



EDITORIAL



Welcome to the November edition of '**ON THE BRINK**'. There has been lots of things going on in the last month, Dave McKiernan has now stepped down as u14's manager, thanks to Dave in helping to keep the u14's side running whilst we sorted out a new management team. Dave has been replaced by Stephan Brown & Anthony Ford, both players from the senior sides. A big welcome to both. I understand that Stephan & Anthony will be writing shortly to the players & parents of the u14's to explain the situation.

Also Dave Wright announced at the last meeting that the Youth side has unfortunately had to fold, it was becoming more & more difficult for Dave to continue running the side without any help. This is real example of what can happen if managers are not given help in running the teams, so don't wait to be asked, see your manager now!! Where possible players from the Youth side will be considered for the senior sides of the club.

Our treasurer has been badgering the managers to get all the subs in asap, referee, pitch & league fees all cost a large amount of money, so we really need the fees in to cover these costs. If your fees are still outstanding please give them to you manager as soon as you can.

The club is undertaking a re-structuring & modernisation programme to achieve it's ambition of providing it's members with the best facilities & equipment to play sport in a safe & caring environment. The club & team managers will be seeking to continuously improve through investment in:-

- FA Coaching qualifications for managers
- Child protection best practice compliance
- Development of club membership benefits

More information will be forthcoming but for those of you who use the web please bookmark <http://brinklowfc.co.uk/> the sites still not ready (I'm about 50% complete) but the intention is to add codes of conduct etc to the site. Also don't forget to use our webshop at www.buy.at/brinklowfc when purchasing on-line, it costs you nothing, but the shops give the club a donation for all purchases made through our site.

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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 player who is not dutch! (thanks to Matty for this one)
Last issues answer was '**SMITH**'.



MICRO FOOTBALL



Well, here we are again, another month gone and our future stars continue to develop. What can I say, the boys are growing in confidence, their understanding of the game and their awareness of their team mates has come on leaps and bounds since we first introduced them to the "beautiful game". Yes we now have them shooting into the right direction, passing the ball, talking to each other on the pitch and putting in some great tackles as well. This is a great achievement for the boys, bearing in mind that most of them are only in reception, they should all be applauded for their efforts. Just as important is the way the boys have behaved and I can honestly say that they are great bunch of kids to work with and their attitude, energy and great enthusiasm for the game is great to see.

WELL DONE EVERYONE KEEP IT UP!!

As the cold and wet weather starts to close in we will hopefully be able get an indoor facility to enable us to carry on training without the problems of water logged and frozen pitches etc. (plus Jim can't hack the cold).

We have now ordered the training tops and they will be ready anytime now so we will be distributing them very shortly. So if you have any outstanding monies from the sponsorship event could you please hand it in as soon as possible.

Just another reminder that we would still like to swell the numbers, especially for the year one boys, so come on bring your mates along.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Niall Murphy



It was only the fourth week of the season and United's new goalkeeper had already let in twenty-seven goals. He was having a drink in a pub one night when a man approached him and said,

'I've been watching you play, son, and I think I might be able to help you.'

'Are you a trainer?' said the young goalkeeper hopefully.

'No,' said the stranger, 'I'm an optician.'



Is your goalkeeper getting any better?'

Not really. Last Saturday he let in five goals in the first ten minutes. He was so fed up when he failed to stop the fifth that he put his head in his hands - and dropped it!

The manager of an Irish club was talking to a young player who had applied for a trial with the club.

Do you kick with both feet?' asked the manager.

'Don't be silly!' said the trialist.

'If I did that, I wouldn't be able to stand up, would I!'



Striker: "I had an open goal but still I didn't score. I could kick myself."

Manager: "I wouldn't bother. You'd probably miss."



U7'S TEAM NEWS



From little acorns mighty oak trees grow, and hopefully the same will be true of the new under 7's squad. Formed from a foundation of three boys who played with the under 7's the previous season the squad has grown to a regular turnout of 12 children, and in the spirit of equality includes two girls. Having no less than five naturally left footed players also spoils us. Additional players are always welcome to join the squad regardless of previous experience.

As well as a good turnout of players there has been fantastic support from parents for the coaching and organizing of the training sessions. This is very much appreciated, thank you.

So far we have been fortunate with the weather and have enjoyed two month's of dry and warm Saturday morning training sessions at Barr Lane. The focus has been on team spirit, accuracy, control and enjoyment of the game. It is very rewarding to see the squad having fun and developing confidence as each week goes past. Going forward we plan to reinforce these aspects and introduce more positional play and awareness of space on the pitch.

