

U8's TEAM NEWS

Brinklow u8 Blue 3 Cov Jag 2004 1

A game really of two halves. We failed to turn up for the first period when Jag took a deserved lead - they had penned us into our own half for the first 18 minutes. We scored an equaliser we didn't really deserve when Peter May broke down the left and crossed to Scott McCulloch to ram home his ninth of the season.

The second half was a different affair - we battled for everything and all wanted the ball. We took the lead when Rhys Phillips chipped the keeper from about 18 yards. The victory was confirmed with a first goal for Jordan Jones who finished a good move off powerfully with a shot into the roof of the net.

So a good victory - our third on the trot. We owed it really to Jimmy Schofield who pulled off some good saves to keep us in the game in the first half.

Man of the Match Jimmy Schofield

Dominic McNaney

SENIOR TEAM NEWS

Junior Telegraph Cup 2nd Rnd

Coundon Court Res 1

Brinklow 7

Justin Neal 2
Dave Anderson 2
Mark Bird
Scott Vallance
Micky Bullock

Foleshill Charity Cup 2nd Rnd

Christ the King Res 3

Brinklow 0

League

Coundon Court Res 3

Brinklow 1

Paul A'Barrow

Brinklow 2

Luke Kennedy
Stuart Gray

Coventry University Res 4

STILL ALL TO PLAY FOR

This has been a poor month for the Brinklow Senior side, not only results wise, but also with the team receiving long term injuries and unavailability to several of our key players. This however, has enabled our younger squad players to come through and gain vital experience at this level. This season is a transitional period to bring these players through to the senior set up whilst still having our more experienced players around them to encourage and support them.

It may have been a poor month as far as our own results go but as you will see by the league table we still have a very good chance of fulfilling our main aim which is to gain promotion. We have also progressed into the ¼ final of the Major Boyd Carpenter Cup and this Saturday (2nd December) we travel to Collycroft Sports in the hope of gaining a semi-final spot in the Coventry Evening Telegraph Junior Cup. There's also the League Cup, which starts in January, to go for too.

Heads up lads, because I know if we keep playing as a team we'll put this month behind us and go on to much better things through out the season.

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U13's TEAM NEWS

BULLDOG's "GO TOP OF THE LEAGUE" with Six Game Unbeaten Run !!!

The Boat 1 Bulldog's 5

"BULLDOG's Sink The Boat in Top of the Table Clash"

(Scorers: Ben Stone 2, Danny Wood 1, Glenn Wright 1, Owen Deakin 1)

The Bulldogs entered this game with great confidence having won our last three matches, but The Boat are an extremely strong outfit and before today's game The Boat were sitting proudly at the top of the league, having remained unbeaten all season.

We started the game well and had most of the early possession and we were rewarded with an early goal from the competitive Glen Wright scrambling the ball into the net. The Bulldogs were then awarded a penalty which we failed to convert, which seemed to inspire The Boat as they came back into the game and scored a well deserved equaliser shortly before halftime. Chris Ward who was creating many goal scoring opportunities from the left wing, was involved in a heavy tackle, which unfortunately aggravated a knee injury suffered in our previous game, reluctantly hobbled off just before half time, but had the courage to come back on second half and played extremely well.

With the match all square, we came out second half with a change in formation with 'Man of The Match' Danny Wood switching wings to play on the left and Owen (Rocket Man) Deakin coming off the bench to play right wing. Both Owen and Woody showed electrifying pace down the flanks and put in several quality crosses for our lethal strike force namely 'Target Man' Glenn Wright and 'Hot Shot' Ben Stone, who went on to score two well taken goals, which set us on our way to a glorious victory. Danny Wood's work rate was rewarded with a delightful goal, lobbing the keeper from the edge of the box and Owen Deakin finished off our goal tally, with a ferocious volley, which hit the back of the net before the keeper could move.

There were many positives in this game with commanding performances from our midfield duo, namely The Growler - Henry De Boer and the very skillful - Arron Hope who has a great engine and was involved in most of our forward play.

Our defence are also forming a great understanding, all playing their part in protecting our in form keeper Danny Turner who is showing great confidence and agility in goal.

MOM: Danny Wood (Position: Winger / Right Back), played extremely well throughout the game, showing great wing play and a tremendous work rate. Danny is an extremely versatile player and is always willing to help the team by having the ability to play in many different positions – which makes my job all the more easier when making tactical changes.

