

PLAYER'S PROFILES



EDITORIAL



This month, we asked some of the star players from our younger sides what they thought about the festive season. Here are their candid answers!

James Skelhon, Brinklow Juniors U10's

We asked James what was the worst thing that his parents did over Xmas, and he said snog! We also asked what he thought was a waste of time over Xmas, and he said "Getting told off! That's in between the snogging, I suppose. If he could have anything in the world for Xmas, it would be Brittany Spiers. As Mick Holt would say, "I can't fault you there!" James thinks that Xmas pud is made from cow poo! He is, of course, confusing it with mince pies, that certainly taste as if they are. Christmas pud is actually made from raisins, currants and...er...something else. James also tells us he eats too much custard at Xmas, that he didn't buy his Mum and Dad anything (Boo) and that the reason Jesus was born in a stable was because He was riding a donkey. That was his Mum, James!



Joe Partridge, Brinklow Juniors U7's

4 O' Clock in the morning is the earliest Joe has been up on Christmas Day! That sounds a bit of a lie-in there Joe, compared to some kids that I know. The last person up on Christmas Day is his Dad. Knowing kids, that's probably about 10 minutes after Joe! If he could have anything for Christmas he would like a Star Wars suit. Hopefully it'll be better than the donkey costume he had to wear at the Nativity play. His favourite decoration in the whole house last year was a "Purple, spinning thing" And Joe reckons that the one thing that he eats too much of at Christmas is Yorkshire pudding. Finally, we asked Joe if He could invite anyone in the world for dinner, who would it be? He said Albert Einstein (honest). Presumably, that would be to explain his lesser known theory of why young children get up at 4 O'Clock in the Morning on Christmas Day!



Tommy Hyde, Brinklow Juniors U7's

Tommy's favourite song at Christmas is Jingle Bells (Top tune!) and that T.V. is a waste of time. It must be all those repeats, eh Tommy? Apart from Rudolf, He reckons a good name for a reindeer would be Big Nose! You can just imagine the song "Big Nose the red nosed reindeer, had a very bi-ig nose" We like that. Christmas pudding, He reckons, is made from chocolate and icing. That's a good theory, that. If he could have anything for Christmas it would be goal nets. Good lad, a true professional! The worst things his parents do is hide the presents Some people are so mean!



If you would like to be mentioned in our Player Profile page, just give me a ring. All you have to do is answer some daft questions with silly answers!

To all the kids out there, whatever your age, I hope that Santa brings you exactly what you want this Christmas, Ho Ho Ho!

They say time goes by much quicker the older you get, well it must be true as it only seems like yesterday that I was enjoying our very successful Tournament back in June. Now already Christmas and the New Year are almost upon us, and as a club we can look forward to the new Millennium with hope and enthusiasm. There have been many enjoyable events this past year including trips to Butlins for our Junior sides, the Presentation Evening, and as mentioned, our Annual Tournament. I've watched my favourite team, the U11's, become a very accomplished and exciting side to watch, and whilst typing out the Team Reports for "On The Brink" read of some tremendous results. All in all the teams are in good hands, and I would like to wish everyone associated with them every success in the year 2000. Go for it!

On the last page of the last issue of "On The Brink" I mentioned "Two Andy Goram's, there's only two Andy Gorams". This should have continued that it was chanted by Kilmarnock fans to the Rangers keeper after it was revealed that he suffered from mild schizophrënia. Ah well, it was funny at the time!

Do you have any photographs of anything relating to Brinklow Football Club? Mick Holt is putting out an appeal for any photos you may have (past or present), but in particular from this year's presentation evening. There were some problems with our camera and consequently we have no photos of players receiving their awards. If you can help, please contact Mick Holt on 833681. All photos will be returned to you. Many thanks.

Recently in the national press there was an article under the headline "Wee Devils", relating to a story of a football player, who after getting himself sent off, got his two young sons to get their revenge by going into the changing rooms and having a tinkle in the Referee's shoes. The reason the player didn't do it himself was that "He didn't need to go". The reason that I mention it reminds me of a story in last months issue about Mick Holt's wellies. I hope you haven't been upsetting anyone Mick!

