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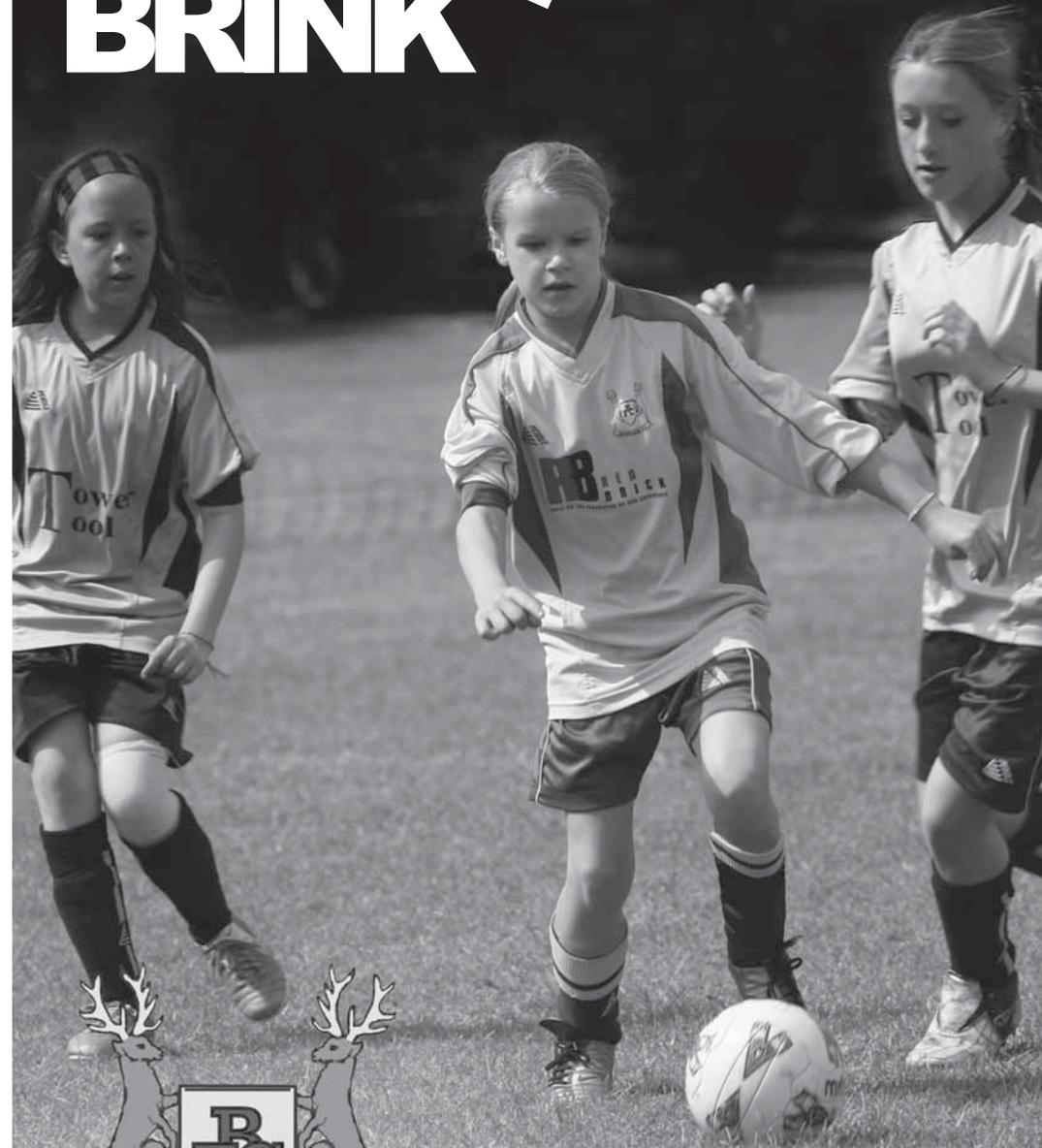
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I've been reading Bobby Charlton's autobiography over the last couple of months (I'm a slow reader!) & whilst generally it's quite interesting something popped out of me. It was a quote by Jimmy Murphy, mentor to Bobby Charlton when he was a youth team player at Man United:-

