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Hengrove bogey put to rest, but Bitton battle back

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Zolly at a wedding, Jay away, the Steves at Ashton Gate again. Choices limited! With Greg only half-fit — suffering with a septic toe, Ryan Perry came in for his debut. Now I owe Ryan an apology for omitting him from the list of new signings in last week's report. I've seen Ryan play for Bitton several times and he's impressed me, so I could have given him a good write-up, but I wanted to see how he performed behind a dodgy defence rather than a championship winning one.

We tend to play Hengrove at home early in the season, and lose – 4-1, 3-0, and 5-1 in the last three seasons. We gained a 2-2 draw last season at Hengrove, and had Greg carted off to hospital with concussion. Dave neglected to tell Ryan that!

So, with the slowest back four in the league we lined up:

Ryan Perry

Joe Garland Tom Hamblin Dan Payne Phil Knight

Gareth Smith Mark Webb Jack Gooding Rich Healey

Jamie Bryant Jon Pitt

Substitutes: Ross Ashman, Greg Tucker

Hengrove kicked off, playing in to the teeth of a strong wind, and did the early attacking. A second minute free kick for obstruction saw the ball hit in to the box, but Ryan clasped the ball safely.

Eight minutes gone though and we were coming back in to the game. A long kick from Ryan sent

Jamie haring downfield, the Hengrove 'keeper being forced to concede a corner.

Phil called for the corner to be hit to the near post, Jack obliged, but the 'keeper held the cross comfortably.

Ryan was then called upon to make a smart save on the edge of the penalty area; appeals for a penalty waved aside by the referee. A 35-yard shot then whistled past our right hand post.

Play was fast and furious, neither team being given time to dwell on the ball. A good break down the right flank by Jamie ended with a good cross in that Jon met, only to place his shot wide.

Another long wind-assisted kick from Ryan was met by a good flick-on by Jon and Jamie latched on to it only to shoot weakly under pressure from a defender. Jon then forced his way in to the area only to be tackled as he was about to pull the trigger, and the shot was deflected for a corner. Jack's cross was hit deep and Tom crashed a measured header against the crossbar. Hengrove broke quickly and Dan cleared with a good header.

Jamie again broke clear and rounded the 'keeper only to be robbed by a good tackle as he steadied himself to shoot.

A good interception by Gareth and pass for Jamie to chase, but running at speed he was just unable to control his attempted lob of the 'keeper, and the effort was off target. Gareth then had a long-range effort that bounced in front of the 'keeper, nearly deceiving him, but he managed to cling on to the ball.

A good ball from Gareth sent Jamie away down the right wing, he skipped over a tackle and sent over a deep cross to the far post. Rich tried to bring the ball down but his first touch was poor and the shooting opportunity was lost. However, after doing most of the attacking we were rewarded when, just after half an hour's play, Mark dinked the ball through for Jamie to run on and cross for **Rich** to make no mistake, crashing the ball home from a couple of yards out (1-0).

Hengrove sought an immediate equaliser and Ryan pulled off a good reaction save. Straight away the ball was back down the other end and Jamie, this time roaming wide on the left curled a shot just wide of the far post, with the 'keeper beaten by the curl.

Two minutes before half-time and good work by Jon on the left wing saw him take the ball to the by-line before cutting it back for **Jamie** to nip in at the near post and guide the ball home (2-0).

Dead on the stroke of half-time and Jamie tested the 'keeper with a lob, forcing him to tip the ball over the bar.

HALF-TIME: COLTS 2 HENGROVE 0

Three seasons ago, we'd been 3-0 up at Hengrove at half-time. Jason Pitman was injured and had to go off and we finished up losing 4-3. Now Jason entered the fray, as a substitute for Hengrove, as they pushed three players forward in an effort to get something out of this game.

Hengrove again did the early attacking, Dan deflecting a shot from 10 yards wide of the post for a corner that was over-hit and went out for a throw-in. We responded with a run by Jamie down the left and a cross for Jack to shoot. The shot was deflected in to the path of Jon who steadied himself only to drag his shot inches wide of the far post.

