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*The magazine for the Players,
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Brinklows Football Club*

April 2001



THE ANNUAL
**BRINKLOW
6-A-SIDE
TOURNAMENT**

WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SAT 2nd AND SUN 3rd JUNE 2001

AT BARR LANE PLAYING FIELD

Under 7's, 8's & 9's + Seniors - Saturday 2nd June

Under 10's, 11's, 12's & 14's - Sunday 3rd June

Each year group played with Mini-league ending with semi-finals & finals.

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WILL TAKE PLACE ON

SAT 23rd JUNE 2001



AT BARR LANE PLAYING FIELD

6.30pm for age groups 6 - 9

Approx 8pm for age groups 10 - Seniors

Parking on Barrs Lane Field (Weather Permitting)

THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILL TAKE PLACE ON

THURS 28th JUNE 2001

VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED
EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

I spoke to a friend of my sons recently who said that he hadn't come training because he thought Brinklow weren't looking for players, new players are always welcome. Unfortunately the lower age group for joining the club is 6 years of age, I know that this has caused some concern amongst the parents of the younger players in the club, but please understand that training & the games can get very physical. We must ensure that the youngest players are able to cope with this - better to wait until they are 6 years of age than put off a budding David Beckham!

Rumour has it that there is an upper age limit set at 65 but I'm fairly confident that this has only been banded about because Alun Yeend had heard the seniors have lots of injuries & was after a game !!

Dave Gyselynck & the rest of the management team are currently very busy putting together the details for the 6-a-side tournament which takes place on Sat 2nd and Sun 3rd June, keep your eyes on the details at the back of '**ON THE BRINK**' for updates - we are in desperate need of people to help over the two days, putting up goals, selling programmes, helping with the car park, dragging me out of the beer tent etc so if you can spare some time please see one of the team managers, they have a jobs sheet, one has also been put up in the White Lion.

Last years event was a tremendous success, with a little help from everyone this years can be just as perfect.

Some where in '**ON THE BRINK**' you will find 7 Footballs with a letter in the middle, can you find them? The first is below to help you.



Once you have got all 7, arrange the letters to make up the name of a team fighting for promotion from Nationwide Division 2.

Last months answer was '**IPSWICH**'.



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U7'S TEAM NEWS



Balsall & Berkswell 3 Brinklow Rangers 3

We decided to play eight a side against an improved Balsall side. The lads were playing some good football with Stuart Day and new boy Joe Kemp passing the ball around, against the run of play Balsall scored. Adam Ford who was in goal took a knock on his fingers and was replaced by Matthew Pine in goal. Lee Huddleston came into midfield and with Craig Payne's help made an impact. It was Lee who scored the equalizer after a good move and with goalie off his line, he placed a good shot into an open goal. This sparked off Balsall and they scored again before half-time. The lads started the second half well and had a few chances to score before Stuart Day with that deadly left foot made it 2-2.

The midfield and the attack were playing well but poor Sean Russell was left in defence on his own and made some great tackles, saving the day on a few occasions. We lost possession in midfield and with a break away Balsall scored again. The lads attitude to this was very good and they did not drop their heads, it was getting very exciting on the pitch with Brinklow in search of the equalizer again. Craig Payne and Lee Huddleston were having a good game in midfield when with a long range shot, Lee H glanced the ball into the net for a well taken goal 3-3. Credit to the lads for a great game of football enjoyed by everybody.

Man of the Match. Craig Payne (Well done Craig)

John Harman

Balsall and Berkswell 3 Brinklow Colts 0

Well for this match we were at full strength, no sickness, the sun was shining and we were ready for the game ahead. Earlier on in the season we had given the Hornets a bit of whopping, but what a difference a few months can make and from the moment the whistle went, we up against it. A barrage of incisive moves from the Hornets meant there was little time for Harry Simmonds our goalkeeper to breathe and we got stung early on in the first half. But our tails were up and we came back and worked hard to keep the fast paced Hornets at bay. Harry made save after save and kept the score line respectable, we came back and almost equalised when the game took a crucial blow and we went down another goal. The second half once again saw the Colts working really hard and we came close to scoring again but the goals proved elusive and we went down again. But what effort from this young squad, I couldn't ask for anything more!

