



## FRY CLUB COLTS

# U15 MATCH REPORT U16

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Wotten week-end as Winford and Weston win

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Gareth, Greg and Jamie were sidelined with injuries, so some intense thought was called for from Dave, coupled with sage words of wisdom from the 'three wise men' (Jeff, Steve, and yours truly). Unfortunately, Friday evening was also the reception following Scot and Debbie's wedding (Congratulations!). Despite the loud music and alcohol, tactics and team selection were discussed and the eventual decision was 4-3-3. It was good enough to win us the World Cup in '66, so why not. The intriguing selection was that of Steve Bacon in a midfield role, and the line-up was:

Ryan Perry

Joe Garland Tom Hamblin Dan Payne Phil Knight  
 Steve Bacon Jack Gooding Rich Healey  
 Zolly Vanyai Jon Pitt Jay Slade

Substitutes: Mark Webb (Steve Bacon, 59),  
 Steve Pillinger (Joe Garland, 68), Ross Ashman.

The first ten minutes or so saw a reasonably evenly contested game, with no clear cut chances to either side, although both Ryan and the Winford 'keeper had to come out smartly to smother through balls. Winford had the first opportunity to open the scoring when Phil slipped, allowing a Winford forward a clear route to goal. Dan managed to get across and get a foot to the shot though, and Ryan reacted smartly to prevent the ball going out for a corner. A good clearance by Tom saw us work the ball from right to left; Jay lost the ball, regained it, and Steve played a good ball out to Rich on the left. Unfortunately his through ball was just too long for Jon who was motoring through the middle. Zolly received a talking-to from the referee for a second late tackle and from the free kick Winford managed to get in a shot, but weak and at Ryan.

Almost twenty minutes gone and Dan was robbed of the ball, and it needed a great save from Ryan to prevent Winford getting on the scoresheet. Dan

redeemed himself a few moments later with a good tackle and Phil and Jay moved the ball quickly down the left flank for Jon who was foiled as he attempted to cross, but gained a corner. However, Jack's cross hung in the wind for the 'keeper to come and claim.

Steve pumped a high crossfield ball for Jay to run on to, but he was brought down just on the edge of the "D". Jack's attempt at a curler over the wall also cleared the bar. Then a quick break from Winford down our right flank saw an opportunist shot as their player spotted Ryan off his line, but the shot was wide.

Jay seized upon a poor Winford pass and he burst through and managed to get in a shot, unfortunately screwing it wide.

A good clearance from Joe gave Zolly the opportunity to exchange passes with Jon. The referee allowed play to continue as Zolly kept his feet after being tripped, but there was probably no advantage as Zolly was off balance as he hit his shot. Jay flicked on a Dan clearance and Jon elected to cut inside and unleash a right-foot shot that curled past the far post.

Half an hour gone and a quick switch in the direction of play allowed a Winford player to get in a shot from the right hand side of our area, but Ryan was down quickly to claim the ball at the foot of the post. Winford elected to bring on their substitute – Sam Bishop being a late arrival. Dave changed tactics, reverting to 4-4-2, Jay dropping back and Rich switching to the right flank.

Ten minutes of the half remaining and a good ball in from Zolly saw Jon turn and fire in a strong right foot shot that the 'keeper could only parry. Play quickly switched to the other end and Joe stuck out a leg to cut out a cross only to divert the ball past Ryan. For a moment I thought it was heading for the goal, but it rolled wide and Ryan recovered to get back and prevent a corner.

In to the last five minutes of the half and a hacked Winford clearance went for a corner. Jay swung the ball in deep to the far post, but just over Dan's head. Jon managed to control a clearance from Tom and worm his way in to the area, but was unable to get a shot away; Winford clearing for a throw-in. Jay's long



throw caught out the Winford defence and the ball dropped for Zolly to have a shot from 10 yards – but wide of the target. Winford were reduced to ten men for the last couple of minutes of the half when a defender was forced to go off with a knee injury, sustained in a tackle.

