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Want to share your views about the club?
or discuss the dodgy ref from latest weeks game?
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Brinklow Football Club Six-a-Side Tournament 2010

Brinklow Football Club will be staging it's 14th annual six-a-side tournament.
The tournament will take place from 4th to 6th June 2010 with different age groups
playing on the following days:-

Friday 29th May (late afternoon K.O.) - U15's and U16's

Saturday 30th May (am) - U7's and U12's

Saturday 30th May (pm) - U8's and U11's

Sunday 31st May (am) - U9's and U13's

Sunday 31st May (pm) - U10's boys, U13's Girls and U15's Girls



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The committee have started work preparing for our usual 6-a-side and presentation night events. We will be looking for volunteers to help over the weekend of the 6-a-side, so if you can spare some time with the items such as the car parking or the burger stall please contact Rich Farthing, our Tournament Coordinator or any of the committee. We are also looking for age group sponsors for the trophy's presented during the 6-a-side, for this we promise to advertise your company in the programme and on our signage. You will also have the option and privilege of presenting the trophies to the winners and runners-up. Details for the event can be found in the adverts section of this magazine.

Paul Wilby

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Newly Qualified Referees

Congratulations to Lauren Robinson and Alice Clarke from the girls U15s team who qualified have qualified as Level 7 referees.

Well done to you both!!

Brinklow FC Committee

*You know football is taking over your life when
You video games of Subbuteo for post game analysis
You refer to the sofa as a "dugout"
You can recall the names of all of the players who have played in winning
World Cup teams, but can't remember your best friends name.*



*Two boys were playing with a new football in the road outside their house.
"Hey," shouted their mother, "where did you get that football?"
"We found it," replied one of the boys.
"Are you sure it was lost?" asked the mother.
"Yes," replied the boy, "we saw some people looking for it."*



Q: What do you get if you drop a piano on a teams defence?
A: A flat back four



Ref: I'm sending you off
Player: What for?
Ref: The rest of the match!



Q: Why was it so hot after a footie match
A: Because all the fans left!!!



It was mid-way through the football season and a third division team were doing really badly. The manager decided to get the team together and go back to absolute basics. Picking up a football, he said,

“Right, lads, what I have in my hands is called a football, and the object of the game is...”

“Hang on a minute,” came a shout, “you’re going too fast.”

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first point with a draw against Whitley who the previous week had lost. The lads secured their first victory with an impressive display against top of the league side London Road and came out victors 2-1. It was all due to the hard work the boys had put in during training and that never say die attitude. It has been a very encouraging month with some strong tests ahead of the group. But I am sure with more dedication in training we will see even more good results from the team.

Well-done lads keep it up!!

Paul Hanley

FOOTBALL STORY QUIZ



ANSWERS

BRIGHTON ? this one is already in
PORTS MOUTH or ORIENT
HULL
LEEDS
MILL WALL
CREWE
CELTIC
PETER BOROUGH, DON CASTER, BRAD
FORD (take your pick) or LEICESTER even
STOKE
HEARTS
STIRLING
READING
COVENTRY
ARSENAL
WREXHAM ? wreck some (I know, I know)
MOTHER WELL
FORFAR
LEYTON
SOUTHEND
WOLVES
PRESTON
RANGERS
LINCOLN
BLACKPOOL
HUDDERSFIELD (hey, whaddya expect,
Einstein it ain?t)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH
ALLOA (as in Aloha, get it?)
CRYSTAL PALACE
WALSALL - Walls all (what can I say?)
NEW CASTLE
VILLA
LUTON
CLYDEBANK or HALIFAX (either one is good)
DUNDEE
CHELSEA
OLD HAM

WORLD CUP DRAW



Saturday, 12 June 2010
England v USA, 19:30

Friday, 18 June 2010
England v Algeria, 19:30

Wednesday, 23 June 2010
Slovenia v England, 15:00



LADS v DADS

Football Match
26th Dec 2009!

Get him out of Bed,
get his kit on & get him down
to Barr Lane.

K.O - 11am

Players from the Girls teams
are of course welcome!!



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We played Alveston again, this time in the league, and after playing so well with 9 players last week we knew with the full squad that this was going to be something special.

Emma Myatt was determined from the very start and scored a great goal early on to give us the lead. Alveston pulled it back to 1-1 and then our new signing, Danni Beck, scored on her debut to make it 1-2. Alveston managed to pull one back and then got another just before half time. So, it was 3-2 at half time.

