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Colts Destroy Managers, To Bow Out In Style

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On the day of the 2003 Cup Final, we lined up for our last official game, the Ron Williams Trophy. We were resplendent in our usual Red + Black, the Managers in Green + White hoops. Paul Britton was the man in black, requested specifically to ensure impartiality after last season's debacle. Jason was otherwise engaged with scrambling, Liam was ill, Ricky Anstey was still out with the broken bone in his hand, Mark had to work, Jay had his parent's wedding anniversary day and Dan was still out with his dislocated knee, although he was there in a managerial capacity. With that being so, we called in Jack Gooding & Joe Garland from the Under 18's, and Greg Tompkin from the Under 15's. The managers looked a rag-tag bunch without an ounce of ability or fitness between them with the exception of their captain, a dashing young man with the body of Adonis, the skill of Pele, and the mind of Socrates. (You can tell who's writing this!)

The starting line up was:

Nick Frost

Mike Tarling Tom Hamblin Curtis Jack Phil Knight

Joe Cook Ian Field Jack Gooding Ben Sinclair

Ricky Lewis Danny Hunt

Starting Subs: Greg Tompkin, Joe Garland (Rolling Subs)

The managers kicked off and straight away we were into them, harrying their every move when they had the ball and passing and moving nicely when we had it (now there's a first for the season!) Andy, up front for the managers weighed up his options. Did he go and attack Mike the powerhouse, go head to head with Tom the fortress, try his luck against Curtis with the flying studs, or try Phil the.... Yep, he went and stood by Phil.

After about ten minutes of the game, some good link up play between Joe, Ian and Jack led to a ball into the right side of the box which **Danny** latched onto, rounded the 'keeper and despatched calmly (1-0).

Almost instantly however the managers struck back. A ball from Andy into the corner for Steve Curtis and a cross into the middle was side-footed into the bottom right by **Chris Clifton** giving Nick no chance (1-1).

After this play settled into a nice familiar pattern of the managers getting the ball via a goal kick or throw, lumping it high and long and we would regain the ball and then launch our own pass and move attack.

There were some moments to note in that period; Steve Field taking out his brother Ian (I think Ian may have got angry because Steve didn't manage to get near him after this) Curtis taking out Scott (Scott was not the happy bunny) and then Curtis dragging down Scott as he was clean through with Curtis being the last man. I think that Curtis avoided a red card because of the distance to the goal and that someone else almost certainly would have got back. Also, Paul Britton was in a forgiving mood!

By this time, Andy had dropped into midfield and started to take more of a creative role and getting the managers to pass the ball around more which they did and gave us less possession and meant we had to work harder! One or two chances came but Nick wasn't unduly worried by anything although Steve Curtis dragged one about a foot wide.

Ben had two good chances but both times Jon Limmer in goal was equal to them and Ricky was upsetting the managers defence but without really troubling the goal. Jack also had a few shots, all well wide, to cat-calls of "greedy sod" and other less mentionable things.

With a few minutes to go to half-time, we re-took the lead with another ball into the box, **Danny** was there again and he drilled it low into the left corner of the goal. (2-1). Not long after, the ref' blew for half-time.

HALF-TIME: COLTS 2 MANAGERS 1

For the second half the managers reverted to 3-5-2

with Andy in defence and the attack were like waves breaking over an immovable rock. The 2nd half was less memorable with more of a midfield battle of attrition. Near the end we got back on top but with ten minutes to go it was still 2-1 and the managers only needed a goal to retain the trophy, then, **Danny** broke into the left side of the box and buried it (3-1). A minute later and Danny broke through, Phil Tucker and Andy combined to block his run, only to find that Steve Field had let **Joe Cook** get away and his shot nestled in the back of the net. (4-1). Minutes later, it ended.

FULL-TIME : COLTS 4 MANAGERS 1

Afterthoughts.....
Had the managers had a lesser goalkeeper than Jon Limmer, then it really could have been a double figure rout. As it happened, with ten minutes to go the managers were still in the game as we had failed to finish them off. Story of our season?

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Our last tournament, our last chance to make it into our own final. We had two teams entered and to be honest, St Vallier were going to be the only real threat.

The 'A' team was made up from:

Nick Frost, Phil Knight, Mark Webb, Liam Kavanagh, Ian Field, Curtis Jack, Matt Green & Shaun Seaville.

The 'B' team was made up from:

Ashley Clark, Tom Hamblin, Jason McCrossan, Ben Sinclair, Ricky Lewis, Danny Hunt & Tom Evans.

Although we had a bit of a cosmopolitan look to us with Ash & Shaun from Whitchurch 'B' and Tom Evans from Brislington, we still had 12 Fry Club Colts players at the heart of the sides.

The 'A' team had four group games, Locking Vale 'B' from W-S-M presented no real threat with **Curtis & Liam** making it an easy 2-0 win. Deerswood 'A' was even easier **Shaun & Ian** with two giving us a 3-0 win. Castle Court gave us a few problems, especially David Hares who has made a few good appearances in the past for us, but two good goals from **Shaun** sealed a 2-1 win. Finally St Vallier, who, after a slow start to the group had come strong and we had no real reply to them and they won 2-0.

The 'B' team had five group games. Deerswood 'B' was a walkover with **Danny** getting three and **Tom E** getting two, 5-0. Locking Vale 'A' met with the same fate with **Danny** getting two and **Tom E** one, 3-1.

Frome Town were solid in defence and presented us with stiff opposition, 0-0 before Ashton Boys went down 2-0, **Ben** and **Tom H** getting the goals and then National Smelting 3-0 with **Ricky** finally getting going after a string of misses with two goals and **Danny** one.

The quarter-finals saw the 'A' team beat Ashton 1-0 thanks to **Liam** and the 'B' team beat Castle Court but only on golden goal after Ashley made an uncharacteristic mistake with about two seconds to go. **Ricky** had put us ahead and **Ricky** won the game with a goal in extra time. 2-1.

The semi final saw the 'A' meet the 'B' team. With the exception of Ashley, the starting teams were all Fry's players, to see what we could do. **Ben** put the 'B' team into the lead after Curtis had missed in the opening seconds. Although the 'A' team had the better chances they were unable to convert them and with seconds to go, **Ricky** sealed their fate, 2-0.

The final was against St Vallier. They scored early and we were chasing the game from then on. They created at least one more good chance which our defence got back to block and then in the second half Ricky cut in from the left with possibly our best moment but blasted well wide. It soon ended. 1-0.

Afterthoughts.....

It was a shame that we were unable to meet in the final but in the end I think the best team won it. It was nice however, in our last season, and after seven years of trying, to finally get one of our own teams into the final of our tournament. Well done to all of the boys from the 'A' and 'B' team for their efforts on the day.

Congratulations to:

Player of the Year	Ian Field
Sportsman of the Year	Liam Kavanagh
Penalty King	Tom Hamblin (Overall Champion)
Highest Goalscorer	Dan Payne – 16 Goals
Parent's Sportsman	Mark Webb
Most Improved Player	Ricky Anstey
Player's Player	Ian Field & Tom Hamblin

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Final Afterthoughts.....

After nine years it has all come to an end. I loved every minute of my time with you, and wouldn't change any of it if I had to do it again. The gifts and the speech on presentation night were very unexpected but I thank you all for your thought.

I wish you all the best in whatever you do and hope you succeed. As for me I go again now with the Under 6's, but I hope to see you all in the future, and I feel honoured to call you all my friends. -Andy