



FRY CLUB COLTS

U15 MATCH REPORT U16

Number 23

Colts off to a cracking start – on target in 9 seconds!

1st April 2002

Bristol Junior League U16 – 30th March

Whitchurch 0-2 Patchway

Bristol Junior League U16 – previous games

Hengrove Ath 1-15 Patchway
Whitchurch 8-1 Hengrove Ath

Bristol Junior League U16 – April 6th fixtures

Hengrove Ath Whitchurch
Hengrove Boys Patchway
Winford Fry Club Colts

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Patchway	13	12	1	0	64	18	37	+46
Winford	13	9	2	2	56	20	29	+36
Hengrove Boys	14	8	1	5	70	31	25	+39
Fry Club	15	8	1	6	57	34	25	+23
Whitchurch	17	3	3	11	35	53	12	-18
Hengrove Ath	16	0	0	16	13	139	0	-126

Avon Youth League U15: Div 1 – 31st March

Fry Club Colts 1-0 St Vallier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Brislington 'A'	18	15	3	0	69	24	48	+45
Fry Club	20	14	4	2	70	22	46	+48
<i>Whitchurch 'B'</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>+21</i>
St Vallier	17	10	4	3	63	35	34	+28
<i>Whitchurch 'A'</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>+14</i>
<i>Bitton 'A'</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>+14</i>
Warmley 'A'	17	8	1	8	50	43	25	+7
DRG Stapleton	20	7	2	11	41	49	23	-8
Avon Athletic	20	6	3	11	33	40	21	-7
Thornbury	19	6	1	12	44	59	19	-15
Henbury O B	18	6	1	11	34	75	19	-41
Almondsbury	18	2	0	16	20	64	6	-44
<i>Frampton 'A'</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>-62</i>

(Teams in Italics are those still to play Fry Club Colts)

Midweek fixtures

Henbury Old Boys Bitton Boys 'A'

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With Ben, Jay, Jay, and Liam all unavailable, Andy had 12 to pick from this week – the numbers are going down! Ross started off on the sidelines as we lined up:

Nick Frost
Tom Hamblin Curtis Jack
Phil Knight Jason McCrossan
Gareth Smith Mark Webb Ian Field Ricky Anstey
Dan Payne Danny Hunt

Substitute: Ross Malone (Tom Hamblin, 55)

Most of my match reports seem to start by saying that initially play was cagey as teams sound each other out, and that play was concentrated in midfield. Not this week. In the time it took to read this paragraph we were 1-0 up.

We kicked off. Dan hit a long ball aimed at Ricky, sprinting down the left touchline. The ball was cut out by a St Vallier head and their centre –back tried to hook the ball clear as it dropped in the penalty area. Danny, meanwhile, was striding forward in anticipation of getting on the end of a cross from Ricky. Instead, as he was getting towards the penalty area he found the centre-back's clearance dropping invitingly. Crash! **Danny** hit a cracking volley that surprised the 'keeper. Although he got a hand to the ball he couldn't keep it out of the net, 1-0.

Now play settled down in to a familiar pattern. Vallier tried to pass the ball forward but strangely insisted upon lofting the final ball in to the penalty area where Tom and Curtis were invincible in the air. We then tried to get the ball up to Dan and Danny and support them from midfield. Several times we had Dan out on the right flank holding the ball up and laying it back for Gareth and Mark to centre but we lacked a bit of quality with some of the crosses.

However, it wasn't until twenty minutes in to the game before Vallier created their first chance. Jason conceded a free kick a couple of yards outside the penalty area, but Tom charged the kick down.

Ricky managed to keep the ball in play on the left flank, turning back from the by-line to cross right-footed. Danny back-headed the ball and Dan managed to get in a looping header that the 'keeper watched drop over the crossbar. A minute later and a foul on Dan saw Vallier head clear Gareth's cross. Gareth's next delivery came to Dan through a crowd of players but he couldn't work a shooting opportunity before being closed down.

