



Welcome to the April edition of **ON THE BRINK**. Firstly congratulations must go to the seniors who have yet again got themselves into a cup final, I make that the 4th year in a row, hopefully this time we will see them come away with the trophy. For those of you that are around, the Advertiser Cup final will be played on Sunday 1st May, KO 11am at Rugby United's ground (Butlin Road, Rugby). Unfortunately, this is the same weekend as the Brinklow tour to Great Yarmouth, which means most of the lads won't be around to cheer them on. We all however wish you all the best & hopefully we will see the trophy sat on the bar of the Lion when we return.

On the subject of the tour, all monies have now have been paid, at the time of writing we haven't received any further details from the tour organisers, the information packs should be with us next week so as soon as we receive the info it will be distributed via the managers & the clubs' website.

The clubs' committee have continued to look at ways in which we can improve the facilities. To this end Martin Pulford has volunteered to help with this important task & has made some useful progress, which means we should have additional training facilities for next year with lots of other potential changes which are still being discussed (well done Martin).

One thing has become evident, this is that in order to continue to grow the club we need a sound financial background. Whilst the club currently is financially sound we need to improve this situation in order to improve facilities. Currently we rely heavily on sponsorship, which allows us to maintain membership costs at the current low figure. Whilst we are eternally grateful to the generosity of our sponsors it is something we cannot guarantee will continue. Having surveyed a number of clubs in the area it appears that we are by far the cheapest in terms of what it costs to play. At the last meeting managers were asked to take this issue away for discussion & report back at the next meeting where a decision regarding an increase to the subs will be reached.

You too can also play your part with the facilities by ensuring we keep what we already have. You can help by ensuring that the fields & any changing rooms used are left in the same condition as when you found them. This means clearing up any litter & sweeping up after you. The club has also received a letter from the Parish Council regarding mud left on the road & car park area at Barr Lane, so can we request that boots etc are not banged clean on these areas. It would also help if managers could remind any visiting managers/players of the situation.

Finally, next months **ON THE BRINK** will hopefully have a slightly different slant to it. I'm planning to fill the magazine with as many photos & comments regarding the tour as I can lay my hands on. So if you have something to say or a photo to submit please email me at the address below & I will include in the magazine. Here's hoping that, including the seniors, we can make it a -

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MICRO's TEAM NEWS



Well we've been outside for a while now and whilst the weather has improved, it hasn't improved anywhere near as much as the boys. Just thinking about it, the majority of the boys have been training together for nearly two years and it has been a joy to coach them and an ever bigger joy to watch them develop into the players they are today.

We have entered a team in the clubs six-a-side, which will be a fantastic experience for us all. The new kit will hopefully be with us by the time you read this and will enable us to play in the clubs colours in the friendlies I will be arranging.

Thankyou to the parents for their continued support and well done again boys.

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GIRLS FOOTBALL

Girl's football has continued to progress over the last few months with the girl's technical ability improving week by week. We have now created 3 distinct teams covering ages U10's, U12's and U16's. Training has now moved to the Revel on a Saturday morning 10-11am. We are also looking to introduce an evening session on a Thursday evening at Barr Lane – starting 6.00pm.

To support this development I am very pleased to announce that Jo Sidwell and Neil Cooper have stepped forward to coach the U10's with Janine Stothard coaching the U12's and myself covering the U16's.

This progression has allowed the coaches to focus on their own group whilst at the same time allowing the girls to become more familiar with their own particular team-mates.

We continue to see new girls at training including Holly Craddock and Alice Clark who both appear to be a cracking additions to the squads. We are always on the look out for new squad members so if you know of girls of any age who'd like to get involved please pass on my contact details.

I'd like to thank Peter Day, Martin Pulford and Paul Wilby for helping us out over the last few weeks with training. The girls really appreciated the excellent sessions you all put together. However my biggest thanks goes to Jo, Janine and Neil who have bravely stepped up to the plate and are performing admirably.

