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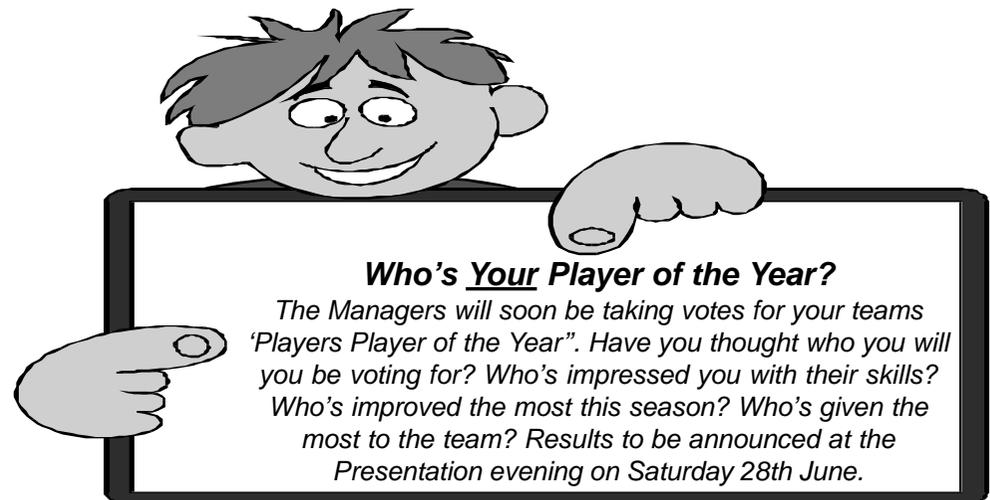
I'm looking for stories & photo's to put on www.brinklowfc.co.uk so if you have something interesting to say or a good photo then contact me at the email address below. We are also looking for video footage of the games to show at the presentation night, so if you have some good stuff please give to your manager, we'll ensure you get it back!!

Paul Wilby
wilby@wilby.screaming.net

Somewhere in 'ON THE BRINK' you will find 7 footballs with a letter in the middle, can you find them? The first is below to help you. Once you have got all 7, arrange the letters to make up the name of a Celtic striker



Last issues answer was 'PIRES'.

Who's Your Player of the Year?

The Managers will soon be taking votes for your teams 'Players Player of the Year'. Have you thought who you will you be voting for? Who's impressed you with their skills? Who's improved the most this season? Who's given the most to the team? Results to be announced at the Presentation evening on Saturday 28th June.

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SENIORS TEAM NEWS

Sunday 30th March saw Brinklow 1st playing their eagerly awaited Hospital Cup Semi Final at Alwyn Rd, against Hillmorton Lion. Having played them twice previously this season, a 1-1 draw at home plus a 2-1 win away, we knew that coupled with a tricky pitch this would not be an easy game. At half time this was proving to be the case, the sides leaving the field at 0-0. This was after a half when Brinklow's goal had never been threatened, our side totally dominating the game and having hit the woodwork 4 times! Sometimes in games like this you start to wonder if it's not going to be your day, but with this in mind our half-time talk revolved around making sure that the side remained patient and composed. This they did superbly and although Hillmorton had a brief spell there was still only one team in it. Our patience was finally to be rewarded when Paul 'Azi' Ábarrow hit A 25yd Beckhamesque free kick into the top right hand corner. We continued to apply the pressure, our second goal coming when Gaz Moore gleefully smashed a loose ball home from inside the box. Goal number 3 came when Allistair Heron, having been put through on goal applied a neat finish to make the game ours. Yet another fine win by a rapidly maturing side and on to Butlin Rd on May 4th kick off 2.00pm against last seasons adversaries, the CRC.

The following Sunday was cup time yet again, but this time in our Division 1 cup against Long Lawford a team that we've always found tough opposition. With a reshuffled side, due to injuries and illness, it was good to see the lads settle down well playing some excellent football. It was somewhat surprising though that we coasted into a 3-0 lead within the ½ hour, thanks to three quality goals, 1 for Ally Heron and two for Justin Neal. Lawford are always a battling side though, and in the end we had to hang on a bit, recording a 3-2 victory and yet another Semi-Final, against a tough side, the Raglan.

