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U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11 MANGOTSFIELD – 10/05/08 U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11

Orange Team – Archie, Callum, Joel, Aaron (Captain), Sam Black, Sam, Max & Josh

We arrived and the first thing we noticed was that Warmley were in our group. Apart from that though, I felt that every other team here were beatable, but could we do our part? We started off with a tough game against Bristol Utd 'A', and an early goal from **Max** gave us the **1-0** win. Next up were Warmley Rangers, just getting into their stride and two quick-fire goals sunk us **0-2**. Ashton Boys 'B' had been the whipping boys so far and we recorded the biggest group win of the day, **3-0** thanks to **Max**, **Sam K & Aaron**. Results had gone our way, so we just had to avoid defeat to go through. **0-0** against Mangotsfield Utd 'A' saw us through as runners-up in the group. We faced the winners of the other group in the semi-final, which was Bristol Utd 'B', and a free kick floated through a crowded box meant that the 'keeper didn't see it and **Sam K** had put us into the final **1-0**, to play Warmley. 14 minutes of final couldn't find a goal **0-0** against the team that had won the 'A' Division and the Cup this season, and you could see frustration on the faces of their players who obviously thought that all they had to do was turn up to win. It went to penalties. They scored, Sam B missed, they missed, Aaron scored, they missed, so Joel had to score to win. Unfortunately it was saved, so into sudden death. They scored, Josh scored, they scored, Callum scored, they missed, so Sam K had a chance to win, but he hit it over the bar. They scored, Max scored, then they scored and it was down to Archie in goal. Unfortunately his kick was saved and it was all over, **4-5** on Penalties. **2008 Runners-Up**

Men of the Tournament – Chosen by the parent's for a great display – **The Whole Team**

U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11 FC CHIPPENHAM YOUTH – 18/05/08 U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11

Orange Team – Aaron, Callum, Jack, Josh (Captain), Sam, Tom & Joe

We hadn't been here since we were under 9's where we had made the quarter finals and lost in a close game to White Horse 'A' who had gone on to win it. It was a lot different this time, 38 teams included two from Warmley, as well as Henbury & Longwell Green. There were eight groups, with the top two going through to a last 16, and then onwards. Our first game was Swindon Soccer Skills 'B'. They passed very well and kept possession, but I felt that we carried the greater goal threat. In the end **0-0** was a fair result. Next up was Biddestone, where my nephew Luke, who had played for us, went to. He wasn't there today, but we prevailed **1-0** thanks to a free kick from **Sam**

through the crowd. Game three was Hampton Park 'A' and one we knew we should win. **Sam & Joe** gave us the comfortable cushion, although we let them back into it near the end to make it a bit nervy **2-1**. Our last game was Bishop's Cannings 'B'. They had played all day with only five players and had been heavily beaten. They had also lost another player to injury in the previous game and lined up with four. Their manager was ready to fold, but Josh offered to play for them, and regardless of the score, we accepted a 1-0 win which he was happy with. It was a fun game with Josh really getting into the spirit of the game, diving, feigning injury, asking for penalties, etc, all of which the ref knew was fun, and **Joe & Aaron** sealed the result **2-0**, and with it group winners. Into the last 16 and it got serious. We faced Henbury 'B' in a tough game that after full-time went four more minutes of golden goal, and with just 10 seconds remaining, **Tom** got the winner to avoid penalties **1-0**. In the Quarter Final we faced CWRT Rawlin, last year's winners. I actually feel this game wasn't as hard as Henbury's and a goal from **Tom** put us into the last four **1-0**. The last four were us, Warmley 'A', Warmley 'B' & Laverstock, a team from Salisbury who had beaten Warmley 'A' in their group. All three other teams were made up exclusively of Jamie Shore players, ex-City & Rovers Academy players, current City & Rovers trialists, and for three of the Laverstock team, Chelsea trialists! That was the company that we were deservedly keeping. We faced Warmley 'A' in the Semi-Final, and after last week at Mangotsfield, we knew that they would have preferred Warmley 'B'! It was a close game, but they had more pressure (although we had the best chance) and with just 90 seconds to go, they hit a shot, which deflected off our tackling defender, up over Aaron and we were out **0-1**. Laverstock again made Warmley look ordinary and won the final.

