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Almondsbury hit for six

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A full squad to choose from this week and although the opposition finished last season towards the bottom of the table, we only managed to get a 1-1 draw on their ground.

Andy took the opportunity to lay down the law regarding the importance of attending training sessions – Ross, Jason, Joe, Gareth and Jay all rested or on the substitutes bench for not attending training and not letting Andy know why.

So the line-up was:

Nick Frost
Tom Hamblin Curtis Jack Phil Knight

Craig Palmer Ian Field Mark Webb
Ricky Anstey Liam Kavanagh
Dan Payne Danny Hunt

Substitutes: Joe Cook (Phil Knight, 40)
Jay Slade (Curtis Jack, 40)
Gareth Smith (Danny Hunt, 60)

A long throw from Mark, in the first minute, saw Dan get a head on and the ball almost break for Liam. Then a good interception by Phil and Mark played the ball through for Dan and his knock-on allowed Danny to run through and strike a shot against the 'keeper's legs.

A good header by Curtis to a through ball gave Mark another opportunity to deliver a good through ball for Danny to strike a rising drive that the 'keeper pushed round the post.

Five minutes gone and we forced a corner on the right, Danny hitting a shot just over the bar from Craig's cross.

The initial pressure was all Fry's, and after twelve minutes a good clearance from Curtis found Ricky who sent Dan galloping down the line. He whipped the ball over, Danny and the 'keeper rose together, the 'keeper flapped and the ball trickled in to the net off **Danny's** backside (1-0).

Almondsbury managed a couple of minutes pressure, but Tom and Phil got in good headers away and finally Mark calmly played the ball back for Nick to kick clear.

Just over a quarter of an hour gone and Curtis was fouled, but having won a free kick found himself yellow-carded for swearing at the offender.

Twenty minutes gone and a good tackle from Ricky saw the ball break loose for Danny to play Dan in on goal only for him to drag the ball wide.

A rare Almondsbury attack saw Phil intercept and a flowing move – Dan, Danny, Ricky, Ian and Mark involved - down the right ended with a corner gained, Mark powered in to meet Craig's kick, but was off target.

Twenty-five minutes gone and Curtis latched on to another long clearance and played the ball out of defence where Liam flicked it on for Dan to cross in. Craig wrong-footed the defence by stepping over the ball allowing Ricky a shot that was deflected for a corner. Mark went in at the near post to meet the cross only to be beaten to the ball by a defender. However, the ball broke only as far as **Ricky**, on the edge of the area, who powered a shot in to the top corner (2-0).

Craig then had a shot from the edge of the area that seemed to deceive the 'keeper – bad bounce or deflection – and Danny managed to cut the ball back but nobody could supply the finishing touch.

Half an hour gone and Almondsbury again managed a little spell where they passed the ball around and looked as if they might cause problems. Whereas we had been quick in to the tackle and closed players down, all of a sudden we stood off and allowed a midfielder to advance. He struck a well-aimed shot from the edge of the 'D' that Nick – two yards off his line – failed to get a hand to, the ball dipping just under the bar (2-1).

Ian played a good through ball that nearly managed to get Dan away, but he managed to gain a corner. Tom couldn't climb quite high enough to meet Craig's cross and his header flew over the bar.

Almondsbury were caught offside as they attempted to attack - the ball was pumped forward, the 'keeper was unable to claim it cleanly following an attempt by Danny and the ball fell for **Dan** to blast home (3-1).

Two minutes until half-time and Ian picked the ball up in midfield, and played a well weighted ball in to the path of Dan who crashed a shot against the foot of the post, Danny latched on to the rebound only for his shot to graze the crossbar.

Almondsbury managed to force a corner on our left that Liam managed to get a head to at the near post but the ball bobbed dangerously near our goal line before eventually going out for a goal kick.

HALF-TIME: ALMONDSBURY 1 COLTS 3

For the second half Jay came on to play up front, with Dan dropping back to play in the centre of defence alongside Tom and Joe, Phil and Curtis coming off.