On Saturday 16th April we will be putting forward 3 teams to play in the Rugby Town 6-a-side competition held at Avon Valley school. We will also be looking to get some more friendlies arranged which should be easier now that most league fixtures are coming to an end.

Thanks to all the girls for all their tremendous efforts throughout the winter months.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Presentation Evening!!

The Clubs presentation evening will take place on Friday 17th June at

**Broad Street Rugby Club,
Binley Woods
(Times to be announced)**

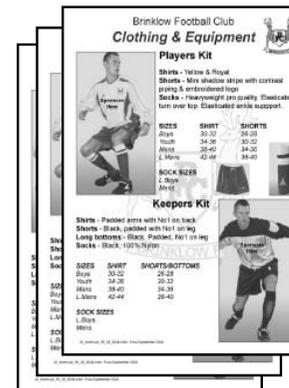
Broad street is a large facility which should allow us to get all the expected players & supports together under one roof. There is also a very large secure fielded area (away from traffic) which the children will be allowed to use. A bar & barbeque will also be provided by the Rugby club.

Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament



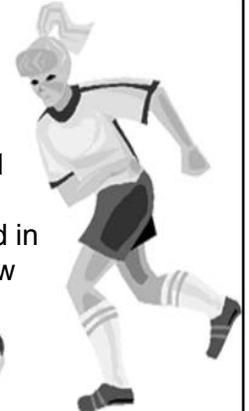
*Fri 3rd, Sat 4th
& Sun 5th June 2005*

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The Club would be pleased to hear from parents or players interested in girls football. If you are interested in joining us, or know someone who might be interested please contact Dave Anderson on Mob: 07979 961364 or Tel: 01788 832472



GIRLS FOOTBALL

SENIOR TEAM NEWS

Royal Oak 0 Brinklow 1 (AET)

Gary Moore

Advertiser Cup Qtr Final

What a time to get a last gasp winner. Some of the lads were starting to take their boots off as penalties loomed, when in the dying seconds of extra time a curling far post shot by James A'Barrow was met by a diving Gaz Moore who headed 'Houchin' style past the Goal Keeper and 4 defenders on the line. The ecstatic celebrations that followed were more in relief than joy and the final whistle came just seconds after the restart.

This game might sound like a really tight affair, but I can honestly say that I've never seen such a one sided game with Brinklow camped in the Oak half for 120 minutes, playing against an 11 man defence of which 7 never left their own area!

Brinklow 1 The Toad 0

Ryan Byrne

We went into this game knowing that two wins out of our last three games would be enough to secure the league runners-up spot, and the lads' attitude in this game was second to none. The game started at a furious pace, with the Toad who were only one

point above us in second place, flying in with several reckless challenges injuring two of our players in the first 20 minutes. Our defence stayed solid though, with our keeper, Danny Bell, confidently claiming anything that did get through, and our midfield and forward players trying to hit on the break. Our persistence all around the park paid off after 30 minutes when Gaz forced a free kick about 25 yards out. With everyone (including their keeper) expecting Ryan to curl in a cross,

he cleverly decided to shoot, curling straight over the keeper to see the Toad net ripple as the ball dropped just under the bar.

Due to bad injuries Brinklow had to play the whole second half with only 10 men, but even though we were under a certain amount of pressure our defence and defensive midfield players were awesome and we actually had the better chances, with The Toad keeper making two fine saves.

Many thanks to Youth Team players, Ryan Byrne and Sam Lunt, for helping us out in this game. You fitted in very well.

