



FRY CLUB COLTS

U15 MATCH REPORT U16

Number 6

Colts continue unbeaten league run

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New-look league for U16s

With Avon Park Rangers having dropped out, the Bristol Junior League is now down to six teams. So, we'll be playing each other four times a season.. On the evidence of Hengrove Athletic's results so far, they are not of the same standard as the rest of the teams; but even if they decided to call it a day we would still have a small league that should prove a competitive, good standard of football. Hengrove Boys, Patchway, Whitchurch, and Winford are teams of relatively equal ability..

Bristol Junior League U16 : Results

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Whitchurch	3-6							
Winford	3	2	1	0	23	5	7	+18
Hengrove Boys	3	2	0	1	14	3	6	+11
Fry Club 'A'	3	2	0	1	11	3	6	+8
Patchway	1	1	0	0	6	3	3	+3
Whitchurch	5	1	1	3	11	22	4	-11
Hengrove Ath	3	0	0	3	0	29	0	-29

Fry Club J F C : Results

Fry Club U10s	3-6	Hareclive Pumas
Hanham	2-2	Fry Club U11s
Fry Club U12s	10-3	DRG Stapleton
Wick Youth 'A'	0-2	Fry Club U13s
Fry Club 'A' U14s	2-6	Yate Utd
Fry Club U15s	3-2	Whitchurch Sports 'B'

Avon Youth League U15 : Results

Avon Athletic	3-2	Thornbury Falcons
Bitton Boys 'A'	1-2	Almondsbury
Brislington Juniors 'A'	1-0	DRG Stapleton
Fry Club Colts	3-2	Whitchurch Sports 'B'
St Vallier	11-4	Frampton Rangers 'A'
Whitchurch Sports 'A'	1-0	Henbury O B 'B'

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With Liam and Phil both injured and Jay also unavailable, Andy elected to play a 3-5-2 formation with Jason and Craig on the bench. Unable to get a referee meant Andy took on the job and Steve took on the mantle of coach. The line-up was:

Joe Cook	Nick Frost	Tom Hamblin
	Curtis Jack	

Gareth Smith	Ian Field	Mark Webb
Ricky Anstey		Ross Malone

Dan Payne Danny Hunt

Substitutes: Jason McCrossan (Ross Malone, 52), Craig Palmer (Ricky Anstey, 60)

As you might expect from two teams at the top end of the table, play was pretty even to begin with. It wasn't until eight minutes in to the half that we created our first chance. Ricky won the ball on the right touchline and Mark played a good ball down the line for **Dan** to chase; his touch set the ball up nicely for a fierce drive from the edge of the area. Although the 'keeper managed to get his fingers to the ball, he couldn't keep the ball out of the net (1-0).

Play continued to be mainly confined to the centre of the pitch and both defences were dominating the forwards. Joe, Curtis and Tom were a strong red line across the back, and Nick was relatively inactive. We were also winning most of the ball in midfield, which was giving us initial possession, although we struggled to force our way through the Whitchurch defence.

Ross in particular was being forced to track back every time Whitchurch had the ball, but kept his opposing wing-back quiet. With Ricky also drifting inside it meant that we were controlling midfield but at the expense of penetration down the flanks, it was left to Dan and Danny to get out wide.

A good clearance from Curtis was helped on by Ian for Dan to run on, but an excellent tackle stopped him in his tracks.

Almost twenty minutes gone and a long throw from Mark was headed on by Ross and then Dan for Danny to strike a shot against the post – but the flag was up for offside.

There were some crunching tackles going in from both sides – hard but fair, although there was a bit of each-way shoving in a few of the aerial challenges.

A change of tactic as Mark took a short throw-in and Ricky chested the ball back for Mark to curl in a good cross over the Whitchurch defence for Danny to try and loop a header over the 'keeper – unsuccessfully.

Almost half an hour gone and a Whitchurch corner on our left was swung in to the near post, the ball broke to a Whitchurch player on the edge of the area who swivelled and shot over the bar. A good tackle by Ian saw Ross take the ball on and play the ball through for Dan to flick the ball just too far in advance of Danny.

In to the last five minutes of the half and another inswinging Whitchurch corner was headed clear by Joe and play advanced down our right flank. Mark went down with a blow to the head but recovered to hurl a long throw in to the penalty area. Dan went up with a defender, the defender won the ball, and the referee blew for a penalty. The reason? Dan being held down. A contentious decision maybe given that the referee was our manager. Anyway, as a referee you give what you see. Tom stepped up and drilled the ball low in to the net (2-0).

HALF-TIME: COLTS 2 WHITCHURCH 0

I thought we were full value for our lead, given our first half performance. Our defence looked solid, yet again, and we were shading it in midfield. It was only up-front where we were not enjoying too much success and that wasn't through lack of application but down to some quality defending by Whitchurch.