Brinklow knew they could pull something out of the bag early on with the wind in their favour and we did just that. Emma Myatt again! And then another from Emma made it 3-4. With a minute left, Alveston were clear on goal but we gave away a penalty (questionable?) and Alveston pulled it back to 4-4.

Yet another game played in a great spirit against our friends from Alveston. The ref's report stated "this is how football should be played". An all round great performance from the squad - we could have had more goals if we didn't panic at times! We're finally toughening up but need to stand off less.

Player of the match deservedly awarded to Emma Myatt for her hat-trick.

Brinklow 1 Leamington Lions 3

(Goalscorer: Emma Myatt)

Well done to all the girls who played today. Yet again we were playing with only 9 players. The girls don't know how good they are. A big thanks to Danni who turned up despite feeling a lot less than 100% and put in a really classy performance. Emma was always a threat up front whilst Mercedes (or is that Nicole?) and Lauren covered every blade of grass on the pitch. Despite having only 9 players and being told to treat the game as a training exercise they all went for it right from the kick off. We couldn't believe the amount of sheer guts and determination shown by the whole team. If anyone ever asks Martin why he spends his time coaching this team, we'll drag them to our next game and say "just take a look".

Brinklow 5 Burton Albion 2

(Goalscorers: Danni Beck x 3, Emma Myatt x 1, Nicole Maunder x 1)

Is this the first time Brinklow have ever beaten a "league" club? A great second-half performance plus a hat-trick from Danni. Nice to see Emma and Nicole (the footballer formerly known as Mercedes) on the score sheet too. Adey Thandy was rock solid in defence and fully deserved her first Player of the Match award.

With one game left until the Christmas break we're 8th in the league.

Played:8 Won:2 Drawn:1 Lost:5 Goals for:19 Goals against: 36 Points:7

Thanks to all parents and supporters for their help during the season so far and I would like to take this opportunity to wish every one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Liz Clarke

*A football pitch groundsman from Leeds
Went and swallowed a packet of seeds.
In less than an hour
His head was in flower
And his feet were all covered in weed*



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Reserves

Hello and welcome from the Seniors Reserves and to the first report of the season from this section. As the chairman said in his notes in the last **ON THE BRINK** we are now running a new Reserve team along side and supporting the Senior First team with both squads picking from a pool of players, some of which have played for both teams, and the remaining players being able to enjoy a game of football most weekends for either the First Team or the Reserves. Due to work commitments and a sizeable number of players carrying injuries at this point it can leave the team selection somewhat of a dilemma and on several occasions Paul Huddleston and myself have been sorting out teams late on the Friday evening before the game, not ideal I know but at the moment there always seems to be something standing in the way and making life interesting.

Things are improving from week to week and no doubt as the season passes everything will settle down after these early teething problems, I would like to think so; in fact I know so due to the great set of players we have to choose from and a good team spirit along with excellent support from the coach Dave Anderson who is not only running the training but also pulling on his boots and putting his vast experience to use in guiding the younger lads and helping them make the massive jump from Youth to Senior level.

From the results side of things it has been difficult and the Reserves have found life tough. In the beginning they have been on the wrong end of some heavy score lines but as most managers know some results are a little unkind and don't always reflect what happens on the pitch. The Reserves have seen this on several occasions when they have played some nice passing football only to see the score go away from them in the last ten minutes or so. There is still room for improvement within the team, up front in particular, where a lot of chances are being created but wasted and this is affecting our results; the inability to finish teams off is hitting us hard. However, defensively things are looking much brighter and teams are not finding us such an easy touch. More recently the sheer hard work and determination has started to see the lads settle down as a team and they are now starting to pick up some points in the league.

All in all to date things have been hectic, but by the time of the next report hopefully things will have calmed down and the Reserves can be looking down the league table at the teams below them instead of the other way round. A lot of work still has to be done but I know that the personnel and players are in place to make it work.

Until next time thank you for reading and good luck to all the players and staff of all ages at Brinklow for the rest of the season.

Bob Kearney

REASONS FOR BECOMING A REFEREE

*You love football, but can't quite understand the rules
You have the strange desire to run aimlessly around in the wind, rain and snow
You love the sound of verbal abuse
You find it hard to make decisions and whenever you do your always wrong*



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It's been a decent last few weeks for the youth with the only real concern being the number of injuries in the squad resulting in us going to games with few if any subs. At the start of the season we were concerned that 18 players would be too many however it's now possible we may have to increase the squad size for the remainder of the season, myself & Bolty will review the situation over the next few weeks.

