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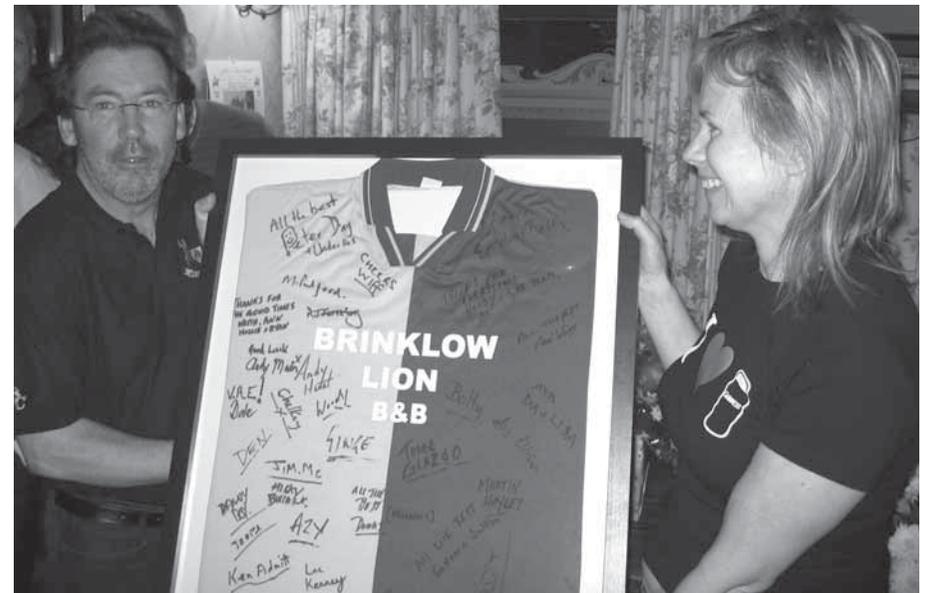


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Welcome to the April edition of *ON THE BRINK*. As I'm sure you are aware, over the weekend Alun & Heather hung up their boots at The White Lion. Both have given a tremendous amount of time, effort & money to the club over many years & we thank them for their support. On Saturday night the club turned up in force & we presented Alun & Heather with flowers from the Sunday Seniors Side, a signed match ball from the Saturday Seniors Side and flowers & a framed, signed shirt from the club as a whole, along with several other gifts of appreciation. Keith Bryne said several (thousand) words & recounted a few stories! A tear in the eye there certainly was, but also many smiling faces – gone, but not forgotten & I'm sure Alun & Heather will keep in contact!



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The club are looking for raffle prizes for the 6-a-side tournament in June. If you think you can help then please contact one of the committee or speak to your team manager.

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Goal Scorers so far this season:

Ben Cross	12
Daniel Westhead	8
Ryan Payne	3
Billy Smith	2
Robert Betts	2
Daniel Pfadenhauer	1
Griff Griffith	1
George Lowe	1

Future Matches

We have three league games left and can still improve our league position from these. Provided these are all played on schedule then our last match will be on 23rd April – the week before we go to Great Yarmouth.

When we return from the Tour we hope to be able to play some friendly games to keep in form ready for the Brinklow Tournament on 4th June.

The Under 9s end of season barbeque is provisionally scheduled for the 10th June.

Gordon Betts

Barcelona legend Ladislao Kubala represented three different nations in a competitive match – with each country recognizing him under a different forename! As Ladislav Kubala, he began his international career with Czechoslovakia, scoring four goals in six appearances. Under the name of Ladszló, he then turned out for Hungary, winning three caps. And finally, as Ladislao Kubala, he made nineteen appearances for Spain, netting eleven goals.



Vinnie Jones was once booked just three seconds into a game, playing for Chelsea against his old club Sheffield United in 1992. Upon the sound of the referee's whistle, the controversial midfielder sprinted towards and subsequently lunged wildly at Blades player Dane Whitehouse. It earned him the distinction of having received world football's fastest booking.



