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Although obviously tired & with some players carrying injuries, we pushed forward with zest & after a good spell of pressure, in which we hit the post & had efforts cleared off the line, we eventually gained the 2 goal cushion that we had been looking for with goals from Andy Reid & Mark Bird. With the whole side still giving 110% it was only in sensing victory that we eased up allowing a 'never say die' Jolly Abbott to score a late goal. However, the lads had worked too hard to let this one slip and held firm to secure an excellent 5-4 victory in front of a superb travelling support from Brinklow.

In the final we meet very strong opposition in the shape of CRC, however we have been informed that no team from outside Division One has ever won the Hospital Cup - could we be the First !?!?!? I am sure there is no doubt amongst you that we will be giving it our all to further enhance the name of Brinklow FC.

Barry Wilkinson



Hospital Cup Final BRINKLOW FC v CRC



Sunday May 5th 2pm KO Butlin Road, Rugby.(home of VS Rugby)
Coach to leave from the White Lion - all welcome

Welcome to the April edition of 'ON THE BRINK'. It's getting around to the time of the year where I change the cover of 'ON THE BRINK'. I'm looking for interesting photographs that represent what the club is all about, not necessarily action shots but something that conveys what it's like to be a member of Brinklow F.C. Please mark your submissions with your name & age-group & hand to your manager, prints or digital it doesn't matter what format, If I get enough I'll include those that don't make the cover in a spread within the magazine. Submissions are open to parents as well as players, So get your camera's out & get snapping! I promise that any submitted photo's will get returned when we are finished.

I've just heard the news that the Seniors have just won their cup semi-final! This on top of them winning their league means it's already been a tremendous season for the seniors. Congratulations to all, let's see if we can get out to support them in the final which, I believe, is being played at the Rugby Town ground.

We are also planning a group photo of all the club members, details are a bit sketchy as I write so contact your manager for details, but if this does happen please remember to turn up in your strip.

Paul Wilby

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Somewhere in 'ON THE BRINK' you will find 4 Footballs with a letter in the middle, can you find them? The first is below to help you. Once you have got all 4, arrange the letters to make up the name of a team near the top of the Italian League!



Last issues answer was 'ARSENAL'.




U10's MUMS v MUMS!

Sponsored Football Match

Sunday 19th May

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U7'S TEAM NEWS



Dunlop v Brinklow

In our first Sunday game the goalkeepers could have been forgiven for thinking swimware would be more appropriate, the goal mouths being absolute quagmires.

As usual we played 2 games, against older and stronger opposition. In both games the strength of Dunlop made it very difficult to move the ball out of our own half. The odd ball that did come out, for our front men to chase, usually saw them muscled off the ball. To their credit the Brinklow lads never gave up and we are sure these tough matches will strengthen us for the future. No wins or goals, but very muddy kits.

Brinklow v Kenilworth Wardens

In our first home matches of the season, at Newbold Revel, we began to see the previous weeks hard training session pay off. The first match started off with a tough midfield battle. Mid way through the half a firm through ball, down the left, was latched onto by Sean O Reilly who unleashed a terrific shot that bounced off the nearside post, thankfully straight back into his path which he put away cleanly, for his first home goal. As we began to dominate the midfield Andrew Skerratt scored two more great goals before half time. There was no let up in the second half, Andrew completed his second hat-trick of the season soon after the restart. This was followed by 2 goals from the ever solid Jake Salmon, sandwiching a Kenilworth goal. A superb team effort, from Connor Jenkins in goal, solid defensive performances by Willem Maine and Lloyd Pulford and Jake, Adam Poole/Joe Winbush in midfield allowing Sean and Andrew up front to run rampant, the posts denied at least 3 more goals. Well done lads!