'We continue to play some attractive football'

We continue to play some attractive football but are now starting to get the results our efforts deserve, having said that I still believe our best performance of the season came in the cup game which we lost. Playing higher league opposition against a team who have only lost once all season I wouldn't have expected the performance we got. We were the

better side in the first half, made the better chances & at the very least deserved to go in at half time with the 1-1 scoreline. Second half the lack of subs meant we tired to some extent but if not for an unlucky strike from Elliott which hit the crossbar & an outstanding save from their keeper when Nick was through one on one it could have been a different story.

We must now press on; recent results have moved us into 6th with games in hand over the majority of teams above us. If we can get everyone fit & continue the good form finishing in a high position in the league is a good possibility. There are no 'stand out' teams in this league so we should be afraid of no one.

Paul Wilby



Did you hear about the England international player who had a date with a referee's daughter?

She penalised him three times - for handling, interference and trying to pull off a jersey.

Youth - Division B	p	w	d	l	pts
1 Alveston Juniors	10	8	1	1	25
2 Dunlop Juniors	10	7	1	2	22
3 Smiths Wood (colts)	8	5	2	1	17
4 Balsall & Berkswell Hornets	9	4	1	4	13
5 Warwick Juniors	8	4	0	4	12
6 Brinklow Juniors	8	3	2	3	11
7 Bilton Ajax	10	3	1	6	10
8 Chapelfields Colts	8	3	1	4	10
9 Whitley Juniors	6	3	0	3	9
10 Coventrians	8	2	2	4	8
11 Christ The King Juniors	8	1	2	5	5
12 Kenilworth Town Juniors	9	1	1	7	4

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October 17th - Away to Norton Lindsey

This became the fixture with the journey from hell. I should have listened when their lady manager gave me directions. But a woman giving directions.....I can be forgiven can't I? These games were played on a cow field and proved to be a great test of a good first touch and the ability to run through knee high grass. The Blue team controlled their game from start to finish. Sam Bodycote netted at least 6, possibly 7 and after negotiating a £1/goal with his dad in the morning, couldn't smile wide enough. The Red team game was a far closer affair with both sides never more than 1 goal ahead. The highlight of the first half was Harry Heaven's penalty miss...if you thought Chris Waddle's penalty was bad you should have seen this! Typically though, Harry showed great character to redeem himself and get his name on the score sheet. The game was heading for a draw when Robbie Armstrong popped up to grab a dramatic injury time winner.



October 31st - Home to Long Lawford and Hillmorton

Unfortunately, both games proved a miss match with our boys far too strong for teams that appeared to have a couple of younger players. However, there is nothing that beats that feeling when you have just scored, and the boys thoroughly enjoyed doing it again and again.

November 7th - Home to Weddington Thistle

After a couple of good performances, the blue team were now flying and Weddington could not handle the lads as they were simply on fire! The Red team game was a closer affair. Solid defending, mixed in with some lovely link up play rounded off by some cool finishing helped us to a win.

December 5th - Cov Jag and Firefighters

The Blue team were unfortunate to lose to the Firefighters and may have gone on to earn a share of the spoils had it not been for a dubious penalty decision. Special praise goes to Stevie Cox who was fantastic between the posts. After going a goal behind, the Red team fought back to take a well deserved victory against Cov Jag. This was by far our best team performance to date, with each player making a valuable contribution.

Sponsorship - We are now close to securing sponsorship deals. We would like to thank everyone who has made enquires on the team's behalf.

Reminder - If we are required to train at Alan Higgs, we will need £2 subs for each player please.

Gary Coward

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FOOTBALL STORY QUIZ

Fill in the blanks with names of British Football teams so that the story makes some sort of sense.

(the first one is done for you - Answers on Page 19)



The sun shone **BRIGHTON** the day we set sail for the _____ in a ship with a _____ riddled with holes.

We sailed down the river which _____ to the sea.

We waved to the fair maiden leaning against the _____.

The _____ was made up of Scots, Irish and others of the _____ race.

The exception was the cabin boy named _____ whose job was to _____ the boilers.

He was illiterate, but won our _____ with his _____ efforts to improve his _____.

He was sent to _____ by the villains on board, who had brought their _____ of weapons.

They were a rowdy lot and, when drunk, they did in fact _____ furniture.

The voyage made my _____, who had not had a holiday _____ too long.