Man of the Match. Harry Simmonds for some fantastic saves

**Harry
made save
after
save!**

Thanks also to the parents for their support.

Don't forget **Ten Pin Bowling Saturday 28th April** we need £6 and the slips back to Nick, John or myself.

Richard Jenkins and Nick Skerratt

RICKY - "My teacher does bird impressions"

JOE - "Really, what does she do"

RICKY - "She watches me like a Hawk"



Q - How do you make antifreeze

A - Hide all her jumpers

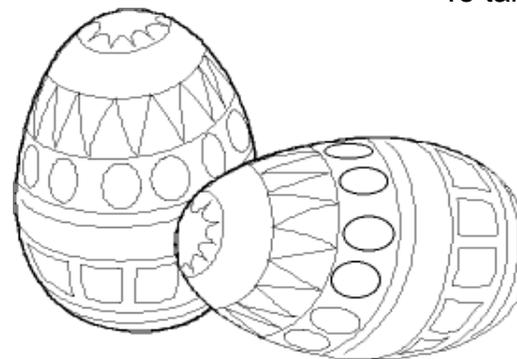
SOCIAL DIARY AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt!

To take place on 15th April

The hunt will set off from
The White Lion Inn at 1pm

Raffle & Quiz
@ The White Lion After



Easter Raffle

6 **Eggcellent** Easter Eggs.

Get your tickets from your
manager or at the White Lion.

To be drawn Easter Sunday
after the White Lion Quiz

Easter Raffle

Forthcoming events at the White Lion

Friday 6th April - The Odd Sods

Sunday 15th April - Easter Egg Treasure Hunt

Friday 20th April - Jimmy Kemp

Saturday 28th April - The Backroom Boys

Friday 4th May - Stiff Joints

Friday 11th May - Don Forman and Band

THE MAN IN BLACK

More interesting Questions & Answers about the laws of the game.
Paul Wilby

LAW 4 - The Players' Equipment

4.05 The referee told our keeper that he had to change his jersey. We didn't understand why — it's bright yellow, and we were wearing an all-blue strip.

As you obviously know, goalkeepers are required to wear uniforms which distinguish them from their teammates. This is to enable the referee to distinguish the keeper — who is the only player allowed to use his hands — from the remainder of the players. But what colour were your opponents wearing? If they were in yellow, the referee would have had a lot of trouble distinguishing your keeper from them. This is almost certainly why he required the change. Some referees may allow both keepers to wear the same jersey, as sometimes happens. Others may require one or both keepers to change, since it is possible for both keepers to be in the same area of the field simultaneously, especially late in the game if one team is behind by a goal and sends their keeper up to take part in a corner or free kick. In this case, you will just have to abide by the referee's decision, whatever it is.



4.07 I heard that the Laws do not actually require players' uniforms to be numbered - is that right?

Yes. Believe it or not, the FIFA LOTG do not require numbers on jerseys. However, it is unlikely you will ever encounter a referee who will permit play to begin without each player being numbered, or at the very least, some way to identify each individual player. Why? Because if someone misbehaves, the referee must have a way to identify and report this person to the disciplinarians. Presumably, FIFA considers that asking the player for his name is sufficient. In any event, rules about numbering are local rules, and they may differ from league to league and area to area.

4.11 What's the situation with jewelry? Can players tape over it, or do they have to remove it altogether? Referees seem to have different standards about this.

The very first section of Law 4 seems to include a flat prohibition of jewelry ("A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewellery)"), and this is in fact the interpretation in many localities and by many referees. However, this is not necessarily the way Law 4 is regarded and enforced everywhere and by every referee. Once again, the bottom line is that the referee's word is law, even if it's not the same as what your last ref said. Some referees (not many) will allow neck chains; some will allow earring studs; some will allow studs if taped over; some will require every scrap of jewelry to be removed. It all depends how sensitive a ref is to the issue of player safety; some may err on the side of caution, while others may be more willing to allow players to play with some jewelry in place, as long as it does not appear to be dangerous.