This was to be a much tougher game than our side realised and how anyone could under estimate last years League champions and Jack Scamp cup winners is beyond me. Raglan were gifted a 2-0 lead by some sloppy defending but were then pretty much outplayed for the rest of the half, being thankful to their keeper that we hadn't scored more than the one goal, half-time being 2-1. My half-time talk obviously had no effect as the side seemed to be attempting self-destruct, gifting the Raglan a further 2 goals within 5 minutes of the restart. At 4-1 down I knew we were in trouble but it was extremely disappointing to see some of our players displaying a defeated attitude. With 40 mins left to play, anything is possible! Two substitutes seemed to lift the side a bit and I suppose in a way we were a little unlucky when hitting the bar and then having a shot cleared off the line. A late consolation goal salvaged a bit of pride, the final score being a hurtful 4-2 and our first defeat in eight games.

Our last League game of the season saw us away to the 'Jolly Abbot'. For this game it was decided to give most of the side a rest and I would like to thank Martin White, Roger Lunt, Anthony Ford and Simon Bates for stepping up from the reserves and performing so well on the day. Although we lost this game 4-0 this was not really a true reflection on the game as we ended up with 9 players on the pitch due to a bizarre succession of injuries. This defeat meant that we dropped one position in the League, but a 5th placed finish on our first season back in Div 1 is one that we have to be satisfied with.

As I write this report we now have only the one game left to play, the big one at Butlin Rd on May 4th. By the time you read this that game will probably have been played and I can assure you that no matter what the result, every effort will have been made to further enhance the name of Brinklow F.C.

On that note I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Reserves Manager Dave McKiernon and to all of the players that performed so well in bringing the Division 3 cup back to Brinklow. A great battling performance lads and lets hope this is the start of things to come. Extremely well done!

Yours in Football

Barry Wilkinson



OUCH THAT HURT!

Gary Naysmith, playing for Scotland U21's in Bosnia, stood on a drain cover whilst taking a long throw. It collapsed and he fell down a man hole.



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U7'S TEAM NEWS

Brinklow v Balsall Hornets

In both games against The Hornets the teams were very closely matched. But what stood out above everything was the excellent spirit that the games were played in. Everybody involved from both teams had only encouraging words for both their own team and the opposition alike.

'A fine strike from Sean finding the back of the net'

In the first game The Hornets got off to a great start with an early strike. But Brinklow soon came back into the game with a fully deserved equaliser, a fine strike from Sean finding the back of the net. It remained really close for the rest of the half and in the second half it was Brinklow's turn to get an early goal when Andrew broke free on the left and threaded the ball through for Sean who was there with a silky finish. We continued to play lovely football, being thwarted several times by some fine keeping in the Balsall goal. But with minutes to go, Balsall grabbed a late equaliser.

The second game proved to be just as close with some really gritty play from both teams. But this time the teams were to be separated. An outstanding shot from Liam giving Brinklow the victory.

AT7 v Brinklow

This game emphasised to all the Brinklow team what wonderful facilities we are lucky to have at Newbold Revel. I think we were all shocked at the very small pitch that was marked out with a few cones and had grass that covered everyone's boots! I think it is fair to say that in both games our teams never quite managed to master the pitch in order to play their usual game.

In the first game Brinklow were unlucky to go into the break one down after Andrew.J in goal was caught off guard by a long shot. But in the second half the lads fought to raise their game and against the odds Sean managed to scramble a good equaliser which seemed to have earned Brinklow a hard earned draw but alas in the dying seconds AT7 got a winner.

In the second game the first half was goalless, but soon after the restart Liam continued his scoring run and slotted home what looked to be the winner. But a battling AT7 managed to grab a late equaliser.

