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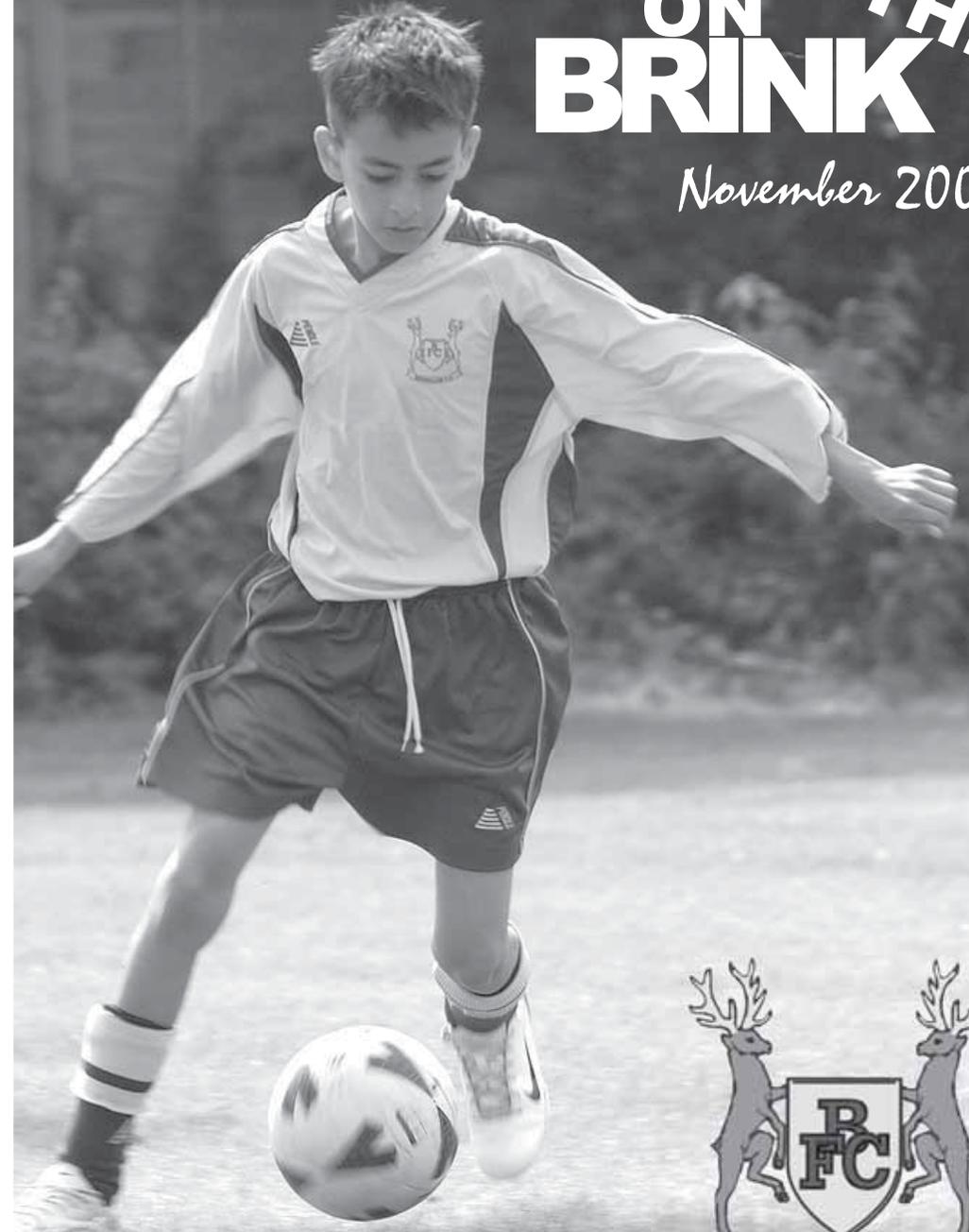
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This Football Club is very fortunate to have a team of dedicated and hard working Managers and Coaches who all give up their spare time for the benefit of all of the players in the Club. As a supporter you may not appreciate just what is involved and how much time can be taken up. So what is the role of a Manager or Coach?

- Coach
- Kit man
- First Aider
- Transport Manager
- Secretary
- Groundsman
- Treasurer
- Referee
- Parent
- Supporter

Is it all of the above? I don't know the answer, but I suspect that you will have seen your Manager or Coach doing most of these roles.

Most Managers will spend 2 – 3 hours a week on the phone sorting out games, notifying players and on top they have to attend meetings and complete paperwork. Once all of this is done they can concentrate on taking training and running the team on match days.

So what about training and match days, what is involved?

- Putting up goals and nets
- Putting out corner flags
- Filling out a team sheet
- Picking the team
- Supervising the warm up
- Tactics
- Refereeing the game
- Running the line
- Substitutions
- Taking down the goals and nets

Again, I imagine that you will have seen your Manager doing most of these things and on top of all this they watch the game and coach the team.

