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This month I've had chance for the first time for quite a while to watch some of the developments within our younger age groups. Firstly, I was at the last day of our wonderful Autumn Soccer Academy which was the brain child of our head coach Wayne Pulford. The Academy was attended by players from several of the younger teams and went down an absolute storm, several of the parents commented that it was the best Academy they had attended & you could tell by all the smiling faces that the players agreed! I'd like to personally congratulate all the managers & coaches (including 'Teapot' Taffy!) who helped out over the 3 days, This was a wonderful advert for the club & a credit to all those that took part.

Secondly, I made my first visit to a league game for the u11's girls. In horrendous weather, the girls fought out a creditable 0-0 draw & despite several injuries & the weather, the girls really enjoyed themselves. The parents? Well we got soaked!!! It's great to see the developments the club has made in the area of girls football & credit must go to Dave Anderson, Sam Smith, Neil Cooper & Janine Stothard for the levels to which the girls' football has risen. It's also nice to see someone rise though the junior age groups & give something back by take on the responsibility of coaching, so well done to Dale Huddlestone for his involvement with the u13's girls team.

On another note the club are looking for someone to record the minutes at the managers' meeting. This will involve attendance at the monthly, typing up the notes & emailing to yours truly for distribution. So if you fancy listening to all the gossip first hand then contact Wayne Pulford on 01788 832778 or Mob: 07929 306722.

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**PS - If anyone finds any good football stories or jokes, can they send them to me please. After 5 years I'm starting to run out of ones to use & I will have to start using the bad ones I have left (what do you mean, they are all bad?)**

*'I just don't understand it' the Brinklow football player complained.  
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## Hinckley United 5 Brinklow 1

Hinckley took control of the game from the whistle testing Brinklows defence. They dug in and fought hard with some excellent defending from Gemma Smith and Harriet Lowe. Keeper Katie Thompson made some great saves keeping Brinklow in the game. Brinklow battled on but could not get on goal. Their defence continued to hold on with Rebekah Wilby coming on to help. Brilliant defending and good goalkeeping kept it 0:0 half time.

In the second half Brinklow had much more of the attacking play but could not score. Hinckley went ahead with 2 goals but Brinklow came back again with a great goal from Holly Craddock. Brinklow felt they were in with a chance. But as they kept on the attack it left some holes in defence enabling Hinckley to push up and score 3 more goals. The final score being 5:1 to Hinckley.

## Brinklow 3 Countesthorpe 0

Straight from the kick off Brinklow swept down the field and were 1:0 up within the first 2 minutes from Holly Craddock. From the restart Brinklow went on the attack but Countesthorpe defended well until conceding a free kick, from which Alice Clarke scored for Brinklow. Brinklows' defence continued to deny Countesthorpe, while the visiting keeper made some great saves at the other end. The score 2:0 at half time.

In the second half Brinklow were kept in their own half as Countesthorpe dominated the attack forcing some good saves from Brinklows keeper. Both teams continued to play attacking football until Brinklow were able to break the deadlock with a goal from Harriet Lowe. Both teams continued to play some good football with Catherine Barratt defending well for Brinklow. Another good fairly played game from both teams with the final score 3:0.

## Allextion & New Parks 0 Brinklow 0

From the whistle Brinklow went on the attack against a very physical Allextion & New Parks. In torrential rain Brinklow continually drove forward with some good passing play. Rebekah Wilby made her presence known with some excellent football almost scoring. Brinklow had most of the possession but could not score leaving it 0:0 at half time.

The 2nd half commenced with Allextion & New Parks pushing forward but Brinklow again fought back forcing them to concede several corners. Brinklow again had many opportunities on goal but despite the efforts of Rosie Johal, Eleanor De Boer and Georgia Anderson they could not find the back of the net. Despite Brinklow looking the stronger team the score remained 0:0 at the final whistle.