U8'S TEAM NEWS



The under 8's really seem to be suffering from a lack of match practice at the moment. It has been really difficult to get games or training sessions in as our pitches are either closed due to foot and mouth or bad weather, or are simply too busy for us to be able to play. I know the lads are disappointed about this and it has not helped the quality of our football, but there is little we can do about it. On the positive side though, we have managed to secure a new pitch at Wolston school which will be in use from April onwards, and also with the lighter nights approaching, I hope to be able to get some evening training sessions in, and get the lads working again !

We have only played one game since the last report, and that was a disappointing 3-0 defeat by Finham Park – a team who we are easily capable of beating. On the day we lacked any sort of shape, but despite this managed to create a number of chances, only to see them slip away as a result of poor finishing in front of goal. However, Mathew Wilby turned in another fine performance in goal, and the Jamie Huddleston - Alex Stage combination proved strong yet again. We also saw the debut of Tarun Sud whose lightning pace will clearly be an advantage for us up front in the future. The three Tommy's (Glasscoe, Morrison and Hyde) worked hard in midfield, but didn't quite 'gel' as they normally do, and we clearly missed the strength of Sam Skerratt in the centre of the park.

We're all looking forward to a bit more consistency, and with the next game against arch rivals Rugby United, we are determined to get back to our winning ways !!

Tony Glasscoe



U9'S TEAM NEWS



I'm afraid I have received no report from Peter this month.



Funny Things said in the World of football !!

Well, it's Liverpool two, Ipswich nil, and if the score stays this way, I've got to fancy Liverpool for the win.

He had an eternity to play that ball, but took too long.

And so they have not been able to improve on their 100% record.

With the last kick of the game, he scored with a header.

Well, it's a fabulous kaleidoscope of colour: almost all the Brazilians are wearing yellow shirts.

(Thanks for the Jokes Richard)



SENIORS TEAM NEWS

Sunday 4th March

Ryton Albion 6 Brinklow 5

We went into this game with a few injury problems but still managed to put out a strong team against a Ryton side that had won their last five league games. The ability of the players in our side is superb and this showed when we out played the opposition completely in the first half to go in at the interval 3 - 0 up thanks to some great approach play by our midfield and a superb first half hat-trick by Gaz Moore, two of which were volleys from outside the area!

But the second half was a different story, we failed to keep the momentum going and stopped working hard for each other as we had done in the first half. Even though we scored two further goals by Micky Bullock and Cressy we managed to throw away the three points which we had worked so hard for in the first half.

Verdict : Great football going forward but I feel we need to work much harder defensively throughout the whole team.



Sunday 18th March

Raglan Rangers 1 Brinklow 2

Going into this game against a team only 1 point behind us in the league was not going to be easy from the start. But when our injury list went up to seven players, three players had to work and Les, our utility player/manager, somehow managed to get stuck in London, we were very much up against it.

After the game was called off at Winfield Rec.' after our arrival, and we were given the option to transfer to Ashlawn Rd, the obvious thing with only eight available and fit players was to take advantage of the situation and play the game at a later date. But such was the confidence of our central midfield duo of Chalky and Azi we decided to go ahead with the game.

We started with seven players which soon became eight when myself (Huddy) made a very brief appearance in goal. The team worked hard as a unit to contain the opposition while hitting on the break through Gaz and Chalky from midfield. Then after about ten minutes the game seemed to change dramatically. Cressy received the ball at left back, made ground steadily, beat a couple of players and unleashed a superb 30 yarder which the keeper could only watch go over his head, clip the bar and nestle into the bottom of the net. That gave the whole team confidence and with the arrival of two more players to make it nine, we were able to get out of our own half and create even more chances.

The second half was much the same. We had by far the better players and with the excellent work rate which had been lacking in previous games at times looked as if we had the two extra players ! Even though the Raglan equalised from the spot mid way through the second half we showed the greatest spirit and commitment from the side that I have seen all season and went on to get the winner in the last 15 minutes.

