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Firefighters 2 Brinklow 2

Playing the team who are top of the league can be intimidating but it seemed to do the opposite, Brinklow played with confidence all the way through the game. Brinklow were dominant from the kick-off and soon took the lead and continued playing the better football. Firefighters had only a handful of breaks but were kept out by good defence and some great keeping by Jamie Bayliss in goal. The Referee then saw a foul that no one else did and awarded Firefighters a penalty; justice was done when Jamie made an excellent save to keep the clean sheet. However Firefighters managed to get an equaliser before half time against the run of play.

In the second half Brinklow were dominant, out playing the opposition in every area, the only problem was they weren't scoring. Firefighters punished them with a well-taken goal that beat the keeper in full size senior goals. Time for action, a change in formation leaving effectively two at the back saw Brinklow push even harder and with less than five minutes remaining Brinklow got the equaliser! From the re-start Brinklow threatened to take the win but time finally ran out and Brinklow left with only one point for the draw.

Goals scored by Phillip Allen and Dan Gyselynck.

Man of the Match: Jamie Bayliss and Luck Barker
(the best performance of the season by both players)



Rob Steel

Classic Football Quotes - Bill Shankly



"Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it's much, much more important than that."



"If a player is not interfering with play or seeking to gain an advantage, then he should be."

"If Everton were playing at the bottom of the garden, I'd pull the curtains".

To Tommy Smith: "You son, you could start a riot in a graveyard."

On Brian Clough: "He's worse than the rain in Manchester. At least the rain in Manchester stops occasionally".



To Tommy Smith, who tried to explain that his bandaged knee was injured: "Take that bandage off. And what do you mean about YOUR knee? It's Liverpool's knee!".



To the journalist suggesting Liverpool were in difficulties: "Ay, here we are with problems at the top of the league."

To a translator, when being surrounded by gesticulating Italians journalists: "Just tell them I completely disagree with everything they say".



About the "This is Anfield" plaque: "It's there to remind our lads who they are playing for and to remind the opposition who they are playing against".



Welcome again to another addition of **'On the Brink'**. I have just got back from a rain drenched Sunday morning spent watching the under 9's in a wonderful match held up at the Revel, not once did I hear anyone complain about the fact that they were soaking wet or that their feet were cold - it says something for the attraction of football doesn't it!!

The club has just taken delivery of a large Laser printer kindly donated by **EDS**. The costs to produce **'On the Brink'** currently run at some £500 per annum, due completely to the need to use an external print shop. The donation of this printer will drastically reduce these costs, it will also allow us to put out additional circulars etc - thanks to those that made this happen, particularly Julie Carratu & Petra Beard of **EDS**.

Some of you may not know that the match results & reports for the juniors are covered every week in the Wednesday edition of 'THE PINK'. League tables are also published on a regular basis in the same publication, So get down to the newsagents & check it out, you never know you might find your name in lights!

Keep getting lost going to those away games? See Mick Holt, he has loads of maps showing the locations of many of the clubs in the area.

Have you noticed it's getting near to Christmas? You have? Right, how about checking out the club merchandise? We have lots of items, all embroidered with the club logo & guaranteed to be delivered by your football mad Father Christmas! Contact Tony Glasscoe, Mick Holt or your team manager for details (prices are on page 15).

That's all for this month, enjoy the reports & yet more of my wonderful jokes!

Paul Wilby

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Somewhere in **'ON THE BRINK'** you will find 4 Footballs with a letter in the middle, can you find them? The first is below to help you. Once you have got all 4, arrange the letters to make up the name of a team struggling at the bottom of the Nationwide Division 2!

Last issues answer was **'BOLTON'**.



One of the most famous footballers of all time is the legendary Stanley Matthews, who played for Blackpool and Stoke City at outside-right. It was said of him that he was so fast that when he went to bed at night, he could turn out the light at the bedroom door and be under the blankets before the room got dark.



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U7'S TEAM NEWS



As a spectator I would have paid good money to see these two games, as a Manager I could not have asked for anything more, at this age the most important thing is to have fun, the second most important thing is to get 6 and 7 year olds to keep some sort of position and not herd together like a bunch of nomadic sheep and

I have to say that we are getting there and our training is paying off. Saturday 3rd November will be remembered for a long time as a great morning of youth football.

