



# **FRY CLUB COLTS**

## **U8 TOURNAMENTS REPORT U8**

Number 2 - **In the midst of chaos, there is also opportunity** – September 2016

### **U8 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U8 ST NICHOLAS – 14/05/2016 U8 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U8**

The Team – Alfie, Aran, Bartus, Bradley G, Cory, James & Tyler

Our first tournament of the Summer, and on first inspection, this was going to be tough with some good teams facing us. First up were Avon Athletic Green, and goals from **Aran** and **Bradley** saw us draw **2-2**. Next we faced Yate Utd Red, and **Bradley** and **James** saw us win **2-0**. Match three pitted us against St Nicholas Black, and **Aran 2, Bradley 2, Cory** and **Tyler** saw our biggest win of the day **6-0**. Next up were Brislington Juniors Tigers, and **Bartus** and **Bradley** saw us to victory **2-0**. Into our last two matches and the toughest, BCJSC 'A' was a hard fought draw **0-0**. Finally, we faced Bitton 'B' and a goal from **Bartus** saw us draw again **1-1**.

### **U8 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U8 PARENT'S TOURNAMENT – 28/05/2016 U8 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U8**

The Team – Andy, Gaz, Lee, Paul H, Mark, Pawel, Paul S, Dene, Will, Luke & Alli

Our first Parent's tournament (the last had been in 2006 when Andy's previous team won the Parent's Rounder's) and we were eager to do well at 7-a-side football. We were resplendent in our Yellow bibs and the opposition feared us.... Match one was against The 10 Mustakeers (U18 Girls), where despite Gaz's heroics which included a penalty save, we lost **0-1**. Next we faced Dolly Mixtures 'B' (U12 Juniors) which was fairly even and ended tied **0-0**. The third match was against FC Real Frys (U7's & U10's) and we were the better team, but still came away **0-0** with another Gaz penalty save to much cheering from the boys. Finally, we faced Smurfs FC (U9's) and another close match saw us **0-0**. Tied fourth in the group with the Smurfs we had to have a penalty shootout to see who progressed

to the quarter-final. Dene scored, they missed, Paul H scored, they missed, Will missed, they missed, Luke missed, Gaz saved, and it was all over. We faced the winners of Group 1, 50 Shades Of Grey (U16's) and **Dene** finally got us a goal. They also scored and so it ended **1-1** and penalties, where this time we could not repeat the feat, losing 2-4 on penalties. 50 Shades Of Grey lost 0-0 and 2-4 on penalties in the Final against The Nearly Men (U12 Colts), however as a Club we raised over £1300 much needed funds.

### **U8 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U8 TWYFORD SPARTANS – 05/06/2016 U8 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U8**

The Team – Bartus, Bradley G, Charlie, Cory, Ethem, Keanu & Liam

Our furthest tournament of the summer, 140 miles and three hours round-trip. Seven hardy souls made the trip to meet completely new teams! When we arrived we realised that this was competitive, so no medals for all, but groups followed by knockouts and a final. First up were Central Wolves from Exeter, and although we took the lead through **Bartus**, they fought back and although **Bartus** got another it wasn't enough **2-4**. Next we played Twyford Spartans and were excellent, **Bartus** getting both goals to see us win **2-0**. Third was Stoke Gabriel Reds who had beaten us on Tour. We were excellent and took the lead through **Bartus**, however a shot through the crowd squirmed under Cory and they equalised. We kicked off and the referee blew for full time, that is how close to the win we were **1-1**. Next we faced Aller Park, and a game we were capable of winning. **Charlie's** deflected shot saw us take the lead. But we were losing concentration compounded by Charlie having to come off after being upset by a talking to from the referee after a foul, and they were able to get the goals needed **1-2**. We knew we were out, but the boys weren't sure and went into the final game with hope. We took the lead again against Ivybridge Town through **Liam**, but when they scored, we fell apart emotionally, and in the

end, we were happy for the final whistle to save us from embarrassment **1-4**. AC Plymouth beat Stoke Gabriel Blues 1-0 in the final.

