



FRY CLUB COLTS

U15 MATCH REPORT U16

Number 20

Weather makes for hard going – but two wins ground out!

12th March 2002

Bristol Junior League U16 – 9th March

Fry Club	2-1	Hengrove Athletic
Whitchurch	3-7	Patchway
Winford	3-2	Hengrove Boys

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Winford	13	9	2	2	56	20	29	+36
Fry Club	13	8	1	4	54	27	25	+27
Hengrove Boys	13	7	1	5	66	29	22	+37
Patchway	9	8	1	0	40	14	25	+26
Whitchurch	14	2	3	9	25	46	9	-21
Hengrove Ath	14	0	0	14	11	116	0	-105

Avon Youth League U15: Div 1 – 10th March

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

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Brislington 'A'	16	14	2	0	63	21	44	+42
Fry Club	17	11	4	2	56	20	37	+36
Whitchurch 'B'	18	12	1	5	50	31	37	+19
St Vallier	14	9	3	2	60	32	30	+28
Whitchurch 'A'	14	8	2	4	38	25	26	+13
Bitton 'A'	16	7	2	7	52	39	23	+13
DRG Stapleton	18	7	2	9	40	42	23	-2
Warmley 'A'	15	7	1	7	45	38	22	+7
Avon Athletic	19	6	3	10	33	39	21	-6
Henbury O B	16	6	0	10	31	70	18	-39
Thornbury	18	5	1	12	41	58	16	-17
Almondsbury	17	2	0	15	19	57	6	-38
Frampton 'A'	14	1	1	12	18	74	4	-56

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

Fry Club J F C – 10th March

Cadbury Heath	8-1	Fry Club U10s
Fry Club U11s	1-2	Keynsham
Fry Club U12s	0-1	Hareclive
Ashton Boys	1-2	Fry Club U13s

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With Jamie opting to go down the City ground as well as the two regular incumbents, Bacon and Pillinger; Ryan on holiday, Jack with the GFA U18s, Zolly injured and Gareth resting we were only able to field ten players. Steve doubled up as linesman and manager while I was promoted to bucket man and got to slosh water on Jay and Dan, which was fun. The line-up was:

Greg Tucker
 Joe Garland Tom Hamblin Phil Knight
 Mark Webb Rich Healey
 Dan Payne Jay Slade
 Ross Ashman Jon Pitt

Playing with the strong wind at our backs it took us eight minutes before the first real chance came our way – Dan getting the ball in from the right flank and Jon having a swing with his right foot, the ball passing harmlessly over the bar.

Ross hit a corner on the right too deep and then a corner on the left from Jay was met with a free header from Dan, but the effort was off target.

Twenty minutes gone, and nothing on the scoreboard. The wind was making play difficult, and we had spent most of the time camped in Hengrove's half, but possession and territorial advantage were not to be converted in to goals as we would have liked! A poor goalkick, held up by the wind and misjudged by a defender, allowed Jon to get in a dipping shot from 25 yards that only just cleared the bar. This was as near as we had got.

However, with half an hour gone Jay swung in a corner from the right, the 'keeper got a fist to the ball but knocked it goalwards. A defender tried to head it away from the line rather than over the bar, and the ball dropped nicely for **Ross** to prod home from close range (1-0).

With first half time running out Phil showed good anticipation to intercept a through ball and sent Jay away down the left flank. He skipped a couple of tackles and sent over a fine cross for **Jon** to strike the ball firmly past the 'keeper (2-0).

HALF TIME : COLTS 2 ATHLETIC 0

Well, we know the script don't we? Playing against the wind the ball will hold up and our through balls will be chased and controlled by our attackers rather than running through to the 'keeper or out of play. A slight problem here. Hengrove had a defender to match Jon's pace (and several to match that of Ross!).

Not only that, but after only seven minutes of the half a Hengrove player picked up the ball in space about 35 yards out and let fly. Wallup – pick that out of the back of the net Greg (wringing hand at the same time) – 2-1.

Five minutes later and a push in the back by Jay gave Hengrove a free kick, only a matter of feet inside our half and out almost on the touchline – so no danger. The next minute and the shot was whipped in, the ball bounced in front of Greg, swerved, and needed good reactions to finger-tip it over the bar!

Ross did have a shot blocked and then fired over from a narrow angle as we proceeded to try and play some football and pressure Hengrove, but they defended well.

Twenty minutes gone and a good interception and run down the left by Jay saw him cross and Ross head on for Jon to try and work a way through but he was well marshalled. Mark had a shot blocked and then with a quarter of an hour remaining went closer when he almost seemed to shoulder the ball just past the post.