In this month's "On The Brink," We have included a "What's On" guide for the festive period. However, I underestimated the amount of entertainment going on in our village so I must admit, I ran out of space. Therefore, I will mention here what is taking place at The Raven, Broad Street, and at The British Legion, in Heath Lane. First, The Legion. December 10th - **Dancing to "Blaze" the popular all girl group who are back by popular demand.** December 24th, Christmas Eve, are **The Sounds of Christmas.** On Boxing Day, Sunday 26th December, there is a **Lunchtime Disco,** and finally on New Years Eve there is a **New Years Eve Party.** Admission to this is by **ticket only,** and ticket prices are £5 Adults, and £2.50 Children. By all accounts the tickets are selling like hot cakes, so get yours now!

Up at "The Raven" on Broad Street, Paul Flowers is providing **Live entertainment** on December 27th, and on New Years Eve there is **music** and a **buffet.** Entrance on New Years Eve is **free.**

Well Christmas is certainly upon us now, so it just remains for me to wish each and everyone of our readers, everyone that is connected to the Club, including our Sponsors and Advertisers, a tremendous Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Laughter League

Did you hear about the thick Football fan that thought Christian Daily was a religious newspaper?

Coventry City had just beaten Aston Villa 2-1. A man desperate at Villa's current situation decides to top himself. In his living room, alone, he prepares to hang himself. At the very last moment, He decides upon wearing his full Villa kit as his last statement. A neighbour, catching sight of the impending incident, informs the Police. On arrival the Police quickly remove the Villa kit and dress the man in stockings and suspenders. The man, totally confused, asks why. The Policeman simply replies "It's to avoid embarrassing your family"

The Sheffield Wednesday Chairman is considering replacing Danny Wilson with Steve Davis. Explaining this unusual move, he said "We don't just need points now, We need snookers!"

Railtrack have decided to start sponsoring The Villa. They think they are a suitable team because of their regular points failures.

David Beckham walks into the White Lion. Alun asks "Is yours a pint then Dave?" to which Beckham replies "No, just one half then I'm off"

If you get a computer this Christmas, watch out for these viruses!

The Beckham Virus: The lights on your PC are all on, but nothing works..

The Roy Keane Virus: Throws you out of Windows..

The Dennis Wise Virus: Gives up after two bytes..

The David Ginola Virus: Computer pretends to go down, but then boots back up and is OK..

The Stan Collymore Virus: Luckily this one doesn't actually work, but sometimes boots up some Swedish computers..

The Rio Ferdinand Virus: All drive privileges lost..

The Graham Rix Virus: Goes down for 6 months at a time but is always backed up..

The Graham Le Saux Virus: Picks up any passing mail..

U8'S TEAM NEWS

MATCH REPORTS: Finham Park Rangers v Brinklow Junior F.C

Nov. 13th 1999

Team A By the time Brinklow woke up, Finham had scored two goals, but due credit to the boys, they pulled their socks up and played their way back into the game. A Connor Higgins special brought the score to 2-1 at half time. After the break we began to dominate possession and territory and more importantly, we started to play nearer to our potential. Despite Arron Steel's best efforts we just couldn't score and were unlucky to concede a breakaway goal just before the final whistle. The result didn't reflect the performance. Score 3-1

Team B From Sam Dalton in goal, Kai Sud and Ben Knowles in defence, Miles Wilcox playing centre half, Rafael Le-Cornu on the right wing, Stuart Laughran on the left wing, Josh Pointon in central midfield and Alex Wood as striker, this team performance was the best to date. Every single player contributed and performed to the best of their abilities. Josh Pointon and Alex Wood linked up well and were unlucky not to score a handful of goals. Kai Sud timed his tackles perfectly, Rafael's vision and passing were impressive, how we were losing 1-0 at half time I'll never know! In the second half the boys continued their fine performance. Alex Cramp came on for the dogged Stuart Laughran, and from a hard won cross by Alex Wood, Alex scored a well deserved equaliser. We pressed for a winner, opportunities were numerous, but the winning goal just wouldn't come. Score 1-1 A great team performance.