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**Pics from
Brinklow v Westfield Wanderers
at The Revel
(Brinklow won 3-1)**



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Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament June 2006

Friday 2nd (late afternoon K.O.) - U11's Girls and U13's Girls
 Saturday 3rd (am) - U7's and U11's
 Saturday 3rd (pm) - U8's and U12's
 Sunday 4th (am) - U9's and U13's
 Sunday 4th (pm) - U10's and U14's
 Saturday 17th - Seniors (Including Youth & over 35's, as a combined competition)

Presentation Evening!!

The Clubs presentation evening will take place at Barr Lane playing Fields, Brinklow

*Presentation for Juniors will be on
18th June 2006
Time TBA*

*Seniors & Youth Presentation will take place on
Saturday 17th June 2006
Time TBA
(after the seniors
5-a-side tournament)*

"It's a far cry from small boys in the park, jumpers for goalposts. Isn't it? Revelino!! Mmmmm. Marvellous....."



Jumpers for Goalposts!!

Calling all over 30 year olds....

Football training will restart shortly.
Venue: Barr Lane
Night: Every Wednesday night starting 12th April 2006
6 to 6.30pm Start Time

SENIOR TEAM NEWS

Coventry Alliance Division Four

Hawkesmill Res 1 Brinklow 5
Justin Neal
Iain Stockdale 3
Chris Gray

Fillongley Res 1 Brinklow 2

Mark Bird
Justin Neal

Peter Toogood Cup (1/4 Final)

Brinklow 2 PR Sporting GNP 0

Micky Bullock
Chris Gray

Major Boyd Carpenter Cup (Semi-Final)

Canley S & S 2 Brinklow 3

Mark Bird
Dave Anderson
Chris Gray

LEAGUE TABLE ON

4th April 2006

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
BRINKLOW	19	16	2	1	101	19	50
POTTERS GREEN	19	12	5	2	52	25	41
WITHERLEY UTD	18	12	3	3	61	23	39
HEART ATHLETIC	21	8	6	7	48	55	30
AMBLESIDE	21	8	4	9	30	40	28
KEN WARDENS	18	8	3	7	39	40	27
COLLYCROFT	18	7	2	9	45	48	23
HAWKES MILL	17	6	4	7	44	34	22
BILTON SOCIAL	18	6	1	11	31	65	19
FILLONGLEY	20	4	3	13	33	65	15
A.E.I RUGBY	16	4	2	10	21	42	14
SHILTON	21	2	5	14	19	68	11

100th League Goal, Promotion, and a Final Date Secured

March has seen our senior side battle hard to secure victories in four very big games. The two league games were never going to be easy, as Brinklow are now becoming what most people treat as a major scalp, but the lads held both their shape and their nerve to secure the six vital points available. The latest league game giving us our 100th league goal of the season and promotion at our very first attempt.

In the quarter final of the Peter Toogood Cup the score line might suggest that it was quite an evenly matched affair, however we missed several good 2nd half chances to make this a very convincing victory.

The Semi-Final of the Boyd Carpenter Cup was a totally different story though, with only our guts, determination, and greater skill levels defeating a very physical and direct Canley Sports and Social. The game was played on a terrible pitch, which coupled with the rain and blustery wind, was not suited to our top of the surface style of play but did suit their long ball into our box tactics. The lads got the goals we needed and defended well to see us through to our first final in Saturday football.

Top Scorers

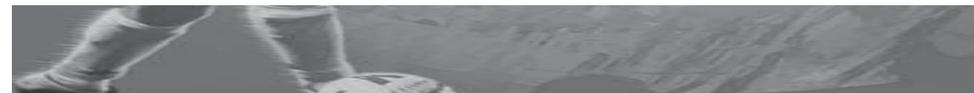
Justin Neal 36 Iain Stockdale 28 Mark Bird 15

Fixtures

Sat 8th April	Away 2.15 KO	Kenilworth Res v Brinklow	League
Sat 15th April	Home 1.45 KO	Brinklow v Potters Green	PTG Cup Semi F
Tues 2nd May	Home 6.00 KO	Brinklow v Witherley Res	League
Fri 5th May	Away 6.00 KO	Hawkesmill v Brinklow	Boyd C Cup Final
Sat 13th May	Away 2.15 KO	AEI III v Brinklow	League

Paul Huddleston

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I will start with giving a big THANKYOU to Caz (conors mum) and Malc for all their support during their time as landlords at The Raven. You may or may not know that the original micro section first came about in a conversation over a pint and from there our squad was born! All connected with the U7's wish you the best for the future.

