

IT JUST ISN'T CRICKET!

Easenhall Cricket Club
Summer 2001

Once again the God of good weather was looking kindly upon us for this (now) annual event of the Brinklow cricket afternoon at the Easenhall Cricket Ground.

This year however, the morning was set aside for the kids to have a match, although I wasn't there at the time by all accounts it was thoroughly enjoyed and one or two of them could put the adults to shame. (In fact several of the older ones joined the adults team later on and played well).

I arrived early afternoon – already there was a superb turnout with people enjoying picnics, barbecues and the odd beer or two. Also by the time the two sides to face each other had been selected with Butch and Squiggy as team captains. So the scene was set and what a fine afternoon's sport and a good laugh it turned out to be. As that was the point of the day let me give you a few individual stories to illustrate my point.

As usual during the afternoon there were some fine performances for those amongst us that could actually play a bit. Terry was his usual treat both with his skilful batting and bowling – in fact I broke my proud record of dismal failure and actually scored 1 run before being swiftly despatched by a killer delivery from him. (Come to think of it he's the same person who got me out last year!

I can see a pattern emerging here.....).

Others that spring to mind were Brian James, Steve Tyler and Keith Byrne, who all had solid games and also Prak playing his first game for us, who was both skilful and terrifying in equal measure, well played mate!

This year the ladies also turned out in force to take part, Lesley Caine took her turn at the wicket and also took the opportunity to practise her golf swing with the sad but inevitable result of nil runs and stumps flying everywhere. Sandra, Terry's wife had quite a decent innings, as did Jackie Shore, partnered by her eldest son Ben. In fact Jackie did a lot better than another member of her family! Then we come to Steph Harris. Cricket has been described as the sound of leather against willow, but in Steph's case it was the smack of ball against chin. As Steph went to hit the ball it unfortunately hit her. Feeling understandably a little shaken, she was forced to leave the field but I'm happy to report no lasting damage and Steph was able to watch the rest of the game from the (relative) safety of the spectators area. I say relative because up until now we hadn't yet been treated to the fantastic bowling skills of Karl Lee.



During the kid's game the players had been required to wear safety helmets, as it came to Karl's turn I noticed the helmets were being handed out to the spectators 100 yards away to our right. On one memorable occasion Karl actually forgot to let go of the ball as he bowled only for it to land about 2 feet away from him to his left with a dull thud. Words that spring to mind of Karl's individualism are 'ability' and 'bereft of', still it was a good laugh. This, however, pales in comparison to the unusual bowling style of Gareth Yeend. I'm still not sure whether it was a tactical ploy to put us off of our game, but lets just say his style was particularly unique, the likes of I've never seen before, or likely to see again quite frankly. The delivery was ok but the run up was a treat to watch. Quite bizarre, but possibly the highlight of the afternoon. Cheers Gaz, I'm still having a little chuckle to myself whilst writing this.

So, to conclude there was plenty of incidents and plenty to enjoy. We even had a player practising his juggling (you had to be there) and Terry's team eventually won the match, the beer was drank, the food eaten and a good time had by everyone.

Enjoy the forthcoming football season.

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EDITORIAL



Well, the new season is upon us & already I have seen some fantastic football from the players of the club. What has impressed me is the enthusiasm at the first few training sessions, I went to the U9's first practise match which they won 5 - 1 (that score seems familiar from somewhere?), you could tell that the team was chomping at the bit to get on and play, the workrate was excellent & really contributed to a well deserved victory. Lets hope the rest of the season maintains this standard.

As you may already be aware it was decided at the AGM to increase the junior subscription charges by £5 this year, this makes the subs £20 for non-league and £30 for league players. Charges have not risen for a few years & they compares very favourably with other clubs in the area, mainly because of the generous support of our sponsors and also the individuals who work extremely hard to make fund raising a success, a big thankyou to all concerned (Please note, all subs should have been paid by the time you read this article, if not then please submit to your manager as soon as you possibly can).

