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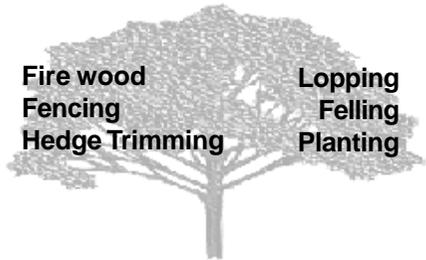


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Hi,

Probably quite a few of you reading this might know me. My name is Neil Huddlestone (Ginge to most people). As part of the re-structuring of the club we thought it very important to have some sort of child protection policy to follow. Over the last 6 months or so I have looked in to varied aspects of child protection in sport and have attended a conference headed by the FA and supported by the NSPCC. I have also completed the CHILD PROTECTION AND BEST PRACTISE - A GUIDE, Which is registered and recognised for 3 years with the Football Association.

Apart from Gordon Betts from the Under 7's who has registered with the FA, all the other managers have completed this practice but as yet have not registered with the FA. This will hopefully be completed in the very near future.

With this now up and running, if any player or parents have any concern about any child protection issue within Brinklow Football Club they should feel confident that they can come forward and the matter, no matter how big or small, will be dealt with in the correct manner.

Finally, if any parent or guardian feels they would like to help with child protection within BFC please contact me.

Neil Huddlestone
nhuddlestone@tiscali.co.uk



David James is so distraught after his latest blunder that he decides to end it all. He walks straight out of Maine Road and throws himself down in front of a number 9 bus. Luckily, it passes under him.



Somewhere in **'ON THE BRINK'** you will find 6 footballs with a letter in the middle, can you find them? The first is below to help you. Once you have got all 6, arrange the letters to make up the name of a player who sounds like an irish city!



Last issues answer was **'WINDASS'** (Brian).



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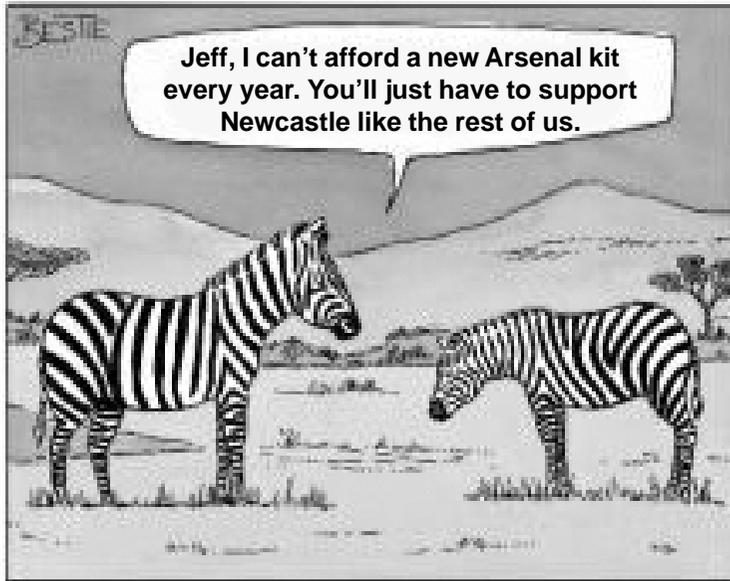
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Caption Competition

The winner of the caption competition on the website was 'Bernie Kemp' who wins a football. Why not have a look at the website? see us at

www.brinklowlfc.co.uk



MICRO FOOTBALL

Well here we are again, Christmas done and dusted and the New Year to look forward to with the continued development of the footballing skills for Brinklows rising stars.

The Christmas Micro football party was a rip roaring success and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely, especially Taff who had a great time spinning the discs and leading the way on the karaoke, pausing occasionally to let the kids have ago. A big thank you to our other half's, Carolyn, Yvonne, Sarah and Shelley who mucked in and added a feminine touch to the decor. A guest appearance from Father Christmas really made the kids day and their requests ranged from a power ranger to everything on the tele. Let's hope they weren't disappointed!

The indoor training has gone well although we have found it a little restrictive and we haven't been able to do everything we wanted. It is our intention to return to outdoors training as soon as we are able, which we hope will be early March.

It is our intention when we return to outdoor training to split the boys into their respective age groups. We feel that the time is right and that both sets of boys will benefit from this move, you will see them develop at a greater speed once this has been done.