After several cancelled games both teams have now finally had a match with mixed results. The Blues first played Admirals and on a very cold day came away with a scoreless draw. After their success over Coundon the Reds went to Christ The King to avenge their heavy defeat earlier in the season and was by no means disgraced this time losing 1 - 0 having had the better of the game. Both teams then have an away fixture away to Cov Jag. Unfortunately all the good work the Reds put in a week earlier was undone and were soundly beaten 5 - 0. The Blues played straight after and with the weather turning played a spirited game, sadly going down 2 - 1 but came off the field having had a right go!

Future Fixtures:

8th Apr Home vs Weddington Thistle Both teams.
15th Apr Away vs Hinckley Utd Both Teams
22th Apr Away vs AT7 Reds
23th Apr Home vs Whitley Jun Blues

Overall I am really enjoying the kids football and very pleased with the progress being made by all the boys and feel that the more match practice they get the better they will become.

We have entered the Rugby Town Six a side and our own tournament and looking to enter 2/3 more. The tour is all but upon us and quite frankly I am so excited having missed out last year and can't wait to get my bucket and spade out and bury Dom in the sand. I'm sure it will be a fantastic weekend!

The parents meeting date has not been set as of going to print but this meeting is important. We are heading into a big, busy summer and even bigger autumn with the league situation starting. As ever, thank you for your support

Wayne Pulford

Robbie Fowler scored the quickest ever Premiership hat-trick, when he netted a 4 minute 32 second treble past David Seaman, for Liverpool against Arsenal in August 1994.



After qualifying for the 1950 World Cup, India withdrew after F.I.F.A refused to let them play barefoot



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U8's TEAM NEWS

Training

Training has now moved to Barr Lane, Thursday's evening, 6.15pm through to 7.15pm

Summer Tournaments

Summer tournaments have now been booked, we are looking to mix the teams up a bit during the tournaments so please don't forget, please do not leave it until the last moment to advise of non availability.

- 7th May - Hinckley Tournament
- 20th or 21st May - Ajax Tournament
- 3rd June - Brinklow Tournament
- 7th or 8th July - Dunlop Tournament
- 15th July - Christ the King Tournament

Finish for the Summer after the Christ the King Tournament

Great Yarmouth

With the tour now only weeks away, we are hoping to arrange at least one game for the team that will be attending, if we do not have the chance due to league fixtures then we will use the training sessions towards the end of April to play some in house games.

Football Matters

As both teams approach the end of season, with both teams having two games left it is time for reflection but also time for looking forward. The Blue team first, the elusive win was found, 2-1 against Christ the King, hopefully two wins by the time you have read this. No matter what, the result is or was on Thursday the Blue team has started to put some fine performances together. Firstly the win against CTK then lots of games when agonising late goals have been conceded. The spirit of the blue team has also been great, no matter what the results they were always back again the following week, never gave up fighting. A credit to themselves, their coach and the club.

The red team, playing in the top league are just sitting outside the Champions League positions in fifth, with two games left there is an outside chance of sneaking into fourth. A fantastic achievement in our first competitive season. Well done to all the players of the Red team.

Looking forward, we have the summer tournaments where we will tinker / mix with the teams at the appropriate time. We also welcome some new players, Tom (4) and Elliott as we look to strengthen our squad

Roll on next season !!!

Declan Mellett

On Boxing Day 1999, Chelsea became the first club to field a team of entirely non-British players. For the league match against Southampton, the Blues side featured two Frenchman, two Italians, a Dutchman, a Spaniard, a Norwegian, a Romanian, a Nigerian, a Brazilian and a Uruguayan



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Brinklow 1 AT7 7

Brinklow started the game with a full team, but that didn't stop AT7 scoring 5 goals before Lee Huddlestone scored a cracking volley outside the box which went right in the top corner, but then again AT7 came forward and scored another. Half-time Brinklow 1-6 AT7.



