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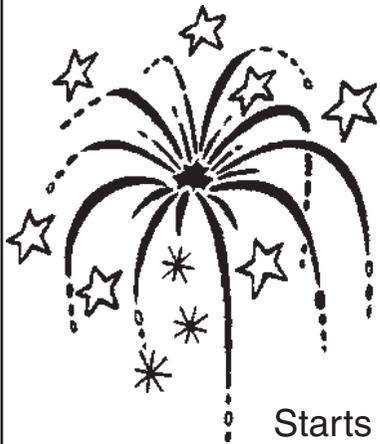
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This season brings together a really strong and talented squad, with a mixture of Youth and Experience being the key to a potentially terrific season. Both of Brinklow's two Senior teams from last season have come together to create a superb squad of players who are more than capable of fulfilling our main aim of Promotion to Alliance Two, and also of having a couple of good cup runs. Their quality, eagerness, and discipline have been very evident right from the early stages of forming this 1st Team Squad, and I'm sure the lads will give

it their best shot at bringing home some silverware back to the Village.

Folley Lane III 2 Brinklow 1 (Ashley Marks)

What an injustice!! After a superb pre-season, Brinklow went into this first league encounter riding high with confidence and when Folley Lane kicked off they immediately lost the ball to a hungry Brinklow midfield. That is the last Folley saw of the ball for the next 30 minutes with Brinklow totally dominating all over the park and creating chance after chance to open our league account. However, it was a rare break away by Folley which saw their centre forward put clean through and on the referee into giving a penalty. Half time 1-0.

The second half was played in exactly the same fashion with Brinklow dominating proceedings only to concede the most bizarre goal I've seen in ages, with not one but two, Brinklow defenders dummied the ball into the corner of the net! Brinklow became ragged at this point, however they managed to pull a goal back through a goal line header by Ashley Marks to set up a frantic last 10 minutes. A lesson learnt in how to win a game you have no right to win. And if "dumming" was an Olympic sport, then we would be world champions!

Brinklow 3 Cov Jag 0 (Justin Neal, Andy Sorrell, Andy Mayne)

Brinklow didn't play as neatly in this game as they did against Folley, however after a dour first 45, they managed to see off the opposition quite comfortably in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

Straight after kicking off the second half, a long punt down field by the untroubled Danny Bell deceived the Jag defence with Justin Neal racing on to head over the advancing keeper. This settled the Brinklow side down and soon after they doubled their lead with a fine opportunist strike from the edge of the area by Andy "Monster" Sorrell. The end of a competitive contest came shortly after with stand in Skipper Andy Mayne slotting home for a deserved three points to see Brinklow off the mark. Very scrappy, but learnt the lessons from the week before to grind out the points.

Coundon Ct Res 0 Brinklow 2 (Justin Neal, Ashley Marks)

Brinklow travelled to middle of the table Coundon knowing that another three points would see them start to mount a very early challenge on the league. On a bobbly surface it was hard to get the ball down and play carpet football but the Brinklow pressure eventually gained its rewards with a superbly drilled in corner by the impressive Dave Sinclair being met by a bullet header from Justin Neal from the six yard line.

An early goal was asked for by the management for the second half, and that's exactly what they got. A scrappy period of play led to Ashley Marks picking up the ball 30 yards out and unleashing an awesome volley into the roof of the net. This must have somehow unsettled the midfielder who then managed to get sent from the field of play for a second bookable to leave the Brinklow side down to 10 men for the remaining half hour. With a simple re-shuffle, Brinklow managed to keep control of the

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Brinklow 3 Canley 1

Wonderful!! I should have known we were going to play well when we kicked off the game with a dozen passes that ended in a shot going narrowly wide.

Some solid defending and enthusiasm from Canley meant they were still in this game at 1-1 with ten minutes to go in the first half, however a second goal from Brinklow settled us down & meant we turned around a goal to the good. At half time we asked for the team to control the game & keep the ball which resulted in the finest display of passing I have ever seen from the team. 2nd half we literally passed Canley off the pitch. Only 1 goal to show for the quality but Canley had to resort to getting 10 men behind the ball for most of the half & despite several further chances we were unable to increase the lead. It is clear that Canley will give many teams a good game this season as they are well organised & have some quality in the team but in the second half of this game we never gave them a sniff.