We landed _____ in the day on the _____ of the island, below where the locals _____ their dead.

We crossed a stream and entered a dense forest where the _____ roamed freely.

We _____ regardless and eventually met a group of _____ dressed in _____ green.

After a days journey we caught some black fish in a _____ and tried to get milk from a herd of cows, but they objected to having their _____ (sorry about this one!)

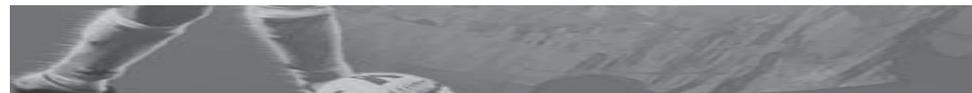
At last we came to our destination, the home of the Hawaiian monarch, the _____.

She greeted us with a friendly _____, but was obviously upset, as her _____ had been smashed when the _____ fell down.

While her _____ was being built she had to live in a sumptuous _____.

When we found the treasure we put the _____ the ship, determined to put it straight in the _____ when we got home.

That night we ate some _____ cake and some _____ buns for tea, also some _____ which made us feel ill.



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goalkeeper was able to bravely dive to collect the ball. The first half saw a debut for Ben W who slotted in well. Half time 1-0.

The second half saw some of the best football the Blues have played all season with some great passing and all players getting involved, Teddy and Jake were bossing the midfield, Thomas was all over the pitch and setting up attacking moves with his throw ins and there was some sublime passing. A weak Whitnash clearance was pounced upon by Joe who made no mistake to make it 2-0, then Joe was pushed halfway in the Whitnash half and he fired in a low but powerful free kick which was deflected past the keeper. Joe then played a good ball wide to Thomas who fired his shot in from a narrow angle for Brinklow's 4th. William was superb at the back breaking up attacks and sending great ball forwards. The Blues were now playing champagne football from deep inside their own box. Ben M, Jake and Joe were involved in a move that swept the ball forwards only to see the final pass played a fraction too far in front of Joe, but moments later William set up another attacking move, which finished off with Ben W playing the ball in from the corner of the area until he could get it onto his left foot before firing home. There was just enough time for Joe to hit the post before the final whistle went.

A superb performance from all the players which will keep Brinklow in second place in the table with 23 points which exceeds the total for the whole of last season by the end of November!.

Scorers: Bailey 1, Ben W 1, Joe 2, Thomas 1
Man of the match – William Wallace

Other Results

Brinklow Blues 5	Leamington Brakes 1
Brinklow Blues 0	Caludon Youth 2
Gurdwara 3	Brinklow Blues 2
Southam 2	Brinklow Blues 3

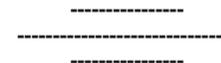
League Form

W7, D2, L4 23pts

Goal Scorers

Joe	17
Bailey	6
Jake	3
Antony	2
Thom	3
Ben W	1

Steve Wilson



*There was a young player called Kelly
Who couldn't play 'cos of his belly
When he ran on the pitch,
He caused a big ditch,
So he just watches games on the telly.*





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Leamington Brakes 0 Brinklow 1

Playing on a large pitch under the blistering sun in the hottest part of the day was always going to be hard work - playing against the team who were sitting on top of the table on Monday with a 100% record looked daunting, but don't forget the Blues were in 2nd place.

Brinklow applied the early pressure; Teddy ran down the wing and crossed to Joe who set Bailey up but the shot was just wide. Theo was showing great awareness at the back, and William is slotting in alongside him. Theo came to the rescue when Haydn was on the floor; clearing the ball well. Joe charged down the pitch before shooting just wide, and then Bailey, Joe and Antony combined in a slick passing move which resulted in another ball just past the post. Ben came on and made 2 great covering tackles as Leamington got back into the game and pushed forwards.

Second half was played at the same intensity as the first; within 2 minutes Joe picked up the ball just outside the area and unleashed a powerful shot which the goal keeper was unable to prevent going into the net. Brinklow then had a series of chances to make it 2-0; Bailey was clean through but shot just wide, Joe then passed the ball to Bailey, but the goalie saved with his legs. The minutes were ticking by but there was no respite. Teddy played Jake through but his shot was well saved, Joe hit the post and there were several chances from the resulting goal mouth scramble, Leamington surged forwards again and forced 2 late corners but finally the whistle went and the Blues had won their 3rd match out of 5.