Brinklow Football Club is looking for more help so that our Managers have a few less things to worry about.

Referees are a particular problem because the Leagues have less and less new referees coming through and there is just not enough to go around. I am sure that our supporters could help out and have a go. You may not realise, but if you volunteer you are entitled to the Referees fee, which ranges from £10 to £20 depending on the league. At present Managers are asking other Managers to referee games but this proves difficult because all teams generally kick off at 11.00 am. One option is to start staggering kick off times, which may mean afternoon kick offs. The Club would consider assisting with the cost of anyone who would like to attend an official Referee Course and is also compiling a document to present to the Leagues that will show how few referees are being allocated to our matches.

On the FA website there is an on line course called "Soccer Parent" (<http://soccerparents.thefa.com>) which takes about 30 minutes to complete and provides some very useful points and highlights the mistakes that parents/supporters often make. Have a look at it, I promise you will find it very useful.

Finally, I would like to tell you that the Committee of the Club would like to create a Parental and Supporters Sub Committee so that the supporters can be both creative and active in the development of the Club. If you would be interested please let you Manager know or contact the Committee.

I hope that once you have read this letter you will give some thought to whether you have been giving your team Manager or coach as much support as possible. All help no matter how small makes a huge difference. Just getting to the match early and helping put up goals and nets, or helping with car parking at some venues really helps and if anyone can help with refereeing it would be fantastic.

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Want to share your views about the club? or discuss the dodgy ref from latest weeks game? Then take a look at the clubs forum on the website.

Fancy Becoming a Qualified Referee?

One of the major difficulties a manager has to contend with is finding a referee if the league has failed to nominate one for a fixture. It is our intention as a club this year to try to eliminate this problem. To this end our head Coach Martin Pulford has found the details of a suitable referees course which will commence on Sunday 8th October at Oakfield Club on Bilton Road Rugby.

If you are keen to lighten your managers workload or are just interested in taking the course, please place your name on the forum thread on www.brinklowfc.co.uk or alternatively contact Martin directly using the contact details on the website.

The Club would be pleased to hear from parents or players interested in girls football. If you are interested in joining us, or know someone who might be interested



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GIRLS FOOTBALL



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Hillmorton Res 1 Brinklow 3 (Major Boyd Carpenter Cup 3rd rd)

Justin Neal
Stuart Pearson
Paul A'Barrow

Division 5 Hillmorton Reserves hosted Division 3 Brinklow FC in the cup this and it was the home side which showed the more passion to progress within the first period. The Hillmorton strikers found themselves in good positions for a strike on goal on three occasions but couldn't deliver the final product to the relief of the Brinklow defence. It was the away side who eventually started to take control of matters however, when in the 35th minute a superb through ball from veteran striker Dave Anderson was coolly dispatched by Justin Neal. Hillmorton didn't let their heads drop though and a speculative 30 yarder saw the ball sprawl through the Brinklow Keeper and roll tamely into the net for the equaliser. This only helped to spur the Brinklow side on though, and a Stuart Pearson header gave them a half time lead.

The second half was a scrappy affair with Hillmorton being forced back a little more and in the dying minutes a Paul A'Barrow volley found the net to see Brinklow Progress into the last eight.

Top Scorers

Justin Neal 11 Mark Bird 6 Scott Vallance 6

Forthcoming Fixtures

Sat 4th November Away v Coundon Court Res Junior Tel Cup 2nd rd
Sat 11th October Away v Coundon Court Res League

**LEAGUE TABLE ON
30th OCT 2006**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
PR SPORTING GNP	10	8	1	1	35	22	25
BRINKLOW	7	3	2	2	20	12	11
POTTERS GRN RES	7	3	2	2	18	22	11
STOCKTON RES	5	3	1	1	21	14	10
HILLMORTON	7	3	0	4	19	17	9
WITHERLEY RES	4	2	2	0	10	7	8
CHRIST THE KING III	7	2	2	3	15	18	8
COUNDON CT RES	5	2	1	2	13	12	7
AEI RUGBY RES	6	1	1	4	14	24	4
COV UNI RES	4	1	0	3	9	11	3
BULKINGTON RES	5	0	3	2	9	11	3
BED EX SERV RES	5	0	1	4	9	17	1

Paul Huddlestone

"People will say that was typical City, which really annoys me. But that's typical City, I suppose..."

Kevin Keegan



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Brinklow 5 Christ the King III 0

Justin Neal 2
Scott Vallance
Dave Anderson
Andy Mayne

Christ the King visited Brinklow in great spirits after posting a 7-1 victory against Potters Green the previous week, but their spirits were soon deflated when two headers by Andy Mayne and Justin Neal gave Brinklow a 2-0 lead within the first 5 minutes. 'Kings' rallied a little after, but a solo effort by Justin Neal and a superb team move saw Dave Anderson tap home to give Brinklow an unassailable 4-0 half time lead.

