



# FRY CLUB COLTS

## U15 MATCH REPORT U16

Number 14 Injury blow - Dan breaks nose for Christmas as Henbury shock Colts 7<sup>th</sup> January 2002

### Bristol Junior League U16 – 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

Patchway	2-1	Winford							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD	
Winford	9	6	1	2	43	15	19	+28	
Patchway	7	6	1	0	30	11	19	+19	
<b>Fry Club</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>+30</b>	
Hengrove Boys	8	4	1	3	37	17	13	+20	
Whitchurch	9	2	1	6	18	31	7	-13	
Hengrove Ath	10	0	0	10	4	88	0	-84	

### Avon Youth League U15 – Div 1 – 6<sup>th</sup> Jan

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

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Brislington 'A'	13	12	1	0	50	18	37	+32
<b>Fry Club</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>+28</b>
Whitchurch 'B'	13	8	0	5	35	23	24	+12
St Vallier	11	6	3	2	46	27	21	+19
Whitchurch 'A'	11	7	0	4	28	21	21	+7
Warmley 'A'	12	6	1	5	37	29	19	+8
Bitton 'A'	11	5	2	4	33	27	17	+6
DRG Stapleton	11	5	1	5	27	20	16	+7
Avon Athletic	13	5	1	7	21	28	16	-7
Thornbury	14	4	1	9	33	47	13	-14
Henbury O B	12	3	0	9	20	58	9	-38
Frampton 'A'	10	1	1	8	16	48	4	-32
Almondsbury	12	1	0	11	14	42	3	-28

(Thornbury v Whitchurch 'B' - Whitchurch awarded the game, result counts as 0-0.)

### Fry Club J F C – 6<sup>th</sup> January

St Vallier	2-3	Fry Club U10s
Fry Club U11s	2-4	Warmley Rangers 'A'
Hanham Boys	2-3	Fry Club U12s
Fry Club U13s	0-1	Hanham Boys
Coalpit Heath	10-0	Fry Club U14s 'A'
Fry Club U14s 'B'	0-13	Almondsbury

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**HENBURY OLD BOYS COLTS 'B'**  
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Well as it happened this was the only game in the First Division to be played. It was cold, but not too much frost in the pitch. With everyone fit for selection Andy elected to rest Craig and Phil and play 4-4-2:

Nick Frost

Tom Hamblin	Curtis Jack
Liam Kavanagh	Jason McCrossan
Ricky Anstey	Gareth Smith Jay Slade Ross Malone
Dan Payne	Danny Hunt

Substitutes: Ian Field (Dan Payne, 15), Joe Cook (Liam Kavanagh, 55), Mark Webb (Ross Malone, 55).

A promising opening move saw Danny and Gareth exchange passes only for Danny's cross to be too close to the 'keeper. A good through ball from Jay then saw Ross hit a fine cross-shot from a narrow angle that the 'keeper managed to put out for a corner. The ball was driven in hard and low by Jay and pinged around the six-yard box with just about everyone trying to get a shot in and Henbury blocking everything.

Ten minutes gone and we were playing the better football, although Henbury looked a far better side than when we played them at the start of the season. Good play from Ricky saw him get in a cross that was only cleared as far as Jay, but his 25-yard thunderbolt was too high.

A minute later, and Danny won the ball and played it out to Ross who got in a good cross that the 'keeper just managed to get to ahead of Dan. A quick break from Henbury was quashed by Liam, but Henbury had a chance to take the lead when a foul by Jay presented them with a free kick 25 yards from goal, but the cross in was headed away by Tom.

With a quarter of an hour gone Ross had a shot blocked following a flick-on by Danny and then Jay and

Danny combined to put in a high ball that Dan and the 'keeper both went for. **Dan** met the ball with his head a fraction of a second before the 'keeper's fist met Dan's nose. The ball was in the back of the net; Dan was on the floor. The goal stood (1-0), Dan didn't – at least not for a while and then he trudged off to await the ambulance.

Jay moved up front and Ian came on to fill the midfield berth. A throw in to Henbury produced a good cross that Liam cleared, but only as far as the edge of the area from where the ball was struck firmly by a Henbury player, fortunately straight at Nick.

