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Castle Combe Colts' annual Festival of Football demonstrated that the beautiful game is alive and kicking as 200 teams showed off their skills in the sunshine.

A wonderful weekend of action featured the full range of age groups, with Reception and Year 1 children from the Colts' own MiniKickers section having their chance to shine on the same pitches that saw under-16s boys and girls teams battle it out for the silverware.



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Teams and their armies of supporters came from across Wiltshire, Bath, Bristol and Gloucestershire and were able to savour an event that ran like clockwork across three days thanks to the tireless efforts of the Colts' committee, parent volunteers who parked cars, flipped burgers and served tea and coffee, as well as a mightily impressive team of referees assembled by Julian Sattin.

In all, 522 matches took place on immaculately prepared pitches and the increasingly-popular showpiece served up the usual mixture of cheers and tears from the participating teams. Respect – a word at the very heart of the Colts' ethos – fantastic sportsmanship and fun were the real winners, however, and ensured all who visited the club's picturesque headquarters enjoyed a day to remember.



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