Declan Mellet has stepped forward to take control of the older boys and he will require help from at least another parent, so if you fancy the challenge then please speak to one of us or directly to Declan.

It is our intention to still train on the same day and time for the foreseeable future so that we can still help each other when needed but the boys will train separately so they develop at the right pace.

The goal that has been set for the year one boys is to take part and compete in the Brinklow six a side competition that will be held in June of this year (always a great day). We believe that this is a realistic target for the boys and we are sure that they will acquit themselves well and also enjoy the experience.

Again thank you for your continuing support.

Niall Murphy



*A striker from somewhere in Kent
Took free kicks which dipped and then bent.
In a match on the telly
He gave one some welly
And the keeper the wrong way he sent.*



*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.*



Some News from Belgium
The seniors went on tour to Belgium in August of last year. Alan & Heather have just received this email from the team over there

Subj: **some news from Belgium**
Date: 27/01/2004 14:45:57 GMT Standard Time
From: an.laenen@admin.provant.be
To: BRINKLOWLION@aol.com
Sent from the Internet ([Details](#))

Hello Brinklow,
Hi Heather and Alun,

Just to say happy newyear (a bit late, I know) and to tell you everything is going just fine in Meerhout.
How are you doing? I hope Heather's father is doing better (if I remember correctly he was ill on the day we left).

And the team...are they still keeping up the good score?
The players of FC De Kroon are having ups and downs.
Last weekend, fortunately, we won. ~~We~~ played against a very strong team...so that made the victory even greater.
In a few weeks we are having a quiz (I don't know if this is the right spelling, but I suppose you know what I mean). It's going to be hard work for all of us.
We all have to do some jobs. Hopefully there will be lots of people, so we can earn lots of money, to do lots of nice things with it...

Lots of money....that's something Leeds United needs as well, I heard.
I just read in the paper that the team needs £ 5 million. It says that if all the players are willing to give up 30% of their salary, the team will just make it through this season.
On top of all that, they are not doing well in the competition. Perhaps you can tell Les he has my sympathy.
Because, while FC De Kroon is doing relatively fine, the Meerhout team (4th national league) is not. We are second to last and so I can imagine how Leeds fans must be feeling.

Please, say hello to everyone over there from me!

Love,
An

SENIORS TEAM NEWS

BRINKLOW FC	6	JOLLY ABBOT	0
ONLEY PARK	2	BRINKLOW FC	3
CRC	5	BRINKLOW FC	0
RUGBY WORKERS	2	BRINKLOW FC	4
FIGHTING COCKS	2	BRINKLOW FC	5 (HOSPITAL CUP QTR FINAL)
BRINKLOW	4	LONDON HOUSE	1

Hello once again and a belated Happy New Year to all within Brinklow F C.

It seems an eternity since our last report, this being reflected in the amount of games that have been played, this not including postponements. Before Christmas we suffered what seems to be our traditional slump in form, but looking back on our recent results it seems that we have weathered the storm and hopefully got the ship firmly back on course! Five wins out of six is extremely good reading, but it has not been all plain sailing. On that note I must give all credit to our squad who have shown an excellent attitude and a good team spirit when the chips have been down. The side responded to their 6-1 defeat by the Workers by going out and putting 6 past the Jolly Abbot with no reply. This was followed by a real battling performance at Onley, the character within our team really showing through, securing us a 3-2 win, with the two top characters on the day being referee Pierluigi Collina and former Aston Villa goalkeeper Peter 'Don't pass the ball back' Einchelmann guesting in goal for Brinklow.

Our next home game was to be against the C R C, it being no surprise that they travelled over with a very strong team, this being a measure of the respect that we are now being shown. However, on the day, we were no match for them, the scoreline reflecting the fact that we were not so much outclassed as probably mentally beaten before a ball had been kicked! Something to think about there lads?

Having got that one out of the way the side returned after the Christmas break to play some excellent football in beating a spirited Rugby Workers 4-2 on our favourite sloping pitch at Whinfield. This was followed with a comfortable 5-2 Hospital Cup Qtr final victory over the Fighting Cocks, the highlight of this game undoubtedly being the moment when Si Bullock nearly scored a goal! On that note, I am often getting berated by certain members of the team for not giving them a mention in these reports so here goes. First off we welcome new signing Jamie St Clair to Brinklow, along with welcoming Ally Heron back from long term injury. I follow this by announcing that Dave Anderson has joined Huddy and myself on the management team, being sure that his input will be invaluable. Also a special mention for full-back Si Dunkley who had to miss his first game of the season, our 4-1 win over the London House, this being down to squad rotation.

