



FRY CLUB COLTS

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Number 8

Colts battle back from brink of defeat

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Nick Frost

Joe Cook Tom Hamblin Curtis Jack Phil Knight

Rick Anstey Mark Webb Danny Hunt Liam Kavanagh

Ricky Lewis Dan Payne

Substitute: Ian Field (Liam Kavanagh), 40.

The first chance fell to Bitton, a free kick after two minutes following a foul by Joe, but it was fired straight in to the wall and cleared. Our first opportunity to open the scoring arrived after five minutes when a shot from Danny struck Ricky and looped to Liam whose first time shot was saved low down by the 'keeper.

Sloppy play allowed Bitton to take a throw in with no Fry player within yards and although Tom headed the resulting cross clear, the ball dropped invitingly on the edge of the area for a Bitton player to blast the ball over the bar.

A couple of good early through balls unfortunately saw Ricky caught fractionally offside on his runs goalwards, before Rick, tackling back, prodded the ball for Joe to pick out Dan's forward run only for Dan to drag his shot wide of the far post.

Just over a quarter of an hour of the match gone and Ricky was caught offside again. The 'keeper took the free kick only for the ball to rebound off Ricky and fall for Dan. With time to work the ball on to his right foot and lob the 'keeper he elected to get off a quick left-footed shot but failed to get sufficient power or accuracy. A minute later and Curtis advanced from the back before setting up Liam for a shot that the 'keeper grasped at the foot of the post.

Bitton cleared quickly. Tom was beaten to the ball by a Bitton attacker whose flicked header should have been straight to our sweeper – except that Curtis was stranded upfield. Phil and a Bitton attacker both raced for the ball, Nick called, came, but arrived only in time to collide with the two outfield players – the ball meanwhile was in the back of the net (0-1).

Five minutes later and good play from Ricky set up Danny for a shot but he pulled his shot in to the side netting. Another chance almost came Dan's way with five minutes of the half remaining, but as he slid in on goal he couldn't get a foot to Rick's pulled back cross from the by-line.

With less than five minutes remaining Bitton got their second goal. The folly of calling Phil over in to the centre of defence saw Liam trying to mark both right-winger and full back. Not surprisingly, he couldn't! The cross in from our left flank saw our three defenders wrong-footed and the sole Bitton attacker slid the ball home (0-2). A minute later and it could have been worse. Linesman Steve, having progressed from apoplectic to ballistic, had intimated that Phil should move to left back, which he duly did. Now when Curtis ventured forward and lost the ball there was a big hole in the centre of defence! Fortunately, Joe was quick enough to get in a tackle and save the situation. More naughty words were said!

HALF-TIME: BITTON 2 FRY CLUB 0

Ian came on to replace Liam for the second half, Danny moving out to the wide position. A bit of argy-bargy between Mark and a Bitton player brought a talking-to from the referee before Ricky was brought down on the edge of the Bitton area and the defender received a yellow card. Tom's free kick was blocked, the rebound falling to Mark whose shot on the turn was straight at the 'keeper.

We were looking a little more settled at the back now, it took almost a quarter of an hour of the half before Bitton managed their first effort at goal, a wayward chip from 25 yards.

With 20 minutes gone, a corner on the right, from Rick, was partially cleared. Phil laid the ball back to Curtis who drove a low shot goalwards. Dan trapped the ball perfectly, swivelled, only to blaze the ball over the bar. Curtis now moved forward in to midfield in an effort to add more firepower, but it was to Tom that the next chance fell. With ten minutes remaining a corner on the left from Rick was met with a typical downward header that was inadvertently cleared off the line by Ian, trying to get out the way! The ball was cleared as far as Phil, 30 yards out, in space. A left foot shot right in to the top corner beat the 'keeper who crashed in to the goalpost trying to get to the ball (1-2). After protracted treatment the 'keeper was able to continue.

Forty minutes was gone and we were three minutes in to injury time before we got our next scoring opportunity. A free kick on the left edge of the area saw Curtis, with a cracking shot, bend the ball round the wall and low in to the corner of the net (2-2).

In to extra time now, and the golden goal to decide it – or maybe penalties. Two minutes gone and Ricky was just beaten to the ball by the Bitton 'keeper who kicked it clear only as far as Curtis who, with glory beckoning, let fly from 30 yards – but too high.