It has been a busy month for the girls having also played a friendly against Rugby Town which gave us a chance to play all the girls. We didn't win, but we certainly were not outclassed by girls a year older and in a higher division than ourselves. The girls are improving with each game and playing some really good football.

Also during half term week several of our girls attended a day at the Autumn Academy which enabled us to train alongside the lads for a day. They all had a great day and we had two girls almost in the final for the penalty shoot out competition - not bad going when out of 34 children only about 7 were girls. The academy was brilliant and I hope to see more of our girls at the next one.

Keep up the good work girls.

**Sam Smith**

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## Brinklow Football Club's Autumn Academy 2005



After the success of the Summers hour long outfield players and goalkeepers Academics, a few members of the club suggested that it may be worthwhile attempting to run our own three day academy to coincide with the Autumnal Half Term holidays. The idea was born so the preparations began.

The 26/27/28 of October were chosen as the dates and we decided to cap the numbers per day to 30 players. Luckily we were able to hire the Church Rooms as our indoor H.Q. and use the Barr Lane playing field for our outdoor activities.

With over 20 participants attending for the first two days and over 30 for the final day, the coaches who are all F.A. qualified and C.R.B. checked, found the numbers comfortable to cope with especially with the fact that a further five/six (off field) helpers were constantly

at hand.

The format for all three days was similar in the way that the morning sessions were all focussed on 'brushing up on the basics' and the afternoon sessions were all fun based with competitions and the inevitable end of day football matches.

All of the players who attended the first two days were given the opportunity to participate in the F.A. accredited 'Soccer Stars Challenge' which determines by way of a grading system the technical abilities of every



individual player in certain elements of football.

All of the children appeared to enjoy the varied training methods, but most of all enjoyed mixing with players from varying age groups and teams. I believe that from a club's point of view, the Academy was a successful exercise as it allowed all of the coaches to gain some more experience and for the players to make more friends.

Many thanks to all of the supporters of the Academy, it really is appreciated, but most of all thankyou to all of the players for making it so enjoyable and worthwhile.

**Martin Pulford**



# SENIOR TEAM NEWS

## Brinklow League results for October

Coventry Alliance Division Four

**Shilton Res 1 Brinklow 6**

Dave Anderson, Mark Bird 2, Micky Bullock 2, Scott Vallance

**Witherley Utd Res 0 Brinklow 3**

Justin Neal, Mark Bird, Micky Bullock

LEAGUE TABLE ON  
29TH OCT 2005

## Coventry Evening Telegraph Junior Cup

**Brinklow 4 Fillongley 5**

Justin Neal, Scott Vallance 2, Luke Kennedy

## Foleshill Charity Cup

**Brinklow 6 Newdigate 2**

Justin Neal 2, Iain Stockdale 4

## Boyd Carpenter Cup 2nd Round

**The Hub 2 Brinklow 3**

Iain Stockdale 3

## Top Scorers

Justin Neal 18    Dave Anderson 9    Mark Bird 8  
Iain Stockdale 7

This month has seen our side progress in to the 3rd round of the Major Boyd Carpenter Cup and the 2nd round of the Foleshill Charity Cup, beating a team from two divisions higher than ourselves on the way.

On the league front we've kept our 100% record at the top of the league and have stretched the gap to 6 points with a game in hand, after an excellent 3-0 victory over 2nd placed Witherley Utd. This was a tough game, and the result of which may well prove to be vital when the end of the season approaches.

We need to keep working hard as a team and work together to maintain this league run as long as we possibly can.

**Paul Huddlestone**

*Found on the wall of a second division club:  
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# U7's TEAM NEWS

Four teams played since the last edition with plenty of goals and mixed results.

**Cov Jag 0 Brinklow 0**

**Cov Jag 1 Brinklow 3**

Much the better teams in both matches and came away with good results. Jake Hope, Morgan Pulford the scorers.

**Brinklow 2 Christ The King 0**

**Brinklow 0 Christ The King 13**

A great win in the first game having been the much better team with Jordan Jones scoring both the goals with quality finishes. In the second game we came up against a very strong, more mature side who beat us convincingly.