Just less than five minutes gone and a good interception by Ian and pass to Ricky saw him pick out Jay on the edge of the area. He turned and hit a left foot shot, but wide. The goal kick was poorly taken though, **Danny** intercepting and following up his own forward header to hold off a challenge and lob the 'keeper (4-1).

We continued to apply pressure and Ian again found Ricky who crossed for Jay on the far side to bring the ball down and this time hit a right foot shot wide.

Craig and Mark then combined to feed Ricky who turned his marker and get to the by-line. His cross was met with a jack-knifed header from Danny – but straight at a defender – and Mark was wide from the rebound.

The pace of the game was starting to drop, and for a ten-minute period play was concentrated in midfield, with neither team getting in an effort on goal. Then, with just over twenty minutes of the half left a foul on Ian, 30 yards out on the left, saw Tom elect to drive the ball in low rather than shoot. The ball was deflected out for a corner that Tom stretched at and headed over, when Dan was better placed behind him. Was there a call?

Gareth came on to play wide on the right, replacing Danny, with Ricky moving up front. Ian was fouled again – 35 yards out, dead centre. Dan struck the free-kick low, but straight at the wall.

Tom, Jay and Ricky then opened up the Almondsbury defence for Craig to shoot, his effort diverted round the post by the 'keeper. Dan's header from Craig's cross beat the 'keeper but was headed off the line by a defender for another corner. Craig played the ball short and took the return from Mark to fire in a cross that was put behind for another corner. Sustained pressure – all the tall guys

up and only Ian and Liam back. Still, Almondsbury managed to clear.

Almost half an hour gone and Ricky ran at the defence, and although a defender managed to get a foot in to steal the ball he could only prod the ball out to Jay who delivered a cross to the far post for **Gareth** to head firmly home (5-1).

Five minutes later and Gareth tenaciously won the ball and with the referee over-ruling the flagging linesman Ricky took the ball to the by-line. Instead of pulling the ball back he attempted a shot from a narrow angle and the ball flashed across the face of the goal.

Five minutes remaining and Ricky and Craig combined, the ball arrived at the feet of **Gareth** and he hammered it home (6-1).

A push in the back of Gareth saw Ricky swing the ball in to the edge of the six-yard box, but nobody could latch on to the ball.

In to the final minute and a long through ball saw Nick come out of his area and pass to Tom. His ball down the line was helped on by Liam for Jay to cross in and Mark force the 'keeper in to a close-range save, and Ricky unable to provide the killer touch as the ball broke loose.

FULL-TIME: ALMONDSBURY 1 COLTS 6

Afterthoughts.....

Another strong, all-round performance. Good movement up front, tenacity in midfield mixed with some skilful touches and incisive passes. Again we looked in control at the back. We created a host of chances and we can't expect to convert them all, but if we continue to pressurise teams like today then we should hopefully get the rewards

U16 ROUND UP

Not a lot was happening on the U16 scene this week. I watched Hengrove Boys strolling to an 8-0 win over Hengrove Athletic. It could have been a lot more, but the Boys hardly got out of second gear. The final twenty minutes saw Kevin Curtis and Kye Hendy playing as strikers – Kye got on the scoresheet – and Jason Pitman and Marcus Duharty as defenders!

Whitchurch and Winford shared the points with a 4-4 draw, Winford scoring their fourth in the final minute.

Latest news / rumour regarding teams is that Fishponds have dropped out, so fixtures may change at short notice!

At the present time the match on Saturday at home to Whitchurch is ON.

In the absence of an U16 game, Jack and Dan played for Fry's 3^d team, helping or hindering them as the case might be to a 0-0 draw against Knowle Talbot.

Other news

Top marks to the U13s this week – a 12-1 defeat of Yate United. The U14B team went down 7-1 at Castle Court, but the good news is that ace coaches Andy Glover and Dave Gooding will be helping out on the coaching front.

Having now given up with you lot and passed you on to the adults' coaches they'll bring their wealth of experience and ability to the aid of Martin Bindon and no doubt they'll soon have the team leaping up the table!