Brinklow v Wyken

With Jake our midfield powerhouse missing for this game it could have been difficult but the lads rose to the challenge. They adapted well with Liam coming in up front and Ben moving into midfield next to Andrew. Sean maintained his superb goal scoring form of late with two great finishes giving Brinklow a 2-0 half time lead. Andrew made it 3-0 shortly after the turnaround and Sean was unlucky not to complete his hatrick with a brilliant header which hit the post. He didn't have to wait too long though as some neat passing resulted in a tap in for him minutes later. After a great run Andrew was brought down in the box but made a rare miss from the penalty spot, only to make amends minutes later with a late goal. 5-0 Brinklow, but it hadn't been as one sided as the score line might suggest. It was only an excellent performance in defence by Thomas and Lloyd and some hard tackling all over the field by Andrew that had kept Wyken at bay.

Brinklow v Rugby Town

We expected the first game to be a really tough encounter as we had stunned Rugby Town with a 3-0 win at their ground earlier in the season. But the whole team rose to the occasion with an absolutely phenomenal performance.

Only minutes into the game Sean was put clean through and finished well to give us an early lead. This was doubled a minute later when Andrew pounced on a defensive error. Midway through the

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RESERVES TEAM NEWS

....Reserves report continued

Imp got another goal, 4-4. Two minutes left. Step forward a hero. Step forward Ross Manderston for it was he who rocketed a shot in from close range with ease. The crowd were on the pitch and rightly so for it proved to be the winner, 5-4 to Brinklow.

I'd just like to take this opportunity to say this has been my best month at Brinklow this season and I'm sure all the players agree. I'd also like to say on behalf of all the lads thank you to everybody who supported us at the final it was you who drove us on

Lee Kenney



Brinklow never say die!

J.K. TIMBER - Sponsors of RUGBY & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE In the divisional cup competitions C.R.C., Merry Monk and Brinklow Res. came out on top. Brinklow Res. won the Chamber of Commerce Cup final after extra-time. In a hard fought game Brinklow Res. did well to overcome a talented Imperial side who turned out to be their own worst enemy, having two players sent-off. At half-time it was honours even with Imperial having taken the lead and then Dave Galpin equalised for Brinklow. The second half had also been reduced to ten men. The lead was held for the rest of the match until a 3-1 lead. Brinklow's never say die attitude paid off when Roger Lunt fired in a direct free kick shortly followed by a strike from Spencer Wells to level things up. In the first period of extra-time Brinklow went ahead for the first time in the game when Anthony Ford headed home. The Imperial immediately responded and made it 4-4. The Imp. were then reduced again and has the final minutes ticked by it was a young Ross Manderston who came off the subs bench to hit the winner for Brinklow and delight their travelling army of supporters. Division two's Roly Leeson cup went to the Division 2 champions who took the lead in the first-half through Glen Ewing. They then went further ahead after Tom Hudson for the first time. The Harry Mow Res. pulled it back to 2-1. In the second period of extra-time Ewing doubled his tally for the double. The second half Ewing Monk had completed a double. Division One champions C.R.C. and runners-up

RESERVES TEAM NEWS

This month the majority of our games have been cup ones, as so much has happened I'll get straight into it!!

Royal Oak 0 Brinklow Res 3

This game was the quarter - final of our divisional cup. Having beaten the Bear 4-2 in the previous round we were really up for this. The fact that we were the underdogs in this match also got us fired up and after a good display Lee Kenney earned Brinklow a penalty towards the end of the first half. Martin Smith "Reserve team penalty King" converted to make it 1-0. The second half saw us dominate and Dave Galpin grabbed himself 2 goals to give us a 3-0 win. It was a result that meant so much as it was the first time we had beaten the Oak who happen to be league champions.

