

# FRY CLUB COLTS





Brislington battle back to grab draw

28th February 2002

## **Bristol Junior League U16**

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	GD
Winford	11	8	2	2	47	18	23	+29
Hengrove Boys	s 12	7	1	4	64	26	22	+38
Fry Club	12	7	1	4	52	26	22	+26
Patchway	7	6	1	0	30	11	19	+19
Whitchurch	12	2	3	7	22	36	9	-14
Hengrove Ath	12	0	0	12	10	108	0	-98

## Avon Youth League U15: Div 1 - 24th Feb

Avon Athletic	5-0	Frampton Rangers 'A'
Bitton Boys 'A'	3-4	Whitchurch Sports 'B'
Brislington Jun 'A'	2-2	Fry Club
Henbury O B	3-2	Thornbury Falcons
Warmley Rangers 'A'	2-1	Almondsbury
Whitchurch Sports 'A'	6-0	DRG Stapleton

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Brislington 'A'	15	13	2	0	58	21	41 +37	
Fry Club	16	10	4	2	54	20	34 +34	
Whitchurch 'B'	16	11	0	5	46	28	33 +18	
Whitchurch 'A'	13	8	1	4	36	23	25 +13	
St Vallier	12	7	3	2	50	28	24 +22	
Bitton 'A'	15	7	2	6	50	36	23 +14	
Warmley 'A'	14	7	1	6	42	34	22 +8	
Avon Athletic	17	6	3	8	32	35	21 -3	
<b>DRG</b> Stapleton	16	6	2	8	33	35	20 -2	
Thornbury	17	4	1	12	37	57	13 -20	
Henbury O B	14	4	0	10	24	66	12 -42	
Almondsbury	15	2	0	13	17	50	6 -33	
Frampton 'A'	12	1	1	10	16	62	4 -46	

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

## Fry Club J F C – 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

Warmley 'B'	9-1	Fry Club U10s
Fry Club U11s	0-3	Downend Wanderers
Fry Club U12s	2-2	Hanham Boys
Fry Club U14s 'A'	0-7	Shirehampton Colts

## Young Bristol 5-a-side Tournament

The action this weekend was at Pro-5. Sixteen teams were in the U16 section, although some were u15s playing up a year. Coach Jeff Garland led Ryan, Joe, Tom, Dan, Rich, Zolly, Jamie and Jon in the quest for glory.

## Qualifying:

We quickly went 2-0 down against Winford 'B' but clawed our way back to 2-2 at half-time thanks to a free kick from Tom and a strike from Jon. The second half winner saw Joe and Zolly both swing a foot at the ball. Joe claimed it but Zolly reckons it wouldn't have gone in if he hadn't kicked Joe's foot!

Next up was Hengrove Athletic who had opened with a 3-1 win over Harry Crook, one of the U15 teams. A penalty from Jamie and another goal from Tom put us 2-0 up at half-time; further goals from Jamie and Zolly saw us run out 4-1 winners.

Winford 'B' crushed Harry Crook 8-0, and we went a couple better, scoring five in each half for a 10-0 win – goals coming from Tom (3), Dan (3), Jamie (2), Jon and Zolly.

The last game in the group saw Winford grab a last minute equaliser against Hengrove to scrape through in second place with a 1-1 draw.

#### Quarter final:

Winford 'A' were the opposition and we led 1-0 at half-time with a goal from Jon. Rich weighed in with two goals in the second half as we came out 3-1 winners, but at the cost of a leg injury sustained scoring his second goal that was to prevent him playing in the semi-final.

#### Semi-finals:

No surprise in guessing beforehand which two teams were likely to feature among the favourites – and Hengrove Boys duly lined up against Patchway, as we lined up against Whitchurch.

Leading 1-0 at half-time through Dan's goal, lax closing down saw us concede an equaliser, and Jeff not allowed on the pitch to sort out the penalty takers – and, anyway, unaware of the rule that it was now sudden death. The first three penalties were low in to the corners – two to Whitchurch and Dan scoring for us. Jamie's shot beat the 'keeper OK, but crashed back off the bar, and out we went.

Hengrove versus Patchway finished 0-0 and Hengrove won their penalty shoot-out when a Patchway kick thudded against the post.

#### The final:

Hengrove kicked off and passed the ball straight back to Kevin Curtis. Craig Mehew dashed forward, won the ball and slotted it home. Whitchurch 1-0 up after five seconds! Ashley Bullock equalised for Hengrove as the game ended 1-1. Kevin Curtis, playing in goal for the second half, was beaten by the first Whitchurch penalty; then took the first Hengrove penalty, which was duly saved. Whitchurch champions!

## Afterthoughts.....

We played well, until struck by the penalty jinx - but well done to Whitchurch, they came back from behind against us and, unlike the other three teams that got as far as the semis scored all their penalties.

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With Jason suspended we had a spare midfield on the bench, Liam being the player to drop out; we lined up:

#### Nick Frost

Joe Cook Tom Hamblin Mark Webb

Curtis Jack Phil Knight Ian Field

Ricky Anstey

Ross Malone

Dan Payne Danny Hunt

Substitutes: Jay Slade (Ross Malone, 50) Gareth Smith (Ian Field, 55), Craig Palmer (Mark Webb, 75).