Scorers: Joe 1
Man of the match – Hayden

Kenilworth 1 Brinklow 3

Joe scored in the first half with a powerful shot with his right foot from just outside the area. Antony nearly got the second but the shot hit the bar and bounced down before being cleared.

Second half Kenilworth equalised (their first goal of the season) with a well taken volley from a corner. With 10 minutes to go Kenilworth looked liked they could get their first point but Joe then scored a good goal with his left foot and Bailey completed the scoring by tapping in at the far post to make it 3-1.

Scorers: Bailey 1, Joe 2
Man of the match – Joe

Whitnash 0 Brinklow 5

This looked a tough fixture on paper with Whitnash just 1 win behind the blues in the table and the 2 teams having shared a 2-2 draw on the opening day of the season. By kick-off the sunshine had faded away and a cold wind picked up so the new club woolly hats were appreciated by the players and spectators alike.

Brinklow started brightly winning 2 corners, but the Whitnash broke away and it took a good save by Haydn and clearance by Ben M to prevent a goal. Ben M then launched a long clearance which was met by Joe who dribbled through the defence before shooting from a narrow angle, the shot was blocked and Joe laid the rebound across goal to Bailey who fired in from close range. Whitnash launched several attacks but the Blues back line of Ben M, The and later William W were superb in protecting Hayden and launching counter attacks. A weak goal kick gave Anthony a chance as he raced through for a 1 on 1 with the keeper,, but Anthony pushed the ball forwards just too much and the

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Brinklow Thunder Report

Season So Far

As we go into Christmas break the league table does not show the full picture of the season so far. After the first game of the season which we won, we had a slippery run of games in which we lost 3 and drew 1. The lads confidence was down and the luck was going against us when we needed a break.

What is great to see is that the lads have stuck at it, worked hard at training and in matches and the results have come, but importantly, the results have come through the team playing as a team, and doing in matches what we have asked of them. A crucial turning point was the match against Coundon. A bad run of results and no luck but then in bad weather at the end of half term the whole team put in a great performance, they worked for each other, battled well, passed the ball and came back from a 0-3 deficit at half time to win 6-5, since then we have moved on strongly.

The stats now show: played 11, won 6. drawn 1, lost 4
And we are in the 3rd round of the cup. Total Scored 60 conceded 34.
The last game we played is a prime reflection of how the lads are playing.

Brinklow Thunder away to Copeswood.

After a close first ten mins which arguably Brinklow could have just edged , we were 0-0 . We got that all important first goal through passing the ball around the team and getting it into the box for Brinklow to latch onto & score. From then on we had control of the game. Oliver was making important saves in goal to protect Brinklows'

lead and the rest of the team was working hard for each other, passing the ball around and creating chance after chance. Charlie has really developed in an unfamiliar role at left back but is really creating a lot of Brinklows play. He links well with Jasper in midfield who consistently works for the team and creates the distribution. Joe strengthens the back line and continues to make important challenges. Lewis who scored a hatrick on Sunday from midfield is working the left side well and getting into position to get the goals, Jamie is strong and fast and can work in all areas of the park when needed. Finley is now getting some important goals and Jaime has vision to make great passes and will play in any position and make a difference where ever he plays. Final score Copeswood 1 - Brinklow 8 (or even 9 if the last goal was counted which Oliver scored in the dying seconds despite being in goal for 95% of the game). MOM went to Lewis for an important hatrick and Jasper won the captaincy through a solid , lead by example display.

Well pleased with the whole team performance and thanks to all the lads for putting in the effort and who are developing well as footballers. That's what we want, a team of footballers who can play anywhere.

Happy Christmas
Scott Craig

Brinklow Lightning Report

Brinklow Lightning have had a tough start to the season however the lads have recorded their
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Brinklow U10s (Red)

After 6 successive wins at the start of the season, the wheels have come off our season somewhat. Watching the boys in training you would think they are capable of beating anyone. However it's not quite happening in matches at the moment, and the boys have lost a bit of confidence. Ian and I are working hard to build this back up, and it is only a matter of time before we start hitting the right notes again and converting the possession and chances we create into positive scorelines.