Brinklow Junior F.C v Kenilworth Wardens

Nov. 20th 1999

Team A After the pre-match discussion, the boys right from the whistle were determined to get "stuck in". Alex Cramp and Sam Dalton in defence camped on the half way line, forcing the match to be played mostly in the Wardens half. Some fine passing and interplay resulted in many shots on goal, but the Wardens goalie seemed to be in the right place at the right time. Then two goals before half time, totally against the run of play, the Wardens scored a break-away goal. Made of sterner stuff, and confident of their own ability, this only made the boys more determined. In the second half, once again we dominated, and after some dynamic wing play by Milan Sud, the ball went into the net. A superb pass from Conor Higgins to the hardworking Chris Brennan was slammed into the net, for a justified equaliser. Despite monopolising territory and possession for the remainder of the match and a tireless performance from Arron Steel, no more goals were forthcoming. Score 1-1. A hardworking performance from the whole team.

Team B Due to some absences, a slight reshuffle of players and positions was needed. The boys took some time to get used to their positions and this led to early dominance by the opposition. However, as the match went on the boys gained more confidence and as a result, more possession. Callum Day shone especially. He was strong in the tackle, and his distribution was superb. A slotted pass through the heart of midfield from Callum to Alex Wood, who took the ball on and scored, was the highlight of the match. Unfortunately, after some brave defending by Miles Wilcox and Kai Sud, the Wardens scored an equaliser. We battled away for a much deserved winner but no more goals were forthcoming. Score 1-1

TEAM NEWS:

- * Could I have all outstanding registration forms, fees and drill-top money as soon as possible.
- * The last training session for 1999 will take place on Saturday 18th December, and will commence on Saturday 8th. January 2000.
- * There are no more matches until **Sunday** 23rd. January, and after that not until March.
- * Thank you to Jonathan Cramp for his help in compiling the match reports.
- * Thank you to John Cramp and Ged Wood for their continued help and assistance.

PETE DAY

U16's TEAM NEWS

RESULTS:

BRINKLOW	4	WEDDINGTON THISTLE	4
BRINKLOW	1	YENTON	6
BRINKLOW	4	BULKINGTON S & S	2
STOKE GOLDING	1	BRINKLOW	1

Well, here we are again, and I find it hard to believe that yet another month has flown by. During this time we have played another 4 games, recording one win, two draws, and one defeat. The question is, are we making progress at last? Well, yes. I feel that the team is generally improving all round, but unfortunately we are still guilty of some very basic mistakes that are costing us dearly! There's an old saying in football and that is "Keep it simple." Couple the mistakes with a handful of missed chances, some woeful refereeing, and in one game 4 players battling on through injury, and you can understand why I feel aggrieved that we have not recorded 4 wins out of 4. Still, that's football for you.

On the 7th Nov. we entertained Weddington Thistle, a team that had beaten us 2-1 when we played them away from home. Only having 11 players to choose from, the team more or less picked itself, and performed superbly for 75 minutes of the match. With 5 minutes left on the clock we held a deserved 4-2 lead thanks to Man of the Match Neil Johnston's hat trick, only to concede 2 goals due to some poor defending. The end result was 4-4, and a very disappointed team that left the field that day. The following week we were at home again, this time to top of the league Yenton. For the first 30 minutes of this match the lads totally dominated the game. After several missed chances we took the lead through forward Neil Johnston. An obviously rattled Yenton then stepped up their game. Thanks to several atrocious refereeing decisions and again, basic mistakes, we found ourselves 3-1 down at half time. Going into the second half the team showed tremendous spirit and continued to press forward yet again, creating chances but not putting them away. Unfortunately, within a matter of minutes, we suffered injuries to three key players. This resulted in us losing our shape and conceding a further three goals in the last 10 minutes.