Now that the squad has come together we are planning to hold some friendly games with other local teams so that the children can gain experience of playing in match situations and put into practice the things they are learning in training. Fixtures are being planned and hopefully next month I will be able to report the first results.

Now, if only I could get my staff at work to behave as well as the under 7's then I might enjoy Monday to Friday as much as I do Saturday morning!

Gordon Betts



*'We've got the best football team in the country - unbeaten and no goals scored against us!' 'How many games have you played?'
'The first one's next Saturday.'*



One of the lesser-known stories in Greek mythology tells of a classic football match on Mount Olympus between the Gods and the Mortals. The Gods trounced the Mortals 8-0 and attributed their victory to the brilliance of their new centaur-forward.



David Beckham couldn't finish his second book cos he couldn't get the tippex off his computer screen!!



U8'S TEAM NEWS

Bedworth Eagles	1	Brinklow B	0
Brinklow A	0	Whitley A	2
Mount Nod B	0	Brinklow A	6
Brinklow B	0	Stoke AT7 A	6

It is with great pride that I write this report having witnessed over the past months some of the most dedicated and committed performances you will ever see. Not always the right end result, as you can see from above, but having just come from our first squad training session for four weeks I can honestly say that although improvements are required, we are certainly not a million miles away from where we want to be and when you observe performances like I am from the lads in every game, our ultimate goal of becoming an eleven-a-side team in a couple of years fills me with great anticipation and expectation. Keep up the excellent work and the results we all want will arrive.

I'd like to welcome Hilton Coventry to Brinklow F.C. and a big thank you for supplying us with our new kits.

Finally a massive thankyou to all the parents and followers of the U8s, your help and support is fantastic, and greatly appreciated by both Tracy and myself.

Martin Pulford

Over breakfast one morning, a little boy kept staring intently at his grandfather. 'Is anything the matter, son?' the old man asked. 'No, Gramps. I was just wondering what position you play in the football team.' 'What are you talking about?' laughed Gramps. 'I'm far too old to play football. 'Oh,' said the little boy. 'It's just that Dad said that when you kicked off, we'd be able to afford a new car.'



A football widow decided to take an interest in the game in order to share her husband's pastime. One Saturday afternoon she accompanied him to the local match. It was a good game: plenty of open play, good attacking movements and strong defence. She was enjoying the game when suddenly all the players except one froze and stood like statues. The active player grabbed the ball and shoved it up his jersey. Then he too remained motionless. The woman looked at the referee to see what action he was going to take, but he too was in a statue-like position.



*'Whatever are they doing?' she asked.
'Oh, they're posing for the "Spot-the-Ball" competition,' replied her husband.*

'Heskey,' said the coach angrily after a disastrous match, 'your playing was lousy. You're a disgrace to the team. 'Don't listen to him, Emile,' said a team-mate, trying to be encouraging. 'He doesn't know what he's talking about. He only repeats what everybody else says.'

David Beckham goes shopping and spots a Thermos flask. 'What's that for?' he says. 'It's to keep hot things hot and cold things cold,' says the salesman. Beckham buys one and takes it home to show Posh. 'It's to keep hot things hot and cold things cold,' he says. 'You ought to take it to work,' she tells him. So he takes it in to training the following day. 'What've you got there, son?' asks Sir Alex. 'It's to keep hot things hot and cold things cold,' says David. 'That's a good idea,' says the manager. 'What have you got in it?' 'Coffee,' says David. 'And some ice cream.'



U9'S TEAM NEWS



Hawkes Mill 1 Brinklow Bears 0 (Cup Match)

The lads went into the game undaunted at playing a higher league side. The team spirit was high and the game kicked off at a fast pace, we gave away an unlucky goal in the first couple of minutes, culminating in an injury to Joe, Connor stepped into Joe's boots and gave a first class performance for the remainder of the first half. Harley, Adam and Phillip did a superb job in defence denying their attackers to add to their score. Josh (turbo), Lewis (lineker) and Josh (zidane) tried to break down their defence but couldn't find a way through. Lewis (lineker) finally found space and shot narrowly wide. The second half was the same as the first with Connor playing a blinder giving us hope of getting an equalizer. We won a couple of corners near the end but couldn't get that vital goal. Gutsy performance and fighting spirit to carry forward into our next league game.

