



FRY CLUB COLTS

U15 MATCH REPORT U16

Number 11 Colts storm to biggest win of the season, a 7-goal thriller 27th November 2001

Bristol Junior League U16 – League Cup

Hengrove Athletic 0-3 Whitchurch
Hengrove Boys 2-4 Winford

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Patchway 3-1 Hengrove Athletic
(last week)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Fry Club 'A'	7	5	0	2	31	14	15	+17
Winford	6	4	1	1	33	8	13	+25
Patchway	5	4	1	0	20	9	13	+11
Hengrove Boys	6	3	1	2	30	12	10	+18
Whitchurch	7	1	1	5	14	27	4	-13
Hengrove Ath	7	0	0	7	3	61	0	-58

Avon Youth League U15 – First Division

Almondsbury	2-4	Thornbury Falcons
DRG Stapleton	0-4	Brislington Juniors 'A'
Frampton Rangers 'A'	0-4	Warmley Rangers 'A'
Fry Club Colts	7-0	Avon Athletic
St Vallier	4-4	Bitton Boys 'A'
Whitchurch Sports 'B'	4-2	Whitchurch Sports 'A'

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Brislington 'A'	9	8	1	0	39	13	25	+26
Fry Club 'A'	9	7	2	0	39	13	23	+26
Whitchurch 'A'	10	7	0	3	27	18	21	+9
Whitchurch 'B'	10	6	0	4	25	19	18	+6
St Vallier	9	5	2	2	41	24	17	+17
Bitton 'A'	10	5	2	3	32	25	17	+7
Warmley 'A'	8	5	0	3	32	19	15	+13
Avon Athletic	10	5	0	5	17	21	15	-4
DRG Stapleton	9	3	1	5	20	16	10	+4
Thornbury	10	3	0	7	21	34	9	-13
Almondsbury	11	1	0	10	14	41	3	-27
Frampton 'A'	8	1	0	7	11	39	3	-28
Henbury O B	9	1	0	8	13	49	3	-36

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Bromley Heath Utd	6-0	Fry Club U10s
Keynsham Town	3-3	Fry Club U11s
Fry Club U12s	2-3	Castle Court
Fry Club U13s	2-4	Whitchurch Sports 'B'
Pucklechurch	3-0	Fry Club U14s 'B'

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Now we're really in to the football season – rain teeming down, green suit on, and only 11 players to choose from. Just as well we've got 16 signed on! Liam and Ian were both injured so full marks to Ian who came along to watch but went back home to collect his kit in case we needed a substitute. Gareth was a flu victim and neither Jay nor Curtis was available. Still, the team had a pretty solid look to it:

Nick Frost

Joe Cook Tom Hamblin Jason McCrossan Phil Knight
Ricky Anstey Mark Webb Craig Palmer Ross Malone
Dan Payne Danny Hunt

Substitute: Ian Field (Mark Webb)

If anything Avon started better than we did, and had more possession and territorial advantage during the opening ten minutes, although only one chance was created, and we took it after nine minutes. Mark played a through ball and **Danny** hit the ball low past the 'keeper (1-0).

Avon responded with a through ball that Nick came to collect put Phil elected for safety and put the ball out for a corner that Ricky headed away strongly at the near post.

We nearly extended our lead when a crossfield ball from Dan found Ross in acres of space. He advanced on the 'keeper and tried to lift the ball over him but the 'keeper managed to block it and a defender got back to clear for a corner that was cleared.

Avon's attacking ploy seemed to revolve around hitting through balls down the middle but they were hitting them too straight and the ball was skidding through to Nick most of the time. At the other end, Dan had done little except whinge that his hands were cold, and call for his gloves – wuss!

With a quarter of an hour gone Avon broke quickly but Ross tracked back to make a good tackle and clear the danger. Phil then intercepted a through ball and released Ross down the left, his cross being cut out for a corner. Craig's deep kick was well met by Tom who thudded a header just past the far post.

