## U9 MATCH REPORT U9 MATCH REPORT ASHTON BOYS <br> V <br> FRY CLUB COLTS <br> U9 MATCH REPORT U9 MATCH REPORT

We tried again at Ashton, the lasttime ended with us coming home once we had gotten there thanks to the rain. Down at Bedminster Cricket Club, in the sight of As hton Park \& Clifton Bridge, the setting was beautiful and tranquil, but how would the game turn out?

Game 1 - The line up was:

Joby<br>Sam James<br>Luke Ethan Jim<br>Josef

Rolling Subs: Jack, Joe \& Max
We started with some good passing between Ethan, James and Jim, but Jim was tackled, they went on a run down the right with our defenders chasing, but they got the shot in and within a minute we were losing 1-0. James won the ball, found Jim and his pass found Josef up front, but he too was tackled. Luke found Josef and he put Ethan in, but again they were strong and seemed to be wherever we turned. Ethan beat two players and shot, but he was justwide with it. Josef then played Ethan through, but his shot went into the side netting. Jim then got the ball quite a way out, advanced a bit, then leathered it, but the 'keeper was behind it. Their big attacker went on a run, but James was there with the blocks. We battled hard, but the Ashton attacker fought his way through and gave Joby no chance 2-0.

A throw flew in but Josef's shot was just wide. We lost the ball up front and they attacked quickly. Jack and Josef chased and Josef made the eventual clearance. We won a corner on the right, which Joe went over to take. He powered in a low drive towards the front postand the 'keeper could only parry it into his own net to bring us back into the game 2-1. Before the game, Jon, Gareth, Tim and Terry were talking rugby and Josef must have overheard, because Joe won the ball, ran down the left, crossed it into where Josef was waiting and his resulting conversion would have done Johnny Wilkinson proud! Joe won the ball again and
played in Max, but his shotwentinches past the post. Max \& James combined well to get the ball out to Joe and his shot flew just inches wide.

## HALF-TIME : ASHTON 2 FRYS 1

Max defended well and got it to James. He passed it to Jack who played it forward to Joe. Joe ran forward and found Luke, and he played it inside to Josef. Josef then put Joe in but the shot went just wide. What was excellent about that move was that all six outfield players passed to each other in the build up without the opposition getting a touch...... nice! Jack then played Joe in, but the shot went just wide. Their big attacker crossed in and another Ashton player got his foot to it. It flew up towards the goal, hit the stansion and dropped back onto the line, where Joby grabbed it. The ball came in and there was a bit of a melee. Despite James getting his foot to it, the ball was prodded into the net 3-1. We had a corner, the ball was cleared to where Jack was steaming in and his shot hit the post and went out. Joe then crossed to where Jim was, but his touch put the ball into the 'keeper's hands. Jim then won the ball in the middle, battled through a few challenges and with players in space elected to shoot, but it was the right choice 3-2.

He had another chance seconds later, but it went into the side netting. We then had a period of creating several chances, but the ball just wouldn'tgo in. They then had what was an increasingly rare attack, but the big attacker managed to get his cross in and no one picked up their sub' as he stole in at the back post 4-2. Buoyed by that goal they came through again, one-on-one with Joby, but he made an excellent save. We then got the ball, strung a few good passes together whilst working our way forward, and ended up getting the ball into the net thanks to a good high shot from Ethan 4-3. Ethan and Jim then collided whilst coming together to celebrate, both ending in a heap on the floor to much merriment from the sidelines! The ref blew to kick off and Max was straight in to win the ball before they could kick it (which technically is disallowed, but the ref let it go!) He ran through their entire team and slid the ball past the 'keeper to bring the game level 4-4. Not long after the next restart, Joe ran down the line, crossed in towards Ethan and he made no mistake with the shot to give us the lead for the first and decisive time in the game 4-5.

## FULL-TIME:ASHTON 4 FRYS 5

[^0]Jamie
Mark Oscar
Jordan Josh Spike

## Dan

Rolling Subs: Tom, Callum \& Sam K
In the first few minutes they attacked down their right and Oscarwas there with a great clearance, straight at his Dad!!! Ashton won the ball in the middle and shot powerfully from long range, but Jamie was equal to it. Mark was then alert to the danger as they attacked through the middle. He won the ball and then played it forward to Jordan, but he was crowded out. This game was a lot quieter compared to the first with the ball seeming won and lost continuously in the middle of the pitch. Sam K and Dan ran well together with Dan getting the final touch, the shot going just wide. Tom was tripped on the halfway, which Callum took. It came back to Callum and he went across the field to Jordan who ran forward with it. He found Sam K and his ball inside came to Dan, and he took a long shot, but it went wide. Sam K took a great long shot, but the 'keeper parried it away. Sam K ran forward and hit a powerful shot which the 'keeper managed to grasp at the second attempt, keeping it just out of reach of Dan as he powered in.