Jay put in a good cross that the 'keeper did well to pluck out of the air, and Henbury responded with a header, just wide. Twenty-five minutes gone and a mazy dribble from Ian on the edge of the area was thwarted by weight of numbers. Henbury were getting in to the game more now and from a free kick on our right a cross-cum-shot curled just wide of Nick's left hand post.

A cross from Ross saw Jay and Ian head the ball on for Ricky, at the far post, to shoot over. A good break from Henbury saw us in trouble as Curtis slipped and Liam was unable to cut out the cross. A fine strike from a Henbury forward brought out an excellent diving save from Nick.

Another shot from Ricky was well held by the Henbury 'keeper and then as Henbury were attacking a long clearance from Curtis saw Danny knock the ball on for Jay but he was unable to beat the last defender with a clear run at goal beckoning.

Henbury were defending well, in numbers, but a cross in from Liam evaded the Henbury defence, allowing Ross a shot, but it was off target. Most of Henbury's attacks were coming down our right flank, but Liam had their measure.

With five minutes of the half remaining Danny managed to get in a clear run on goal only to slide his shot a foot wide of the post as the 'keeper came out to narrow the angle. Shortly after Gareth struck a good dipping shot from the edge of the area but the 'keeper was well positioned to grasp the ball just under the bar.

Gareth won a loose ball and passed inside for Ricky to pick out Danny who managed to turn and get a shot away only for the 'keeper to get down and save. Henbury immediately mounted an attack and a good interception from Liam prevented Henbury reaching our area. His pass found Jay and he cut in and unleashed a shot from a narrow angle that thudded against the post. Ricky latched on to the rebound but was foiled by the 'keeper. Henbury responded with another quick break and Tom blocked a powerful shot.

**HALF-TIME: COLTS 1 HENBURY 0**

Henbury had been coming in to the game more and more as the first half progressed and they looked the

sharper team as the second half began. A quick break down our right flank saw the ball played over Liam and as Nick came across the Henbury player's shot rolled past him and the goal.

With ten minutes gone Henbury snatched an equaliser. A dribble across our area saw the ball played out to our left flank. The cross in to our near post saw Tom and Curtis nowhere in sight, Nick stuck on his line, and a Henbury forward outjump Liam to head home (1-1).

A good passing move instigated by Curtis saw Gareth and Ross combine before Jay put over a cross that Danny was just unable to get on the end of. We were putting together a few good moves but more often than not passes seemed to be going astray, or players tried to do too much on their own instead of playing easier simple passes. Ricky did well to cut in to the area but then tried to beat two defenders when players were unmarked at the far post – not that he was the only culprit.

Although Henbury were pressing forward we were defending well, and did not really appear to be in any undue danger of conceding another goal. Good tackles from Curtis and then Tom prevented Henbury from getting shots in, and Tom headed clear a corner.

Jay played a good through ball that Ross latched on to without breaking stride and from the edge of the area struck a left foot shot a yard wide of the post, and then Jay put over a cross from the right that Danny headed weakly at the 'keeper.

With a quarter of an hour gone Joe came on to replace Liam and Mark came on in the centre of midfield, replacing Ross, with Ricky moving to the left wing. Curtis put in a good ball that Mark just failed to reach but the ball fell to Ricky whose shot from the edge of the six-yard box failed to trouble the 'keeper.

Twenty minutes gone and Gareth was bundled over in the 'D'. **Tom** took the free kick and crashed in a low shot that took a deflection on its way past the 'keeper (although Tom will claim it!) to put us 2-1 in front.

Tom and Curtis calmly played the ball out of defence as Henbury pressed forward again, and Gareth rode a couple of tackles before releasing Jay with a clear path to goal. Unfortunately he had strayed just offside.

With a quarter of an hour gone Henbury were awarded a free kick on the half way line. The music stopped as the kick was taken and the defence stood rooted to the ground, playing statues, as the ball sailed over their heads. Unfortunately, a Henbury player ran round the back comfortably beat Nick with a stooping free header (2-2). Protests for offside were too late and unjustified – even Andy, who was running the line, could see that!

