



FRY CLUB COLTS

U15 MATCH REPORT U16

Number 16

Dan's the man with the only goal against DRG

22nd January 2002

Bristol Junior League U16 – 19th Jan

Hengrove Athletic	P	Patchway
Fry Club Colts	1-6	Hengrove Boys
Winford	2-2	Whitchurch

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Fry Club	11	7	0	4	50	24	21	+26
Winford	10	6	2	2	45	17	20	+28
Hengrove Boys	10	6	1	3	51	20	19	+31
Patchway	7	6	1	0	30	11	19	+19
Whitchurch	11	2	2	7	20	34	8	-14
Hengrove Ath	11	0	0	11	6	96	0	-90

Avon Youth League U15 – Div 1 – 20th Jan

DRG Stapleton	0-1	Fry Club Colts
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Brislington 'A'	14	13	1	0	56	19	40	+37
Fry Club	15	10	3	2	52	18	33	+34
Whitchurch 'B'	14	9	0	5	39	24	27	+15
Whitchurch 'A'	12	7	1	4	30	23	22	+7
St Vallier	11	6	3	2	46	27	21	+19
Bitton 'A'	12	6	2	4	37	30	20	+7
Warmley 'A'	13	6	1	6	40	33	19	+7
Avon Athletic	14	5	2	7	23	30	17	-7
DRG Stapleton	13	5	1	7	28	25	16	+3
Thornbury	14	4	1	9	33	47	13	-14
Henbury O B	13	3	0	10	21	64	9	-43
Frampton 'A'	10	1	1	8	16	48	4	-32
Almondsbury	13	1	0	12	14	47	3	-33

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

Fry Club J F C – 20th January

Fry Club U10s	1-4	Hanham Boys
DRG Stapleton	1-2	Fry Club U12s
Fry Club U13s	6-2	Wick Youth 'A'
Yate Utd	1-0	Fry Club U14s 'A'
Fry Club U14s 'B'	3-3	Chipping Sodbury 'A'

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Well, for a variety of reasons we were without the services of Gareth, Jamie, Steve B, Steve P, and Zolly, so Dave shuffled what was left of the pack and came up with:

Greg Tucker
 Tom Hamblin Dan Payne
 Joe Garland Phil Knight
 Jack Gooding Mark Webb
 Rich Healey Jay Slade
 Ryan Perry Jon Pitt

Substitute: Ross Ashman (Greg Tucker, 60)

Diss FC is a team in the Jewson Premier League. They won the FA Vase in 1993-94, beating Taunton Town 2-1 after extra time at Wembley. Dis is not about them. Dis is about Fry Club Colts U16s, who haven't won anything. With dismal, disjointed, disappointing performances such as this, then that's unlikely to change.

The initial pressure came from Hengrove. Mark conceded an early corner on our right with a good tackle on Ben Crew. Greg got a fist to the ball and it was eventually cleared by Jay.

It was ten minutes in to the game before we managed our first attack – Ryan got the ball in behind the Hengrove defence but their 'keeper got to it just ahead of Jon to kick clear. Tom then got in a good backheader to Jay's long throw but nobody challenged for the loose ball.

Just under a quarter of an hour gone and indecision from Phil saw Ben Crew able to get in a low drive – fortunately straight in to Greg's hands. Ben was proving quite a handful and a good tackle from Tom prevented him from bearing down on goal a minute later.

Ryan chipped the ball through for Jon, who was returning from an offside position, so Ryan sprinted through himself and the 'keeper had to come outside his area and block. Mark then made a good forward run to latch on to Rich's through ball, only to be robbed by another good tackle.

With a quarter of an hour of the half remaining, Hengrove took the lead. A corner from our left passed Greg at shoulder height. He could have reached out and caught the ball without moving his feet or needing to stretch. He didn't and nobody was marking Kye Hendy who timed his run well to power a header home from all of two yards (0-1).

Two minutes later and a miskick by Dan saw the ball drop straight to Marcus Smith for a shot. Fortunately Phil got in a touch to take the ball on to the bar and we cleared it as Kevin Curtis who hit a blistering 30-yard drive that Greg did well to tip over the bar.

Another chance for Hengrove quickly followed as Dan was unlucky when the ball spun off his foot to Jason Pitman who sidefooted the ball straight to Greg.

We almost sneaked an equaliser when a clearance from the Hengrove 'keeper was returned by Jack from almost the halfway line. It looked for a second or two that the 'keeper was struggling to get back, but he managed to divert the ball round the post. Tom met Jay's deep cross with a header back across the six-yard box that Jon and the 'keeper both went up for, the ball dropping loose and cleared.

In to the last five minutes of the half and Ben Crew managed to get in a shot that Greg palmed out, Dan clearing only as far as Ashley Bullock who crossed the ball and Tom managed to head clear.

Jack and Rich combined to try and get Jon away but a tackle from little Ash denied him, although we gained a corner. Jack's corner kick was cleared by Kevin Curtis and although Jay's throw was also cleared it only came as far as Phil who's ball over the top deceived the 'keeper with its bounce and again had him backpedalling to prevent it going over the line.

