

# PLAYER'S PROFILES



# EDITORIAL



Hello again , and welcome to issue number two of "On The Brink". Thanks to all of you that offered words of encouragement after reading issue one, I'm glad you enjoyed it.

I was speaking to the Senior side's Assistant Manager Les Ellison recently. Those of you that know Les will know that he is a dedicated Leeds United fan. So dedicated in fact that he is following them all the way to Russia on November 4th. to see the second leg of their European clash against Lokomotiv Moscow. Lets hope that Leeds give a performance worthy of his support.

I recall the last time that my team, Coventry City were involved in European football. It was reported that there was a lot of trouble on the cross-channel ferry , apparently the Coventry fans threw the cannons overboard and ripped down the sails!

Looking at recent scorelines, things are going well for the club with one or two outstanding results. Notably the 17-0 hiding of Pinley by the U11s, and the 6-1 demolition of Stoke Golding by the U16s. Talking to the various managers, it seems the players are really enjoying themselves, and playing some outstanding football along the way.

Bonfire Night will soon be with us, and to celebrate the event there will be a few firework displays in the village. I believe the British Legion Club in Heath Lane are having their Annual display on November 6th , and Paul and Lynn Flowers are planning a party up at The Raven in Broad Street , although the date for that is still to be confirmed. Definitely confirmed is Alun and Heather Yeend's Firework Display at the White Lion. It is on the evening of Saturday Nov. 6th and includes a raffle, Guest Ales at silly prices, a **free** buffet at half time and a curry is on sale outside. As most sports fans will know, that Saturday is also the Rugby World Cup Final so it should make for a great day all round.

A friend of mine is a collector of Coventry City lapel badges, in particular the enamel ones featuring " The Bantams". If you have **any** badges relating to the City then please call Paul Smith on 01203 421320; he will pay cash for them.

A reminder to all the managers that I now have to work to a deadline in order to get the magazine printed on time, so can I please have all the news and reports in by the 26th of the month. This will help keep all the information topical and up to date. If you are able to put your reports on floppy disc then I would be very grateful.

I am always on the lookout for any interesting and amusing stories or jokes that you may have, ideally those related to football or whatever may be happening in the village. If you do have anything then give me a ring at home, or alternatively accost me when you see me down the pub. I'm often there.

Finally, enjoy your football, and whatever team you support I hope they play well this weekend. Until next time

MALC COOMBS.



Name: **Arron Steel**

Favourite Footballer: **Ryan Giggs**

Who would you least like to be stranded with on a desert island?

**My brother Harley**

What is your favourite item of clothing? **The new Brinklow kit**

What is the best Playstation game you have played?

**Tony Hark Skateboard**

Arron plays for Brinklow Under 8's

Name: **Sam Shore**

What team do you support? **Manchester United**

What is the best game that you have ever seen?

**The European Champions Cup Final of Man. Utd. versus Bayern Munich**

Favourite 3 films: **The Borrowers, Moonraker, Star Wars**

**The Phantom Menace.**

Best Friend: **Alex Armitage.**

What do you want to be when you grow up? **A Vet.**

Sam plays for Brinklow U9's



Name: **Dave Anderson**

Best Christmas present ever: **My big red Chopper**

Who would you like to be stuck in a lift with: **Kathy from Emmerdale**

What do you want to be when you grow up? **5ft 8ins**

Who would you like to throw a custard pie at? **Denise**

**Van Outen**

Who do you think will win the Premiership this season?

**Leeds United**

Dave plays for the Brinklow Senior team



# Laughter League

Q: How does Stan Collymore change a light bulb ?  
A: He holds it in the air and the world revolves around him.

Q: What is the sound that all Borussia Munchengladbach fans dread?  
A: Give us a B!..... Give us an O!.....

Man. Utd. Had just lost heavily to Arsenal (as if). Alex Ferguson walks over to Arsene Wenger and asks "If my players are more skilful than yours, how come you still managed to beat us?" Wenger replies "My players are more intelligent. I give them mental training as well as physical." He calls over Denis Bergkamp. "Denis, I'm your Father's son, but not your Brother, who am I?" Denis replies, "That's easy Boss, it's me." Ferguson is impressed, and decides to try it out on his players. The next training session he calls over David Beckham and asks him "Dave, I'm your Father's son, but not your brother, who am I?" Beckham looks puzzled and asks the boss if he can give his answer the next day. Ferguson says "Sure, first thing tomorrow morning then." That night Dave thinks "I really need some help with this, I'll phone Jaap Stam. Jaap, I'm your Father's son but not your brother, who am I?" Jaap says "That's easy, it's me!" So the next day Beckham walks into Ferguson's office and says "I know the answer Boss, it's Jaap Stam!" Ferguson says "Oh for Gods sake you stupid idiot! Its not Jaap Stam, it's Denis Bergkamp!"