'You can stop people playing if you mark them well enough – and it doesn't matter who they are. So you have to learn two basics: you have to learn to mark someone, and avoid being marked yourself. You have to know how to steal a vital yard with a little dummy and shimmy and hit the ball quickly and on target. You have to shout so that you can help a team-mate get out of trouble – you always have to be available to receive the ball, and that is only valuable when you let your team-mates know where you are.' It is easy enough to sum up. It is teamwork.'

I Wish I'd said that!!

Please also don't forget that the Brinklow 6-a-side & presentation night are fast approaching, you should find adverts for both in the pages of this mag & on the website www.brinklowfc.co.uk so please take note of the details.

Soon the managers will be asking the players for nominations for 'Players Player of the Year', so who's it going to be? Try not to just think about who is the most gifted footballer, consider who's the most improved, who is always encouraging his team mates & who's the most committed to his team. The Players Player award is, in my opinion, the highest honour a player can receive so think carefully about your selection.

Paul Wilby

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Photos!!

We are looking for photos for all ages to use on presentation night. If you have anything that you think might be of interest then please give to your manager or contact a member of the committee

'I don't read everything I read in the press.'
Dave Jones





Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament 2008

Friday (Early evening K.O.) - U15's & U16's
 Saturday (am K.O.) - U7's & U12's
 Saturday (pm K.O.) - U8's & U11's
 Sunday (am K.O.) - U9's & U14's
 Sunday (pm K.O.) - U10's Boys, U11's Girls, U13's Girls

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June. Then take a break!
Within two weeks we will get bored and then come back early for pre season training and it all starts again!

Wayne Pulford



Blue Team

This past month has seen the lads really mature individually and as a team. The season has been a success this far with 10 wins in league and cup. There have been some poor performances in between but the good ones outweigh them dramatically.

In Febuary we went to League leaders Cov Jag and played them off the park winning 5-2. We followed that up with a defeat but a performance equally as good as the Cov Jag game. We gave Mount Nod (who will win the league at a canter) the toughest game they have had all season going down 3-2. We deserved at least a point out of the game.

The lads at the back - Jordan in goal, Nathan, Peter and Billy have really started to gel and are playing some neat football out of defence. The midfielders, Tiny Rhys and Morgan have all chipped in with goals regularly and are developing well. Scotty has been awesome with his workrate and finishing over the past few weeks and Ollie, and Jake haven't let us down when starting or coming on. A word for Ollie who notched his first goal in a 4-0 drubbing of Ernesford.

We lost to a strong Alvis side last week but I can forgive one lacklustre performance after the efforts of the past month. We have a tough run in now, spread over a couple of months which will be a bit stop start. After that we have the tour which I know everyone is looking forward to.

Just a quick mention for the supporters - they've been brilliant all season come rain or shine and I know the kids really appreciate it. Keep coming along with aunties, uncles, cousins etc - the more the merrier.

'We gave Mount Nod the toughest game they have had all season'



Dominic McNaney

Chris Coleman was getting worried that all his players were rubbish, so he phoned up a decent manager to ask for advice. Alex Ferguson explained that he got all the United players to dribble round cones, thus improving their close ball control. He suggested Chris try this. Two weeks later, Fergie rang back to see how they were coping with the new system. When he answered the phone, though, Chris Coleman was still annoyed. "Didn't my suggestion work?" asked Alex. "No the cones beat us 3-0" muttered Coleman.