The second half was a scrappy affair in which 'Kings' made a little more even on play, but it was a sweeping move down the flank that ended the scoring with Scott Vallance blasting home from the six yard box to give the home side another resounding victory.

Brinklow 1 PR Sporting GNP 4

Justin Neal

Brinklow never really got going in this top of the table clash and paid the price for sloppy play all over the park. After going 1-0 down through a lack of communication at the back Justin Neal equalised with the best goal of the game firing into the roof of the net from an acute angle. PR sporting however went into the interval with a 2-1 advantage when poor refereeing failed to see a blatant handball by their forward who was then pulled down for a resultant penalty.

The second half was very much like the first with Brinklow trying to push on for the equaliser, conceding 2 further goals on the break for an abysmal 4-1 defeat.

Bad day at the office lads.

Brinklow 7 Collycroft Sports Res 1 (Major Boyd Carpenter Cup 2nd rd)

Scott Vallance 3
Justin Neal
Dave Anderson
Mark Bird
Andy Mayne

Last year's finalists Brinklow started well in this game controlling matters from the first whistle. The stubborn defence of Collycroft however, was very hard to break down and it wasn't until the 32nd minute that the deadlock was broken by a Scott Vallance header on the far post. Shortly after, some smooth play by the Brinklow midfield carved out an opening for Dave Anderson to put them on their way.

The second half was dominated by the Brinklow midfield and 2 further goals from Scott Vallance, to complete his hat trick, and singles from Mark Bird, Justin Neal and Andy Mayne eclipsed a last minute consolation by the visitors. Brinklow through to the 3rd round in style.

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Our excellent start to the season is still on track with a convincing win against Westwood 3-1 away!

Although the lads dominated this game, yet again, I was slightly disappointed with the lack of goal's scored, with chance after chance either going wide, over the bar or saved by a very resident keeper, he was, in my book, man of the match. My formation of 1-2-7 seemed to have worked, apart from "centre back Jonesy" giving away a penalty, I think Dale (keeps) was getting fed up and unduly conceded. So, joking apart, well done Brinklow Youth Team keep this good run of excellent football and unbeatable team spirit on the up and up!

I am pleased to announce that we are in talks with a new sponsor who has agreed to supply the lad's (me and Darren) with track suits for this season, all will be revealed in the next edition.

As you guy's can imagine, we are finding it very difficult to choose linesmen at games due to the sheer number of interested parties! Could those serious applicants please submit this in writing to me on any Sunday afternoon in the White Lion, and a ballot will be drawn! GOOD LUCK!

Thanks, once again, to 'The Bolt' for all the admin and thanks to Daz Clark for his invaluable assistance.

Dale Draper

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was a convincing win for Brinklow. Player of the day was Arron Girling for commitment in attack which brought his first goal for the Club.

Brinklow 2 Binley Woods 2

Brinklow's first return match of this season was against top of the league unbeaten Binley Woods. The first half was a thrilling end to end game in which Binley Woods scored an early goal which rallied the Brinklow side to take a 2:1 lead before an equaliser from the visitors levelled the half time score.

The second half was fast paced from the starting whistle and saw opportunities for both teams. Although both came close neither side was able to score again and the match ended as a well deserved 2:2 draw and was evidence of how the training drills are paying dividends in matches.

Both of Brinklow's goals came from William Naul and the player of the day was Daniella Francioso in goal.

Goal scorers this season

William Naul	8
Daniel Westhead	5
George Lowe	1
Ryan Payne	1
Griff Griffith	1
Arron Girling	1
Own Goals	2

Gordon Betts

A busy October for the boys with friendly matches for the Reds and the Blues against Chetwynd, Binley Woods and Bulkington. As coaches we are really pleased with the attitude and commitment of all the boys in recent weeks. Both teams put in some excellent performances and overcame some strong opposition as the month went on. The awareness of space, defending, passing and working as a team has really progressed as we have got more real match experience. It has been especially pleasing to witness the squad displaying their training ground skills onto the match environment, we have even had Ronaldo style step-overs!

We would like to welcome Jasper, Rhys, Theo, Teddy, Sam and Jake into the squad, all of them having contributing to the excellent team performances during October.

Keep up the hard work boys.

Adrian Barratt

In the 1930 World Cup Final, Uruguay and Argentina could not agree over which ball to use. Eventually, after the intervention of the organisers, it was decided that the match would be played using an Argentinean ball for the first half, and a Uruguayan one for the second. Result: Uruguay won 4-2 after trailing 2-1 at half-time.



The village football team found itself short of a goalkeeper at an important match one Saturday afternoon. Rather than play a man short, the captain asked a young man who was standing on the touchline if he would go into goal.