Again Hengrove pumped the ball forward and appeals for a penalty against Dan for hand-ball were again waved aside.

Ten minutes in to the half and Jack was felled by a strong challenge but resumed after treatment. Mark took a long throw and Jon met the ball well but unfortunately directed his header straight in to the 'keeper's arms.

With a quarter of an hour gone it was game on as Ashley Bullock managed to avoid the close attention of Rich and get the ball over for Ben Crewe to score with a downward header (2-1). Another corner to Hengrove, played short, and Ryan plucked the cross out of the air.

Dan then sent Jon away down the left. He left his marker standing and whipped in a lovely ball to the far post where **Jamie** slid in to poke the ball home (3-1).

Only a couple of minutes later and a misdirected header from a Hengrove player only managed to pick out Jamie whose shot crashed against the foot of the post.

Twenty-five minutes gone and a good ball over the top by Gareth allowed Jon to make ground only to be stopped by an excellent tackle. Hengrove responded with another attack and Jason found room at the far post only for the wind to take the cross out of his reach. A good block from Ryan unfortunately saw the rebound fall to Jason only for him to lift his shot a couple of feet over the bar.

Kevin Curtis's turn to receive treatment as he headed Rich's elbow, before Mark's ball over the defence again allowed Jamie the opportunity to race goalwards and again lob the advancing 'keeper – again just wide.

Another run down the left flank from Jon and a cross for Jamie to convert was ruled out as Rich Pitman stood resolutely, flag raised – offside.

Half an hour gone and Hengrove attacking. Phil's hand controlled a through ball – accident or design? No matter – the referee's decision was that it was a penalty. Step forward Jason Pitman. Ryan flung himself to the right, but the ball was dragged inches wide of his post. Would he have got to it if it was on target? No action replays – too tight to call!

Unruffled, we resumed the attack. Gareth had a shot charged down, but other than that there was little real penetration or danger to either goal in the last few minutes as we held on resolutely and Hengrove were unable to pierce our defence.

FULL-TIME: COLTS 3 HENGROVE 1

Afterthoughts.....

Good performance. Good result. What more can I say? Interestingly, here's what Alan Shearer had to say after Newcastle beat Manchester United on Saturday:

"It's not every day that we beat the champions....but we still have a long way to go and we're not getting carried away....but it's not the time to look at the league table at the moment. It's time to look at the end of the season."

Wise words. Enjoy the result, but it's the performance in the remaining games that counts now.

MAN OF THE MATCH

A tricky one this week. Jon and Jamie worked hard up front and made run after run. The midfield quartet closed players down quickly and sought to play the ball early and not get caught in possession. I was particularly impressed with Gareth's contribution. The back four looked solid. I don't remember saying that on too many occasions! Dodgy defence? Rubbish! Behind them, Ryan made an impressive debut. Scot wanted to give the award to the whole team (copout) and while it was an excellent performance by everyone, we thought Jamie Bryant just about headed the long list of contenders.

CONGRATULATIONS

I didn't realise last week, at the time of writing that Steve Pillinger and Steve Bacon had also taken part in the Somerset schools trial along with Jack and Rich. So well done the pair of you. Unfortunately, only Steve Bacon impressed sufficiently in the half an hour given to be included in the squad. Congratulations, Steve.

Manager's notes:

I would just like to say a big thank-you from myself and all your parents who watched your performance. The whole game was a pleasure to watch and we were all very proud of the way you conducted yourselves on and off the pitch. The referee remarked to me just how excellent the game was, and was pleased with the spirit in which both teams played.

I cannot pick out any individual to praise in particular, as you all played so well, and worked together - as a team. I must though give a mention - and thanks - to Ross and Greg who even though they didn't get the opportunity to get on were there for the team if needed. Their support and the comradeship shown by the team as a whole are important, and appreciated.