We are now reaching what could prove to be a very important stage in our season. At present we are lying third in the League and yet again have reached the semis of the big one, the Hospital cup. It is pleasing to say that we now have a full squad to choose from, and with everything to play for I'm sure that there is no need to remind our players of the need to stick together in our aim of bringing success to Brinklow F.C.

Yours in football,

Barry Wilkinson

U7'S TEAM NEWS



Training moved indoors over the Christmas period to allow us to focus on skills training without catching cold. Although it is very different to playing on grass we have seen improvements in all of the squad members and are getting ready for a series of friendly games leading up to our tournament in June. Our fixture list currently includes:

- 31st January St Nicholas Boys Club in Nuneaton
- 14th February Dunlop Juniors
- 28th February Stretton Athletic
- 13th March Rugby Town
- 27th March Hillmorton Juniors
- 10th April London Road Lions (subject to squad availability)
- 24th April Counden Cockerels
- 22nd May Rugby Town 6 A-Side Tournament
- 5th May Brinklow 6 A-Side Tournament



In addition we are looking to schedule a game against Caludon Youth on either 6th or 20th March.

If anyone is unable to make one of these dates please advise one of the managers as soon as possible.

Finally a big thank you to Mandy Holmes for organizing the Christmas Party at Ken Marriott Leisure Centre. All of the children had a great time.

Gordon Betts



*There was a young striker from Spain
Who hated to play in the rain.
One day in a muddle
He stepped in a puddle
And got washed away down a drain.*



*There was a young player from Clyde
Took a penalty kick that went wide.
That next match his brother
Well, he missed another
And now neither can get in the side.*



*The wonderful Wizard of Oz
Retired from football because,
When he tried to run fast
His legs didn't last
'Cos he wasn't the wizard he was.*



U8'S TEAM NEWS



Bedworth Eagles B 1 Brinklow A 3
 Bedworth Eagles D 4 Brinklow B 2
 Wyken Boys 4 Brinklow B 2

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone, I trust you all had a good Christmas and are now all looking forward to more of the excellent football the lads treated us to before the holidays. This half of the season is always the most exciting for me because I feel this is where all the lads become that much more focussed. Why? I don't know, but season after season I seem to see something ignite in one or two players which has a positive effect on all involved in that particular team, not only the players but also the coaching team. It might be the fact the better weather is coming, I personally feel the players, as young as they are, sense the finishing post is in sight, the business end of the season is creeping up and their desire and will to succeed increases. With these thoughts upmost in my mind during the holiday period, and numerous conversations with various members of the bootroom, it was decided that Steve would take on sole responsibility of the 'B' team on match days with me continuing with the 'A' team on match days. Training, as always will remain a joint affair. I felt these changes were required, as on match days I find it very difficult to be in two places at once, and felt the lads in both sides needed one person as their focal point. Needless to say, with the changes which have taken place the ultimate goal is still to make these two outstanding 7-a-side teams into what I believe will be a very competitive, solid 11-a-side squad Brinklow can be proud of.

Having said all that, the proof is in the pudding, and I can honestly say THE LADS HAVE ALL RESPONDED IN THE MANNER I EXPECTED OF THEM. Since Xmas three games have been played, all of which were fantastic team performances, not all victories but all gutsy displays with excellent positional play. Backed up with controlled passing and more importantly goals coming in from all departments of the pitch. KEEP IT UP LADS, YOU'RE ALL SUPERB!

The regular followers of these teams will no doubt realise that I seldom mention individuals in my reports, I do this purposefully for a couple of reasons, one of which is I wouldn't like to be seen to favour one player over another, but the main reason is our success on the training ground and on match days is nothing to do with individuals it is to do with the FANTASTIC TEAM SPIRIT THE UNDER 8s POSSESS ON AND OFF THE PITCH. The players all know how good they are because we tell them all every week.