Our next game was again at home against a team that was lying 2nd in the table and only beaten once, Bulkington S&S. I must admit that although we had lost 6-1 the previous week I was encouraged by the spirit and performance of the side. Before the match this was related to the lads and I asked them to simply believe in themselves and to go out and play their football. This is exactly what they did, and what football! At half time Bulkington were in disbelief as they left the field trailing 2-1, having been totally outplayed. In the second half we again took the game to the opposition and went into a 3-1 lead with Neil Johnston completing another Hat-trick. This was the cue for Bulkington to throw everything at us, scoring a goal to make it 3-2. But today Lady Luck was with us. Thanks to a fine 2nd half goalkeeping performance from Seth Harris - White, and a late breakaway strike from Neil Johnston (4 goals in all) we managed a deserved 4-2 victory.

The last game to report on for now was away at Stoke Golding, a team we had beaten 6-1 at home. Although the game was played in very difficult conditions with a sticky pitch and strong swirling wind, I was disappointed that we came away with a 1-1 draw, having been 1-0 down. Although this may sound a bit harsh, I felt the lads were guilty of complacency and had we shown a bit more urgency we should have won comfortably.

Finally, our league has only two more games to play this season. We then take a three week break for Christmas, and in January enter into a Cup competition which is run on a mini-league basis similar to the European Cup. To stand a good chance in this competition I will be looking to strengthen the U16's team. I was hoping that this would not be necessary, but mainly due to the lack of commitment by certain players, we have only once in 14 games been able to field our best side. This is an unacceptable situation that cannot be tolerated, and I feel that the players that have shown total dedication and commitment to Brinklow F.C deserve better. Anyway, enough of me sounding off! All that remains for me to do is to wish everybody involved with, and all the friends and supporters of Brinklow a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Yours in football, **BARRY WILKINSON.**

GOALSCORERS TO DATE:

Neil Johnston	15	Drew Nicholls	2	Donald Grubb	2	Michael Franklin	2
Michael Hammond	1	Peter Gordon	1	John Ball	1	Ralf Wilkinson	1

U10's TEAM NEWS

RESULTS

Brinklow	3	Binley Woods	7
Brinklow		Finham Park Rangers	
Chapelfields Colts	4	Brinklow Juniors	0
Brinklow	1	Mount Nod Highway	3

MATCH REPORT

After finally finding a venue for some indoor training we went into Sunday's game against Mount Nod a little better prepared. Brinklow lost the toss and Mount Nod elected to play with the wind in the first half. Good play by both teams saw near misses at both ends and James Skelhon, for Brinklow, following a long throw-in by Harley Steel, finally broke the deadlock with a goal. Playing into the wind it would have been nice to be able to hold this advantage until half time, but Mount Nod put the pressure on and managed to equalise from a scrappy corner. A number of good breaks by Brinklow saw some good chances pass them by, including a great shot from 20 yards by James Skelhon, which only just missed. Brinklow pushed up but got caught by trying to run the ball out of defence, and Mount Nod's striker didn't need a second invitation and put the visitors in front before half time.

In the second half Brinklow had the wind behind them and it look as if they would make the most of it with a lot of one way traffic, but Mount Nod were dangerous on the break, forcing some good saves from Darren Ford. A great long ball from Rory Higgins found Dan Gyselynck in open space and should have produced the equaliser, but it went painfully outside the post. With time running out it was do or die and Dan Cooper came on in place of Luke Jones, who had done a good job in the second half at left back, to try a pull off a deserved draw. However, the gamble never paid off and Mount Nod put the game out of reach with a break which saw the ball in the back of the net and the draw out of reach.

Man of the Match – Darren Ford who put in a great performance with some good saves in goal, on a difficult day for keepers with the high wind.

NEWS

Brinklow have drawn Rugby Town in the Cup 2nd round, which will be played this weekend at the Revel College 5th December -11.00 kick-off.