Brinklow Res 3 R&N Unity 2

As this was the semi-final you can imagine there was a lot of nerves, it was maybe nerves from both sides that made this match very scrappy and not very entertaining. However we plugged away and towards the end of the first half Unity were down to 10 men after a handball in the area. Up stepped the "Reserve team penalty King" and it came as no surprise it went in. It stayed 1-0 for the rest of the half. Unfortunately only 30 seconds into the second half it was 1-1. Galpin scored a brilliant long ranger to make it 2-1. Then something amazing happened, somebody for us, just inside Unity's half went for a cross. However, it managed to fly into the net, that somebody was Ryan Johnston, his first goal this season! Unity grabbed another but we held on to win 3-2.

I'd just like to add at this point after this game we had 2 league games that I wasn't at but I can tell you that we beat the Black Horse 1-0 with a wonder goal from Stefan Brown and we also beat Unity again 2-1. Well done to all the lads that played in those games.

CUP FINAL DAY!!

Brinklow Res 5 The Imperial 4

Sunday 27th April and the final had at last arrived. I've said we've been fired up for games before, but not like this, this was different and we all knew it. The moment the whistle blew we were flying into the Imp all over the pitch and they

were rattled. But it was the Imp that took the lead. Galpin made it 1-1. The Imp went on to grab another 2 to make it 3-1 to them. Two minutes from the end Roger Lunt scored a well-worked free kick. A minute from the end Spencer Wells rifled home from close range and so at 3-3 the game headed into extra time. It was us that took the lead for the first time in the match with Antony Ford heading in a corner. Again the

....u7s report continued

half Jake unleashed a typical thunderbolt from distance which left the keeper rooted to the spot. Rugby were stunned and when Andrew drove the ball into the back of the net from the edge of the box, after it had come out from a goalmouth scramble, I think they wish it was the final whistle not the half time one that went. And rightly so as the Brinklow team were relentless in the second half. Sean hit a clean shot soon after the turn round and then Andrew ran in from the left and slotted home for his hatrick. But not content with one hatrick in the game he then hit a second! Hitting three goals in the last ten minutes, two of which were headers, the second a superb header direct from an excellent pinpoint corner from Jake. 9-0. Rugby had had no answer to the power of Jake in midfield and Sean and Andrew had given them a lesson in finishing.

'The whole team rose to the occasion with an absolutely phenomenal performance'

It could have been worse for them as Ben was unlucky not to be on the score sheet having hit the post twice. In defense Thomas had his best game yet as Brinklow rarely gave Rugby a sniff at goal, Lloyd was his usual rock in defense, resulting in Daniel in goal having little to do.

In the second game we thought we may get the backlash. It had been Brinklow on the wrong end of a 9-0 score line in this fixture earlier in the season. But the lads battled supremely well, especially having gone behind to an early goal. Turning round at 0-1 it wasn't long before James put us back level. Having broken free in midfield and ran with superb determination, he produced a blasting shot to finish in style for his first Brinklow goal. In the last minute Rugby took the victory however with a great shot from distance rebounding in off the post. Jack had made his first appearance in goal and made some brilliant saves. Daniel took the opportunity for a rare run out on pitch to join his brother Jordan. Both battled really well and Ryan was outstanding at the back thwarting countless Rugby attacks. All the lads had done us proud.

Nick Skerratt



Q: Why can fish play football easily?
A: Because theres 20,000 leagues under the sea!!



Q: Where do football directors go when they are fed up?
A: The bored room!

Q: Why was the struggling manager seen shaking the club cat?
A: To see if there was any more money in the kitty!

Manager: Our new midfielder cost ten million.
I call him our wonder player

Fan: Why's that ?

Manager: Everytime he plays I wonder why I bothered to buy him !



Q: Why can't my car play football?
A: Because it's only got one boot

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U9'S TEAM NEWS (GREEN LEAGUE)

BRINKLOW BULLDOGS

UNDER 9'S

The Boat 3 Bulldogs 2

The first of two strange encounters with the Boat. Behind 2-0 at the break but I felt we had control of the game. In the second half the Bulldogs stormed back to level terms with goals from Ben Stone and Ryan Murray. The second half was very much influenced by some strange refereeing which seemed to stifle the Bulldogs play. While pressing for the winning goal and after having 90% of the possession, the Bulldogs defence was caught flat and a cleanly struck goal from 20yds out sealed their fate. I felt we had had our pockets picked.