**Brinklow 3 AT7 6**

**Brinklow 1 AT7 6**

The best passing teams we have played to date and had the finishing touch. The first game I felt the scoreline slightly flattered the away side but what about Jake Hope's HAT-TRICK, Fantastic! In the other game we were over run a little but never gave in and it resulted in Tom Clarke scoring with a thunderbolt.

**Bedworth Eagles 0 Brinklow 1**

**Bedworth Eagles 0 Brinklow 2**

**Bedworth Eagles 0 Brinklow 2**

Played on a very large pitch Brinklow never got started in any of the games and failed to score, but not without having a few chances. Overall failing to clear the ball was the main problem.

It was my hope to arrange all fixtures away from home for various reasons. Firstly to enable the boys to experience playing at different venues and secondly a learning curve for the parents and for myself. Lessons have been learnt to help us in the future.

I will take this opportunity to announce that Dominic McNeney has stepped forward to take on one of the teams. The teams will now be known as Wayne's team or Dom's team. This has come about from the parents meeting we held in which I asked for help, and I must say that I have received just that, so many thanks to you all.

A reminder that all boys should be at training or matches at the designated time please. If anyone is unavailable or unsure please give me a ring, It only takes 2 minutes and I am a nice person to talk to. As agreed at the parents meeting, I am monitoring attendances and punctuality in preparation for next seasons league campaign.

The end date for subscriptions is nearing!

Indoor training is £2 a session.

Parents Christmas party is at The Raven, 10th Dec.

I would just like to say how proud I am and what a pleasure it has been watching the boys playing in actual matches and holding their own, they have come along way!

**Wayne Pulford**

## Introducing the U7's with a bit of fun

'Juganaught'	James Williams
'Clobber'	Conor McKiernan
'Big Kick'	Morgan Pulford
'Workhorse'	Scott McCulloch
'Big'	Ben Phillips
'Jumpin'	Jimmy Scholfield
'Nails'	Nathan McNeney
'Goals'	Jake Hope
'Pistol'	Peter May
'Dynamic'	Jordan Jones
'Dribbler'	Daniel Bowes
'Basher'	Brandon Jones
'Brickwall'	Billy Stengor
'The Tank'	Jake Neale
'The Rock'	Richard Albrighton
'Passer'	Jonah Perry
'Thunderbolt'	Tom Clarke
'Darting'	Daniel Hood

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## U8's TEAM NEWS

What a month October was for Brinklow Under 8's. Hoops record their first ever win against Coundon Cockerals, what a happy hunting ground that has turned out to be! Score was 3-1 to us and we managed to score all the goals in the game too, but seriously well done to all, lets hope it's the first of many. Hoops have also recorded their first league points too. More importantly, we are starting to play like a team, starting to offer resistance against stronger teams and having lots of fun at the same time – Brilliant.

Hibs, October's fixtures presented some tough games for Hibs, Chapelfield Colts, AT7 and Caludon Youth – More about the Colts game later. AT7 and Caludon games both ending in a draw, 0-0 and 1-1 respectively. Probably Caludon game will be remembered by us all as they literally roughed us up in the first half, but when we played football they were kicking at our shadows & after drawing level we certainly looked like we would go on to win the game. In the game against Chapelfields Colts, the day started badly with my plane being fogged in at Hannover airport, Dave W had to make an emergency dash to Westwood Heath, sandwiched in between his duties for Andy Maine's team and the Senior Team – Many thanks Dave. The result did not go our way either, but never mind, as long as we learn from these games

### Training and training fee's

We are going to have to change our fee charging for training, at present we are currently losing £8.00 per week due to non payment, or non attendance. Therefore, from 5th Nov there will be no longer a charge on a Thursday for training, but a £1.00 payment each Saturday on game day. In order to try and recoup some of these loses and raise funds for the Christmas party, we will be handing out black out cards for us all to sell.

