

FRY CLUB COLTS

MATCH REPORT U16

Number 21

Patchway jinx strikes again - but Whitchurch crumble

19th March 2002

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Bristol Junior League U16 – 16th March

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Winford	13	9	2	2	56	20	29	+36	
Patchway	10	9	1	0	44	16	28	+28	
Hengrove Boys	14	8	1	5	70	31	25	+39	
Fry Club	14	8	1	5	56	31	25	+25	
Whitchurch	15	2	3	10	27	50	9	-23	
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Avon Youth League U15: Div 1 - 17th March

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Brislington 'A'	16	14	2	0	63	21	44	+42			
Fry Club	18	12	4	2	62	21	40	+41			
Whitchurch 'B'	19	13	1	5	54	33	40	+21			
St Vallier	15	10	3	2	61	32	33	+29			
Whitchurch 'A'	15	8	2	5	39	31	26	+8			
Bitton 'A'	16	7	2	7	52	39	23	+13			
DRG Stapleton	19	7	2	10	41	45	23	-4			
Warmley 'A'	16	7	1	8	47	42	22	+5			
Avon Athletic	20	6	3	11	33	40	21	-7			
Thornbury	19	6	1	12	44	59	19	-15			
Henbury O B	17	6	1	10	33	72	19	-39			
Almondsbury	17	2	0	15	19	57	6	-38			
Frampton 'A'	15	1	2	12	20	76	5	-56			

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An interesting team selection today – Greg, Jay, Jon, and Zolly all injured, but Jack suddenly available following the calling off of his Rep's game. The key to this week's strategy lay in the hands – or rather feet – of (now don't laugh) – Joe Garland! Having identified Phil Vyse as Patchway's playmaker the idea was that Joe would attach himself to old Vysie like a limpet to a rock and stop him pulling the strings in midfield. So the line-up was:

Ryan Perry
Tom Hamblin Steve Bacon Steve Pillinger
Joe Garland
Rich Healey Jack Gooding Mark Webb
Jamie Bryant Ross Ashman Dan Payne

Substitutes:

Phil Knight (Steve Pillinger, 50), Gareth Smith (Jack Gooding, 50)

Patchway kicked and we had to wait almost ten minutes before the first serious threat on goal – a good through ball from Patchway saw Ryan bring off a smart save as a Patchway forward managed to get a shot in.

Our first effort on goal came a couple of minutes later following Dan's winning of a corner. Jack swung the ball in from the right, the 'keeper went up for the ball but failed to hold on to it and **Dan** rifled a shot home from the edge of the six-yard box (1-0).

A good tackle from Joe and an exchange of passes with Jamie saw Joe play a good through ball in to the penalty area only for nobody else to correctly spot his intention! A push in the back by Pill saw Vysie curl the free kick in from the right touchline only for Ryan to safely hold the ball just under the crossbar.

Jamie managed to get through on goal but the 'keeper got his hand to the ball but couldn't hold it. Dan managed to retrieve the ball and cross back in, but Jamie was penalised for a foul on the 'keeper.

With 20 minutes gone, a long throw from Mark was headed on by Dan and **Jamie** beat the 'keeper with an overhead kick (2-0).

A quick break from Patchway saw Ryan make a diving save to his left to push the shot around the post, and Mark headed clear the resulting corner.

With half an hour gone, Rich made a determined run along the right flank and along the by-line but was unable to cut the ball back, and then a good through ball from Mark gave Ross the opportunity to challenge the Patchway 'keeper who fluffed his clearance straight to Jamie who, with the goal gaping invitingly, lobbed the 'keeper only for the ball to go wide.

With only five minutes to go until half time, a ball in from our left flank found a Patchway player on the right edge of our penalty area in too much space and his low drive beat Ryan at the near post (2-1).

HALF TIME: PATCHWAY 1 COLTS 2

With just over five minutes of the half gone, Ryan came to try and collect a free kick only to be beaten to the ball by a Patchway forward. Ryan ended up on the left edge of the area as our defence streamed towards the goal, leaving Ryan to try to tackle the Patchway forward on the left edge of the penalty area. Ryan was beaten by the ensuing shot (it might have helped if one defender had made an effort to help him out) but Pill dived to head the ball around the post.

A double substitution was forced upon Dave with ten minutes of the half gone, both Jack and Pill struggling with injuries. Phil came on in the back three and Dan dropped back in to midfield as Gareth slotted in up front

Twenty minutes of the half gone and we started to fall back to our old ways — and I don't know why. Defending too deep, and with lots of bodies on the edge of the box, Patchway latched on to a loose ball and hit the ball firmly past Ryan (2-2). A minute later and another good strike at goal was well held by Ryan.

A free kick just inside our half saw Tom pump the ball long for Dan to get in a powerful header that he was unable to direct on target. Ross and Jamie then combined to give Dan an opportunity to shoot on the run from the edge of the area, but his shot was off target. A corner on the left was taken by Gareth but the 'keeper was able to claim the ball. Patchway responded with a corner of their own that fizzed across the face of our goal, to be missed by everyone.

With a quarter of an hour remaining it was Phil's turn to clear off the line as again Ryan had to come out to try

and intercept a through ball. Two minutes later and a run down our left flank saw Tom, Dan, and then Steve unable to get in a telling tackle, Ryan parry the shot that followed, but unable to prevent the follow-up from entering the goal (2-3).

With less than five minutes remaining, and committed to going forward, a cross in to the right of our penalty area cleared Tom's head and was calmly driven low past Ryan (2-4).

