade

Zolly Vanyai Jon Pitt

Substitutes: Ross Ashman, Mark Webb

We started off on the attack immediately. A 30-yard shot from Jay brought out a diving save at the expense of a corner. Jamie and Zolly combined to take a short corner, Jack played the ball in, and Jon was wide with a header.

Fishponds broke quickly down our right flank and evade the combined challenge of Sam and Joe, but Greg dived to push the shot round the post.

Then, with ten minutes gone, a good ball over the top of the defence from Jay saw **Jon** run through and shoot home (1-0).

A free kick on the left was whipped in by Jack for Jamie to side-foot a volley over the bar. Two minutes later and **Jamie** ran and pushed his way through to prod the ball past the 'keeper and see it trickle over the line (2-0).

Fishponds continued to press, however, and Greg got down quickly to make a good block. With just under 20 minutes gone Mark came on to replace Zolly, and with half-time approaching a good ball in from Jay was killed stone dead by Mark and a cracking shot crashed against the bar. With the 'keeper looking round for the ball, **Jamie** dashed in to prod home (3-0).

HALF-TIME: COLTS 3 UNITED 0

Having injured his hand attempting to prevent the third goal, the Fishponds 'keeper started the second half up front, an outfield player going between the sticks.

Six minutes into the half and a super move down our left flank – Sam down the line to Tom, inside to Jay, back to Tom and a good ball for Jon to

cross for **Jamie** to deftly flick the ball home (4-0). Ross then came on to replace Jay.

Ten minutes gone and Joe was caught out of position, recovered but then missed his tackle, and although Greg blocked the shot, the Fishponds forward followed up to slot the ball home (4-1).

Another cross in from Jack saw Jon lay the ball back for Dan to have a shot, but the ball flashed narrowly wide. A minute later and Dan down injured. I ran on with the bucket but in attempting to empty it over Dan I got more water over me! Still, at least Dan got to his feet pretty quickly.

Ross then 'scored', but was offside, and Fishponds broke quickly. Greg came off his line and a header from the edge of the area flew over him and in to the side netting.

Just under ten minutes remaining and a ball over the top from Mark saw Jack burst in to the box and with his left foot, pass the ball to the 'keeper. A minute later and **Jack** galloped down the right wing and lifted his shot over the 'keeper and in to the far corner of the net (5-1).

Two minutes later and a 35-yard effort flew past Greg to make the score 5-2. From the kick-off Ross played the ball back for **Jack** to thunder a shot from just inside our half, straight over the Fishponds 'keeper who was stood on his penalty spot (6-2).

Tom, Jon and Dan then combined for Jamie to nearly add to his tally, but his effort was wide.

FULL-TIME: COLTS 6 UNITED 2

Afterthoughts.....

Some bright moves, Fishponds tiring more than us, perhaps we should play all our games over 100 minutes! Despite rumours that Fishponds was a physical team I thought that the game was played in an excellent spirit.

MAN OF THE MATCH

*With Andy Glover still hanging around on the off chance of some chocolate, his selection for the second game was – **JON PITT***

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Only 11 players available, so it was just a question of who played where and what tactics we used. Dave elected to take a rest and put Steve and me in charge! Initial line-up was:

Greg Tucker
Dan Payne
Tom Hamblin Joe Garland
Jack Gooding Rich Healey Mark Webb Phil Knight
Jamie Bryant
Zolly Vanyai Ross Ashman

Defence under pressure from the first minute, with a 30-yard shot just wide. Winford gained a corner and Greg got a hand to it to stop it curling under the bar, but couldn't hold it. The ball came back in, Greg made two good blocks, but we couldn't clear the loose ball and it was drilled home Second minute and 1-0 down!

We avoided conceding another goal in the first half more through poor finishing and desperate defending rather than anything else. Jack was a waste of space on the right and Phil didn't know what he was doing on the left. The midfield was either chasing all over the place, following the ball – so we had no shape – or standing watching. The front players had no service. When we did get the ball we just pumped it long – often without even looking where we were kicking it.

Jamie and Jack switched positions. Jack still ambled but at least we had a bit of pace on the right. We had one good passing move, just before half time – Jack, Phil, Jack, Rich, Jack, Rich, Zolly, Jamie – won a corner, Dan narrowly wide with a header.

