



Goals galore, triumph, despair and, above all, outstanding sportsmanship – Castle Combe Colts' record-breaking 2015 festival of football had the lot.

The three-day spectacular, overseen by tireless members of the organising committee and a huge army of parent volunteers, attracted more teams than ever before as 1,200 footballers aged between four and 18 together with their supporters descended upon Colts' picturesque headquarters in Upper Castle Combe.

After kicking off on Friday night with the U17/18s competition, Saturday's action was played out in glorious sunshine and was crowned by a triumph for the hosts' U14 side, who beat Ferndale Rodbourne 3-1 in the final. After a damp start, things quickly heated up on Sunday and the U9s Whites made it a Colts double before the U13s Whites so very nearly emulated them in the last of the weekend's 470 matches, losing to a golden goal from opponents FC Chippenham Vipers after an absorbing battle.

Bath City Youth also won two of the age groups – the U17/18s and U12s – with Holt, Melksham Town, Greenmeadow Youth, Oxfordshire visitors Harwell & Hendred, AFC Corsham and Westbury Youth sharing the other honours.

Colts chairman Trevor Newman thanked Mike Cook and Jo Hughes for heading up the organisation of the event, grounds manager Ken Neale for ensuring the pitches were presented in immaculate condition, referee supervisor Julian Sattin and his team of officials, and the numerous commercial organisations whose backing helped to make the weekend such a success.

He added: "My thanks also go to the parents and coaches for choosing to join us in our celebration of the beautiful game. Only by making the commitment that they do, do young footballers get the chance to experience something like our festival.

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“The fantastic spirit of competitive commitment aligned with mutual respect and friendship defines Colts tournaments and I was delighted to see the club’s culture of ‘learning in a fun and positive environment’ supported by so many who came to visit us on what was a wonderful weekend.”



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Under-7s Fair Play: Westbury Youth Warriors.

Under-8s Fair Play: AFC Corsham Leopards.

Under-9s: Winners – Castle Combe Colts Whites, runners-up – Trowbridge Town Bees.

Under-10s: Winners – Greenmeadow Youth City, runners-up – Bishops Cannings Fireblades.

Under-11s: Winners – Harwell & Hendred Youth, runners-up – Swindon Supermarine T.

Under-12s: Winners – Bath City Youth White, runners-up – FC Calne Blue.

Under-13s: Winners – FC Chippenham Vipers, runners-up – Castle Combe Colts Whites.

Under-14s: Winners – Castle Combe Colts Whites, runners-up – Ferndale Rodbourne.

Under-15s: Winners – Melksham Town Blacks, runners-up – Trowbridge Rangers.

Under-16s: Winners – Holt B, runners-up – FC Calne.

Under-17/18s: Winners – Bath City Youth, runners-up – Croft Junior Blue.

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