**U8 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U8  
STOKE LANE ATHLETIC – 12/06/2016  
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Red Team – Bradley G, Cory, Charlie, Liam, Bartus, Ethem & Finley  
Blue Team – Alfie, James, Aran, Tyler, Tristen, Bradley W & Kaylum

Up to Stoke Lane we travelled with two Teams. For the Reds, we played Stoke Lane Panthers and drew **1-1** thanks to **Liam**. Next, we lost **1-2** to Almondsbury White, **Charlie** getting the consolation, before drawing **2-2** with Hanham Abbots White thanks to **Charlie & Bartus**. We then drew **0-0** with Stoke Lane Lions before losing **0-1** to TC Juniors. For the Blues, we drew **2-2** with Almondsbury Green thanks to **James & Tristen** and followed that with a **1-2** defeat to Hanham Abbots Black: **Kaylum** getting our consolation. **Aran** then got our consolation against **Ashley Down FC 1-3** before **Tyler** got us back to winning ways against Almondsbury Black **1-0**. Finally for the day, the Blues ended on a high **6-0** against Stoke Lane Tigers thanks to **Aran 3, Tristen 2 & Kaylum**.

**U8 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U8  
AVON ATHLETIC – 18/06/2016  
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Red Team – Cory, Charlie, Kaylum, Bradley G, Finlay & Alfie W  
Blue Team – Keanu, Tristen, James, Bartus, Oakley & Daniel

We needed a few helpers for this tournament, so Alfie Williams, Dan Francis and Oakley all came to assist. The Red team started with a **3-0** win against Stoke Lane White thanks to two from **Finlay** and one from **Bradley** before beating Yate Utd Red **2-1** with goals from **Cory & Kaylum**. Next up was a **1-0** win against Yate Utd Black thanks to **Cory** and they followed up **0-0** against Stoke Lane Black. They then lost **0-2** to Avon Athletic Yellow before ending with a **0-1** defeat to Yate Utd White. The Blue Team began with a **0-3** defeat to Avon Athletic Green. And **1-3** to Avon Athletic Black, **Bartus** getting the goal. Next, they lost **1-2** to St Vallier thanks to a goal from **Tristen** before finally getting a **2-1** win against Stoke Lane White through two goals from **Bartus**. They ended with a **2-3** defeat to Yate Utd Red and **James** got both.

**U8 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U8  
IMPERIAL COLTS – 25/06/2016  
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Red Team – Ethem, Cory, Bradley G, Liam, Charlie & Bartus  
Blue Team – Alfie, Tyler, Tristen, James, Kaylum & Bradley W

The Reds began against Chew Valley Youth, a team we knew and had always dominated us, but came away with a creditable **2-3** defeat thanks to goals from **Charlie & Bartus**. Next, we faced Imperial Stripes and a great **4-0** win with three goals coming from **Bradley G** and **Liam** completing the scoring. We lost **1-2** to Longwell Green with **Cory** scoring our goal and then drew **1-1** with Brislington Reds thanks to **Bartus** before closing out the day with a **5-0** smashing of Brislington Reds, goals coming from **Bartus, Liam, Charlie** and two from **Bradley G**. The Blues opened with a win against Chew Valley Colts thanks to a solitary goal from **James 1-0**, before drawing **1-1** with Imperial Reds, **Kaylum** getting on the scoresheet. It was **Kaylum** again against FC Bath, although not enough to prevent the **1-2** defeat and then **Kaylum** for the third time in a row against Brislington Black as we won **1-0**. Finally, we ended with a **1-1** draw against Brislington Tigers thanks to **Bradley W**.

**U8 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U8  
CASTLE COMBE COLTS – 02/07/2016  
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The Team – Cory, James, Ethem, Jayden, Finlay, Keanu, Bradley G & Bartus

This was a new Tournament for us and another opportunity to meet new Teams. First was AFC Corsham Jaguars and a **1-1** draw thanks to a goal from **Jayden**. Then we beat Westbury Youth Warhawks **2-0** with **Ethem** and **Bartus** getting on the scoresheet. Our third match saw us go down closely to FC Colerne Colts **1-2** with **James** getting our consolation, and we saw out the tournament with a **1-1** draw against Bath City Black and **Bartus** scored our goal.