Let's continue the season as we have started by training hard and reaping the results by getting good results come Saturday.

So – see you all at training – every Wednesday unless notified otherwise, 7pm – 9 p.m.

So, on to Sunday. Last season had seen us gain a draw at Bitton and lose by the odd goal in the last match of the season when our players were just messing about. That result handed Bitton the runners-up spot in the league. So, how would we fare today?

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With a bye in the first round of the League Cup, this was a fixture re-arranged from later in the season. It was an away game, but played at Somerdale. Confused? Never mind.

With the exception of Jay and Nick who were absent with family commitments, Andy had a full squad to pick from, and we lined up:

Phil Knight
Tom Hamblin Curtis Jack
Joe Cook Jason McCrossan
Gareth Smith Mark Webb
Ricky Anstey Ross Malone
Dan Payne Danny Hunt

Substitutes:

Craig Palmer (Ross Malone, 50) Liam Kavanagh (Ricky Anstey, 55) Ian Field (Gareth Smith, 70)

We kicked off, and with just a couple of minutes gone Ricky played the ball down the right flank and Dan centred for Danny to head just over the bar, a sign of our attacking intentions. Joe, Ricky and Gareth then combined to try and get Danny in on goal. He was unsuccessful, but managed to gain a corner. Ross hit it low to the near post, but nobody had made a run in that direction, and the 'keeper fielded the ball comfortably.

A long throw from Mark allowed Dan and Danny both to get head-ons, but Gareth was unable to get his shot on the turn on target.

Another Mark throw-in saw Gareth head on for Ross to lay the ball back and Jason try a shot from outside of the area that flew wide of the far post.

Bitton did manage a couple of breaks but Curtis and Joe dealt effectively with the threat, and it was ten minutes in to the half before they managed their first attempt at goal, a 30-yard effort that was well wide.

Dan headed on Tom's goalkick for Ricky to make ground down the right before cutting in and picking out Dan with his pass, but he was unable to direct a shot on target.

Bitton managed to gain a corner that was hit to the near post where Ricky headed the ball away from the goal and we cleared.

A quarter of an hour gone and we gained a corner on the left. Ricky swung the ball deep and Ross rose to get in a header, but couldn't direct it on target.

A dangerous ball in from the right was well cut out by Jason, Ross mopping up. Play was stopped for a moment while the referee had a word with one of our supporters concerning, I believe, comments directed at the referee's assistant. Shame on that man! Bitton attacked again, and Joe got in an important block.

Half an hour gone and a good interception and run down the left flank by Jason saw him play an intelligent ball inside for Dan who was tackled, but at the expense of a corner. Ricky's cross was well flighted, but both Dan and Tom went for the ball, getting in each other's way.

A minute later and Danny headed on for Dan to burst through and hit a powerful rising drive from the edge of the area that crashed against the post. However, with ten minutes of the half remaining, a good ball in from Jason saw Gareth dummy the ball (or be beaten by the bounce). Dan seized upon the chancel and with some nifty footwork shook off a posse of defenders and unleashed an unstoppable shot in to the roof of the net (1-0).

A free kick to Bitton provided them with a shot that was heading towards the top corner of the goal, but Phil was across to palm the ball round the post; their first effort on target.

In to the final minutes of the half and a quick break by Danny was ended by a fine tackle and Mark was inches away from a scoring chance as Tom fired in a free kick. However, we were unable to extend our lead.

HALF-TIME: BITTON 0 COLTS 1

A long throw from Mark, a head-on by Dan (sounds familiar), and Danny reached the ball before the 'keeper and managed to lift the ball over him and goalwards only for a defender to get back and hack the ball clear.

Mark's throw was only cleared to the edge of the area where Ross hit a first time volley with power but not enough accuracy and it flashed just wide of the goal.

Ten minutes in to the half and Craig came on to replace Ross, Gareth switching to wide left. A quick throw from Jason, back to Curtis, and a crossfield ball to Ricky saw him play a one-two with Dan and force a corner. Craig swung the ball over and this time Dan and Danny got in each other's way as they went for the ball.