Man of the Tournament – Chosen by the parent's for a great display – **Jack**

U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11 ST NICKS – 31/05/08 U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11

Orange Team – Joby, Aaron, Tom, Sam, Jack Dancey & Joe (Captain)

This tournament was always going to be a tough proposition. Two groups of seven, with just two teams going through from each group. Yate had two teams here, one in each group, as well as both St Nick's teams and a few we didn't know. We were also restricted by the Fuel dispute, with Jason Skinner returning from holiday in Newquay to play, but getting caught in the lorry protest, and in the end not making it, so six players had a long day ahead. We started off so very well, passing the ball around and playing such good football that St Nick's 'A' didn't have a shot, and **Joe** got the winner **1-0**. We then outplayed Cadbury Heath but couldn't get a goal **0-0**. Then came the game that ultimately decided our day. We out-passed Slimbridge Crusaders, but they did look dangerous on the break. Aaron under-hit a back pass, Joby parried the shot, Aaron got

back to deflect the shot towards Joby, but it came too quick and hit his gloves and went in. Try as we might, we were unable to get a goal **0-1**. Next were Charlton Rovers and we had to win to stay in contention. It was a slow game as both teams tired, but in ten minutes, they must have had less than 30 seconds of controlled possession as we passed and retain the ball brilliantly, and a burst from the back by **Tom** saw the winner **1-0**. Next up was the hardest game against Yate 'A'. Runners-up in the 'A' division, they were our toughest game and looked dangerous early on, however the longer the game progressed, the better we looked and for the last four minutes we laid siege to their goal, but were again unable to find the breakthrough **0-0**. Other results went our way which meant that we had to win our last game, but if we did, we would be through. Again we laid siege to the goal, this time of St Nick's 'B', but the chances came and went, and as the full time whistle went, two of our players just led down, totally drained **0-0**. Yate had 14 points, Charlton & Slimbridge 13 each and us 12. Had we drawn with Slimbridge, they would have had 11, we 13 and we would have been through as runners-up with a superior goal-difference. Having no subs did not help, but ultimately it was our failure to score, with two goals in six games, that's 60 minutes, being the reason we didn't go further. All that despite playing what I would consider the very best passing football that I have ever seen from this team. As Sam Sutton commented afterwards, if we played like that in 11-a-side it would be perfect football. Yate 'A' beat Yate 'B' in the final.

Man of the Tournament – Chosen by the parent's for a great display – Jack Dancey

**U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11
AFC CORSHAM – 08/06/08
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Orange Team – Joby, Aaron, Joel, Tom, Sam, Chilly & Max (Captain)

This was our first tournament last year, and we came here confident of going through with four out of six to progress, only to see our aims evaporate in the sun. This was the same again, and we were determined to get a bit further if we could! First up were Melksham Park Foxes. It was a typically cautious first game and it ended **0-0**, although we were encouraged by our play. Next were White Horse Juniors and we settled very quickly with **Joel, Max, Chilly & Tom** getting on the scoresheet **4-0**. Our third game was Trowbridge Town 'A', a team who had beaten us regularly in the past and looked strong. They had better possession, but could not get past us **0-0**. Bath City Youth was another hard game which I felt we shaded, but **0-0** was fair. We knew we were through, it was just a matter of where, which would affect our last 16 opposition, and against Lydiard Youth 'B' **Tom & Aaron** got the goals that saw us through as runners-up in the group **2-1**. Our first knockout game was against Larkhall Falcons who quickly took the lead. We then saw the controversial moment of the tournament as Tom fell in the penalty area and nobody on the side could believe it when the referee awarded us a penalty, although both the Johnson's and the Harvey's were behind the goal and said that from their angle it was a stonewall penalty. **Tom** subsequently slotted it home, and then added insult to injury a minute later by scoring again to put us through **2-1**. The quarter-final was Team Bath Arsenal Colts Highbury, and a well taken goal by **Sam** put us into the semi-final **1-0**. Here we faced Laverstock, the team that had won Chippenham by beating Warmley, and it was the end of the road as a deflected shot beat Joby at his near post. We had a chance to equalise but a shot was stopped by Tom who then tried to turn and shoot, which was saved, however had he let it go, there was a chance it could have gone in **0-1**. Team Bath Arsenal Colts Emirates, who had beaten Warmley in the other semi-final beat Laverstock on penalties in the final after it ended 1-1.

