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Cup dismay as Whitchurch score late winner

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We saw Curtis walking in Keynsham just as we were setting off for the game; handy really, as we discovered that he was injured. Fortunately, Joe had turned up to watch the game and took little persuading to cover his cast and play! So, with only 11 players the line up was:

Nick Frost

Mike Tarling Joe Cook Tom Hamblin Phil Knight
Rick Anstey Mark Webb Ian Field Ben Sinclair
Ricky Lewis Danny Hunt

Early action at both ends, a good run and crossfield ball from Ian saw Danny almost manage to round the 'keeper, before a long defensive header clear saw Nick spreading himself and saving a shot with his feet.

With a quarter of an hour gone, there was a lucky escape by Bitton as Danny received the ball back from his own quick throw and crossed the ball. The 'keeper called for it, came for it, let it bounce over him and off the crossbar! A long throw from Mark then saw Tom back head the ball and Ben force his way into a shooting position. Although the 'keeper was able to block his effort, the ball fell for **Ian** to tuck home (1-0).

Ten minutes later and a narrow squeak for Fry's as Tom headed the ball clear from a corner, only for it to be returned and a shot through a crowd of players saw Nick unsighted only for the ball to be flicked over the bar by a Bitton player.

Chances were hard to come by, however, and it was almost half time when a corner from Rick on the right was met by Mark on the edge of the penalty area. His shot was charged down and the ball cleared, only as far as Mike who headed it back towards the penalty area from the half way line and Ian laid the ball for Danny to strike a shot from 30 yards only a yard or so wide.

Mark and Ricky then combined for Rick to almost worm a way through, but he was just squeezed out, and then a run by Ricky down the right flank saw him pick out Danny, unmarked in the six-yard box. Unfortunately, Danny seemed to misjudge the flight of the ball, and the chance was lost.

HALF TIME : BITTON 0 FRY CLUB 1

Five minutes in to the half and a ball in from our right flank saw a Bitton player get in between Phil and Nick, only to head the ball in to Nick's hands.

A goalkick from Bitton was well met by the head of Mike, and Danny and Ricky then combined for Rick to travel down the right flank before laying the ball back for Ricky to shoot – but straight at the 'keeper.

With a quarter of an hour gone, a long throw from Mike was flicked on by Ian, and Ricky and Danny then combined to play a through ball for Ben who had, unfortunately, just strayed offside.

Good defending by Mike, and a strong clearance, saw Ricky beat his opponent in a race for the ball, only to prod his shot just wide of the post. However, with 20 minutes of the game remaining, he went one better. A shot on the run was deflected by a defender, but back in to his path and **Ricky** slotted the ball home from a narrow angle (2-0).

Nick then make an excellent save from five yards, following a Bitton corner, and then Tom's clearance was charged down and Mark needed to get across quickly to get in a tackle and concede a corner as Bitton exerted pressure on our defence.

With ten minutes remaining, a cross in from the flank saw Bitton get in a shot that dipped just over the bar, but although they continued to threaten, they couldn't breach our defence.

FULL TIME : BITTON 0 FRY CLUB 2

*Afterthoughts.....
Not a commanding performance, but one where we'd come away with the three points - maybe slightly fortuitously - but fortunately hadn't picked up any injuries ahead of Thursday's Cup Final.*

**U16 AVON YOUTH LEAGUE CUP FINAL
FRY CLUB COLTS
v
WHITCHURCH SPORTS 'A'
U16 AVON YOUTH LEAGUE CUP FINAL**

Well here we were, all gathered at Keynsham Town's ground for the final. Joe cut his plaster cast off so he could play. Dan had his off so that he could pretend to be a player. Only Jason was missing, as we lined up :

Nick Frost
Mike Tarling Tom Hamblin Curtis Jack Phil Knight
Rick Anstey Mark Webb Ian Field Joe Cook
Ricky Lewis Danny Hunt

Substitutes: Liam Kavanagh (Phil Knight, 57), Jay Slade (Joe Cook, 67), Ben Sinclair (Rick Anstey, 89)

We looked quite assured and did the early pressing, although neither team went as far as troubling the opposition goalkeeper. Typically we looked to get the ball forward early, and most of Whitchurch's excursions in to our half were on the counter attack.

It was something of a surprise, therefore, when Whitchurch took the lead after some 20 minutes. A terrible bounce of the ball wrong-footed Tom and the Whitchurch forward sped towards the penalty area. Curtis managed to get back and get a foot in to put the ball out for a corner. However, from the near post corner from our left, a Whitchurch forward rose to glance a header past Nick (0-1).