We have also always been aware of the vital part the parents play in helping to run the individual teams within the club, this year we are planning to recognise your hard work with a special 'Chairmans Award' at the presentation night - more about this nearer the time!

Can I also take this opportunity to welcome Katie Crane to the committee, Katie has kindly volunteered to become treasurer for the club, this will allow Mick Holt to spend more time working as club secretary - rumour has it that he had run the battery down on his calculator & he didn't know how to change it!

I personally have been busy searching for more of the wonderful jokes that everyone keeps telling me you like, so to start off the new season here's one to keep you going!



What is black and white and black and white and black and white ?

A Newcastle fan rolling down a hill !



Got a joke to tell? Pass it to your manager or Email me & I will add to the next months issue of **'On The Brink'**.

Somewhere in 'ON THE BRINK' you will find 6 Footballs with a letter in the middle, can you find them? The first is below to help you.

Once you have got all 6, arrange the letters to make up the name of a team doing surprisingly well in the premiership!

Last issues answer was of course 'BRINKLOW'. (names of those who didn't get this one to me please!)

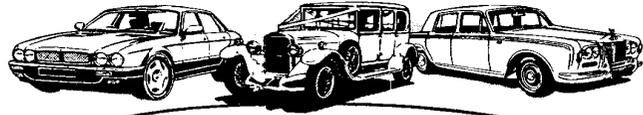


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U7'S TEAM NEWS



Under 7's double the size of the Squad !!!!!!!

So September is upon us already and the start of a new Season and I am pleased to say that the under 7's squad looks as though it will have a great start with the addition of ten players joining the club. It's a bit early for us to playing matches but hopefully we will have some friendlies in October with reports to follow.

The new players will join the more experienced, Willem Main, Managers Player of the Season for last season and Daniel Wood, Players Player of the Season, alongside Jake Salmon, Andrew Skerratt, Ben Morrison, and Connor Jenkins.

It is also good to see some of the younger lads who have returned to the squad. Alex Maguire, George Simpson and Tom Barnes, they are all about a foot taller since the last time we saw them. Welcome back, great to see you. And what about the new players, well already they are showing lots of potential, we may even have a goalkeeper in the making!

Our plans for the squad this season will be simple, first to make sure that we play and enjoy as much football as possible and secondly to coach these our youngest members of the club to understand the fundamentals of the game.

Last but by no means least, many thanks to the parents, good to see you on the touch line and also thanks to those wanting to get involved and help out. If anyone would like to help and we haven't asked them, don't be shy, the more the merrier.

Here's to an enjoyable Season.

PS. Subs are due in ASAP, £20 for the whole year, by my reckoning that's around 50p a session.

Richard Jenkins



What did the bumble bee striker say?
Hive scored!



Why did a footballer take a piece of rope onto the pitch?
He was the skipper!



A team of mammals were playing a team of insects. The mammals totally dominated the first half and at half-time were leading 39-nil. However, at half-time the insects made a substitution and brought on a centipede. The centipede scored no less than 180 goals and the insects won the game by miles. In the dressing room afterwards the captain of the mammals was chatting to the insect captain.

"That centipede of yours is terrific," the captain of the mammals said.

"Why didn't you play him from the start?"

"We'd have liked to," replied the insect captain, "but it takes him 45 minutes to get his boots on."



SOCIAL DIARY AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THE
PRESENTATION EVENING
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SAT 22nd JUNE 2002
(PROVISIONAL DATE)
VENUE TO BE DECIDED

Six-a side Results

U7's	Central Ajax 1	AT7(A) 0
U8's	Brinklow 0	Finham (A) 1
U9's	AT7 0	Central Ajax 1
U10's	Ernesford Dynamos 1	Wyken (A) 0
U11's	Coventry Sphinx (B) 0	Binley Woods 1
U12's	Admirals (B) 1	Coventry Sphinx (A) 0
U14's	Chapelfield Colts 0	Admirals (A) 1

THE ANNUAL
BRINKLOW 6-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SAT 1st AND SUN 2nd JUNE 2002
(PROVISIONAL DATES)
AT BARR LANE PLAYING FIELD

6-a-side Raffle Results:-

1 st	003971	Mavie 542467
2 nd	001645	C/O Rob Steele
3 rd	02938	Steve Oakley C/O Dave G
4 th	003588	Goolding 02476 411248
5 th	003270	A Stafford C/O D Higgins 02476 411248

Whats on at the Lion for October

Live Music with Sticky Fingers and other groups.

