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FRY CLUB COLTS JFC

NOVEMBER REVIEW

U17s

Manager: Bernie Grimes



As did many sides, the U17s only played once in November – against Keynsham Town. The game - originally destined to double up as the league game and the Bob Whittington Trophy match under floodlights at Keynsham's ground – was itself affected by the rain, and was played just for league points at Manor Road. If it ever stops raining then the trophy game will be played at Crown Fields in the New Year.

The U17s took the game to Keynsham from the kick off, Chris Saunders, Mark White and John Brooks all going close. With Matt Grimes and Steve Field marshalling the defence, Keynsham attacks were soon snuffed out. The midfield of Jeff Copp, Mark Chaffey and John Brooks gained control of a heavy, sticky midfield and soon a good passing movement set Chris Saunders free to slot home the first goal. Within 10 minutes a surging run from the back by Tom Doyle made space for Mark White to score.

With the midfield driving in front of a strong defence, Fry's were dominating play and it wasn't until late in the half that Keynsham won a succession of corners. However, Matt Grimes caught any dangerous crosses well, and Wayne Carpenter, Shaun Green and Tom Doyle also blocked and cleared crosses to preserve the 2-0 lead at half time.

From the outset of the second half Fry's put Keynsham under pressure. With the industry of Jeff Copp and Nick Butler in moving the ball, Mark

Chaffey got in to a more forward role and opened up Keynsham on several occasions – leading to a corner from which John Brooks scored and then a chance that Jeff Copp converted to make it 4-0.

At this point Nick Barnett and Sam Murray entered the game – Nick instantly being a thorn in Keynsham's side with his skill and pace, while Sam slotted in to a defensive position.

With some 10 minutes to go Keynsham pushed forward and went close to pulling one back with a shot going wide and then winning a poor clearance, but Matt Grimes blocked his goal well to keep them out.

With Keynsham continuing to push forward, Fry's too went close with shots, Tom Allen only just off target before left winger Nick Barnett slotting the ball home to complete the scoring; 5-0 to Fry's.

U15s

Manager: Dave Gooding



Just the one game in November, against Avon Park Rangers – who had three straight defeats behind them, and had only scored once. So, we fancied our chances!

Our defence stood ball watching as a free kick sailed over their heads, Nick Ford came rushing out of goal and took out Avon's centre forward. His first touch of the ball was picking it out of the back of the net from the resulting penalty; 1-0 down after two minutes. Tom Hamblin brought us level when he prodded the ball home before John

Pitt put us 2-1 up when he ran through and clinically tucked the ball just inside the post.

With the defence again at sixes and sevens Avon struck an equaliser before Jack Gooding restored the lead with a 40-yard chip (3-2). However, a good cross-shot, in off the far post, saw Avon go in level at half time.

Despite the scoreline, we had created a fair few chances in the first half. Zolly Vanyai, Phil Knight and John Pitt had all gone close, and Jay Slade and Jamie Bryant had hit the woodwork. We were confident that the second half would produce better reward. Well, kamikaze defending saw us go 5-3 down, we hadn't looked like being able to score, Avon were cutting through us almost at will, and there were only 10 minutes of the match to go.

Suddenly we woke up. Jack cannoned a shot in off the bar from a free kick on the edge of the penalty area and then Dan Payne's persistence was rewarded when he prodded the ball home to draw us level.

Avon had a couple of chances to add to their score but couldn't find the target with their shots. With four minutes left a long clearance gave Jamie the chance to run at the 'keeper and although his effort was blocked by the 'keeper the ball ran free to Jay who coolly knocked the ball home to secure a nerve-tingling 6-5 win. Some terrible play at times but a combative spirit saw us through in the end.

U14s 'A'



Manager: Andy Glover

Three months in to the season and only four league games played! At least we managed to get in a couple of cup games. A trip to Midsomer Norton saw us overcome Westfield Boys 8-1 in the Somerset (Lewin) Cup.

A nice through ball from Ross Malone gave Jay Slade the opportunity to open the scoring after just five minutes, and Ross made it 2-0 after a quarter of an hour. Although we were now beginning to dominate the game with Craig Palmer and Colin Stallard influential in midfield, we were unable to increase the lead before half time.

Curtis Jack replaced Jack Morgan at half time, as we reinforced the midfield and played with one fewer at the back. What a master tactician the manager is! Two minutes in to the half and Jay rose unopposed to head home the third. A foul on Ross gave Tom Hamblin the opportunity to crash home a penalty; Jay plundered a further three goals to take his tally to five and Craig also got on the scoresheet as Fry's comfortably outplayed the opposition.

Westfield's efforts were rewarded with a late consolation goal that denied debutant 'keeper Nick Frost a clean sheet. The reward for this victory – an away trip to Minehead Town in January!

The second round of the League Cup saw us pitted against a third division team – but one with a 100% league record. Another good start – Gareth Smith rifling home the opener after only two minutes. After that we struggled with the heavy pitch and a strong headwind and the first half was a relatively even contest. Ashton managed a few counter attacks that were comfortably dealt with as Tom Hamblin and Joe Cook were resolute in the centre of defence and full backs Nick Guest and Liam Kavanagh kept the flank players under close control.

The second half saw us add height and weight to the midfield with Dan Payne and Mark Webb introduced to the fray and Joe moving into midfield to accommodate Jason McCrossan at centre half. Aided by the wind we ripped in to Ashton in the second half and some excellent football in the conditions saw Ian Field notch a couple of goals in the first 10 minutes.

With our tails up we switched from a 4-4-2 formation to 3-5-2 and began to dominate play. Nick Frost was almost a spectator in goal as Ashton found themselves foiled at every turn. Their 'keeper made a few good stops to help keep the score down but Ross Malone and Joe Cook added to the score before Jay Slade completed the scoring with a swirling corner kick that the Ashton 'keeper failed to keep out. A 6-0 victory and away to St Annes for a place in the last eight!