I'd like to finish my report thanking Coventry Chemicals Limited for kindly sponsoring us for our HI-DE-HI tour, also Rich and Hayley for their continuing hard work, all the parents for their help and support and finally Kim and Andrew Skerratt, it's great to see you both back to full strength

Martin Pulford



*Mary had a little lamb
 Who played in goal a lot.
 It let the ball go though its legs
 So now it's in the pot.*



*There was a goalkeeper called Walter
 Who played on the island of Malta.
 But his kicks were so long
 And the wind was so strong,
 That the ball ended up in Gibraltar.*



Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall - so the referee booked him.



....u9s report continued

Brinklow Bears 3 Christ the King 2

A delayed kick off, stunning passing play, tough tackling and bad losers - this game had just about everything!

The Bears seeking revenge for an ill tempered and unfair defeat at CTK earlier in the season and were really in the mood for this game. Within a minute of the start Connor (Becks) had put Lineker through and he rounded the last man and finished clinically. An unfortunate but sloppy own goal from a CTK corner brought the visitors level but a great move finishing with a Becks cross and a beautiful first time shot from Turbo sent us in at half time 2-1 up.

An excellent run by JB down the right ended with an inch perfect pass to Becks who side footed home for his first goal of the season. We are finding out that it's just as enjoyable to set up our mates for a goal as it is to score ourselves - it's a great feeling. CTK pulled a goal back with 10 minutes left after we failed to mark properly in the box. CTK piled forward and Joe pulled off one truly memorable save tipping over a shot destined for the top corner of our goal. The Bears also had several more chances to score with a JB run and shot, a Conner long range rocket and a Lineker free kick all going close.

The message before the game was the team who really wants to win this most will be successful, and although it is stating the obvious it was really true as the Bears gave absolutely everything to gain the victory.

The CTK supporters and linesman were the worst behaved crowd we have seen this season and that made our deserved victory all the more sweet.

4 or 5 players were outstanding and could not be separated, therefore the Man of the Match has to go to the whole team.

**'A delayed kick off,
 stunning passing play,
 tough tackling and
 bad losers - this
 game had just
 about everything!'**

**Andy Pepper
 Gary Stothard**



U9'S TEAM NEWS



....u10s (GREEN) report continued

"Colts corralled in Bulldogs back yard.."

11th January, Bulldogs 6 Kersley Colts 0,

There were no Christmas and New Year cobwebs in this performance, as the Bulldogs carried on from where they left off before the holidays. A commanding display from everyone. Ben Stone was unstoppable scoring 4 goals, little Tommy "The Tiger" Wright was burning brighter than ever, netting one and "the General" Glen Wright controlling the game from midfield scored the other. The colts were never really in the game and on the rare occasion they did get through, they were met by Daniel "Blocker" Turner who would not yield to anything. Magnificent!

Man of the match Tommy "The Tiger" Wright.

Second game, (friendly) Bulldogs 4 Kersley Colts 2

Goals - Willem Main, Daryl Phipps, Tommy Wright and Lewis Arlow.

"Goal Bonanza at the Ponderosa.."

18th January, Mount Nod 0 Bulldogs 4,

Yet another very professional performance, I apologise for being boring but I assure you the football the Bulldogs are playing is far from boring. Superb goalkeeping, excellent defence, a dictatorship of a midfield and the most feared attackers in the league. Top that with an amazing team spirit and that is the Bulldogs; but I digress. Ben Stone got the opener with a run ALA to Michael Owen against Argentina. Starting in his own half beating five players and blasting the ball into the top left hand corner of the goal. Tommy Wright scored the second, Danny Wood made it three with a very well worked move and Ben Stone completed yet another brace to make it 4. Daryl Phipps had an impressive league debut, settling in really well and new comer Lewis Arlow seems to get better with every game.

Man of the match Daniel Turner



(Although he didn't have a lot to do this game, what he did do was outstanding!)

Bulldogs Christmas Party

A big thank you to Heather and Allen Yeend from all the Bulldogs for letting us use their venue and for their generous help and contributions.

'Top that with an amazing team spirit and that is the Bulldogs'

Andy Main



*There was a young striker from Reading
Who bumped his brow on a door at a wedding.
It made his head swell
But he said 'Just as well,
'Cos now I'll improve on my heading.'*



*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 weeds.*



Chaplefield Colts 5 Brinklow Bears 1

This game was a lot closer than the score reflects, we produced some good passing and movement off the ball and created some good chances with Lewis and Josh B coming close. We gave away 2 goals before half time which we could easily have turned around in the second half. We started the

second half by applying early pressure but slightly against the run of play a couple of deflected own goals seemed to unsettle the lads. Joe was outstanding in goal making some outstanding saves, the lads got 1 goal back with Adam slotting the ball home from a well taken corner. The boys are still improving, and the goals and wins will come.