'Oh, I don't know anything about the game,' said the man.

'That's all right,' said the captain. 'All you have to do is make sure the ball doesn't go between the posts.'

Reluctantly, the young man agreed to play, and by half-time he had let in eight goals without making any attempt to stop them.

'You might at least try to stop the ball!' said the captain.

'I did explain what you had to do!'

'Yes, I know what you said,' replied the young man 'but I don't see why I should throw myself all over the place to try and stop the ball when there's a perfectly good net there for that very purpose.'



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U8's TEAM NEWS

Five games into the season and with 3 wins and 2 defeats the Red team are, if i'm honest, exactly where I thought we would be. Losing to the title favourites Cov Jag Red and losing by the odd goal in 3 to title contenders AT7 was somewhat expected, but with convincing victories against Leamington Hibs and Ernsford Dynamos and a gritty comeback win over Chapelfield Colts the confidence is growing but more importantly the belief is coming through that they are good players and they are a good team and that they can win games.

We must also remember that this is a relatively new team due to the summer transfer windows wheeling and dealings. The new boys were welcomed by all the players when they first joined, but I am pleased to see that they are finding their footballing feet week by week, are really settling in and more importantly gaining more knowledge about the game and enjoying it.

On reflection I am overjoyed by the start the boys have made to the league campaign.

Introducing the Brinklow U8'S Red team.....

GK Charlie 'Chas' Munro
Def Matthew 'Hoody' Hood
Def Ben 'Wils' Wilson
Mid Alex 'Big Al' Day
Mid Josh 'Tiny' Giles
Mid Morgan 'Pulf' Pulford
Mid Conor 'Macca' McKiernan
Fwd Jake 'Snake' Hope
Fwd Joe 'Trezza' Tresadern

Congratulations to the Blue team for the start they have made to their league campaign, scoring quite a few goals along the way. A little bit of luck and a couple more wins would be on the board. Having only been able to see them play once I was impressed by the character shown to come back from a goal down to nearly pinch the win at the end. Keep it up boys.

Anyone wishing to give a paragraph or two to this page from a parents point of view please let us know.

We will be organising another parents meeting very soon as a kind of update on the last meeting.

I think the indoor training is going well but we need to know if a player is not going to be there, money reasons!

Any outstanding rain tops money to be paid asap please.

The U8's tour venue is Weymouth. Deposits will soon be asked for.

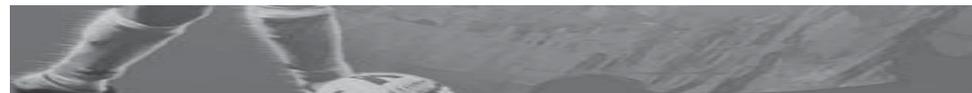
Well done to everyone keep it going.

Wayne Pulford

*'Aren't you going to the City match this afternoon?'
'Why should I? They didn't come to see me when I was bad?'*



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.....u12's Girls report continued from Page 11

Brinklow girls are just that little bit tougher.

Bushby United 1 Brinklow Girls 1

This game's opening ten minutes were lively with both teams trying in vain to gain dominance. The stalemate was broken by Brinklow in the 15th minute when new signing Te-Aire Lamar struck a left foot shot that was too hot to handle for the Bushby keeper. Brinklow came close to increasing their lead with efforts from Te-Aire Lamar, Holly Craddock and Rosie Johal. Towards the end of the game Brinklow found themselves under intense pressure and once again the gods failed to smile on them at a time when it was thought they might hold on for a win. Seven minutes from time, Bushby were awarded a free kick on the right from which they managed to equalise from the ensuing goalmouth melee. Brinklow can take away a lot of positives from this game. There are no easy games in the fixture list this season and a point away from home is still a decent result.

.....u13's report continued from Page 12

little battered and bruised by the end of the game – Well done Pete you battled well and kept their main striker quiet throughout the game.

We started the second half well with 'Rocket Man' Owen Deakin coming off the bench and running their full back ragged, which led to our main striker 'Hot Shot' Ben Stone scoring his second goal of the game - Well done Ben, keep on scoring.

We then entered a stage in the game where our play was unstoppable and things got even better as we all witnessed what will probably be the goal of the season for the Bulldog's. Aaron Hope received the ball well inside his own half, dribbled past two defenders, he then entered Chap's half only to be faced with a big meaty centre half, who came flying in with two feet, Aaron saw it coming and rode the challenge well and carried on running with the ball. Looked up and unleashed a ferocious left footed shot from the edge of the box which flew into the back of the net, before the Chap's keeper could move. An absolutely brilliant individual goal - which even had some of the Chap's parents clapping!!!

The game was finished off by a great strike by Stuart Day, who competed well at left back against an aggressive opponent, but this did not stop Stuart getting forward at all times and was rewarded with two well taken goals.

MOM: Arron Hope fantastic performance, superb work rate, finished off with a cracking goal !