In to the last ten minutes and Mark played a good ball from the centre of midfield for Jon to latch on to. Just as he broke clear the referee blew up for a late challenge on Mark – just when there was an advantage to be played! Having said that the 'keeper made a complete hash of trying to stop Tom's free kick, ending up with putting it out for a corner.

Five minutes remaining and after touchline moaning about Ross not using his weight enough, what does he do? Challenges for the ball, wins it, slots it home and gets penalised for pushing! Shouts of "No way" from our players but tough luck Rosie, the referee wasn't going to change his mind.

A minute later and a wayward shot from Jon actually found its way as a pass to Dan, on the right touchline. His shot was bundled away for a corner by the 'keeper. Jay hit a super cross that everyone conspired to leave for someone else, as we sought a third goal to make the game safe, but it wasn't to be

FULL TIME : COLTS 2 ATHLETIC 1

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For those of you who didn't venture out this Sunday, I can only say "Wise decision". It was wet, cold, and windy. If you're thinking ahead to next season and thinking of watching the corresponding fixture – don't. We had to walk half a mile from the changing room to the pitch because the school won't allow the club to put a gate in the fence. Not much fun for us let alone injured players trying to hobble back and, incidentally, no access for ambulances – Andy, I want this reported to the League and the Local Education Authority as a Health and Safety issue! Anyway, with Liam unavailable and Ricky rested for this game we lined up:

	Nick Frost			
Joe Cook	Tom Hamblin	Jason McCrossan	Phil Knight	
	Mark Webb		Ian Field	
Gareth Smith			Ross Malone	
	Dan Payne		Jay Slade	

Substitutes: Danny Hunt (Jay Slade, 27), Curtis Jack (Gareth Smith, 42), Ben Sinclair (Ross Malone, 47).

No real excitement in the first five minutes as players attempted to pass the ball around and try to gauge the effect the wind was having. We were playing with the wind and rain at our backs so expected to be doing most of the pressing.

Five minutes gone and Nick collected the ball as Avon were attacking and launched it downfield. Ian helped it on and Jay flicked it out to Ross. Although a defender managed to cut out Ross's through ball to Dan, the ball dropped nicely for **Jay** to drive the ball home from the edge of the penalty area (1-0).

Nearly a quarter of an hour had gone before the next bit of excitement. A good interchange between Ian and Gareth on the right side of midfield ended with a foul on Gareth. Tom launched the free kick from 40 yards towards the goal and the ball shot off the pitch – the 'keeper getting a touch to divert it round the post. Gareth's near-post corner found Jay, but Avon were able to clear. We attempted a few long crossfield balls – both Ian and Mark trying to send Ross away – but the ball just ran away for goalkicks each time.

Mark did well to get his head to an Avon clearance and follow it up with a shot from the edge of the area that was struck well enough, but straight at the 'keeper.

Just over 20 minutes gone and Dan won a corner from Jay's long throw. Tom managed to get his head to the ball from Ross's kick, but his effort lacked power and the 'keeper fielded comfortably.

Just under half an hour gone and the rain was sufficiently torrential by now to be forming puddles on the pitch. An Avon defender slipped and allowed Ross to get the ball and play it through for Dan to cross. Jay came in to leather a shot, caught an Avon player's boot instead and went down poleaxed. Dave Frost had the unenviable job of trying to carry Jay back to the dressing room, and Danny came on up front.

A bit of a tiff between Ross and an Avon player saw them squaring up and get a short chat from the referee. Two minutes later and Ross was on the end of a couple of tough challenges, the second of which brought a free kick that Tom curled round the wall from 30 yards only for the 'keeper to push the ball round the post. Ross swung the corner in to the back post where Tom stretched to reach the ball and went down clutching his leg. However, he recovered after treatment to carry on.

In to the last couple of minutes of the half and a foul on Mark saw another free kick cleared by Avon and a good break from them that saw a forward elude Tom and Jason for the first time. From a good position in the centre of the goalmouth he curled the ball round Nick, but also just wide of the post.

HALF TIME : ATHLETIC 0 COLTS 1

Two minutes of the half gone and Mark was penalised for a foul, getting mud in his eye and losing a contact lens as well, just to add injury to insult. Nick held on safely to the resultant free kick that bounced awkwardly at his feet.

Curtis came on to replace Gareth, and five minutes later switched to the left flank as Ross was replaced by Ben. Who you may ask?

Welcome to.....

BEN SINCLAIR

Those of you who have been to training over the past few weeks may have noticed an unfamiliar face. No, I'll rephrase that; there are quite a few faces that are unfamiliar at training. Some are so unfamiliar as to be almost forgotten, but that's another story. I should have said a new face.