U16's TEAM NEWS

Since Christmas we have seen a remarkable turnaround for Brinklow F.C. Under 16's. We have witnessed a string of incredible performances that although Bob and I knew the lads were capable of, thought would never happen. We are so pleased they have proved us wrong! It's great credit to the lads as to how they have changed their fortunes on the pitch, mainly with displays of grit, determination and some excellent football. Often managers (quite rightly) praise their team for a performance that doesn't reflect the result. However in the past few weeks, the Under 16's management team have had the pleasure on a number of occasions, not just to congratulate the squad on a performance but also attaining the right result for their endeavour i.e. a run of winning matches.

However we must not rest on our laurels. We have four or five games yet to play, all against teams pushing for automatic promotion. The lads must therefore again redouble their efforts and continue to get better and better as we have an extremely tough run-in and the need to compete and win will become even more imperative.

One other 'small' point to praise the lads on, is the discipline the Under 16s squad have shown in fulfilling some of their fixtures. In an extremely competitive league played against teams that are prepared to either, win at all costs, intimidate the opposition with threats of violence, inflict injury at every opportunity and bully or coerce referee's, the Under 16's have shown remarkable restraint despite at times, almost carrying out what lesser people would consider justifiable reprisal. I'm not saying the lads aren't prepared to look after themselves and their team mates but praise and recognition must be shown and applauded for their excellent discipline and constraint.

Looking forward

Training at Walsgrave WMC has now finished. A training and match schedule until the end of the season is being prepared and should be distributed over the next week or two. Matches will continue to take place on Sunday mornings/afternoons until the end of the season (end of April) with training probably taking place on a Saturday morning or changed to a weekday evening as the nights get lighter. We also have entered a number of summer 6-a-side competitions, dates for these will be communicated separately.

I have also volunteered the services of the Under 16's parents to help at Brinklow F.C. own 6-a-side competition taking place on **Fri 30th, Sat 31st May & Sun 1st June**. It is important that all parents of all age groups find some time to support and help at this key event. It only requires an hour or two anytime over the weekend to help with car parking, bbq, selling raffle tickets etc. The 6-a-side is a critical fund raising opportunity for the Club and helps keep the Club's subscriptions at the modest levels they are. Therefore it is crucial that everyone rallies around over this weekend and finds a little time to ensure this event continues to be the success it is.

Another date for the diary is **Saturday 14th June 2008**, when Presentation Night is taking place. Timings will be confirmed a little nearer the day, but it is taking place this year in a marquee at Barr Lane, Brinklow.

I'll finish with many thanks to Bob and Marie Kearney for their continued support and assistance, Steve Chadwick for running the line and especially to the whole of the Under 16's squad for the huge improvement in their game and long may it continue !!!

Thank you for your support.

Peter Day

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U7's TEAM NEWS

2/2/08 Brinklow Lightning 4 **Norton Lindsey 4**
Fintan Hanley 4

23/2/08 Brinklow Lightning 4 **Chapelfields Colts 3**
Fintan Hanley 4

1/3/08 Brinklow Lightning 4 **Coventry Sphinx 6**
Fintan Hanley 3
Jaime Nalus 1

15/3/08 Brinklow Lightning 0 **Ambleside 6**

A mixed bag of results against much stronger opposition well done to all the players.

Gavin Brigg



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U8's TEAM NEWS

Brinklow Green Report

Team: Will Wallace, Haydn Wilson, Theo Deboer, Ben Mulley, Ben Sotek, Sahil Thakrar, Sam Wash, Ketan Due, George Theobald, Paddie Barratt.

Brinklow 0 Cov Jag 2
Cov Jag 0 Brinklow 3
Pinley 1 Brinklow 3
Brinklow 0 Chaplefield 8
Brinklow 2 Westwood Heath 3

Mixed performances of late. Some poor defence work at home against Cov Jag saw two silly goals given away, we had nearly all the attacking play but couldn't put the ball in the net, by far the better team, but going down 2-0.