HALF TIME : COLTS 0 HENGROVE 1

Two minutes in to the half and a good through ball from Kye saw Greg out quickly to block Jason's effort. Two minutes later and Dan decided that the best way to stop Jason was by standing on his bad knee, but this only worked for the couple of minutes that Jason required treatment!

Another long through ball from Kye saw Ben Crew get between Joe and Dan and shoot low past Greg and in to the corner of the net (0-2). The game was killed off when, with only ten minutes of the half gone a flowing move from the back, started by Kye winning a duel with Jon, saw the ball moved through our midfield and down our right flank before finishing with Troy coming inside and firing low past Greg (0-3).

With a quarter of an hour gone we did manage to pull a goal back. Jack played the ball in from a free kick and Ryan won the ball in the air. The ball dropped for Rich who struck a good shot that the 'keeper did well to parry only to see the ball drop to Jon who clipped the ball in off the post (1-3).

As often seems the case when we play Hengrove, they get riled when we score. So far they had been playing the better football in any case. Now they upped the tempo. Greg parried another effort from Ben Crew, and Tom nipped in to take the ball off Jason's foot just as it looked like he'd have a simple tap-in. 'Turbo', on as a substitute then saw his shot from the edge of the area beat Greg only to crash back off the bar.

Hengrove pressure was now almost constant. It took a foul to end a good run from Marcus and Kevin blasted the free kick in to the wall, Tom clearing.

With twenty minutes remaining, Greg decided he'd had enough, so limped off with a leg injury, Ryan donning the 'keeper's jersey and Ross coming on up front. With Jay under instruction to stay forward as we looked to pull goals back, Tom and Dan seemed confused as to who should be marking whom at the back. Two minutes later Jason took advantage to slot the ball low past Ryan (1-4).

Five minutes later and Ashley Bullock latched on to a crossfield ball to bring out a good save from Ryan. However, it was only a brief respite as a good run from Turbo saw him play the ball in to Hengrove's second substitute who side-footed the ball home at the near post (1-5).

In to the last ten minutes and Dan attempted to run the ball out of defence, got caught, and Turbo advanced only to see Ryan parry his shot.

A good through ball from Ross allowed Jay to get to the edge of the area, but Kye got across to block his attempted shot. Jay then got in a near post diving header to Jack's corner kick only to see that too blocked. Jon succeeded in getting the ball out to Jay on the left and his cross in was deflected by the 'keeper to Rich who saw his shot also blocked. Then, with two minutes remaining, our defence stood rooted to the spot as Turbo found space to shoot low across Ryan and in to the far corner of the net (1-6).

FULL TIME : COLTS 1 HENGROVE 6

Afterthoughts.....

Given the tremendous effort that we had put in against Hengrove in the previous two games it was disconcerting to see the lack of discipline and the discord in this game. The will to win had seemed to disappear or is that to discredit you? I just felt totally discombobulated!

PS - There was no man of the match.

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With Jason, Jay and Ross unavailable Andy put out the following side:

Nick Frost

Joe Cook Tom Hamblin Curtis Jack Phil Knight
 Gareth Smith Mark Webb Ian Field Ricky Anstey
 Dan Payne Danny Hunt

Substitutes: Craig Palmer (Mark Webb, 63),
Liam Kavanagh (Joe Cook, 75).

DRG kicked off and did the early attacking, as we expected – they had the benefit of a strong wind behind them and we had the driving rain in our faces. The pitch was as greasy as could be, and control of the ball and turning was going to be difficult.

Five minutes in to the half and Ricky intercepted a crossfield pass and Mark took the ball up to find Danny who crossed towards Dan, who was in turn foiled by a good interception.

A throw-in to Stapleton on our right flank saw the ball played back for a good strike from 30 yards that whistled a yard wide of the upright. A minute later and Tom misjudged a header from the DRG 'keeper's long kick, heading it backwards, Curtis slipped on the treacherous surface, and a DRG forward was through on Nick. Fortunately he dragged his shot just wide of the far post. A free kick from 40 yards followed and that too was only off target by a couple of feet.

However, we weathered the early storm – metaphorically speaking that is – and started to launch a few attacks of our own. Ricky sent in a cross from the left only for Gareth and Joe to get in each other's way.

With a quarter of an hour gone Ricky's persistence won a corner on the left. Gareth's kick was half cleared, only as far as Mark who spooned his shot over the bar from 10 yards – a definite deckchair shot.

Although the conditions were just made for sliding in there was really no excuse for some of the tackles – Pete Hunt getting particularly agitated with referee, linesman and anybody else who would listen! Ian rode one high tackle only to be dumped by an even higher one two yards further on. He was so frustrated that he actually thumped the ground with his fist – and we never knew he had a temper! A couple of minutes later and Joe was on the receiving end of a tackle that had it been any later would have been in next week's game. There were also some half-hearted appeals for a penalty when Dan's flick-on from Mark's throw-in may have brushed a defender's hand, but play was waved on.

