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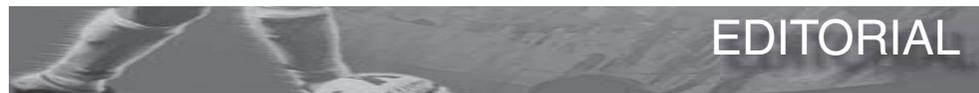
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I would firstly like to take this opportunity to welcome all players, managers, parents and supporters to the 2006/07 season.

It only seems like yesterday that we were celebrating last year's achievements at our presentation day in June and suddenly we are all raring to go for the new season.

Once again I am delighted that we have a very strong committee who will provide the many different skills and experience needed to improve the Football Club and ensure that the managers and players can concentrate on playing the game. One of the main tasks for this year's committee will be to improve our FA Charter status to become an FA Charter Development Club. There are many advantages in doing this, including showing the FA that we are always looking to educate, encourage and play in the right way. Once again we shall be holding a 6-a-side tournament and presentation night, which your committee will plan throughout the season.

Brinklow FC are very lucky to have so many first class coaches who dedicate so much of their spare time at training sessions and on match days. Every manager and assistant manager now holds at least a FA Level 1 coaching award and there are two who hold the Level 2 award. I am very pleased to say that by Christmas we should have four level 2 coaches. Once again the coaches have attended these courses in their spare time, in some cases taking annual holiday. I am sure that you will all agree this shows how dedicated these people are and we should all be very proud of them.

The most valuable asset to the Football Club has to be our players, who range from the age of 5 to the over 35's. Playing the game has to be enjoyable and despite the ups and downs of any season it is quite obvious that we have players who not only have good technical ability but big hearts and fantastic attitudes as well. I have no doubt that these players will be successful this season and I am really looking forward to seeing some silverware with yellow and blue ribbons at our presentation night.

May I wish everyone connected to the club a very enjoyable and happy season.

**Rich Farthing**  
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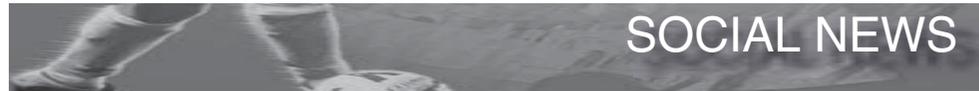
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***Fancy Becoming a Qualified Referee?***

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](http://www.brinklowfc.co.uk) or alternatively contact Martin directly using the contact details on website.



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**Brinklow Blues 3 G.N.P 0**

The Brinklow under 8's Blue team remain unbeaten after a 3-0 win against G.N.P who had won their previous game 3-0.

Brinklow were quick out of the blocks not letting their opponents settle and closing down their men quickly. They attacked quickly on the break with Rhys Phillips showing some great skills down the right flank and sending in some quality crosses. Brinklow took the lead midway through the first half when Scott McCullough pounced on a loose ball to beat the keeper from 6 yards out. The same player doubled the lead 5 minutes later when he poached the ball from a sloppy defensive clearance and fired into the bottom corner. Billy Stenger was strong in defence not allowing the G.N.P forwards any room to shoot and on the few chances they did threaten, Jimmy Schofield was up to the task of keeping them out.

The scoring was wrapped up in the second half when Jack Willmore ran fully forty yards beating 5 players for pace and finishing with style low to the keepers left. It capped a fine display from Jack who ran their midfield ragged all game and led many attacks with some great runs. Overall a great team performance and 4 points out of a possible six with no goals conceded. Well done boys.

**Dominic McNaney**

*First Birmingham supporter: 'There's a bloke at work who's so stupid, he thinks a football coach has four wheels!'  
Second Birmingham supporter: 'Would you believe that! How many wheels does it have?'*



.....u 13's report continued from Page 12

**Balsall & Berkswell 5 Bulldogs 3**

Ben Stone 2, Stuart Day 1

Unfortunately our regular goalkeeper Danny Turner was unable to play due to illness, so we were faced with an outfield player playing in goal which disrupted our plans. This meant that we did not get off to the best of starts conceding two early goals, which saw us chasing the game throughout. The lads worked hard throughout the game, creating numerous goal scoring opportunities, but it wasn't to be our day. Congratulations to Stuart Day scoring a well taken first goal for the team.

MOM: Ben Stone, scorer of two good quality goals and never stopped running, showing great fitness and is sure to have a great season – well done Ben.

I hope everyone is looking forward to the season ahead and I can assure you that the "TEAM SPIRIT" which has made the "BULLDOGS" a successful and friendly team to play for, will continue to flourish. My aim is to ensure that all of the lads further advance their skills but more importantly continue 'enjoying' playing football, which will hopefully lead to us winning some silverware at the end of the season.