With just under half an hour gone, it was our turn to get the bounce of the ball. Danny chased a through ball, some 40 yards from goal, hemmed in by two defenders. An attempted clearance bounced off him and he held off the further challenge to get to the edge of the penalty area. Ignoring Ricky, to his left, **Danny** drilled the ball low past the 'keeper (1-1).

Mark lost a contact lens following a typically robust challenge, and a run down the left flank from Joe ended with a left-footed cross that almost deceived the 'keeper before landing on the roof of the goal net. It deceived some of the spectators too; initially we thought that it had dipped under the bar!

HALF TIME : FRY CLUB 1 WHITCHURCH 1

With just under ten minutes gone, Curtis ventured forward on a run, only to lose the ball in midfield. Whitchurch played the ball quickly out to our left flank. Phil was injured trying to prevent his opponent getting in a cross that picked out an unmarked player in the six-yard box. It was only because the forward dwelt on the ball too long that Tom was able to get back and get in a successful tackle.

You'd have thought we would have learned from this. Less than five minutes later and Curtis repeated his error; Phil couldn't match the speed of the attacker, and the ball was driven past Nick (1-2). Phil trudged off to be replaced by Liam.

Just over 20 minutes of the half gone and Ricky Lewis, who had worked his socks off, managed to dispossess a Whitchurch player in midfield and set Rick free. On one of the few occasions that he managed to get past the full back, it was decisive. A tackle, a fall, a penalty!

Tom stepped up, and calmly combined placement and power to give the Whitchurch 'keeper no chance (2-2).

Mark's eyesight was now improved by the introduction of a replacement contact lens, not that the absence had affected his tackling. With just under a quarter of an hour remaining, Jay came on to replace Joe and as we came to the end of normal time Rick hobbled off with cramp and Ben came on.

Three minutes in to injury time and Ian and Ricky combined on the left for Ricky to burst in to the left side of the penalty area and lash a shot against the crossbar. A minute later and Danny almost caught the 'keeper out as he came off his line to clear, only for him to get a hand to the ball and divert it for a corner.

It was galling then to concede the deciding goal a minute later. Kamikaze defending – poor ball control, lack of composure, panic, whatever – but we failed to clear the ball and Whitchurch capitalised to again shoot low past Nick (2-3). This time there was no coming back, time had run out.

FULL TIME : FRY CLUB 2 WHITCHURCH 3

*Afterthoughts.....
We've played better football and lost. We've played worse and won. It was a disappointing result, but after shading Whitchurch in the first half they were the better team in the second half; we looked tired and they looked more up for the game. The hard surface meant that control was difficult and we made some crucial errors. An unfortunate ending, but runners-up is better than going out early on!*

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A sudden rash of illness, injury, homework, evenings out, etc., conspired to cause Andy selection problems. The eventual team was:

Nick Frost
 Mike Tarling Joe Cook Tom Hamblin
 Mark Webb Ian Field
 Ricky Lewis Curtis Jack Rick Anstey
 Mattie Green Danny Hunt

The match report, as written by Andy, will appear in the next issue. Unfortunately, we lost 3-1 – **Danny** picking up our consolation goal.

RESULTS - TABLES – FIXTURES

Avon Youth League U16s Division 1: 30th March

Avon Athletic	1 – 5	Brislington Juniors 'A'
Bitton Boys 'A'	0 – 2	Fry Club Colts
Henbury Colts 'B'	2 – 1	Whitchurch 'B'
Thornbury Falcons	4 – 2	St Vallier
Whitchurch Sports 'A'	2 – 2	DRG Stapleton

Avon Youth League U16s Division 1: w/e 6th April

Avon Athletic	1 – 5	Brislington Juniors 'A'
Bitton Boys 'A'	0 – 2	Fry Club Colts
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Avon Youth League U16s Division 1: Tues 8th April

Avon Athletic	3 – 1	Fry Club Colts
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Avon Youth League U16s Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Brislington 'A'	15	14	0	1	58	9	42	+49
Henbury Colts	15	12	0	3	44	22	36	+22
Whitchurch 'B'	15	10	0	5	30	21	30	+9
St Vallier	15	9	1	5	45	22	28	+23
Fry Club	15	9	0	6	45	22	27	+23
Whitchurch 'A'	13	7	2	4	33	31	23	+2
Avon Athletic	16	7	1	8	32	26	22	+6
Bitton Boys 'A'	17	7	0	10	33	33	21	=
DRG Stapleton	17	5	4	8	29	43	19	-14
Bamfield Spts	17	2	4	11	26	58	10	-32
St Nicholas 'A'	17	3	0	14	20	74	9	-54
Thornbury	16	2	2	12	32	66	8	-34

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.

