

FRY CLUB COLTS

U15 TOUR REPORT 2012

Number 7

It is better to suffer wrong than to do it,
And happier to be sometimes cheated than not to trust.

Friday 6th – Monday 9th April 2012

We had first discussed this at the end of our first Tour as U7's in Easter 2004. Dave Kipling had drunkenly promised to make that a reality, and then remembered his promise and started to get sponsorship, eventually raising £5,000.00. We had lost £1,000.00 on the aborted attempt as U14's, so football cards were sold and each player had to make up their share of the lost deposit, however we were (in my view) an even stronger squad now, and pretty much everyone could go, well almost. Unfortunately Josh had not been able to get his passport approved in time, and as it turned out, was very ill that weekend anyway, so we went one player short. We did however take Callum, as one stipulation when he joined Rovers was that he would be released for the Tour, and Sam Black, who had joined us on past Tours and on regular Summer Tournament entries over the years also came along.

Tour Squad: Harry (Halligan), Bryn (Baaaa...), Joel (Basin), Sam B (Tank Ass), Ben (Mr Chow), Aaron (Aaronator), Reece (Reecie P), Sam K (4 Head), Max (Shrimp), Noah (Yakubu), George (Cube), Del (Pitman), Tom (Nipples), Callum (Chubs) & Lore (Monkey).

Tour Groupies: Andy (Tubbs), Mitchell (Moo Man), Tony W (Crockett), Brian, Val, Mike, Tony S (Buddha), Sam S, Ray, Jackie, Jon (Money Man), Michelle, Dave (Kung Fu Panda), Geraint (Grenade), Rich (Tripod), Charlie S (Animal), Lucia, Brad, Lisa (The Milf), Julie & Rob (Lino).

We departed Frys on a chilly Good Friday morning at 7:30am after Andy's obligatory photo call (taken by our very nice driver Roger), and were off. After a brief pit stop at Reading services, we found ourselves in no time at Folkstone waiting to board the Channel Tunnel train. Unfortunately, after making up an hour due to clear roads to get there, a freight train had broken down and was slowly coming out, putting us back two hours. This did give Geraint time however to organise a quick session of real-life FIFA Street in the waiting zone as five of our players took on a similar number of Fairford Youth u16's, with goals from George and Callum securing a winning start to our Tour 2-0, before security broke up the game! We were off soon after and into France and Calais, where a quick drinks break saw us pick up the odd beverage! We travelled up through France past Dunkirk and Bruges, into

Belgium and through Ghent and Antwerp, before finally getting into Holland, passing through the gap between Eindhoven and Nijmegen, arriving at the Het Heijderbos Centerparc at about 10:30pm. Everyone dispersed quickly to their chalet's and lodges, as we had an early start on Saturday. It hammered with rain all of the way to the pitches, based at Beugen, which as it turned out was the home ground of Vios'38...

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The rain had stopped and the sun was offering a weak heat, ideal playing conditions. We forced a corner early and it was met by Bryn at the back post who sent it back across for **Lore** who swung it in, over the 'keeper and in at the back post **0-1**. **Sam K** swung a corner in, and everyone ran in on the 'keeper, and in the confusion every player missed the ball, and it went in to the back post **0-2**. We kept possession and kept up the pressure with Max winning the ball, finding Del, who exchanged passes with Lore and was sent down the wing and crossed, and **Callum** headed it in **0-3**.

HALF-TIME: VIOS 0 FRY 3

We had a free kick on the edge of the area, and George went to smash it with a long run, but disguised the ball to Tom, who lifted it past the 'keeper, and **Del** beat the defenders to the loose ball and blasted it into the roof of the net **0-4**. Sam K then curled a corner in, Tom flicked on to **Max** facing the wrong way, but he swivelled and shot into the bottom corner **0-5**.

FULL-TIME: VIOS 0 FRY 5

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Max**

Afterthoughts.....

This was the best possible start to the group and the Tour. This was being played at Vios '38's home ground (which was lovely by the way) and they were spirited, but not the strongest team, and in truth it could have been double. We kept possession as Tony and I had asked, and moved it quickly, looking

for gaps to exploit, which we then did. The next game will probably not be as easy, but we did what we needed to do.

**EASTER INTERNATIONAL MATCH REPORT
FRY CLUB COLTS V vv SLIEDRECHT
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A drop kick from their 'keeper was headed right for Ben to chase, past the defender and he found Noah, who sent it further wide for Callum, who crossed it across the face of the goal, and **Lore** met it at the back post to slam it in **1-0**.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 1 SLIEDRECHT 0

Lore was set away down the line, and was tackled as he went to shoot but managed to flick it over the 'keeper, to where a defender cleared towards Max battling for the ball, but in that time the ref had blown for a penalty for the original challenge on Lore. **Tom** stood forward to take it and calmly slotted it into the bottom right **2-0**.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 2 SLIEDRECHT 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Lorenzo**

Afterthoughts.....

