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Cup semi-final penalty shoot-out thriller

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With Mike and Liam on the injured list, the team sort of picked itself:

Nick Frost

Ben Sinclair Tom Hamblin Curtis Jack Jason McCrossan
Rick Anstey Mark Webb Ian Field Jay Slade
Ricky Lewis Danny Hunt

Early pressure from us saw Rick win the ball in midfield and send Ian away towards the edge of the penalty area. Westland had plenty of players back though, and Ian's shot was blocked, as was the follow-up from Ricky. The ball then fell to Danny, but the 'keeper was out quickly to deflect his effort for a corner. Tom met Jay's corner from the right, but he was penalised for pushing.

A foul by Mark on the edge of our penalty area gave Westland an opportunity to open the scoring, but the shot was curled just over the crossbar. Mark, having injured himself in giving away the free kick then compounded the problem by going in to a crunching tackle, but was able to continue after treatment.

With a quarter of an hour gone, some determined play on the right from Rick won a corner. Danny's corner was met by Ricky, who played the ball back for Danny to centre again. The ball was misjudged by a Westland defender and dropped for **Tom** to slam home (1-0).

With Mark still struggling with his injury, Ben moved in to midfield and Mark dropped in to the right back berth. A long cross in from our right flank to the left edge of our penalty area saw the ball was headed back across goal to be met by an incoming Westland forward. Fortunately his effort was straight in to Nick's arms.

A long clearance from Nick was headed on by Ben, for Jay to play the ball inside to Ricky. His flick-on to Danny found him free of the defence, only to be flagged offside – but it was a good move.

With just over 20 minutes gone, Curtis burst forward and let fly from 25 yards, but his effort was a couple of yards wide of the far post. Two minutes later and a Westland player in space was bearing down on goal. Curtis did well to get back and prevent him from shooting, at the expense of a foul on the edge of the penalty area, but Tom headed the ball clear when the free kick was knocked in to the edge of the six-yard box. Another good cross in from our left flank saw Mark in with a saving tackle as play fluctuated from end to end.

With half an hour gone, a push on Ricky 30 yards out saw Danny curl in the free kick, but just over Tom's head. Mark and Ben switched back to their original positions and almost immediately Ben concede a free kick 40 yards out. The ball, wind-assisted, was well struck, but Nick was under no pressure and calmly knocked the ball down and collected it.

A long throw from Mark found was headed on for Jay, in space at the edge of the area, but a clear push in the back – not spotted by referee or linesman caused him to lose control of the ball. Then, a handball – spotted by the linesman but over-ruled by the referee – allowed Westland to cross the ball only for Nick to drop it and Ben clear the danger.

Another long throw from Mark was deflected to Ian at the far post, but he was stretching to reach the ball and could only direct the ball a foot the wrong side of the post.

Almost half time, and a ball in from our left was well controlled by a Westland forward who struck a shot past Nick and against the foot of the post. Unfortunately for us the ball rebounded to another Westland player who stabbed the ball home (1-1).

In to injury time and suddenly the tempo upped a gear. Another corner to us saw Tom head wide and then a good flick-on by Danny gave Rick the opportunity to break free. With Ricky inside and calling for the ball he elected to go for the line but his cross was cut out and the corner cleared.

Curtis was penalised for shoving as he went forward on another run before Rick too was penalised for excessive use of the lip. Another good flick-on by Danny from Curtis's long goal kick saw Rick denied by a tackle as he again attempted to run through the Westland defence.

An unfortunate slip by Jason, on the halfway line presented Westland with the chance to attack and we were very fortunate when, with two unmarked players in our penalty area, the ball was snatched at when time was there to control it, and Nick was able to save the scuffed shot.

HALF-TIME: WESTLAND 1 FRY CLUB 1

Jay, at the near post, headed on a long throw-in from Mark and Ian slid in only to see his shot deflected off a defender and almost run along the goal-line before going out for a corner. From Danny's kick Tom again got in a powerful header, but too high.