We were now exerting more pressure and an inswinging corner from Ricky found Tom at the near post only for his header to lack its customary power and the 'keeper to safely grasp the ball at the second attempt. Ten minutes of the half remaining and, as ever, we looked dangerous at set pieces. Danny met another corner from Gareth with a glancing header just wide of the post.

In to the last five minutes of the half and a long throw from Gareth was met with a header by Dan at the near post, the 'keeper just managing to parry and a defender hooking the ball clear. A good interception and run down the left flank from Jason saw him play the ball inside to Danny who flicked the ball on for Ricky to get in a cross that was only a fraction too long for Dan, as we finished the first half the stronger team.

HALF TIME : COLTS 1 ST VALLIER 0

Both 'keepers were called upon to deal with high near post crosses early in the half, and both grasped the ball safely. Play followed much the same pattern as the first half until, with a quarter of an hour gone, Tom was forced to come off with a groin strain, Dan dropping back in to the back four and Ricky switched to centre-forward, Ross coming on on the left flank.

Vallier sensed that this could be the turning point, a header from a corner flashed just over our bar and then a loose ball in our area provide a clear chance that was hit across Nick, but wide of his left hand post. We responded by taking the play back upfield and a good run from Ross ended with a whipped in cross that was headed clear. Gareth got a cross in from the right that Danny headed on, and Mark managed to recover the ball and get it inside to Ross who tried to tee up Ricky only for the ball to be cleared.

A handball by Dan just outside the penalty area was headed clear by Curtis only to be returned from 30 yards – a good strike, but straight at Nick.

We failed to capitalise on a couple of good crosses – Jason from the left and Ricky from the right, and although we defended strongly we were put under some pressure as we lacked Dan's strength up front to hold the ball up once we had cleared it. However, Ian

and Mark blocked the way through the middle and Phil and Jason coped well with what threat Vallier could muster down the flanks, so that Dan and Curtis were mostly left to mop up the long through balls.

A foul on Mark brought a free kick that Dan met with a header that was safely grasped by the 'keeper, and we safely played out the last few minutes. Nick's only real test was in deciding whether or not to pick up Phil's backheader or waste time with a bit of dribbling. He was still trying to make his mind up as he dribbled it out for a corner!

FULL TIME : COLTS 1 ST VALLIER 0

Afterthoughts.....

Continuing our good form of the last two games we again played solid no-frills football at the back and tried to play football in the opposition half. Vallier have only failed to score twice this season - against us on both occasions. Top opposition, two victories. Now have a break and back in two weeks against Whitchurch 'B'.

NO HONOURS - AND NOT MUCH GLORY

As the U16s didn't have a game, Fry Club called upon Dan and Jack to help the first team get a point in what was – according to reliable witnesses – another dire performance, 1-1 at home to fellow strugglers Nailsea Town. Meanwhile Rich turned out for the reserves (along with promising youngster Ken Duharty) in an impressive 3-2 win at high flyers Backwell Utd.

U15 TEAM FACTS	F	B	P	S	L	C
Ricky Anstey	12	4	1		3	
Joe Cook	11	4	5		1	
Ian Field	11	5	6		2	
Nick Frost	21					
Tom Hamblin	18	2			9	1
Danny Hunt	17	4	1		18	
Curtis Jack	17	2	2		5	1
Liam Kavanagh	4	2	8	1		
Phil Knight	13	3	1		1	
Jason McCrossan	11		4			
Ross Malone	6	8	2		6	
Craig Palmer	6	3	5		1	
Dan Payne	15	4	2		15	
Ben Sinclair		1	2			
Jay Slade	6	1	3		4	
Gareth Smith	11	3	5		3	
Mark Webb	13	4	3		2	

Remaining Fixtures

Apr 14	A	Whitchurch Sports 'B'
TBA	A	Whitchurch Sports 'A'
	H	Bitton Boys 'A'
	H	Frampton Rangers 'A'