Firstly the bad points. The standard of refereeing in that game was definitely down, and it appears that Dutch football view sliding tackles for youth football as dangerous play, as that is the only reason for so many free-kicks, and also Max's sin bin! Also, I was not happy with the linesman and his decisions, but poor assistance from people who clearly do not know the laws of the game happen in our country as well, so I suppose we should have expected it. As to the game itself, it was still comfortable, although Harry finally had a save to make, and until the penalty near the end, there is always the danger of an equaliser. Well done however on another win with a clean sheet, into the group decider we go.

**EASTER INTERNATIONAL MATCH REPORT
FRY CLUB COLTS V IF KVISTGARD
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Callum took a massive throw over their heads for **Lore**, who was already on his way, knowing where it was going, and as the 'keeper charged out, he just lifted it over him into the corner of the net **1-0**.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 1 KVISTGARD 0

The second half was much more a war of attrition as both defences held fairly strong. We were sorely













tested for three minutes as Ben was yellow carded and had to spend it off the pitch, and Kvistgard mounted the pressure, but in fairness Harry was never tried, and George had a shot from distance which went not far wide.





FULL-TIME: FRYS 1 KVISTGARD 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Bryn**

Afterthoughts.....

Kvistgard were by far the toughest opposition we have played. They were tall, strong, fast and physical, and the first ten minutes was very much coming to terms with this threat. After that it settled down a bit and the goal relaxed us a lot more. As the game went on they started sending long balls, but we coped easily with that and it actually made our task easier. Ben's sin bin caused concern, but in retrospect, they never had a shot in that period. Three games played today, eight scored, none conceded, three wins and group winners. Into day two, this promises to be a lot harder.

9:45		Vios'38	0 - 5	Fry Club Colts	
9:45		IF Kvistgard	1 - 0	vv Sliedrecht	
11:15		Vios'38	0 - 2	IF Kvistgard	
11:15		Fry Club Colts	2 - 0	vv Sliedrecht	
12:15		vv Sliedrecht	5 - 0	Vios'38	
12:15		Fry Club Colts	1 - 0	IF Kvistgard	

		Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
1		Fry Club Colts	3	3	0	0	8	0	7	9
2		IF Kvistgard	3	2	0	1	3	1	2	6
3		vv Sliedrecht	3	1	0	2	5	3	2	3
4		Vios'38	3	0	0	3	0	12	-12	0

We were through as group winners, and so headed back to the Park for the afternoon, with every player and most of the parent's choosing to partake of some fun in the dome and its swimming pool. At one point all 15 players went down the "Wild River Rapids" together, and quite a few of the parents followed on. Into the evening, and most had meals somewhere in the restaurant area of the dome, before meeting in the bar for a great night's drinking and fun whilst the players entertained themselves on-site.....

As we had won our group, Day 2 gave us an afternoon start, so the parents (and players) were able to clear their fuzzy heads. We arrived and registered, however before the game Andy was called into the registration point. We had six players born in 1996, in our country not a problem, however in Europe and in this tournament it was as we should only have had three! In the UK, registration is 1st September to 31st August, whereas in Europe, it is generally 1st January to 31st December, which meant at the age group we were

entered, our six players born 1st September to 31st December were U16's, and this competition only allowed three overage. We argued our case that we were only informed of this on the day, however Andy was put onto the organiser by phone who point blank refused to make an exception. We got onto our emergency Gulliver's contact who looked into it and confirmed that they had sent our details through correctly, which meant we should have really been in the U16 competition, however it was the organisers fault not ours. In fairness, the local organisers were sympathetic and told us to carry on as we were. By this time however it was almost half-time on the first game!

**EASTER INTERNATIONAL MATCH REPORT
FRY CLUB COLTS V HUSUM BK
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We then attacked them, Lore down the right, cutting inside, and Sam B had made up some great ground and he took a touch, laid it back to Lore to shoot, and the 'keeper could only parry the ball, however no one had followed in.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 0 HUSUM 0

Sam K swung in a corner which was cleared, and Aaron running in smashed a shot hard and low, through the crowd, the 'keeper rooted to the spot, but just inches wide of the right post.

FULL-TIME: FRYS 0 HUSUM 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Bryn**

Afterthoughts.....