Our second match saw 2 new players, Jack Farthing and Connor Malloy make their debuts, it was great to see their enthusiasm. It was Kenilworth's turn to dominate this game. Despite the hard defensive show by George Simpson, Andrew Judge and James O'Reilly, Kenilworth scored several great goals with which Tom Barnes our goalie stood no chance. Connor Jenkins ran his socks off on field this game, but Brinklow never really managed to push out of our own half for long. Midway through the second half, however, Adam did burst through on the right wing, headed for goal and struck a good consolation goal. But alas by this time the game was out of Brinklow's reach. A great morning's football all the same.

Training and fixture dates

Training:- April 6 & May 4

Matches:- (2 games) April 13th Christ the King (home) April 20th Whitley (home)
April 27th Thurleston (home) May 18th Binley (home)

Tournaments:- May 6th Kenilworth Wardens May 11th Rugby Town
June 1st BRINKLOW.

'A superb team effort' 

Nick Skerratt



'Germany are a very difficult team to play... they had 11 internationals out there today.'

STEVE LOMAS



'Alex Ferguson is the best manager I've ever had at this level. Well, he's the only manager I've actually had at this level. but he's the best manager I've ever had.'

DAVID BECKHAM



SOCIAL DIARY AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Brinklow F.C.
will be hosting a
PARTY ON THE PITCH
On the evening of
SUN 2nd JUNE
(After the 6-a-side tournament)
With Guests
STIFF JOINTS
Everyone welcome

EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS

1st - Christian (Rob Steel)
2nd - Dawn Tyler
3rd - Simons Bevan
4th - Dave (The Raven)
5th - Gary, Coventry

THE
PRESENTATION EVENING
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SAT 22nd JUNE 2002
(PROVISIONAL DATE)
VENUE TO BE DECIDED

DADS DADS

Football Match!
May Day (Sunday 5th May).
K.O - 1.00 pm



CANCELLED DUE TO SENIORS CUP FINAL

U8'S TEAM NEWS



Weddington Thistle 1 Brinklow 2

FANTASTIC is the only word I can use to sum up this performance especially after we were robbed of victory the previous week by some dubious decisions by the referee.

The score line really doesn't reflect how one sided this game was, Weddington's one and only shot resulted in a goal that never should have been allowed (the ball definitely never crossed the line). Never mind though each and every one of you played well, the passing and moving was excellent. George was outstanding at the back breaking up attack after attack, while Craig, Lee, Sean and Stuart were all on top form. Matthew Pine was unlucky not to add to his goal scoring of late, whilst Mathew Mooney didn't really have much to do in goal. Craig and Lee scored the goals. Keep this up boys!

Man of the Match George Harman & Stuart Day

(Both played superb. Well done and lets have more of the same).

Report by Dave Payne

Weddington Thistle 3 Brinklow 3

One of the most entertaining games I have watched all season it had absolutely everything, possibly one if not all three of the best goals we've scored all season.

The first from Danny (Beckham) Wood who hit an absolute cracker from the touchline into the top corner of the net whilst Matthew Pine made it two each with a super individual goal.

Then with only a couple of minutes to go Joe Kemp hit a thumping drive over the keeper into the net.

With Bevan making some good saves in goal, Ben Stone also stood out with a couple of half chances – Well done all of you

Man of the Match Daniel Wood

(Unlucky to be left out of the first game but made up for it with a dazzling display, Keep it up)

Report by Dave Payne

Brinklow 0 AT7 2

Man of the Match Craig Payne

St Nicholas 2 Brinklow 1

Man of the Match Lee Huddleston

John Harman



*Little Jack Horner once took a corner
And belted the ball so high.
With the keeper upset, it went straight in the net.
So he said, 'What a good boy am I'*



*Striker: 'I've just had a good idea for strengthening the team.'
Manager: 'Good! When are you leaving?'*



*What does Paul Inces mum make for Christmas?
Ince pies !*



Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament

Sat 1st & Sun 2nd June 2002

(England match will be screened in the marquee)

U9'S TEAM NEWS



Christ the King	1	Brinklow	2
Brinklow	1	Finham	2
Brinklow	5	Coundon	1
Finham	2	Brinklow	1

With our league matches almost complete the U9's are looking forward to preparing for a few six-a-side tournaments. We have now played 24 of our 26 league games, and looking back over our first season of league football the lads really have turned in an excellent performance. Yes we'll get a top 6 finish in Red league which is a great achievement, but more importantly every player has worked their socks off and there is a strong team spirit amongst the whole squad. We currently have 10 squad players, and 6 of those have been playing together for four years which has clearly helped us.