Brinklow 1 The Monk 0

Jamie Sinclair

We knew that with a victory in this game and a little help from CRC beating The Toad, that we could confirm our first aim of the season, to come League Runners-up. The game was played at the

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
CRC	16	14	1	1	75	19	43
BRINKLOW	17	11	2	4	47	36	35
LAWFORD	16	9	1	6	55	31	28
MERRY MONK	17	9	1	7	36	37	28
TOAD	16	9	0	7	42	34	27
BARLEY MOW	16	5	5	6	45	48	20
JOLLY ABBOT	14	4	3	7	40	40	15
YELVERTOFT	15	4	1	10	42	70	13
R. WORKERS	15	4	1	11	35	58	13
LON.RD R.OAK	16	2	1	13	28	73	7

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U7's TEAM NEWS

Congratulations

Congratulations to Harry and Harrys' Mum and Dad, Harry has a sister, born 31st March. At the time of going to press no name had been decided although I have heard a rumour it may be Megan.

Fixtures

9th April – Home at The Revel v Admirals – 10am for 10.30am
 16th April – Home at The Revel v Athletic Utd – 10am for 10.30am
 23rd April – Home at The Revel v Christ the King – 10am for 10.30am
 30th April – Away at Bedworth Eagles – 10am for 10.30am

Training

Due to the number of games in April we may run an additional training on Thursday 21st April, circa 6.30pm at Barr Lane, We will confirm this nearer the time.

Summer Tournaments

Two teams entered in both tournaments:-
 4th June – Brinklow Tournament
 2nd July – Christ the King Tournament

Subs

All subs have now been paid
 Kit monies outstanding:-
 Matthew – Tracksuit - £29.75
 Toby – Tracksuit - £29.75
 Cheques made Payable to Brinklow FC

Great Yarmouth Tour

All but one cheques have now been repaid.

Presentation Night

The Club's presentation night has been booked. The venue is Broad St Rugby Club, on 17th June 2005 - Keep this evening free.

All players will receive a trophy. This year we will have two more trophies, Players player and Managers player.

Declan Mellett

*What did the bumble bee striker say?
 Hive scored!*

*Why did a footballer take a piece of rope onto the pitch?
 He was the skipper!*

*What tea do footballers drink?
 Penalte!*



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U8's TEAM NEWS

With the squad continuing to grow in number we have taken a new approach to friendly games. Rather than take everyone and rotate them all through the game or across three halves we have now opted for taking 9 players to a game and leaving 9 at training. The benefit is obviously more football for everyone and for the first two friendlies under this set up we have endeavoured to let all available children play. The other impact is that the number of players in the squad now exceeds the number of shirts and for this reason we have asked that all the Sposa shirts are returned for use as needed at games.

Our first match under this new approach was away to Finham Park Colts. The team played well with strong performances from Reid in goal, Thomas in defence, Ryan and Griff in the midfield and attack but the opposition's league experience and familiarity with their home pitch gave them the advantage and a final victory of 6 – 0.

Our second match was against Stretton Athletic to whom we had lost 3 – 0 last season. This time round we saw how our team had improved as we led the first half 2 – 1 before an injury time goal leveled the score. The second half started with a couple of quick goals for Stretton before we regained our composure and Ben completed his hat trick. Unfortunately Stretton maintained their pressure and achieved a final score of 6 – 3 in their favour. Whilst we did not win it was certainly evident that the players have developed over the last year and are capable of scoring goals and, provided they remain focused, they can win games.

It was particularly encouraging to note that some of the techniques practiced in training are now starting to show themselves on the field of play and there is an increasing understanding that by communicating, passing the ball and working as a team we can achieve much more than when an individual tries to go for goal single handedly. If we continue to develop like this then we will develop into an effective team.

As previously said we need the Sposa shirts to be returned for use at matches. Most are now back but if all the others could be returned it would be appreciated. Also, if not already done, please return the league and tournament preference form as soon as possible. Registrations are being made for tournaments based on responses received and there are only a few spaces remaining.