**U8 TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT U8  
ASHTON BOYS – 09/07/2016  
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The Team – Bradley G, Cory, James, Charlie, Kaylum, Bradley W, Bartus & Finley

We travelled the short distance to Ashton next to Ashton Gate. This was a pre-season tournament and as such was competitive 7-a-side, with the two group winners meeting in the final. First, we faced Whitchurch Sports and a goal from **Bartus** earned us a **1-1** draw. Next, we faced a strong Bristol City Junior Supporters Club and **Bradley W** ensured a **1-1** draw there before finally **Bradley G** and **James** got us the win against Bristol Spartak **2-0** in a match marred by

opposition coaches/supporters yelling angrily so loudly at their own players that even coaches we knew on other pitches came over after to ask us what had happened! Despite not losing, we had not done enough to win the group and so we did not progress to the final.

**US TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT US  
MALMESBURY – 17/07/2016  
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The Team – Cory, Bradley G, James, Aran, Tyler & Bartek

Our first surprise was finding out that Bartus was now Bartek! Apparently Bartus was just a younger version of his name and so Bartek it is.

We opened against Severnside Nuclear and a great **5-0** win thanks to **Bartek 2, Bradley G 2** and **James**. Next, we faced Derry Hill Blaze and **Aran** got both goals in a great **2-0** win. We then drew **0-0** with Malmesbury Hurricanes and followed up with a **1-1** draw with Golden Valley Rangers Reds, **James** scoring our goal. We ended our day with another great **5-0** win, this time thanks to **James 2, Aran, Bradley G** and **Bartek**.

**US TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT US  
DEERSWOOD – 23/07/2016  
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Red Team – Alfie, Aran, James, Tristen, Daniel, Finlay & Jayden  
Blue Team – Cory, Bradley G, Kaylum, Finley, Bartek & Liam

The Red team opened against Priory Pumas Blue, a team we had faced in the past and knew to be strong, so were impressed how well they fought, eventually going down **0-1**. Next, they lost **0-1** to Bristol Rovers SCJ White before losing **0-2** to AEK Boco Tigers Navy. They finally got on the scoresheet and the win against AEK Boco Sky **2-0** thanks to **Jayden** and **James**. The Blue team had a similarly difficult opening, losing **0-4** to Melksham Town Yellow, before drawing **0-0** with AEK Boco Navy. They then lost to Deerswood Abbots however thanks to **Liam** did get on the scoresheet **1-2** before, like the Reds, winning their final match, this time **2-1** against TC Juniors thanks to goals from **Cory & Liam**.

**US TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT US  
WHITCHURCH – 13/08/2016  
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The Team – Alfie, Tyler, Tristen, Cory, Bradley G, James, Aran, Bartek & Liam

Like Ashton, this was another 7-a-side pre-season tournament with progression to quarter-

finals, semi-finals and then the final. That said, we also saw at the tournament Brislington, Avon Bitton, Milton Nomads and Priory Pumas! As it turned out though, the Bitton in our group had not turned up, and we felt that we had a strong enough squad to compete with the teams in our group and see how far we could go. First up were Longwell Green Sports 'A' and goals from **Liam** and **Bradley G** saw them off **2-0**. Then we faced Whitchurch Sports 'A' and this time **Aran** and **Bartek** got us the goals in another **2-0** win. Finally, we faced St Nicholas 'B', and **Aran** and **Bradley G** completed the hat trick of **2-0** wins. Into the Quarter Finals we went, and our prize was... Avon Athletic! They had only brought one strong team with them, so we knew this was going to be tough, and so it proved. In the end it was two goals again, only the other way and we were out **0-2**.

**US TOURNAMENT REPORT TOURNAMENT US  
FC CHIPPENHAM YOUTH – 02/09/2016  
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Red Team – Cory, Keanu, Bradley G, Liam, Bartek, Ethem & Kaylum  
Blue Team – Oakley, Jude, Daniel, Jamie, Tyler & James

This was a tournament where many were unavailable, so a lot of helpers were brought in. It was also a pre-season tournament 7-a-side and so the Blue Team played each match one player short. The Reds opened with a draw against Castle Combe 'A' **0-0** before losing **0-1** to FC Chippenham 'A'. They then beat FC Bath **1-0** thanks to a goal from **Kaylum** before finally losing **0-2** to Melksham 'A'. The Blues lost their opening match **0-2** to Devizes Red, the **0-2** to Staverton Rangers 'A'. Next, they lost to Castle Combe 'B' **1-3** with a goal from **James** before two goals from **James** saw them win their final match **2-0** against FC Chippenham 'B'. Obviously neither Team progressed to the knockout.