The last month has seen us take on arch rivals Finham Park twice (beat us on golden goal in last years six a side final), and whilst both games were hard fought and very close, we didn't manage to take any points losing 2-1 on both occasions. However this disappointment was easily offset by a bit of Brinklow magic against Coundon Cockerels where Tommy Glasscoe took his fourth hat trick of the season to push the team on to a 5-1 win. Tommy Hyde worked hard in midfield and put several through balls in to cut the Coundon defence apart and Alex Stage returned to form with some strong and determined tackles at the back to round off a solid performance for the whole team.

Name	Goals
T Glasscoe	23
Z Bevins	16
T Sud	6
T Hyde	6
S Skerratt	6
T Morrison	3
J Huddleston	1

Leading goalscorers
2001/02
Updated on 27th March



Team	Pts
Dunlop	55
Chap Colts	53
Morris Rangers	51
Brinklow	41
Finham	40
AT7	38
Wyken	35
Cov Sphinx	32
London Rd	23
Whitley	20
Christ the King	19
Balsall	10
Coundon	6
Athletic Utd	3



During the last 6 games Zack Bevins has occasionally swapped his usual striker position to play alongside Tommy Glasscoe in midfield and this has proved to be a deadly combination of neat passing and fast runs into goal scoring positions. When Zack moves into midfield Tom Morrison and Tarun Sud have taken their chance to play up front, and both players have become more confident on the ball, taking on players and creating a lot of trouble for defenders.

This month I must give a mention to Matthew Wilby, whose skilful goalkeeping has started to earn him a bit of a reputation amongst the managers in our league. Matthew has worked extremely hard over the last couple of years (with a lot of support from his Dad) and is now a brave and talented keeper who makes a big contribution to the team's success.

Tony Glasscoe

SENIORS TEAM NEWS



With an arduous League Campaign not yet complete, it is with pride that we announce that Brinklow FC are officially Division 2 Champions !!! Sincere Congratulations to everyone involved. This has been a tremendous effort by a team that on their day are a very good footballing side. A hard earned & thoroughly deserved Trophy on its way to Brinklow.



Since the last '**ON THE BRINK**' we have only played 2 games. The first was at home to The Peacock in the Division 2 cup group qualifier. Unfortunately it was to be another Jekyll & Hyde performance, missing chance after chance, without firing on all cylinders. After going 1-0 down DA equalised following a good move. The 2nd half was no different & with the Peacock taking control of the midfield it was no surprise when they took a 2-1 lead. Brinklow continued to create & squander chances until centre half Alan O'Toole stepped forward to give the team a lesson in the art of finishing, 2-2. Unfortunately this did not lift us out of our lack-lustre mood & within minutes were 3-2 down courtesy of a bizarre Micky Bullock own goal which even had the ref laughing. However the lads were not to be beaten & an inevitable late equaliser came from the right boot of Toolie, 3-3 final score.

March 24th we were away to Rugby Workers in the final group qualifier in the Division 2 cup & because of previous poor performances this was a game that had to be won. We soon went 1-0 down to a needlessly conceded but well taken free kick. However, this served as a wake up call and at half-time we were comfortably 3 -1 in front, thanks to a good finish from Gaz Moore & two excellent strikes from Andy 'Thierry Henry' Reid. In the 2nd half it was really a matter of how many goals we could score but instead of running up a cricket score we were grateful for 2 more from 'evergreen' striker DA. STOP PRESS :- We have just found out that we have qualified for the Semi-Final of the Roly Leeson Division 2 Cup !!!!!!!