### Christmas Party

I have had two ideas for a Christmas party for the boys this year. One is similar to last year, watch a game at CCFC at the new Ricoh Arena, or secondly, take the boys to watch the Coventry Blaze Ice Hockey Team (something completely different but they tend to win more!). I will take a straw pole over the next couple of weeks and make a decision based upon feedback.

### 2006 Calendars

The pictures we took at training were too dark, we will re-take the photo's at the cup games on November 5th. Calendars will be available for sale from 20th November at £5.00 a piece. All funds will go towards our Christmas party.

### Great Yarmouth Tour

For those of us going on the tour, seven players booked to go, we need £15.00 player registration payable asap.

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### Good Luck

Good luck to both our teams in the Cup this weekend, drawn against the top two teams in the City, we should be able to concentrate on the league from now on !

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## YOUTH TEAM NEWS

### Results

League - Brinklow 6 Olton Ravens 1

Birmingham Cup - Brinklow 4 Chapelfield Colts 3

### Fixtures

Brinklow v Christ the King in the League cup on the 6th Nov.  
13th Nov - No game as yet.

### Boltys Brain Buster

- 1 Which teams play at St James park?
- 2 Which Arsenal player wore the number 14 shirt in their 2001/02 season?
- 3 What is the nickname of the Torquay Utd team?
- 4 Who plays at the JJB stadium?
- 5 What is the name of the tune at the start of 'Match of the Day'?
- 6 Who is the oldest player in the premiership?
- 7 Who scored for both teams in the 1981 FA Cup Final?
- 8 Who was the first coloured player to captain England?
- 9 Who wears the number 6 shirt for Man Utd this season?
- 10 Which two players are on the front cover of the P/S game 'Pro Evolution Soccer 5'?

Email answer to me **£10 PRIZE!!**

### Subs

If you have not paid your subs already please pay them as they are long over due.

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## MICRO's TEAM NEWS



Things are going quite nicely at the moment with at least ten players turning up at Barr Lane every Saturday morning. We are working on various skills including dribbling, passing, ball control etc. We usually finish off the session with a 5/6 a side friendly game and some penalties.

All of the players are improving significantly and seem to enjoy the sessions very much, we are always on the lookout for new players, so if you have a child who is in year one at school and is keen to play football you can contact me on 07886441157.

We will soon be looking at playing some friendlies against other teams and hopefully entering some six-a-side competitions next year.

**Mark Troughton**  
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## U9's TEAM NEWS

October saw three games against very strong Coventry teams and some excellent football from all players. There are clear signs that the practice drills are coming through on the field of play. If we can take our half time advantages through to the final whistle then some wins will soon follow.

### Brinklow 2 Coventry Jaguar 2

An excellent game of football between two well matched teams. The match saw Brinklow come back from a one goal deficit in the first half and again in the second half. Both Brinklow goals came from Ben Cross. From the evidence of this and previous matches it is clear that the Brinklow team are starting to settle into their positions and work as a team to achieve success. By digging deep to level the score twice in the match the team showed great determination, which they can build on as the season progresses.

### Brinklow 2 Chapelfield Colts 3

A tough game against an in form Chapelfield Colts side who were second in the table saw some of Brinklow's best football this season, forcing Chapelfield Colts to work hard for their points.

The game started with an early goal for Chapelfield Colts when a powerfully struck shot bobbed out of Daniella's hands and into the path of a waiting Colts striker. As has become the Brinklow trademark the team were rallied by this and came back strongly with first half goals from Ben Cross and Daniel Westhead.

The half time lead could have been 3 : 1 had Brinklow been able to put away a penalty when a Chapelfield defender handled in the penalty area. Fortunately for Chapelfield their goalkeeper was able to stop both the original strike and the follow up shot.

The second half saw some excellent saves from Daniella Francioso in the Brinklow goal but also some lapses in the Brinklow defence which allowed Chapelfield to come back into the game and take two goals to finish the game as 3-2 winners.