With Cressy in goal, Titch a colossus in an unaccustomed roll at the back, James sweeping comfortably behind him and Spener showing great character and steel stopping any one trying to breach our defence, we didn't seem in any danger of conceding another goal. The midfield trio of Chalky, Azi and Gaz worked so hard that we made even more chances in the dying minutes and could very easily have added a few more to our score line.

Verdict : On behalf of our management team of Les, Barry, and myself, I'd like to thank all of the players that played in this game. Their attitude and commitment to Brinklow Football Club is superb and now, two weeks later, with many of our players back from injury and others now available our whole squad is starting to look stronger again.

Paul Huddlestone
Assistant Manager

U14'S TEAM NEWS

Brinklow 4 Bulkington 0

Unfortunately I missed this match, so I asked Alun to take the helm for me. From what he tells me we dominated the game from start to finish, the score line should have been more like a cricket result. In the end we must be

happy with a 4-0 win. What is pleasing

about this result was the fact we kept a clean sheet for the first time this season. The defence in recent weeks has been playing really well with each other. Alex Pouncett, Tom Aspinal and Sam Lunt have really got there act working as a unit. In addition to those players Matty Farey, Paul Lewis and Ben Chatwin have been doing an excellent job deputising in defence when asked to do so.

The score line should have been more like a cricket result.

Sporting Athletic 2 Brinklow 1

The match was a top of the table clash, Sporting top and Brinklow second place, we were looking for revenge as they beat us 5-1 at our place earlier in the season. This team are still unbeaten so far this season and are odds on favourites to win the league. You could tell by the look on my player's face's that they were over keen to get on with this match, I tried to tell them to treat this game like any other and play the football we are capable of. The first half was a nightmare for us, there was no fluency in our play, people were not picking up or tackling the opposition, we were allowing them to dictate the game to us. Half time we were lucky to be only 2-0 down. After a quiet chat in the interval we came out a completely different team, challenging for the ball, getting stuck in and fighting for the cause, this resulting in us winning the second half 1-0, but losing the match 2-1. Matty Farey scoring our second half goal.

Brinklow 5 Binley Woods 1

It's always nice to beat Binley Woods because this is our local derby, most of the player's from both sides go to the same school, so come Monday morning you can hold your head high and take the mickey for the rest of the week. Like the game against Bulkington we totally dominated, having chance after chance to score. The final result flattered Binley as we should have beaten them by double figures. The goal scorers for Brinklow were one for Martin Russell and four very well taken goals from George Ashwell. This takes George's total up to 14 this season. Equalling Gareth Yeend's total.

Keith Byrne



U10'S TEAM NEWS

I'm afraid I have received no report from Brian this month.



Funny Things said in the World of football !!



If that had gone in, it would definitely have been a goal.

Their manager, Howard Wilkinson, isn't here today, which strongly suggests that he may be elsewhere.

I am a firm believer that if one team scores a goal, the other need to score two to win.

If a team scores early on, it often takes an early lead.

You cannot possibly have counted the number of passes made, but there were eight.

(Thanks for the Jokes Richard)



U11'S TEAM NEWS



Sorry about the lack of reporting in last months **'ON THE BRINK'** but I was enjoying myself in the Bahama's with the family. So lets play catch up!

Dunlop 3 Brinklow 3

Binley Woods 5 Brinklow 3

We finished with only 10 men in this game and could of easily come away winners, bad luck boys!

U11's Brinklow 1 White Hart Sport 3

Brinklow got beat 7-1 last time they played White Hart and were determined to put on a better display this week. White Hart seemed shocked by Brinklow's pressure throughout the first half with 80% of the game being played in White Hart's half it seemed as if it would only be a matter of time before we scored. However it was White Hart who drew first blood on one of the few breaks into Brinklow's half Gianni scored a good goal from 18 yards. Brinklow did not let this unsettle them and came back almost getting an equaliser from the kick off. The end of the half came with the score at 0-1. At the start of the second half Brinklow started well again but after 10 minutes they lost the momentum and White Hart took advantage with another goal from Gianni. This put more pressure on Brinklow and they struggled to pull themselves together. White Hart got another goal from a play that looked a clear offside but the score stood at 0-3. In the last 5 minutes Brinklow seemed to find their way again and pulled one back with a goal by James Mercer from a 25 yard free-kick.