Hospital Cup Semi Final Brinklow 3 - 3 Jolly Abbott Brinklow win 5-4 (after extra time)

We all knew this would be a very tough game against Jolly Abbott who are 4th in Division One, but also it was a good chance to measure how far we have progressed as a team & a Benchmark with next season in mind. It was a fired up Brinklow side that took to the field but in our customary fashion, after making all the early running, with 12 minutes gone we went a goal down. Pleasing to say this spurred the lads on even more and after creating good chances we took a 2-1 lead via the head of Azy and the trusty right foot of Birdy. We continued to press in what was becoming an 'end to end' game, only for the Abbott to equalise just before half-time. 2-2. The lads responded well to the half-time team talk & continued to create chances, eventually regaining the lead again with an header from Azy. Unfortunately though, we failed to find the 'killer' goal & the battling opposition again equalised to take the game into extra time at 3-3.

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U15'S TEAM NEWS

BRINKLOW DOWN BUT NOT OUT!

Brinklow under 15's were relegated last weekend when they were beaten by Cubbington 4-1 this comes on top of losing their previous four games against Mount Nod 7-1, Northbrooke 5-1, Marconi 7-0 and Sporting 5-2.

Looking at these results you would have thought that we were totally out classed but the lads ran their socks off for Brinklow football club. We tried our best in the top flight and some of the results did not go our way early on in the season. Games that we drew we should of won and quite a few games we were beaten by the odd goal. The team that won the under 15 A league (Whitehart) only lost 1 game all season and that was to us. We also reached the quarter final in the cup only losing on penalties. We may be down but not out as all the lads are gearing up for next season to go out and gain promotion once again. I would like to thank all the players, family and friends for their support during the past season.

Training will be ongoing throughout the closed season (Holiday's permitting) so I hope to see all the player's and new player's over the field on Wednesday night at 6pm.

All the lads and parents are looking forward to the tournament at the Isle of Wight, I will let you know how we got on in the next edition of **'ON THE BRINK'**. Our last game of the season is against Whitley Juniors on the 14th April.

Can I wish the best of luck to the seniors for their forthcoming semi-final game and congratulations to them for winning their league. (I'm glad to see the signing on of Dave Anderson has proved so fruitful this season) That's a pint you owe me Dave!

Hope everyone had a Happy Easter!

'Some of the results did not go our way early on in the season'

Keith Byrne



MANAGERS FOOTBALL QUOTES

'An inch or two either side of the post and it would have been a goal.'
DAVE BASSETT

'There are two ways of getting the ball. One is from your own team-mates, and that's the only way.'
TERRY VENABLES

'If in winning we only draw we would be fine.'
JACK CHARLTON

'Neil Lennon wasn't sent off for scoring a goal, and that's what annoys me.'
MARTIN O'NEILL

'If we can play like that every week we'll get some level of consistency.'
ALEX FERGUSON

'You've got to miss them to score sometimes.'
DAVE BASSETT



U10'S TEAM NEWS

Season Review

With one match remaining, below are some encouraging facts and figures which reflect the excellent season the Under 10s have had. Don't forget this was the Under 10s first season playing league football against very competitive teams, who in most part have previously played league football. The season started with nine wins in ten matches. Then, in the middle of the season we hit a sticky patch, where we lost three games in a row. But with teamwork, drive and commitment the lads bounced back to lose only two of their next ten games. This now means the under 10s will finish in the top three of their league. This exceptional achievement in the Under 10s debut season has not happened by accident. The lads throughout this season and in previous years have shown superb commitment and attitude and fully deserve promotion for their efforts.

One of the most pleasing aspects is to see that all squad members have played their part this season, which is very much reflected in the vast array of names in the 'Man of the Match' table. It has also been very satisfying to see individuals as well as the team progress and develop, which hopefully bodes well for the future.