Thanks to all the lads and Bethany "Bess" for all their hard work. Not a bad start for the squad.

Kenilworth Wardens 5 Brinklow 8

Yep, a fantastic result with some fantastic football to match, a real team effort with some excellent individual performances. Danny Wood leading the way scoring a hat-trick, with a superb individual performances from Bethany, our only young lady player and what a player, she made some terrific midfield challenges and what about Ben Morrison? I am not sure what he had for his breakfast but he made challenge after challenge, a fantastic result and well done to you all.

For most of you this was your first ever game and you should all be very proud, not just about the result but in the way that you conducted yourselves as well.

Kenilworth Wardens 1 Brinklow 7

We had a great start to the U7's season in the first game and it just got better, a superb performance from this young team, we dominated the whole match with a brace of hat-tricks, one from Glenn Wright and the other from Andrew Skerratt and what could only be described as the goal of the season from Jake "Beckham" Salmon, a half way line lob over the goalies head and if you don't believe me ask his Dad, he is still in shock and can be found recovering in Rugby Hospital! Another player that I would like to mention is Chris Withers who made some great saves, he is one of smallest players but loves playing in goal and he made some very brave saves, well done Chris.

A very good squad performance and a morning that Nick and I will remember for a long time.

I would just like to say a big thank you to Nick Skerratt, I haven't been able to give my all to the squad recently due to various work commitments and Nick has been tremendous during this time and his efforts are much appreciated.

Finally I would also like to thank the parents for their continued support, we have a really good atmosphere in the squad and the touchline support is vital and makes Brinklow the great family club that it is. Thanks also for all your subs money, I think we are now all fully paid up members of the U7's. Call me should you have any queries or questions, Mobile 07970054134.

Last but not least could you put Saturday 15th December in your diary as we are organising a Christmas celebration football tournament followed by a party with food and games. The price will be around £6.50 and will be held at the "Sports Connexion" between 10.00am and 1.30pm.

Richard Jenkins



Which football team loves ice-cream ?
Aston Vanilla !

What are Brazilian fans called ?
Brazil nuts !



SOCIAL DIARY AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS



**LADS
v
DADS**



Boxing Day football Match! - Get him out of Bed, get his kit on & get him down to Barr lane.

K.O - 11.00 am

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Whats on at the Lion for November

Sat 10th - 'The Bridge' - live music.

Fri 16th - Children in Need Night

(Lots of games & prizes - pay to enter).

Fri 30th - Pre Xmas Warm Up

with the one & only 'Taffy-Oke'.



THE MAN IN BLACK

More interesting Questions & Answers about the laws of the game
Paul Wilby

Law 9 - The Ball In and Out of Play

The ball is in play when one of the prescribed means of starting play has been properly executed. These include the kick-off, throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, free kick, penalty kick and drop ball. The ball is out of play "when it has wholly crossed the goal line or touch-line... or when the game has been stopped by the referee."

9.01 Can a player step out of bounds and still legally play a ball on the touch line or goal line, without first coming back in bounds?

Yes. Only the position of the ball is relevant. A player may leave the field and re-enter it as long as this occurs during the normal course of play. The referee watches the position of the ball, not the player's feet.

9.02 Can a ball go out of bounds in the air and still be in bounds if it curves back in before it hits the ground, or gets deflected by a player who has not touched the ground out-of-bounds ?

No. If the ball goes out of bounds in the air and curves back in, it was out and play should be halted, most likely by the Assitant Referee, who is stationed on the touch line (or on the goal line, in the case of corner kicks) to observe exactly this type of situation.

9.03 Is a ball touching the line in or out? What if it no longer touches the line, but the edge of the ball is still vertically over the line even though the rest of it is out?

In both these cases, the ball is still in. In order to be out, the ball must completely leave the field; if part of the ball is vertically over the line, then the entire ball has not left the field.

9.04 The ball appears to have gone out of bounds, but the referee hasn't blown the whistle or done anything yet. Is the ball in or out of play?

The final decision is in the hands of the referee. When in doubt, players should continue playing and listen for the referee's whistle.

9.05 Sometime after the game has started, while the ball is in play, an obvious foul occurs but the referee hasn't blown the whistle yet. Is the ball dead from the moment of the foul, or only from the moment the referee blows the whistle or otherwise clearly indicates for play to stop?