Although the score line was not as we would have wished the team demonstrated that the work on the training ground is coming through onto the field of play and it is only a matter of time until the tide turns in Brinklow's favour.

### Brinklow 2 GNP Sports 5

Brinklow under 9s took on top of the league GNP Sport in an all action game at home. Despite atrocious weather conditions throughout the game, at half time Brinklow were ahead 2-1, both goals coming from Ben, all made possible by our strong midfield players, Daniel W, George and Ryan. Once again Daniella made some fantastic saves as goalkeeper and it would be fair to say that Brinklow dominated the first half of the game. The second half saw GNP Sport come out fighting and following sustained pressure soon equalized, defeating some great defending by Robert and Matthew. Unfortunately GNP Sport found their feet and 3 more goals soon followed, producing a final score line of 5-2 to GNP.

The score line does not reflect the effort that Brinklow put into this match, in a game that produced some quality football and excellent individual performances from Griff, Billy and Daniel P, 'well played team'.

Goal scorers this season:

Ben Cross 7 Daniel Westhead 2

NB

Training has now moved to Lutterworth Grammar School on a Friday night from 19:00 to 20:00.

The coaches are looking for ideas for this year's Christmas party. If anyone has suggestions please let one of us know.

The team are booked on the Great Yarmouth Tour for the 2006 May Day weekend. Accommodation has been booked as requested and deposit monies are now due – "Domestic Management" will be in touch

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## U10's TEAM NEWS

Results:  
 Red Division:  
 AT7 Blue 0 Brinklow 2  
 AT7 Red 4 Brinklow 0  
 Brinklow 3 Sphinx 1  
 Brinklow 1 Christ The King 1

Green Division:  
 Brinklow 1 Finham 6  
 Cov Jag 3 Brinklow 4  
 Brinklow 0 Wyken Boys 0

Goalscorers Chart:  
 Andrew Skerratt 8  
 Ryan Wareham 6  
 Keenan Sangha 5  
 Thomas Barnes 4  
 Rhys Thomas 3  
 Jack Tipper 3  
 Taylor Williams 3  
 Joe Burton 1  
 Thomas Lovegrove 1  
 Joshua Smith 1

As you can see from the above results and the healthy goalscorers chart, the good start the under 10s made to the season is continuing, and we as a coaching staff are absolutely delighted. All of the credit has to go to all of the boys as they are working extremely hard in both the games and training sessions.

We as coaches set the boys targets for this season and I am delighted to say that both teams have already surpassed them. Both teams have gained more wins already this season than we achieved for the whole of last season, and our top goalscorer has already equalled the record set last season.

Confidence is really high in the camp at present and rightfully so, and coupled to that is a very good team spirit.

Us guys in the bootroom are chuffed to bits with all of the players and we are glad that they are enjoying their football and the results which they are achieving. Long may it continue.

*Well Done you Yellow and Blues.*

**‘Confidence is really high in the camp at present.’**

**Martin Pulford**

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## U14's TEAM NEWS

As predicted in last months ON THE BRINK, after five or six matches the Under 14s are starting to gel and play extremely well as a team. Whilst results might not be going our way, the sheer commitment, attitude and determination the lads are showing week in and week out – despite the odds (still looking for a goalkeeper I'm afraid) is inspiring. If we can find a goalkeeper quickly I still believe with the present team performances continuing, we could still make an impact in this league. Many thanks to all of the lads who continue to volunteer for goalkeeping duties; we couldn't do any of it without you.

**Training & match schedule**

Sun 6th Nov	Match	Home (Elite Colts)	Kick-off 11:00am
Fri 11th Nov	Training	Walsgrave WMC	6:00pm – 7:15pm
Sat 12th Nov	Training	Barr Lane	10:30am – 12:00 midday
Sun 13th Nov	Match	Home (Kenilworth Town)	Kick-off 11:00am
Fri 18th Nov	Training	Walsgrave WMC	6:00pm – 7:15pm

I'll finish, as always, with some thank yous. Not this time for everybody who helps and assists with the team (although they thoroughly deserve it) but solely to all the lads individually. They have all performed heroically over the last month and are a credit to themselves, the team and the club.