Any ideas for a Christmas outing would be appreciated. I would also like to know whether there is any interest in taking a group away for a weekend soccer tournament.

ROB STEEL

Christmas raffle

Tickets for the BFC Christmas draw are now printed. The first prize is a brilliant Portable Colour TV, that was donated by Karen Drake, and Argos. We thank them very much for the kind gesture. Please buy lots of tickets as this will help us raise important funds for the club. Good Luck to you all!

U11's TEAM NEWS

RECENT RESULTS:

BRINKLOW	2	JFK	2	(LEAGUE)
COUNDON WEDGE	3	BRINKLOW	9	(CUP)
ALLESLEY ACES	1	BRINKLOW	9	(CUP)
MOUNT NOD	1	BRINKLOW	2	(LEAGUE)

ALLESLEY ACES REPORT:

Brinklow dominated this knockout Cup Tie with some great football. Joe Shore opened the score for Brinklow, the midfield showing superb skill and play throughout this game. Ben Clarke's corners were just too strong for Allesley to defend, Ricky Lee scoring from one such well organised corner. In the second half Brinklow came out still with the determination to increase the score, Brett Ford and Alf Sinclair both hitting well taken goals. Man of the match **Shane Hunt** had an excellent game, scoring twice, the other goal scorers were Ben Clarke (2) Joe Shore (2) and with one apiece, Ricky Lee, Dave Sinclair, and Brett (The mouth) Ford.

Well done to the entire team for an outstanding performance!

IN BRIEF:

Well, we are nearly half way through the season. We have played 7 league games and 2 cup games, in the league we have won 5 and drawn 1, losing just the once, and in the Cup we have managed to reach the quarter finals. In the league leading up to Christmas we have some really tough games, facing League leaders Whitley (away) and second place Coundon at home. If we can win these games then it will help us improve our league position.

I can speak for the whole team wishing Sean Drake well on his unfortunate accident at training. He will be missed both on and off the pitch. Get well soon.

GOAL SCORERS

Ben Clarke (18)	Joe Shore (17)	Sean Drake (10)	Daniel Carter (4)
Shane Hunt (4)	Ricky Lee (2)	Dave Sinclair (2)	Lee Harris (1)
Brett Ford (1)	Dale Huddleston (1)		

Finally I would like to wish all the players and parents a Happy Christmas, and all the best for the New Year.

MICK HOLT.

U13's TEAM NEWS

RESULTS:

LONDON ROAD	2	BRINKLOW	5
BRINKLOW	9	RUGBY TOWN	3
BRINKLOW	7	PINLEY	5
ATHLETIC	12	BRINKLOW	1

I would like to start off by congratulating Jamie Brooks for getting a hat trick of hat tricks in consecutive games. This is quite an achievement, and hopefully he'll go on to score many more goals for us. Talking about scoring goals, here's a game to whet your appetite! Brinklow were at home to Pinley, an old enemy of ours for many years. The stage was set as Brinklow were third in the league, and Pinley near the bottom. I could hear my players saying amongst themselves that it was going to be an easy victory for them. I called my players together to warn them not to be too complacent, as this had been our downfall on many occasions. Also, there was one more obstacle to overcome, that was the Referee. Yes, you've guessed, our local Publican and Sponsor, Alun Yeend! Two players burst into tears, three threatened to leave the club altogether, and one locked himself in the hut, refusing to come out! After some very delicate negotiations, I managed to get most of them to play in the game, but the one in the hut is still refusing to come out!