Following week the lads got their revenge beating the Jag 3-0 at there place, Sam 1 goal, George 2 goals. We did only have 7 players and in my opinion the 7 stongest, a much more settled side!

Away against Pinley winning 3-1. Again a very good team performance. good to see Neil Huddleston there lending his suport. Sam 1 goal, George 2 goals.

A home game against one of the leading teams, Chapelfields, glad I was away working! Apparently played well but going down 8-0!???

Home game against Westwood Heath, the lads played very well, always behind though. 3 goals which could of been defended better, the last 5-10mins the boys had chance after chance and really should of won the game. Sahil 1 goal, sam 1 goal. Anyhow, well done to all the lads - keep it up. And thanks to to all the parents that help out.

Steve Wilson

Brinklow Blue Report

4 games to go and top of the league.....one last big effort from the boys should take us over the finish line.....and boy do they deserve it after the way they have played this season.....unbeaten from September till early March....that is some feat!!!!

P18 W15 D2 L1 F94 A15 Pts47

Liam Troughton	30
Jessie Dharni	15
Jasper Moon	14
James Judge	12
Rhys Hartevelde	11
Teddy Vincent	7
Sam Wells	1
O.G	4

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U15's TEAM NEWS

Some great performances from the under 15's recently have deservedly put us top of our league, and with seven games remaining it is important that we don't lapse as Whitley who we still have to play twice, have similar current form to us.

Special mention must go to Spencer Horne and Nathen Trigg, who were deadline day transfers for us, and have added to the quality and strength that our team already has.

Brinklow 6 London Road 1

With bags of determination and commitment, the under 15's were rewarded with a well deserved 6-1 victory against table toppers London Road. Every player gave 100% and if they did loose possession their eagerness was soon rewarded by getting the ball back. After some narrow misses in the first ten minutes they soon found the back of the net, and from then on Brinklow never looked back. Second half and we maintained the hard work and would have kept a deservedly clean sheet if it wasn't for a penalty which London Rd converted, ending with a well deserved 6-1 to the yellow and blues of Brinklow

Goals came from: Shaun McBride(2), Alex Linnell, Jack Farrant, Callum Flaxton, Jake McBride

Brinklow 5 Binlew Woods 2

Another great performance, against the local rivals resulting in a deserved victory, and adding to the already great current form.

Goals came from: Jack Farrant(3), Elliot Lascelles, Jake McBride

Brinklow 4 Christ the King 2

If I'm honest this was the remaining fixture that we feared the most. CTC had given us a lesson in the use of power & pace earlier in the season & had deservedly taken the points, however today was a different story. Defensively this was the most compact I have seen us play with everyone working hard to prevent the pace of CTC getting around the back & although CTC probably had more of the ball in the 2nd half it is a credit to the team that Matty was rarely troubled in goal & we never really looked like taking anything but 3 points from the game.

Welcome to Spence & trigger our 'last minute' signing's on. Both of you were excellent today & have given our depleted squad a real boost just when we need it. Hopefully we can reward you with some silverware at the end of the season!!

Goals came from: Shaun McBride(2), Jake McBride, Alex Linnell

Red House 1 Brinklow 2

Not the greatest performance in the world today, the wind & bobbly pitch meant we were unable to play our usual passing game. 1-0 down at half time & frustrations were running high. Half time came at just the right time, we were able to compose ourselves & playing into the wind 2nd half meant we were able to get onto the through balls that the wind had taken away from us in the first half. This was potentially a real banana skin, how Red house are bottom of this league is beyond me & credit must go to them for giving us a real scare.