Gianni commands the midfield

Brinklow hoped they could win the second half, but a goal from a goalmouth scramble gave AT7 the win. Credit goes to the whole team for putting in a cracking performance especially in the second half against the strong winds. We were unlucky that every shot that AT7 had they scored.

Goal: Lee Huddlestone
Supplied by Jamie Huddlestone

Finally

The Under 13's have entered 2 teams in this year's Brinklow 6-a-side on Sunday 4th June, am start, so if any of you are unavailable for this date please let me know asap so I can arrange replacements.

Neil Huddlestone

..... u14's report continued from Page 13



This lesson has been learnt the hard way and we don't want to let it happen again. In the next month or so a letter will be distributed requesting the intentions and commitment of the lads for next season. Once gathered in, we will then have early vision of our skill base and numbers for next season and then which specific positions to target for recruitment.

On the Club front – congratulations must go to Paul Huddlestone and the Saturday Senior team for getting through to the final of the Boyd Carpenter Cup and gaining league

promotion. Also congratulations to Wayne Woodwood and the Sunday Senior team for gaining league promotion. Well done to you both.

As far as the Under 14s are concerned, with the three games remaining, the challenge is to accrue as many points as possible and finish on a winning run.

Keep up the good work.



Peter Day

Brinklow 0 Central Ajax 2

Two quality strikes lit up a dull game as Central Ajax overcame a Brinklow side ravaged by injury and illness.

The hosts were forced to start with three players carrying knocks: One of the walking wounded, skipper Shaun Clusker, limped off after 80 minutes, forcing the home side to play the closing stages with just 10 men.

The game failed to come alive in the strong winds at Revel College, yet both sides enjoyed chances in the opening stages. With four minutes gone a low cross from Ajax's Sam Cauty found John Nash but the striker failed to connect cleanly. Three minutes later Brinklow's Daniel Newman whipped in a ball for Dave Sinclair at the far post but the follow-up shot was fired wide of the left. Sinclair was involved again eight, minutes later when he found himself in space in the Ajax box but his effort was lofted high and wide.

Ajax opened the scoring on 23 minutes, a neat through ball from captain Mike Ellis fell to Cauty who neatly chipped his effort over keeper Dale Huddleston. Two minutes later a cross by the visitors Nick Adams was volleyed straight at the keeper by Nash. It took another 10 minutes for a sniff of goalmouth action, a harmless long-range-effort from Ellis landing on the roof of the net. As the game headed to the interval Brinklow's only saving grace was a tireless performance from midfielder Sam Walder who was working hard in the engine room.

The first chance of note in the second half came after 52 minutes, when Ajax's Sean McCarthy fired a looping free kick just over the bar. However Central Ajax doubled their advantage a minute later when Nash latched on to a long ball down the right flank and unleashed a powerful volley past Huddleston. Brinklow's centre back Mick Jones hacked down McCarthy on the edge of the box on 57 minutes. McCarthy pulled himself up and rocketed a set-piece against the crossbar. Brinklow answered back with a low drive from Walder but Jamie Lee got his body safely behind the effort. Towering Ajax defender Jamie Lockyer was proving to be a vital ingredient at the back for his side. Firstly he was on hand to block a Newman effort on the edge of the area and he then thwarted Dan Carter who looked set to reduce the arrears for the home side. As the game entered its closing stages it was clear that a goal was not going to arrive for depleted Brinklow. McCarthy finished proceedings with two identical looping shots from 20 yards out. But Ajax held out to bag the three points.

Mick Holt

During England's 1977 international against Holland at Wembley, Stan Bowles wore an Adidas boot on his left foot and a Gola boot on his right one. The QPR opportunist had an agreement with Gola before Adidas offered him a staggering £300 to wear their boots for the showpiece. With two lucrative offers on the table, Bowles made his bizarre solution and duly played the full 90 minutes, wearing a different make of boot on either foot.