Eleven-a-side

Although we have talked briefly about eleven-a-side football and learnt a little about formations, offside etc there is nothing that can substitute playing the game. To this end from mid-April onwards every two or three weeks I have organised five or six 11-a-side friendlies. The purpose of these is obviously to gain valuable experience for players, coaches and

Matches Played	
Won	15
Drawn	2
Lost	6

mangers alike, but also to give match experience to the 'new members' of the squad who have very patiently waited for their chance to play for the Under 10s. The majority of these matches will be played on Sunday mornings, but there might be the odd Saturday or midweek game (details will follow). Also all players will receive an 'ELEVEN-A-SIDE PACK' which will contain diagrams, explanations and information about eleven-a-side football. This pack is solely for the players benefit and development and will only be issued once, so please encourage them to look after it. I will be referring and adding to it repeatedly over the coming months and next season.

Mums v Mums Match & Dads v Lads Penalty Shoot Out

Hopefully by now every one has put Sunday 19th May in their diary for the above event. This day is all about raising money to enable the lads to have a brand spanking new kit for next season (11-a-side). It does not matter how much of the match you play or how many penalties you take, it's all about participation, being there, raising money and having fun. We need to raise in the region of £500. It will require the attendance and sponsorship of all mums & dads. To this end, Lucy Sud (Milans' mum) and myself will be approaching all mums and dads over the coming weeks with final details and sponsorship forms. We can only raise this amount of money if everyone is involved and supports this event. So please, please don't find excuses not to do it, it will be fun, you can do as little or as much as you like and if you don't want your picture to be in the paper then I can arrange for you to be airbrushed out !!!!!. Thank you for your support.

Peter Day

U12'S TEAM NEWS

We have had a mixed month of results, but have seen three boys join the squad to put the team in good stead for next season. So we would like to welcome Ben, a good friend of Phillip Allen and also Tom and Karl who have joined us from Binley Woods and are also friends of Dan Giles. While we have gained from the misfortune of Binley Woods who have disbanded their under 12's, I would have to say that I was sorry to hear they had to fold. Over the last 4 years we have had some great games with Binley and they have always been a supporter of our six a-side competition. I for one will miss the local derby!

Coventry Boys Club 3 Brinklow 3

This was a close game that Brinklow made hard work of and credit has to go to Cov Boys for a great performance for their club. The first half was full of missed chances and the supporters for Brinklow began to wonder, as they have so many times this season, if we were ever going to score. One of the highlights for Brinklow were the spectacular miss kick shots by James Mercer, who's Dad found it quite amusing. However, just before half time Harley Steel scored from a corner to keep Brinklow in the game, but Cov Boys were well-deserved leaders at 2 - 1 both their goals coming from well-worked corners.

After a few encouraging words from yours truly the boys came out looking for goals and the first was quite remarkable! James Mercer some 25 yards out received the ball from a throw-in and let loose a shot that the keeper was never going to save. With the scores level Brinklow started to look the stronger side and with less than five minutes to go James Mercer recovered from earlier errors and put Brinklow in front. The question was could we really steal the win? The answer came with less than a minute from full time with Cov Boys equalising to take a fair result from the game.

Man of the Match Harley Steel

Coventry Jaguar Youth 2 Brinklow 3 (played at Barr lane)

This was a great game of football that was played in great spirit! Brinklow took the win with goals from Harley Steel, Dan Gyselynck and Phillip Allen.

Man of the Match Jamie Bayliss

Brinklow 2 Firefighters 6

Firefighters look to be this years division winners so congratulations to them. The result from our second encounter this year does not give a fare reflection of the game as Brinklow put up a great performance. Unfortunately we did not take our chances in front of goal as Firefighters did, but the best team on the day came out on top. Brinklow's two goals came from Dan Gyselynck who is looking to take the leading goal scorers title.

Man of the Match David Brannon

Coundon Cockerels 4 Brinklow 3

If ever we deserved a result this was the game! Brinklow dominated the first twenty minutes and should have got more than the one goal scored by James Mercer, from a free kick. This was followed by Coundon being awarded a penalty to make the scores level. Coundon then took the lead from their own free kick that some how went past the Brinklow keeper.