Goals came from: Jake McBride, Spencer Horne

Division - Under 15c	p	w	d	l	pts
1 Brinklow Juniors	14	10	1	3	31
2 London Road Colts	15	9	3	3	30
3 Whitley Juniors	17	8	3	6	27
4 Coventry Sector Colts	16	7	5	4	26
5 Christ The King Rovers	14	7	2	5	23
6 Binley Woods Juniors	17	5	5	7	20
7 Mount Nod JFC	16	5	2	9	17
8 Red House Juniors	18	0	4	14	4

Neil Huddleston

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Club Person of the Year

Nominations are invited from managers & assistants for the award of 'Club Person of the Year'. This could be a player, parent or indeed another manager who you feel has embraced what Brinklow Football Club is all about. Nominations with a written explanation of why you think the person should be our Club Person can be forwarded to me at communications@brinklowfc.co.uk. The committee will look at the nominations & the presentation of the award will take place at the clubs presentation night in June.

Caravan Needed

The club is in need of the loan of a caravan to use for registrations during our 6-a-side tournament. If you think you can help then please contact Rich Farthing our Tournament Coordinator.

Raffle Prizes

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.

A man arrives at the gates of heaven, where St Peter greets him and says, "Before I can let you enter I must ask you what you have done in your life that was particularly good."

The man racks his brains for a few minutes and then admits to St Peter that he hasn't done anything particularly good in his life.

"Well," says St Peter, "have you done anything particularly brave in your life?"

"Yes, I have," replies the man proudly.

St Peter asks the man to give an account of his bravery.

So the man explains, "I was refereeing this important match between Liverpool and Everton at Anfield. The score was nil-nil and there was only one more minute of play to go in the second half when I awarded a penalty against Liverpool at the Cop end."

"Yes," responded St Peter, "I agree that was a real act of bravery. Can you perhaps tell me when this took place?"

"Certainly," the man replied, "about three minutes ago".



Red Team

Caludon Youth

A comfortable win with some nice goals scored but even so could have scored more with more passing around the box and more crosses. Trezza 3 Jordan 2 Lunny 2 Jake 1.

Cov Jag Red

In a highly charged atmosphere we went out of the cup 4-2 having led twice, conceding the lead within minutes of scoring each time. For some reason we just stopped playing in all areas and in the end deserved what we got. Two great goals scored though by Trezza and Jordan.

Leamington Hibs

Another comfortable win on a day where the opposition tried to disrupt from the minute they got there. I was very pleased with the concentration and attitude shown by the boys against the visitor's attempts of constant disruption and poor attitude. A 7-1 verdict with Pulf 3 Conor 2 Trezza 1 and Jordan 1 doing the damage.

Cov Jag Red

Our first ever win against the hosts with a 2-1 verdict but the score line didn't do our performance any justice. We dominated for long spells with great flowing football but only having two goals to show for it there was always the threat of Jags set pieces to snatch a goal and deny the boys the victory. The boy's concentration and will to win was brilliant as was the tracking back, tackling, passing, in fact all over the pitch jobs were done superbly! I'm not going to go on about the bit of unnecessary at the end but it has taken me 1 minute 30 secs to write this. Trezza and Jordan getting on the score sheet.

Cov Sphinx

Not one of our better performances when the Sphinx visited but still managed a draw and may well have pinched all three points at the death, which we probably didn't deserve. Everything good from our previous game deserted us in this game but on the plus side of things we played poorly and didn't get beat, rumour has it that's what good teams do? Trezza continued his impressive scoring exploits with our only goal. Thanks to Glen for stepping in to ref, it really helps.

Weddington Thistle

Our first encounter with this season's newcomers and last seasons Nuneaton/Bedworth U8 champions from Nuneaton and it turned out to be a very enjoyable match played in the right spirit by both clubs in windy, rainy, blustery conditions. Both teams having good spells throughout the game with numerous chances and ended in a fair result 2-2. Although it felt like a defeat as they equalised very late in the game with a deflected shot. A different Brinklow team turned up from the previous week with an all-round better performance. Trezza and Jordan bagging the goals.