Man of the match Henry DeBoer (a very determined performance)

Bulldogs 1 The Boat 3

The second encounter with the Boat and Ben Stone gave the Bulldogs a stirring start with an early goal. Just before half time the Boat struck back with back-to-back goals within 2 minutes. This seemed to leave the Bulldogs a bit shell shocked, but they came out firing on all four cylinders in the second half and basically controlled the half. I felt it was only a matter of time before one of many chances we created would result in a goal or 2. But it wasn't to be, it was just one of those days when our goal seemed much smaller than the oppositions, still a good effort by all showing plenty of promise.

Man of the Match Ben Stone (for constantly pushing for goal)

Pinley NDC 3 Bulldogs 3

A good old fashioned battle this one, which swung one way and then the other. The Bulldogs went ahead with a Ryan Murray goal only to see Pinley strike back with a converted penalty and a free kick both resulting in Oscar nominating performances from the Pinley striker. Glen Wright struck back for the Bulldogs only for Pinley to go ahead in the dying minutes with another converted penalty. With just seconds to go Josh Stottard linked with Glen Wright and Ben Stone to break through the Pinley defence only to be denied a goal by a tackle from behind which sent him crashing down in the penalty area. Up stepped Ben Stone to take the kick. Only for the Pinley keeper to make a fine save, but while all the Pinley players celebrated, Ben gave a perfect demonstration of a striker, calmly controlling the rebound and slotting it into the net and silencing the Pinley supporters. A hard fought game.

Man of the match - Glen Wright (some fine accurate passing in mid-field)

Dunlop Juniors 3 Bulldogs 1

Connor Jenkins was kept busy in this match played on a very hard pitch and dominated by the Dunlop centre forward, who would not have looked out of place in an under 16s side: the guy was huge! Still the Bulldogs held their own for the best part of the game and in between frantic defence managed to create plenty of chances up front, one of which Ben Stone converted with his usual style.

Man of the match Conner Jenkins

(despite being injured in the first half was still diving about like a cat at the death)

Ashgreen 2 Bulldogs 1

Ashgreen are contesting for a top place in the league and had soundly beaten us earlier in the season. Before the game I was informed that a "scout" was coming to look at 2 of the Ashgreen players, the striker and defender. I don't know if he showed or not, but I know the Bulldogs rained on their parade. This was classic battling Bulldog football! And rated as one, if not the best performance of the season. From the off Ashgreen were left in no doubt of the Bulldogs tenacity. Everyone gave 110%. Ten minutes into the game and Tom Wright collected a lovely weighted pass from Glen Wright on the right, cut inside, beat 3 players and let rip with a sweet left foot into the top right hand corner of the net. The Bulldogs were relentless Phil "the hammer" Hibberd and Williem "the wall" Main were outstanding in defence completely stifling the Ashgreen forward. Glen Wright controlled the middle of the park. Ben Stone was relentless up front, Tom Wright on the right and Ryan Murray on the left ran rings round their markers. Josh Stottard made break after break and Henry DeBoer was a terrier. The unluckiest player on the pitch was Connor Jenkins. Both of Ashgreens goals were to say the least dubious. Late in the second half Ashgreens first goal came after Connor was pushed to the ground to get a face full of dust

U16'S TEAM NEWS

A great man once said "Time Gentlemen Time" or was that Alun Yeend. Well this is the end for the Under 16's. Next year some of the player's will continue into the youth team, some might even go to the seniors and other's will go their own way, whatever their decision I wish them all the luck in the world.

All the years I have been running a Brinklow side I've never had such a great bunch of lads, there not just teams mates on the field, but good friends away from football to. This shows on all the tours we have been on over the years especially the Cornwall tour which we have just come back from. These lads have never caused me any hassell or heartache over the years and there's not many manager's who can say that. I would also like to thank all the parents who have supported their lads and me over the years. I've certainly appreciated it and I know the lads have even if they don't always show it. To run a football team these days it takes a lot of work behind the scenes and for this I would like to thank t he committee, also I've been very lucky to have a great sponsor for my team Alun and Heather from the White Lion, I know they sometimes think that I take them for granted but without their support this team would not have survived. So once again Thanks a Million.