If the foul is called, the ball is dead from the time of the foul. (If the foul is not called or the referee uses the advantage clause to allow play to continue, then there is no dead ball.)

9.06 On which restarts does a player have to wait for the referee's signal to put the ball into play?

Kickoffs (at the beginning of a half or after a goal) and penalty kicks require the referee to signal before the restart. Referees almost always make this signal with their whistle. No other restarts require a referee's signal and players may immediately restart play on their own initiative. However, a referee has the discretion to delay a restart (e.g. to allow substitutions, to caution a player, to enforce the 10 yard restriction of a free kick). In those cases where the referee delays the restart, he/she will usually indicate the restart with a hand signal.

9.07 The ball hit the frame of the goal and rebounded onto the field of play. My players didn't know what to do - was the ball still in play?

The ball most likely did not leave the field of play. (Occasionally a ball will even roll along the crossbar of the goal and then fall back into the field.) Players should realise that the ball is not out in this situation and should be ready to play the ball.



Brinklow 4 Rugby Town 'B' 3

Brinklow started the game very brightly and were playing some good football, when against the run of play Rugby Town scored. It was not long before we had equalised through Stuart Day finishing off a good move.

Brinklow were now on top with Greg Clarke, Lee Huddlestone and Craig Payne controlling the midfield. It was Greg Clarke who scored the second goal with a rising shot that the keeper could not hold.

Daniel Withers came on for Stuart and it was not long before he made an impact scoring his first goal in his new team. Half Time 3-1 up.

Second half we changed players around with Joe Kemp in midfield and Matthew Pine playing up front and then midfield. Matthew scored our fourth goal with a great solo effort putting the ball in from close range. The lads had dominated the game up to then, however in the last 10 minutes we lost our shape and stopped marking the opposition and Rugby came back into the game with two well taken goals.

The lads managed to hold out in a game that should never have been so close. Overall it was a good display from the lads.

**'Daniel Withers...
... scoring his first
goal in his new
team'**

Report by John Harman

Man of the Match Lee Huddlestone

(He never stopped running and covering for his team. Well done Lee)

Stoke AT7 2 Brinklow 1

The boys started really well attacking straight from the off. They were really fired up for this game, snapping into every tackle.

As usual George Harman and Sean Russell were very solid in defence, with Craig Payne, Lee Huddlestone and Greg Clarke seeming to have the upper hand in midfield. Brinklow soon went one up after a fine move down the right involving Lee, Craig and a neat pass by Greg to Stuart Day who coolly slotted the ball home. Brinklow had two or three further good chances, but couldn't take them thanks mainly due to fine saves from the AT7 goalkeeper.

**'Craig Payne was
having an
excellent game in
midfield'**

Changes were made at half time Matthew Pine coming out of goal not having had to make a save in the first half, Sean replacing him. Craig Payne who was having an excellent game in midfield, moved back to defence. Joe Kemp and Daniel Withers also came on. The second half was a total reverse of the first with AT7 having all the play scoring two quick goals. Apart from a fine save from Sean, a good block from Craig and fine tackling from George and Lee, it could have been a lot worse. Matthew Pine was trying hard up front but lacking any support. Some players need to look at themselves after their second half performance and realise it is a team game and not an individual one, (enough said). Even so I still think with all their efforts a draw would have been a fair result.

Report by Dave Payne

Man of the Match Craig Payne

(Superb display. Keep it up)

John Harman

U9'S TEAM NEWS



League Results:			
Morris Rgrs	4	Brinklow	3
London Rd	2	Brinklow	3
Wyken	2	Brinklow	0
Brinklow	2	AT7	2
Brinklow	3	London Rd	3
Cov Sphinx	0	Brinklow	0

After a storming start to the season, the under 9's have been through a tough month in October. We have played many of the top teams during the last few weeks, and although we have worked extremely hard, we have not always done the basics as well as we could. Combine this with the fact that we have had a couple of players missing on occasions, and this has left us with more draws than wins.

Having played so many games this month it is difficult to give a reasonable report on each, so I have chosen to pick out some of the highlights.