Alex Ferguson is fed up with Beckham for always coming across as a bit of a thicko and ruining Man. Utd's image. He tells him "If you don't get this question right, I'm dropping you for the next match." The entire dressing room falls silent. "David, what's two plus two?" The other players look nervous and call out "Come on Dave, you can do it!, we need you for Saturday!" "Four," says Beckham eventually. The other players all groan and plead, "Give him another chance boss!"

The Insects are playing the Creepy Crawlies in a football match. The half time whistle blows, and the Creepy Crawlies are losing 20-0. When the second half starts the Creepy Crawlies make a substitution and bring on the centipede, who goes on to score fifty goals to win the game 50-20. After the match the manager was asked why he had not brought the centipede on sooner. "Easy, replied the manager, it takes him the first forty five minutes to put his boots on."

# U8's TEAM NEWS

**RESULTS:**  
Kenilworth Wardens 0 Brinklow 0

The next match for the U8s took place in the historic town of Kenilworth. Despite a difficult surface, two very competitive matches took place.

## TEAM 1

After some initial forays into each other's penalty area, the first half was played pretty much in midfield, with each team probing and seeking out each other's weaknesses. Chris Brennan on the left, learning from the first half, now had the beating of his marker. With some dazzling runs down the left he was unlucky not to score. Milan Sud also found something extra, and was also a handful on the right. But it was the artistry of Conor Higgins that produced the highlight of the match. He picked up the ball from defence, danced through midfield and numerous tackles and with skill beyond his years, thumped a curling right foot shot towards goal only to see it come back off the post. Although Brinklow battled away, the passing masterly, territory and possession conceded, no goals were forthcoming.

## TEAM2

The Wardens scored two excellent goals in the first half, leaving Josh Pointon in goal little chance. In the second half after two substitutions the game changed. Alex Cramp came on for the industrious Kai Sud in midfield and Arron Steel came on for the battling Daniel Wilson as striker. The effect was immediate. Alex Cramp scored two goals, bringing the score to 2-2. However, despite an energetic and spirited team performance where every player contributed, the winning goal would just not come.

## MATCH REPORT:

Brinklow 2 London Road (Coventry) 1

A match of three periods. The first period, a managers dream, whereby everything practised in training came to fruition. The passing, movement, and positional play was a joy to watch. The reward for this masterly display was a goal smashed high into the net from the predatory Alex Wood. The ball passed out to the wings at every opportunity resulted in many fine crosses for the midfield and strikers to run on to, one of which culminated in a great goal for Chris Brennan. The period either side of half time was less inspiring; lapses in concentration by our usually solid defence led to London Road scoring a goal. However, Milan Sud in the third period was a revelation. His powerful surging runs up the right wing were phenomenal. How we didn't score another five or six goals, to this day I will never know.

## TEAM NEWS:

A big thank you to:

**Wolston Plumbing Services** for their sponsorship of the team kit.

**Oscars Pet Food** for their sponsorship of the squads drill tops.

**All parents**, for the support of the team at matches home and away.

PETE DAY.

# U16's TEAM NEWS

## RESULTS:

Bulkington S/S	3	Brinklow	1
Radford Rangers	10	Brinklow	0
Brinklow	8	Hartshill Sports	3
Atherstone Rangers	5	Brinklow	0

## MATCH REPORT:

Since my last report Brinklow have played 4 games, travelling away 3 times and playing at home just the once. Over the season so far this means we have now played eight games, suffering six defeats and recording two wins, both home matches. This is not an impressive record, I admit. The most disappointing aspect being that the players are nowhere near fulfilling their potential as a team. However, I feel I should point out I have not yet been able to field our first choice line-up due to unavailability, injury, and in some cases, lack of commitment. We have had to travel away with only eleven players, but hopefully this will all change in the near future. After our 6-1 win against Stoke Golding we travelled away to top of the table and previously unbeaten Bulkington Sports. With two players sidelined on crutches and our No.1 goalie jet-setting in America, our rearranged side saw Drew Nicholls bravely volunteering to stand between the posts. Half time saw us trailing 2-0, Bulkington having taken their chances and Brinklow missing theirs, this being the difference between the sides. However in an end to end second half we pulled it back to 2-1, thanks to a goal from Donald Grubb. We were then hit on the break late in the game to end up losing 3-1. Ten out of ten for effort though lads! Our next game, again away was at Radford Rangers where a very strong Radford side proceeded to demolish a disorganised Brinklow 10-0. Enough said.