Second half and Brinklow continued to be the dominant team Dan Gyselynck coming close twice before another bizarre goal for Coundon putting them further in front. Finally Brinklow and Dan Gyselynck got a break with a goal to make it 3-2, unfortunately for Brinklow Coundon came right back with their only deserved goal to make it 4-2. Just before the final whistle Harley Steel scored to make the score respectable at 4-3.

Men of the Match James Hancox and Luke Jones

Rob Steel

Leading Scorers	
Dan Gyselynck	19
Phillip Allen	17
James Mercer	8
Harley Steel	6
Rory Higgins	5
Darren Ford	2
Dan Giles	1
James Hancox	1
Total	59

U13'S TEAM NEWS

Brinklow v Hawkesmill Jnrs

Brinklow faced division one new boys Hawkesmill hoping for a reverse of the fixture played away earlier in the season in which Brinklow suffered a 5-1 defeat. This match was staged on the bottom pitch, as next season this is where our home games will be played, so the team

needs to get used to the extra size of both the pitch and the goals.

Brinklow had a somewhat sluggish start, hardly getting out of their own half for the first 5 minutes. However the lads soon sussed out a rather nervous Hawkesmill defence and had several chances to open the scoring with good moves involving Danial Carter, Joe Shore and James Parker. Joe Shore executed a delightful chip over the Hawkesmill keeper only to see it agonisingly come off the far post, Daniel Carter lashed a shot across the goal, just clearing the bar. The goal that eventually broke the deadlock was perhaps one of the most bizarre that I've seen this season. It was almost a carbon copy of the earlier Joe Shore effort, with Alex Parker pushing the ball past the keeper at a snails pace. The keeper raced back to retrieve the ball only to push it into his own net (*Tough luck but thanks a lot*). Could Brinklow build on their unexpected lead, or would Hawkesmill have the spirit to fight back? The answer wasn't long in coming unfortunately. Hawkesmill were awarded a free kick about 20 yards out. It was one of those that you knew it was a goal the second the ball left the players foot. To be fair the lad hit a pearler of a shot hitting the back of the net, giving Dale Huddleston no chance. It was a worthy equaliser, so going into half time the score was level at 1-1.

'Joe Shore executed a delightful chip'

Second half and Danny Carter certainly had the bit between his teeth, causing Hawkesmill all sorts of problems on the right. Fed some good balls by the impressive Josh Tailby, Danny had several chances but sadly wasn't getting the luck you sometimes need to convert them. As well as his wing play Danny swung several corners in, one that deserved a goal as Ricky Lee headed just wide. The game at this stage was fairly evenly balanced but a wave of Hawkesmill attacks finally resulted in them taking the lead as their big No10, possibly Hawkesmills "Man of the Match", rounded the Brinklow Keeper to slot home and make it 1-2. From where I was standing there was a hint of offside about it but referee Steve Tyler, Who himself had a good game, allowed the goal. From now on it was an uphill struggle, seeing Joe Shore hit a free kick over the Hawkesmill bar and several other chances coming to nothing. Towards the end of the match though, a fine Hawkesmill attack almost resulted in another goal for them, only to be thwarted by a wonderful flying save by Dale Huddleston earning applause from both sets of supporters.

All in all it was a great game, though when things go against us it seems all we need is just that little bit of luck.

Man of the Match Josh Tailby
(His best performance this season)

Results

Coventry Sphinx	3	Brinklow	0
London Road	3	Brinklow	4
Brinklow	2	Rugby Town	7
Brinklow	1	Hawkesmill	2

Fixtures

Sunday 7 th April	- London Road (home)
Sunday 14 th April	- JFK (away)
Sunday 21 st April	- Dunlop (away)
<u>Wednesday</u> 24 th April	- Whitley (away)
Sun 28 th April	- Mount Nod (home)
Sun 5 th May	- Whitley (home)

Mick Holt