So that leaves us with two games remaining for this season. What will we do then? Firstly we will go and have, what I'm sure will be a great weekend on tour to Weymouth at the start of May. Then we will embark on a series of six-a-sides throughout May. We will then have our presentation evening in

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U13's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

Brinklow 1 Admirals 6

This match was the eagerly awaited top of the table clash against Admirals at home - only 3 points between us and a win would have made us joint top with them.

Unfortunately, it wasn't to be. We did take the lead in the first half with a great goal from Adey Thandey. However, Admirals equalised and then took the lead. These were two really soft goals and on another day we wouldn't have let this happen. We were by far the better team in the first half and it looked like it was going to be a very close result. The defence and midfield holding strong and we should have scored 2 or 3 goals but yet again, we just couldn't finish.

A change round of personnel in the second half didn't quite work and our heads went down when 4 more soft goals went in we crumbled. We had just run out of steam and the great passing between the Admirals players just caused us problem after problem.

Alice Clarke performed well in goal, saving shots at her if her life was depending on it in the second half. Harriet Lowe had an outstanding performance in midfield.

So we were brought back down to earth with a bump today after the highs of our cup win the previous week and the girls must learn and move on from this. Oh well, that's football.

Manager's Player of the Match awarded to Alice Clarke and the Referee's Player of the Match went to Adey Thandey.



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Brinklow 0 Admirals 5

Another top of the table clash and again, we weren't able to get the ball in the back of the net. With 5 minutes to go until half time it was 0-0 and, then 2 soft goals went in and our heads went down. Georgia Anderson had a great first half performance in midfield which had to be halted due to a knee injury. We were unlucky with injuries today - Chelsea Smith's knee causing problems and Adey Thandey's contact lens problem. Admirals scored a couple of good goals in the second half which Alice couldn't get to. Alice Clarke did play very bravely in goal today - she too got hurt during one of her saves. The defenders of Bex Wilby and Megan Bradley gave great performances as usual!

Great performances from all the subs today who came on to assist when the midfield were hampered with injuries. Particular mention to Bethany "Boots" Morrison for a star performance.

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5/01/08 Leamington Brakes (A)

W 4-0

James, Liam, Jessie, Sam

12/01/08 Whitley Juniors (H)

W 6-0

Liam 3, James, Teddy, O.G

26/01/08 Cov Jag (H)

W 8-0,

Liam 3, Jessie 3, Rhys, Jasper

9/02/08 Christ The King (H)

W 10-0

Liam 3, Jasper 2, Rhys 2, Jessie, Teddy, O.G

16/02/08 Pinley (A)

W 6-0

Liam 3, Jasper, James, Teddy

08/03/08 Mount Nod (A)

L 2-0

A special mention to Max Joyce.....9 clean sheets so far this season!!!!

Thanks to all the parents for their endless support...Ian and Richard for quality coaching and Ben Judge for his excellent work in the middle..... a thankless job!!!

Mark Troughton

A lady was in her front yard in Los Angeles mowing grass when David Beckham came out of his house next door and went straight to his mailbox. He opened it, then slammed it shut, and stormed back in his house. A little later, he came out of his house again, went to the mailbox, opened it and slammed it shut again. Angered, he again stormed back in his house. As the lady was getting ready to edge the lawn, Becks came out yet again. He marched to the mailbox, opened it, and then slammed it shut harder than ever. Puzzled by his actions, the lady asked, "Is something wrong?" "There certainly is! My stupid computer keeps giving me a message saying "You've Got Mail."