Man of the match Connor Jenkins

Pro Santos 0 Brinklow Bears 8 (Friendly)

Josh (zidane) 4, Lewis (lineker) 2, Josh (turbo) 1, 1og

Christ the King 3 Brinklow Bears 1

Certainly the bears' best performance this season, Andy & I made a couple of changes, putting Josh (zidane) up front to use his skill and pace, which he did well running their defence ragged, Lewis (lineker), Josh (turbo) played more of a central midfield position with Lewis making good runs, battling for the ball and making excellent tackles, Josh (turbo) held the centre of the field which bought him into the game more. The defence Harley, Phillip & Adam all had an excellent game, it is encouraging to see them win the ball then look for the pass instead of just kicking it anywhere.

We started with Connor in goal who had another solid performance, midway through the second half, Joe went in goal with Alex in defence, and they also gave excellent performances. The score doesn't reflect the end result, we gave a goal away just before half time against the run of play, in the second half we battled for the whole 25 minutes, with ten minutes to go their forward scored from a long range shot, but the lads heads didn't drop, and with 2 minutes left, Josh(zidane) shot from range, which their goalie couldn't hold on to, and Lewis (lineker) anticipated well to bury the ball in the back of the net. We pushed all the players up to try & level the game but got caught on the break. A big thank you to all the supporters that came to watch, the lads would surely have been lifted by your encouragement.

Man of the match Lewis (lineker)

AT7 3 Brinklow Bears 1

In this return fixture the bears have shown how much they have improved, they are now working together as a team and 100% effort is maintained through out the whole match. The bears took the game straight to their opponents with some good passing and running of the ball. Phillip, Connor and Harley were again solid in defence preventing their attack troubling our goal. Lewis and Turbo battled in midfield making crunching tackles and not allowing their players to settle on the ball, they both worked well together feeding Josh B so he could make some of his blistering runs. All the hard work paid off when Josh B put a cross in from the right and turbo connected to loop the ball over the keeper. At half time, we were winning one nil and had had most of the play.

Scorers		Man of Match	
Name	Goals	Name	
Lewis Pepper	7	Josh Stothard	2
Josh Brennan	7	Joe Winbush	2
Josh Stothard	2	Harley McKittrick	2
Own Goals	1	Josh Brennan	1
		Lewis Pepper	1
		Philip Barratt	1
		Connor Jenkins	2
Total	17		

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U10'S TEAM NEWS (GREEN LEAGUE)



Finham Park Rangers 3 Bulldogs 0

"BULLDOGS TASTE FIRST DEFEAT OF SEASON"

I would have liked to have said that for their first lose of the season the Bulldogs had been involved in classic battle of footballing giants. In fact it was a scrappy disjointed affair. This was mainly due to the playing conditions, a rock hard bumpy pitch, with a severe slop end to end and side to side. The match ball had to be deflated to try and limit the bounce! Still it was the same for both sides. The lads battled well but were frustrated that they couldn't play their usual flowing football. Tom Wright took on the role of striker, in the absence of unavailable Ben Stone. "Tiger" Tom played his usual game of high energy, run till you drop football, only to see all his chances at goal thwarted by the keeper or the woodwork. Everyone still gave 110% on a very frustrating day, I couldn't ask for more. The bitter taste of defeat was sweetened in the form of a large conker tree, both teams collecting bags of the flaming things.

Man of the match Phil Hibberd

Coventry Jaguar Youth (Red League) 9 Bulldogs 0

"BULLDOGS TAMED BY BIG CATS"

I know I said it a lot last season; but the score does not reflect the true game. The bulldogs where one goal down very early on, but battled gamely and took the game to the Jag. Their tenacity forced their opponents onto the back foot and the Bulldogs were unlucky not to level it before half time. This I feel was the turning point in the game, as the Jag, against the run of play, managed to break free from the siege in their own half and get the ball into the Bulldogs goal area, what happened next could only be described as giant pinball affair. The football ending up in the net, despite the valiant efforts of Daniel Turner in goal. What followed from the restart was a complete lack of concentration from the Bulldogs, the result being they went into the break three goals down. Unperturbed they came out fighting in the second half, only to get caught out again trying to force a goal. From then on the Bulldogs threw caution to the wind, their only concern to score a goal. Alas it was not to be their day. A valiant effort by all. I am extremely proud of the effort they put in and their attitude and team spirit.

Man of the match Daniel Turner

Bulldogs 3 Finham park Colts 1

"HOT DOGS!"

This game was never in doubt. Although Finham took the lead with a well worked free kick, it was to be their only chance of sinking their teeth into this feast of a football banquet. The Bulldogs took control, playing quick, slick and hard. Ben Stone was quick with the repose, scoring a brace of goals. Micheal Paul finished the job scoring the Bulldogs third in the second half. A very clinical performance by the Bulldogs, controlled and led by captain, and man of the match, Glen "The General" Wright. Well done everyone!