I feel that our season is now starting to take off, having won the last three games, which means we are now in a position to go top of the league if we beat The Boat in our next league game. The attitude of all the lads in training has been first class and we are now starting to see the benefits from this in our performances and long may it continue!

Finally many thanks to all parents for their support and a big thank you to our Team Sponsor, Cath and Jeff of The White Lion (Brinklow), for their kind generosity in supporting the team financially.

Before our next home game, we will be arranging for a team photo to be taken outside the White Lion, together with our Sponsors.

Dave Wright

U14's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

Firstly we would like to welcome Brogan to our team, I hope you will enjoy playing football with us, and secondly welcome back Holly after being away so long with your knee injury.

Ok, so we have now played the two strongest teams in the league, we have lost to both of them but the game against Alcester was a tough fought game. They have been winning their other games 8-9 nil and we only lost 4-0 with the first half scoreline being only 1-0!

You all played fantastic, I never thought I'd be so happy coming away from a game after losing. Their manager Marie commented on how much you have all improved, especially your control on the ball.

We have two games coming up that we are capable of winning, it just depends which team turns up on the day, I hope it will be the one that played Alcester, with grit and determination, starts straight from the whistle and believes in themselves. Come on girls lets get a win, you deserve it.

Training on Wednesday's at Lyng Hall 7pm till 8pm

Again a big thanks to all the parents family and friends for your continued support, free taxi service, linesman skills and most of all for giving up your time to enable the girls to play.

We still need more players however as we go to eleven a side next season, and we need to get the girls along to start training as the standard of football played is now of a very good standard. It would be such a shame if we could not continue due to lack of players as they really are a great bunch of girls. So if anyone knows of any girls school year 8 or 9 who would like to come along please contact Dale or myself

Girls 7-10 Years

Brinklow Football Club have been running, for the last five weeks, training sessions at Barr Lane for girls aged 7 to 10 years. It has been an absolute joy, there are currently nine girls attending and they are so keen and eager to play. We have enough girls in the correct age bracket for potentially an under 10's team for next September, which is fantastic. I have been amazed at how quickly the girls have picked things up, we do have some really good footballers, and they all play with huge smiles on their faces. I will be arranging some friendly games for the girls after Christmas, so will keep everyone posted.

Thanks to Dale, Peter Day, Catherine Betts, and Kim, Brogan, Lesley and Holly from the under 14's for coming along and helping with the sessions.

If any other girls would like to come along we are at Barr Lane every Saturday afternoon 2.30pm till 3.30pm

Janine Stothard

Brazilian legend Roberto Rivelino is credited with scoring a goal after just three seconds of play. Rivelino noticed the opposing goalkeeper practising his pre-match prayers and unleashed one of his famed power-strikes to score straight from kick-off.



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U9's TEAM NEWS

As the quiet one (yeah right) recently commented on the website forum, what a season the under 9's are having so far. The green team are sitting on top of the league, there are only two Brinklow teams leading their divisions at present, the Youth team and our very own Green team, what a turn round from last year. This year the Green team can't stop scoring. Well done to all the boys to and well done to Will.

	Under 9 - GREEN	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Brinklow Minor	6	4	0	2	12
2	Dunlop Juniors	6	4	0	2	12
3	Pro Santos	4	3	1	0	10
4	Pinley FC	5	2	2	1	8
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7	Coventry Jag'r Yth blue	5	1	2	2	5
8	Leamington Hibernian	6	1	2	3	5
9	Dunlop United	5	0	0	5	0

Our red team are also performing very well, having recently reached fourth in the red league, playing great football, scoring bucket loads of goals and the defence and keeper (s) are letting very few goals in. Confidence is high and more importantly all the boys are having great fun.

Cup Games

A big Congratulations to the Red team in beating Hillmorton and reaching the next round of the Cup. Commiserations to the Green team in the cup, I can't believe our luck in the draw two years running (Cov Jag Red were league champions last season). Well at least we scored first!

Registration Fees

All registration fees have now been paid, thank you to all parents for the promptness of payment.

Calendars

Our 2007 calendars will be ready for purchase within the next couple of weeks. Remember they are great stocking fillers for Christmas presents, especially for Grand Parents. Also, a must for every doting parent's work place.

Prices for Calendars are £7.50 for 1, or £10.00 for 2
Sample for viewing will be available Mid November

Christmas Party

We have opted for the Ice Hockey game this year (Coventry vs

Pictures courtesy of Steve Hyde



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U10's TEAM NEWS

Played:8 Won:3 Drawn:1 Lost:4 For:19 Against: 9 Points: 10

October was a good month for the Under 10s, scoring 11 goals and taking 7 points from 4 matches. We have played some of our best football and most importantly have played as a team with a determination to win. We have come from behind to win or draw showing that we can raise our game when needed.