This was definitely a game of missed opportunities. I was angry at having to miss most of the first half through no fault of our own, but could see that we were better. In the second half we had three chances which flashed just wide of the right post, and if any had been inches to the left, this would have ended a comfortable win. How costly will this draw prove?

**EASTER INTERNATIONAL MATCH REPORT
FRY CLUB COLTS V VOORSCHOTEN '97
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We had a free-kick about 30 yards out which Callum lifted into their area. Aaron ran through, and although couldn't control the ball, got enough to it that the 'keeper was unable to grab it, although Aaron fell as he did. With the ball dropping loose, **Aaron** rolled sideways towards the goal, and in doing so, nudged the ball as he rolled, into the net **1-0**. **George** then turned two players, ran down the line, into the area and was brought down. He elected to take it himself,

and sent the 'keeper the wrong way as he stroked it into the bottom right **2-0**.

HALF-TIME: FRYS 2 VOORSCHOTEN 0

Joel then brought the ball down and found Sam K who chipped it into the area, for Tom with his back to goal, and he set it up for Max to shoot, but the 'keeper saved, whilst diving for the cameras!

FULL-TIME: FRYS 2 VOORSCHOTEN 0

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Del**

Afterthoughts.....

This team had won their group and scored almost 30 goals on Day 1, and yet were a very poor team, showing how you cannot judge a group just by the results. We passed well, tackled well and kept a high tempo throughout, making sure of the win fairly early on, and keeping possession after.

**EASTER INTERNATIONAL MATCH REPORT
ISLEV BK V FRY CLUB COLTS
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The final game of the group and we knew what was needed. We had to equal both the result and the score of the match between Husum and Voorschoten to be guaranteed a place in the final. Even one goal less in a win would put us out on goals scored, so we had to go for it from the start, with absolutely no room for wasteful shots or kicking the ball away in anger. We would even need to get the ball after every goal and return it to the spot, as time was going to be important.

We attacked down the right, Callum finding Lore with a perfectly timed cross, and **Lore** lifted it over the 'keeper **0-1**. Callum ran down the line and crossed right to the back post which it hit, and ricocheted back across goal, hitting **Lore** and going in **0-2**. A quick throw down the line and **Del** was after it, and he crossed for the middle for **Callum** to get there just ahead of the 'keeper **0-3**. Their goal kick was headed back by Ben, and **Del** headed it on for George to lift over their defence for **Lore**, and he lifted it over their 'keeper **0-4**.

HALF-TIME: ISLEV 0 FRYS 4

Half-time on the other pitch was 4-1 in Husum's favour, so we had a two-goal cushion with 16 minutes to play. **Callum** was played through by Max, and passed it past the 'keeper **0-5** just as Husum scored again. **Bryn** went down the line, crossed it in and **Sam K** softly deflected the flight of the ball into the bottom left, and finally the referee ignored their linesman **0-6**. A corner in saw their 'keeper and a defender clash, and the ball fell to **Lore** with an open goal and he hit the post!

Luckily it came back to him and he made sure of it this time **0-7**. On the other pitch Husum made it 7-1 as both teams kept pace with each other. Another quality ball by Sam K to the back post and **Lore** rose highest to score **0-8**. A corner over saw **Ben** rise the highest and head it down and in **0-9**. This sparked some unsettlement as their 'keeper lost his temper after feeling he had been fouled and attacked one of our players, and there was a bit of a melee with our boys doubly angered after what had happened on the other pitch in the last ten minutes.













We saw the Voorschoten 'keeper on the halfway line as four attackers ran forwards and scored. We saw their 'keeper take a spot kick to a Husum player on the edge of the area for him to pass into the open net. I saw a ball down the left chased by a Husum player and a Voorschoten player slid towards the ball, stopped a good two yards short, and then laid there whilst the player went past and scored. They ended 14-1 winners, which meant that we were four goals short of what we needed.






FULL-TIME: ISLEV 0 FRYs 9

Man of the Match – Chosen by Andy for excellent play and effort – **Lorenzo**

Afterthoughts.....

That has to be the most disappointing and demoralising win that I have ever witnessed. To play so well and score so many, only to see Voorschoten quite literally fall over to let Husum score left the most bitterest of aftertastes. This is no reflection on Husum, their manager was apologetic and embarrassed, but as I said afterwards, what would we have done in that situation? We would have taken advantage and scored as many as possible. Well done to the team, we were excellent in our play and awareness, and my apologies to Noah, Tom & Joel. In an ordinary game they would have gotten on, but with the ridiculous number of goals going in on the other pitch, I had to keep the play consistent, and sometimes subs can disrupt the flow for a short time whilst they settle in, and in this game time what we didn't have.