Man of the Tournament – Chosen by the parent's for a great display – The Whole Team

**U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11
INGLESIDE – 14/06/08
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Orange Team – Joel, Jack, Callum (Captain), Max, Tom, Josh & Joe

Andy was away on holiday, so Mark took charge for this one. Our Wanderers were here, and although they didn't go through, they held their heads high with two wins, two draws and two defeats. Our first game was against Nicholas Wanderers 'B' and **Tom** with two and **Joe** saw us off with a confident start **3-0**. Henbury Colts 'A', who have a very good tradition at tournaments were next and **Max** got the goal to see us level **1-1**. We then played Fishponds and **Joe** got a brace **2-0**. Next up was the blip, with AEK Boco 'A' comprehensively beating us **0-3**. We got back on track against Ingleside 'B' with **Tom** getting two, as well as **Joe, Jack & Max 5-0**. We then finished on a high against Keynsham 'BB' with **Max** getting two, **Tom** getting two, and **Joe** finishing it off, another **5-0**. Through to the quarter-final against Avonmouth where it came to an end. **Tom** got the goal that took us to penalties **1-1**, but Joe, Tom & Callum were unable to see us through as Avonmouth got their revenge after we had won this last year against them. Henbury Colts 'A' beat FC Highnam in the final, and we were the only team that they did not beat on the day!

Man of the Tournament – Chosen by the parent's for a great display – The Whole Team

**U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11
WARMLEY RANGERS – 28/06/08
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Orange Team – Joby, Aaron (Captain), Jack Dancey, Tom, Max, Sam & Jason Skinner

Always one of the hardest tournaments around, but we have done well here in the past. Tom was late arriving so missed Warmley 'B' where **Aaron** gave us the lead but they equalised with about 10 seconds to go **1-1**. Next we faced Bitton 'B', nothing like a tough start to your day. We took the lead through **Max**, but they shot from the restart and it went in the perfect top right corner, however we were clearly better and **Tom** made sure of the win **2-1**. Next up were Southmead who had been demolished in every game and we were confident of doing the same, however it needed a flash of inspiration from **Aaron** with 30 seconds to go to get us there. That's not to say we played badly, we were excellent, it just hit the post, crossbar, defenders and the 'keeper for 9½ minutes **1-0**. Finally Bristol Utd, and avoiding defeat would see us through which we did **0-0**. Into the semi-final, and one of the best teams around, Bitton 'A'. We played a total of 16 minutes including extra-time with no goals to show for it, so it went to penalties **0-0**. Jack was saved, they scored, Jason was saved, Joby saved, Sam was saved, Joby saved, Aaron scored, they scored, Tom scored, they blazed over, so into sudden-death. Max was saved, and their 'keeper scored to put them through **2-3**. Bitton 'A' easily won their semi-final which I feel sure we would have done and faced Warmley 'A' in the final, but it was Warmley 'A' who went on the win.

Man of the Tournament – Chosen by Andy after the parent's wussed out – The Whole Team

**U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11
BRIDGWATER WOLVES – 29/06/08
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Orange Team – Joel, Callum, Jack, Josh, Chilly (Captain), Tom & Joe

A nice early morning drive down to Bridgwater to find just six players. Tom arriving late and missing the first game for the second day in a row. Must get them an alarm clock! We had a tough game against Bridgwater Wolves 'B' **0-0**. Next were S & W Royals and a game that we should have easily won, but went down early and **Joe** rescued us near the end **1-1**. Our third game was Wembdon Dragons and although **Tom** got the important goal, the score did not reflect, not just the dominance, but the sublime pass and move football that we as a whole team played, it really was brilliant to watch **1-0**. We then faced a very hard game against Team Bath Arsenal Colts Emirates, the team who had beaten first Warmley, then Laverstock to win at Corsham. They took the lead, so we went one at the back, two up front in an effort to get it back and they caught us again near the end, although only one other team got away with just two against them. One team let in seven, and they won the final **3-0**, but for the game it was **0-2**. We had to win by three against Westzoyland Zebras 'B', and then hope that S&W drew with Bridgwater. We pushed and got caught, going down **0-1**, only for the required draw to happen! There was only ever going to be one winner on the day and that was Team Bath Arsenal Colts Emirates. On a happier note our U7's with Mitchell came Runners-Up against Aller Park 1-2.