Our toughest match was against the unbeaten top of the league Binley Woods and it is particularly pleasing to report that we were the team to end their winning run by holding them to a draw.

Brinklow 1 Ernesford Dynamos 2

A good match between two teams meeting for the first time. The first half was dominated by Brinklow who put considerable pressure on the Ernesford Dynamos goal and were rewarded when Daniel Westhead scored from a move that had seen the Ernesford defence opened up. Further opportunities were available for Brinklow but it was a single goal lead that we took into the half time break.

The Ernesford team talk at half time gave them renewed spirit and they turned the tables on Brinklow and were able to level the score early in the second half. Ernesford applied even more pressure and forced several corners and a free kick from just outside the Brinklow penalty area. Although that was cleared Ernesford were able to swing in a cross and volley home the winning goal late in the second half.

A good game from two well matched teams. Brinklow's player of the day was George Lowe for midfield effort.

Leamington Hibs 1 Brinklow 2

A lively game between two teams eager for points and based on results from the previous season Leamington were favourites for the win. With 8 minutes of the first half gone Leamington got inside the Brinklow defence and hustled the ball into the goal. Although Brinklow fought back Leamington had the single goal advantage at half time.

Playing up hill in the second half Brinklow were determined to get back into the game and put together a number of well placed passes to put considerable pressure on the home team's goal. This was rewarded by two well taken goals from William Naul and Daniel Westhead. Brinklow could have had more as their attacks saw the ball come off the goal posts and loop just over the bar, but a final score of 1:2 gave them the well deserved points.

Player of the day was Robert Betts for determined tackling in defence and a goal line clearance that kept the win intact.

Brinklow 6 Mount Nod 1

Brinklow's first meeting with Mount Nod proved to be a very one sided affair. An early goal from William Naul for Brinklow was countered by the visitors. However, the level scoring at half time flattered Mount Nod whose style of play gave numerous free kicks to Brinklow.

The second half was dominated by Brinklow and in particular William Naul who scored three more times and was joined on the score sheet by Arron Girling and Griff Griffith. Mount Nod had some opportunities including a fine solo run from the centre spot which came close to scoring. The final score

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U14's TEAM NEWS

With Brinklow now playing five games, we find ourselves lying third in the table with one game in hand of the top two. We also have taken on a new signing and I would like to welcome Jack Farrent to Brinklow Football Club, and hope he continues to enjoy his football with us.

Training continues to be very well attended and I hope the good numbers continues throughout the winter months.

On Sunday 15th October the under 14's competed in a sponsored cricket match verses Brinklow Saturday Senior's. It was played in a great spirit from both sides and the scores was 78 to Brinklow u14's and 98 to The Seniors giving them the victory by 20 runs.

Brinklow 2 Pinley 0

Brinklow kept up their unbeaten run with a comfortable 2-0 win over Pinley. Brinklow started the game with numerous attacks on Pinley's goal before Alex Linnell opened the scoring with a well taken goal. As much as Brinklow tried we just couldn't find a way through the defence until a long range shot from Tommy Hyde was only palmed down for the follow up of Dale Cooper to smash in to the back of the net. Although I believe we did not play as good as we are capable of, we still managed to score 2 and keep a clean sheet.

Goals: Alex Linnell, Dale Cooper

Brinklow Man of the Match was awarded to Joe Partridge for doing everything that was asked of him.

Alvis 5 Brinklow 1 (Cup)

Brinklow Played Alvis for the second time this season, this time in the cup, and it started with an end to end game and as physical as Alvis was Brinklow managed to force a way through to allow them numerous goal scoring chances. Unluckily none of these chances produced a goal and it was Alvis who took the lead through a corner kick that was headed in, giving Matty Wilby little chance of saving. Brinklow managed to level the scores when Gianni Sangiorgi latched on to a defence splitting through ball, and with the keeper to beat, he calmly slotted the ball home. Alvis again took the lead when Brinklow failed to clear their lines giving them a 2-1 lead at half time.

Second half saw Alvis convert another goal and with Brinklow picking up many injuries they just could not compete as they had done in the first half. Some fine Keeping from Matty Wilby stopped Alvis scoring many more goals but unfortunately for Brinklow as much as they tried they just didn't have the energy and Alvis finished the game a deserved 5-1 winners.

Goal: Gianni Sangiorgi

Brinklow Man of the Match was awarded to Tarun Sud for never giving up and making some excellent runs giving Brinklow a glimmer of hope.

I must mention how pleased i have been with the turn out at weekly training This must be having a positive effect on the teams strength, so lets keep up the commitment lads and take every game as a new challenge.