Dan then returned the favour to Sam K, but his well struck shot went over the bar. The ball came into our half and an Ashton player was tripped just outside the box. He hit the shot hard, but Tom got his foot to it and found Sam K who chased hard and put a great ball through for Dan, but it was justtoo far in front of him. As Sam played it forward however he was fouled so we had the free kick instead. Callum found Tom and he crossed, but a defender was able to clear. Sam K played a great one-two with Oscar before crossing dangerously, but they managed to clear it. Callum got it back in to Jordan, but again they cleared.

## HALF-TIME : ASHTON 0 FRYS 0

Tom played it through to Sam K, but again his shot went just wide. Frys started to pick up the pace with some fine passing, Sam K playing a good ball in, but their 'keeper got to it. A big clearance ended with a strong shot, but Jamie made a good save. Tom found Sam K again, but he was crowded out by four defenders. They attacked but the Match reporter decided to go coo coo at her Grandson and missed the action. There were shouts of well-done Callum, so please fill in the blanks for yourselves!

Tom had two successive corners, the second ending with a melee on the line, which Spike finished. That's two in two weeks from sixinches for Spike! 0-1. Josh threw to Sam K who went on a run, but his shot was blocked for a corner. Tom hit it in and Sam $\mathbf{K}$ ran from the edge of the box, in towards the front post and caught the ball with a brilliant glancing header which flew into the far corner of the net 0-2. Josh then won the ball and played it to Sam K. He ran past defenders down the right and beat the 'keeper with a high shot into the far corner 0-3. Spike got the ball to Callum and he played it into the path of Josh, but his shot flew across the face of the goal. First Josh then Callum had shots and the ball was everywhere except in the net!

Man of the Match - Chosen by Andy for a good game \& great all round play- Dan

## OVERALL RESULT : ASHTON 4 FRYS 8

## Afterthoughts

What impressed me the most about the first game was the way the boys never gave up despite going 20, 3-1 and 4-2 down, and they were justly rewarded with their eventual win. They say that one player doesn't make a team, but at this level it can. Once we had got to grips with their big attacker, the face of the game changed and we took a firm grip. They still managed to score two more, but by that time, we were dominating and goals did come. As for the second game, we dominated from start to finish, but their 'keeper had an outstanding game.
Results Sunday $\mathbf{2 6}^{\text {th }}$ March

| Saltford Stars | 2 | vard | Brislington |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Ashton Boys | 4 | v | 8 | Fry Club Colts |
| Fishponds OB Youth | 8 | v | 3 | FDS Bristol |
| Mangotsfield | 1 | V | 4 | St Nicks 'B' |
| Henbury OB Colts | 11 | v | 1 | Downend Wanderers |
| Deerswood | 5 | v | 5 | Pucklechurch |


| Team | PId | $\mathbf{W}$ | $\mathbf{D}$ | $\mathbf{L}$ | F | A | $\mathbf{+ / -}$ | Pts |
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| St Vallier | 21 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 178 | 54 | 124 | 50 |
| Henbury OB Colts | 18 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 153 | 45 | 108 | 50 |
| OIdland Abbots | 18 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 125 | 32 | 93 | 49 |
| Brislington | 17 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 165 | 30 | 135 | 48 |
| St Nicks 'B' | 19 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 76 | 40 | 36 | 41 |
| Fry Club Colts | 20 | 13 | 1 | 6 | 105 | 69 | 36 | 40 |
| Imperial Saints | 15 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 101 | 29 | 72 | 39 |
| Fishponds OB Youth | 17 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 117 | 75 | 42 | 34 |
| Lawrence Weston | 19 | 11 | 0 | 8 | 105 | 85 | 20 | 33 |
| Mangotsfield | 21 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 86 | 82 | 4 | 31 |
| DRG Stapleton | 17 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 85 | 79 | 6 | 25 |
| Cadbury Heath | 18 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 94 | 74 | 20 | 24 |
| Saltford Stars | 19 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 103 | 103 | 0 | 24 |
| Deerswood | 17 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 67 | 84 | -17 | 23 |
| Fry Club Juniors | 15 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 51 | 72 | -21 | 20 |
| Nicholas Wanderers | 20 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 69 | 91 | -22 | 20 |
| Bradley Stoke Youth | 19 | 6 | 0 | 13 | 60 | 85 | -25 | 18 |
| Pucklechurch | 19 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 59 | 101 | -42 | 12 |
| FDS Bristol | 19 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 64 | 113 | -49 | 8 |
| Downend Saints | 15 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 40 | 117 | -77 | 7 |
| Downend | 18 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 36 | 127 | -91 | 7 |
| Wanderers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ashton Boys | 20 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 60 | 155 | -95 | 7 |
| Broadwalk | 17 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 13 | 270 | -257 | 0 |

Just two more league games to go now, first Imperial next Sunday and then finally Fishponds. For those on tour we have two games. Tuesday $4^{\text {th }}$ against Weymouth Youth and Thursday $6^{\text {th }}$ against Lytchett Red Triangle. Training is at Wellsway one more time on Friday $31^{\text {st }}$, then we have two weeks off for Easter and then back for two more weeks on the $21^{\text {st }}$ and the $28^{\text {th }}$ which will be the Penalty Competition \& Skills Award. There is some doubt however about training back on the grass, so it may be combined into one
final training session where we do both, but I will keep you all posted. Andy


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