You know what they say what a difference a week makes, and at last a home game, this time playing against Hartshill Sports. I'm happy to report that despite the previous weeks hammering a surprisingly confident Brinklow took the game by the scruff of the neck from the first whistle and proceeded to play their best football of the season. An emphatic 8-3 victory followed, with 4 goals from Neil Johnston, and one each from man of the match **Mike Hammond**, Peter Gordon, Jonno Ball (at last!) and Drew Nicholls (or was it an own goal. Drew?)

The final game to report on was a disappointing away trip to Atherstone Rangers where we literally handed the game to the opposition in the first 20 minutes by gifting them 3 very soft goals. After this there was no way back. Although the team improved greatly and could not be faulted for their effort, we ended up losing 5-0, in a game where we could have done a lot better. Meanwhile, back at the drawing board.....

## NEWS:

**We still have several squad places available, and are on the lookout for a strong central defender and a centre forward. If there are any takers, please contact me,**

BARRY WILKINSON.

# U10's TEAM NEWS

## RESULTS:

BRINKLOW JFC 0 ERNSFORD DYNAMO'S 4  
(MAN OF THE MATCH **HARLEY STEEL**)

CONDON COCKRELS 2 BRINKLOW JFC 0  
(MAN OF THE MATCH **HARLEY STEEL**)

## MATCH REPORT:

After a great start to the season, October was not a good month for the team! Ernsford dynamo's visit ended Brinklow's unbeaten run. The visitors put on a good display against an off form Brinklow squad who had no answers to a well controlled passing game, which gave Ernsford a deserved win. This was followed by Brinklow's first away game at Condon Cockrels. Brinklow were all over Condon in the first 15 minutes from which we should have capitalised on and go on to win, but things fell apart and Condon scored two scrappy goals to make it two losses in a row.

On the positive side we had some great performances which deserve a mention: Harley Steel was named Man of the Match in both games, putting what he had been shown in training into practice. Harley was also named as Captain. Darren Ford is our most improved player doing a good job of filling the boots of Dale Huddleston (who moved up to U11's with the change of age groups at the start of the season). Darren has made some great saves, including a penalty against Ernsford Dynamo's.

We have got our new kit sponsored by **Viloft Active**, and we would like to thank Steve Jones, whose son Luke plays left midfield. Thank you Steve, and thank you Viloft!

## NEWS:

We hope that we have better news for you next month!

Who is the only Premiership player to have a television programme named after him?  
Dan Pet-Rescue!

Why did the thick football fan get sacked from the M&M factory?  
He kept throwing out all the W's!

What is a Newcastle fan's favourite wine?  
Shearer!

ROB STEEL.

# U11's TEAM NEWS

## RESULTS:

Oakwood 2      Brinklow      1  
Brinklow 4      Binley Woods      2

## MATCH REPORT:

A slow start for Brinklow against a well organised Binley Woods side. The scoring was opened by Joe Shore with a well taken penalty. Going into half time Brinklow were leading a goal to nil. Both teams came out for the second half determined to win the game. Sean Drake volleyed Brinklow's second goal from a well worked set piece corner which galvanized Binley Woods into staging a fightback. This resulted in them scoring twice, their second goal another penalty.

Sean Drake went on a lovely run, taking on and beating four Binley players before coolly slotting the ball into the back of the net. Ben Clark scored Brinklow's fourth goal, slipping past their defence to hammer past the keeper. Brinklow goalie Dale Huddleston again had an excellent game and was awarded Man Of The Match.

## NEWS:

I would appreciate any ideas regarding what to do with the players for a Christmas outing. Last year, as you know, we went bowling and then to the Crystal Maze. Do you fancy doing the same again, or would you like to do something else? Let me know and we will get it organised.

I would also like to know if any parents are be interested in helping me organise this year's weekend away. This would involve collecting money and helping to find a suitable venue.

On Saturday mornings, I will holding training sessions for the parents in preparation for the annual Dads against Lads game on Boxing Day. Let's see if we can win this year; hopefully I can get Dale Draper to play for the Lads, thus giving us a great chance!

Finally there is a special prize on offer to the person who filled my wellies full of water (at least I think it was water). To claim the prize see Mick Holt.

Happy Birthdays to Daniel Timms on the 24th November, and Josh Tailby on December 1st. All the best lads.