2:15		Voorschoten'97	2 - 0	Islev BK	
2:15		Fry Club Colts	0 - 0	Husum BK	
3:45		Husum BK	2 - 1	Islev BK	
3:45		Fry Club Colts	2 - 0	Voorschoten'97	
5:15		Husum BK	14 - 1	Voorschoten'97	
5:15		Islev BK	0 - 9	Fry Club Colts	

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1		Husum BK	3	2	1	0	16	2	14	7
2		Fry Club Colts	3	2	1	0	11	0	11	7
3		Voorschoten'97	3	1	0	2	3	16	-13	3
4		Islev BK	3	0	0	3	1	13	-12	0

Jon was so incensed by the second half display by Voorschoten, that when he got home he fired off some e-mails, and eventually the Voorschoten manager replied. These are an excerpts:

"In a period in the second half, some players gained sympathy for the Danish players and indeed some goals were a result of (on purpose) poor defending" and "As a summary, some of the goals in our last game against the Danish team should not have been scored. It may be some comfort to Jon that their team was to my opinion the better side than the Danish"

This manager and his players should not be involved in football. In essence, they deliberately lost so that we would not get to the final!

Player of the Tournament – Chosen by the players for excellent play and effort – **Bryn**

So what did the boys think of this tour?

Aaron Sutton – For Aaron, swimming was a great experience with the whole team having fun together. He also enjoyed playing in the tournament, and has fond memories of the victories over various European teams.

Ben Watt – For Ben, the Tournament was a great experience, and he also immensely enjoyed the swimming area in the Dome, and he may have imbibed the odd alcoholic drink.

Bryn Williams – For Bryn, playing in the Tournament was good, as well as swimming in the Dome with the wave machine and rapids, and also just hanging around with the team in the Park on the evenings.

Callum Fry – For Callum, the rapids in the Dome will live long in the memory. He also enjoyed the Tournament, and taking time just to chill out with his friends.

Del Shepherd – For Del, Lore's mum provides many happy memories as she was such fun on the coach journey there and back, as well as the various girles who inhabited the Park and he had fun stopping Kone.

George Marsh – For George, Dave being stupid and having fun is a memory that will stay with him. He also made the acquaintance of some Dutch girls, and he had a great time playing in the Tournament.

Harry Edgell – For Harry, playing in the

Tournament will live long in the memory, as well as drinking copious amounts of the falling down juice, and the great time that they all had in the rapids.

Joel Harvey – For Joel, playing football was high on his enjoyment list, as well as fond memories of getting drunk, but most importantly, taking the time to properly annoy Dave!

Lorenzo Mercato – For Lorenzo, he had fun in the Dome, especially on the rapids. He also said that he enjoyed the various cats that roamed the Park. I say cats as Lore used a different word for them, but I assume it's the same thing... and he had great fun on the last night.

Max Stevens – For Max, his memories include taking the mickey out of the Dutch people at the Park, playing football and in the Dome, being propelled down the rapids with everyone.

Noah McCarthy – For Noah, playing the football at an international tournament was a great experience. He also enjoyed the chalet's that everyone stayed in. Finally Noah thought that the swimming pool and rapids was fantastic and had a great time there.

Reece Provis – For Reece, he actually enjoyed the variety of food that was on offer, as well as the common theme for most of the players which was swimming in the Dome and taking part in the Tournament.

Sam Black – For Sam, quaffing the odd tankard was a memory he enjoyed as well as the entertainment taken from abusing Grenade. He also mentioned that he liked a British species of bird which comes in various guises, the Blue, the Yellow and the Great.

Sam Kipling – For Sam, watching Tom getting drunk will always bring back a smile as well as taking the mickey out of Grenade, and the fun entertainment that Lore's mum kept up on both journeys.

Tom Johnson – For Tom, he had a great Tour, and enjoyed the swimming, the football and the drinking, although judging by his complexion and demeanour for the entire trip home, drinking may be put on hold for a while.

So what did the siblings think of this tour?

Brad – For Brad, his happy memories were watching the players play in the Tournament,

having great fun in the swimming pool and going down the rapids. Brad also enjoyed the very comfortable beds.

Charlie – For Charlie, the water slides in the Dome were a source of great entertainment. She also liked playing in the arcades as well as feeding the ducks out on the lakes at the Park.

Lucia – For Lucia, she had fun in the swimming pool, larking around with her new found friends. Centerparc had a variety of animals at various locations and Lucia thought that that was great fun. Finally she thought that the chalet's were great, and she has fond memories of the whole Tour.

Mitchell – For Mitch, he had a great time watching Max getting sent to the sin bin for his yellow card! He also enjoyed sampling the Dutch version of McDonalds on the occasions that we stopped there and just generally the whole experience of coming on Tour.