One of the most pleasing points has been the way that several of our players have responded to playing out of position when we have been short of a full squad. Sam Skerratt, Zack Bevins and Alex Stage are all fine examples. Sam has played a dominant central midfield role since the start of the season, but last week in the game against Cov Sphinx we asked him to fill in at right back and he did an amazing job. At one point almost at the the end of a tense and hard fought game, he made a surging run forward, went round several players and almost netted for Brinklow, which was instantly followed by him running the full length of the pitch to make a dramatic goal line clearance at the other end. In the same game Zack Bevins played another appearance in a midfield role instead of his usual position as striker, and showed that he can make a huge and very intelligent contribution to the game. He made some excellent moves with Tommy Glasscoe and was always aware of the need to cover for his defenders when they were caught out of position. Alex Stage has been covering for Matthew Wilby in goal and has directly helped us to at least one result when he almost picked up a backpass, then quickly realised that he could pass the ball straight upfield catching out the London Rd midfield. Brinklow promptly stuck the ball in the net for 3-3 and a well deserved draw. Good thinking and a cool head from Alex.

For anyone who remembers the thrilling opening game of our season against Cov Sphinx, then I can tell you that the return fixture was every bit as exciting but unfortunately finished a goalless draw. Joe Partridge fitted into a midfield role and showed lots of commitment to get stuck in, and Tom Morrison returned to the team playing up front and created lots of good chances in front of goal. Tarun Sud played the second half and made several good runs down the left wing, with Tommy Glasscoe and Zack Bevins creating lots of problems for the Sphinx defence down the right. Unfortunately on the day we just couldn't finish despite several chances on goal.

With 3 respectable draws out of a reduced squad we hope to build on our points tally over the next month to move us up the league table a bit from our current mid position.

Indoor training starts at the Revel Indoor Gym from Friday 9th November 6,00pm to 7,30pm.



What is a goal keepers favourite snack?
Beans on post !

Tony Glasscoe



SENIORS TEAM NEWS

On the 30th September we were home to Avon Mill in what was always going to be an interesting encounter. Rivalry was fuelled in pre-season when we poached Simon Bullock from under their noses. As we were expecting it turned out to be a needle match, but I'm not sure if it was this factor, or the lads still getting used to our new "home" setting, that made us play so under par. However, having said that, this match saw us produce some quality football, including the move that saw Andy "Thierry Henry" Reid being supplied to score with a good finish. Unfortunately, this was one of those games where we were struggling to get it together, letting the Mill somehow gain a 2-1 lead. A serious half-time talk lifted us slightly, and a fired up Mark Bird, having missed a penalty earlier, struck home a well worked free kick. Final score 2-2 and 2 more points thrown away in a game we all felt should have been won.

A light reprieve from the league saw us at home in the Hospital Cup against 4th Division Merry Monk. From the start Brinklow took a firm grip on the game and there was only going to be one winner, confidently strolling to a 6-0 victory with goals from Mark Bird (2), Gaz Moore (2) and one each from Lee Kenney & Alan O'Toole.

Onto the 14th of October and one of the games of the Season so far, away to top of the table A1 Social. Brinklow were slow to start and were 2-0 down with only 10 minutes gone. Moving Birdy back into midfield we began to cope with the pace & trickery of their front runners and gradually gained control of the game. After coming close with several well worked chances the pressure eventually told. Shortly before half time Gaz found space down the right to cross for the oncoming Paul Bale who crashed a superb strike into the net. The restart saw us take the game to A1, and although still useful, they were not the same threat as in the first half. After playing good football and coming close with some really good efforts, it seemed ironic that our equaliser was a scrappy goal with Gaz Moore claiming the final touch. Unfortunately we were not able to capitalise on our superiority and on leaving the field it was A1 who were happier with the point.