GNP 5 Brinklow Juniors 2

We already knew we were going to be without Rhys for this game. However Taylor was taken ill the day before, Kieran was struggling with an ankle injury and Lachie turned up saying he had been sick the previous evening and earlier in the morning. So we were down to 7 fit players. To their credit, a number of players stepped forward to go in goal. However it was Sam Wash who eventually put the gloves on. Brinklow soaked up early pressure and as they were starting to find their feet, took the lead with a fine lob from Ben from outside the box. GNP equalised shortly after with a great strike from outside the box with Brinklow players failing to close down the shot. GNP were then awarded a penalty. However Sam Wash pulled off a tremendous double save from the penalty and the rebound. However GNP scored a second from a corner shortly afterwards to make it 2-1 at half time. Lachie came on for the second half saying he felt a bit better. Brinklow equalised when a strong, low shot from Jessie Dharni found it's way into the corner. GNP responded immediately when Brinklow failed to deal with a bouncing ball into the box. Two further GNP goals came towards the end of the game as Brinklow pushed forward. The last three goals constituted a great hat-trick for the GNP striker. This was a difficult match with, in my view, the referee not giving the players the protection they needed - allowing too many fouls and trailing arms to go unpunished.

Man of the Match: Ben Sotek – Effort award: Sam Wash

Brinklow Juniors 1 Hawksmill Sports Juniors Warriors 1

This was looking like being another tough game with Hawksmill having beaten our conquerors GNP in their previous match. However today Brinklow had a full strength team out. Hawksmill started well, but Brinklow started to force the pace and won a series of corners. From one of these the ball came back to Rhys who had a sighter from distance that went narrowly wide. However he was to get on the scoresheet soon after when he stepped out of defence and won the

ball in midfield and fired a great shot into the roof of the net.

The lead didn't last that long. Lachie collected the ball well from a Hawks Mill corner and looked to launch a quick attack with an excellent throw out to Brinklow's breaking players. Unfortunately they weren't on the same wave length and left it for each other on the half way line. The last Hawksmill

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U15s GIRLS TEAM NEWS

The season's well underway. We knew our step up to 11-a-side was going to be tough but to give the girls credit, they've stepped up to the mark and are beginning to get used to it.

Since the last update, we've welcomed Danni Beck to the team who is a great asset for us as she's already scoring goals! So welcome to Danni and her family.

Congratulations must go to Alice Clarke and Lauren Robinson who qualified as level 7 referees - the first ever female referees who play for Brinklow. They've both been busy with matches already so if you need a referee, just give me a call.

Westwood 0 Brinklow 8

(Goalscorers: Adey Thandy x 3, Bethany Morrison x 2, Nicole Maunder x 1, own goal x 1)

A lovely sunny morning to play football saw us back at 7 a side against a team consisting of Westwood, Holy Souls and Rubery players. Our girls were a little phased at the beginning with the move back to 7-a-side but soon got into their stride and played some lovely football. They played well as a team and the game was a pleasure to watch with us coming out the victors in a great friendly game played in a great spirit.

Stratford Town 6 Brinklow 0

We played this game in atrocious conditions. We were against the wind in the first half but the girls kept battling. With the ball going all over the place due to the strong wind and rain we did very well to only be 3-0 down at half time.

The second half saw Stratford change their style of play to accommodate the conditions and another 3 goals went in.

We must still learn to not stand off tackles and to toughen up. The fact that we didn't have any subs was a problem. Not one of our best games although the girls did end with their heads held high. Well done to Lauren for continuing to play even though she got injured. Player of the match awarded to Nicole Maunder for a fantastic performance in midfield and for helping the defence when needed.

Alveston 4 Brinklow 2 (Cup)

(Goalscorer: Emma Myatt x 2)

We travelled to our friends at Alveston yesterday for the 2nd round cup match. With only 9 players available, we just told the girls to use this as a training match and just enjoy themselves. Well what a shock everyone got. At the end of the game our opposition said you wouldn't have known that they had played against 9 players. The girls played together as a team and were only 1-0 down at half time due to some heroic saves from Alice in goal and our defence playing as if their lives depended on it.

We came out in the 2nd half knowing that we could possibly cause a shock and when Emma Myatt scored to make it 1-1 we thought it may have gone to extra time and penalties!! Alveston were finding it difficult to get the ball into the back of the net and Alice wasn't making it easy for them once again. However, it was soon 2-1 then 3-1 but we weren't downhearted and the goal of the season so far from Emma Myatt brought it back to 3-2. A late goal from our opposition made it 4-2 so they're now into the 3rd round.

An all round team performance from the girls for which they should be very proud with not one girl suffering from tiredness. Player of the match awarded to the 9 girls for a spirited, gutsy performance.