The Boat 3 The Bulldogs 2

"FIRECRACKER OF A GAME"

This was a top of the table clash and it lived up to its expectations. A very lively, hard, clean fought game, full of all the dramas known as; football. The Bulldogs took the initiative and went one nil up with a classic goal by ever reliable, Ben Stone. After the break "das, Bot" came fighting back, scoring the equaliser, Daniel Turner injuring himself diving against the post, in a brave and desperate attempt to save the shot, and had to be sidelined. This team on this day was made up of hero's, number one being Willem "The Wall" Main. Who seeing his goalkeeper having to leave the field, stepped into the firing line, without hesitation. The battle was on. Players were getting injured left, right and centre. Ben Stone took a heavy knock and had to sit out a while to get treatment. Henry "The Terrier" DeBoer was the next casualty. While battling like a demon in defence, he took a heavy kick in the face. Pinching his nose he bravely fought on, until eventually he had to leave the field of battle, his shirt of blue and yellow all a

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U10'S TEAM NEWS (BLUE LEAGUE)



Brinklow 1 Ernesford Dynamos 5 (Last match in the Red League)

Ernesford Dynamos had won the Blue league the season before and you could see why. They passed the ball about very well to each other and gave us a bit of a lesson .Half Time 3-0 to Ernesford.

To the boys credit they never dropped their heads and Lee Huddleston scored a well-taken goal finishing off a good Brinklow move. All the lads tried hard but it was Ernesfords day.

Man of Match Lee Huddleston

(Worked hard in midfield for all the game. Well done Lee)

Match report from John Harman.

For those of you that aren't already aware, after lengthy discussions between John and myself we decided to act on our lowly league position, also the fact that we felt we were unable to compete any longer in the Red League, week by week the confidence was draining from the boys. We spoke to the league who have allowed us to drop a division to the Blue League. We are starting from scratch all be it six or seven games behind the others teams in the league, but able to make them up next year.

So now to our first game, at last something to cheer about for the boys - a win against AT7, three goals to Nil. The goals coming from Nathan Arundel, his first goal for us, hopefully the first of many; Matthew Pine scoring a fine individual goal running the length of the field to knock it back past the hapless keeper; Lee Huddleston also scoring with a fine header after a neat cross from Craig. Stuart Day was M.O.M with a fine display on the left midfield.

LETS KEEP THIS UP NOW BOYS!!!

Dave Payne



The manager of a club way down at the bottom of the Fourth Division placed eleven dustbins in formation on the pitch and had his team practice dribbling around them and passing between them before shooting for goal. After just one session he had to abandon this method of training for reasons of team morale: the dustbins won 6-0.



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crimson. From a set piece "das Bot" went into the lead, with a thundering shot that left Willem "The Wall" with no chance. The Bulldogs were relentless in their quest and gave no quarter. Forcing their opponent's back with some great football, resulting in a well-earned leveller scored by "The General" Glen Wright, who clenched his fist and gave a war cry to lift his men. The Bulldogs then started to take control of the game only to be cruelly robbed by a wickedly deflected shot that agonisingly ballooned over the already diving Willem. Daniel Turner returned to the field for the last few minutes, Willem Main going into midfield. This was one of the best games of junior foot ball I have ever witnessed, hard but fair, both teams getting a standing ovation from both sets of supporters. As I said earlier, "Heroes" every one of them, I look forward to the return fixture when "The Bulldogs" will sink "Das Bot"! "Terrific Stuff" Lads!

'This was one of the best games of junior football I have ever witnessed'

Man of the match Willem "The Wall" Main

Andy Main

U11'S TEAM NEWS



Hi, probably most of you know that Tony Glasscoe has had to step down from managing the under 11's due to the commitment of starting his new job. This should only be temporary and everybody at the club wishes him all the best and hopes it is not too long before he is back in a managerial role. So, being Tony's assistant for over 5 years I will be filling the role. I will be making no changes to the way the team is run as I believe the way Tony has run the team is the best possible way it can be run.

Well after the best ever start to the 11-a-side game we could of got (winning the first game of the season) things seem to have started to go down hill. We don't as a team think we have been beaten by teams of a much better standard, but we just can't seem to grind out results which we greatly need to get our confidence back.

Christ the King 4 Brinklow 2

(Report supplied by Jamie Huddleston)

Brinklow had a dodgy ref again against Christ The King, he kept ignoring the linesmen. Anyway Brinklow went off to a cracking start, the midfield was winning absolutely everything. Apart from Matty having an injury and letting a superb goal in, we had most of the play. Half Time 1-0.