A minute later and Jay managed to evade the diving 'keeper and advanced on goal from a narrow angle before shooting from a yard out, only for a defender to get back and block the shot for a corner. Tom got in a

good header from Jay's corner but just wide of the angle of bar and post.

Ten minutes remained and Jay tried to work his way through but was foiled and took a bang on the head for his troubles. A good break from Mark down the right saw Henbury clear the cross only as far as Curtis whose left foot shot was blocked. The ball fell to Ricky who squared it for Jay to lash a shot that went out for a throw.

A dangerous break from Henbury, down our right flank saw the ball flash across our goal for Jason to intercept and hare down the wing like a whippet on speed before getting in a cross that the 'keeper only just managed to get to before Jay. Henbury pressed forward again and Nick came out of the area to make a tackle, Ricky booting the ball to safety.

With five minutes remaining a long throw from Mark was headed on by Danny only for Ricky to sidefoot the ball wide from eight yards. Ian was then nearly in but was robbed by a good block. Henbury responded with a looping header over the bar.

In to the last minute and Tom was beaten but the ball was going out for a goal kick when Tom had a rush of blood to the head and barged in to the back of the forward. The penalty was confidently knocked home (2-3) and 30 seconds later the final whistle blew.

The end of the game – well not quite. Jason elected to say a few choice words to the referee and was promptly sent off – what a plonker (and I don't mean the referee).

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

**Afterthoughts.....**

A strange game. We created a dozen chances and could have won easily. Poor defending really gifted Henbury their goals, yet for periods of the game they played good football, worked as hard as we normally do, and finished the game looking the team that wanted to win more than we did.

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Lack of commitment to the cause by Dan and Mark saw them sneaking off to watch a flukey Rovers win at Derby rather than make themselves available for Fry's. Andy – you need to do something about these Gasheads, how can you continue to pick players who clearly know nothing about football. I mean, just answer the question – "Which Bristol football team has just reached their area final by hammering their local rivals 3-0 this week?" I rest my case!

So, we lined up:

Nick Frost  
Joe Cook Tom Hamblin Curtis Jack Phil Knight  
Ricky Anstey Gareth Smith Ian Field Ross Malone  
Danny Hunt Jay Slade

Substitutes: Liam Kavanagh (Ricky Anstey, 53), Jason McCrossan (Danny Hunt, 58).

The pitch was small and the surface sticky. With little room to manoeuvre, players found it difficult to find room in which to dwell on the ball, or the space in which to play it. For the first ten minutes or so play was relatively even – initial sparring that saw no attempts at goal other than an off-target effort from Phil from 30 yards.

Ricky was slightly closer after a quarter of an hour, but slipped as he hit a shot from Ross' layback.

Good control by Tom and a fine pass out to Ross who had found some space on the left wing saw him whip in a good early cross that saw Jay blocked just as he was about to shoot.

With just under 20 minutes gone Thornbury were reduced to ten players – they had no substitutes – when a player injured his ankle under a challenge from Ian. This didn't affect Thornbury's ability to defend, which they always seem to do well, they're a difficult team to break down, but it did mean that they were a little lightweight up front and we began to dominate midfield more, with Ian and Gareth examples of perpetual motion,

An interception by Phil and pass out to Ricky on the right saw him deliver the ball for Danny to turn it in to Jay but again his shot was blocked. Joe won the ball as Thornbury broke down our right flank and delivered the ball to Gareth who managed to get in a shot that was yet again blocked. Ian managed to get the ball to Ricky only for the 'keeper to hold his shot.

Tom knocked down a long throw from Jay and Ricky again was the player with the shot – just wide. Then a corner on the left from Gareth produced a header from Jay, but he was moving away from goal and couldn't direct it on target.

A good interchange of passes between Ian and Phil nearly resulted in Danny getting through, but again good defending from Thornbury prevented him from progressing, although they were forced to concede another corner. Gareth swung the ball over from the right and the 'keeper punched weakly, but the ball was scrambled clear, only as far as Curtis on the edge of the area. He struck a good shot that was destined to go just inside the post only for the Thornbury 'keeper to get across and hold the shot – an excellent save.

A good through ball from Jay saw Ricky, 'keeper and a defender all converging on the ball. Unfortunately the defender got there first. Thornbury retaliated with a good break down the right flank and a deep cross that

found one of their players unmarked on the edge of the area. Fortunately Ross tracked back and got in a good tackle to dispossess him.