With a quarter of an hour gone Liam came on to replace Ricky. Two minutes later and a little bit of trickery by Liam work some space to get in a cross to the near post that the 'keeper just claimed before Dan could.

Two minutes later and Curtis was penalised for a tackle from behind. The free kick was hit in to the area where it was half cleared towards the touchline.

Curtis and a Bitton forward chased after the ball and Curtis was adjudged to have fouled the Bitton forward as he attempted a tackle. Phil dived the right way but the penalty was hit firmly, low in to the corner of the net (1-1).

Twenty minutes remaining and Dan and Danny combined for Danny to burst through only for a defender to get to the ball first and head wide of his own goal for a corner.

Craig picked out **Tom** with his cross and the ball was met with a downward header that beat the 'keeper (2-1).

Two minutes later and Mark hit a powerful shot that came back off a defender for Danny to get a shot in on the turn that the 'keeper did well to get a hand to. The ball bobbled about in the six-yard box, but Bitton managed to clear.

We continued to push forward and play was mostly in the Bitton half. Gareth took a throw-in to Craig who returned the ball for Gareth to hit a well-struck shot from 30 yards, but the 'keeper was equal to it. Two minutes later and he pulled off a brilliant double save from Danny and Liam.

A push in the back of Gareth was rewarded with a free kick. Tom took it quickly – short to Craig, but his shot was straight at the 'keeper.

Just under half an hour gone and Craig won the ball in midfield, played a short pass to Gareth who threaded a perfect through ball for **Danny** to run on and clinically finish with a low left foot shot in off the post (3-1). Gareth went off to be replaced by a fresh pair of legs — Ian coming on to play on the left.

That should have been it. Game over. Bitton hadn't managed one effort on target from open play in 70 minutes. We were playing well. The defence was sound; midfield were running the show; we were a handful and a half up front. What could go wrong?

A through ball by Bitton was chased back by Curtis and a Bitton forward. Phil came out. Curtis collided with Phil and our 'keeper was poleaxed. Was Curtis pushed? Anyway, Curtis recovered to hit the ball out for a throw-in, and Phil regained his feet after treatment. I don't know if we were expecting Bitton to return the ball to us as it had been despatched from the field of play for an injury to be attended to. However they pressed the advantage and with an absence of marking on the edge of the area, a Bitton player hit a low shot just inside Phil's near post. Although he got across the line and got a hand to the ball he couldn't divert the ball round the post (3-2).

Tom then intercepted a through ball and played an excellent ball for Dan to strike an effort that was heading for the top corner. It had 'goal' written all over it. Somehow the 'keeper got a hand to it. Danny followed up and the 'keeper made an equally brilliant save.

In to the last minute. Again a long ball through from Bitton. This time it was Joe Cook's turn to run back and collide with the advancing Phil! Both players down this time, but the ball seemingly out of danger, trickling towards the right side of the penalty box. A Bitton player was favourite to get to the ball first, but had his back to goal. Tom elected to tackle. The referee said it was from behind. Another penalty! Again Phil went the right way, again the ball was hit with sufficient power and accuracy to beat his dive (3-3).

We just had time to kick off and the final whistle blew. Last week we got a goal in the last ten seconds; this week we conceded one. Good luck last week, rough justice this week.

FULL-TIME: BITTON 3 COLTS 3

Afterthoughts.....

They say that luck evens itself out over the course of a season. We were perhaps lucky to come out of the Thornbury game with all three points. To have dominated this game and only come out of it with one is disappointing. We played well, had by far the majority of possession and territorial advantage, and yet could only draw.

The post match inquest in the bar pinpointed three possible reasons - apart from the Bitton 'keeper playing an absolute blinder.