U11's with their new kit- thanks to Arthur Hayle & Smiths Concrete

In the second half Christ The King scored an early goal, then we pulled one back with a goal from Murph by megging the keeper. Then a couple of minutes later JJ ran the ball out of defence taking it up to the halfway line before delivering a lovely timed pass down the channel to find Glazgo who made no mistake, 2-2. Soon after they scored their third and our heads started dropping, only for them to score another which

was offside by a mile, but the ref ignored our linesman. Full Time 4-2. By the way, the ref was from their team.

Man of the match: The whole team deserve this for their commitment and perseverance.

Brinklow 1 Coundon Cockerels 2

We made a few changes for this game with Joe out injured, finding Dale doing a great job covering the left side of the pitch. Coundon went into a 2-0 lead before half time, only for us to come out after the break looking like a totally different team. Eventually our pressure paid off, winning a free kick about 20 yards from goal. Hydo feeling confident with his free kicks drilled it, only for the keeper to watch it go past him into the back of the net, 2-1. Still holding our shape we forced another free kick in the last minute of the game only for Hydo to be not so lucky this time and the keeper to save it. Full Time 1-2.

Man of the Match: Dale Cooper (A speedy little player covering most of the left side)

London Road Lions 3 Brinklow 0

Well not much I can say about this game. We tried even more changes, playing 3 at the back and Glazgo in front of JJ to give us strength down the middle of the park. The first 20 minutes was evenly balanced and I thought if we went in 0-0 at half time we could get something out of this, but this was not to be, we conceded just before half time. Half Time 1-0.

Second half we saw Tom Morrison picking up a knock and having to come off, this making us a bit rocky at the back, and the inevitable happened - we conceded 2 goals. What ever we tried we still could not break down the Lions Defence, Full Time 3-0.

Man of the match: Tommy Morrison (Battling on until he could go no further!)

THANKS GO TO JOE AND ARTHUR FOR THERE RUNNING OF THE LINE, CHEERS.

Neil Huddleston

U12'S TEAM NEWS



The Under 12s have played just two games since last month's **'ON THE BRINK'**, a fine win against Coventry Sphinx and a 3 -1 victory over Pinley NDC. As a result, the Under 12s are now up to third in the league, with games in hand and only two points adrift from the top team. Well-done boys, keep up the good work. It's also good to see all the different names on the Man of the Match table below, it shows how everybody in the squad is contributing to the Under 12s success.

I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome Daniel Foran and his family to Brinklow Football Club. Daniel has been with us for only four weeks now and has played in the last two games, showing in both, great commitment and an incredible work-rate. Without doubt he'll be an asset to the Under 12s squad.

Many thanks to John Cramp, Simon Thompson, Gary Wilcox and all those assisting them, for 'running' the team in my absence. The new management team have won all their matches since being in charge and as a result have made it very difficult for me to take back over and continue with the teams fine run of form. Perhaps they should carry on!!! Whilst they've been running things, it has given me chance to watch the team play from a different perspective (which can only help) and also it's given me time to do other things within the Club, so once again, thanks very much to all concerned.

<u>Scorers</u>		<u>Man of Match</u>	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Name</u>	
Josh Pointon	2	Callum Day	1
Alex Cramp	2	Jordan Thompson	1
Arron Steel	2	Alex Wood	1
Chris Brennan	3	Milan Sud	2
Miles Wilcox	1	Alex Cramp	1



Under 12s team after their 2-1 win against Coventry Sphinx.

If you haven't done so already, can everybody please let me have this season's subscriptions by the end of the week. The Club Treasurer and committee are pressing really hard for collection of subs and they should have been in by the end of October. Cheques for £40.00 should be made payable to 'Brinklow Football Club'. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary

Sat 29th November - Adults fun golf day. No experience necessary. Meet with partners afterwards for meal. Everybody and anybody connected

with the club are more than welcome. Contact Simon Thompson or Peter Day for details.

Tues 23rd December. Annual Dad's night out. Contact Bob Sud or Peter Day for details.