### HALF-TIME: WINFORD 0 COLTS 0

The half started with Winford still with only ten players, their injured player unable to resume and their only substitute used. Five minutes gone and a raid down our left flank saw a good shot that Ryan got a touch to, diverting the ball round the far post. Phil headed the cross out for another corner that only resulted in a goal kick.

Zolly capitalised on a through ball from Rich and with Jon free and the only goalside defender having to come across to challenge, Zolly's pass was underhit, allowing a defender to get back and deny Jon a run at goal. Then a Winford handball saw Jack hit the ball to the far post where neither Jon nor Steve could manage to climb high enough to get in a header.

A good Winford crossfield ball saw Sam Bishop get past Rich and Joe to fire in a shot just wide of the far post before a good interception by Rich allowed Zolly to flick the ball on for Jon whose shot was charged down. Zolly and Jon combined again and although the cross in was cleared the ball fell to Jack, 35 yards out, who crashed a shot against the foot of the post. Jon managed to turn the ball back in but Jay was unable to get a shot in.

A quarter of an hour gone and a great save from Ryan, flinging himself to his right to turn a fiercely struck shot around the post. Although Ryan dropped the cross in from the corner he recovered to regain the ball. We broke quickly and Jay was robbed on the edge of the Winford area, the ball was cleared long and Ryan was out quickly to hoof the ball in to the trees.

Twenty minutes gone and Steve came off suffering from a leg injury, Mark coming on to replace him. A good move – Jack to Phil, to Jay and a cross in that saw Jon fouled and Jack take the kick quickly, but the ball was hit too close to the 'keeper.

Joe was penalised for a push and this time it was Winford's turn to hit the ball straight at the 'keeper. Twenty-five minutes gone and Dan played Joe in to trouble, and in trying to get back he caught Sam Bishop with a late tackle, receiving a booking. Again, the free kick was hit straight at Ryan. Two minutes later and it was Jon's turn to go in to the book, not in agreement with the offside decision against us.

A good interception by Jack and pass out to Zolly saw him twist and turn his way to the edge of the area, only to be elbowed aside. Jack's free kick was headed out to the edge of the area where Jay took a pot shot that was way over the bar.

With just under half an hour gone, Steve Pillinger came on to play in the centre of defence, Dan switching to right back and Joe coming off. Jack and Steve combined to release Jay down the left and a good cross in saw a defender strike the ball against his own post. A good run from Sam Bishop required an equally good tackle from Tom to relieve the danger and we advanced to the Winford end, a good run from Dan ending with an attempted threaded pass when a shot might have been on. Rich then sent Zolly away down the right but his cross in was just behind Jon. As Winford attacked a good sliding tackle from Tom prevented a Winford player getting in a shot.

With less than ten minutes remaining Steve was outpaced on the left flank and the cross in to the far post dropped between Tom and Rich for a Winford player to head firmly in to the top corner of the net, giving Ryan no chance (0-1). In the last five minutes and an under-hit pass from Jack saw Phil stranded in no-man's land as a Winford player intercepted the ball and evaded Ryan's attempted tackle just inside the area. Fortunately, Steve was across quickly to block the shot at the foot of the post, at the expense of a corner. Unfortunately the Winford centre-half came up for the corner and got in a powerful header from ten yards to beat Ryan (0-2).

Almost full time and the Winford 'keeper was penalised for carrying the ball outside the area as he went to clear. Rich rolled the ball for Jay to crack a low drive goalwards and a deft left-footed volley from Steve took the ball past the 'keeper (1-2).

With Steve now playing centre forward we sought an injury-time winner. Dan fed Jay whose cross rebounded back off the bar but Winford reacted quickly to clear and attack down our right flank – it must have been one of their slower players as Jack managed to get back and tackle him!