Gordon Betts

*What part of a football pitch smells nicest ?
The scenter spot!*

*Why aren't football stadiums built in outer space ?
Because there is no atmosphere!*

*What's the chilliest ground in the premiership ?
Cold Trafford!*



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RESERVES TEAM NEWS

Brinklow 2 Lawford Reserves 3
Brinklow 5 Black Horse 3
Rugby Oak Reserves 4 Brinklow 3 (3rd Div Cup)
Rugby Oak Reserves 4 Brinklow 2

The home tie against Lawford reserves, was eagerly anticipated as it was a chance for revenge against a team who had beaten us earlier in the season 5-1. As is all too often the case, we were slow starting and went 2-0 down in the first half. From then on though we played them off the park with definitely our best performance of the season. Andy Mayne pulled a goal back for us and we continued to create chance after chance without scoring. Unbelievably, Lawford scored a third and despite a fabulous goal from Stuart Grey we once again lost to our bogie team.

Galps put us ahead early on in the game against the Black Horse with a quality strike. Once again though, we hadn't really got started and found ourselves behind 3-1 through a penalty and two break away goals. We finally found our previous weeks form, and goals from Miguel, Whiff (pen), Fordy and Mike sealed our victory.

In the next game, in the 3rd Division Cup, we lost 4-3 against Rugby Oak reserves. Whilst we played good football in spells, Rugby Oak lived up to their reputation as being an intimidating, physical side, and this probably gave them the edge. Goals came from Andy, Roger and Fordy.

Our final game of the season was against our opponents from the previous week, Rugby Oak reserves. As it was the last game of the season Roger went in goal and Brian Bullock partnered Fordy up front. After going 2-0 down, Andy went on a run and finished well. We then gave away a penalty which resulted in the Oak going 3-1 up. A left foot volley from Brian hit the back of the net to put us in with a shout but the Oak scored once more to give us a final score of Rugby Oak reserves 4 Brinklow reserves 2.

Brinklow reserves league results: W 10 L 11 D 1 Pts 31

Seasons Goal Scorers

Dave Galpin 13, Antony Ford 9, Martin Smith 8, Simon Bates 4, Scott Wells 4, Andy Mayne 4, Mickey Bullock 3, Chris Grey 2, Lee Kenney 2, Roger Lunt 2, Christian McTurk 2, Mark Wells 2, Mike Edwards 2, Drew Nicholls 1, Sam Lunt 1, Miguel Julia-Pearson 1, Stuart Grey 1, Gareth Whiteford 1, Brian Bullock 1, O.G 1

Simon Pulford

*"I'm going to sue Alan Hansen, he used to make me head balls.
If I get alzheimers in ten years I'm taking civil action against him!"*

Mark Lawrenson



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.....Seniors report continued from P16

same pace and in the same spirit as the Toad game with Brinklow having to defend in depth but looking the more dangerous of the two sides on the break. Again D.A. was awesome, sweeping up everything that came at him, with Azi being dominant against the very attacking opposition. This allowed us to push forward a little more and a superb through ball split the Monk defence apart with a very brave Jamie Sinclair getting between an on-rushing keeper and a fast retreating sweeper to lob the ball into an empty net.

The second half brought more of the same pressure but the hard battling Brinklow Team closed the door with the Monk missing their only real chance of the game, ballooning a penalty high over the bar. Maybe a little out of order barracking from the side lines helped, but I prefer to think that we'd more than earned our bit of luck in this game.

Top Goal Scorers

Justin 13, Jamie 13, Gaz 7, Stocky 6

Forth Coming Fixtures

April 10th	Away	Lawford (provisional)	Whinfield 2	Int Cup semi
April 17th	Away	Rugby Workers	Featherbed 2	League

Paul Huddlestone



This is why Argentina didnt win the World Cup!



I have been saying it since the start of the season, that this was to be a transitional season for our age group due to the fact that we had so many players to introduce to football and to gain experience ever before we could see their true potential.

We knew as a coaching team that it was going to be a tough season and it has been just that. Although both sides picked up decent results early on, I, along with Rich and Mick felt that the results had come too soon, however the performances and results that we have had recently are proof that the boys are ready, are gelling and are playing some outstanding football.