Well done to everyone & thanks to Bolty for sorting out the Pizza & Chips at the pub after the game!!

Brinklow 1 Rugby Town Colts 3

From wonderful to woeful?? Not quite, but we certainly weren't at the races today.

I've said before that you can sense during the warm up whether the team is going to play well. It was clear from the off that today we were going to have one of those days.

Against the run of play we scored a well constructed & taken goal from Glasscoe however this was followed up by a general lack of communication to gift Town an equaliser which took the teams into half time at 1-1.

Some re-organisation during the break with Spence coming on to give a bit more bite to the midfield & Alex moving to right-mid meant we started the 2nd half in a more positive frame of mind only for Town to split open our defence & finish well, a third from an unfortunate OG meant we were trailing 3-1 with 20 minutes of the game left. At this stage I would have expected the team to really get fired up & rally but with a few notable exceptions we were second to the ball and Town held onto the lead with a fair degree of comfort.

I would be less disappointed if we had simply been beaten by a better side. On the day Rugby Town deserved their victory but I know we are much better than that, which makes it all the more frustrating.

Woodloes 2 Brinklow 8

That's better!! This game was filled with quality goals from both side and was a pleasure to watch.

Pace was the key to this game, with Woodloes playing a very high line it compressed the play in midfield and made it difficult to get time on the ball. Playing a high line requires that the midfield work very hard to close the ball and stop the through-ball. This Woodloes did very well for the first part of the game and we were caught offside on several occasions. However as the heat of the day started to tell and our forwards improved the timing of their runs we started to find success, the through balls started to find their targets, & once away the pace of our strike force meant their was only going to be one winner.

If I'm honest we could have had a few more goals today but in general I thought the finishing was first rate and the reaction from the lads after last weeks disappointing performance has to be applauded.

A big plus point from the game was that we learnt to play with wing-backs and although we reverted to a more traditional 4-4-2 for the 2nd half it means we can quickly organise ourselves into this formation if the need arises.

Paul Wilby

YOUTH TEAM NEWS

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It's been a busy summer, with a lot of transfer activity taking place. Amongst other things, the new Brinklow F.C. Youth Team has recruited eight additional players to its squad. All 16 squad members are pictured below. We welcome them and their families to Brinklow Football Club and hope they enjoy being part of the club and everything we have to offer. Although the squad is very new and only just getting to know each other, on and off the pitch, the team has started the season in fantastic style - played three, won three, top of the league.

However, there is still a lot of work to do. We are in a very strong and competitive league where we will be playing teams an age group above us and every match will require a performance from every player individually and the team as a whole. Over the coming weeks we will be working on player positions, patterns of play and team performance. In the medium to long term we will be exploring how we can integrate our 'older' and more 'accomplished' players into the Brinklow F.C. First Team but the main focus for everybody is to continue the excellent start to the season. We must not rest on our laurels but

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	p	w	d	l	pts
1 Brinklow Juniors	3	3	0	0	9
2 Pinley FC	3	3	0	0	9
3 Young Warriors	4	3	0	1	9
4 Leamington Hibs (colts)	4	2	1	1	7

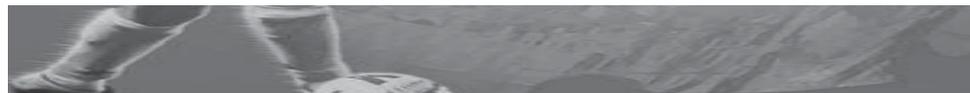


Brinklow F.C. Youth Team
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work even harder, continue to build on the effort and commitment put in over the summer and the first few weeks of the season and look to confirm our position as potential league champions.

Peter Day

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game with Coundon very lucky not to concede several more as they tired towards the final whistle. Result never in doubt for whole 90 minutes.

Brinklow 3 Potters Green Res 2 AET (Coventry Evening Telegraph Junior Cup Rnd1)
(Andy Mayne, Dave Sinclair (pen), Ian Judd)

What an extraordinary game to witness, with Brinklow "winning the game", "losing the game", and then going on to "win the game"!

