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Ideologies separate us, dreams bring us together

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## U12 MATCH REPORT U12 MATCH REPORT BRISLINGTON JUNIORS V FRY CLUB COLTS U12 MATCH REPORT U12 MATCH REPORT

Charlie had gone, and during the week Max had injured his foot and Josh had chest problems with the weather. Spike, after a brief sabbatical to Whitchurch had returned, so we faced Brislington with just 10 players. Max and his family came along to show support, as did Steve Batt.

The line up was:

Joby Dan Spike Aaron Joel Chilly Tom Sam Joe Jay

#### Substitute:

From a throw Tom turned and shot which their 'keeper parried but it was cleared long and they were through. Joby stormed out and forced them to shoot early and wide. Another ball played over the top was chased by their fast striker, and so Aaron chased and Joby flew out, all together in a challenge, but after the ball spun loose, it was their striker who managed to get to the ball first and he had an open net 0-1. We committed a few players into challenging in the middle, but the ball was hit long and again their fast striker was away and we simply couldn't catch him. Joby again came out to narrow the angle but they shot early giving him no chance 0-2. Sam went in strong through three challenges and the fourth won a corner on the right. Joe swung it in under the crossbar and Tom went flying in, which was enough to put off their 'keeper and he fumbled it into the net 2-1. Chilly played the ball out of defence to Jay and he laid it off to Tom before going for the return, but the 'keeper got there just ahead of him. Joe threw long, Sam flicked it on and Tom took it past the last defender wide but their 'keeper came out and made a strong block as tom shot at him.

## HALF-TIME : BRISLINGTON 2 FRYS 1

They were on the attack and we brought them down 25 yards out. Their player hit it sweetly and it was inch perfect, striking the underside of the crossbar as it went in, giving Joby, nor indeed any other player on the line a chance 3-1. Jay won the ball and played Sam down the line where he worked hard and forced a corner. Joe swung one over to the back post to where Sam charged in and got just not enough touch on the ball and it went wide, however his jump took him into the post and he went down, luckily not too badly and he was soon up again. They attacked down their left wing and crossed low and hard. Joby dived forwards and made the stop, but he was unable to hold onto it and it came to a Brislington player five yards out **4-1**. They attacked down the right, and by this stage our ten players were getting very tired, compared to Brislington who had been able to give their fast striker a rest, and so he came back on fresher and faster. We made four challenges on the attacker, but we were looking tired and the tackles were the same and he was able to fight through them all and shoot for the far corner 5-1. Not willing to give up however our players kept attacking and some lovely play between Joe and Tom saw the ball fed back to Aaron to shoot, but it went wide. They went down the line again and a high ball in was met by a powerful header. Joby got his hand to it, but it had too much power and he couldn't stop it 6-1. We attacked again, but when it broke down, the six who had gone forward just had no energy left and the back three plus Joby faced a pacy attack and had no real chance 7-1.

#### FULL-TIME : BRISLINGTON 7 FRYS 1

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy & Dave for excellent play and effort. No team awards so it went to the following individuals – Joby, Dan, Spike, Aaron, Joel, Chilly, Tom, Sam, Joe & Jay

# Afterthoughts.....

Although we had won with ten players before, this was always going to be hard and so it ended up. I cannot fault the boys for their passion, effort or commitment, and despite the scoreline, I feel that had we had Josh & Max, we could have won, as players could have rested and not been as tired as they became. It was only 2-1 at halftime, we just ran out of energy. Well done to all.