### FULL-TIME: WINFORD 2 COLTS 1

**Afterthoughts.....**  
*I thought that the first half was evenly contested, although we didn't get the ball up to Zolly and Jay often enough. When we switched to 4-4-2 Zolly stayed out too wide so that he was blocking Rich and Jon was left isolated. However, we never made our extra player count in the second half. Winford were sharper getting to the ball and passed it with pace. We were unable to respond as well as them. They were also good enough to give us three cheers at the end of the game – we weren't able to respond to that, either.*

#### MAN OF THE MATCH

*This week's Man of the Match was selected by Man of the Match, Jeff "The Cat" Garland. Despite not having the advantage of a single minute's tuition from "Cat" in the whole of his career, Ryan Perry was still good enough to scoop the award – a couple of top-class saves, good distribution and command of the area. Well done Ryan*



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With Jason away and Ricky injured, the line-up was:

	Nick Frost	
Joe Cook	Tom Hamblin	Phil Knight
Mark Webb	Ian Field	Craig Palmer
Liam Kavanagh		Ross Malone
	Danny Hunt	Jay Slade

Substitutes Dan Payne (Liam Kavanagh, 45) Curtis Jack (Danny Hunt, 45), Gareth Smith (Mark Webb, 45).

Used to playing on the pristine surfaces at Somerdale, it was back to the long grass at Weston, and this made running with the ball a problem and also meant that early on we were underhitting passes. However, we started confidently and were not overwhelmed at playing against an U16 team.

The first half saw us doing most of the pressing, snappy in the tackle in midfield where Ian was his usual industrious self, and we also varying our attacking options as we probed for weaknesses in the Weston defence. We tried long balls over the top for Danny and Jay to chase interspersed with wing play to get behind their defence. We created chances – Jay was off target when he burst through, an excellent piece of close control from Ross saw him create the space to beat the 'keeper only for his shot to strike the foot of the post, and Danny had a header cleared off the line.

However, Weston defended well and broke quickly on the counter attack. We fell behind to what was probably our only instance of poor defending in the game – and this was a 90-minute match. A long crossfield ball from our right flank found an unmarked Weston player advancing. Three players converged on him, leaving a player unmarked in the centre of the area. When the cross evaded our defenders it was a simple task for him to beat the unprotected Nick (0-1).

Andy elected to switch to 4-4-2, with Craig dropping back in to the centre of defence, where he looked quite at home. The second goal was unfortunate. Under challenge from a Weston forward in the middle of the pitch, and with no outlet either side of him, Craig elected to pass the ball back to Nick. Not a panic measure, in fact a good tactical decision – play the ball the way you're playing, don't turn in to trouble. At Somerdale it would have worked. Unfortunately the long grass held the ball up and the forward was able to get to it before Nick, round him, and knock the ball home (0-2).

**HALF-TIME: WESTON 2 COLTS 0**

With Andy determined to give all three substitutes a full half's play, Liam opted to come off as he was suffering with a leg injury and wasn't sure that it would stand another hour and a quarter's play, should the game go to extra time. Mark and Danny also made way – no reflection on the performance of any of them. Dan dropped in to the centre of defence, Craig reverted to midfield, and Curtis took up position alongside Jay.

Weston added to their lead with another piece of good fortune. From a corner the ball dropped to the feet of a Weston player. Nick had the shot covered, but the ball struck Phil and was diverted past Nick. Andy had his flag raised, but the referee over-ruled him (0-3).

Full credit to the players. Their heads didn't go down even though the rain started to come down and made passing even more difficult as the ball zipped off the surface. We continued to do most of the attacking and play was practically confined to the Weston half. They did have the occasional counter attack, but our back four were equal to the challenge.

A free kick wide on the left was struck with power by Tom; Curtis rose and glanced a header past the stranded Weston 'keeper (1-3). Another free kick on the edge of the area saw Tom strike the ball low in to the corner of the net (2-3).

Weston were on the ropes now. Another goal-line clearance; a shot from Curtis that whistled only a foot over the bar. Joe with a desperate effort was just unable to turn and get a shot in on target. We created chances but couldn't get the equaliser that our performance merited.