Live Football on Big Screen.

We now have Carling on draft.

Rugby England v Ireland, Bitter at special prices.




LAWS FOR MINI SOCCER (continued from page 12)

LAW 15. THROW-IN A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.

LAW 16. GOAL KICK A player from the defending team kicks the ball from any point within the penalty area. Opponents must remain outside the penalty area and at least 4.5m (5 yards) from where the kick is taken until the ball is in play. Please note: The goalkeeper cannot kick the ball from his or her hands from a goal kick.

LAW 17. CORNER KICKS The opposing players must remain at least 4.5m (5 yards) from the ball until it is in play. The kicker may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. If he or she does a free kick is awarded against them. The ball is in play immediately it enters the field of play.

THE MAN IN BLACK



LAWS FOR MINI SOCCER

Only specific laws have been included due to lack of space, however all Managers have been issued with a complete set, if you wish to view the full details contact myself & I will arrange a copy.....Paul Wilby

LAW 3. THE BALL The ball should be no larger than size 4. it should be safe and made of leather or another suitable material.

LAW 4. PLAYING EQUIPMENT Players must wear shinguards and goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing playing strip. Shinguards must be covered entirely by the stockings.

LAW 5. REFEREE'S
The authority of the Referee Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the game in connection with the match to which they have been appointed.
 (a) Each team shall have a person to act as a assistant referee equipped with a flag.
 (b) Each team shall have a whistle at each match
Decisions of the referee The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play are final.

LAW 8. START AND RESTART OF PLAY
Procedure A kick-off is taken at the centre of the playing area to start the game and after a goal has been scored, opponents must be 4.5 (5 yards) away from the ball, and in their own half of the field. The ball must be played forward.
Special Circumstances A dropped ball to restart the match after play has been temporarily stopped inside the penalty area takes place on the penalty area line parallel to the goal line at that point nearest to where the ball was located when the play stopped.

LAW 9. BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY
Ball out of play The ball is out of play when: It has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air. Play has been stopped by the referee.
Ball in play The ball is in play at all other times, including when: It rebounds from goal post, crossbar or corner flag post and remains in the field of play. It rebounds from either the referee or an assistant referee when they are on the field of play.

LAW 10. METHOD OF SCORING A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between and under the crossbar, provided that no infringement of the Laws of the game have been committed by the team scoring the goal.

LAW 11. OFFSIDE Please Note: There is no offside.

LAW 12. FOULS AND MISCONDUCT Please Note: In Mini Soccer all free kicks are direct. A free kick is awarded to the opposing team if the goalkeeper:
 (a) Takes more than 6 seconds to release the ball from his or her hands.
 (b) Touches the ball again with his or her hands after it has been released from his or her possession and has not touched any other player.
 (c) Touches the ball with his or her hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him or her by a team mate.
 (d) Touches the ball with his or her hands after he or she has received it directly from a throw in taken by a team mate.
 For all of these offences, the free kick should be taken from the penalty area line, parallel with the goal line, at the nearest point to the offence.

LAW 13. FREE KICKS For all free kicks opponents must be 4.5m (5 yards) from the ball.

LAW 14. PENALTY KICKS All players except the defending goalkeeper and kicker must be outside the penalty area and at least 4.5m (5 yards) from the penalty mark. The ball must be kicked forward.

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U8'S TEAM NEWS



Rugby Town 'A' 1 Brinklow 1

Playing at Rugby Town senior club at Webb Ellis Road before the main game was a bit daunting for the boys. We were up against Rugby Town 'A' team who had been training all summer. In the morning we had our first training session since June and went straight into this game in the afternoon. All the lads came out with great credit in the circumstances. The first half was very close with both teams not giving each other any space or time on the ball. George Harman and Sean Russell had to work really hard at the back making sure Rugby did not break through. Craig Payne, Lee Huddleston and Greg Clarke did well in midfield against an organized team. Stuart Day was a bit on his own up front but made some good runs with the ball. Joe Kemp came on for Stuart just before half time.