Next year we are hoping to start another Under 16 team for Brinklow but this depends on the availability of player's and pitches, and if my wife, Ann, let's me! People say I am a Glutton for punishment but if it's in your blood it's hard to let go. So just watch this space. As for this season we have still got four games left and if we win these remaining games we will finish runner's up in the league which is a marvellous achievement, so lads keep up the good work. Don't forget the presentation evening on Saturday 28th June at the British Legion (mine's a larger).

Keith Bryne

Why did the chicken cross the road? - football managers explain

Arsene Wenger

"From my position in the dug-out I did not see the incident clearly so I cannot really comment. However, I do think that he gets picked on by opposition players and fans who are clearly chickenophobic."

David O'Leary

"To be fair, he's just a baby chicken really and crossing the road is just a big exciting adventure for him. He'll enjoy the experience as long as it lasts and learn from it, but I don't seriously expect him to cross it this season."

Sir Alex Ferguson

"As far as I'm concerned he crossed the road at least a minute early according to my watch."

Gianluca Vialli

"When the fish are down, he'll just be one of the chaps. It doesn't matter to me whether he's an Italian, French or English chicken as long as he's willing to die on the pitch for Chelsea."

Glenn Hoddle

"The chicken was hit by the lorry when crossing the road because in a previous life it had been a bad chicken."

Ruud Gullit

"I am hoping to see some sexy poultry."

Gordon Strachan

"I'm really proud of the wee fella. Let's face it, if it had been one of the big chickens everyone would be saying how well he'd done, but as it's one of the wee chickens it must be luck."



U14'S TEAM NEWS



Brinklow	1	Bermuda Colts	4
Finham	3	Brinklow	5
Allesley Aces	1	Brinklow	2
Brinklow	4	Pinley	1
Chapelfield Colts	1	Brinklow	0
Christ the King	2	Brinklow	1
Morris Rangers	4	Brinklow	0

WHOS BODY IS THIS?	
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Goals Scorers

Daniel Carter	20
Joe Shore	10
James Parker	8
Ryan Wood	3
Daniel McDonald	3
Shane Hunt	3
Jack Draper	3
Rainard Stocks	2
Craig Burrin	2
Lee Harris	1
Josh Tailby	1
Ricky Lee	1



WHO'S BODY IS THIS? We've mixed up the heads & bodies of all the players but can you work out which is which? Put your answers in the table above & return to Mick Holt -----£10 prize----- (If there's a tie entries will be placed in a ballot)



Mick Holt

and temporarily blinded. Their second came following another blatant handball by an Ashgreen attacker whose shot Conner saved, only to be manhandled into the back of the net whilst holding onto the ball, no foul given by the home referee who signalled a fair challenge! The final score flattered Ashgreen. Everyone was man of the match - *Heroes every one of them.*

Bulldogs 1 Balsal & Berkswell 2

A midweek game and the Bulldogs seemed a little tired. Ben Stone struck the woodwork early on, but Balsal & Berkswell were given a little too much respect. Earlier on in the season they beat us 11-1, At half time the Bulldogs were down 2 - 0. In the second half they were completely different and came out fighting. After relentless pressure they were awarded a free kick two yard in from the dead ball line, just outside the box. With a 4-man wall and such an acute angle for the shot, it looked like a pass was the only option. Up stepped Ben "bend it like Beckham" Stone and curled the ball round the wall into the top right hand corner of the net - SWEET!! Unlucky not to get at least a draw.