Five minutes in to the half and a push in the back of Ricky gave Tom a free kick opportunity from 25 yards, but his shot lacked its normal power.

One nervous moment for us when Curtis miscued the ball, only for him to recover and clear, was followed by another when Mark was penalised. The linesman flagged for what appeared an innocuous challenge in the penalty area. It was with relief then that the referee awarded a free kick on the edge of the penalty area, that was curled just wide of the top corner of Nick's goal.

With 25 minutes gone a powerful headed clearance from Tom was latched on to by Ricky, who managed to get in to the Westland penalty area only to finish weakly.

Westland brought on their only substitute at this time and with a quarter of an hour remaining, Ian was brought down on the edge of the penalty area, but Danny's free kick was too long for anyone to get on the end of.

Another free kick against Curtis for pushing was stopped by the defensive wall, but the ball was crossed back in to the area and a flicked header from a Westland player saw the ball in the back of the net – fortunately the linesman's flag was raised.

In to the last couple of minutes and the Westland 'keeper safely clasped the ball following a corner from Jay, before a Westland corner was only partially cleared and Nick was able to claim the ball as it was crossed back in.

FULL-TIME: WESTLAND 1 FRY CLUB 1

Extra time commenced; Westland had finished normal time looking the stronger, and more likely team to score and were immediately on the attack again, a shot flashing just wide of Nick's post. Curtis then went on another forward run, only to lose the ball and Westland broke quickly, but fortunately Ben covered well and got in an interception.

Two minutes from the end of the first period and we were suddenly outnumbered in our own penalty area. Again the Westland finishing was poor as an unmarked player contrived to drag his shot wide of Nick's post. Then, following a long free kick from Tom, Jay managed to get in a shot, but was off-balance as he hit it and the ball sailed over the bar.

We kicked off for the second period of extra time and a quick counter attack from Westland, as we had been pressing forward, saw us again outnumbered in our own penalty area. As Nick faced one attacker he played the ball sideways only for his teammate to slice the ball wide of the gaping goal. Two minutes later and again we were caught on the counter attack and Nick pulled off a brilliant block to deny Westland before throwing himself in the way of the follow-up and deflecting the ball clear with his jaw.

Fortunately Nick was able to continue after treatment and, with no goal coming to break the deadlock, we moved on to the penalty shoot-out!

1. Westland go first and the ball is hit high to Nick's left (0-1).
2. Rick drills the ball to the 'keeper's left (1-1).
3. Westland slam the ball past Nick, to his right (1-2).
4. Danny takes a two pace run-up and hits the ball to the 'keeper's right – but at a comfortable height – saved! (1-2).
5. Westland's penalty-taker hits the ball hard and high – but too close to Nick – saved! (1-2).
6. Curtis hits the perfect penalty, low, powerful and hitting the back stanchion. The 'keeper never moved (2-2).
7. Westland's next penalty was hit straight down the middle – but Nick had already gambled and dived (2-3).
8. Ricky opted for straight down the middle – and the Westland 'keeper had also gambled! (3-3).
9. Another solid Westland penalty, hitting the stanchion (3-4).
10. Tom hits the ball low to the 'keeper's left (4-4).

Now we moved in to sudden death mode –

1. Another penalty hit down the middle, in anticipation of Nick diving – and he had! (4-5).
2. Jay stuck the ball firmly in the bottom corner, sending the 'keeper the wrong way (5-5).
3. Westland's 'keeper steps up and beats Nick with a quality shot to his left (5-6).
4. Ben finds the same spot, low to the 'keeper's left (6-6).

5. Westland's penalty taker looks nervous, and balloons the ball over the bar (6-6).
6. Mark steps up, and a compassionate touch – a pat on the back for the unhappy Westland player – before burying the ball high to the keeper's left (7-6).

Afterthoughts.....

I have to admit that we've played better; I thought that we looked the team less likely to win in the second half and extra time. Still, you gave everything - which is all you can ask - and rode your luck a little. Who's complaining? Well done!!