Our last game was away to Barley Mow Reserves, again this was going to be an interesting game as Huddy & 2 new players, Paul Bale & Alan O'Toole are ex Barley players. The game was played in a good spirit, and despite torrential rain & very long grass, some of the football played was a credit to both sides. After a blistering opening Brinklow had the Barley gulping for breath, being given the runaround by Brinklows skillfull passing & movement. Had we put away two good early chances, one unluckily hitting the post, the game could have been there for the taking. However, then the Barley took the game to us & a neat move saw them take the lead. It was encouraging to see that Brinklow continued to press and a deserved equaliser eventually came via the head of the hard working Micky Bullock. We started the 2nd half as we did the 1st, leaving the Barley chasing shadows & subsequently produced our goal of the season to date. Winning the ball in his own half Cressy started a move which saw Chalkie hit an excellent through ball to Gaz Moore running at Barleys defence, the invitation was there and with no messing a well struck 20 yarder hit the back of the net. Barley were never going to be beaten easily & after they pushed an extra man into midfield we never quite coped, being forced into a defensive mistake giving them a deserved 2-2 draw.

To summarise, so far this season things are going well & the club is looking in good shape. Although we might not have had everything our own way, our results speak for themselves : played 7, won 3, drawn 4 & lost none.

In my view we have the makings of a very good team & some of the football that has been played endorses that view. However, it remains important that as there are lots of games still to be played, all within the SQUAD retain their unity & team spirit & remain focused on our aim : Promotion !!!

Good luck to all in the club.

Barry Wilkinson



U15'S TEAM NEWS



Brinklow 0 Marconi 5
 Brinklow 3 Cubbington 7
 Brinklow 2 Sporting Athletic 2
 Brinklow 1 Mount Nod 4
 Brinklow 3 Whitley 3

As you can see from the results above we are still finding our feet in the top flight, but don't let these score lines reflect on the commitment shown by the lads in the past month. We have not been overwhelmed by any of the above teams. If the truth be known we have either been winning or drawing at half time in each of the games. What we need is more fitness and better concentration in the later stages of the game and I'm sure this will come as the season progresses.

Just one more excuse while I'm here, Marconi, Cubbington and Mount Nod finished last season as the top three teams in our league. (So there!!).

Top Goal Scorers

Ragan 5, Grant 2, Sharpy 1, Gareth 2, George 1, Luke 1

Forthcoming Fixtures

4th Nov Coventry Jaguar Youth (away)
 11th Nov Free week (stay in bed)
 18th Nov NorthBrook J.F.K (home)
 25th Nov Woodlands (away) p.m kick off

Tour 2002

It has been decided by the committee, e.g Alun, Heather and myself that next years tour will be in the Isle of Wight and no children under the age of sixteen will be allowed to go, as I'm the manager of Brinklow under 15's, this means it's adults only! (If only). The dates for the tour are Thursday 28th March to Monday 1st April 2002. The cost is approx £69 plus ferry. The accommodation is self catering. The competition is being supported by Sainsbury's and more information can be found on the website www.iowsoccerfestival.co.uk.

30 places have been booked so get your deposits in as quickly as possible.

£10 per person

Keith Byrne

A man arrives at the gates of heaven, where St Peter greets him and says, "Before I can let you enter I must ask you what you have done in your life that was particularly good."

The man racks his brains for a few minutes and then admits to St Peter that he hasn't done anything particularly good in his life.

"Well," says St Peter, "have you done anything particularly brave in your life?"

"Yes, I have," replies the man proudly.

St Peter asks the man to give an account of his bravery.

So the man explains, "I was refereeing this important match between Liverpool and Everton at Anfield. The score was nil-nil and there was only one more minute of play to go in the second half when I awarded a penalty against Liverpool at the Cop end."

"Yes," responded St Peter, "I agree that was a real act of bravery. Can you perhaps tell me when this took place?"

"Certainly," the man replied, "about three minutes ago".



U10'S TEAM NEWS



League

The excellent start to the season continues, seven games played six games won, 29 goals scored. The squad as a whole continues to improve and develop. This is partly reflected in the variety of players (and their

positions) that have won the 'Man of the Match Awards' and also in no small part due to the lads' own hard work and commitment. Well done lads – keep up the good work!!!

There was one outstanding performance that deserves a special mention – a Cup match against Coventry Sphinx F.C. Whilst the whole team played well, in all my years of watching/managing/coaching youth football I have rarely seen a performance that matched the one **Anthony Donnell** put in on that day. It's an understatement to say it was outstanding. Never mind the hat trick and scoring the winning penalty – Anthony's whole performance showed passion and commitment from start to finish. Well Done.