Dunlop Junior Colts 5 Bulldogs 7

What a cracking game!!! The Bulldogs looked well in control at half time 5-1 up. Playing super, flowing football. Ryan "Gigsy" Murray scoring 2. Ben Stone getting 1 and Williem "the wall" Main scoring a 30yard left foot strike, right through the Goalies legs. In the second half Dunlop came storming back with 2 quick goals. Josh Stottard struck a sweet right foot volley into the net to make it 6-3 to the Bulldogs. Dunlop scored another 2 goals back to back to make it 6-5. With their tails up and a noisy home crowd, which pressured the Bulldogs defence. But Phil "the hammer" and Williem "the wall" were again outstanding and ran themselves into the ground determined to keep Dunlop out. Their hard work was rewarded when the ball was worked through the midfield out to the left wing to Ryan Murray who set off on one of his runs scoring one of his best ever goals and completing his hat trick. Final score 7-5 to the Bulldogs. Some excellent football played by every one. Man of the match? a choice of several today, but Willfem "the wall" Main just edges it for his first under 9s goal and his determined effort in defence especially the last quarter. Well done every one!

UNDER 9'S

The under 8 squad continue to improve game after game.

Bulldog under 8s 3 Dunlop 1

Short of players Leanne Pepper, Lewis sister yet again pulled on her boots and turned out for the Bulldogs. In the absence of Joe Winbush, Willem Main put on the Goalies shirt. Despite all this shifting about a very solid performances ensued. Leanne scored her first goal for the Bulldogs, Josh Stottard scored the second and the deadly Lewis "Lineker" Pepper made it 3.

Bulldogs u8s 1 AT7 2

AT7 came to this game expecting to score a hat full of goals against the Bulldogs. How wrong they were! The Bulldogs were 1-0 down at half time after a wicked deflection off his own defender sent Joe Winbush the wrong way. In the second half AT7 scored an early goal, but the Bulldog spirit runs deep and they kept taking the game to AT7 their tenacity paid off when Josh Stottard scored. They continued to battle till the final whistle and were very unlucky not to come away with a draw.

Bulldogs 4 Counden Cougars 0

The Bulldog under8s continued to develop with a very convincing performance. Lewis Pepper yet again proved deadly in front of goal, scoring twice. Connor Jenkins had a really solid game and scored a lovely long-range goal. Williem Main scored the 4th goal.

Dunlop Juniors 2 Bulldogs u8s 4

With Joe Winbush unavailable, Williem Main took the Goalie shirt again. A great performance with a couple of new players taking to the field for the first time. Jack Omera played in goal for the last 10 minutes. Lewis "Lineker" Pepper was in hot form scoring 4 goals, Josh Stottard scored the 5th. The Bulldog under 8s have vastly improved and are shaping up into a nice little unit with all the attributes of their elder namesakes. Well done every one and keep it up!

Andy Main

U10'S TEAM NEWS



Brinklow 2	Wyken	0	(Murphy 2)
Brinklow 2	Keresley	0	(Glasscoe 2)
Brinklow 1	AT7	1	(Glasscoe)
Brinklow 3	London Rd	2	(Hyde, Sud, Glasscoe)
Dunlop 5	Brinklow	1	(glasscoe)

April has been a fantastic month as the 10's have hit a really good run of form to end the league season, taking 3 wins and a draw from their last 5 games, with some stylish and aggressive performances.

And not only has the football been excellent, but the preparations for our first ever tour in May has gone exceptionally well with the team raising in excess of £1000 towards the total costs. Thanks must go to all the friends and families of the team for their sponsorship and support. In particular Ian Partridge who organised a 'bag pack' for us at Sainsburys raising over £250, Alun and Heather Yeend who loaned us their barbeque and bouncy castle, Dave McKiernan who donated his £200 bet, and Arthur Hale who has convinced Smiths Concrete to sponsor some new shirts. Not to forget Jan (other half) Glasscoe and Janice Hayley who did the barbie making £50, and all the parents who took part in the 'goal erection' event at the penalty-thon which was a great laugh. Commiseration's to Jan Hayley who injured herself in this event! Finally a big well done to all the lads who did over 600 penalties to raise about £500 in sponsorship.