RESULTS - TABLES – FIXTURES

U16 Somerset Cup semi-finals: 23rd March

Westland Sports	1 – 1	Fry Club Colts
	(aet – Fry Club won 7-6 on penalties)	
Brislington Juniors	3 – 0	Bath City
	(aet)	

Avon Youth League U16s Division 1: 23rd March

Bitton Boys 'A'	2 – 1	Thornbury Falcons
St Nicholas 'A'	1 – 5	Avon Athletic
St Vallier	1 – 2	Whitchurch Sports 'B'
Whitchurch Sports 'A'	3 – 1	Bamfield Sports

Avon Youth League U16s Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Brislington 'A'	14	13	0	1	53	8	39	+45
Henbury Colts	14	11	0	3	42	21	33	+21
Whitchurch 'B'	14	10	0	4	29	19	30	+10
St Vallier	14	9	1	4	43	18	28	+25
Fry Club	13	8	0	5	42	19	24	+23
Whitchurch 'A'	12	7	1	4	31	29	22	+2
Bitton Boys 'A'	16	7	0	9	33	31	21	+2
Avon Athletic	14	6	1	7	28	20	19	+8
DRG Stapleton	16	5	3	8	27	41	18	-14
Bamfield Spts	17	2	4	11	26	58	10	-32
St Nicholas 'A'	17	3	0	14	20	74	9	-54
Thornbury	15	1	2	12	28	64	5	-36

Table includes the three points awarded to Brislington, as St Nicholas 'A' were unable to raise a team for their match; also three points awarded to Henbury, against Avon Athletic.

Apr	3		Whitchurch Sports 'A' – League Cup Final At Keynsham Town (Thurs evening)
	6		LDV Vans Trophy Final At Millennium Stadium, Cardiff
	8	A	Avon Athletic (Tues evening)
	13	A	St Vallier
	17	H	Whitchurch Sports 'B' (Thurs evening)
	20	H	St Vallier
	24	H	Thornbury Falcons (Thurs evening)
	27	H	Whitchurch Sports 'A'
May	1	H	St Nicholas 'A' (Thurs evening)
	4	A	Thornbury Falcons

Fry Club Juniors - League games: 23rd March

Fry Club U10s	0 – 5	Yate Utd
Shire Colts 'B'	2 – 5	Fry Club
Almondsbury	2 – 2	Fry Club U12 'A'
Fry Club U12 'B'		Mangotsfield Utd
Fry Club U13		Deerswood
Deerswood	2 – 2	Fry Club U14s
Fry Club U15s		Warmley Rgers 'B'

Bristol U18 Combination

U18 League Cup Semi-finals – 23rd March

Fry Club Colts	2 – 1	Banwell
Keynsham Town	0 – 1	Bamfield Sports

*Congratulations, as well then to the U18s.....
A cup final in their first season together - can't be bad! The first goal was apparently an own goal, but Jack Gooding popped up in the opposition penalty area - strange but true - to net the winner. The final against Bamfield will be held at Brislington's ground on Sunday 27th April*

League results – 23rd March

Cadbury Heath Colts	5 – 0	Nailsea Rovers
Henbury Colts	3 – 0	Weston St Johns
St Nicholas	4 – 1	Deerswood

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Nicholas Wdrs	18	12	3	3	52	30	39	+22
Cadbury Heath	15	12	1	2	55	12	37	+43
Henbury Colts	13	11	1	1	35	16	34	+19
Deerswood	15	9	2	4	33	23	29	+10
Banwell	12	9	1	2	43	25	28	+18
St Nicholas	19	9	1	9	53	47	28	+6
Brislington Jun	21	9	1	11	46	53	28	-7
Fry Club	16	7	1	8	47	45	22	+2
Nailsea Rovers	17	6	2	9	39	50	20	-11
Mangotsfield	18	4	3	11	30	54	15	-24
Weston St Johns	15	3	2	10	22	41	11	-19
Keynsham Town	18	3	2	13	28	52	11	-24
Bamfield Sports	17	2	2	13	17	52	8	-35