Many thanks, to all parents for their support.

**Dave Wright**



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## SENIOR TEAM NEWS

Pr Sporting Gnp 0 Brinklow 5

Mark Bird 3, Justin Neal, James A'Barrow

Brinklow 2 AEI Rugby Res 2

Scott Vallance 2

Witherley Res 2 Brinklow 2

Mark Bird (pen), Stuart

Gray

Potters Grn Res 3 Brinklow 2

Justin Neal 2

Brinklow 3 Hillmorton 1

Mark Bird, Simon Bullock, Justin Neal

### Very indifferent start for Seniors

Brinklow have found life a little more difficult going into Division 3 this season especially after losing 4 or 5 key players at the end of last season. We started the campaign very brightly beating runaway leaders PR Sporting Gnp 5-0 in our first game, but then back to back draws and a very poor defeat away at Potters Green left the lads staring at a possible mid table position within the first month.

The lads rallied again however in our latest fixture, beating our Rugby neighbours Hillmorton 3-1 thanks to a terrific team performance, which leaves us in a much better league position than it quite possibly could have been.

One statistic to note though, we have conceded a penalty in every one of our first 5 fixtures (Danny Bell saving the 1st one at PR Sporting). I wonder if this is possibly some sort of record.

### Top Scorers

Mark Bird 5

Justin Neal 4

Scott Vallance 2

### Forthcoming Fixtures

Sat 30th Sept Home v Collycroft Sports (Boyd Carpenter Cup)

Sat 7th October No Fixture

### LEAGUE TABLE ON 25th Sept 2006

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
PR SPORTING GNP	5	4	0	1	17	11	12
<b>BRINKLOW</b>	5	2	2	1	14	8	8
STOCKTON RES	3	2	0	1	14	8	6
POTTERS GRN RES	4	1	2	1	8	9	5
AEI RUGBY RES	2	1	1	0	6	4	4
WITHERLEY RES	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
OUNDON CT RES	3	1	1	1	9	9	4
CHRIST THE KING III	4	1	1	2	7	12	4
HILLMORTON	4	1	0	3	7	11	3
BED EX SERV RES	3	0	1	2	5	9	1
BULKINGTON RES	3	0	1	2	4	11	1
COV UNI RES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Paul Huddlestone

Legendary Spanish crooner Julio Iglesias began his working life as a goalkeeper for Real Madrid. However, his career in football was cut short after a car accident in 1963. Whilst hospitalised, he was given a guitar by a nurse and the rest, as they say, is musical history.



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# YOUTH TEAM NEWS

## Brinklow Youth 2 Central Ajax Youth 1

Brinklow entertained Central Ajax in a bid to keep the excellent start to the season going. The first half saw both sides make some half chances with Brinklow getting the better of the exchanges without scoring. It took 20 minutes for Brinklow to put together a string of passes that culminated with a superb one-two on the edge of the 18 yard line for Sam Walder to slot home the opening goal. The remainder of the first half saw a few chances created with one cleared off the Ajax goal line. Brinklow defended well as a team and gave Dale Huddleston little to do in the Brinklow goal.

The second half was a little more even as Brinklow pressed to gain the advantage which took 17 minutes to arrive as David Sinclair was bought down in the box for a penalty. David stepped up to take the penalty and put the hosts 2 goals clear. 10 minutes later Central Ajax pulled one back with an excellent move down the right hand side with the resulting shot hitting the crossbar making it an easy head in for the on coming striker. Ajax continued to press for an equaliser and caused a few scares in the Brinklow box. Brinklow were the happier of the sides to hear the final whistle having to hold on and defend deep in their own half for the last 10 minutes.

**Rob McDonald**



*Gorden Strachan Quotes.....*

**Reporter:** "Gordon, can we have a quick word please?"

**Strachan:** "Velocity" [walks off]

**Reporter:** "So, Gordon, in what areas do you think Middlesbrough were better than you today?"

**Strachan:** "What areas? Mainly that big green one out there."

**Reporter:** "Gordon, what will you take from today?"

**Strachan:** "I've got more important things to think about. I've got a Yoghurt to finish, the expiry date is today."



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*Brinklow committee resort to extreme measures to provide pitches for the growing number of teams!!!!*

*A week before the Cup Final at Wembley a few years ago there was an advertisement in 'The Times' which read: 'Man offers marriage to woman who can supply Cup Final ticket for next Saturday. Replies must enclose photograph of ticket.'*

*A centre half had a reputation for very hard play and following a match one day he returned to the dressing room with a really bad leg; lacerations down the shin-bone, dislocated knee cap, bruising to the thigh and grazes everywhere. The only trouble was he didn't know who the leg belonged to!!*

*For the third time in the first ten minutes of the match the referee awarded a penalty against the home team. An angry supporter shouted, 'Oi, ref, are you blind or what?' The referee strode over to the touchline and demanded, 'What was that you said?' 'Blimey' the fan shouted back, 'Are you deaf as well?'*



## U8's TEAM NEWS

Well we're off, at last we are into competitive football and it feels great!!