On a very blustery day at the leisure centre Brinklow dominated the opening period and deservedly went into the lead with a superb 35 yarder from Andy Mayne beating the keeper into the top corner. Chance after chance again went begging with Brinklow being thwarted by the exceptional young Potters' keeper and being very disappointed not to have put the game out of sight by half time. With the blustery wind moving round to the Potters backs, Brinklow were put under considerable pressure in the opening throws of the second half. However with Men of the match Mark Woodward and Martin "Rooney" Bunning dominating at the heart of defence Brinklow, Brinklow managed to force their way up field to yet again see the talented Potters' shot stopper coming to their rescue time after time. Moving into the final stages Potters managed to secure a fortuitous penalty to level the scores and then a minute later tap in after a long shot was palmed away by Danny Bell in the Brinklow goal to send the travelling contingent wild. With the thought of going out of the cup at the first hurdle Brinklow immediately rallied with Justin Neal forcing a penalty which was coolly dispatched by Dave Sinclair to send the game into extra time.

Going into the first half of extra time with the wind behind them Brinklow decided to push a defender up from the off and it soon paid off with Ian Judd slotting past the keeper excellently after great work from Kris Bedder and Justin Neal created the space and through ball. This seemed to put pay to any of Potters' aspirations of progressing to the next round with Brinklow seeing out the tie in a very professional manner.

Showed great character and gaining in experience every week.

Brinklow 3 Copswood Res 2
(Kris Bedder, Ian Judd, Justin Neal)

This game was played against a load of Bullies who were able to get away with their obvious bullying tactics by a very weak referee who only got his book out to caution Brinklow players who complained about the many reckless challenges.

Yet again this game should have been dead and buried by half time, but chance after chance went begging to leave Brinklow having to dig deep to come back and take the points. Brinklow dominated for large periods creating six or seven clear cut chances in the first half but only managing to convert one. Which I must say though, was dispatched under the advancing keeper with great skill and calmness by Kris Bedder. This should have calmed the Brinklow side down, however with several reckless challenges coming in from the Copswood team, Brinklow had to settle to go in at the break with the scores level after conceding their second consecutive penalty.

The second half didn't change either, with the Copswood "bullying" tactics continuing to spoil and frustrate, and also relying on excellent goal keeping to stay in the game. It was Copswood however who took a surprising lead midway through the second period, with the Brinklow defence having pushed too far up the field leaving their Centre forward a free run at goal to slot home. Going into the remaining 15 minutes Brinklow made their substitutions and changed to a 3-5-2 formation but still couldn't break even due to some outstanding goalkeeping and sloppy finishing and also with Justin Neal hitting the post for the second time in the game. Moving into injury time, the Brinklow management threw one last throw of the dice to gain the equaliser by pushing man mountain centre half, Marc Woodward up front. The change worked immediately, with Woodward flicking on for Ian Judd to curl round the keeper into the top right hand corner of the net to give what both teams thought was a point. However the Brinklow management weren't happy with the point and when told by the referee that there was a minute and a half of injury time left to play, they urged the team forward for the winner. What a final minute to the game! Woodward and Neal combined down the left flank with the ball eventually falling to Neal who thundered a raffle of a shot past the motionless keeper for the Brinklow team and large home support to celebrate in style.

Don't leave it too late next time lads, the old ticker won't take it!!!

Paul Huddlestone

U8's TEAM NEWS

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On the pitch its also going pretty well too:-

Brinklow Lightning

The team has got off to a good promising start with 1 loss, 1 draw and 2 back to back wins. The last 2 wins have been even more pleasing with plenty of goals going in. A total of 18 goals for and 10 against, 5 of the 10 goals against came in an enthralling 5 all draw. The team is playing well through out and all players are developing well. Daniel is looking good between the posts, Fintan deputises in goal but can also put in a good performance up front. Jake N and Ben look to put in strong performances every match. Jake P keeps slotting the goals, Alex shows grit and determination. James is on form with a great hat trick in the last match, Jamie is the powerful runner in the team and Mathew Nobes is a solid little player who has fitted in perfectly after his move to Brinklow in the summer. Well Done lads, great effort.