Man of the Match Joe Winbush

Scorers		Man of Match	
Name	Goals	Name	
Lewis Pepper	10	Turbo	4
Josh Brennan	11	Joe	5
Josh Stothard	7	"H"	4
Harley McKittrick	1	JB	3
Phil Barratt	2	Lineker	3
Adam Cooper	1	Phil	2
Connor Jenkins	1	Becks	4
Own Goals	1	Adam "Super"	3
		Alex "Rio"	1
Total	34		

Binley Woods 6 Brinklow Bears 1

The game was a story of two halves, all the pressure came from the Bears with good passing and movement off the ball. Lewis and Turbo were always putting pressure on their defence but we couldn't find that killer punch, Harley and Connor were playing some nice balls through to the front three and the defence of Phillip, Adam and Joe in goal were solid. Binley couldn't even make one attempt on goal which shows just how well the boys played. The Bears started where they left off putting their defence under pressure, all the hard work finally took its toll as tired legs set in. Binley took the lead, but the Bears found a bit more life in them legs, as Josh Turbo read a goal kick well to pinch the ball and fire into the top corner to level the game. JoshB,

Craig and Alex all made good contributions. Binley's fitness showed and they finished the stronger with another 5 quick goals.

Man of the Match Josh turbo

Brinklow Bears 1 London Road Lions 5

This was another one of those games of two halves. We started well but gave away a soft goal, but responded with a quick equalizer, we seemed to lose concentration not closing down their defence and allowing them to shoot on our goal and before we knew it we were trailing 4-1.

The second half though was dominated by the Bears with good passing and pressure but we couldn't convert this pressure into goals. London scored late on to make it 5-1. Encouraging display in the second half but we need to maintain this for both halves.

Man of the Match Connor Jenkins

Dunlop Dynamos 1 Brinklow Bears 1

What a turnaround, conditions were windy, cold and wet, but the bears took the game to Dunlop with early pressure which resulted in a well taken goal by Josh Brannon. We continued to apply pressure but Dunlop fought back putting us on the back foot, our defence and midfield held strong, they finally found a way through with an unlucky deflected own goal. This was an entertaining game by two good sides and a draw was a fair result. The boys showed how they can play against these higher placed teams and shouldn't be afraid of anyone. Everybody played well and all should be proud of themselves.

Man of the Match Jor Winbush

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U10'S TEAM NEWS (GREEN LEAGUE)

U15'S TEAM NEWS

"Bulldogs tame the Tigers"

30th November, Bulldogs 4 Exhal Tigers 1

The Bulldogs' bark drowned out the roar of the tigers from the very first whistle. Playing their trademark, fluent passing game, they drove the Tigers back and never looked out of control. Ben Stone and Glen Wright scoring a brace a piece.

The defence of Phil "The Hammer" Hibberd, Joe "Road Block" Kemp and Willem

"The Wall" Main, completely extinguished the fiery tigers attack right up until the dying seconds when Exhal grabbed a consolation goal. A very professional performance by all.

Man of the match Phil "The Hammer" Hibberd

"No samba party for Pro-Santos.."

7th December, Pro-Santos 2 Bulldogs 3

Playing on a pitch that resembled a turnip field and with a ball reminiscent of the old orange Winfield Wembley balls that every kid in the playground use to have in the 70's, this was never going to be easy. And so it was that the Bulldogs got off to a sticky start. Daniel Turner, the Bulldogs regular net man, was unavailable. Willem "The wall" Main took over as stand in, despite having been ill for the last few days and did a sterling job. Two nil down after 20 minutes the Bulldogs soldiered on, sticking to their game. Ben Stone, getting terrific service from the players out wide, Danny Wood and Tommy Wright, must have wondered what he had to do to get past the man mountain of the Pro-Santos keeper. Shot after shot was blocked. Minutes before half time Ben Stone found a chink in the Santos keeper's armour and fired in the Bulldogs first goal. After the break the Bulldogs took control, Henry DeBoer having an outstanding second half, making the levelling goal, which Ben Stone converted and scoring the winner himself five minutes later. Newcomer Lewis Arlow also came on late and made an impression, showing a lot of promise.