Some years ago, a sultan who had six children, all girls, began to despair as he had no son and heir. Imagine his joy when one of his wives finally presented him with a son and heir. Just before his son's sixth birthday, the Sultan took him to one side and said, "Son, I am very proud of you. Anything you want, I shall get for you." His son replied, "Daddy, I would like to have my own airplane." Not wanting to do anything by halves, his father bought him American Airlines. Just before his son's seventh birthday, the Sultan took him to one side. "Son, you are my pride and joy. Anything you want, I shall get for you." His son replied, "Daddy, I would like a boat." Not wanting to do anything halfway, his father bought him The Princess Cruise Lines. Just before his son's eighth birthday, the Sultan took him to one side. "Son, you bring so much happiness into my life. Anything you want, I shall get for you." His son replied, "Daddy, I would like to be able to watch cartoons." Not wanting to look a cheapskate, his father bought him Disney Studios and their theatres, where he watched all his favourite cartoons. Just before his son's ninth birthday, the Sultan took him to one side. "Son, you are an inspiration to us all. Anything you want, I shall get for you." His son, who was by now really into the Disney cartoons, replied, "Daddy, I would like a Mickey Mouse outfit." Not wanting to appear to be tight, his father bought him Bolton Wanderers!



A source inside The national Lottery has revealed that a man from Birmingham was a recent winner in the nation's favourite weekly gamble. The lucky chap was delighted to announce that he had spent his winnings on a new player for his beloved AVFC. "If my three numbers come up and win me a tenner again," he added, "I'll gladly buy them another!"



U12's TEAM NEWS

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With a squad of only 13 players injuries have caused difficulties to team selection, the two recent matches were real "6 pointers" at the bottom of the league and we were disappointed with just one point from these two games. Having said that the players continue to work very hard and they are aware of the standards that Martin and I want in terms of effort and commitment. Defensively the whole team has been strong but we have lost our way in the final third of the field.

I was hoping to report on a win against Mount Nod but unfortunately the weather won the day and now we have another postponed game to re-arrange. I firmly believe that we are capable of getting positive results in our remaining fixtures and silly as it seems we could still finish half way up the league.

We still wait for news from the league regarding our next opponents for the Cup Quarter Final but we hope to have news very soon.

Don't forget the morning of Saturday 31st May when we play in our Brinklow 6-a-side and I would like to remind all mums and dads that we are looking for helpers all over the weekend.

Hayley and I will be organising a social on Barr Lane when the weather warms up, we thought of a "parents v kids" cricket or rounders match with barbeque and drinks, see you there!!

Rich Farthing

Hours after the end of the world, a border dispute emerged between heaven and hell. God, all mighty, invited the devil for conversations to find a way to resolve this dispute quickly. Satan, the devil, proposed a soccer game between heaven and earth. Adonai, always fair, told the devil, "the heat must be affecting your brain, the game would be so one sided, don't you know all the "good" players go to heaven?" the devil, smiling, responded "yeah, but we've got all the refs..."



After dying in a car crash, three Referees go to Heaven for orientation. They are all asked the same question, "When you're lying in your casket, and friends and family are mourning over you, what would you like to hear them say about you?" The first Assistant Referee immediately responds, "I would like to hear them say that I was one of the great Assistant Referees of my time, and a great family man." The second Assistant Referee says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and teacher of the Laws of the game who made a huge difference in the children of tomorrow." The last guy (the Referee) thinks for a moment, and then replies, "I guess I'd like to hear them say, 'Look, he's moving!'"



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Seniors Statement

Although this season has not quite finished the committee have already started to prepare for the 2008-09 season. We have some very positive ideas on the development of the teams and I am very optimistic that we can raise our profile in the Coventry Alliance League. It is important that we hit the ground running and that is why the committee are putting together the foundations for success well before pre-season training starts.

I thank Paul, Danny, Dave and Martin for their efforts during the past season but we can't stand still and we must encourage others to become involved in coaching and also on the administrative side of the teams. Danny has decided not to continue as Manager of the Reserves but I am delighted he will continue to pass on his experience as a player. The committee worked hard to persuade the Coventry Alliance to accept our application to enter a Reserve team but despite all of the hurdles put before us we managed to get the team into the league. Mick Holt deserves credit for the many hours he put in trying to find a suitable pitch and thanks to persistence during the season the Reserves now have the same facilities as the 1st team at The Wolston Lesiure Centre.