Ricky was penalised for pushing as Avon broke forward, and the shot from the free kick dipped just over the bar.

Just over 25 minutes gone and a long throw from Mark saw Dan turn his marker and pull the ball back across the face of the goal for **Ross** to calmly knock it in (2-0).

Craig was penalised for a push in the back, but Avon returned the favour and were penalised for pushing in our penalty area as the cross came in.

HALF-TIME: COLTS 2 ATHLETIC 0

Two goals up but in the back of your mind there is the knowledge that it's game on if the opposition pull one back, so who gets that next goal can often decide the match. Two minutes in to the half and Dan was elbowed in a challenge. Tom put across a great ball but nobody attacked it!

Ricky then made a good interception and released Dan with a through ball that was played out to Joe who was on a storming run down the right, only to be beaten by the slipperiness of the pitch as he was about to cross.

Ten minutes in to the half and another long throw from Mark saw Dan go up with the 'keeper and get a touch that **Ross** seized upon, sliding in at the far post to convert the chance (3-0).

A minute later and the Avon 'keeper safely collected a through ball and through it out to a defender who wasn't watching. Joe showed good anticipation to spot the opportunity and steamed forward to get in a shot – under pressure from the recovering defender – that was wide.

We did have a narrow escape when Jason was deceived by the lack of bounce of the ball and an Avon forward lobbed the ball over Nick but also over the bar.

With just over a quarter of an hour of the half gone, and Avon appealing for a foul in the middle of the pitch, Craig played the ball out to Ross on the left flank. He made ground before whipping in a fine cross that **Danny** hit back across the wrong-footed 'keeper and in to the net (4-0).

Avon came back with a raid down our right flank and a ball inside that was struck just wide of Nick's left post from 25 yards.

Twenty minutes remaining and we were awarded a free kick, in the centre circle. Tom pumped the ball forward and Dan tried a spectacular bicycle kick.

Thank goodness he didn't score with it – we'd have never heard the end of it! As it was he missed the ball by miles, but it gave us a laugh.

Mark chested down a clearance from the 'keeper and attempted a lob straight back, but not with sufficient height to beat the 'keeper, but quick thinking and a good effort. Another poor clearance from the 'keeper then saw Craig have a dig from 40 yards, but his effort was wide. The resulting goalkick was poorly hit and Danny, under pressure from a defender, tried to volley it straight back, but his effort was wide too.

A quarter of an hour remaining and we were continuing to exert pressure on Avon. We had dominated the second half a lot more than we had the first. Ross won a corner on the left, Craig swung the ball in under the bar and **Dan** bundled the ball over the line (5-0).

Just over ten minutes remaining and Mark's throw saw Ricky swing in a cross from the right that the 'keeper fumbled and **Ross**, following in on the 'keeper gleefully tucked the ball home from a narrow angle (6-0).

Ian came on to replace Mark, wearing trainers, and soon worked out which way he was playing (in-joke for those who braved the elements).

Five minutes remaining and Ian, despite being sandwiched by two defenders still managed to play a through ball that Danny seized upon only for the 'keeper to get a hand to the ball and divert it round the post. Craig's kick deceived everyone and rebounded off a defender, on to a post, and in to the 'keeper's hands.

Then, with full time approaching **Dan** received the ball just inside the penalty area and slotted it under the 'keeper to complete the scoring (7-0).

FULL-TIME: COLTS 7 ATHLETIC 0

Afterthoughts.....

An excellent all-round team performance. Joe tried to get forward when the opportunity arose, but not at the expense of his defensive duties, and Jason and Phil combined well on the left flank. I can't remember Nick actually having to make a save, and I can't remember Tom having to do too much either, so we must have been getting it right! I thought Ross had a really good game and fully deserved his hat trick. Ricky buzzed around and Craig and Mark played solidly in the middle. It wasn't a pitch to try and play pretty football on, but we played some penetrating balls and Dan and Danny got some good service and again worked hard. I guess you can't fault Andy's team selection either - although it does make it easier if you've only got 11 to choose from!