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Played: 21 Won: 4 Drawn: 4 Lost: 13 Points: 16 Goals: 30 (for) 51 (against)

PSA Peugeot 3 Brinklow 2

A game in which we started slowly saw us fall behind Peugeot but with great determination we pulled back from 3 : 0 to score 2 second half goals from Ben Cross and Billy Smith. With the pressure we were applying we could have drawn level had there been another couple of minutes play.

Whilst it was good to come back into the game, we learnt that we cannot afford to give away easy goals and so make it difficult for ourselves. Nevertheless we showed that we can play good football and are able to keep our heads up even when behind.

Player of the day was George Lowe for effort and commitment in midfield.

Brinklow 1 Finham Park Colts 3

This was our second meeting with Finham Park in less than a month and whilst we earned no points we played much better than at our first meeting. In fact we opened the scoring with a Ben Cross shot and looked the stronger team when we changed ends with the score level. However, Finham Park came back strongly in the second half and although we played well they found their way into the danger zone and scored two goals.

The final score line did not really reflect the effort put into the game by the whole team nor the improvement since our first game against Finham Park.

Player of the day was Robert Betts for determined tackling in defence.

Brinklow 0 Walsgrave Wanderers 1

Another return match this time against a team who had beaten us at the start of the season saw us play good football with plenty of passing and attacking. The balance of play was much more even than at the first meeting and we had plenty of scoring chances that we were just unable to put in the net.

In the end the victory went to Walsgrave on the strength of a second half free kick that proved unstoppable, but was one of only a small number of goal attempts that they had.

Player of the day was Daniella Francioso for good goalkeeping and courageous saves.

London Road Lions 1 Brinklow 3

Brinklow's return match against London Road Lions was as thrilling as the pre Christmas game. The Brinklow side looked strong from the first whistle and applied pressure on the London Road goal which was rewarded by a Ben Cross opening goal. London Road rallied and took the opportunity of a midfield break to draw level. A free kick to Brinklow some 20 yards out saw Robert Betts step up and strike his second goal of the season.

The second half saw good play from both sides but it was Brinklow who made the most of the opportunities and were rewarded with Ben Cross' second goal of the match. The final score of 3:1 to Brinklow helps to strengthen our position in the league.

Player of the day was Robert Betts for strong defending and a great goal.

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U10's TEAM NEWS

Red Divisions Team 2005/06 Season Review:

Coventry Sphinx 1 : 2 Brinklow
(Skezza 2)

Brinklow 3 : 1 Firefighters
(Skezza 3)

AT7 Blue 0 : 2 Brinklow
(Skezza, Josh)

AT7 Red 4 : 0 Brinklow

Brinklow 3 : 1 Coventry Sphinx
(Skezza 2, Joe)

Brinklow 1 : 1 Christ The King
(Tommo)

Brinklow 0 : 1 Bedworth Eagles

Mount Nod 1 : 0 Brinklow

Brinklow 2 : 1 Whitley
(Tommo, Skezza)

Christ The King 4 : 2 Brinklow
(Skezza, Josh)

Brinklow 0 : 4 AT7 Red

Brinklow 4 : 1 Chapelfield Colts
(Ridders, Connor, Ben, Josh)

Chapelfield Colts 0 : 1 Brinklow
(Connor)

Brinklow 1 : 0 Firefighters (Cup)
AET (Skezza)

Bedworth Eagles 1 : 1 Brinklow
(Skezza)

Whitley 2 : 4 Brinklow
(Ben, Skezza, Connor, OG)

Wyken Boys 0 : 1 Brinklow (Cup)
(Skezza)

Brinklow 0 : 3 Mount Nod

Brinklow 0 : 2 AT7 Blue

Brinklow 1 : 1 Christ The King (Cup)
AET (Tommo)

Brinklow lost on Sudden Death Penalties.