**FULL-TIME: WESTON 3 COLTS 2**

**Afterthoughts.....**

*An excellent performance – we deserved at least to take the game in to extra time. Everyone played their part – even Anne Robinson wouldn't have found a weak link. The Weston manager admitted that they were troubled by our stirring comeback and were grateful for the final whistle. So, let's keep that positive edge to our play and bounce back with a league victory against Whitchurch.*

*Apologies for this week's match report – problems with the Grahamobile meant I travelled down with Andy, and didn't have my dictaphone at the game. So, a poor report on what was a good game!*

**IF YOU CAN'T MAKE TRAINING ON A TUESDAY, OR ARE UNAVAILABLE FOR A MATCH, THEN PLEASE LET YOUR MANAGER KNOW BY 'PHONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



### U16 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			1	2			
Steve Bacon	1	1					
Jamie Bryant	1	1			1	4	
Joe Garland	1	1	1				
Jack Gooding	3						
Tom Hamblin	2	1					
Rich Healey	2					1	
Phil Knight	2						
Dan Payne	3						
Ryan Perry	3				1		
Steve Pillinger	1		1			1	
Jon Pitt	3					1	
Jay Slade	2				1	1	
Gareth Smith	2						
Greg Tucker				1			
Zolly Vanyai	2					2	
Mark Webb	1		1				
Own-goals							1

### FIXTURES

Right, there are now seven teams in the League, Fishponds are out, so our fixture against them doesn't count, and the details have been excluded from the statistics. The October fixtures are included below.

Sep 15	H	Hengrove Boys	3-1
29	H	Whitchurch	7-0
Oct 6	A	Winford	1-2
13	A	Avon Park	
20			
27	H	Hengrove Athletic	

### Fry Club J.F.C. : RESULTS

Fry Club U11s	2-1	Coalpit Heath
Broadwalk	3-3	Fry Club U12s
Fry Club U13s	1-1	Hareclive Pumas
Hanham Boys	3-5	Fry Club 'A' U14s
Fry Club 'B' U14s	0-1	Warmley 'B'

### Avon Youth League U15 : RESULTS

Almondsbury	0-7	Brislington Juniors 'A'
DRG Stapleton	1-1	St Vallier
Henbury O B 'B'	1-6	Avon Athletic
Thornbury Falcons	1-3	Bitton Boys 'A'
Warmley Rangers 'A'	5-2	Whitchurch Sports 'A'

### Bristol Junior League U16 : RESULTS

Patchway	-	Avon Park Rangers
Whitchurch	4-0	Hengrove Athletic
Winford	2-1	Fry Club

### U15 TEAM FACTS

	F	B	P	S	L	C
Ricky Anstey	2	1			3	
Joe Cook	3		2			
Ian Field	3	2	1		1	
Nick Frost	5					
Tom Hamblin	6				3	1
Danny Hunt	4	2			6	
Curtis Jack	4	1	1			1
Liam Kavanagh	1	1	4			
Phil Knight	4	1				
Jason McCrossan	2		1			
Ross Malone	2	2			1	
Craig Palmer	3	2	1		1	
Dan Payne	5		1		5	
Jay Slade	1		1			
Gareth Smith	3	1	2		2	
Mark Webb	4	1				

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	4-2
Oct 7	A	Weston St John's (Som. Cup)	2-3
14	H	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	
21		League Cup Round 2	
Nov 4	A	St Vallier	
11	H	Brislington Juniors 'A'	
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'	
17	H	St Vallier	
24	A	Brislington Juniors 'A'	
March 3	H	Bitton Boys 'A'	
10	A	Avon Athletic	
17	H	Whitchurch Sports 'A'	

TBA A Frampton Rangers 'A'

### Avon Youth League U15 Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Brislington 'A'	5	5	0	0	27	9	15	+18
Whitchurch 'B'	5	5	0	0	15	4	15	+11
Fry Club 'A'	5	4	1	0	22	9	13	+13
St Vallier	5	3	1	1	24	11	10	+13
Bitton 'A'	6	3	1	2	18	14	10	+4
Whitchurch 'A'	5	3	0	2	17	13	9	+4
DRG Stapleton	5	2	1	2	17	9	7	+8
Warmley 'A'	5	2	0	3	15	14	6	+1
Avon Athletic	5	2	0	3	10	10	6	=
Thornbury	5	1	0	4	10	17	3	-7
Frampton 'A'	4	1	0	3	4	15	3	-11
Almondsbury	5	0	0	5	3	24	0	-21
Henbury O B	6	0	0	6	8	41	0	-33