Man of the Match James Mercer.

Ernesford Dynomos 1 Brinklow 5

What a great game to watch for the parents, finally Brinklow got the break they have been looking for and they played with total confidence. They looked winners all the way dominating open play. Brinklow goals scored by 2 Phillip Allen, Rory Higgins, Darren Ford and James Skelhon.

Man of the Match Rory Higgins.

Top Goal Scorers	Goals
Phillip Allen	9
Rory Higgins	6
Dan Gyselynck	3
Harley Steel	3
Darren Ford	2
James Skelhon	2
Ashley Atkins	1
Malachy O'keeffe	1

Rob Steel

U12'S TEAM NEWS



**Rugby Town 0
Brinklow 4
Brinklow 5
JFK 4**

**Brinklow 2
Rugby Town 1
Dunlop 1
Brinklow 3**

Goal Scorers

Joe Shore	23	Dave Sinclair	4
Sean Drake	19	Shane Hunt	2
Ben Clarke	10	Rainard Stocks	1
Ricky Lee	5	Ryan Wood	1
Daniel Carter	4	Josh Tailby	1

JFK 4 BRINKLOW 3

Brinklow travelled to the Memorial Park to play JFK in the quarter final of the cup. Brinklow started the game the better team, a fine break and cross from Joe Shore gave Ricky Lee a great headed goal for the opener. Brinklow continued to dominate the first half, a fantastic run from Sean Drake gave Ricky Lee his second making it 2-0 at half time.

In the second half JFK scored a goal in the first 5 minutes, Joe Shore then scored a great solo goal making the score 3-1 to Brinklow. Brinklow then seemed to relax letting JFK back into the game. JFK then scored from a corner, then with 5 minutes to go JFK scored an identical goal from a corner taking the game into extra time. The first period of extra time was pretty level, JFK played the better football in the second period and scored the winning goal in the last minute. A great game of football in the cold conditions.

Answer the following 8 Questions, Rearrange the letters in the dotted box to give you the name of a u12's player.

All the answers are people involved with the u12's in the past 5 years.

- The best player to put on a Brinklow shirt !!!*
- A Rugby School.*
- Mr Garnett.*
- His dads name is the same as the dog in Tom & Jerry.*
- Last years top Goalscorer.*
- Male Duck.*
- Small village near Brinklow.*
- Small Forest*

Answer 1

Answer 2

Answer 3

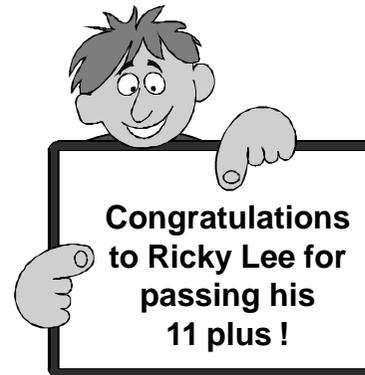
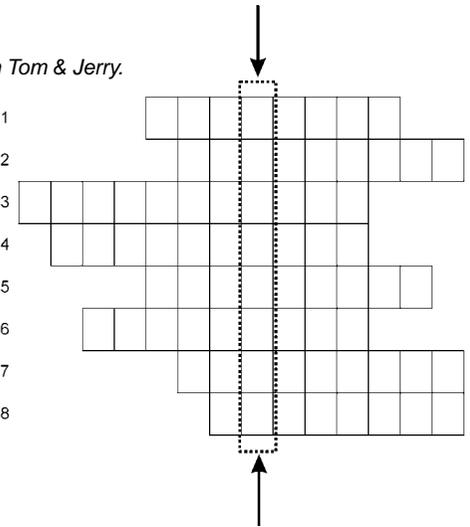
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Answer 8



Mick Holt