Firefighters 2 : 1 Brinklow
(Skezza)

Red Divisions Team Goalscorers Chart

Andrew Skerrat	15
Thomas Lovegrove	3
Connor Molloy	3
Joshua Smith	3
Ben Kimberley	2
Joe Burton	1
Thomas Ridding	1
O.G.	1

In all of my years in football, never have I come across a group of players who wished to accelerate their own football development so much. Right from the very start of pre-season training this team worked tirelessly on every aspect of football, from attacking corners to defending free-kicks as well as all of the individual stuff. These boys wanted no stone left unturned to improve, and trained so hard as a unit every week to improve energy levels, performances and ultimately results. Well, through sheer determination, excellent attitudes and a lot of time and effort, this team have become one of the best mini-soccer sides for their age group in the area. The results on do not show the whole picture because as I scan through some of the results that didn't quite go our way, I can tell you that we dominated nearly every fixture. This year for me has been a phenomenal success (even if towards the latter part of the season we took our foot off the gas a little and had some strange results) and each and every player has played his part, and they deserve all of the praise that should rightly come their way.

Still a few tournaments to participate in, but as far as the League season has gone, Mission accomplished, and who knows if a little luck had gone our way the other week we may have had a cup final to appear in. Still, we may appear in one yet.

Once again Congratulations to all of the players, parents and Coaches on a Fantastic League Season. **WELL DONE YOU YELLOW AND BLUES!!!**

Martin Pulford

See Pics on Page 9.....

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U14's TEAM NEWS

With only three games left until the end of the season, our thoughts are starting to turn to what the Under 14s will be doing over the summer and more importantly making plans for next seasons campaign.

In terms of summer training, we are proposing to train on Wednesday evenings at Barr Lane between 6:00pm – 7:30pm, starting Wednesday 19th April. We will also be entering three 6-a-side tournaments:

Rugby Admirals Saturday 13th May (1 Team)
Grove Farm (Nuneaton) Sat 27th May (1 Team)
Brinklow F.C. Sun 4th June. (2 Teams)

In addition to this we are planning some social activities, such as paint-balling, go-karting, lads-v-dads bowling, golf and fishing. We'll be talking to the lads over the coming few weeks as to their preferences and then let you know the details (and prices!) when confirmed.

In terms of next years campaign, amongst many other things, we will be looking to add to the existing squad. It's easy to forget the current squad is a 'new' one and that we have lost six players since this time last year. Also the Under 14s didn't have a goalkeeper until luckily Callum Hayward joined us in the middle of the season – so it's great credit to the lads below, to get where they are today.



Back row (left to right) G.Wilcox P.Day C.Hayward K.Sharma J.Kearney(VC) D.Reide R.Harrison
M.Wilcox A.Wood C.Brennan R.Kearney J.Jaremenko
Front row (left to right) A.Heffernan M.Sud C.Day(C) P.Jaramenko K.Sud T.Fountain

However, we must strive to improve and build for next season and be ready to hit the ground running. To this end the Under 14s will be advertising and scouting for new players over the coming months – not for quantity though but for quality. Training will also continue in general terms throughout the summer holidays with plans for a number of pre-season friendlies.

Also, we will be shortly asking the lads as to their plans for next season. We hope they'll all stay with Brinklow F.C. and be ready for the exciting times ahead. However, what we don't want to do is go through with what happened at the start of this season. A number of players indicated throughout last summer they would continue with us but at the very last moment moved on and left the Under 14s in an extremely difficult position from which we've not really recovered.

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U13's TEAM NEWS

The Under 13's have had a hard few fixtures in March, but credit to them, they have never once let their heads drop.

On a good note I am pleased that we are able to announce Benchmark Recruitment as new sponsors from next season. Les Ellison from Benchmark has been involved with Brinklow before when he played and managed the seniors a few years ago. Once again thanks from the whole team.

Christ the King 1 Brinklow 1

Brinklow found the size and pace of the Christ the King squad quite a hand full to deal with, but kept their heads up, after some even play from both sides the score remained 0-0 at the break.

Second half saw some good work from Tarun Sud down the right, combined well with Lee Huddleston leading to the goal they were looking for courtesy of Gianni Sangiorgi. As much as we searched for the second we just could not get it and it was Christ the King who eventually levelled the scores making it a 1-1 draw.