Back with the on the pitch stuff, there has been a real improvement in both our commitment and technical ability over the last few weeks. Some of the newer players have settled in and look much more comfortable on the ball, and "teamwork" is definitely back in town. Several players have also achieved some massive individual improvements in performance, notably Zack Murphy, Tom Morrison and Tarun Sud who have all become much stronger and more versatile in recent games. The most satisfying result of the month was a two-nil home win over Wyken, where Glasscoe and Murphy worked hard to contain the oppositions midfield threat, and despite neither team playing its best, Brinklow never stopped working which finally made the difference between the two teams. Another win against Keresley followed a similar pattern with a fairly balanced game but Brinklow yet again edging the result with two late but well taken goals. A thoroughly deserved draw against AT7 came via an excellent goalkeeping performance from Alex Stage standing in for Matty and set us up nicely for the final home game against London Road. Potentially this game was a bit of a banana skin with London Rd having pulled in some quality players from their Blue league side who had won the league a couple of weeks previously. Although we got off to a



'An 'oh so close' effort from Taylor Cross'

satisfying final home game. Despite losing out to Dunlop in our ultimate league match, there were some inspiring performances from Joe Partridge and Tom Morrison, a wicked left footed goal from Tommy Glasscoe, and an 'oh so close' effort from Taylor Cross which was just tipped round the post by the keeper.

So now its onward and upward to a few six a sides, followed by the big step up to 11 a side.

Finally, congratulations to Dave and all the reserve team for a superb cup win. It was a proud day for Brinklow Football Club, and an inspiration to all our junior teams.

Tony Glasscoe

U13'S TEAM NEWS



Brinklow 1	Sporting Club Coventry 5
Brinklow 1	Ernesford Dynamos 2
Brinklow 1	Binley Woods 4
Coventry Jaguar Yth 1	Brinklow 3
Rugby Town 4	Brinklow 1
Brinklow 3	Coventry Jaguar Youth 8
Brinklow 1	Finham Park Colts 3

Not the best set of results we have published winning only one of our last seven. However it has not been all doom and gloom as the lads have played well against the three top teams. The Ernesford

game was an exciting mid-week match that was very entertaining for all those who watched. Binley Woods was a disappointing result but we played well and the result could have been much closer. Then we played Rugby Town and held them to two nil at half time, one of which was an own goal, he knows who he is but in fairness he was trying to defend a well crossed ball. Against Rugby Town, the midfield let us down, but the performance of the back four was very impressive!!!

Player	Goals
David Brannon	17
James Mercer	16
Dan Gyselynck	16
Harley Steel	7
Rory Higgins	6
Alex Payne	4
Tom Brookes	3
Thomas Pye-Ford	2
Dan Giles	1
Jamie Bayliss	1
Kyle Reid	1
Luke Jones	1
	75

The last two games have been a strange affair, as it seemed we didn't turn up for the first half against Jaguar and were 0-5 down to start the second half. The lads played well in the second half and could of had three goals before they finally converted an attempt into a goal. It didn't help that our keeper Jamie had just returned from France where he had been ill for the last three days. However, against Finham, Jamie was one of the best on the pitch not only saving all efforts but clearing up as sweeper as well. We were robbed in the first half by a lines man and a ref who didn't stand up for the right call, Steve Tyler!!!! Another couple of lads who need mentioning for their performances are Tom Brookes and Luke Jones, these

two have shown a tremendous improvement through the season and are easy first choice picks for any team!

Three games remaining

The Boat v Brinklow - Sunday 4th May - Barr Lane
Ernesford Dynamos v Brinklow - Mid-week 7th May - Ernesford
Brinklow v Dunlop - Sunday 11th May - Barr Lane

Rob Steel

OUCH THAT HURT!

Alan Wright of Aston Villa strained his knee due to the awkward positioning of his Ferrari's accelerator.



In 1995 an Indonesian player was killed by pigs that overran a pitch where his team were training



In 1995 David Seaman pulled a muscle in his back reaching for the TV remote to watch Coronation Street