# U13's TEAM NEWS

## RESULTS:

Brinklow                      5      Sporting Club Coventry                      1  
Finham Park Rangers 4      Brinklow    0

## MATCH REPORT:

On paper this match should have been an easy three points, as to date, Sporting Club have not won any of their games. All the players arrived at the ground early, so that gave me the opportunity to give them a warm up and a team talk about the tactics that I wished to employ for the game in hand. As foreseen, the game was going our way with a couple of good chances going very close. On one of the few occasions Sporting Club did have an attack, two of my defenders missed the ball completely, only to let their centre forward go through and score an easy goal. I will not embarrass the two players involved by naming them, but, "how's school, Tom and Sam?"

We soon pulled the game back with two goals from Ryan Sawyer, and were leading two goals to one at half time. The second half started well with Brinklow doing all the attacking. The pressure paid off with Ryan Byrne scoring a great goal with his head from a corner. (I knew it was good for something). Later in the game Ryan Sawyer scored his third to get his Hat Trick, his second of the season.

Gareth Yeend finished the game off with a net buster of a shot in the last couple of minutes. Well done lads!

## THIS SEASONS GOAL SCORERS

Ryan Sawyer 8, Jamie Brooks 5, Gareth Yeend 2, Ryan Byrne 1  
George Ashwell 1, Andrew Moore 1, Sam Lunt 1.

What do you say to an Aston Villa fan with a good looking woman on his arm?

Nice tattoo, mate!

What do Leicester City and a bowl of fruit have in common?  
You will always find them in the middle of the table.

KEITH BYRNE.

# U9's TEAM NEWS

## RESULT:

Bedworth 7      Brinklow 0

## MATCH REPORT:

The first game of the season for the Under 9s was always going to be tough for the players, and so it proved to be. For some it was the first chance to play a competitive game, but despite the scoreline the whole team performed really well. Scott Brown had a difficult debut in goal, but there was not a lot he could do about the goals. Despite not managing many goal attempts it was really pleasing to see everyone keep running right to the final whistle. The team played some good football at times and hopefully, with continued practice they will improve a lot in the future.

Man of the match - an outstanding game by **Joe Shore**

## NEWS:

I am still looking for players to add to the squad. At the moment we have eight players available, with two on the injury list. Many thanks to David Fisher for his help during training sessions.

Warning! Look out for the Under 8s, revenge will be sweet!

What's the difference between Villa Park and Stonehenge?

One is a simple ancient structure which defies attempts to explain its origin, and the others in Wiltshire!

Why does Bobby Robson keep visiting Argos?

Because that's the only way he can pick up any Premier points!

What's the difference between the Newcastle Keeper and a taxi driver?

The taxi driver will only let four in at a time!

# The MAN in BLACK

REFEREE'S COLUMN with Darren Clarke

## Fact File

Name: Darren Clarke  
Age: 35  
Status: Married  
Children: Amy 13, Ben, 11  
Favourite Team: Leicester City  
Worst Team: Coventry City  
Hobbies: Football, Refereeing, Squash, Swimming  
Occupation: Transport Manager, P&O Trans European

## Well did anyone get the question right!

The "D" outside the penalty area is called the penalty arc, when a penalty is awarded then all players must be outside the penalty area, and this includes the penalty arc that is a radius of 10 yards from the penalty mark.

## LAW 2 - THE BALL

### The ball is:

- Spherical
- Made of leather or other suitable material
- Of a circumference of 70 cm (28ins) not less than 68 cm (27ins)
- The weight of 450g (16oz) not less than 410g (14oz)
- The pressure should be equal to 8.5 lbs/sq. in 15.6 lbs/sq. in.

## Replacement of a Defective Ball

If the ball burst or becomes defective during the course of a match:

- The match is stopped
- The ball may not be changed during the match without the authority of the referee.

The match is restarted, by dropping the replacement ball, at the place where the first ball became defective.

## DO YOU KNOW?

When can a player NOT be in an off side position?

If anyone is interested in becoming a referee, the course will be in January 2000, normally at the Oakfield Club Bilton Road Rugby, Sunday nights.

Anyone who is interested please contact myself on 01788 330019 and I will forward your details.

If you have any questions on some decisions, do not hesitate to contact me.