Second half Brinklow looked a lot better going forward with Greg Clarke making some strong runs from midfield. George's speed at the back was clearing most of the danger. Daniel Withers came on for Joe Kemp and Adam Ford came on for Lee Huddleston. The lads were doing really well, however Rugby scored with a deflected goal against the run of play. Greg had made a great run only to be stopped by the keeper and had to come off injured. Stuart Day replaced him. They came back well after going a goal down. Craig took a great corner which went through the middle where Stuart Day slammed it into the back of the net. The lads fully deserved this result, having worked hard all game.

Man of the Match George Harman for an all action display

Looking forward to a great 2001/2002 season. David Payne will be the Assistant Manager for the under 8's.

John Harman

Presentation Night Awards



- U7's Players Player of the year.....**Stuart Day**
- U7's Managers Player of the year.....**Craig Payne**
- U7's Players Player of the year.....**Daniel Wood**
- U7's Managers Player of the year.....**Willem Main**
- U8's Players Player of the year.....**Matthew Wilby**
- U8's Managers Player of the year.....**Jamie Huddleston**
- U9's Players Player of the year.....**Anthony Donnell**
- U9's Managers Player of the year.....**Alex Cramp**
- U10's Players Player of the year.....**Sam Shore**
- U10's Managers Player of the year.....**Thomas Pye Ford**
- U11's Players Player of the year.....**Daniel Gyselynck**
- U11's Managers Player of the year.....**James Skelhon**
- U12's Players Player of the year.....**Dale Huddleston**
- U12's Managers Player of the year.....**David Sinclair**
- U14's Players Player of the year.....**Peter Sharpe**
- U14's Managers Player of the year...**Gareth Yeend, Alex Pouncett**
- Seniors Players Player of the year.....**Paul Barrow**
- Seniors Managers Player of the year.....**Paul Barrow**
- Overall club top goalscorer.....**Joe Shore**

U9'S TEAM NEWS



Phew ! What a start to the season for the Under 9's. Our first competitive league game certainly lived up to all its expectations with the lads putting on a fine display of passionate and skilful football. Having not reported since April its worth mentioning that we finished on a bit of a roll at the end of

last season, reaching the final of our own six a side tournament, and then going on to win the Leamington tournament. Both tournaments went to 'Golden Goal' in the closing stages, and although we were disappointed (and very tired) at the Brinklow Final, the win at Leamington was well deserved.

So we are finally in the league. I'm not sure if everyone in the team really understood what to expect when we were talking about 'the league', but judging by the reaction of the parents in our first game I think we soon learned that this is going to be an exciting year.



Leamington tournament Winners !!

Brinklow 3 Cov Sphinx 2 (Tommy Glasscoe 3)

First game, Cov Sphinx. We had played them in a friendly just a week before and beat them by five goals. Everyone was nervous standing on the touchline. It was a dull, damp evening. Neatly pressed yellow and blue kits and spotlessly clean football boots on the pitch. Then the whistle blew and we were off. Any

'Sam Skerratt had the best game we have ever seen him play'

parent or spectator will tell you that without exception, every one of the Brinklow team played their hearts out from start to finish.

Alex Stage and Jamie

Huddleston were immense at the back, working hard for each

other and neatly playing the ball forward making good use of the wide midfield men. Sam Skerratt had the best game we have ever seen him play, commanding the midfield with strong and determined

challenges and some intelligent distribution of the ball. Tommy Hyde never seemed to tire and played some excellent through balls to the front men.

