

# FRY CLUB COLTS



Number 25

Patchway home in onU16 League and Cup double

24th April 2002

## Bristol Junior League U16 – 6<sup>th</sup> April

Hengrove Athletic

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Whitchurch

## Bristol Junior League U16 – 20th April

Hengrove Athletic 0-5 Fry Club Colts \*Hengrove Boys 2-4 Patchway 3-1 Hengrove Boys \*Patchway (\* double fixture)

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### Bristol Junior League U16 - League Cup SF

Whitchurch

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(a.e.t. - replay 20th April)

## Avon Youth League U15: Div 1 – 18th April

Almondsbury

1-3 St Vallier

Bitton Boys 'A' Brislington Juniors 'A' 5-0 Avon Athletic

Frampton Rangers 'A'

5-1 Whitchurch Sports 'A'

Warmley Rangers 'A'

1-4 Whitchurch Sports 'B' Henbury O B

### Avon Youth League U15: Div 1 - 21st April

Almondsbury Henbury Old Boys 0-0 Whitchurch Sports 'B'

St Vallier

P Frampton Rangers 'A' 3-0 Brislington Juniors 'A'

Warmlev Rangers 'A'

2-1 Avon Athletic

Whitchurch Sports 'A' P Fry Club Colts

At the present time, looking at the Avon League website, no points have been awarded to any of the teams in respect of the above matches marked 'P' on 18<sup>th</sup>and 21<sup>st</sup> April. So, I don't know whether the League will award points or insist that the games are rearranged.

### Avon Youth League U15: Div 1

	Ρ	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts GD
Brislington 'A'	21	17	3	1	80	30	54 +50
Fry Club	21	15	4	2	71	22	49 +49
St Vallier	21	14	4	3	77	37	46 +40
Whitchurch 'B'	22	14	2	6	58	35	44 +23
Bitton 'A'	22	11	2	9	69	47	35 +22
Whitchurch 'A'	18	10	2	6	50	38	32 +12
DRG Stapleton	23	9	3	11	51	54	30 -3
Warmley 'A'	20	9	1	10	53	51	28 +2
Avon Athletic	23	7	3	13	37	49	24 -12
Henbury O B	21	7	1	13	38	83	22 -45
Thornbury	22	6	1	15	50	71	19 -21
Almondsbury	23	2	3	18	26	75	9 -49
Frampton 'A'	19	1	3	15	27	95	6 -68

### Midweek fixtures (not included in the table) due to be played on 25th April were as follows:

Fry Club Colts

v Frampton Rangers 'A'

Thornbury Falcons

v Warmley Rangers 'A'

Whitchurch Sports 'A'

v Bitton

Whitchurch Sports 'B'

v Brislington Juniors 'A'

### The remaining fixtures for other clubs in with a chance of honours are:

Brislington: Home - Almondsbury, Away - Frampton St Vallier: Home - DRG Stapleton, Whitchurch 'A', Whitchurch 'B'.

Whitchurch 'B': Away - St Vallier.

Whitchurch 'A': Home - Thornbury, Warmley. Away - Frampton, St. Vallier.

## Fry Club J F C - 21<sup>st</sup> April

Fry Club U11s

6-1 Hanham

As regards the other Fry Club teams competing in the Avon Youth League, CONGRATULATIONS in particular to the U13s for achieving the runners-up spot in Division 2, and also to the U12s who were third in Division 2. COMMISERATIONS to the U14s the 'A' team finishing bottom but one in Division 3, and the 'B' team propping up Division 4.

### U16MATCHREPORTU16MATCHREPORT HENGROVE ATHLETIC V FRY CLUB COLTS

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As Athletic were unable to get a pitch, this game was played at Somerdale. For Dave it was just a question of shuffling around the eleven available players this week:

Greg Tucker

Tom Hamblin Dan Payne Phil Knight Joe Garland Mark Webb Rich Healey Jay Slade Ryan Perry Ross Ashman Zolly Vanyai

Early pressure exerted by Fry's. A corner on the left in the first minute saw Ross cross to the far post and Rich headed over with Tom better placed right behind him. We nearly took the lead in the second minute. A foul on Zolly, 35 yards out on the left touchline allowed Tom the opportunity to curl in a tremendous shot, just under the bar. Unfortunately the linesman had his flag up for offside – although it was difficult to see who was interfering with play.