Heart in mouth then, at the other end, as Joe's clearance was charged down – fortunately, Nick was out quickly to smother the ball.

Four minutes gone and Ian's persistence and quick feet saw him get in a cross from the left wing – but over everyone's head. Rick turned and hared after the ball, turned and centred. Ian hurled himself at the ball and a bullet header from six yards flew past the 'keeper (3-2). Game over.

FULL-TIME: BITTON 2 FRY CLUB 3

*Afterthoughts.....
We missed several chances - that happens - and I won't criticise players for taking responsibility to shoot. For me, what was more worrying was the lack of understanding at the back and the lack of marking in midfield. The fact that we showed determination in coming back from two goals down is to be applauded - but we should never have got ourselves in to that position!*

Fry Club Colts JFC League games – 17th/24th Nov

Fry Club U 10s	3 – 5	Cadbury Heath
Coalpit Heath	3 – 0	Fry Club U10s
Shire Colts 'C'	1 – 2	Fry Club U11s
Broadwalk 'A'	5 – 2	Fry Club U 13s

Fry Club Colts JFC – League Cup R3 – 24th Nov

Fry Club U 12s 'A'	4 – 5	Shire Colts 'B'
Henbury Colts	6 – 0	Fry Club U13s
Fry Club U14s	1 – 3	Shire Colts 'A'

Avon Youth League U16s Division 1 – 17th Nov

Bamfield Sports	1 – 5	Bitton Boys 'A'
Henbury Colts 'B'	3 – 0	St Nicholas 'A'
Whitchurch Sports 'B'	1 – 2	Brislington Jun 'A'

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Brislington 'A'	6	6	0	0	28	3	21	+25
Whitchurch 'B'	8	6	0	2	16	10	18	+6
St Vallier	6	5	0	1	28	5	15	+23
Henbury Colts	6	5	0	1	21	9	15	+12
Whitchurch 'A'	6	4	0	2	20	18	12	+2
Fry Club	5	2	0	3	16	9	6	+7
Bitton Boys 'A'	6	2	0	4	8	10	6	-2
DRG Stapleton	6	2	0	4	8	16	6	-8
Thornbury	6	1	1	4	17	27	4	-10
Bamfield Sports	7	1	1	5	12	23	4	-11
Avon Athletic	5	1	0	3	7	11	3	-4
St Nicholas 'A'	7	1	0	6	7	47	3	-40

The Avon Athletic v Henbury Colts result (20th Oct) was originally reported as 0-0. This has now been changed on the AYL website to 0-2. Also, according to the website, Brislington have been awarded 3 points, for what it doesn't say – taking their total to 21 from 6 games. Andy, see if you can get us some extra points too!

Avon Youth League U16s League Cup – 24th Nov

Ashton Boys	P	St Nicholas 'A'
Avon Athletic	P	Bitton Boys 'B'
Bitton Boys 'A'	2 – 3	Fry Club Colts
DRG Stapleton	2 – 3	Whitchurch 'A'
Eastwood Boys	P	South Gos Boys
Henbury Colts 'B'	10 – 0	Bradley Stoke
St Vallier	2 – 1	Brislington Jun 'A'
Thornbury	1 – 2	Whitchurch Sports 'B'

U 16s – Fixtures and Results

Sep	8	H	DRG Stapleton	1-2
	15	A	Henbury Old Boys 'B'	2-3
	22	H	Avon Athletic	3-2
	29		League Cup 1 st round	bye
Oct	6	A	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	0-1
	20	A	St Nicholas 'A'	10-1
	27	H	Almondsbury (LC R2)	10-0
Nov	3	A	Yatton Athletic Juniors (Somerset Cup 2 nd round)	8-2
	24	A	Bitton Boys 'A' (LC R3)	3-2
Dec	1	A	Bamfield Sports	
	8	A	DRG Stapleton	
	15	H	Henbury Old Boys 'B'	

Winter break ??

Because of bad weather and cup commitments we'll need to rearrange at least seven games, even if no more are called off (most unlikely), so we'll be trying to arrange to play a game on December 22nd.

That's all for this week.