Ben recently moved to Bristol from down on the south coast, and looking for a club to join was recommended to Brislington. However, attending the same school as Nick Frost, and not knowing anything about Andy, he was persuaded to join us. So, happy debut Ben!

A good interception by Joe saw him set off on another of those marauding runs – forty yards through the mud before an incisive pass almost gave Danny a clear run at goal. Five minutes later and an even better run saw

Joe exchange passes on the right with Ben, force his way in to the box, ride a couple of challenges and set Dan up with a simple tap-in under the 'keeper (2-0).

Twenty minutes of the half gone and a push in the back of Dan gave Tom the opportunity to pump the ball goalwards but Avon defended resolutely. Ian, Curtis and Danny then combined to give Ben the opportunity of a shot, unfortunately wide of the target.

Phil, Ian, Ben and Danny combined in a good passing move to get the ball in towards Dan who couldn't change direction quickly enough in the slippery conditions. Another good passing move down the right flank saw Ben and Danny combine to set up Curtis for a strong run that finished with a cross in that Dan just failed to reach, and Joe unable to turn the ball back in.

A throw from Curtis saw Dan turn his marker and fire a shot from a narrow angle across the face of the goal, as we moved in to the final ten minutes. A push in the back saw us gain a free kick on the halfway line, and Tom's kick was headed just wide of his own goal by a defender. Ian just failed to make contact with a diving header to Dan's near-post corner and the ball was put out for another corner that was cleared to the edge of the area where Curtis had a wayward shot – the last effort on goal of the match.

FULL TIME : ATHLETIC 0 COLTS 2

Afterthoughts.....

OK then, U15s first. Despite the awful weather we actually played some passing football - much to Andy's surprise - but the conditions, particularly in the first half meant that long balls were a waste of time. We were the stronger team and played the better football. We rationed Avon to just one chance from open play - thanks to some crunching tackles from Tom in particular and speedy sweeping from Jason (welcome back), ably backed up by Joe and Phil - with the midfield also tracking back well when needed.

As for the U16s, well, I said in last week's newsletter that it wouldn't be so easy as last time. Mind you, I didn't think it would be quite this difficult either. All right, so the wind made it a bit difficult and we did only have ten players and full credit to the improvement in Hengrove's play, but really! We looked sound at the back - Andy said we had pace, power, and authority - which we'll probably need against Patchway. Who's next week's manager, Dave?

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	3	2	4	3		7	
Steve Bacon	1	1					
Jamie Bryant	5	1	2		2	8	
Joe Garland	6	3	2	1	1	1	
Jack Gooding	12					2	
Tom Hamblin	9	2	1		2	1	
Rich Healey	9	1				3	
Phil Knight	9		1			1	
Dan Payne	12		1			1	
Ryan Perry	9	1	2		1	3	
Steve Pillinger	2		1			1	
Jon Pitt	10	2	1			15	
Jay Slade	7	1	1		1	2	
Gareth Smith	4	4	2				
Greg Tucker	5	1	1	2	1		
Zolly Vanyai	8	2				6	
Mark Webb	10		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
Feb	16	H	Whitchurch	2-2
	23		5-a-side competition	s-f
Mar	9	A	Hengrove Athletic	2-1
	16	H	Patchway	
	23	A	Patchway – League Cup SF	
Apr	6	A	Winford	
TBA		A	Patchway (twice), Hengrove Ath, Hengrove Boys	
		H	Winford	

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Jack Gooding continues to be missing following Saturday's 2-1 success for Glos FA U18s against Cornwall, the next task is to take on the Army at Fairford this coming week-end.

U15 TEAM FACTS

	F	B	P	S	L	C
Ricky Anstey	10	4	1		3	
Joe Cook	10	3	5			
Ian Field	9	5	5		1	
Nick Frost	18					
Tom Hamblin	17				7	1
Danny Hunt	14	4	1		13	
Curtis Jack	14	2	2		3	1
Liam Kavanagh	3	2	8	1		
Phil Knight	10	3	1		1	
Jason McCrossan	10		3			
Ross Malone	6	8	1		6	
Craig Palmer	6	3	5		1	
Dan Payne	12	4	2		12	
Jay Slade	6	1	3		4	
Gareth Smith	8	3	5		3	
Mark Webb	10	4	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
Feb	24	A	Brislington Juniors 'A'	2-2
Mar	10	A	Avon Athletic	2-0
	17	H	Whitchurch Sports 'A'	
	24	A	Frampton Rangers 'A'	
TBA		A	Whitchurch Sports 'A'	
		A	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	
		H	Bitton Boys 'A'	
		H	Frampton Rangers 'A'	
		H	St Vallier	

WARMWELL TOUR

Don't forget the meeting on Sunday 17th March at Fry Club – and the signed form and letter you need to return.