Special mention to the whole of the team for not giving up against Christ the King, who playing as well as they did on the day are in a very false position in the league.

Goal: Lee Huddleston



Tom challenges for the ball in the game against Christ the King

Binley Woods 2 Brinklow 0

Brinklow could only manage to field a squad of 10 players for this local derby game and for the first 20 minutes never seemed to get going. Binley Woods were very much organised and if Brinklow made even the smallest of errors they were made to pay, one resulting with a well taken goal from a bullet Binley Woods Header.

Second half and as much as Brinklow tried they just could not find the all important break they wished for, and as we tired later in the game Binley Woods capitalised on this with their second and the killer goal that secured a well earned victory for them.

Brinklow did come close with a fierce strike hitting the right post from a Tom Glasscoe shot. Also some good defending from Steve Brannen was a positive to come out of the game from Brinklow's point of view.



Joe heads clear

Leamington Hibs 4 Brinklow 2

Brinklow started this game with great play and within 15 minutes we were 1-0 up due to a well taken goal from Elliot Lascelles. With the pitch being so large we seemed to run out of steam later in the game allowing Leamington to head a 4-1 lead, before a Glazgo goal at the near post brought the game back slightly to life. All Brinklow's efforts could not find any more goals, and so the final result stood at a loss of 4-2.

Goals: Elliot, Glazgo

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U11's TEAM NEWS

Brinklow 2 Finham 5 Dunlop Jets 7 Brinklow 3

Two losses since the last reports but I am not worried as we have achieved far more than I was expecting this season. In both games we were competitive but as a team we need to hold our ground when making challenges and also be aware of what is going on around us, plus we need to toughen up a lot.

As a coach watching this season I have learnt that instead of changing midfield and defence through out, that next season we will have players who will be defence and will be midfielders, I don't want to bring players from positions who are doing perfectly well to try and solve a problem, thus then causing another from where they have moved from. We will work separately with defence and midfield and on a Sunday they will know what is expected of them. We have one game left against Dunlop Dynamos.

But has a team lads you have all surpassed our expectations this season so be proud of what you have acheived, and lets all work hard over the summer ready for September.

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***u10's pics from
a recent game
at The Revel***





Italy – the eventual winners of the 1982 World Cup – qualified for the second round without winning a single match during the first stage. After drawing with Poland (0-0), Peru (1-1) and Cameroon (1-1), the Azzuri pipped their African rivals, to the runners-up spot in Group 1 on 'goals scored'. Perhaps equally amazing was the fact that tournament top goal scorer, Paolo Rossi, did not manage to score in Italy's first four matches in the competition. He made amends with a hat-trick against Brazil, both goals against Poland in the semi's and another strike in the final victory over West Germany.



U12's TEAM NEWS

Despite a decent performance from the boys, yet again another defeat. At the moment we just don't seem to have any luck at all especially in front of goal. Overall we are not playing too bad but we are really struggling from a lack of goals. Although this is probably the worst sequence of results we've known with this bunch of lads, we are all in it together striving to put it right, which is really encouraging.



In recent weeks we've had some very strong performances from George, Matthew, Arron and Ben along with Louis who has been outstanding all season. I'm sure if the others can get up to this level the results will follow. Both John and myself feel that we are only two or three players away from having an outstanding team, one more than capable of challenging for a top two or three finish next season.



We are desperate for a goalkeeper and possibly a striker, someone able to get us 15 - 20 goals a season. We would be very grateful if anyone knows of anyone and to let us know as soon as possible, thanks.

Dave Payne

In a breathtaking Division 2 match in 1957, 10-man Charlton Athletic recovered from being 5-1 down after 60 minutes, to record an unbelievable 7-6 win over Huddersfield Town. The hero of the day proved to be the Addicks winger, Johnny Summers. Summers netted five times in total, his final strike giving Charlton a 6-5 lead with two minutes remaining. Huddersfield promptly leveled the scoreline, before Summers set up John Ryan, who notched the winner with the last kick of the game. Huddersfield, managed by Bill Shankly, became the only side in the history of the football league to score 6 goals and still get beat.



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