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begging. With ten minutes till the break the Lions broke the Bulldog strangle hold and scored the equalizer. If they thought the Bulldogs heads would drop they were very much mistaken, what they got was a blistering repost which resulted in another Ben Stone goal and the Bulldogs going into the break two one up.

With the rain persisting it down and the pitch slowly getting deeper in mud the battle continued as it had left off. As the game progressed the more pressure the Bulldogs had to take but they kept on hitting the Lions on the break.

With ten minutes to go the Bulldogs were hanging on to their lead. Then disaster struck twice, the Lions scrambled two goals in as many minutes. The Bulldogs just couldn't clear their lines and twice the ball just slid over the line not even reaching the back of the net. With minutes to go the Bulldogs threw every thing they had at the Lions and had two excellent chances to level only to see both slide agonisingly wide. In the dying moments the Lions put the final nail in the Bulldogs coffin breaking out of their own half and coming out on top of a three on two conflict.

A fantastic contest the Bulldogs yet again giving 110% throughout. They can hold their heads up high, they did themselves proud.

Man of the match; all of them, they were all "Top Dog"!

Another excellent month. It is a delight to be involved with a great bunch of lads that are

**“THE BULLDOGS”**

**Andy Main**

## U13's TEAM NEWS

The Under 13's have had a mixture of results in October, winning 1, drawing 1, and losing the other 2. We have decided to concentrate on working the players to be able to use a full senior pitch instead of the intermediate that we were used to for the last 2 seasons. This will be very challenging for them as they have to cover so much more of the pitch than before, but the best way to cope with it is to keep practising and we will be playing as many of our home games as possible on the bottom pitch at Barr Lane. Then hopefully next year we will be comfortable from the start of the season and not put off when playing away games.

Tommy Hyde seems to be making good progress from his knee injury; he now has his cast off but will need a lot of physio before he can even think of returning. So good news Hydo, it will be good to have you back one day!

### Brinklow 9 Finham Park Colts 1

Hat-tricks from both Gianni Sangorgi & Tom Glasscoe saw Brinklow comfortably defeat a spirited Finham team at Barr Lane, Brinklow on Sunday. Within 13 seconds of the start Brinklow had raced up the pitch & scored a well worked opener, quickly following this up with 3 further goals, the last from Elliot Lascelles. The score remained the same until early on in the second half when goals from Sangorgi & Glasscoe (x2) meant both had collected their hat-tricks. After this, strong defensive qualities with Finham packing the centre meant Brinklow struggled to make further chances until the use of width finally created some openings & a further two goals from Jake Bourke & Jamie Huddleston. Special mention must go to Tarun Sud who's wing play & crossing on the day was excellent. Goals: Gianni(3), Glazgo(3), Elliot, Jake, JJ.

### Cov Jag Youth 10 Brinklow 1

Playing their third game away on a full size senior pitch, Brinklow knew they would have to be at their best to have any chance. When the home team lined up for the kick off we just looked at each other in fear as most of them were far bigger and looked a lot stronger. This proved the case when the game started with them out powering us and they were a lot quicker to the ball. With this they raced in to a 4-1 lead at half time. Half time called for a new system of playing 3 at the back, moving JJ into midfield to hopefully give us some control in the middle of the park. This looked as if it was going to work as we had a lot more of the play, but unfortunately luck was not our side, combine this with some great finishing from their players, the final score was a 10-1 loss. Goal: Glazgo