Four corners on the trot – three to the far post and the fourth by Jay to the near post where Phil played it back out and the cross back in saw Tom's strike rebound off a defender and on to the crossbar. Clearly the first goal could not be long in coming, could it?

Nine minutes gone and Ryan burst through and lobbed the ball in to the penalty area. Zolly, defender and 'keeper all went for the ball. Defender and 'keeper got in each other's way; **Zolly** poked the ball home (1-0).

Two minutes later and a good through ball from Rich found Zolly who casually tried to roll the ball past the 'keeper, only to be foiled as the 'keeper got down well. Nobody believed his later claim that he thought the whistle had gone!

We continued to press, Jay blasting wide and Rich also off target. Traffic was not all one-way, however, although we looked solid at the back. We did look a bit one-dimensional though. Boot the ball long and chase after it! Remember back to the first game of the season – all that passing around that we did. It was so impressive that Fishponds left the league! I think that too many of the U16 players are now playing for Fry's senior teams – well known for an inability to play football – and that this is providing them with negative vibes.

Tom was off target with a free header from a corner by Ross, and Mark did well to ride a foul tackle on the right flank and get in an accurate pass to Ross who controlled the ball well but failed to connect with any power to the shot, before we got our second goal after 25 minutes. Jay controlled a ball in from the right flank and **Zolly** hit the ball home (2-0).

In to the last minute of the half and a low corner to the near post saw Jay swing a boot and the ball end up in the back of the net. I thought that he'd connected but it was actually an own goal (3-0).

### HALF-TIME: HENGROVE 0 FRY CLUB 3

When I suggested to Dave that we should change things round for the second half he said, "Why don't you do it." So I did. Joe and Rich moved back in to defence – to stop them joining the forward line as they had in the first half, and Tom and Phil moved up front – the theory being that if we only had slow players in attack we'd have to find an alternative ploy to belting the ball long for them to chase. I wanted to move Zolly back in defence as well, but he mutinied so Dan stayed there. The second half line-up therefore was:

Greg Tucker
Rich Healey Dan Payne Joe Garland
Ryan Perry Mark Webb Zolly Vanyai Jay Slade
Tom Hamblin Ross Ashman Phil Knight

Clearly impressed with these changes, Dave took over from Steve as linesman. He must have figured that our new look defence was in for a second half pounding and he'd be able to save us with the flag! Ten minutes in to the half and Ross with a ball over the top sent Tom haring goalwards. He just managed to get a toe to the ball before the 'keeper, only to see a defender get back and clear. Three minutes later and Phil gambled on the bounce of the ball, the defender duly made a hash of clearing it and **Phil** nipped in to dink the ball over the advancing 'keeper (4-0).

Ross was off target with a shot and then the decision not to put Dan in goal was vindicated when Greg pulled off an excellent save to a point-blank shot. Although he clasped the ball to his stomach it clearly affected his brain as two minutes later he galloped upfield for a corner — and nearly got his head to the ball!

Twenty minutes of the half gone and we had one of the few footballing moments of the match. Ross had time on his side when he picked up the ball in midfield and rolled the ball out to Rich on the right flank. Ross then sprinted (yes, I kid you not) forward, calling for a return pass. That he actually got one was quite surprising, but he did, and delivered a pinpoint cross from the byline to Tom — unmarked, six yards out. Again, the man with the golden forehead was off target!

Mark now dropped back in to defence – Rich couldn't control his urge to get forward, and from a short corner on the right Phil curled a shot that the 'keeper had to fling himself to his right to claw to safety. Jack was getting quite concerned every time that Phil looked like getting the ball – hoping he wouldn't get another goal and overtake him in the scoring charts.

