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were no match for Swindon Robins in the final, which we can live with as Robins were probably the next best team.

Men of the Tournament – Chosen by the players for a great display – Mitch Sanders & Boxey

Red Team – Del (Captain), Callum, Elliot, Mitch Carey, Mitch Sanders & Nathan Hodgson
Blue Team – Boxey (Captain), Jay, Lewis, Joe, Ben & Jack

I had originally planned to end the Summer sixes last season, but with the way we were able to complete the U16 season, the Yate half asked to enter their "Home" tournament under the Fry's banner. This was where we had made our competitive debut eleven years earlier so I decided to put two teams in, Mark taking one and I the other, however when the call went out, only Del was available from my half, so I set him the challenge of finding a team, and that he did, Callum now of Warmley, Elliot not currently with anyone, Mitch S & Nathan of Bristol Spartak and Mitch C of Highridge, which on the surface looked a disparate group, however as it turned out were all linked by one thing, their School, St Bernadette's. Before we arrived, I asked if they wanted to be managed, or just have a laugh, and they opted to enjoy themselves.

The Red team started against Newent, containing Sammie Hicks and Brandon Thomas, and we battled well and Mitch S should have given us the lead in the first half, however they came into it as the game went on and eventually scored twice **0-2**. Next were Usk, and a comedy goal where Nathan blasted wide of an open goal, but it came to **Del** to score, was matched by a comedy goal in the last second, as Callum's (in goal) clearance, hit a Fry's player and looped up over and into the net for a significant goal **1-1**. Next were Chelworth, and although they were no better, they got the goals **0-2**, and so to Yate Utd White, and the Reds agreed to get organised and be managed, and played good, high pressure football, but were caught on the break **0-1**, and went out with Usk going through, but had that last second goal not gone in, we would have gone through instead to face Fry's Blue! So how did the Blue team reach the Quarter Final? First was Yate Utd Red, and three from **Boxey**, two from **Lewis** and a goal each from **Joe** and **Jack** was them **7-0** winners. Next were Swindon Robins and **Jack** and **Joe** saw us through although we did concede **2-1**. Finally Rovers Supporters, and **Boxey** clinched the winner **1-0**, and a place in the Quarter Final against Usk. We threw everything at them and just could not score despite complete domination until **Ben** fired through the crowd, however a dying seconds corner was flicked in to force five minutes extra time, and when no more goals came, penalties. They scored, Lewis scored, they scored, Ben scored, they scored, Jack scored, they scored, Jay was saved **1-1** & **3-4** and out. Usk defended against Newent in the Semi and put them out, but

Afterthoughts.....

Our final tournament of and in all honesty, one that we should have won. The Red team came here as a group of school friends to play together, and it was a shame that they didn't do better, as individually they were a very good group of players, but as a team it just didn't work out, from that early miss against Newent, to the final game where they played fantastically together, but conceded the important goal. It was a day of "what if?" As for the Blue team, a group of friends who had grown up playing for Yate, and wanted to end it here, to play such perfect football, and to go out on penalties was sad. Without a doubt, they were the best team here, and some of the football they played really did reach perfection, but again, "What if?"

U16's – Appearances and Goals

P = Played in the Tournament

M = Man of the Tournament

G = Goals scored

| | P | M | G |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Ben Worlock | 1 | | 1 |
| Callum Fry | 1 | | |
| Del Shepherd | 1 | | 1 |
| Elliot Wise | 1 | | |
| George Box | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Jack Crouch | 1 | | 2 |
| Jay Davies | 1 | | |
| Joe Guest | 1 | | 2 |
| Lewis Bezer | 1 | | 2 |
| Mitch Carey | 1 | | |
| Mitch Sanders | 1 | 1 | |
| Nathan Hodgson | 1 | | |

U16's Fixture and Results

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| Jul | 6 | Yate (Red) | Group Stage |
| | | Yate (Blue) | |
| | | | Quarter Final |

Well done to everyone who participated, I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. This really was our final summer of tournaments and I would just like to say again what a fantastic time I have had every summer for the last eleven years, from Yate Utd on the 5th July 2003 to Yate Utd on the 6th July 2013. It has been an absolute pleasure to travel with you all, over the last eleven years, and in that time we have made it to 26 finals, converting 14 of them into Tournament Winners. Well done to every player, and in the words of Vinnie Jones in the film 'Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels', it's been emotional! - Andy