### Dunlop 5 Brinklow 2

Brinklow travelled to Dunlop who from last year's games proved to be a very evenly matched team for us. This year they look an even better side with some great passing of the ball all over the pitch. It was Dunlop who scored first when they finished a well worked move. Halfway through the half saw a fine solo burst from Elliot Lascelles from just inside their half and his pace and cool finish taking the score to 1-1. Just before half time, the home side scored again making the half time score 2-1 to Dunlop. Second half came and Brinklow seemed to struggle with the space Dunlop were creating and raced in to a 5-1 lead before another goal from Elliot Lascelles made the final score 5-2 to a well deserved Dunlop. Goals: Elliot(2)

### Brinklow 5 London Road 5

Playing our first ever game on the bottom pitch of Barr Lane seemed to be a real challenge for the boys, who knew they would have to cover a lot more ground than they were used to. It was Brinklow who raced in to a half time lead of 3-1, with goals from Gianni Sangiorgi (2) and Elliot Lascelles. Second half came and saw some great defending and Jake Bourke playing some of his best football in a position that is not his preferred one. With 5 minutes of the game remaining Brinklow were leading 5-2, when the loss of Jake Bourke with a nasty knock on his leg which he could not run off, meant he had no choice but to leave the field for the remainder of the game. With no subs available, Brinklow had their backs against the wall for the final 10 minutes and as much as they tried they just could not hold on to the lead and conceded 2 goals, the last being in the final 2 minutes of the game. Goals: Gianni(2), Elliot(2), Glazgo

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## U11's NEWS

**Brinklow 2 Dunlop 7**  
**Finham Park 0 Brinklow 4**  
**Brinklow 7 London Road Lions 2**  
**Coventry Sphinx 4 Brinklow 5**  
**Dunlop Dynamos 4 Brinklow 2**  
**Brinklow 4 Coventry Sphinx 4 (Friendly)**

An excellent set of results for so early in the season. But we must keep up the good football to maintain our position in the league which is currently third, and also put pressure on those above us.

Training is going well, we are doing a lot of work on defending as this is one of the areas for improvement, we are letting in soft goals. We are also doing a lot of work on passing and moving which the boys are slowly getting to grips with. The squad as a whole are working well together as the results show, but some of the boys are struggling to adjust to the work load, and working within the team. If we can combat this, we will have eleven players on the field instead of ten players, then we will be a very hard team to beat.

I would like to thank the parents and relatives for their support. I think all that shouting and encouragement helps the team to turn scorelines around.

We will continue to work the boys hard in training and if they give 100% they will reap the rewards.

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## U12's 'BULLDOGS' NEWS

### **Bulldogs 2 Dunlop Jets 2**

"A humdinger of a game"

This game was a joy to watch with both teams giving 110%, battling tooth and nail 'til the final whistle. It was the Bulldogs who drew first blood when Henry Deboer drove the ball into the bottom right of the Jets goal. What followed was a period of sustained pressure from the Bulldogs and several chances went begging. Five minutes from half time Ben Stone broke through the Jets defence only to clash heavily with the opposition keeper resulting in a Bulldog penalty. Ben Stone uncharacteristically missed from the spot and had to leave the field of play in a lot of pain. The Bulldogs went in to half time just one goal in front, they could, and should have been two or three up.

The Jets started the second half very much revitalised and full of confidence. Using their big midfielders they tried to nullify the Bulldogs passing game, playing the high ball down the middle of the park. To their credit they played it well and the Bulldogs were on the back foot defending like demons and hitting back on the break. The Jets onslaught was rewarded with a cracking strike from the edge of the box into the top corner of the Bulldogs net. The equalizer lifted the Jets even more and the onslaught on the Bulldogs goal persisted, resulting in a second goal for the Jets. Most sides would have folded at this point, but this is the Bulldogs, and this is their back yard and they started to battle back. The last five minutes was toe to toe stuff, both sides slugging it out end to end. Their battling paid off when a rejuvenated Ben Stone found himself on the edge of the box with the ball at his feet one man to beat and he doesn't miss many from there and he didn't. A cracking game played with Great Spirit from both sides. Man of the match Danny Wood.

### **Bulldogs 6 Pro Santos 0**

"Pro Santos found themselves on the wrong end of a Bulldog mauling".