Nick was almost deceived by the wind-assistance to a through ball but recovered his composure to catch the ball safely and then Dan broke in to the DRG area and hit a vicious shot only a foot or so wide of the near post. Otherwise, most of the action was contained in midfield.

As we moved towards half time Ian was unable to get a shot in as the ball bobbed in the area from Gareth's cross, but did win a corner that Gareth bounced off the top of the crossbar. DRG broke forward dangerously down our left flank and Gareth was back to chest the cross in to Nick's arms. They then forced a corner on the left and it was their turn to hit the top of the bar.

HALF-TIME: DRG 0 COLTS 0

Determined to attack in force given the benefit of the wind in this half, we nearly got caught out after five minutes when we'd all ventured forward and DRG broke quickly, an attacker getting free on to a long through ball. It took a great tackle from Curtis to prevent Nick being faced with a one-on-one situation.

Dan then managed to get behind a DRG defender deceived by Tom's long clearance only to lob the bar as well as the advancing 'keeper.

Ian was having a storming game in midfield and with ten minutes of the half gone won the ball yet again and released Danny, but Dan was adjudged to have used his hand to control the ball when the pass arrived.

Ian and Gareth then combined to free Danny who got between two defenders only to mishit his shot weakly wide. A minute later and Dan got through on to a Tom pass that a defender had again misread, only to poke his shot about 15 yards wide. A minute later and Danny turned and fired in a shot from the edge of the area, but that too was off-target. Ian was the next to get a shooting opportunity, on the edge of the box, but miscued.

With 20 minutes remaining Tom launched in to a shot from way out on the right touchline. The 'keeper just got a hand to it and Phil turned the ball in for Ricky to move inside and curl a shot goalwards. The 'keeper couldn't grasp the ball and **Dan** reacted quickly (well less slowly than normal) to knock the ball home (1-0).

Two minutes later and three corners in succession eventually saw the ball cleared as far as Phil, lurking 30 yards out. His shot beat the 'keeper but dipped just inches over the bar.

Craig came on to replace Mark with just over a quarter of an hour remaining, as we sought to get a second goal cushion. However, it was DRG who came closest to scoring as we conceded a free kick out on the left. The ball was swung in and two DRG players found themselves unmarked at the far post. Fortunately the shot, when it came, was off target, but it had Nick scrambling!

In to the last ten minutes and some nifty footwork from Curtis saw him leave his marker for dead and weave his way forward before unleashing a shot that, unfortunately, didn't match the approach work.

Liam came on to replace Joe, with five minutes remaining, as we continued to attack. A through ball from Curtis saw the defender covering Dan slip, allowing him to get in a dangerous cross that the 'keeper could only get a foot to, diverting it towards three of our players who, between them, couldn't manage to finish with a goal.

Curtis received a talking to from the referee after committing a foul, the referee brandishing the yellow card – but only as a warning – having seemingly missed some of the fouls on Curtis.

FULL-TIME: DRG 0 COLTS 1

Afterthoughts.....

Quite a tough game, but we responded well to the conditions and actually tried to play some good football.

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	2	3	3		6	
Steve Bacon	1	1					
Jamie Bryant	4	1	2		2	8	
Joe Garland	4	3	2	1	1	1	
Jack Gooding	11					2	
Tom Hamblin	8	1	1		2	1	
Rich Healey	7	1				3	
Phil Knight	8		1			1	
Dan Payne	10		1			1	
Ryan Perry	8	1	2		1	3	
Steve Pillinger	2		1			1	
Jon Pitt	8	2	1			13	
Jay Slade	6	1			1	2	
Gareth Smith	4	3	2				
Greg Tucker	4	1	1	2	1		
Zolly Vanyai	7	2				5	
Mark Webb	8		2				
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	1-0
	19	H	Hengrove Boys	1-6
	26	H	Patchway	
Feb	2	A	Hengrove Athletic	
	9	A	Patchway	
	16	H	Whitchurch (provisional)*	
	23		5-a-side competition	
Mar	2	A	Hengrove Boys	
	9	A	Hengrove Athletic	
	16	H	Winford	
	23	A	Patchway – League Cup SF	
Apr	6	A	Winford	
TBA		H	Whitchurch*	
		A	Patchway	

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	F	B	P	S	L	C
Ricky Anstey	9	4	1		3	
Joe Cook	8	3	5			
Ian Field	8	4	5		1	
Nick Frost	16					
Tom Hamblin	15				6	1
Danny Hunt	13	4			13	
Curtis Jack	13	2	1		3	1
Liam Kavanagh	3	2	8	1		
Phil Knight	8	3	1		1	
Jason McCrossan	9		3			
Ross Malone	6	6	1		5	
Craig Palmer	6	3	4		1	
Dan Payne	10	4	2		11	
Jay Slade	6		2		3	
Gareth Smith	8	2	4		3	
Mark Webb	9	3	3		2	

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	5-0
	20	A	DRG Stapleton	1-0
	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'	
	24	A	Frampton Rangers 'A'	
TBA		A	Whitchurch Sports 'A'	