Whitchurch were out of the blocks quickly for the second half, and for the first few minutes or so we needed to defend well, which we did. A dangerous cross in from our right flank to the near post saw Nick scrambling for the ball and Joe hacked clear off the line. Tom launched himself in to a tackle for the loose ball and it flew from the challenge and struck Ross on the arm. Whilst there was clearly no intent to handle the ball was inadvertently controlled and the referee awarded a penalty to Whitchurch. Nick chose the wrong way for his dive and the ball was hit low in to the opposite corner of the net (2-1).

With twelve minutes of the half gone Jason came on to replace Ross who was working hard but was now being continually pressed back and Steve thought it made sense to bring Jason on as an actual left back and play 4-4-2.

A good through ball from Ricky allowed Danny to burst through in to the area and an excellent tackle robbed him of the ball just as he was about to shoot.

A long throw from Jason came to nothing, but we attacked again and were rewarded by a free kick for a foul on Ian. Curtis tried a shot from some 45 yards but curled the ball off target. Mark then tried a snap shot from 40 yards that the 'keeper watched carefully as it flew narrowly wide.

Another free kick for handball saw Dan deflect Tom's strike wide of the goal. Dan then headed on Mark's long throw and Ian nipped in and almost managed to force the ball over the line, a defender managing to clear.

With twenty minutes of the half gone Craig came on to bolster midfield with a fresh pair of legs. Having reverted to four at the back we were outnumbered in midfield and were beginning to flag a little. Ricky came off with Gareth switching to wide on the right.

Another free kick as Ian was felled again saw Tom pump the ball in and Danny head down for Dan who was again robbed by a good interception as he tried to work a shooting opportunity. Craig and Ian then exchanged passes and Dan chested the ball down for Danny to shoot, but straight at the 'keeper.

With half an hour gone there seemed no danger as a Whitchurch player picked the ball up in midfield. Then he let fly from a good 40 yards and the ball arced over Nick and under the bar (2-2); a super strike. Game on!

A foul on Dan on the right touchline allowed Craig to put in a cross that was half cleared. Danny recovered the loose ball and got to the touchline before pulling the ball back. Unfortunately the ball was just over Tom's head and there was nobody at the far post to meet it. Gareth retrieved the ball and laid it back for Craig to set up Curtis with a shooting opportunity, but he was robbed. Gareth regained the ball and laid it back for Joe to fire the ball low in to the area, but Whitchurch cleared.

Good anticipation from Joe saw him intercept the ball and set off on a storming run down the right. A good hard low cross came in to the near post but again there was nobody there to finish the move off.

We continued to press forward and, with just over five minutes remaining, a foul on Danny right on the edge of the box saw **Tom** fire the ball low and pass under the wall as they anticipated a high shot and jumped. The 'keeper was unsuspected and the next thing he knew, the ball was in the back of the net (3-2).

Whitchurch tried to get back in to the game again, but we were resolute at the back and Nick remained untroubled as we headed towards the final whistle. Indeed, we went closest to adding to the scoreline when Dan received the ball 35 yards out and drilled a low shot that the Whitchurch 'keeper managed to touch on to the post.

FULL-TIME: COLTS 3 WHITCHURCH 2

Afterthoughts.....

A keenly contested game with two good defences, and a combative midfield tussle. Disputed penalties, maybe - but they cancelled each other out. Whitchurch came back at us in the second half and it took an exceptional strike to beat Nick. We have a good squad - no matter who starts or comes on or goes off everyone has played their part.

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Tom Hamblin** who was recently selected to represent Bristol Boys, and has been part of the 14-player squad to win 5-0 against Gloucester and 4-0 against Stroud.

Also to **Curtis Jack** who has now taken part in three first team games for Fry's. Regardless of the rights or wrongs of a 14-year old playing in adult competition it is a credit to Curtis's effort.

U15 TEAM FACTS		F	B	P	S	L	C
Ricky Anstey		2	2			3	
Joe Cook		4		2			
Ian Field		4	2	1		1	
Nick Frost		6					
Tom Hamblin		7				5	1
Danny Hunt		5	2			6	
Curtis Jack		5	1	1			1
Liam Kavanagh		1	1	4			
Phil Knight		4	1				
Jason McCrossan		2		2			
Ross Malone		2	3			1	
Craig Palmer		3	2	2		1	
Dan Payne		6		1		6	
Jay Slade		1		1			
Gareth Smith		4	1	2		2	
Mark Webb		5	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'	3-2
	21		Whitchurch Sports 'B' (LCR2)	
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'	6	6	0	0	28	9	18	+19
Fry Club 'A'	6	5	1	0	25	11	16	+14
Whitchurch 'B'	6	5	0	1	17	7	15	+10
St Vallier	6	4	1	1	35	15	13	+20
Whitchurch 'A'	6	4	0	2	18	13	12	+5
Bitton 'A'	7	3	1	3	19	16	10	+3
Avon Athletic	6	3	0	3	13	12	9	+1
DRG Stapleton	6	2	1	3	17	10	7	+7
Warmley 'A'	5	2	0	3	15	14	6	+1
Thornbury	6	1	0	5	12	20	3	-8
Frampton 'A'	5	1	0	4	8	26	3	-18
Almondsbury	6	1	0	5	5	25	3	-20
Henbury O B	7	0	0	7	8	42	0	-34