Due to school holidays and some sick absences, the Bulldogs were down to the bare eleven and Pro Santos came to the "Bull pit" full of confidence after a run of favourable results. They were met by a team short in numbers but not Bulldog spirit.

The Bulldog back four, Joe Kemp, Peter Allen, Phil Hibberd and Daryl Phipps were impregnable and Dan Turner had an easy day. The midfield, Henry Deboer and Glen Wright controlled the game from the start. Danny Wood ruled the left wing while on the right Lewis Arlow was unstoppable, linking with Ben Stone and Owen Deacon who ran riot up front.

Another very professional display from the Bulldogs proving the squad of sixteen are a team of sixteen and as such plays as a team, not a team of individuals. Bite one Bulldog and sixteen will bite you back. Man of the match Lewis Arlow.

### **Bulldogs 2 Finham Park Lions 4**

"Bulldogs go down fighting"

This one was a battle giganticus. It is said, in boxing terms, to have any chance of defeating a champion you must bloody his nose, let him know he is in a fight right from the first bell, and that's what the Bulldogs did.

The rain lashed down for the whole game but it didn't dampen the Bulldogs spirit. I don't know what Finham were expecting, them being unbeaten and top of their league and the Bulldogs a league below, but what they did get was a nasty bite up the backside. Not five minutes had gone when Ben Stone blasted the ball into the Lions net. With their nose well and truly blooded, Finham had to sustain a concentrated period of pressure which they rode well, several Bulldog chances going

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## U12's TEAM NEWS

### **Brinklow 1 Finham Park Colts 1**

Scorer - Matthew Pine

Man of the Match - Craig / Lee

### **Brinklow 5 Cov Jag Youth 2004 3**

Scorers - Craig Payne Stuart Day 2 Ricky Matthew Pine

Man of the Match - Matty / Ricky

### **Wyken Colts 3 Brinklow 2**

Scorers - Arron Hope Matty Pine

Man of the Match - Ben Simpson

### **Southam United 4 Brinklow 2**

Scorers - Matty Robbie

Man of the Match - Craig / Louis

### **Brinklow 8 Mount Nod Highway 0**

Scorers - Matty 2 Ben 2 Stuart 2 Daniel 1 Arron 1

Man of the Match - Stuart Day

As you can see from above a mixed bag of results, two wins, one draw and unfortunately two losses. Overall a major improvement. We are now playing free flowing football and scoring goals for fun, something that we were really struggling to do early on in the season. We have climbed from second bottom in the league to sixth. The only problem at the moment is what I call the Madrid Syndrome where we are scoring from all areas but giving away sloppy goals with lapses of concentration. Once we solve this watch us go.

We have now lost two more players to add to the other six during the summer. Not to worry we have bought in five new players who are now beginning to settle as shows in our play and results. We are in transfer negotiations with another quality player right now and hopefully will have that wrapped up by the end of the week, bringing our numbers back up to fifteen.

There is a number of reasons for a turnaround in our fortunes, such as Matthew Pine is now playing with a renewed confidence and now a major threat again. Stuart Day has been a revelation this season, Lee Huddleston coming back to fitness has been a relief along side Craig Payne who is also getting back to his best. Ben Simpson has come back after the summer break a different player (I'm not sure if it is twin brother). Then there is Arron Hope and Louis Turner who have both made major impacts and fitted in so well, giving us real quality. Also a bonus for us is Matthew Mooney coming back after a year long absence through injury. George and Robbie, our top two players from last year, are slowly regaining that form again, the sooner the better. Ricky and Oliver are having their own private battle to claim the left back slot, where as Daniel Palmer at the moment is struggling to hold down a position in the team, but this lad has everything, bags of skill, pace etc. Hopefully if he gets a run in the team the confidence in his ability will come through and he won't look back (it's up to him).

Lets keep playing good flowing football boys, but more as a team.... We will then get the results our football deserves.

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