- Poor refereeing an easy target as they can't answer back, and normally the response of Premiership managers.
- Poor choice of tactics/ substitutions by the manager that disrupted the flow of our play always a favourite conversation piece.
- 3. Poor defending neither tackle for which penalties were awarded against Curtis or Tom, fair or otherwise, actually needed to be made. There was no imminent danger, on both occasions opponents were chasing a ball going away from goal towards the touchline. The goal from open play was just sloppy defending - poor marking.

Hopefully, this weekend's game at Almondsbury will provide us with a result that more fairly reflects our performance.

DIARY DATES

I know that the season has only just started, but we're already looking ahead. So:

1. Half-term week. Tenpin bowling.

We've provisionally booked four alleys (up to 32 players) for 4.00 p.m. on Thursday 1st November at the Hollywood Bowl.

Limited transport (i.e. Dave and the Grahamobile) available. Parents (especially drivers) welcome.

The cost, for two frames each, is £5 for those aged 16 and over, £2.50 for those not yet 16. This is actual age, not the football team you play for. They'll probably want ID to prove your age, we'll have the football ID cards so there's no point in the older lads trying to cheat — it won't work!

If you want to come along then you need to complete the form on the back of the newsletter and return it WITH THE MONEY to Dave Gooding at training, or Graham Knight on a match day. First come, first served – forms in by Sunday 7th October at the latest.

2. Christmas - Skittles

We're dispensing with a disco this year in favour of a skittles evening, although we could ask Jeff Garland to dress as Santa Claus if you're really desperate.

We figure the boys are old enough now to see if they can throw a ball in a straight line for 15 yards or so, even if they can't kick one that far in a straight line! We'll think about the format in the coming weeks — U15s versus U16s, defenders versus attackers, parent and son, etc.

Sunday 23rd December is the date.

3. End of season

How's about "Paintball Adventure". The cost, for a full day's play is — at the present time - £13 per person (adults and juniors).

For this you get provided with camouflage overalls and safety-wear, semi-automatic paintball gun, battle pack to carry paint, and all gas refills for the gun. A midday meal and a free all-day supply of tea and coffee (that's good enough for me) are included.

Clearly we'll need to think about dates a little more near the time – there are sure to be rearranged fixtures, but keep it in mind. Andy is keen on it if you're worried about being able to hit a target!

Bristol Junior League U16: RESULTS

Hengrove Boys 5-0 Whitchurch

Avon Youth League U15: RESULTS

Avon Athletic	0-4	Whitchurch Sports 'B'
Bitton Boys 'A'	3-3	Fry Club
DRG Stapleton	6-1	Henbury OB 'B'
Whitchurch Sports 'A'	6-1	Frampton Rangers 'A'

Avon Youth League U15 : RESULTS League Cup 1st round

Almondsbury		Brislington Juniors 'A'
BRSC Juniors	1-17	St Vallier
Bamfield Sports	5-0	Longwell Green
St Nicholas 'A'	3-1	Castle Court
Shirehampton Colts	1-0	Boco Juniors
Thornbury Falcons	15-1	Deerswood Youth
Warmley Rangers 'A'		Yate Utd

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Fry Club U10s	1-5	Downend Wanderers
Avon Athletic 'A'	6-4	Fry Club U11s (LC)
Longwell Green	1-5	Fry Club U12s
Ashton Boys 'A'	6-1	Fry Club 'A' U14s (LC)

A minute of your time.....

Happiness and disappointment in equal measures this week-end, depending on the game you played in. Pleasure or misery shared with mother or father perhaps.

For many families, here as well as in the USA, those opportunities no longer exist for thousands as the death toll mounts following the terrorist hijacks last week.

Thank you for observing, in quiet dignity, the solemnity of the period of silence before each game. There is more to life than a game of football.

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These still include Hengrove Athletic who I believe have dropped out, and Filwod who have registered players, but are currently managerless. Updates may yet be provided!

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	8	Н	Filwood	
	15	Н	Hengrove Athletic	
Jan	12	A	Whitchurch	
	19	Н	Avon Park	
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Apr	20		League Cup final	***

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