I write this report having just witnessed our last winter training session and am extremely proud to announce that I feel we have achieved our main objective for the season, which was to get the lads to the standard required to compete on an equal footing against our respective opponents. Obviously the league tables don't lie and we are in our positions because of the results that we have achieved, and if we are brutally honest we are where we expected to be before a ball had been kicked. Just as the tables don't lie, neither do the results or performances that have been achieved of late. I just wish we could kick off the season now, because the table would tell a different story but of course we can't. What we can do though is enjoy the remainder of the season as much as we have enjoyed what has passed, but now we can enter any match knowing we stand an equal chance of winning it. Great credit goes to all of the boys for achieving so much without gaining the applause they deserve. I am so looking forward to the latter stages of the season and ultimately the tour because I have got a sneaky feeling that we may just have timed our season right.

Scorers	
Name	Goals
Rhys Thomas	7
Joshua Smith	7
Ben Kimberley	7
Andrew Skerratt	3
Taylor Williams	3
Ryan Wareham	2
Keenan Sangha	2
Connor Molloy	1
Thomas Ridding	1
Joe Burton	1
Lloyd Pulford	1
Alex Sidwell	1
Jordan Batchelor	1
Jack Tipper	1
O.G.	1

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U12's TEAM NEWS

March saw the Under 12's playing three games, winning the first, losing the second and finishing the month with a draw. As well as all the football we completed our second bag pack raising a great figure of £404.59. Adding this to the £392.00 raised by the bag pack just before Christmas this makes a grand total of £796.59 to be given back to all the players that made themselves available to participate in these events. So a big thank you must go to Sainsbury's in Dunchurch and especially Ian Partridge for organising these events.



u12s after their second bagpack

Brinklow 5 Leamington Hibbs 0

Brinklow started with great attitude and worked well for each

other and this paid off, going into the break 2-0 up. In the second half the home team carried on piling on the pressure and when Leamington counter attacked, Brinklow worked hard to deal with what the away team threw at them. With all the confidence they were gaining, Brinklow deservedly scored 3 more goals making the full time score 5-0. There were too many names to mention, so all I can say is that every Brinklow player played with great passion and it was a joy to watch. Goals: Glazgo (2), Murph (2), Hydo.

Ernesford Dynamos 1 Brinklow 5

Brinklow started the game with no subs and went 1-0 up through Gianni Sangiorgi. Ernesford tried battling back, but the Brinklow defence which included Steve Brannen, Tom Morrison, Jamie Huddlestone and Dale Cooper would not let them in and if they did get through Matty Wilby was there at the rescue. Gianni then scored again putting Brinklow 2-0 up. The excellent midfield that included Tarun Sud, Tom Glasscoe, Joe Partridge and Aman Sohotta was putting nice through balls to Elliot and Gianni. Then Gianni scored 2 more excellent goals to make it 4-0 by half time.

Brinklow came out after the break a bit

u12's report continued on P9.....

u12's Trophy

The u12's are looking for a trophy sponsor for the Brinklow 6-a-side tournament.

The sponsor will have their company name prominently featured at the tournament & included in the tournament magazine. The sponsor will also be invited (if they so wish) to present the trophy to the u12's winning team. Cost is £100. If you are interested please contact Paul Wilby or Neil Huddlestone.

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U16's TEAM NEWS

Hawkesmill Colts 4 Brinklow Juniors 3

After a months wait for a competitive league match, and some key players absent the team seemed rusty and unsure. Jack Draper got Brinklow off to a good start in the 17th minute with an excellent solo effort. Hawkesmill replied within 5 minutes from a free kick, which found its way around the wall and the keeper. It took an excellent lob by Shaun McClusker to play Danny Carter in to put Brinklow in the lead. Shaun then added the third just before half time with some excellent footwork and a superb finish. The first half was a well contested half and with some good quality play by both sides.