With only a couple of minutes of the half remaining Gareth sent over another good corner that was met by a firm header from Tom, but wide of the far post.

#### HALF-TIME: THORNBURY 0 COLTS 0

Andy refrained from making any substitutions at half-time, but did decide to switch to 3-5-2 – pushing Curtis in to midfield. Well, what can you say – the man's clearly a tactical genius!

Ross sent in a well-struck shot from the angle of the penalty area, but straight in to the 'keeper's hands and this was followed by Curtis attempting to bend a shot inside the post but again the ball was drawn to the 'keeper's hands like iron to a magnet.

Eight minutes in to the half and we took a deserved lead. Ricky slotted a through ball from just inside our half for **Jay** to power through the middle and strike a shot that, although he got a hand to the ball, the 'keeper couldn't prevent entering the net (1-0).

A minute later and a good flick on from Danny allowed Ricky the opportunity to get in the area and round the 'keeper before managing to miss the goal with his shot when it seemed easier to score than miss!

Gareth's persistence saw him win a corner that he delivered from the right. It was a superb cross – right across the face of the goal, but nobody got on the end of it.

With just under a quarter of an hour gone Liam came on to replace Ricky (that'll teach him to miss sitters) and five minutes later Andy elected to unleash his secret weapon. If Rovers have Nathan 'The Duke' Ellington, we can reply with Jason 'The Duck' McCrossan. Now, the first nickname is obvious to old people who can remember jazz music. However, this week's quiz question is, why is Jason 'The Duck'? Is it because he:

1. Hasn't scored this season?
2. Ducks when the ball is in the air to avoid heading it?
3. Waddles like a duck?

Answers to Leo, please!

Anyway, Jason came on to replace Danny and we looked forward to seeing him link up with Jay. Pace and power up front as opposed to the normal pairing of Dan the Donkey and Danny de Canny-one. Reward was almost instantaneous. A good interception from Joe – who had earlier amused the crowd by trying to kick the ball with his left foot rather than use it to stand on – and pass to Curtis brought us our second goal. **Curtis** set off on a run through midfield, checked on the edge of the area, and turned back in to curl a left-foot shot just inside the far upright, (2-0).

A through ball from Phil was flicked on by Jay for Ross to get in a shot that whistled just wide of the far post. Then Ian intercepted a poor goal kick and Jay hit a shot from out on the left that beat the 'keeper but was wide of the far post – Jason couldn't turn the turbocharger on in time to reach the ball and turn it in to the net.

A quick break by Thornbury nearly caught us napping, they suddenly found themselves three-on-one as we had pushed forward. Tom got in a good interception to rescue us. A good ball from Ian gave Jason the opportunity to charge down the right wing and beat his marker only for the 'keeper to claim the ball as he over-ran it.

With five minutes remaining Liam and Curtis combined on the right to win a corner that we failed to convert. Jay then won a corner on the left and Tom's downward header was cleared off the line at the expense of another corner that Gareth swung under the crossbar, and the 'keeper palmed the ball round the post. Jay took the corner and picked out Phil who came in with a late run to the near post. He couldn't manage to get a telling shot in, but the defence could only clear the ball as far as **Curtis**, loitering with intent on the edge of the area, and he lobbed the ball back in and over the 'keeper's head (3-0).

Straight from the kick off **Jay** chased forward, won the ball, and ran through to calmly slot the ball home (4-0).

In to the final minute and an excellent through ball from Thornbury, down our left flank, saw a good run end with a poor finish.

#### FULL-TIME: THORNBURY 0 COLTS 4

##### Afterthoughts.....

I thought that we played really well in spells today. I can't actually remember Nick having to make a save, so the defence must have done a good job this week. Ian and Gareth chased and harried in midfield, winning a lot of ball that Ross and Ricky were able to capitalise upon. Up front Jay worked hard and deserved his two goals while Danny didn't get the chances coming his way that his movement warranted.

Andy's team selection, tactics, and substitutions all seemed to work – he must have got a book for Christmas telling him how to do it!

A good start for 2002. May the New Year continue to be happy.