HALF-TIME: WINFORD 1 COLTS 0

We played slightly better in the second half, but not much. Ross had a chance to run on and shoot but was caught, but he did gain a corner. Jack hit it to the far post but Phil couldn't climb high enough to direct his header on target.

With less than five minutes remaining Mark went off with a knock on the head. Winford capitalised with a cross in from our left flank and a Winford forward headed firmly past Greg.

FULL-TIME: WINFORD 2 COLTS 0

MAN OF THE MATCH

Had to go to a defender, if any one deserved it.
So, well done **JOE GARLAND**

Afterthoughts.....

I didn't get to see the first game against
Winford. I wish I hadn't seen this one..

U15 results – fortnight ending 19th May

Brislington	5	Fishponds Ath	3
Fishponds Utd	3	Fry Club	2
Fry Club	6	Fishponds Utd	2
Fry Club	1	Winford	3
Hengrove	3	Whitchurch	0
Hengrove	0	Winford	1
Patchway	2	Brislington	0
Patchway	1	Winford	1
Whitchurch	6	Avon Park	3
Winford	2	Fry Club	0

I've almost given up trying to work out the League table. The Bristol Junior League is probably the worst in the country for supplying results to the local press. The two tables that appeared in Soccerworld were not correct at the time they were printed. However, I expect that most games have now been completed but I haven't seen the results. Perhaps once the season has finished we'll see a final table. Meanwhile, this is the best I can come up with. It's accurate enough to confirm that we've finished fourth, one place higher than last season and the previous season.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Hengrove	18	15	2	1	158	14	47+144	
Winford	16	12	2	2	94	19	38 +75	
Patchway	15	11	2	2	79	18	35 +61	
Fry Club Colts	18	11	1	6	107	40	34 +67	
Whitchurch	18	9	0	9	92	54	27 +38	
Fishponds Utd	17	9	0	8	85	56	27 +29	
Avon Park	14	5	0	9	33	68	14 -35	
Brislington	17	3	1	14	26	123	10 -97	
Redcatch	14	1	2	11	14	96	5 -82	
Fishponds Ath	15	0	0	15	13	213	0 -200	

Congratulations

Jon Pitt – *Player of the Year*, and **Ross Ashman** – *Sportsman of the Year*. Two popular and well-deserved recipients.

Long service awards - Jack Gooding (7 years), Joe Garland and Phil Knight (6 years), Dan Payne and Zolly Vanyai (5 years).

Qualified referees – Dan Payne, Greg Tucker, Jack Gooding, Phil Knight (also Andy Glover).

Ever-presents for the season – Jack Gooding, Phil Knight, Dan Payne and Zolly Vanyai

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	5	1	8	3	1	10	
Steve Bacon	5	2					
Jamie Bryant	11	4	1		2	13	
Nick Ford	3	1					
Joe Garland	10	3	3		2		
Jack Gooding	16	1	2			10	
Tom Hamblin	11	1	5		1	1	
Rich Healey	11	2	2		4	5	
Lee James	3		2		1		
Sam Jones	12	1	2			1	
Phil Knight	13	2	4		1	5	
Craig Mehew	1						
Dan Payne	13	5	1		1	12	
Jon Pitt	12	4	1		2	23	1
Jay Slade	7	4				8	
Greg Tucker	13	1			1		
Zolly Vanyai	11	7	1			15	
Mark Webb	7	2	7		1	1	
Chay Welsh	3		5			2	
Own goals						1	

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	2-3
	17	H	Avon Park Rangers	4-2
Apr	14	A	Hengrove Boys	2-2
	21	A	Redcatch	10-2
Apr	28	H	Patchway	2-4
May	9	H	Winford	1-3
	14	H	Fishponds Utd	2-3
		A	Fishponds Utd	6-2
	18	A	Winford	0-2

U15s v MANAGERS

The U15s paid the penalty for not taking the game seriously and were whipped 6-2. **Jon Limmer** was the undisputed Man of the Match, but the turning point of the game was undoubtedly the Managers' third goal – an excellent strike by **Andy Glover**. I know this to be true, because Andy told me!