Man of the Tournament – Chosen by the parent's for a great display – Joel

**U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11
YATE UTD – 06/07/08
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Orange Team – Joby, Joel (Captain), Aaron, Sam Black, Brandon, Sam & Max

Yate, the scene of our very first tournament, where in 10 games, two teams had managed a total of just one goal (Tom). But we were Under 6's then, and it was our very first experience of competitive football. This was five years later, and we had changed immeasurably. The first game was Cadbury Heath 'A'. I started **Brandon** as sub, as he didn't know the boys, and his dad confided in me that he would be a bit nervous. Well it didn't show as he swivelled from eight yards and buried it into the far corner **1-0**. Next up was Henbury Colts 'A', a team that we know from past experience to be an excellent tournament team. It was a tough game, but Sam K drove a low cross in from the right, and **Sam B** nipped in to lift the ball over the 'keeper and in **1-0**. Our third game was Almondsbury, and the easiest in terms of possession, and **Brandon** quickly settled nerves after the 'keeper had taken a goal kick from wide of his goal, he controlled it and returned it first time into the far corner of the empty net. We passed it around and looked good, but with ten seconds left, fell asleep as a team and let their attacker through **1-1**. Yate from the 'A' division had two teams here, and Yate from the 'E' division had two teams here, but instead of splitting them, they had put both of the good ones in our group (possibly hoping that they would be top two and so meet in the final!) This was a hard game against Yate Utd 'A', and a ball into the box caused a melee, which **Max** pounced on to get it in. They hit the post and the bar in the 2nd half, but we held on, and two of their players fell to the floor at the final whistle. We thought it odd, but it turned out to be the important point **1-0!** Next up were Swiss Valley Rangers, from north-west Somerset. They were big players and we never really got hold of the game **0-1**. Last game was Yate Utd 'B' who were top of the group. They got a late winner **0-1**, but we had already realised how important the other Yate win had been, as we went through runners-up in the group, clear by just one point! We faced the other group winners, which were Keynsham Town, and we had Sam B, one of their players. It was a close game but near the end Brandon put both Max & Sam K through. Sam chipped it up past the

'keeper, he got a touch to hit it upwards, but **Max** had followed and knocked it into the empty net **1-0** and into the final. Yate Utd 'B' again, and the worst possible start, as they kicked off, went down the right, crossed it in and scored. After that the game was even, but they had the goal, and they did enough to hold onto it **0-1**. **2008 Runners-Up**.

Man of the Tournament – Chosen by the parent's for a great display – The Whole Team

**U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11
ASHTON BOYS – 13/07/08
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Orange Team – Archie, Jack, Aaron, Callum, Joel, Dan, Sam, Josh (Captain), Max, Tom & Joe

Our first 11-a-side tournament and two groups of four, with just the winners going on. The Juniors were in the other group. Archie stepped in to cover for Joby, but none of the other players that I asked were available, so we had the bare 11. We faced Ashton Boys 'A' of the C division first, and with Jack late, we started with ten, although having won with ten this season, we weren't duly phased and **Tom & Joe** scored, before Aaron took a goalkick wide left, Max kept it in and passed down the line, Joe chased and passed inside where **Tom** took it into the box and past the 'keeper, a great flowing move to top off a good opening performance **3-0**. Next were Shire Colts, also of the C division and again **Tom** got two, along with **Max & Sam**, although we missed many more chances, which we would eventually rue **4-0**. Our final game was Bristol City Supporters from the A division. They took the lead twice and we pegged them back both times through **Tom** to draw **2-2**. Both teams ended on seven points with us on +7 goal-difference and City on +8. In the final St Aldhelms scored in the first 30 seconds and then held on for the next 19 minutes to win.

Man of the Tournament – Chosen by Andy for a great display – Max Stevens

**U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11
BITTON BOYS – 20/07/08
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Black Team – Joby, Jack (Captain), Josh, Dan, Tom, Joe & Kieron

Red Team – Archie, Joel, Aaron (Captain), Max, Sam, Sam B & Brandon

As soon as we saw the fixtures we knew that we were in for a tough game. The Black team started against Bitton 'B', and a goal in the last ten seconds saw them lose **0-1**. Then they faced Stoke Lane and again lost **0-1**. We finally got goals in our third game against Coalpit Heath with **Joe** getting both, including one straight from a corner **2-0**. Next up were Rovers Academy under the name Bristol Tigers, and we lost **0-3**. Already out, Mark juggled the team around against Larkhall Red and goals from **Dan & Tom** sealed a very one sided game. As for the Red teams, they started well, beating Bitton 'A' **1-0** thanks to **Sam Black**, then going **0-0** against Warmley Rangers. Next up were Ingleside, and a goal each for **Joel & Brandon** saw us comfortable winners **2-0**. Then came the other Rovers Academy team in the guise of Bristol Panthers, and although we worked hard and created a few chances, we still lost **0-2**. We then needed Panthers to beat Warmley and us to win to go through, but Warmley drew and we were out. Finally we faced Larkhall Black, knowing that we were already out. I juggled this team as well, and like the Black team it was one sided, **Aaron** getting the decisive goal **1-0**. Bristol Panthers beat Warmley 2-0 in the final to win it.