The foundations to which I refer will need people, not only to coach and manage the teams but to raise the profile of our senior teams. We have many people within the Club who have these qualities and will want to be part of the future development of the teams. The 2008-09 season promises to be the start of exciting times for Brinklow FC Seniors.

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Coventry Alliance Division 3 - Brinklow 2 : 0 Coventry University Res

Saturday 8th March 2008

(Scott Vallance, Ben Clarke)

Report from Paul Huddlestone:-

On a blustery cold afternoon Brinklow managed to put a recent run of poor form completely behind them with a well fought out victory against a very strong Uni side. For the first time in many weeks Brinklow had the full complement of players for this league encounter with a couple of regular first team players stepping down to give a run out to reserve players who'd had their game called off as they were unable to raise a side.

The game started sprightly for the home team who looked very solid at the back with sweeper Rob Wallace and Keeper Dale Huddlestone communicating well to snuff out a couple of early dangers. This allowed fullbacks Si Bullock and James A'Barrow to push forward and put early pressure on the visitor's flanks with Bullock forcing a throw in down the Brinklow left. A huge throw by centre half Marc Woodward was glanced into the Uni net past a very surprised keeper for an early opener which well and truly gave the home side the confidence they needed. The game was played at a terrific pace, with Man of the Match Alex Olnier creating more chances down the right flank however Brinklow's new centre forward Andy Sorrell couldn't quite get the final touch.

The second half proved to be a little more difficult against an ever increasing wind and a revitalised Cov Uni side who sensed and equaliser. The tireless running of Scott Vallance and Andy Mayne proved to be of vital importance, snuffing out the opposition and starting to turn the game back in Brinklow's favour. With Wallace and Woodward in fine form the visitors were reduced to long range shots which were easily covered by Huddlestone who then brought out the save of the match, diving full stretch to turn

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round a 25 yard free kick. With tired legs all over the park changes had to be made with Bedder coming on for Olnier, David Sinclair coming on for the injured Vallance and Ben Clarke coming on for the injured Lee Kavanagh. The substitutions were to take immediate effect with Sinclair sliding the ball through to Clarke who tangled with a defender in the box. The resultant penalty was superbly dispatched by Clarke for Brinklow to see out the remaining 15 minutes in a very comfortable fashion.

Coventry Alliance Division 3 - Brinklow 3 : 1 Christ the King III

Saturday 15th March 2008

(Andy Sorrell, Scott Vallance 2)

Report from Paul Huddlestone:-

What a superb result for Brinklow Football Club!! Brinklow played host to league leaders Christ the King III on a smooth playing surface which suited both team's style of play. It was evident in the first period that the visitors had come for the points and to stretch their lead at the top but it was the home side however that opened the scoring. A superb team move saw Dave Anderson intercept a long through ball and feed Simon Bullock down the left. His centre was flicked on by the impressive Scott Vallance on to the boot of Andy Sorrell who used the outside of his foot to volley home from the edge of the area. This was followed by bazaar goalkeeping by the King's keeper who managed to give away two silly penalties when in no danger at all, the second seeing him sent from the field of play. The penalties were superbly dispatched in opposite corners by the calm Scott Vallance. Kings saw some light just before half time with a slight mix up between defender and keeper Danny Bell allowing them to pull one back on the stroke of half time.

**'What a superb
result for Brinklow
Football Club!!'**

The second half got very niggly, with Kings will to win boiling over on many occasions, however Brinklow kept their discipline and calm to see Anderson and Craig Burrin snuff out anything that was thrown at them. As time went on Brinklow created more chances to make the game secure. But good defending and good keeping denied a more emphatic victory.

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3 >> Hub	16	12	0	4	53	20	33	36
4 >> Dunlop Res	16	11	1	4	48	20	28	34
5 >> Witherley United Res	19	10	4	5	38	17	21	34
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9 >> Mount Nod Res	17	6	1	10	40	54	-14	19
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