Man of the match Henry DeBoer

"A dog's dinner of a game.."

14th December, Ernsford Dynamos 3 Bulldogs 2

Every now and then a fly will land in the ointment. I should have known it wasn't going to be our day from the moment I left my house in a short sleeved T-shirt, in glorious sunshine, only to be greeted with gale force winds and lashing rain on arrival at the match venue. The Bulldogs just couldn't get out of second gear and were two nil down by half time. The second half began with a bit of a fight back, Ben Stone getting a brace of goals to bring the Bulldogs back to level terms. Danny Wood playing a leading role. Daniel Turners return to goal keeping duties was a hectic one, with him making some fine saves and some very brave blocks keeping the Bulldogs in the game. Just when I thought we had got away with the draw, Dynamos scored in the dying seconds. Ah well, such is football, I wish I'd brung me brolly though!!

Man of the match Danny Wood

"Normal service resumed.."

21st December, Pinley 1 Bulldogs 4.

A clinical display from the whole squad, despite going down a goal in the first minute. It seemed like seconds for the Bulldogs to level and from there on in it was their game. Ben Stone getting another brace, Luke Tailby, giving a strong performance, scored a typical left foot thunderbolt of a goal and Willem Main playing in midfield scored with a left foot rocket of a shot from the edge of the box. The strength in depth of the Bulldogs is growing by the week, making my job pleasantly harder. A sound performance by everyone and an early Christmas present for me.

Man of the match Willem "The Wall" Main

u10s (GREEN) continued on page 14

Coventry Boys Club	3	Brinklow	2
Brinklow	4	Allesley Aces	1
Hawksmill	1	Brinklow	9
Finham	1	Brinklow	1
Brinklow	2	Bermuda	1
Brinklow	3	Coventry Boys Club	3

As you can see from the results above we have not been beaten in the last five games and in phases have been playing some of the best football ever. The two games against league leaders Coventry Boys Club were outstanding, narrowly losing the first and drawing the second and I am sure the lads would agree we should have won both of the games. By far the best performance was against Bermuda winning 2-1.

I would like to thank Brinklow Reserves for giving us a recent friendly which they won 9-4. I thought the game was played in a fantastic spirit and our lads held back the tackles - mind you it's hard tackling players with walking frames! I'm looking forward to playing them next season when hopefully my lads will have grown a bit.

Fixture

Sun 1st Feb	Home v Leamington Hibbs
Sun 8th Feb	Home v Chapelfield Colts
Sun 15th Feb	To be arranged

Top of U15's League

	Played	Points
Coventry Boys	13	29
Finham	14	26
Chapelfield	16	25
Bermuda	11	24
Brinklow	13	25

Blackpool Trip

I am trying to organise a weekend away to Blackpool for players and parents. If possible I would like all players to be accompanied by an adult but don't worry if you are unable to go, I am sure there will be enough adults going to help with the players. - Details below

Fri 21st May and Sat 22nd May -
2 nights - Breakfast and Evening Meal
at Pontins
Price £50 adults £25 players
Need 25 people

Please let me know within a week of reading "On the Brink" if you wish to go.

Training

Have you paid your £5 for training - if not please pay as soon as possible. "Looking Back"



*"Looking Back" Brinklow U9's
There are eight players on the photo who signed on this year
Can you spot them?*



U14'S TEAM NEWS



Brinklow 9 Coventry Jag 2

What a day to remember. From start to finish, the attitude, commitment and confidence of the players and their parents was unbelievable.

Brinklow were put under pressure in the first five minutes, however, we found our feet and cruised into a half time lead of 5-0.

Two goals from the Jag did nothing to hold back Brinklow as they fired home four more, which rounded off an absolutely fantastic match to remember.

Goal scorers: Geezer hat-trick
Rory Higgins hat-trick
James Mercer 1
Tom Pye-Ford 1
Tom Brookes 1

Man of the Match goes to the whole team due to their unfailing passion to win!

Brinklow 8 Rugby Town 2

Again another breath taking game to remember. First half saw Rugby Town 2003 take control by playing superb football and scoring two goals in 20 minutes to take it into a two goal lead at half time. Excellent team talk boosted up the players spirits and they went out in the second half and started playing football. Birthday boy and captain Tom Pye-Ford started the comeback. The team erupted playing football I've never seen before. Excellent defending by Luke Jones and Danny Giles' mid-field skills took Brinklow to victory. But everyone played with heart and passion.