Brinklow Thunder

The boys have also got off to a great start with 4 straight wins, 30 goals for and 2 against. Coming from a goal down in 2 matches to win shows the team has strength to dig deep when tested. The whole team has shown they can play in all positions when needed. Oliver has performed well in

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U16's TEAM NEWS

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It's been a great start to the season for the u16's. Attitude and commitment have been first rate resulting in the team sitting joint top & comfortably through the first round of the Birmingham cup. There have been spells of breath-taking football and some periods where we have become frustrated but taking everything into account the team can be proud of their start to the season - WELL DONE!!

Finham 0 Brinklow 5

First game of the season and off to a good start. It was a surprise to find that we were on Astroturf at the Alan Higgs centre due to Finhams waterlogged pitch but I thought this would suit us as we have become a very good passing team. However the high bouncing ball made it very difficult to get it down & play which made the game somewhat scrappy. All round we never looked in trouble in this game & Finham only really looked dangerous when we became too casual towards the later part of the game. A real plus for this season is that all around our aerial strength has come on leaps & bounds & we will frighten a number of teams with our ability in the air.

CTK 0 Brinklow 1

A great result and performance against what is on paper the strongest opponents we will face in this league. Quality build up play followed by an excellent finish from Tommy Glasscoe meant we went into the break a goal up. The second half saw CTK raise their game but they rarely threatened the Brinklow goal, mainly due to a solid performance from the defence and a very high work rate from our midfield.



Squad rotation meant we were able to maintain the high work rate throughout the 2nd half and create chances to grab a second which would have killed the game off. The second however didn't come but we managed to hold onto the lead without any real danger to the Brinklow goal, despite a strong push by the CTK team in the last 10 minutes.

A++ all round lads - Well Done!!

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passing and communicating with each other.

A disappointing result but let's not be too downhearted. We lost to a fantastic team who we just can't seem to beat.

Manager's Player of the Match awarded to Bethany "Boots" Morrison with Referee's Player of the Match going to Alice Clarke.

Thanks to Neil Huddleston and Peter Day who have been providing ref duties for us and particular thanks to Paul Wilby for his ongoing assistance and guidance and to all the parents and supporters who continue to encourage the girls.

So, all in all, not a bad start to the season and there's a long way to go, but we must remain focussed if we want to win this league this season.

Liz Clarke

England keeper Chris Woods (1990) was trying to undo his track suit trousers when he stabbed himself with a penknife - he was really cut up about it! He had to miss the next England game!



Steve Morrow (Arsenal 1993) scored the winner for his team in the League Cup Final and then had his arm broken by being congratulated - It was done by his team captain Tony Adams. At the end of the game the delighted Adams hoisted Morrow over his shoulders and dropped him! Morrow's injury meant he had to miss the F.A. Cup Final four weeks later.



Goalkeeper David Beasant (Southampton 1993) injured his foot when he dropped a bottle of salad cream on his toe - Showing all the sure handed qualities of a goalkeeper Beasant had taken the bottle out of the cupboard when it slipped from his grasp.

Perhaps the manager gave him a real dressing down!!



U9's TEAM NEWS

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U9 Juniors

Our first season in the A-league after gaining promotion last season has been a wake up call for our players after virtually coasting through the blue league last season. Rain wiped out first two fixtures with the CTK and Mount Nod fixtures falling victim to the weather, once our season got up and running we saw our first four matches resulting in two defeats and two wins with a mixed bag of performances.

With four new players added to the squad and one or two familiar faces leaving it was going to be tough for the players to blend in time for the start against Cov Jag but the boys started the game superbly well, possession and chances coming our way. The Jag had two shots and scored two goals in the first half and then the same again the second half but this time Brinklow eventually finding the net with Rhys (pen) and Jessie closing the deficit. Brinklow 2 Jag 4. Man of the match Anthony with a good debut on the left wing.

A Trip to GNP saw us gain our first three points of the season with a hard fought four three victory, we had the bare minimum for the game whilst GNP had four subs on the touchline, we went one down and it woke our boys up and we then went on a three goal blast with Sam Wash netting two and Rhys scoring from a corner (?). In the second half we went four one up with a penalty from Rhys, GNP pulled back two more before the end to make the last few minutes 'squeaky bum' time but we came through it. Man of the match was Sam Wells, who defended superbly all afternoon.

Next home was against Southam in the rain. One to forget, we started well again but Southam like the Jag hit the net virtually every time they shot. We finished the game 5-1 down with only Jessie scoring on the day. Man of the match was James Judge, a good solid midfield general type performance.