## 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	2	1	2	3		5	
Steve Bacon	1	1					
Jamie Bryant	4	1	2		2	8	
Joe Garland	3	2	2	1		1	
Jack Gooding	9					2	
Tom Hamblin	6	1	1		2	1	
Rich Healey	5	1				3	
Phil Knight	6		1			1	
Dan Payne	9					1	
Ryan Perry	7	1	1		1	3	
Steve Pillinger	1		1			1	
Jon Pitt	6	2	1			12	
Jay Slade	5	1			1	2	
Gareth Smith	4	2	2				
Greg Tucker	3		1	2	1		
Zolly Vanyai	6	2				5	
Mark Webb	7		1				
Own goals							3

### Fixtures

Sep	15	H	Hengrove Boys	3-1
	29	H	Whitchurch	7-0
Oct	6	A	Winford	1-2
	27	H	Hengrove Athletic	12-0
Nov	3	H	Patchway	1-6
	10	A	Whitchurch	3-2
	17	A	Hengrove Boys	4-3
Dec	8	H	Winford	2-4
	15	H	Hengrove Athletic	15-0
Jan	12	A	Whitchurch	
	19	H	Hengrove Boys	
	26	H	Patchway	
Feb	2	A	Hengrove Athletic	
	9	A	Patchway	
	23		5-a-side competition	
Mar	2	A	Hengrove Boys	
	9	A	Hengrove Athletic	
	16	H	Winford	
Apr	6	A	Winford	
TBA		H	Whitchurch	
		A	Patchway	

### REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

- **Tom** was in the Bristol & South Glos Schools team that lost away at Plymouth, going down 3-2 after being two goals up, so unfortunately they go out of the Cup (unlike lucky Rovers)!
- However, the Bristol Junior League U-15 reps' team overcame Woodspring, **Phil** and **Tom** helped to keep a clean sheet in a narrow 1-0 victory, on a cold and wet day!

## U15 TEAM FACTS

Ricky Anstey

Joe Cook

Ian Field

Nick Frost

Tom Hamblin

Danny Hunt

Curtis Jack

Liam Kavanagh

Phil Knight

Jason McCrossan

Ross Malone

Craig Palmer

Dan Payne

Jay Slade

Gareth Smith

Mark Webb

	F	B	P	S	L	C
Ricky Anstey	7	4	1		3	
Joe Cook	8	2	4			
Ian Field	7	3	5		1	
Nick Frost	14					
Tom Hamblin	14				6	1
Danny Hunt	11	4			13	
Curtis Jack	11	2	1		2	1
Liam Kavanagh	2	2	7	1		
Phil Knight	6	3	1			
Jason McCrossan	8		3			
Ross Malone	5	6	1		4	
Craig Palmer	6	3	3		1	
Dan Payne	9	3	2		10	
Jay Slade	6		2		3	
Gareth Smith	6	2	4		2	
Mark Webb	9	2	2		1	

### 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	4-2
Oct	7	A	Weston St John's (Som. Cup)	2-3
	14	H	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	3-2
	21	H	Whitchurch Sports 'B' (LCR2)	0-3
Nov	4	A	St Vallier	5-0
	11	H	Brislington Juniors 'A'	2-2
	25	H	Avon Athletic	7-0
Dec	9	H	Warmley Rangers 'A'	0-1
	16	A	Warmley Rangers 'A'	1-1
	23	H	Henbury Old Boys 'B'	2-3
Jan	6	A	Thornbury Falcons	4-0
	13	H	Almondsbury	
	20	A	DRG Stapleton	
	27	H	Frampton Rangers 'A'	
Feb	3	A	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	
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March	3	H	Bitton Boys 'A'	
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	24	A	Frampton Rangers 'A'	
TBA		A	Whitchurch Sports 'A'	

### MORE REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

*Congratulations to Jack on being selected (as a Bitton player) to represent Gloucestershire FA U16s versus Cornwall on January 26<sup>th</sup>.*

*If Dave goes off to watch him play I could be in charge of the team for the Patchway game. Yipee!!*

**Finally, congratulations to Danny Hunt who progressed to the national final of football skills at Old Trafford, held just before Christmas.**