Neil Huddleston

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U13's TEAM NEWS

Bulldog's 8 Rugby Town Colts 2

"BULLDOG's give Rugby a lesson in football"

(Scorers: Ben Stone 3, Aaron Hope 2, Glenn Wright 2, Henry De Boer 1)

It was great to welcome Danny Turner back in goal after missing the first two league games due to illness. Ben Stone was in tremendous form and finished well, supported by two goals a piece for Aaron Hope and Glenn Wright. Our play at times was breath taking, quick passing and great movement. Henry De Boer played solidly in midfield and our defence adapted well to a change in formation, especially as the unbeatable Phil Hibberd was on holiday. Nice to get back on the winning track - Well done Lads!

MOM: Danny Slater showed a great work rate, playing extremely well throughout the game, being very strong in the tackle and adapted well, from starting the game in his usual position at right back, but finishing equally as well at left back.

Keresley Colts 1 Bulldog's 3

"BULLDOG's beat league leaders and go on an unbeaten run...."

(Scorers: Ben Stone, Danny Wood, Aaron Hope)

We travelled away for an early kick off against top of the league Keresley Colts, who were unbeaten all season winning all of their first four matches. We were faced with playing on a cabbage patch of a pitch which prevented us from playing our usual fast flowing football.

Keresley Colts were awarded an early penalty, only to be denied by our in form keeper Danny Turner who sprung into action and pulled off a fantastic save, holding on to a well hit shot from Keresley Colts leading goal scorer. This penalty save, spurred the lads on and we started to compete well in all area's of the pitch. We soon forged ahead with a well taken goal by Ben Stone following an accurate first time pass from the rock solid Phil Hibberd in defence, who is forming a terrific understanding with both Scott Chalmers and Peter Allen, who are developing into very good defenders.

We soon added to the score line with goals from Aaron Hope and Danny Wood finishing off a well deserved victory, which saw the bulldogs grabbing the main headlines in the Evening Telegraph. Fame at last!!!

MOM: Henry De Boer, 'The Midfield Growler' who showed great fighting spirit in the second half winning every 50 / 50 tackle and playing a very important role in midfield, with some great passing.

Chapelfield Colts 1 Bulldog's 7

"Ref's DOG whistle can't tame the Bulldog's"

(Scorers: Ben Stone 2, Stuart Day 2, Aaron Hope 2, Henry De Boer 1)

Chaps' normal pitch was heavily waterlogged, so they invited us to play on a mud bath at Coundon Hall, without an allocated referee. The Chap's manager insisted on refereeing the game, but then realised he did not have a whistle, but the game should go ahead regardless!!! This was egg on face time for such a well established club and I ran back to the car to get my whistle, only to be called back shouting no panic ...he's now found his whistle.

I ran back to the pitch just in time for the game to start and heard this high pitch noise, which had the surrounding dog's down on all fours as the ref kicked off the game using his DOG whistle!!! This had our fans in hysterics, but did not stop the bulldogs from playing attractive football, as we dominated the game throughout, taking a comfortable 3 v 0 lead at half time, with a well fought goal by Henry De Boer, followed by two well worked goals from Ben Stone and Stuart Day.

It was important that we kept our shape in the second half as Chap's favoured the long ball game, which our defence handled extremely well, albeit some of our lads especially Peter Allen was a

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U11's TEAM NEWS

I'd like to begin this months report by taking the opportunity to thank Ben "Kimbo" Kimberley for his unwavering loyalty and commitment to Brinklow Football Club over the past 5 years or so. Ben played a huge role in the success of our age group, but unfortunately has decided, for the time being, that football at Brinklow isn't for him. All here at BFC wish him the very best in all he decides to do Thankyou Ben.

With the surprising departure of Ben, I took it upon myself to sign another player and I am pleased to announce that Martyn Berry has taken the decision to join us. Martyn is a versatile player who will definitely strengthen our squad. We all welcome Martyn and his family to Brinklow and hope they all enjoy their involvement with BFC.

As predicted, the opening months of the season have somewhat proved to be a baptism of fire, but as the manager of the side I am not too concerned at present because I feel that the transition between mini-soccer and 11-a-side football is a huge one and our lads are struggling with certain aspects of the step up at the moment But as I wrote in my previous **ON THE BRINK** report, the boys are starting a lifetime of learning about real football and we should all be patient. Although results are currently going against us, great praise should and is being heaped on the whole squad as they are working extremely hard in training to improve their energy levels and performances But as always morale is remaining very high, and the spirit in the side is first class.

It would have been all to easy for us as an age group to follow suit with Central Ajax and Leamington Brakes and move down a level, but I know that you only get better as a team and individually as players if you are competing against the best players and the best sides week in and week out, which is what we are doing.

We knew from the offset that this would be a tough season, but performances are growing, momentum is gathering, and more importantly the calibre of teams we are playing against coupled with the standard with which we are competing against is having an unbelievable effect on individual players football development, which is for me worth it's weight in gold. Of course the boys want to be winning every game they play in but as I have always stated, and I'll always stick by it, I would rather the team was winning games after Christmas towards the end of the season than before Christmas, because you don't win anything at Christmas It's only in March, April, May and June when the silverware is dished out.