Whitley away was going to be difficult, undefeated so far and a tight pitch. Our lads put in a solid performance, defended well as a team, worked hard all over the park and began to resemble something like the team we knew last season. A pleasing one nil lead at half time with James Judge showing good perseverance and tapping a shot past the keeper was followed soon after the start with Sam Wash netting a 'Van Baste' type effort over the Whitley keeper. They pulled one back to make it a tense last few minutes but the final whistle was greeted with relief from players, supporters and of course the coaches. Man of the match Sam Wash, a good performance finished off with a fantastic goal.

From every game we are taking away things to improve on in training which we didn't see last season. The opposition is of a higher standard week in week out and our players have to acclimatise to this quickly to ensure we remain in the hunt for any silverware at the end of the season. Technique, the basics, team and tactical skills are all things that we need to keep introducing and reinforcing to help improve the player's individual and also the team performances.

We are proud of what the boys have achieved so far this season and I know that they will grow game by game; I look forward to what the next month will bring us....watch this space.

Ian Hartevelde

U9's Blue

Team, Bailey, Ben M, Ben S, Callum, Haydn, Jake, Joe, Teddy, Theo, William.

Sad to see two players leave due to the new F.A. underage ruling, Sahil and George, hope

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they do very well at there new clubs.

Two lads leaving due to other interests, Ketan and Paddy, sorry to see them go. Also Sam has gone to the Reds, hope he does well for them, he will be sorely missed as he played so well for us and was a major part in our team.

We welcome to our team Bailey, Jake, Joe and Teddy, they are fitting in very well and are getting on great with the whole team.

Brinklow 2 C.T.K Juniors 8

The result is not a true reflection of the game, just a few errors in front of goal and slow to clear the ball led to half of C.T.Ks goals. I'm sure the team will learn from this, otherwise the team matched them well.

Goals, Haydn and Joe.

Man of the Match Theo

Brinklow 1 C.T.K 1

A great performance, the game could of gone either way. Much improved in all areas of the pitch.

Goal Ben S.

Man of the match Joe

Caludon 4 Brinklow 3

Well I can't believe the team lost this game. Chance after chance went begging, and a couple of silly mistakes in front of goal let us down, but that's football for you. If the players play like this every week then I'm sure the wins will come soon.

Goals Haydn 2 Bailey 1

Man of the match Haydn

Finally I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Johnie Prince of Team Prince for sponsoring the Blue teams new football kit, Geoff and Cath of the White Lion Pub, for sponsoring a tracksuit for the Blue team and Steve Wilson (painter and decorator) (me) for sponsoring a kit bag each for the Blue team.

Steve Wilson

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goal as a stand in but also loves to shows his strength outfield. Joe a solid defender took his chance to score 2 goals when allowed to go up front on Saturday. Lewis always shows great concentration and confidence. Jasper and Jack provide great shape to the team with an ability to control the wings and put in great balls. Charlie and Finley share midfield and striker positions and always rattle in the goals, with Jaime making the transition to thunder with apparent ease. Jaime plays well in all positions and is already a candidate for goal of the season with his debut goal at Bedworth.

Well done lads , another great effort.

Scott Craig



U14's TEAM NEWS

Results so far:

Brinklow 5 Cov Jag 2(friendly)

Brinklow 9 Cov Cedars 4 (friendly)

London Road 1 Brinklow 2 (League)

Brinklow 11 Nuneaton Whites 2 (BN cup)

Leam Brakes 3 Brinklow 7 (league)

Brinklow 7 GNP Sports 0 (league)

What would you have done?

The previous side I was attached to struggled to attract players and were unable to fulfil the league fixtures last term. Numerous players from the age group above, who were released from our club last season due to the team having to fold, contacted us wanting to come back and play for Brinklow, and my own son wanted a fresh challenge.

After months of deliberation and plenty of soul searching, Gary and I took the logical decision to start a "new" team and like the proverbial Pheonix from the ashes the Under 14s were

reformed. Slowly but surely the team began to take shape, my only regret was that I was unable to sell this idea to a lot of families who had been with Brinklow for many years, although I am delighted to hear that all of the players we had on our books last season have been able to seek football elsewhere, and I wish them all the very best for the future.