Thank you for your support

Peter Day

U14'S TEAM NEWS



Photos
from the
game against
Coundon Court

Stephan Brown
Anthony Ford

U15'S TEAM NEWS



Results

Brinklow	3	Hawksmill	1
Brinklow	2	Coventry Jag	3
Chapelfield Colts	3	Brinklow	3
Finham	1	Brinklow	0
Brinklow	1	Marconni	8 (cup)
Leamington Hibs	1	Brinklow	9
Pinley	1	Brinklow	7

Goal Scorers	
Daniel Carter	12
Sean Drake	4
Shane Hunt	4
Ryan Wood	2
Lee Harris	1
Daniel McDonald	1
Alex Baker	1

Looking Back 1998/97 - 1st Season in League

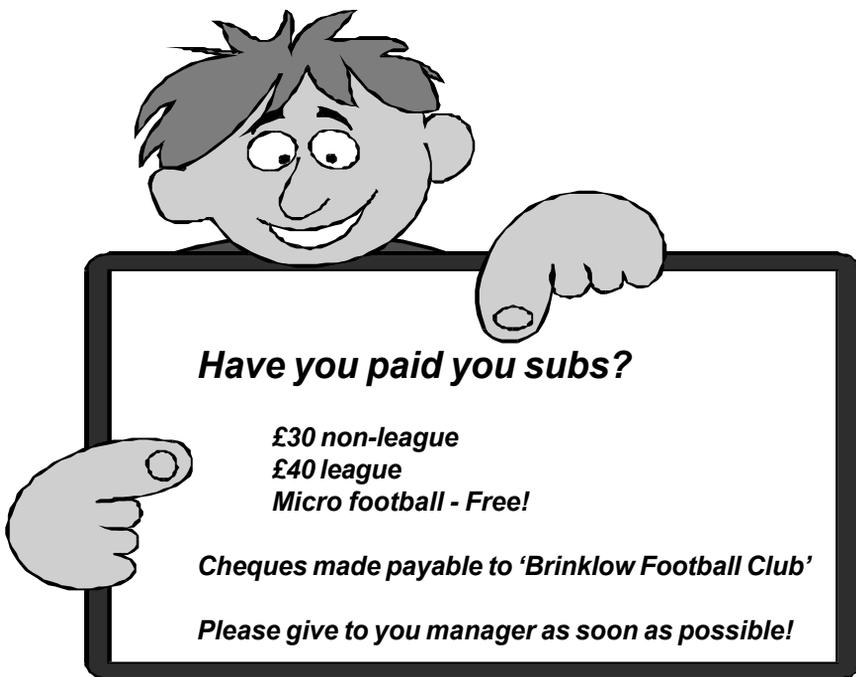


U/10	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
London Road Lions	17	14	2	1	44
Rugby Town	17	14	2	1	44
Brinklow Juniors	17	11	3	3	36
Coventry Colts	17	11	3	3	36
John F. Kennedy Jnrs.	17	10	2	5	32
Athletic United	17	10	2	5	32
Whitley Juniors	16	9	4	3	31
Mount Nod Highway	17	9	3	5	30
Coundon Cockerets	17	9	3	5	30
Binley Woods	16	8	3	5	27
Finham Park Rangers	17	7	1	9	22
Dunlop Juniors	17	5	1	11	16
Daimier Sports	17	5	1	11	16
Christ The King	17	3	5	9	14
Stoke AT7 Youth	17	4	2	11	14
Morris Rangers	17	2	2	13	8
Chapelfield Colts	17	1	0	16	3
Allesley Aces	17	0	1	16	1

Player	Played
R Wood	20
C Giles	22
D Timms	18
B Ford	21
J Draper	19
D Carter	18
J Shore	23
D Sinclair	21
R Watkins	14
S Drake	19
B Clarke	19
S Hunt	22
S Newton	16
L Harris	8
J Tailby	22
R Lee	20

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Mick Holt



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We gave a quick goal away at the start of the second half, then they scored again with a fluky own goal, all the players including the subs Adam and Alex all carried on battling, we gave a 3rd goal away near the end which again put the game out of reach. The encouraging thing is that the boys are enjoying their football and improving all the time with excellent team spirit.

Man of the match Connor Jenkins.

Brinklow Bears 3 Dunlop Jet 1

BRILLIANT. All the hard work has finally paid off with the bears first win. The match was arranged at short notice, which left us 3 players short, so Joe our number one goalie started in defence with Andrew Judge from Brinklow's under 8's in goal. We started well with Josh (zidane) showing his skill on the ball and putting us 1 up early on. Dunlop rarely threatened, but with a slight lapse in concentration Dunlop equalized just before half time. The bears came out fighting in the second half, with Josh(zidane) slotting home his second, with 5 minutes left Harley shot which their keeper couldn't hold, and Lewis (liniker) was on hand to bury the ball in the net to make the game safe, at this point we gave Ryan Stothard, also from the under 8's and Craig Kinross a run and they both did themselves justice. All members of the team played well, so well in fact that the opposition could not decide on man of the match, and after talking it over we decided it only fair to share it with two members of our solid defence. The lads are now gelling and playing as a team, which was shown by this result.