With a quarter of an hour remaining, Zolly played a crossfield ball for Ryan to chase. The 'keeper came'

out to the right edge of his area but Ryan kept his cool to cross in to the near post where **Tom** was able to capitalise on the poor attempted clearance by a defender and prod the ball home (5-0).

Almost full-time and Greg was penalised for carrying the ball outside of the area, but the free-kick was struck over the bar. A minute later and Ross charged through in to the penalty area only for the ball to run away from him and his toe-poke as he stretched for the ball rolled just wide.

### FULL-TIME: HENGROVE 0 FRY CLUB 5

### Afterthoughts.....

I thought that Steve had a good first half and that Dave was a bit flag-happy! We looked slightly better than last time we played Athletic, but need to play with a bit more thought and accuracy of pass if we are to stand a chance of beating Patchway in our final meeting of the season.

### MAN OF THE MATCH

Ross found the trophy and remembered to bring it back, and almost did enough to retain it. Rich was also a contender – apart from being unable to shoot straight, head the ball on target, or keep to position – he didn't play too badly. Anyway, Scot and I asked the referee to choose, and Paul Britton's choice was:

#### PHIL KNIGHT

## WARMWELL - THE TOUR

Well, the tour failed to pass without incident, so that was no surprise. As I wasn't staying at the camp I missed all the incidents. I expect others wished they had as well.

We played two games, against Wareham and Dorchester YMCA. The first match (Wareham) was supposed to be the U15 game. However, with Tom and Jay already injured prior to the tour and Jason managing to sustain concussion on the dry ski slope, we were a few cans short of a six-pack. All the U15 players played together with most of the U16s getting on at some stage, and the game was memorable only for the number of chances that Dan managed to miss. However, the fact that we had a few extra substitutes eventually told as we came from 2-0 down to win 3-2 thanks to goals from Phil, Dan (penalty), and Jon Pitt.

The second game was officially the U16 game, and included everyone that hadn't had a full game the previous night. This time we managed to go 3-0 down before superior strength and weight in numbers saw us gain a draw thanks to goals from Steve Pillinger, Jamie, and Curtis.

Other than thanks to Kerry in particular for organising everything yet again, and also to Dave, that's all I have to say about the tour.

Next year it will be Andy in charge of the 'senior' Fry Club Colts team and Jeff Garland will be taking over this year's U14 'A' team – so I'm sure that Fran and Lindsey will soon be looking for bookings for the 2003 tour! I shall, of course, be elsewhere, again.

### **MORE CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Dan recently played for the Fry Club first team to add to his appearances in the reserves and third team. Jack was also selected as substitute. Playing at the Hand Stadium in Clevedon, Fry's beat Clevedon Utd 3-1. Steve Payne was particularly distraught at having to pay to watch Dan play, although felt that this certainly gave him the right to hurl abuse at Dan.

Meanwhile Greg, Jack, Joe, Rich, and Tom have all been blooded in to senior football having now made their debuts for the third team.

Jamie and Jon were on the losing side as the Young Bristol U16 Representative team lost 2-0 to the Avon Youth League team, for whom Jack and Ryan (in their Bitton colours) were playing. Talking of Bitton, congratulations to Ken Duharty whose Bitton team (featuring Jack, Jamie, Jon, Ryan and Zolly) defeated Deerswood 3-1 in the Avon Youth League U16 Cup Final at Keynsham Town's ground.

Finally, Jack and Steve Bacon were on the winning side as Glos U16s beat Cheltenham Town 2-0 on Monday.

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Dave and Andy are handing out the voting slips. Please ensure that you return them by the last match of the season – May 4<sup>th</sup> for the U16s and May 10<sup>th</sup> for the U15s. Not all parents will get voting slips – you will have to have watched a minimum number of games to qualify!

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### DIARY DATES

Fry Club Colts JFC Presentation Night – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June

U15 and U16 Skittles and trophy presentation evening – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June

As per usual, any donations for the raffle will be gratefully accepted. We don't charge admittance so dig deep. This is the last year for some of the players so let's make it a memorable evening. I'll be ensuring that no alcohol is sold for the consumption of minors so that'll help. Alternatively I might not come along at all and let the boys enjoy themselves instead.