Tommy Glasscoe and Zack Bevins showed what a powerful strike partnership they can be with some superb passing and movement resulting in numerous shots on the Sphinx goal, with young Tommy eventually scoring the winning goal and completing his hat trick for the night. Mathew Wilby was rarely troubled in the Brinklow goal, and when Joe Partridge and Tarun Sud came on we started to show that this team is not just built on seven players. Tarun's lightning pace will no doubt cause a major headache for many teams this season. An excellent performance and superb entertainment.

Brinklow 5 Athletic Utd 1 (Tommy Glasscoe 2, Tom Morrison 2, Sam Skerratt 1)

Our second game against Athletic Utd got off to a slow start, but we eventually took full control in the second half to win the game 5-1. Tom Morrison capped off a great performance by scoring twice, and Sam Skerratt drove home a powerful strike for his first of the season. Once again Sam put in a tremendous performance at the centre of midfield, and probably deserved more goals for his effort. Tommy Glasscoe put two more in and took his tally to five in two games, for an excellent start to the season.

So its six points from six and we're on a roll. Confidence is high and we're enjoying every minute.

Tony Glasscoe



SENIORS TEAM NEWS

The first team has again seen close-season changes and a major step forward has been made with the club acquiring the use of the seniors pitch, along with the excellent facilities at Newbold Revel. Our thanks go to all concerned for making this possible for us. We have also been supplied with a superb new kit and once again a big thankyou goes to Alan & Heather Yeend of the 'White Lion' Brinklow for making this available to us.

There have also been changes of personnel within the squad, as in any club, players come & go, hopefully any change is for the better & after an excellent pre-season it was an optimistic side that was prepared for the first league game of the season.

After our previous weeks game was cancelled, our first match in anger was away at one of last seasons old adversaries, Ryton Albion. In difficult bright & blustery conditions Brinklow took a grip on the game from the start, knocking the ball around well & closing down the opposition quickly. A goal was due & eventually came when midfielder Martin (Chalkie) White started & finished a move which saw him receive a return ball which he neatly dispatched past the Albion keeper. We continued to press & a 2nd goal soon followed, courtesy of a 'net busting' header from Mark Bird. Ryton were by now clearly rattled, but apart from threatening the occasional corner, were being played off the park. Yet another well worked move put Andy (Thierry) Reid through on goal, to score with a clinical finish. Unfortunately after establishing a good lead, our concentration lapsed, Ryton hitting us on the break to pull a goal back. The 2nd half was different to the first with Ryton trying to rough us up, Ryton were obviously a beaten team when, with 10 minutes remaining keeper Carl Moore made a tremendous save. A 3-1 away win & an impressive start to the campaign.

Game No.2 saw us at the Revel against a useful Rugby Workers side. From the first whistle Brinklow started in accustomed fashion, knocking the ball around & creating plenty of chances. Our first goal came from Gaz Moore when he beat a player on the edge of the box before clipping a right foot shot inside the right hand post. The 2nd came minutes after when Mark Bird cut across from the left to unleash a well hit strike. At 2-0 up a third would have killed the game but after spurning several good chances we somehow allowed workers to take a 3-2 lead but with just 4 minutes remaining Alan (Tooley) O'Toole ran through the middle to score, end result 3-3.

Our next game was at Featherbed Lane against S.F.Rangers, a team that had dumped us out of the cup last season. After a bitty start and although not getting it together in the desired fashion Brinklow started to gain control with S.F. indebted to their keeper for a half-time 0-0 scoreline. Our first goal came when Andy Reid rounded the keeper, with the 2nd from the head of Mark Bird, shortly followed by a 3rd, again a header, this time from Alan O'Toole. In the later stages we were grateful to see the ball come back off our post, shortly followed by an excellent finger tip save from our keeper. At the final whistle it was another creditable victory with the team showing excellent team spirit. if we can retain & build upon this then this could turn out to be a good year for the senior side.

On a final note, I would like to offer everyone within the club our best wishes for an enjoyable & successful season.

Barry Wilkinson



SCORECAST !!

Please note that weekly 'SCORECAST !!' sheets are available from the team managers & The White Lion, this is a fund raising event where you predict the correct scores of two games on the weekly sheet (nominally the Sunday and/or Monday games on sky)