Scorers: Danny Giles 2
Dan Gyselynck 2
Rory Higgins 2
James Mercer 1
Tom Pye-Ford 1

Man of the Match Danny Giles and Luke Jones

Spencer Sports 4 Brinklow 6

This game was a test of character for everyone wearing a blue and yellow shirt. Brinklow went into this game knowing they were in for a battle as Spencer Sports looked a very physical side. From the kick-off Brinklow went out onto the pitch with their heads held high and a desire to play football. Which we did, going into a 4 - 1 lead at half time thanks to a superb passage of plays from Danny Giles, James Mercer and Rory Higgins.

Weather conditions did not help during the second half, which saw Spencer Sports score 3 goals in quick succession. This put Brinklow on the back foot. Excellent captaincy from Tom Pye-Ford lifted his players spirits and determination to win this game and not lose. Two more goals from the assassin (Pye-Ford) rounded off a thoroughly entertaining match.

Scorers: Tom Pye-Ford hat-trick
Rory Higgins 2
James Mercer 1

Man of the Match Tom Brookes and Stephan Cierniak

**'BRINKLOW U14'S
NEVER SAY DIE!
WE ARE BACK'**

**Anthony Ford
Stefan Brown**

U10'S TEAM NEWS (BLUE LEAGUE)



Brinklow 1
Caludon Youth 1
Brinklow 1
Brinklow 1
Cov Sphinx 6
Dunlop Juniors 0

Chaplefield Colts 1
Brinklow 0
Christ the King 0
Cov Jag 1
Brinklow 1
Brinklow 0

Brinklow 1 Chaplefield Colts 1

A cracking game from two good sides with Chaplefield Colts having a lot of the play in the first fifteen minutes, with the boys coming more and more in the game before the interval. This pressure continued after half time with Matthew Pine and Stuart Day both going close before a fine substitution from myself ha! ha! Jason Taylor scoring a fine goal with his first touch after good work between Craig and Matthew Pine. With only a few minutes to go we were now under so much pressure that the goal was sure to come for the Colts and did so with only two minutes to go, overall a draw seemed a fair result.

Caludon Youth 1 Brinklow 0

Another tight game which could have gone either way, unfortunately it wasn't to be for us but some good performances from Craig, Stuart, Lee Huddleston and Nathan who along with George probably had our best chances. I thought we tried our best and were unlucky not to get something from the game.

Brinklow 1 Christ the King 0

"Best we've played all season" Christ the King came into the game unbeaten this season and it showed in their play - a very good passing team, right from the word go they put us under pressure, but the boys soon proved they were not here to make the numbers up with chances being created at both ends of the pitch George and Lee Rollins were proving a very tough defence to break down, with Craig, Matthew, Stuart and Lee Huddleston playing some great one touch football it is probably the best football we've played all season.

Nathan came on at half time after a sizzling run and shot from him that their goalkeeper couldn't hold onto, Craig thumped home the rebound. The game continued to go from one end to the other and could have ended up five each but in the end we will settle for a fine victory.

Well done boys, can't say enough about the way they played today. If only we could play like this week in week out?

Just a quick mention about the Christmas Party, great fun was had by all the boys, John and myself included. Jason Taylor winning the bowling followed by Stuart Day with George bringing up the rear. Note to the parents all the boys were very well behaved and an absolute pleasure to look after.

Since coming back from the Christmas break the boys have struggled to find their true form, only Nathan's last minute goal after a fine run from Matthew Pine saved us from defeat at the hands of Cov Jag.

We were soundly thrashed from Cov Sphinx six goals to one. A slightly better performance the following week with a battling draw against Dunlop which to be honest we deserved to win.

**Cov Sphinx - Man of the Match Harry Jeavons
Dunlop Juniors - Man of the Match Jason Taylor**

With a bit of self belief and a touch of luck we can get our season back on track.

Dave Payne

U11'S TEAM NEWS



With Christmas been and gone and the New Year well under way we find ourselves over half way through the season and struggling a bit towards the bottom end of the table. So this month I am not going to put the reports of the matches because they don't make good reading, especially from the side of a Brinklow player or supporter. But I must mention some of the players involved in the Man of the matches.