**Afterthoughts.....**

*St Nicholas saw a great start to the summer. We thought it was going to be very tough, however the boys were fantastic, 3 wins, 3 draws, 3 conceded and 13 scored!*

*Twyford was a day of mixed emotions! We were awesome going forward, right from Cory in goal to Bartus up front, but we were not so keen getting back at times. I didn't mind that as long as we were playing good football and had the right attitude, which fell apart in the final game and saw me having stern words at the end. The boys have to understand*

that tournaments are now getting competitive, and I want players willing to give 100% to the very end, regardless of whether we are going through or not. We did not see that here, and that has to change if they are to play more in the Summer.

Stoke Lane had lots of close matches with the boys all enjoying themselves immensely together, and we ended on a high with a massive win.

Avon was difficult, with helpers coming in who were not used to playing with us, but they did their best but unfortunately their group included the tougher matches. The other Team fared better but everyone got medals and enjoyed themselves.

Imperial was again a day of close matches, against strong opposition and saw us beat a Chew Valley team and lose the other by a solitary goal, showing how close we are getting to them.

Over to Castle Combe Colts for the first time and a lovely setting meeting new teams. All good matches and the boys really enjoyed themselves.

Ashton saw us play excellent football and walk away undefeated, but it was marred by the ugly actions of opposition coaches/spectators from one team towards their own players. The fact that it was heard on other pitches is frankly an embarrassment to them.

Malmesbury was a nice tournament in a lovely setting, and we met new teams again, playing great football, remaining undefeated and two massive wins, one to start the day and one to end it.

We knew Deerswood could be tough being local and so it proved, but everyone persevered and both teams ended their days with a win.

Whitchurch was amazing; we fought so hard against every team and made it through, and I feel that had we faced teams from other groups we may have gone further, but instead it was Avon, and that was always going to be a tough task. Interestingly every result we were involved with on the day was 2-0.

We ended at FC Chippenham, but with so many away it was a scratch side and even went one short in one team, and I was so proud of the way they fought to the end and got their win. The others played well but results didn't always go our way.

Overall, another great Summer against tough opposition at times; Bitton, Avon, Melksham, and Chew Valley to name a few, but everyone tried their best which is all I can ask of them.

### U8's - Appearances and Goals

	Played	Goals
Alfie Charman	5	
Alfie Williams	1	
Aran Stevens-Wong	5	12
Bartek Brudny	11	21
Bradley Grinter	11	17
Bradley Whittington	3	2
Charlie Lane	5	5
Cory Grinter	11	5
Daniel Francis	3	
Ethem Orak	5	1
Finlay Willstead	3	2
Finley McGuinness	3	
James Matthews	10	15
Jamie Webb	1	
Jayden Doyle-Teed	2	2
Jude Price	1	
Kaylum Moore	6	7
Keanu Gregory	4	
Liam Hooper	6	7
Oakley Price	2	
Tristen Pullin	5	4
Tyler Law	6	2

### U8's Fixtures and Results

May 14	St Nicholas	Festival
May 28	Parent's Tournament	Quarter Final
Jun 5	Twyford Spartans	Group
Jun 12	Stoke Lane Athletic	Festival
Jun 18	Avon Athletic	Festival
Jun 25	Imperial Colts	Festival
Jul 2	Castle Combe Colts	Festival
Jul 9	Ashton Boys	Group
Jul 17	Malmesbury	Festival
Jul 23	Deerswood	Festival
Aug 13	Whitchurch	Quarter Final
Sep 2	FC Chippenham Youth	Group

This has been the second year of tournaments and just the eleven entered! Another great summer and it was wonderful to see some of the smiles on everyone's faces; long may it continue! Next season we turn 7-a-side and at that point the tournaments become competitive which we have had some experience of this Summer so that will be interesting. See you next Summer.