Pre-season for the under 14's was unbelievable. We just could not believe the response we received from players wanting to be a part of this new set-up, and Gary and I still cannot believe the quality of player we attracted. The lads all gelled extremely quickly both on and off the pitch and worked incredibly hard and trained superbly on the training ground, with the main

aim and objective to always get the ball down and play.

We are all very proud of what we have established, coaches, players and parents alike and the team spirit in the camp is there for all to see.

The under 14s set-up is a very tight knit, friendly, community based solely around team work, confidence, trust and playing football in an attractive and enjoyable manner. Many thanks to all of the players for their effort and commitment and for being such a fantastic bunch of lads. Welcome to all of the parents to Brinklow FC and thankyou for your support and encouragement.

And finally, thankyou to the committee for your support in allowing us to reform and giving us all this incredible opportunity, we really do appreciate it.

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U14's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

It's been a busy summer - good pre season training and some transfer activity. We have recruited two new players to the squad - Hollie Craddock and Jessica Linnell - who have both settled in really well. However, we said goodbye a couple of our players - Shelbie Baskerville and Lauren Phillips. Our best wishes go to them and they will both be sorely missed.

Congratulations to Rebekah Wilby and Chelsea Smith for being voted Manager's Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year at the end of last season. I was so pleased to announce these awards at the Presentation Night.

With us being crowned as runners up in the league and also runners up in the cup last season, the only way is up so my objective for the forthcoming season is for us to win the league!

And now to the 2008/09 season and I am delighted to announce the current squad for this season:

Alice Clarke (Captain)	Adrianna Thandy	Hollie Craddock
Rebekah Wilby	Bethany Morrison	Jessica Linnell
Harriet Lowe	Sophie May	Georgia Anderson
Chelsea Smith	Megan Bradley	

Brinklow 2 Bedworth Utd 2

The long awaited first match of the season was played this morning in very warm conditions at Wolston Leisure Centre.

The first half saw Brinklow miss chance after chance. Alice Clarke in goal was throwing herself in all directions to save all the shots that were being shot at her. We went down 1-0 to a fantastic goal from our opposition from just inside the halfway line. So we were down a goal at half time

The second half saw another goal go in from Bedworth, but then the Brinklow girls just dug in for all they were worth and were rewarded with a fantastic goal from Hollie Craddock. So 2-1 with 15 minutes to go. Then a magnificent move between Hollie Craddock and Jessica Linnell saw us equalise with a great goal from Jessica on her debut for this team.

All in all, a fantastic performance from this team in the heat.

Referee's Player of the Match awarded to Jessica Linnell with the Manager's Player of the Match going to Alice Clarke for a courageous Captain's performance.

Brinklow 11 Westwood 0

Yet another warm morning at Wolston saw a great performance from the girls who were really up for it straight after the "huddle"! The passing was fantastic and the finishing first class. It was a delight to watch.

Goalscorers - Jess Linnell 4, Hollie Craddock 3, Adey Thandy 2, Beth "Boots" Morrison 2

Referee's Player of the Match awarded to Harriet Lowe with the Manager's Player of the Match going to Jess Linnell.

Admirals 6 Brinklow 0

Oh, the highs and lows of football management!!

We went into this match against our 'bogey' team really believing we could win this after the highs of our previous win. Unfortunately, it was not to be and Admirals showed their class once again.

We were outplayed during the first half and just didn't seem to have woken up. An injury to Alice meant a replacement in goal in the second half so many thanks to Hollie for stepping in. Alice managed to come back on the field in a defensive role in the second half.

We played better in the second half but we really do need to work on keeping hold of the ball,

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U10's TEAM NEWS

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Palace Improvements

A new season begins with a little tinkering with the squads and our third home ground in three years so to be honest we entered the season with trepidation. Lacklustre performances in our pre season friendlies and not the best pre season training sessions we have ever had was sadly carried into the season and at this stage of proceedings we have played 5 won 2 lost 2 and drew 1. One of our defeats was against last years unbeaten champions and was our best performance to date! A disappointing aspect we have encountered this season, is a win at all costs attitude from our opponents, I feel for the boys as it's them who suffer.

Back at Barr Lane, great!