Men of the Tournament – Chosen by the parent's for a great display – **Joe & Brandon**

**U11TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENTU11
FRY CLUB JFC – 31/08/08
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Orange Team – Joby, Dan, Aaron, Joel, Matt Long, Josh (Captain), Sam, Chilly, Max, Joe, Charlie, Tom & Jason

Officially this was an U12 pre-season tournament, however as it was part of the summer, I have included it in the U11 Report. Due to teams dropping out, fixtures were rearranged and we started with Bishport Utd. Notorious slow starters, we were under the cosh for most of the 15 minute game, although came strong at the end, but it was too late **0-0**. Next up were Cadbury Heath 'A' and a great strike from **Jason** was cancelled by a break away from them, however **Tom** clinically finished with minutes to go to take the points **2-1**. Next were Sully from near Cardiff. I felt that we were the better team, but again were unable to turn dominance into goals, something that has become a feature this summer **0-0**. The fourth game was Warmley Rangers, a mistake and a break left us fighting a losing battle with one more goal to follow **0-3**. Our final game was Broadwalk and we had to win to have a chance. After missing about ten chances in the first five minutes, they broke away and scored. But a brilliant individual effort from **Aaron** pulled us back into it near the end, and then a flick from **Charlie** sealed it at the death, although we were lucky to hear the final whistle with two defenders facing six attackers! **2-1**. In the end we needed to have won by eight goals to have gone through, or get just one against Bishport at the start! Warmley beat Newport Corinthians with a last minute penalty in the final 1-0.

Man of the Tournament – Chosen by Andy for a great display – **Max Stevens**

Afterthoughts.....

I set this team the challenge of getting out of the group stages at every tournament in the summer.....

Not a bad series of results however, losing one final to the best team in Bristol, going by the results of the 'A' division last year, and losing the other to the second best team in Bristol! It was also nice to hear the reactions at Warmley where both Bitton & Warmley parents approached us after we went out to say what a credit we were as a team, and in Warmley's case, to admit that they now look at the fixtures at tournaments and hope that we are not one of their opposition! I would say that this equals last summer in terms of success, but we were a lot closer in the group stages that we failed to progress from, compared to last year.

I did look at last summer's report, and we beat both Warmley & Bitton at penalties in key stages of tournaments. This season it was Warmley & Bitton who beat us at penalties. Karma? Universal Justice? I don't think so. The fact that it was the same teams just shows that we are getting to the business end of tournaments more regularly now,

and so will inevitably come across the same stronger teams, and penalties is something that we will practice ahead of next summer!

Our final tournament was disappointing in terms of progression, however it was the first chance to get all 12 who were signed at the time together, and playing against varied opposition, which a week before the start of the season was more important to me

U11's – Appearances and Goals

P = Played in the Tournament

M = Man of the Tournament

G = Goals scored

	P	M	G
Aaron Sutton	9	4	7
Archie Lowther	3	1	
Brandon Thomas	2	2	3
Callum Payne	5	2	
Charlie Scadding	1		1
Daniel Churches	3		1
Ethan Chilcott	3	1	1
Kieron Delaney	1		
Jack Dancey	2	2	
Jack Yeoman	5	2	1
Jason Skinner	2	1	1
Joe Bray	7	3	
Joe Carreyett	7	2	12
Joel Harvey	8	5	2
Josh Batt	6	2	
Matt Long	1		
Max Stevens	8	7	11
Sam Black	3	2	2
Sam Kipling	9	4	6
Tom Johnson	9	3	24

U11's Fixtures and Results

May	10	O	Mangotsfield	Runners-Up
	18	O	FC Chippenham	Semi-Final
	31	O	St Nicks	Group Stage
Jun	8	O	Corsham	Semi-Final
	14	O	Ingleside	Quarter-Final
	28	O	Warmley	Quarter-Final
	29	O	Bridgwater	Group Stage
Jul	6	O	Yate Utd	Runners-Up
	13	O	Ashton Boys	Group Stage
	20	Y	Bitton Boys	Group Stage
	20	G	Bitton Boys	Group Stage
Aug	31	O	Fry Club Juniors	Group Stage

Well done to everyone who participated, I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did, and I'll see you next Summer!