Alveston 4 Brinklow 4

(Goalscorers: Emma Myatt x 3, Danni Beck x 1)

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The better team and it was great to see their coaches becoming increasingly concerned with how the game was panning out. The outcome was fair but the score line was harsh as it was really only the quality of the finishing which separated the teams.

The second match was the 1:0 victory against the league leaders Pro Santos, who have a well-drilled side and a prolific goal scorer. Brinklow took a third minute lead with an excellent solo goal from Luke and then proceeded to deny Pro Santos with determined defending and battling. A great game to watch but the three Brinklow coaches certainly aged a few years.

The third game was the 5:1 win over Rugby Town coming off the back of a 4:1 defeat to Alvis. This showed what the Brinklow lads are made of as they rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in right from the start. This was just the reaction that the coaches were hoping for. Wonderful football throughout the whole game and long may this continue.

The team enjoyed a fantastic night tenpin bowling although I'm not sure some of the tactics deployed to prevent the coaches obtaining high scores were particularly sporting. The celebrations for strikes, spares and for some simply hitting the pins were very inventive and superb to watch - let's hope that we get the opportunity to perform them after scoring goals on the pitch.

Finally the coaches would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the sponsors and supporters of the U13 team. Best wishes to Mark and Rucky Griffiths of the Bulls Head Restaurant, Brinklow and Scott and Mandy Rammell of Langle Build, who continue to offer fantastic support for the team. A special thanks to Lee Buck of Errendale Roofing for his help with the roofing on the impressive Town Thorn's 'Doug' out. And lastly, but not least, to all the parents, grandparents, siblings and dogs (I think that covers all) for all the backing that you give to us.

Goal scorers:

Josh 10, Will 9, Luke 8, Callum 7, Faye 6, George 4, Ryan P 2, Ryan W 2, Alex 2, Ben 1, Jordan B 1

Darren Thorn

Q: Why is old Trafford an odd shape

A: Because Beckham took a corner



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defender stepped up and launched a fantastic strike from the half way line, that cleared Lachie as he retreated and flew into the net. It was a great goal.

The second half saw most of the chances created by Brinklow who struck the woodwork 4 times in total in this game and missed a couple of sitters. However the best chance went to Hawks Mill who put a penalty wide of the goal.

Man of the Match: Rhys Hartevelde – Effort award: Sam Wash

Chapelfields Colts 3 Brinklow Juniors 0

Going into this game, Chapelfields were top of the table by one point having played one game more than us in second place. Despite the deluge of rain the night before, the pitch was in excellent condition.

Brinklow started well and looked the most likely team to score in the early stages. But as was the case last season, we failed to convert pressure and dominance into goals. Chapelfields came into the game with their quick and lively front player looking particularly dangerous. It was he who got the first goal when poor defending from a throw in saw him in one on one with Lachie from a tight angle.

The second half continued to see the ball going from one end to the other, but Chapelfields second goal saw their right midfield player show his pace and cut in and finish from a similar position from where the first goal was scored (albeit at the other end of the pitch). The final goal was a free kick from range that caused confusion in our box.

We played good football at times in this game, passing the ball around well and playing attractive football, but without any end product.

Man of the Match: Thomas Deakin – Effort award: Rhys Hartevelde

Brinklow Juniors 2 London Road Lions 3

The Lions were well up for this game after losing 4-0 to us earlier in the season. They looked the most likely to score early on. Unfortunately we lost Taylor early in the game when he fell on, and hurt his arm when putting in a good cross from the by-line.

London Road took the lead when one of our old failings, not closing down the shot on the edge of the box, allowed a strike past Lachie with which he had no chance. It wasn't long before a second goal was scored in similar circumstances.

2-0 down at half time, Brinklow came out looking like a different team in the second half and the early action saw them swarming all around the Lions goal. However they were undone by a long clearance which saw their striker one on one with Lachie, and he made no mistake. London Road thought they had this game won. However Brinklow now played like a team with nothing to lose and got two goals back, one a great left footed strike from Ben when he found a path into the Lions' box. The second was from a Jessie strike that hit the post and Shane was on hand to tuck in the rebound. However it was too little too late.

Man of the Match: Jessie Dharni – Effort award: Ben Sotek

Thanks to everyone for their help so far this season, and let's hope December sees a change of fortune for the team.

Nick Wash

Brinklow U10s Blues

Team: Antony, Bailey, Ben M, Ben W, Haydn, Jake, Joe, Teddy, Theo, Thom, William G, William W,

News

U10 Blues would like to welcome Ben Williams to the team.