FULL TIME: PATCHWAY 4 COLTS 2

Afterthoughts.....

Strange really, but I thought that Patchway looked more organised and played better than we did in the opening 20 minutes, yet we went two goals up. The three-man attack worked well, until Dan had to drop back in to the middle. No reflection on Gareth, but he hasn't the physique to hold the ball up like Dan does.

For twenty minutes either side of half time I thought that we were quite evenly matched, although in the last quarter of the game we were under the cosh a little.

Joe stuck to his task and this ploy also worked quite well, but at the end of the day we still lost - mugged in the second half. What tactics for the return this coming weekend? What thoughts for the forthcoming semi-final?

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WHITCHURCH SPORTS 'A'
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Jason, Ross, and Jay were all unavailable through injury and so there was a reprieve for Dan up front. (No, only joking!) Ricky was expected to turn up, but didn't. So, the team was:

Nick Frost

Liam Kavanagh Tom Hamblin Curtis Jack Phil Knight
Mark Webb lan Field

Joe Cook

Gareth Smith

Dan Payne Danny Hunt

Substitute: Ben Sinclair (Joe Cook, 60).

If Andy was struggling with team selection it was no more than I was doing trying to find the Dictaphone from the previous day. Dismally, I failed.

So, from memory, this is what happened. We had the benefit of the wind behind us in the first half, although as with the game against Avon it looked initially as if it would be of no great advantage to us attacking wise, although it would make it easier to clear the ball when we were defending.

Despite some good early moves initiated by the midfields of both teams, the end result was that neither 'keeper was unduly busy. In fact it was quite worrying that with over half an hour gone there was still no score. We had suspected that Whitchurch might prove to be testing opposition — but there was no need for them to prove it. However, in the space of five minutes everything changed.

lan started the scoring off with a header – thus confirming the old adage that size doesn't matter; it's what you do with it that counts (1-0).

Three minutes later and a corner on the right from Gareth saw him plant the ball straight on to the head of Tom, stationed at the far post, who headed home from the edge of the six-yard box (2-0).

Credit to Whitchurch, who responded with a corner of their own, from our right flank. The cross skimmed of the head of a Fry's defender and was collected on the left touchline by Gareth. An excellent interchange of passes down the left flank between Gareth, Ian and Dan ended with Dan galloping down the wing with the ball. Meanwhile, a backtracking Whitchurch defender was faced with the twin problems of Danny and Joe alongside him.

Given the striking rate of Cooky, I was praying that Dan's impending cross would come to Danny. So, it wasn't surprising therefore that Dan's cross in unerringly picked out Joe. Well, all fears proved groundless. The ball landed at the right foot of **Joe** rather than his left. The distance of foot from ball was exactly the focal length to co-ordinate foot and eye, and 'bang' the ball was in the back of the net (3-0).

A flowing move, excellent passing, killer cross in and devastating finishing. Just the thing to go with the half time coffee!

HALF TIME: COLTS 3 WHITCHURCH 0

A relatively uneventful first twenty minutes of the second half, except that I can't remember when all of our midfield last had such a good match, and seemed to be all involved, all of the time. Sometimes one player might be a little off-key or drift in and out of the game, but this week we were playing good passing football and everyone seemed to want the ball and be able to do something constructive with it. I know we

didn't actually see Gareth get in a cross with his left foot, but you can't expect everything from a game! With three-quarters of the game gone **Danny** suddenly woke up and decided that perhaps he should show his ex-team mates what they were missing. Bursting in to the box and deftly controlling the bouncing ball he lashed it in to the roof of the net (4-0).

Ben came on to replace Joe and within five minutes had fed Dan who centred for **Danny** to sweep the ball home, low across the 'keeper and in to the corner of the net (5-0).

In to the last five minutes and Dan continued to waste chance after chance! It was clearly one of those days when the ball would either get stuck under the feet, the shot would be blocked, just pass the wrong side of the post, or bring out an excellent save from the 'keeper. Dan accomplished all of these in the space of about ten minutes!

We were getting a bit gung-ho by now. Phil had already tried a 30-yard volley that had gone out for a throw-in. Now Curtis was up with the forwards. Unfortunately, Whitchurch were attacking and a Whitchurch forward was occupying the space where Curtis should have been. This wouldn't have mattered too much if Phil hadn't miss-kicked, or Nick had then managed to save the shot, but as it was there was a consolation goal for Whitchurch (5-1).

Finally, with the seconds ticking away **Dan** got the reward that his overall performance deserved as he finally beat the 'keeper to claim a goal (6-1).

FULL TIME: COLTS 6 WHITCHURCH 1

Afterthoughts......

A really good game - apart from Nick letting in a goal! This was one of the most convincing performances of the season. We could have had another four goals in all probability, and this wouldn't have overly flattered us.

Conversely, apart from the goal we conceded - and I don't think we'd have let that one in if the game had been more finely balanced - we really restricted Whitchurch to only a couple of chances.

Looking at the League table I think that realistically only Whitchurch 'B' and St Vallier are in with a shout of the runners-up spot. If we continue to play as we did today I can't see us losing another game - in which case the position is ours for the taking!

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Deerswood	5-1	Fry Club U11s
Fry Club U12s	2-3	Warmley 'A'
Whitchurch 'B'	0-2	Fry Club U13s

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The Under 15s will be entering a team, but not the U16s. Referees required. Please let Andy know if you are available to play or to referee.