So the seasons aim is to maintain an 'A' league status in readiness for 11-a-side (proper football) which I am confident we will do and to possibly have a good cup run.

On to the future - Is anyone prepared to take on organising the tour? Or some fund raising events? or Xmas do? I am going to organise a parents meeting, if I haven't already, so be prepared for it! God, I've been restrained!

Yours in football

Wayne Pulford

*Which part of a football ground is never the same from one day to the next?
The changing rooms.*



*"A tremendous strike which hit the defender full on the arm - and it nearly came off."
Kevin Keegan*



Cov City's manager Chris Coleman won't stand for any nonsense. Last Saturday he caught a couple of fans climbing over the stadium wall. He was furious. He grabbed them by the collars and said, "Now you just get back in there and watch the game till it finishes."



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U11's TEAM NEWS

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Football

A good pre-season with wins over Copeswood (AT7), Stratford Town and Bilton Ajax. With us all getting used to playing the 11-a-side game and the various pitch sizes we have come across I expect this will be a very interesting season. So far in the league, we have won 2, drawn 1 and lost 2. (although the points for the first win have been deducted due to Leamington dropping down to the B league). Lots for the boys and coaches to learn this year as we search for everyone's best position. I think the funniest thing we have encountered this year is the away game with Caludon Youth on what is known locally as Cally Fields, where the castle once stood and the mythical home of St George, but getting back

to the football it was the biggest pitch and goals I have ever seen, Donna's write up on the forum was a classic.

Please remember if you book holidays or weekends away, whilst we have a short squad if you can give me as much notice as possible.

Training

Training will now move to our new winter training base, Rugby School all weather pitch Tuesday nights 7pm till 8 pm (Ok Yah!).

Sponsorship

We are still looking for sponsorship for either new raincoats or fleeces for the team, if anyone knows of someone or some company that may sponsor us, please let me know.



Tour

We are still planning on going on tour, May day bank holiday – don't forget the fund raising ideas. At the moment, we have had some interest from a Scottish club near Ayr, still chasing other destinations.

Match Day Reports

I am sure you and the boys are aware but our new match day report Donna, updates the website after every game with a non bias match report, makes great reading even when we lose.

Christmas Gifts and Christmas Outing

The usual calendars and mugs will be on sale early November, all proceeds will be going towards our Christmas outing. This year we have narrowed it down to two options, the Pantomine at the Belgrade or to the Sky Dome to watch Coventry Blaze, not sure how we arrived at those opposing day out's.

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U12's TEAM NEWS

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Bulls Head, Brinklow

Brinklow U12 football team have a fantastic new home pitch at Ben Town Thorn's Retirement Home. This was no mean task with many people spending untold hours developing the pitch over the summer months. Many thanks to John Cross, Doug Docker, Mark Griffiths and Scott Rammell. John Cross now lovingly mows the pitch on a regular basis with his new pride and joy lawnmower. Apparently the old hover mower used to take ages what with all those extension cables and all.

Another really big thank you to the teams sponsors, Mark Griffiths of the Bulls Head Restaurant, Brinklow and Scott Rammell of Langle Build.

So the start of the new season was upon us so picture if you can a beautiful sunny, windless Sunday morning at the beginning of September. Well it wasn't and the first game was postponed due to almost non-stop torrential rain. When the season finally began the football unfortunately didn't emulate the quality of the pitch and the surroundings with the season starting with four consecutive defeats.

After the third defeat all the players, parents and coaches sat down and sensibly discussed the current situation with a unanimous agreement that Brinklow U12s were a quality team with an enormous amount to offer the parents (and granddad), the coaches, sponsors and most importantly themselves.

The fourth defeat was really unfair and the 5:2 score line just didn't reflect the performance and with some better finishing Brinklow could have won this match. A thrilling 5:5 draw with Pro Santos Samba, who had probably one of the best strikers in the league, was followed by a 9:0 victory over Leamington Hibs. This match produced some tremendous team football and if this improvement, determination and confidence continues the rest of the season will be a pleasure to watch.

The writer of this report knows how chapter two begins but I'm afraid that you will all have to wait until the next instalment.

Form

Played 6; Won 1; Drew 1; Lost 4

Goal scores

Will	8
Alex	4
Fayez	3
Ben	2
Callum	2
Ryan	2



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