Thank you to everyone for your support with the squad rotation system. As mentioned, I'm trying my best to be fair to everyone (taking into account the many and varied demands) – if you feel your lad has not been played enough or is being played out of position, please be patient, there are another 15 – 20 games to be played and we will be experimenting with the teams in the coming months with the long term view of creating a competitive and skilful 11-a-side squad ready for next season.

Scorers	Man of the Match Awards
Anthony Donnell 17 (inc.3 hat-tricks)	Milan Sud (M/F) 1
Arron Steel 2	Anthony Donnell (S) 2
Chris Brennan 5 (inc. 1 hat-trick)	Kai Sud (D) 2
Milan Sud 1	Callum Day (M/F) 1
Kai Sud 1	Paul Gannon (D) 1
Alex Wood 2	Alex Wood (S) 1
Alex Cramp 1	

Training

Indoor training will continue on Wednesday evenings between 5.45pm and 7.00pm. In addition there will be an outdoor training session (venue to be arranged) on the **first Saturday** of every month. There are further plans in the pipeline to have periodic training sessions focussed purely on positions i.e. goalkeepers, defence, midfield and strikers. These will be targeted at the players who play or may play in these positions and as a result all the players will not be needed at these sessions. I'll keep you informed.

Tracksuits

Hopefully by now, every player should have received a 'Brinklow tracksuit' Thank you to **Sonia Gannon** for driving and looking after this project. If there is anybody who still hasn't paid yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Outstanding Subs

Also if there are any subs outstanding, please could I have them as soon as possible.

As always, if there are any queries or concerns please feel free to speak to me at any time. Thank you for your support.

Well done lads.

Peter Day

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.



U12'S TEAM NEWS

We have had a mixed month to report with some fine wins and two disappointing results, but the lads finished the month with their best performance in football terms against the league leaders Firefighters, but more of that later.

The U12's are currently averaging over three goals a game and we have seen some great games so far this year. A good point of note is that we have also had a good share of the goals with 7 of the team contributing to the score sheet already, but top goal scorer is Phillip Allen with 9.

Brinklow 6 Coventry Jaguar Youth 0

A great performance, of total domination. Goal Scorers; James Mercer 2, Dan Gyselynck, Phillip Allen 2 and Darren Ford.

Man of the Match Dan Gyselynck and James Mercer

Cup: Brinklow 2 Coventry Jaguar Youth 4

What the difference a week makes! The boys obviously thought it would be a walk over following the previous week and so did the manager when we started the scoring. Credit though has to go to Jaguar who showed great spirit to steal the game in the last 5 minutes to put Brinklow out. Goal scorers Dan Gyselynck and Phillip Allen.

Man of the Match James Hancox

Team	Chapelfields	P	W	D	L	Pts
	Colts	8	Brinklow	4		
Firefighters	Brinklow	2	1	1	0	2
Chapelfields Colts	Brinklow	7	5	1	1	6
Cooundon Colts	Brinklow	7	1	2	4	2
Brinklow Juniors	Brinklow	7	3	1	3	7
Morris Rangers	Brinklow	8	3	2	3	11
Binley Woods	Brinklow	3	3	0	0	9
Ernsford Dynamos	Brinklow	5	1	1	3	3
Coventry Jaguar Youth	Brinklow	6	1	1	4	3
Sporting Club	Brinklow	7	1	1	5	2
White Hart Sport	Brinklow	7	1	1	5	3
Coventry Boys Club	Brinklow	7	1	1	5	3
Hawkesmill	Brinklow	7	1	1	5	3

and held Chapelfields to 2-1 at half time, but the second half brought disappointment with some poor defending seeing the score move to 5-2. A late rally by Brinklow brought them back in the game only to be lost again by Chapelfields scoring twice to seal the game. Goal scorers Harley Steel, Dan Gyselynck and Phillip Allen 2.

Man of the Match Harley Steel and James Mercer.