The second half saw Hawkesmill make some tactical changes that caught Brinklow out. After 2 minutes they had made it much more of a contest. 7 minutes later Hawkesmill equalised and pressed continually until the lead was established after only 15 minutes of play. The remainder of the second half saw Brinklow chasing the game and forgetting the style of football that has kept them at the top of the table for so long. Failure to create and finish chances added to the frustration and only played in to Hawkesmill's hands, who on a number of occasions could have added to the score line but for some last ditch defending and good goal keeping by the stand in keeper Josh Tailby.

It is a pleasure to report that the quality of refereeing was first class and recognition for this should be highlighted.

Three Games Remaining

There are only three games left to play in the league, and after all the hard work put in by all of the squad it would be a bitter blow not to take the title. Football has a way of painfully reminding teams that at the end of a season the table doesn't lie. You get what you deserve in football and working hard for most of it does not give you any right to expect a trophy. Winning the league is still a possibility, albeit that it will depend on other teams results, the question is whether or not the squad want a reward for what they deserve, or what they would like. There is nothing we can do about other teams performances, but perhaps each player should ask not what their team could do for them, but what they can do for their team. In other seasons to have only lost two games and drawn two games winning the others might have been enough to secure a title. Brinklow will have to dig deep into their character to see if they will end this season where they planned to be at the beginning of it!

Robert McDonald

"If I had a blank piece of paper there'd be five names on it"

"They're the second best team in the world and there's no higher praise than that"

"England have the best fans in the world and Scotland's fans are second to none"

"The Germans only have one player under 22, and he's 23"

Kevin Keegan (all of em!)



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U13's TEAM NEWS

Season Review

With the Easter break, the Under 13s haven't played many games since last month's edition of OTB. However, apart from one match where the Under 13s didn't do themselves justice, the lads continue with their recent spell of first-rate performances. There are still many matches to be played and the lads must continue to work hard and remain focused in the coming weeks, as we play mid-week games as well as matches on Sundays. If they continue with the right attitude then there is no reason why they shouldn't very quickly rise up the table with so many games in quick succession.

Brinklow F.C. v Pro Santos (Sunday 13th March) Match report from Milan Sud, Under 13's Captain
Brinklow started well, pushing forward with some crisp passing and they looked very dangerous. After 10 minutes they got their reward - a good passing move, a cross in from Woody and a good finish from Kuran at the back post. Santos controlled the game for the next 10 minutes and their dangerman, 6ft tall and as fast as Darren Campbell, was causing trouble. After passing the ball well they found an equaliser. Brinklow didn't let their heads drop and a good ball over the top from Milan resulted in Daniel Fossick winning a penalty, which Milan calmly converted. The back four of Callum, Kai, Sanjay and Gary were coping very well with everything that Pro Santos were throwing at them, until 5 minutes from the end of the first half when the midfield failed to close down, the defence watched on as another long ball went past 2 defenders which Santos converted well. After a team talk at half time Brinklow came on looking for the win, they played some very good football and a goal eventually came, Danny Fossick broke down the left side and put in a great ball which Alex Wood (Woody) finished well. Brinklow then suffered a blow when Sanjay got hit in the face with the ball and had to go off with a bad nose bleed. Brinklow had no defenders on the bench so the team had to reshuffle. Miles Wilcox came on into the middle and James Kearney dropped back into defence. Santos were then pushing for an equaliser and if it had not been for a vital tackle from Miles Wilcox it would have been. Josh Pointon made some great saves but then they finally scored, poor marking from the Brinklow team resulted in a goal for Santos. After a last scrappy 5 minutes where either side could have clinched a win the whistle was blown and Brinklow had to settle for a point. For the last four weeks we have performed well every game and today was no exception.

Go-Carting

Our Go-carting session has now been booked for the afternoon of Saturday 24th April. As mentioned, we shall also be visiting our sponsor's shop in Leamington for publicity photos, so please make sure the lads bring along their kits. I will be collecting deposits of £5 on Sunday 10th April and another instalment of £10 on Sunday 17th April. It would be ideal if we could fit into 3 or 4 cars (it would save dragging everybody over to Leamington), so if you can help with lifts, please let me know.