And so to the game. My warning to the players about being over confident had fallen on deaf ears as Pinley came at us straight from the start, and within 10 minutes we were 2-0 down. We needed a goal quickly to pull this game around, and sure enough it came from a good piece of football from Gareth and Jamie, with Jamie scoring. I was hoping that this would be the springboard to change the game. How wrong could I be! Pinley went on to score two more goals to make it 4-1. We needed another goal before half time, and it came from George with a good shot from the edge of the box. So, going into half time the score was Brinklow 2 Pinley 4. I told the lads at half time that this game was not lost, and to go out into the second half and try much harder (or words to that effect!) So what happens? Pinley score another goal to make the score 5-2. I thought "This is it, game over". The U11's had just finished their training session so they all came over to the touchline to give our team some support. Now whether it was their support, or Divine Intervention that changed the game, I don't know, but we scored 3 goals in 5 minutes – a Sam Lunt top corner shot, a Jamie Brooks one on one, and a brilliant header from Tom Aspinall to bring the game back to 5-5. You could see the energy drain out of Pinley, and Brinklow went from strength to strength. It was only a matter of time before we would score again. Sure enough, our sixth was scored by Ryan Byrne, a one on one with the goalkeeper. To rub it in further, Jamie got his third goal in the dying seconds to make the score 7-5.

Well done to all the lads, but try to make the next game less stressful! P.S – I was only joking about the refereeing, Alun.

I would like to wish all my team, our supporters, and everyone connected to Brinklow Football Club a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

ALL THE BEST, KEITH BYRNE.

SENIOR'S TEAM NEWS

LONDON HOUSE	5	BRINKLOW	7	(Hospital Cup)
LONG LAWFORD	2	BRINKLOW	3	(Div. 1 Cup)
CROWN AVONERS	7	BRINKLOW	2	(League)
BRINKLOW	1	LONG LAWFORD	1	(League)

We are just starting to field a more settled side, but the League results so far leave us with a lot to do in the next few months. However, we are doing better in the cups, and are looking forward to the Division 1 Cup semi-final on the 12th December. We may have lost to The Crown in the league, but with a full strength team we have an excellent chance to win.

The latest standings in the "Player Of The Year" award are:

MARTIN (CHALKIE) WHITE 4 MATCHES
GARY MOORE 3 MATCHES

Two important forthcoming fixtures:

DIVISION 1 CUP SEMI-FINAL CROWN AVONERS (WINFIELD RFC)
DIVISION 1 JOLLY ABBOTT (HOME)

We are having a NIGHT OUT at the Skydome in Coventry on Friday 17th December. For further details, call Jim. And now for some news from our man in Moscow.....

TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE.....FOR LEEDS UNITED

When Leeds United were drawn against Lokomotiv Moscow in the UEFA Cup, the attraction was too great to miss out on. Leeds United Travel Company were offering two and three day packages, but due to work commitments the one day trip was the best option for me and the friends I was travelling with. We were scheduled to depart from Leeds/Bradford Airport at 7 a.m on the day of the match, so we checked in at 5.30 allowing enough time for a hearty breakfast – a couple of pints of Guinness before take off. As we were taking a 4-1 lead from the first leg with us, spirits were high and the atmosphere was jovial – even so early in the morning. A three and a half hour flight, plus a three hour time difference meant we arrived in Moscow at 1.30. We were met by what seemed like an army of Russian military police and transferred to buses for the hour long trip into Moscow City Centre. There we were given 3 hours to explore the sights of Red Square, including St. Basil's Cathedral and The Kremlin. Leeds United Union Jacks and St. George's flags were everywhere as cameras flashed for group photos. We arrived at the stadium minutes before kick off due to horrendous traffic congestion en route. Over 1000 Leeds fans had made the journey, and almost every one of them was sporting a traditional Russian furry hat that had been haggled for in Red Square. The atmosphere created by Leeds fans, along with the experience and furry hats kept us all warm, despite the sub – zero temperatures. Leeds United won 3-0 on the night making the score 7-1 on aggregate, so we all left happy and already looking forward to our next trip abroad.

Seniors report and Russian experience by **LES ELLISON**, Senior's Assistant manager.

The MAN in BLACK

Answer to last month's question!
Hope all you strikers got it right?

NO OFFENCE

There is no offside offence if a player **receives** the ball directly from:

- A Goal Kick
- A Throw – in
- A Corner Kick
- He is in his own half of the field of play
- He is level with the second last or last two opponents

LAW 3 – The Number of Players

A match may not consist of more than eleven players. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than seven players.