Men of the match Joe Winbush and Phillip Barret

Again a big thank you for the growing support from parents, friend's and relatives. And a big thank you to the bears from myself and Andy (WELL DONE) you deserve it.

Gary Stothard

Brinklow Football Club

Code of Conduct for Parents/Spectators

Parents/Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they love the game and it's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within the club, it is important to reinforce the message to parents/spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football
- A sense of personal achievement
- Self-esteem
- Assist to improve the child's skill and techniques

A parents / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players
- Officials
- Managers
- Spectators

Brinklow Football Club will ensure that parents/spectator's within our club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own.

Brinklow Football Club will encourage parents/spectator's to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as our own team
- Avoid coaching the child during the game
- Not to shout and scream
- Respect the referee's decision
- Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football

SENIORS TEAM NEWS

On the 5th October the 1st Team travelled to Winfield Rec for the 1st round of the Hospital Cup against last seasons Division 2 Champions the "Merry Monk ", a side that had two former Brinklow youth players in their midst. On a bright and blustery day and a rock hard pitch it was never going to be easy to play good football, but it was good to see us secure an early lead when Gaz Moore latched on to a good through ball to score a well taken goal. Our second came soon after, being a similar effort, only this time the returning Justin Neal providing the finish. After this the game seemed to drift into somewhat of a stalemate, with both sides trying to play good football but neither making any headway. With our defence playing well we were never really troubled, booking our place in the next round with what in the end was quite a comfortable victory, the only blot on the day being our goalkeeper having to leave the field with a back injury.

The following week was to see us at the Revel against Hillmorton Lion, a side that seem to be struggling so far this season. With Carl Moore continuing in goal and James A'Barrow coming in at right midfield it was yet again a different starting line up that took to the field, something that seems to be a trait of our season so far. After missing some early chances we eventually took the lead when Mark Bird fired home a superb free-kick from the edge of the box, this having been awarded after one of our forwards had been hauled down when clean through on goal. With Brinklow dominating most of the game, a second goal was a long time coming but we were to eventually get our just rewards when the all-action Micky Bullock held off several challenges to burst through from midfield and fire home his first of the season. The team then saw out the rest of the game to provide us with our third 2-0 victory in as many weeks.

October 19th saw us again returning to Whinfield Rec to play against the London House, a newly promoted side that on paper we were expected to beat. However, as we are constantly reminding our squad, there is no such thing as an easy game in this league, on the day, this proving to be the case. Most of the first half saw us comfortably containing the opposition, but the worrying aspect was that for the first time this season, we ourselves were creating very little. Unfortunately, after giving away a needless corner we were to concede what in my book was a very soft goal. Into the second half the lads seemed to wake up a bit and, in all fairness showing a lot of character, this being rewarded when Justin scored a richly deserved equalizer, heading in at the far post from a Si Bullock corner. After this we came on even stronger but after some near misses and some very good saves from the 'House' goalkeeper we had to settle for a 1-1 draw, everyone leaving disappointed at 2 points dropped. Personally I feel that had key players been available then this is a game that we could have easily have won!

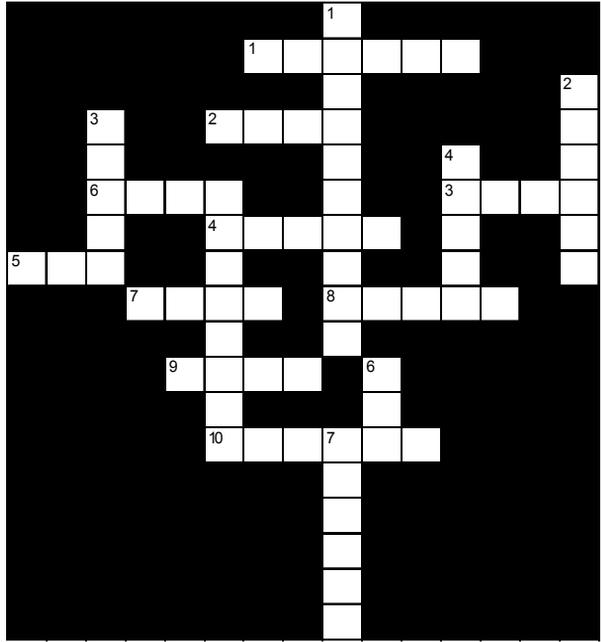
Our following game was to see us away at Alwyn Road to the Raglan Arms, a side that had yet to lose a game this season. With the previous weeks result in mind it was obvious that the lads were out to put things right, taking the game to the Raglan from the off, coming off at half time with a 1-0 lead in what was turning out to be a very one sided affair. The second half was to be more of the same, eventually turning into what can only be described as a rout of what turned out to be a surprisingly poor Raglan side. However, our side carried out their job well and although we were to concede, yet again, two disappointingly soft goals, we went on to record an emphatic 8-2 victory against a side that is supposedly one of the stronger in the league. Our goals came from Birdy, James A'Barrow and Ian Stockdale helping himself to the other six. (yes- that was six!)