And talking of coaches, that leads me on to mini-buses. Scot had his 'stag day' on Saturday – to Peterborough, to watch the City. Not a good match to pick, but an eventful day, so I am lead to believe from a reliable source. Scot will no doubt supply details if pressed!

U15 TEAM FACTS F B P S L C

Ricky Anstey	1	1			1	
Joe Cook	1		2			
Ian Field	1	2	1		1	
Nick Frost	3					
Tom Hamblin	4				2	
Danny Hunt	3	1			6	
Curtis Jack	3	1				
Liam Kavanagh	1		3			
Phil Knight	3	1				
Jason McCrossan	2					
Ross Malone	1	1			1	
Craig Palmer	2	1	1		1	
Dan Payne	4				4	
Jay Slade			1			
Gareth Smith	2	1	1		2	
Mark Webb	4					

Avon Youth League U15 : RESULTS

Almondsbury	1-6	Fry Club
DRG Stapleton	2-3	Whitchurch Sports 'B'
Henbury OB 'B'	1-6	Brislington Juniors 'A'
Thornbury Falcons	6-5	St Vallier
Warmley Rangers 'A'	3-4	Bitton Boys 'A'
Whitchurch Sports 'A'	2-1	Avon Athletic

Some results from the earlier two weeks of the season:

Whitchurch Sports 'A'	5-6	Brislington Juniors 'A'
Almondsbury	1-2	Frampton Rangers 'A'
Avon Athletic	2-1	Bitton Boys 'A'

Avon Youth League U15 Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Whitchurch 'B'	4	4	0	0	13	3	12	+10
Fry Club 'A'	4	3	1	0	18	7	10	+11
Brislington 'A'	3	3	0	0	16	9	9	+7
Whitchurch 'A'	4	3	0	1	15	8	9	+7
DRG Stapleton	3	2	0	1	16	4	6	+12
St Vallier	3	2	0	1	18	9	6	+9
Bitton 'A'	4	1	1	2	8	10	4	-2
Thornbury	3	1	0	2	9	10	3	-1
Avon Athletic	3	1	0	2	3	7	3	-4
Frampton 'A'	3	1	0	2	3	13	3	-10
Warmley 'A'	3	0	0	3	8	11	0	-3
Almondsbury	3	0	0	3	2	12	0	-10
Henbury O B	3	0	0	3	3	24	0	-21

Fry Club J F C : RESULTS

Fry Club U10s	3-3	St Vallier
Fry Club U11s	4-2	Almondsbury
Hareclive	P	Fry Club U12s
Fry Club U13s	12-1	Yate Utd
Castle Court	7-1	Fry Club 'B' U14s

U15 FIXTURES

Sep	2	A	Henbury Old Boys 'B'	6-1
	9	H	Thornbury Falcons	3-2
	16	A	Bitton Boys 'A' (played at Fry's)	3-3
	23	A	Almondsbury	6-1
	30	H	DRG Stapleton	
Oct	7	A	Frampton Rangers 'A'	
	14	H	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	
	21		League Cup Round 2	
	28			
Nov	4	A	St Vallier	
	11	H	Brislington Juniors 'A'	
	18			
	25	H	Avon Athletic	
Dec	2	A	Whitchurch Sports 'A'	
	9	H	Warmley Rangers 'A'	
	16	A	Warmley Rangers 'A'	
	23	H	Henbury Old Boys 'B'	
Jan	6	A	Thornbury Falcons	
	13	H	Almondsbury	
	20	A	DRG Stapleton	
	27	H	Frampton Rangers 'A'	
Feb	3	A	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	
	10			
	17	H	St Vallier	
	24	A	Brislington Juniors 'A'	
March	3	H	Bitton Boys 'A'	
	10	A	Avon Athletic	
	17	H	Whitchurch Sports 'A'	

NB: Somerset Cup fixtures not yet known

Bye in first round of League Cup

TRAINING

Having reminded everyone about training times, they've now changed!

Training will now be held on **TUESDAY** evenings, from 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

If you can't make it then it is **your** responsibility to tell your manager.