The local derby and always one Brinklow want to win, coming away with the spoils felt good! Brinklow took the lead with a good early goal after some good football by the whole team, but Binley looked dangerous on the break and came back before half time to make it 1-1. The second half and Binley caught Brinklow flat footed at the back taking the lead. This was followed by a third and Brinklow looked down and out! A good pass by substitute Jonathan Turton to James Mercer who put the ball in the net only to be disallowed for offside was the turning point in the game. A great save by David Brannon stand in for the keeper lifted the Brinklow team, who came back in the game after being awarded a penalty (taken by James Mercer) which James Hancox made it 3-2. This was immediately followed by a great individual effort from the kick-off by Harley Steel who after tackling the ball from a Binley player took the ball around the defence and scoring from just inside the 18-yard line. Now with all to play for, Binley couldn't seem to get out of their own half and five minutes from time a shot (?) from close to half way by Dan Giles gave Brinklow the winning goal and Dan's first for his club (Dan joined Brinklow after leaving Binley!).

Man of the Match Dan Gyselynck.

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Brinklow 4 Stretton Athletic 2

Brinklow started the game playing uphill kicking into the wind and straight from the whistle were threatening the Stretton goal. A great shot from Alex Baker was well saved round the post from the Stretton keeper for an early corner, and from the goalmouth melee that followed the ball was cleared twice from off the line, Brinklow just unable to

convert. This was quite a frantic and hectic start to the game with Alex again coming close to opening the scoring with a delicate lobbed shot just past the far post.

Although Brinklow were in charge of the game by now they really should have been in the lead, but a mixture of some errant shooting and some fine saves by the Stretton keeper kept the score level at 0-0. However, with Brinklow now commanding the game the opening goal was not far off. As usual Joe Shore was in the thick of the action and a Joe Shore deflected header was the only chance needed for Danny Carter to nip in and claim the first goal to make it 1-0. Stretton had also had a chance or two by now, but Brinklow goalie Dale Huddleston was on top form & twice denied the Stretton attack, first with a brave block at the feet of one of Stretton's forwards, and then beating away the resulting shot.

By this time it was end-to-end stuff with Stretton increasing in confidence. Joe Shore had a bit of bad luck hitting the post from the acutest of angles, and then pulling a shot wide. Goal number 2 for Brinklow was from the impressive Alex Baker – having forced the Stretton keeper into parrying the ball, Alex scored with a looping header, putting both the ball and keeper into the net. Although two goals to the good, as this stage open play was shared evenly with Mick making a tactical change introducing William Barnum to the field replacing Shane Hunt.

A good start to the second half saw Danny Carter hit the Stretton bar after only 30 seconds, but immediately after Stretton also hit the bar but their forward followed up to score and make it 2-1.

The visitors by now were playing with a lot of spirit and determination and unfortunately the Brinklow team were sometimes lacking confidence. Shane Hunt was bought back onto the pitch for James Parker in a tactical reshuffle, and again the Brinklow goal was under siege. From a very robust clearance the ball was met first time by a Stretton forward straight back into the net to level the score at 2-2. Game on!!!!

The next few minutes saw a couple of shots from Joe Shore, and a great shot from Stretton that stung the fingers of Dale Huddleston who made a lovely save to keep Brinklow from going behind.

How things change though in a matter of minutes. Completely against the run of play it has to be said, a superb right-footed goal from the tightest of angles saw Joe Shore put Brinklow once more into the lead. Within a matter of minutes it was game over for Stretton when again Joe Shore, this time with his left foot put the ball into the back of the net past the unsuspected Stretton goalie. That made it a satisfactory 4-2 win against a side that at one stage could have snatched this game from Brinklow's clutches. This wasn't the greatest game that Brinklow have played but eventually their class shone through and they deserved the victory.

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Brinklow 5 Christ the King 3

Marconi 6 Brinklow 2

Brinklow 1 JFK 8

Athletic 3 Brinklow 1

Brinklow 2 Marconi 2

As you can see by the results above we have had a shaky start to the season, the team seemed to take a while to settle down, but with the last result against Marconi a 2-2 draw a complete turn round from the 6-2 defeat, the team are now starting to believe in themselves so keep up the good work lads.

In the last edition of 'On The Brink' there was a spelling mistake, we have a new player called William Barnham not William Narnhamond, sorry Will.

New Player Incentive

Uday Hussein, son of infamous Saddam, recently watched the Iraqi national squad lose 4-1 to Japan. He identified 3 players who he felt most responsible for the defeat, had them arrested, taken to the secret police headquarters and had them tortured for three days. It's not the first time either, in 1997 Uday had the entire team flogged for losing a World Cup qualifier..... 'Maybe I should try this with the U13's!!'

Mick Holt