Brislington kicked off with the wind in their favour and did the early attacking. Nick had to push out an early free kick, and Ross completed the clearance. Our first attack on goal was after five minutes when Phil and Ross exchanged passes and Phil drove a shot wide of the far post.

Two minutes later and Joe went down, injured in a challenge. This was the first of several stoppages throughout the game – it was played in a good spirit but the surface wasn't the firmest and some of the tackles took more than the ball. Mark collected a nice set of stud marks down his ribs in the second half!

Ten minutes gone and we were starting to pin Bris back a bit, play now being mostly in their half. Still, with a quarter of an hour gone Bris created their first clear chance. A throw-in on the left saw the ball headed back to the thrower and crossed in to the far post where it was met with a firm header that Nick did well to push round the post.

Just over twenty minutes gone and Mark sent in a long throw from the right. Dan and a defender both rose for the ball. The defender got his head to it but could only divert the ball to **Ross** who gleefully swept the ball home (1-0).

Brislington came back and forced a corner on our left, and from the edge of the six-yard box a Bris player got in a good downward header that fortunately was straight in to Nick's arms. Just over half an hour gone and Mark's corner on the right was hit low to the near post where Danny's shot on the turn won another corner. Ross took this one, sending the ball to the far post for **Tom** to rise and power home a header (2-0).

In to the last five minutes of the half and another inswinging corner from Ross saw Danny with a header that was wide of the goal. And then another free kick from Brislington saw us put up a two-man wall – and the ball go between them! It was a good job that Nick managed to smother the ball at the second attempt.

Up to the other end of the pitch and Dan turned his marker and got in a good cross that saw Mark slide in and hit the ball just wide of the post as the 'keeper came out. Ross was then brought down, just outside the area in a central position. Tom took the free kick but hit his shot straight in to the wall with the last kick of the half.

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Three minutes in to the half and Phil intercepted the ball and fed Ross who whipped in a cross that Dan just couldn't reach and which the 'keeper only just got a hand to.

A free kick against Joe saw Tom head the ball clear and Mark's long through ball saw Danny dummy the 'keeper and then appear to have his legs whipped from under him. The referee said after the game that he didn't see it. Ah, well they can't spot everything.

Ten minutes in to the half and Jay came on to replace Ross. A foul on Dan out on the right flank saw Jay crack the ball in and the 'keeper fumble. Danny turned the ball in and Mark bundled the ball home. Unfortunately the linesman had his flag raised although players and spectators nearer the action than I couldn't see how this could be the case! Ricky forced a corner on the right and Jay's cross was met by a header from Tom, but he was too much underneath the ball and it sailed over the bar.

With a quarter of an hour gone Gareth came on to replace Ian. Five minutes later and a corner on our left was fired in low. Despite having Phil and Curtis at the near post the ball got through to a Brislington player two yards from the line who only had to stick his leg out to score (2-1). Brislington were starting to exert more pressure now, making repeated forays down our right flank. We conceded a free kick out there from which a header just cleared the bar.

With two minutes of the match remaining, plus injury time, another foul on Mark saw him reduced to hobbling around at centre forward, with Dan dropping back in to midfield. A minute later and panicky defending saw Dan miss-kick and then Tom whack the ball straight in to Joe for it to bounce to a Brislington player who drove the ball home (2-2).

A minute into injury time and Craig came on to replace Mark. We won a corner on the right that Jay took Tom headed down for Ricky to pass inside and Danny to get in a shot. Unfortunately he was off balance and it was off target. A foul on Curtis saw Tom hit a long free kick, but nobody challenged and the 'keeper gathered safely.

Six minutes in to injury time and a corner on the right saw everyone but Phil up for it. Jay took it and the ball was played back out for him to fizz in shot that whistled just past the far post.

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Afterthoughts.....

Well, we definitely out-played Brislington in the first half. Had we managed to get a third goal then it would have killed the game. As it was we didn't defend the corner from which Brislington scored their first goal very well, and the equaliser was down to unfortunate naivety.

I can't honestly see Brislington dropping sufficient points in their remaining games to allow us to win the Championship. However, we want to go on and finish higher than we did last season, and the runners-up spot is there for the taking. Let's make it ours.

#### REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Jack Gooding eventually got a game for the Glos FA U18s, coming on as right back in their 3-0 win over Gwent at Newport on Saturday.

He was due to follow this up with another appearance in midweek against Wiltshire, but it was cancelled.

Does this mean that we've been playing him out of position all this time and that Joe will be moving in to midfield? It's certainly a novel idea — a midfield with pace in it!

#### **TRAINING**

We wondered who would crack first. Answer – Dave. Fed up with players missing training he's looking to strengthen the squad and a striker and a central defender have been identified and are on the shopping list. Will Andy follow suit?

#### Warmwell trip

Have the U15s got a fixture? Have they even got a side? How many spare bodies need to be accommodated and where? How are these unaccompanied boys getting there and back – and do their parents even care? Am I glad I'm not going this year? Yes!

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#### Late news

I couldn't have made the Hengrove game, as I had to shampoo the camper carpet and trg to repair the window that the players managed to break at the 5 a-side tournament. Brains? Their combined IQ is lower than Dan's boot size!

Another reminder – don't forget to get your raffle ticket money and counterfoils back to Dave or Andy as soon as possible. Also signed forms and letters for the Warmwell trip.

Have a nice day!