To sum up, we have to be happy with the way that our season has progressed so far. To date we have played seven games, winning five, drawing one and losing one. If there is one disappointment then it has to be that we have not once yet been able to field what I would consider to be our strongest side, and in fact we have not once yet fielded the same side for consecutive games. This, obviously, does not help to build a settled side and is probably, in my opinion, one of the reasons why we are not yet playing the type of football that we are looking for and of which we know our team are capable of. A big bonus is that we felt that for this season we needed to work on conceding less goals, and this seems to be working well, being reflected in the fact that of the seven goals that we have let in so far, there was probably only the one that we could not have done anything about. So all in all things are looking quite good and we remain hopeful that with all of our players returning to full fitness, and possibly a couple of new signings, this may turn out to be a good season for the Brinklow 1st's.



Yours in Football,
Barry Wilkinson

U15's Crossword !!



Across

- 1 Oxo or Bisto
- 2 U.S. President
- 3 You have to look for him
- 4 Robot Wars _ _ _ _ _ Charles
- 5 Bruce or Evans
- 6 Eves' other half
- 7 Lots of trees
- 8 His dozen is thirteen
- 9 Winton to his friends
- 10 Merchant who deals with fabrics

Down

- 1 Mystery name
- 2 Mr. Beddingfield
- 3 Sir Francis
- 4 Alan Ladds famous cowboy
- 5 He had a farm
- 6 G.I.
- 7 Lady Penelope's driver



SOCIAL DIARY AND OTHER NEWS

Brinklow FC Under 8's

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A Night at The Races

Saturday 22nd November 7.30pm, Brinklow Royal Legion Club

A Race Night is a number of horse races from around the world shown on a big screen where you can place bets on the winner of each race. Don't worry the bets are only 50p per ticket so you don't have to lose your shirt. We all go have a few bets, drinks and a laugh, it is as simple as that.

It has cost £250 for the company to come in and arrange the whole evening. However every penny of profit on the bets will go to the **TOUR**.

Prior to the night I will be sent a sponsor sheet, which will allow us to make £355 before the night, which means we will be £85.00 in profit before we open the doors.

Each race is sponsored for £10.00. There are 8 races, (possibly 9 if we auction the last race)

EG. Taffy Pulford pays £10.00 and Race 1 is the 'Taffy Pulford Stakes'

There are 8 horses in each race. If you own a horse it will cost £2.00 and the winner gets a prize. Each horse needs a jockey. If you wish to be a jockey it will cost £2.00 and the winner gets a prize.

Example - Race 1 'Taffy Pulford Stakes' winner horse 1 'Bob the Builder' ridden by Kim Salmon and owned by Ben Judge. Kim and Ben get prizes. The club gets £14.00 plus all profits on bets. The punter gets whatever tote odds were for 'Bob the Builder'.

What I need from all parents, relatives and friends is sponsors, owners and jockey's before the night. I also need at least 16 prizes to be donated.

I hope you can make it and bring some friends!!

Rich Farthing

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Brinklow Football Club is currently undergoing a re-structuring and modernisation programme. The Club's ambition is for all its members to have the best facilities and equipment and play sport in a safe and caring environment.

To achieve this aim, the Club needs to raise finance. On the scale that we propose to re-structure the Club, funding can only be found externally. The funding opportunities that have been investigated lay down strict criteria as to the running and activities of the club, hence the need for modernisation. Initially, there will be a lot of pressure on the Committee, Team Managers and all involved in the running of the Club to achieve its aims, but the commitment to this cause has the total support and backing of all the Club Officials. We would like you to help to and be part of this exciting project. If you feel you can help in any way please come forward and let your Team Manager know. Progress on the re-structuring and modernisation programme will be shown in 'On the Brink' and will become apparent in the coming months.

In the meantime, due to the popularity and success of the Club, many demands are now being made on the Clubs existing pitches and facilities and there is an urgent need for acquiring land for pitches. Ideally this would be in or around Brinklow itself. It wouldn't matter how small or big the land might be, anything would be considered. Please, please come forward if you know of any land that is (or might be) available, as this could be the major obstacle to the Club's ambitions.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this, together we can make this exciting vision become a reality.

Brinklow Football Club