I'd be totally dishonest if I said the boys were happy with the results at present, but I can honestly say that all of the boys are enjoying their football, especially as their own game is improving rapidly and I know that the boys sense that the tide is turning in respect of results, so watch this space!

Martin Pulford

Playtex have invented a new bra, called the Swindon bra.
It's got no cups and little support.

(the old jokes are the best!!!)



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U12's TEAM NEWS

Brinklow 1 Leamington 6
Hawkes Mill 1 Brinklow 3
Cov Sphinx 6 Brinklow 3

Another mixed bag of results, the 3-1 victory was by far the best you have played as a team in a very long while, the passing was there, the passion and commitment was there, and you showed we are a force to be reckoned with.

The other two performances were poor, we sometimes seem to take a step backwards instead of building on a good performance. 80% of the squad need to stop thinking they don't need to work in training, and think it's just something to come along to and have a kick a round, because it shows on a Sunday. We need to toughen up and play the good passing football I know we are all capable of.

WE ARE A GOOD SQUAD BUT EVERY TEAM HAS TO WORK HARD TO ACHIEVE RESULTS.

Training will continue on a Saturday 10AM start.

Gary Stothard

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Up to 1939, Wales only supplied International shirts to the players who had to bring along white shorts and club socks for their game



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Belfast), Final details to follow but this will be the general plan:-
Sunday 10th December, we will meet circa 4pm, McDonalds at Binley, then head off for the Hockey afterwards. Please can you let me know which Parents would also like to attend and if any other children would like to attend too, all players free (Dinner and Match ticket)
Prices for Adults - £12.00 additional children £8.00

www.brinklowfc.co.uk – Don't forget you can see all info about your club, click onto the forum link for all the latest news about each age group.

Declan Mellett

U12's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

Since the last **ON THE BRINK** I'm pleased to say that improvements on the pitch are now starting to be seen. We are unbeaten in the last three games with us drawing two and winning one. Hopefully this is the push we need to begin our move up the table.

On the personnel side I'm also very pleased to welcome our newest recruit Te-Aire Lamar who joins us from Pinley. Te-Aire made a great start by scoring on her debut with a well taken goal.

The positive spirit in the team continues to shine through and I'm sure no team finds us easy to play against. In terms of goals conceded we've only let in 11 in 7 games – not bad – the 4th least in a league of 12. However our goals for (8 in 7 games) still needs working on. Fitness is another area that we need to look at. For the two games drawn we were winning both 1-0 with 5 minutes to go only to concede. In both games we've looked very strong in the first half but have weakened in the second.

From a support point of view I'd like to thank all the parents for their assistance. Some of our trips involve travelling to the other side of Leicester requiring very early starts which aren't easy (for us and the girls). However we continue to stick together to ensure as a group we are one.

Lastly, we currently have three girls, Holly Caddock, Harriet Lowe and Alice Carke attending trials with Coventry City's centre of excellence. Our hopes and best wishes go to all 3 girls.

Dave Anderson

Match report kindly provided by Martin Baskerville

Whitwick 1 Brinklow Girls 1

This was a close fought game played on a small undulating pitch that made a passing game difficult. The first five minutes were indicative of how the first-half would be with Brinklow just edging the opening encounters. Brinklow drew first blood in the 14th minute when Holly fired home from a corner kick provided by Shelbie. The opening goal was almost added to in the 16th minute when Jasmine volleyed wide another corner kick and in the 19th minute when Hollie volleyed wide. Brinklow managed to get the better of the first half play and were on balance deserved leaders at half-time.

The second half initially seemed to be going the same way as the first. Brinklow's determination to take the game to Whitwick was apparent right from the re-start when Hollie attacked and won the ball from a poor Whitwick centre kick. As the half progressed Whitwick began to play better football. The 31st minute saw some last-ditch defending by Georgia who was quick to clear when a goal shot bound was blocked by Gemma. Shelbie had two shots on the Whitwick goal which, on luckier days would have added to the score but apart from these efforts it seemed that Whitwick were the team most likely to score. The last fifteen minutes saw Brinklow fighting a desperate rearguard action against a Whitwick team who seemed desperate to win. The Brinklow defenders managed to soak up the pressure until three minutes before the final whistle when perhaps the inevitable equaliser slipped past Katie. On balance this was no less than Whitwick deserved although it seemed a little harsh on the Brinklow defence who up until then had done well to thwart the efforts of a well-drilled Whitwick attack. The highlight of the remaining minutes was an Alice thunderbolt from the half-way line which scudded just wide of the Whitwick goal.

The impartial observer would probably have said a draw was a fair result, It was encouraging to see the girls come away with a point away from home. Brinklow can build on this performance and grind out a few more results away from home. Life's tough when you're in the top league; fortunately

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