- November 30th - Jamie Huddlestone (captain's performance)
- December 7th - All Team (4-1 down 5 mins from end only to draw 4-4)
- January 4th - Taz (worked the whole left side of the pitch)
- January 18th - Danny Hale (new position at full back and never went wrong)
- Tom Morrison (attacked the ball at every opportunity)
- January 25th - Joe Partridge (showing why he has kept his place at left back)

I must also mention how well we did in the second half of this game to be 7-0 down at half time against Dunlop only in the second half to come out with a totally different attitude and take the game to them winning the second half 2-1. - let's start like this every game lads.

Cheeky Kid or Cheeky Girl?



JJ

u11's captain on New Years Eve.

If anyone else has some embarrassing photos let me or Paul Wilby have them.

Neil Huddlestone

U12'S TEAM NEWS



Season review

I'm afraid the New Year continues with more 'tales of woe'. Matches postponed because of waterlogged pitches and the Under 12s continuing with their poor run of form. This has now resulted in the Under 12s worst ever sequence of lost games. The management team is actively working on the contributing factors to the loss of form, but what encourages us all, despite everything, is the commitment, hard work and spirit amongst the boys. So the lads continue to battle and coupled with the excellent attitude their showing, I've every confidence it's only a matter of time before things change and the effort the lads are putting in will have some reward.

Training

Training at Walsgrave Working Mens Club continues on Saturday mornings between 10:30am and 11:30am. The cost of each session is £1:50. These training sessions are invaluable, especially when a match is postponed or we have one of our many 'free weeks'. Instead of training or playing every three or four weeks as has been the case since the season began, these weekly training sessions bring the lads together more regularly, which can only be of benefit to the squad. Your support on this demanding initiative is much appreciated.

Welcome

For the third time this season, I'm pleased to say the Under 12s have recruited another valuable squad member. Paul Jaramenko has joined us from Hawksmill Juniors. To date, I have only seen Paul in action in one match but if his efforts are anything to go by, Paul will be a big asset to the team. Welcome to Paul and his family from all at Brinklow.

Schedule

Schedule for the next few weeks. I'd be most grateful of advanced notice of player (un)availability.

- Sat 31st Jan Training - Walsgrave WMC 10:30am -11:30am
- Sun 1st Feb No match
- Sat 7th Feb Training - Walsgrave WMC 10:30am - 11:30am
- Sun 8th Feb Match - Coundon Cockerals - KO 11:00 am Location TBC
- Sat 14th Feb No Training - Half-term
- Sun 15th Feb No match - Half-term
- Sat 21st Feb Training - Walsgrave WMC 10:30am - 11:30am
- Sun 22nd Feb Match - To be confirmed

Thank you

Thanks very much to Simon Thompson for organising the lads golf day over Christmas. It was a cold day but as always the lads stuck at it and looked as if they'd enjoyed themselves. Also, many thanks to Jan & Tony Glasscoe for organising the Christmas party afterwards. The annual dad's night out just before Christmas was also a huge success. Thanks to Bob Sud for all the effort put in, it made for a very entertaining evening. Earlsdon hasn't seen a frock coat since the eighties!!! Also many thanks to John Cramp for organising the trip to Highfield Road to watch Coventry City play in the 4th round of the F.A.Cup. It was unfortunate the Under 12s didn't get to see an exciting game of football, but they seemed to enjoy the game nonetheless. Thanks also to Martin Tranter & Gary Wilcox for carrying out linesman and drink bottle duties. Can I finish by saying a huge thank you to all the lads in the Under 12s squad. I hope the lads aren't too dispirited by the run of results. The frustrating thing is at training they're doing everything that's asked of them and we can see the ability they have, but at the moment it seems for some reason, it isn't being applied to match situations. This is the challenge for the management team to address but as previously mentioned, if the lads can continue to show the commitment, effort and spirit I have every confidence that sooner rather than later things will change for the better and results will go our way. Thank you for your support

Scorers		Man of Match	
Name	Goals	Name	
Josh Pointon	2	Callum Day	1
Alex Cramp	2	Jordan Thompson	2
Arron Steel	3	Alex Wood	1
Chris Brennan	4	Milan Sud	2
Miles Wilcox	1	Alex Cramp	1
Alex Wood	1	Arron Steel	2
Milan Sud	2	Ben Tranter	1
		James Kearney	1
		Josh Pointon	1
After Cov Jag Youth CUP MATCH 25th Jan			

Peter Day