

Brinklow battlers book spot

BRINKLOW looked on their way out of the Coventry Telegraph Junior Cup at Folly Lane Old Boys Reserves but they produced a stunning fight-back to win the second round tie 3-2 and earn themselves a place in the quarter finals.

Up against the six-times winners of the trophy and away from home, Brinklow were on the ropes as Lane netted twice but in a remarkable transformation the villagers up the tempo and shocked their hosts with a tenacious recovery.

A Dave Sinclair penalty cut the deficit before Andy Mayne squared matters leaving Sam Walden to prosper from good work by man of the match Scott Vallance and rifle in the tie clinching goal.

The gritty success has earned Brinklow an away last eight clash with Coventry Cosewood Reserves on Saturday, December 6.

Also through to the third round are Nuneaton Griff as they overcame Alvis 3-3 after extra time with goals from Iain Green (pen), a George Hill double plus a Josh Ruff strike. The trio of McSheffrey, McGee and Wallace replied. Griff's reward is a home clash with Peugeot, the latter taking out Whitnash 3-2 on penalties after the clash had finished goalless after normal and extra time.

Fillongley clinched a hard earned 4-3 verdict over visiting Balsall & Berkswell thanks to goals from Pete Gill, Scott Harness, Mark Home and Rudi Gazeley. They now go to Christ the King Reserves in the quarters as the latter defeated Collycroft Sports 5-4, Mark Ryan netting twice with Anthony Bowell, Liam Duffy and Ryan Welch also on target.

Last season's losing finalists Coventry Colliery progressed with a 3-1 second round success at Kenilworth Warden's in which the threesome of McDonald, Lovelock and Galvin were their marksmen.

Second round results: Alvis Res 3

Fillongley 4 Balsall & Berkswell 3, Whitnash 0 Peugeot 0 aet (Peugeot won 3-2 on pens) 3, Christ the King Res 5 Collycroft Sports 4, Kenilworth Wardens 1 Coventry Colliery 3, Folly Lane Res 2 Brinklow 3.

Quarter finals (to be played on December 6): Coventry Copsewood Res v Brinklow, Nuneaton Griff & Coton v Peugeot, Christ the King Res v Fillongley, Coventry Colliery v Ambleside or Coventry Amateurs.

■ **HOLDERS** Collycroft Goose are on home soil for their Stockingford AA Charity Cup, second round clash on Sunday as Wagon look to end the reign of the Bedworth side in an all-Nuneaton Sunday League tie. All matches kick off at 11.02am to allow for the two-minute Armistice Day silence.

Full draw: Collycroft Goose v Wagon, Coundon v Wallace, Coventry Jaguar v Maudslay, Coventry Rangers v Ridge Lane, Haunchwood Sports v White Hart Ridge, Lane, Hill Top v Nuneaton Prince, Poplar Athletic v Ford Sports, Unipart v Weddington Thistle.