U16s 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
			Somerset 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 Ath. Juniors (SC R2)	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'	4-0
Jan	19	A	Burnham Utd (SC R3)	11-0
	26	H	Bamfield Sports	4-1
Feb	2	H	Whitchurch Spts 'B' (LC QF)	4-0
	9	H	Bitton Boys 'A'	2-1
	16	A	Whitchurch Sports 'A'	2-1
	23	H	Brislington Juniors 'A'	2-4
Mar	2	H	Whitchurch Sports (SC QF)	2-1
	9	A	Brislington Juniors 'A'	1-3
	16	A	St Vallier (LC SF)	2-0
	23	A	Westland Sports (SC SF)	1-1*
			(* aet Fry Club won 7-6 on penalties)	
	30	A	Bitton Boys 'A'	2-0
Apr	3		Whitchurch Sports 'A' (LC final)	2-3
	8	A	Avon Athletic	1-3
	13	A	St Vallier – double fixture	
	17	H	Whitchurch Sports 'B' (Thurs evening)	
	24	H	Thornbury Falcons (Thurs evening)	
	27		Brislington Juniors 'A'	
			Somerset Cup final at Street, Somerset	
May	1	H	St Nicholas 'A' (Thurs evening)	
	4	A	Thornbury Falcons	
TBA		H	Whitchurch Sports 'A'	

U 16 SOMERSET CUP FINAL

*This will be held at Street, in Somerset,
 Sunday 27 April
 Exact details nearer the date*

U16s - appearances and goals

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	19	4	1		4	6
Joe Cook	12	4	4		1	3
Ian Field	20	2	2		2	3
Nick Frost	23					
Tom Goodfellow	1					1
Mattie Green	1					
Tom Hamblin	19	1	1		4	3
Danny Hunt	22	1	1		7	5
Curtis Jack	21	1	1		4	5
Liam Kavanagh	6	4	5			
Phil Knight	13	3	1	2		1
Ricky Lewis	17	1	2		3	6
Jason McCrossan	6	1				3
Dan Payne	14	1			10	5
Ben Sinclair	4	1	6	1		
Jay Slade	3	3	2		1	1
Mike Tarling	16	2	2		2	
Mark Webb	17	1	2		6	1
Own goals					1	

Fry Club Juniors - League games: 30th March

Fry Club U11s	6 - 2	Cadbury Heath 'B'
Fry Club U12 'A'	3 - 0	Warmley Rangers
Fry Club U12 'B'	2 - 8	Shire Colts 'C'
Fry Club U13	1 - 1	St Nicholas
Whitchurch Spts 'A'	1 - 0	Fry Club U14s
Fry Club U14s	3 - 1	Whitchurch Spts 'A'
Bitton Boys 'A'	0 - 2	Fry Club U16s

Fry Club Juniors - League games: 6th April

Fry Club U10s	2 - 3	Bradley Stoke Utd
Fry Club U11s	6 - 0	Stoke Lane Ath 'C'

Bristol U18 Combination

League results - 30th March

Fry Club Colts	2 - 4	Cadbury Heath Colts
Henbury Colts	2 - 1	Banwell
Mangotsfield Utd	1 - 2	St Nicholas
Nailsea Rovers	4 - 2	Weston St Johns

League results: 6th April

No games played

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Cadbury Heath	16	13	1	2	59	14	40	+45
Nicholas Wdrs	18	12	3	3	52	30	39	+22
Henbury Colts	14	12	1	1	37	17	37	+20
St Nicholas	20	10	1	9	55	48	31	+7
Deerswood	15	9	2	4	33	23	29	+10
Banwell	13	9	1	3	44	27	28	+17
Brislington Jun	21	9	1	11	46	53	28	-7
Nailsea Rovers	18	7	2	9	43	52	23	-9
Fry Club	17	7	1	9	49	49	22	=
Mangotsfield	19	4	3	12	31	56	15	-25
Weston St Johns	16	3	2	11	24	45	11	-21
Keynsham Town	18	3	2	13	28	52	11	-24
Bamfield Sports	17	2	2	13	17	52	8	-35