Bulldog's 3 Pro Santos 1

"BULLDOG's.... Expecting a walk in the park"

(Scorers: Ben Stone, Glenn Wright, Aaron Hope)

After last week's tremendous performance, which saw us continue our unbeaten run of four consecutive victories, we entered this match far too relaxed and several players lacked the fighting spirit and competitiveness necessary to win matches against hard tackling sides such as Pro Santos, who are a very physical side.

Our first half performance was lack lustre and we entered the half time interval drawing 1 v 1, following an early strike for the Bulldog's by Arron Hope chipping the keeper from 25 yards. Pro Santos were then awarded a penalty as a result of a mistimed challenge. Danny Turner who looked commanding throughout, pulled off a great save from the spot kick, only for Pro Santos to score from the rebound – Bad Luck Dan!

The lads trudged off the field at half time, realising that they had not played well, but rather than question why, we simply focussed our attention on the second half and made 3x substitutions. We decided to change the formation, playing a 3-5-2 which has worked well in previous matches and fortunately today was no exception. Peter Allen, came off the bench for the second half and played

extremely well at the back, playing on the left alongside the solid Phil Hibberd and Scott Chalmers who was very commanding and strong in the tackle throughout. The Bulldog's soon scored a second well taken goal which was created by 'Rocket Man' Owen Deakin who came on as a substitute at half time and as usual made an immediate impact on the game. Owen 'ignited both jet engines' and rocketed past the Pro Santos full back....see ya later...and crossed a great ball in, for 'Fox in the Box' Ben Stone to knock the ball in from close range.

We then started to dominate the second half and the hard working Glenn Wright was rewarded with a goal from 25 yards which the keeper struggled to keep hold off as it spun into the back of the net... 3 - 1 game over!

MOM: Scott Chalmers (Position: Central Defender), Quality performance and showed great calmness on the ball, winning every 50 / 50 tackle and distributed the ball well.

Exhall Tigers 1 Bulldog's 4

"BULLDOG's... too strong to hold, for toothless Tigers"

(Scorers: Ben Stone 3, Aaron Hope 1)

We arrived looking the part in our pristine white kit and new rain jackets and impressed the home side with our warm up and preparation before the game. Unlike last week, I could tell that the lads were up for this game and we got off to a great start enjoying most of the possession throughout the game. The pitch was very long and narrow, so we decided to play a 3 – 5 – 2 formation from the start, which worked well and saw us take a 2-0 lead into the half time interval, with a well taken goal from Ben 'Hot Shot' Stone and a 25 yard looping shot from the skilful Arron Hope, which left the Exhall Tigers keeper stranded.

We came out second half with just as much energy and our fast flowing football proved too much for the opposition, who before today's game were enjoying a four match unbeaten run. Chris Ward was involved in most of our forward play and made some terrific runs down the left wing and set up Ben Stone for his second goal. Exhall Tigers then start to push men forward chasing the game and suddenly broke away following another Bulldog's attack and hit the ball past our last defender Scott Chalmers, which saw a long chase for the ball. Let's just say that Scott got there as a quick as he could, but his timing in the tackle was slightly late to say the least and in typical Italian style held his hands up as if to say 'who me'? The ref rightly gave a free kick and Exhall Tigers top striker hit a ferocious shot from well outside the box, which our in form keeper Danny Turner did well to save, but as Dan fell back onto his goal line still clutching the ball, a home supporter shouted that the ball had crossed the line. Unbelievably the referee looked over at the appealing spectator and awarded a goal, which proved to be no more than a consolation goal, as the game was already in the bag.

MOM: Scott Chalmers (Position: Central Defender) Very solid performance, held the back line well and a faultless performance, apart from one dodgy tackle !

I feel that all of the lads have stepped up another level this season and playing with much more confidence and improving with every game. A number of parents have commented on how well the lads are playing together as a team. What is also pleasing is that several opposition managers have complemented our players on their style of play and positive sporting attitude, which is a great credit to the lads as well as Brinklow Football Club.

We have now won the last six games, which has put us in a very strong position sitting proudly at the top of the league and with several games still to play, we must remain focussed and as the saying goes.... take each game as it comes.
Well done Lad's!

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