So what did the Management think of this tour?

Tony W – For Tony, firstly and foremost was the way that we were never beaten at football, and he was never beaten at arm-wrestling! He was impressed at how well the team played together in their sic games and that is a memory that will live long. Finally, the laughing and good times that both the parents and the players had on the evenings at the Park.

Andy – For Andy, the biggest memory from the Tour will be the camaraderie, not just amongst the players, but also the parents as everyone had a great time, going out together, eating drinking and generally making merry. Andy was greatly impressed with the way that the players conducted themselves on Tour, a credit to themselves, their parents and the Club, but more than that, the way they tried to play football the proper way, passing, working for each other and exporting our beautiful game into Europe, playing in a scintillating fashion, making the right decisions at the right time. Finally for Andy, echoing the player's sentiment, the swimming pool, rapids, all fifteen players together in a chain on the rapids and having a good craic.

So were there any other details of the Tour worth reporting?

After arriving, Roger took us right down into the Park to save us a long walk in the dark and the rain, only then for an irate guard to ride up, tell him he should not have done that, and then ride

off telling him he was stranded! Luckily Andy & Tony W were still there, and about 60 minutes later had helped Roger manoeuvre around the park and turn the coach around!

There were a number of bottles outside of Andy & Tony's chalet on the last morning, which is funny as neither of them had drunk there.....

Don't get us started on the weird shaped toilets designed to let you inspect what you have just done!

Val was great entertainment on the last night, dancing around Dave in a slightly 1969 hippy fashion.

Lastly, after nine years, Jon finally beat Dave at the Tour challenge as Cribbage proved to be the straw that broke the Camel's back!

Afterthoughts.....

Our seventh tour, and time finally for the big on! My thanks this time to a few people. To Roger our driver, who got us there and back safely, and in good humour throughout. To Rob, our Linesman who actually had very little to do thanks to the ability of our players. To Geraint, who kindly videoed every game for us so that we will have memories to treasure. To Julie, who kindly photographed every game for us ensuring a visual reminder of the Tour. To Jon, who collected all of the money, dealt with all of the admin, and made this trip a smooth and painless one. To the parents who came and supported, and made the boys feel supported throughout. To the players, who were a credit to themselves, their families and to Fry Club JFC. Finally to Dave Kipling. Eight years ago he promised to turn my Foreign Tour dream into reality, and through hard work has done so. This Tour would not have been possible without him! Looking back to the games, although it was the draw with Husum which ultimately cost us the place in the final, I actually felt that our toughest game came on the Saturday against Kvistgard, who were a strong, fast and physical team, whilst also passing the ball well. As for the Tour itself? Well you cannot help have a bitterness about

our exit, but in time that has faded, and what we have are the great memories of a brilliant trip, as well as the Third Place Trophy!

Tour 1-7 – Appearances and Goals

P = Played in the game

M = Man of the Match

T = Player of the Tour

G = Goals scored

	P	M	T	G
Aaron Loughlin	1			
Aaron Sutton	14	4		9
Ben Clapp	1			
Ben Harper	1			
Ben Watt	6			1
Bryn Williams	8	3	1	1
Callum Churches	2			1
Callum Fry	8			9
Callum Payne	3			
Charlie Glavin	4			2
Charlie Hayne	2			
Corey Mockridge	1			
Dan Kendall	2			
Daniel Churches	6	1		
Del Shepherd	6	1		1
Gareth Williams	1			
Gary Kipling	4	2		
George Lewis	1			
George Marsh	6			1
Harry Edgell	6			
Haydn Suffern	1			
Jace Esof	2	1		2
Jack Burgoyne	1			
Jack Pegram	2			
Jack Yeoman	8	2		2
Jake Garnett	2	1		
James Baker	10	3		
James Moore	1			
Jamie Charles	2			1
Jamie Godwin	6			
Joe Carreyett	10	3		8
Joe Watt	2	2		
Joel Harvey	5			
Jordan Harris	10	3		
Josef Hill	8			
Josh Batt	9	3		
Lorenzo Mercato	6	2		8
Luke Andrews	4	1		
Luke Glover	6	1		
Mark Gratton	8	2		
Matt Long	2			2
Max Stevens	16	2		4
Noah McCarthy	5			
Oliver Pring	2	1		1
Oscar Hutchings	4			
Reece Provis	8			
Ryan Carreyett	4	1		
Sam Black	6			
Sam Burgess	10	3		1
Sam Kipling	18	2		10
Sam Pike	6	1		
Tom Johnson	12	1		5