In all matches the names of the substitutes must be given to the referee prior to the start of the match. Substitutes not named may not take part in the match.

SUBSTITUTION PROCEDURE

- The referee must be informed before any proposed substitution is made.
- A substitute enters the field of play, after receiving a signal from the referee.
- A substitute enters the field of play at the halfway line & during a stoppage in the match.
- A player who has been replaced takes no further part in the match.

INFRINGEMENTS

If a substitute enters the field of play without the referee's permission:

- The substitute is cautioned and required to leave the field of play.
- Play is restarted with a drop ball at the place where the referee stopped play.

THIS MONTHS QUESTION!

A player is in an offside position if:

U7's TEAM NEWS

Despite a woeful England performance at Wembley, and the end of an eight match unbeaten run by the Sky Blues, November has been a good month for the Brinklow under 7's. Still unbeaten so far, they just seem to keep going from strength to strength. All the lads are working very hard in training, and have eased themselves into the season with 4 wins and two draws. The last performance against Finham Park was great to watch with lots of spirit, determination and good football! There were some proud parents and families, as well as players, walking off the memorial park on that cold and windy Sunday morning. On the sponsorship front, as promised, our sponsor for this season will be: **N. J. Pimlott Commercial and Domestic Electrical Contractors**. We are very pleased to have their support, so if you need any electrical or general building work done please give Nick Pimlott a ring - his advert can be found in this magazine. I am also pleased to welcome a new lad into the squad this month - Brandon Hodder from Church Lawford. Brandon has made an instant impact as you will see from the report below.

Finham Park 'A' 1 - 1 Brinklow 'A' - Man of the match - Sam Skerratt - Brandon Hodder, 1
What a great start for new boy Brandon Hodder, scoring a well taken goal on his debut in the yellow and blue shirt. This was undoubtedly the best performance we have seen from the lads so far, and in difficult conditions too. The pitch was very heavy, on a steep slope, and there was a cold biting wind, but the team played their hearts out for the full 40 minutes. Tommy Glasscoe had probably his best game of the season, battling for the ball at every opportunity. Brandon Hodder showed a lot of promise throughout the game and eventually put Brinklow ahead after a neat pass from Zack Bevins put him clear onto goal. Jamie Huddleston and Tommy Hyde again showed how strong they are at the back, and it was only after some intense pressure that Finham managed to grab a scrappy equaliser. Despite some great work in midfield, Brinklow just couldn't sneak a winner, but all round a great performance from everyone. This was the most difficult game so far to pick a man of the match, but Sam Skerratt takes it for some brave goalkeeping. Come on lads lets keep it up !!
(28th Nov 99)

Finham Park 'B' 0 - 2 Brinklow 'B' - Joint Man of the match Matthew Pine / Matthew Wilby
(Tommy Hyde, 2)
Another game where the team played so well, it was difficult to pick out a man of the match. Although many of the team are only just in their first season, they played some nice football and thoroughly enjoyed the 2 goal win. Tommy Hyde scored both Brinklow goals after making a couple of great runs through the Finham defence. Teague Galvin played his first game in goal and Matthew Wilby showed us his best ever defensive game to keep out the home side. Young Matthew Pine and Lee Huddleston battled away in midfield, showing great determination and both were unlucky not to get on the score sheet. Considering the heavy conditions another proud Brinklow team performance, and the man of the match award is shared between Mathew Pine and Mathew Wilby. Well done to you both.
(28th Nov 99)

We are really looking forward to the next few months and things are starting to take off a bit on the fixture front. I have managed to organise 3 or 4 fixtures a month now, right through until the end of the season. Mini soccer (U7,U8,U9) is now being given a 2 page spread every week in the Saturday Pink, and we have arranged for their photographer to come down and do a few snaps on Saturday 11th December - so please come along.

For Sale: Boys Football Boots (GOLA), Size 2, Hardly Worn - £10 Ring 01788 832957

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Social Diary And Forthcoming Events

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