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U12's TEAM NEWS

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The Battle of Nettle Hill

With a mild hurricane blowing, rain coming down horizontally, our back four looking like hoodies from Afghanistan it seemed like a really good idea in July to agree to go paint balling for a team building day. With Dad's army believing they were all 21 again the boys team tended to take cover and shoot as many bullets at the dad's as possible in a single minute, I am sure some world records were broken.

A great social day with great team building qualities and some extremely funny moments, Brett it wasn't the place for any of that monkey business but you now know how Cherysse feels! Well done to dad's army for winning, well done to the boys for giving us bruises in all areas!

Maybe next time we will take on another age group and their parents. Many thanks for Mark Vickers and E.on who made this day possible

New Kit – Sponsored by Miles of Tiles

Hopefully by the time you are all reading this we will have our long awaited kit. Once issued we will arrange for a team / sponsor photo shoot.

Christmas Outing

Due to the delay of the kit we have produced our 2010 calendar and mugs, we will sell these during Jan once photos have been taken and then use the proceeds for an outing for the boys. We will probably look to go to the Ice Hockey again, towards the end of January

Football

Welcome to Cameron Frickers

With the season in full swing, we are progressing well, picking up good results in the league and have performed well in both rounds of the cup. We now have 16 players signed, this is the biggest squad we have ever had, subs never had so many. On a serious note, please bear with me as I get used to having to rotate as many players. Never had that luxury before.

Summer Tour

A couple of the boys have mentioned they would like to go to Hunstanton again for a summer tour, I will make some enquiries and let everybody know.

Finally, may I wish all players, parents, families and supporters a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year

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U13's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

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The U13 Girls foray into their first season in League Football continues to be a bit of a roller coaster ride with a mixture of defeats and wins. Since the last update, the Girls have played a further 7 matches winning 3 and losing 4, but have not been outplayed on any occasion.

Brinklow 9 Birstall 1

(D.Hughes 5, E.Haywood 2, E.Greenway, A.Mulley) A great performance by the girls and first appearances of the season for Alex Woodhead and Emily Greenway. Despite going a goal behind early on, the girls totally dominated proceedings to rack up their biggest ever win. Also a first League goal for Alison Mulley.

Oadby & Wigston Utd L 3 Brinklow 1 (D.Hughes)

Worst performance in 3 years, and a real kick up the backside for the girls. A game we had expected to win was played in very blustery conditions, and the girls just never got going.

Oadby & Wigston Starlets L 6 Brinklow 1 (D.Hughes)

A score that flattered the opponents greatly. We knew it was going to be tough against the league leaders the better quality of their passing being the difference, but signs we were starting to believe in our ability.

Rugby Town 4 Brinklow 1 (E.Haywood)

Another game played in very blustery conditions. The girls not taking full advantage of the wind in the first half, and paying the penalty in the second.

Rugby Town 3 Brinklow 1 (D.Hughes)

The return match played in the mud at Barr Lane and another defeat, but I see this as a turning point of the season. With no substitutes and the spine of the team missing the girls put in a fantastic team performance and really played for each other. They must have played well as they came off the pitch to a rousing round of applause from the parents.

Brinklow 4 Thurmaston 0 (D.Hughes 2, G.Watters, E.Walton)

Just reward for the efforts of the previous week. A match played in a quagmire against a very physical team. First goals for Ellis and Georgia after 3 years of playing.

Brinklow 4 Bedworth 1 (A.Gibbs 2, L.Granger, A.Mulley)

Another hard fought encounter versus our nemesis team from last season. A welcome return for Alex, and a first goal of the season for Lucy G, and a second for Alison (albeit awarded by the dubious goals committee). Also a fantastic performance in goal from Emily H.

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Player Profiles

Emily Haywood has expertly taken up the challenge in goal; Grace Berridge, Ceri Garner, Alex Woodhead and Lucy Olorenshaw are really gelling as a defensive unit; Ellis Walton and Georgia Watters have provided some much needed bite in midfield; Emma Higginson, Alison Mulley, Lucy Granger and Emily Greenway are beginning to work well both as an attacking force and first line of defense and getting rewarded with a couple of goals between them; Danielle Hughes continues to be the heartbeat of the team; Ashleigh Wilson my utility player and pushing for the most improved player of the year award and a regular starting place.

Overall a great season so far, and good solid foundations for the future. Let's see if we can really push on for the remainder of the season and turn it into an excellent one!

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