# U7's TEAM NEWS

## RESULTS:

Brinklow "A" 2-0 Admirals Man of the match - **Tommy Glasscoe**

## MATCH REPORT:

Brinklow made an impressive start to the game and made full use of the pitch with some neat passing. Both Tommy Hyde and Tommy Glasscoe made some good runs down the wings, but the ball didn't seem to want to go into the net. Jamie Huddlestone made some excellent tackles and carried on pumping the ball forward, and although Admirals were strong in midfield, superior passing from Brinklow eventually paid off when a good run from Tommy Glasscoe set up Zack Bevins his third goal of the season. As the game went on, Admirals seemed to pack the midfield area and then try to hit Brinklow on the break, and on several occasions came close to a goal. In general though, Brinklow's defending was excellent on the day - not many people get past Tommy Hyde. The second goal came from a superb build-up between several players and the passing was just a pleasure to watch. Jamie Huddlestone fed the ball out to Zack Bevins who pushed it out wide to Tommy Glasscoe and then made a great run through the middle. Tommy took the ball on just a few paces before laying an excellent pass back to Zack who slotted the ball home to take his tally to four this season. Great move, great goal, great team performance. Well done lads!

Brinklow "B" 0-0 Admirals Man of the match - **Tommy Hyde**

A nil-nil draw was a good result for the youngest of Brinklow's Juniors. They played the same Admirals side as the "A" team, but showed they are going to be no pushover this season. Sam Skerratt seized the opportunity to play in midfield and get stuck into the game right from the off. One of the most improved players of recent weeks is Mathew Wilby who seems to be growing in confidence and ability, as is Alez Edward-Stage who pulled the goalie's shirt on for the second half. Some stout defending by Brinklow led to some good chances on the break, but they couldn't quite get behind the Admirals defence. Tommy Hyde balanced the team up with his tireless running and another superb defensive display. Lee Huddlestone and Mathew Pine also turned in promising performances. All in all a very positive game in which the lads gave 100% commitment, and you can't ask for more than that.

## NEWS:

The U7s have continued their strong start to the season with two hard fought matches and we are proud to be unbeaten in our four games so far. The team is visibly improving with each training session and there has been a marked improvement in both ball control and passing, which has made for some entertaining football over the last couple of weeks. Looking forward to the next few weeks, we will be focusing even more on our passing and shooting skills, as well as looking at movement and position on the pitch. I am also pleased to say that we may well have found a sponsor for the U7s, although it's not confirmed yet so I can't announce the name until the next issue. The sponsorship money will be used directly to provide more "team" clothing for the squad.

My Assistant Manager is Neil Huddlestone, and his contact numbers should you wish to call him are - 01203 545963, and his mobile is - 07901 791905.

My mobile number is - 07770 654123

TONY GLASSCOE.

# Social Diary And Forthcoming Events

PICTURE THE SCENE:  
IT'S BOXING DAY MORNING  
YOU'VE GOT A THUMPING HEADACHE  
AND THE HANGOVER FROM HELL  
WHAT TO DO?

WELL, WAKE UP YOUR HUSBAND  
AND REMIND HIM IT'S

# LADS

# V

# DADS

ANNUAL FOOTBALL MATCH

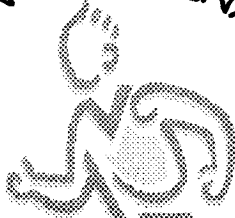
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BARR LANE FIELDS  
FOLLOWED BY POST MATCH "HAIR OF THE DOG"

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# TALKING BALLS!

Have you ever sat and listened to the so-called "Experts" and "Pundits" on television and thought to yourself, "They don't know what they're talking about?"

Well you're right, they don't, and here's the proof!  
"There's nobody fitter at his age, except maybe Raquel Welch"  
( Ron Atkinson, talking about Gordon Strachan )

"Only one team can win this game, and that team is England"  
( Followed by Brian Moore, "But wait a minute, here's Dan Petrescu....." )

"Adams is stretching himself, looking for Seaman"  
( Brian Moore )

"Apart from their goals, Norway haven't scored"  
( Terry Venables )

"The Croatians don't play well without the ball "  
( Barry Venison )

" I was about to say, before something far more interesting interrupted"

( John Motson, France v Bulgaria )

"Batistuta gets most of his goals with the ball"  
( Ian St John )

"He never fails to hit the target, but that was a miss"  
( Bobby Robson )

"Chile have three options, they could win or they could lose"  
( Kevin Keegan )

"If you can't stand the heat in the dressing room, get out of the kitchen"

( Terry Venables on Capital Gold )

"The crowd think Todd handled the ball, they must have seen something that nobody else did"

( Barry Davies, 1975 )

"This is an unusual Scotland side, because they have good players"  
( Javier Clemente, Spain's coach )

"He's one of those footballers who's brains are in his head"  
( Derek Johnstone, BBC TV Scotland, 1994 )

And finally, one of my favourites.....

"Two Andy Gorams, there's only two Andy Gorams...."