



FRY CLUB COLTS

U16 MATCH REPORT U16

Number 10

A heartening performance sees Colts dispose of DRG

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Nick Frost

Mike Tarling Tom Hamblin Curtis Jack Phil Knight

Rick Anstey Mark Webb Ian Field Ricky Lewis

Dan Payne Danny Hunt

Substitute: Liam Kavanagh (Phil Knight, 60)

We started brightly and our first chance to open the scoring came in the fourth minute, and was duly taken. Dan gained a free kick some 35 yards from goal and Tom and Curtis debated the situation. Tom shaped to strike the ball but instead of shooting knocked it sideways for **Curtis** to strike the ball with the outside of his right foot low in to the corner of the net (1-0).

A minute later and it was *deja vu* all over again, as the saying goes. This time, however, Tom elected for a strike at goal. Although the ball was firmly struck it was at a comfortable height for the 'keeper to knock down and collect. We almost got a second goal when, with just under ten minutes gone, a good interception by Ricky provided Rick with the opportunity to break in to the penalty area and round the 'keeper. Unfortunately, his run took him wide of the goal and by the time he could turn and get a shot in a defender had managed to retreat and block his effort.

The next quarter of an hour saw Fry's pushing forward continually, and DRG's counter-attacks being stopped in their tracks by some resolute and disciplined defending from our back four. Although we were managing some good approach play and some intelligent balls in to the penalty area, we weren't able to capitalise on our territorial advantage. A couple of shots from Ricky – one hit early that sailed over the bar and a second that brought a diving save, and a 40-yard shot held by the 'keeper were all we had to show.

However, with just under a quarter of an hour of the half remaining, we went close to adding a second when a neat ball over the top from Ian saw Dan burst in to the area and hold off a challenge but then drill his shot six inches wide of the far post. A minute later and a long throw from Mark almost gave Ian an opportunity to add a league goal to his cup-tie golden goal, but the ball was cleared. Ricky managed to get in a shot that the 'keeper parried and a defender cleared hastily for a corner. From the corner Dan went close to scoring before Danny planted a firm header just wide.

In to the last ten minutes of the half and Danny won the ball out on the left, and his ball in to the area was met by **Dan**, arriving just ahead of the 'keeper to glance the ball home (2-0).

A glancing header wide by Dan from Rick's corner and then a rasping drive from Rick that the 'keeper touched over the bar both threatened to add to our lead as half time approached, but we had to be satisfied with just the two goal cushion.

HALF-TIME: STAPLETON 0 FRY CLUB 2

DRG were straight in to the attack – Tom headed clear the initial cross but this was followed by a cracking DRG drive, Nick just managed to get his fingertips to it and the ball crashed against the bar and back down for Nick to safely clutch.

Play in the first quarter of an hour of this half was a much more even contest. We were not getting forward so much, although Rick did flash a shot low past the 'keeper, only for the ball to go a foot the wrong side of the post.

Not a lot of quarter was being given, and there was the odd bit of shirt tugging going on as well as the scything tackles. When Mike was booked after 20 minutes for a high tackle, the consensus amongst our supporters was that he was hard done by.

With a quarter of an hour remaining Liam came on to replace Phil, fitting in seamlessly with the rest of the defence who remained untroubled for the remainder of

the game – Nick being called upon to gather a deep cross, but nothing else came close to him. Meanwhile at the other end of the pitch we were unable to further trouble the DRG 'keeper, and the game petered out as darkness descended.

FULL-TIME: STAPLETON 0 FRY CLUB 2

*Afterthoughts.....
I thought that this was a good performance. DRG are a strong physical team and we matched them in this department and played some neat accurate football in amongst the long balls. I also thought that everyone played well, but was particularly impressed - especially in the first half - by Ricky's work down the left.*

Avon Youth League U16s Division 1 – 8th Dec

Avon Athletic	P	Bitton Boys 'A'
Brislington Jun 'A'	6-1	Bamfield Sports
DRG Stapleton	0-2	Fry Club Colts
Henbury Colts 'B'	P	Whitchurch Sports 'A'
St Vallier	3-1	St Nicholas 'A'
Whitchurch Sports 'B'	5-2	Thornbury Falcons

Hardly any surprises in this week's results. The AYL website still showing Brislington as having been awarded an extra 3 points, for what it still doesn't say!

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Brislington 'A'	8	8	0	0	37	4	27	+33
Whitchurch 'B'	9	7	0	2	21	12	21	+9
St Vallier	8	6	0	2	31	9	18	+22
Henbury Colts	7	6	0	1	24	10	18	+14
Whitchurch 'A'	7	5	0	2	23	19	15	+4
Fry Club	7	4	0	3	27	9	12	+18
Bitton Boys 'A'	7	2	0	5	9	13	6	-4
DRG Stapleton	8	2	0	6	9	21	6	-12
Thornbury	7	1	1	5	19	32	4	-13
Bamfield Sports	9	1	1	7	13	38	4	-25
Avon Athletic	5	1	0	4	7	11	3	-4
St Nicholas 'A'	8	1	0	7	8	50	3	-42

Fry Club Colts JFC League games – 8th Dec

Yate Utd	0-3	Fry Club U10s
Fry Club U11s	2-0	Shire Colts 'B'
Fry Club U12 'A'	2-1	Almondsbury
Fry Club U12 'B'	2-5	Bishopston Utd
Warmley Rgers 'B'	1-1	Fry Club U 13s
Fry Club U14s	6-0	Bromley Heath Utd
Langton Boys	5-0	Fry Club U15s
DRG Stapleton	0-2	Fry Club U16s

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	9-0
	8	A	DRG Stapleton	2-0
	15	H	Henbury Old Boys 'B'	
	22		TBA	

Winter Break

Player details

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
L = League goals
C = Cup goals

	F	B	P	S	L	C
Rick Anstey	8	2			1	4
Joe Cook	8		1		1	
Ian Field	7	1	2			1
Nick Frost	9					
Tom Hamblin	7	1	1		2	
Danny Hunt	8	1	1		3	1
Curtis Jack	9		1		3	4
Liam Kavanagh	4	2	2			
Phil Knight	6	2		1		1
Ricky Lewis	6		2		2	2
Jason McCrossan	2	1				3
Ross Malone						
Dan Payne	8	1			5	4
Ben Sinclair		1	1			
Jay Slade		1	1		1	
Mike Tarling	7	1	1		2	
Mark Webb	6		1		6	1
Own goals					1	

That's all for this week. I doubt whether there'll be another newsletter before Christmas, so have a great time and don't get too drunk!

Graham