Brinklow FC 6-a-side

As already mentioned, volunteers are needed to help run the Brinklow 6-a-side Tournament which is taking place from Friday 3rd June to Sunday 5th June. The under 13's have been tasked to supply 6 volunteers to help sometime over this weekend. Even if you can only spare an hour to help, it would be much appreciated. I will be seeking volunteers over the next few weeks, as names have to be given to the organising committee.

Presentation Night

Brinklow Football Club's presentation night is taking place at Broad Street Rugby Club on the evening of Friday 17th June 2005. I'm on the lookout for any photos and/or video footage of the under 13's in action, to be used on the night. If you have anything, or are able to shoot any video footage or photos over the next few weeks, it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you to Milan for his excellent match report and if any of the other lads would like to contribute, I would very much encourage this, as it also gives me a valuable insight into what the lads are thinking and feeling about their performances. Thank you for your support.

Peter Day

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shaky and let Ernesford score a goal. Then Brinklow put the pieces back together to score another good goal by Elliot Lascelles to make it 5-1 to Brinklow at full time. Excellent game lads.
Goals: Gianni 4, Elliot 1.

Brinklow 1 Racing Club Warwick 5

Brinklow entertained Racing Club, a team they had never met before so we did not know what to expect from them. But being league leaders we knew we would be against a quality side. With 10 minutes gone the home side put some great passes together and a great through ball found Gianni Sangiorgi who beat the out coming goalie to put them 1-0 up. Racing Club were playing the long ball game and with the pace of their attackers, the normally solid defence were being put under constant pressure. With this, the away team went in the break 3-1 up.

Second half saw a change of tactics with Hydo, Dale and Steve playing at the back and allowing JJ to move up to midfield. With this Brinklow forced Racing Club on the back foot with numerous goal mouth scrambles. but luck was not on our side and with two more breaks they wrapped the game up to make it 5 - 1 to the visitors.

Goal: Gianni.

I COULD NOT KNOCK ANYONE'S ATTITUDE IN THIS GAME. YOU ALL PLAYED WITH GREAT PASSION BUT LUCK WAS JUST NOT ON OUR SIDE.

Wyken 3 Brinklow 3

Brinklow went into this game giving their all, and with this they were putting Wyken under constant pressure from the quality football they were playing. After 15 minutes the away team went 1-0 when a Jamie Huddleston volley found its way in to the back of the net from a Zack Murphy corner. Brinklow kept the pressure on and with it came 2 more goals from the cool finishing of Elliot Lascelles. This Made Wyken wake up and if it wasn't for Matthew Wilby in goal for Brinklow, tipping over a near certain goal they would have gone in to the break 3-1.

Second half saw the loss of Tommy Hyde through a nasty turned ankle and Wyken stepped their game up to put the away side under a great deal of pressure. They grabbed three goals, the last being in the final minute of the game.

Goals: JJ, Elliot 3.

CAN'T KNOCK ANY OF YOU, WHAT A CRUEL GAME IT CAN BE.

Neil Huddleston

It's now 1-1, an exact reversal of the scoreline on Saturday.'

RADIO 5 LIVE

'Arsenal are quick to credit Bergkamp with laying on 75% of their nine goals.'

TONY GUBBA

'For those who know Selhurst Park, West Ham are playing from right to left.'

Unknown





Brinklow 2 London House 0

Brinklow progressed to the final of the Advertiser Cup courtesy of a goal in each half from Micky Bullock and Ian Stockdale.

The same score as the England v Azerbaijan game was not the only similarity between the two games. It wasn't long after the start that Brinklow took complete control of the game & for most of the first half play was restricted to the London House half. However the first goal was a long time coming & it wasn't until shortly before half time that a scrappy goal meant Brinklow went into the interval 1-0 up.

Into the 2nd half & more of the same. However, London House did start to show more adventure & but for some quality keeping would have equalised. Just as things started to get a little tense Brinklow finally got the second & calmly played out the rest of the game.