We have been building up to it for three years or so with many of the original boys still with us and for me to see the boys line up for their first league game was very emotional and a great thrill too. Sadly though, the result was not what we wanted but the boys went down fighting which is all I can ask. A tough season lies ahead as the red league holds some of the best teams in the area but with the squad we have I'm certain they will hold their own.

On to the second half of the U8's squad. They nearly got off to a perfect start but in the end had to settle for just a point, but away from home and in their first game, mustn't grumble. I believe that Brinklow U8's really caused a stir at both games, no doubt being the best turned out team in the league, due to the new rainjackets, Trendy!!

Both teams tasted victory with convincing wins over GNP Sports and Leamington Hibs 23/09/06, which will give both teams the belief they needed that they can win games in the league.

The parents meeting went really well with record attendance. It was good to see that so many parents want to get involved and take some duties off Dom and myself, it is really appreciated.

Training will be going indoors first week in October at the Sports Connexion. Still Wednesdays, still 6-7pm. £2 per player.

Well done to everyone for getting their subscriptions payed in good time, and a big welcome to 'Palace Improvements' (Big Steve) who has now become our new kit sponsors.

Welcome and thank you to Alan's Ice Creams who has kindly sponsored our rain jackets.

A reminder to all about the website [www.brinklowfc.co.uk](http://www.brinklowfc.co.uk) Please feel free to post a message.

To finish off with thanking everyone for the support we receive and a big 'GOOD LUCK' to both teams for the season.

**Wayne Pulford**

Blue Match Report

**Christ the King Rovers 0 Brinklow 0**

The first ever league game for the boys saw them pick up their first point away from home. It was a match they dominated from start to finish without creating too many clear cut chances.

Nathan McNaney skippered the team for the first time and along with Billy Stenger, looked solid at the back. Peter May, Jack Willmore and ReesPhillips held their shape well in midfield with Scott McCullough also contributing well up front.

As ever, Jimmy Schofield was Mr reliable in goal saving us a couple of times near the end when the defence was breached.

Jordan Jones and Jake Neale added a spark to the game when they came on with Jake going closest of anyone to breaking the deadlock with a long range chip which landed agonisingly wide.

So overall a good result although its definitely one we should have won. There is plenty to work on in the coming months and there is a cause for optimism at this early stage.

A word of thanks to the families of the lads who turned out in force to watch the first game and were really vocal encouraging all of the boys from start to finish. Well done and thanks to you all.

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## U15's TEAM NEWS

Despite all the hard work put in by the Under 15's throughout the summer and pre-season, the results from the first three games played have been disappointing, but a significant contributing factor has been continual injuries and illnesses to a number of players. These players, to their credit, have taken their place on the field out of loyalty and commitment to the team. The management team and the squad itself I know would very much like to thank these players for their spirit and determination and thankfully we now have a couple of weeks without games which hopefully will give everyone time to recover and 'start the season' again with a fully fit squad, free of injury and attain the results we expect from this group of players.

It's been a busy summer, with a lot going on. The Under 15's welcome three additional players to the squad - Michael Smith, Michael Spencer and Sam Chadwick. 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. Also throughout the summer Bob Kearney has given up a lot of time, not just to organise and run the Under 15's training, but also has found time to attain his F.A. Level 1 coaching qualification. Congratulations to Bob for this award – this can only demonstrate his commitment to the improvement of the Under 15's squad and the contribution to the skill base of Brinklow Football Club.

Unfortunately we have had to say goodbye (hopefully only for the time being) to a couple of players who have been with Brinklow Football Club since they were seven years old – that is Miles Wilcox and Chris Brennan, who will both be sorely missed. We hope they will reconsider their decision to have a rest from football and come back to Brinklow F.C. soon.

Also during the summer we have appointed a new Captain and Vice Captain for the Under 15's. Congratulations go to James Kearney for being appointed Captain and Kurandeep Sharma as Vice Captain. Many thanks to Callum Day for carrying out his duties as Captain last season and handing over the baton to James to carry on the good work.

Well done to Callum Hayward for being voted Players' Player of the Year and James Kearney for Manager's Player of the Year at Presentation Night in July. Although voting was close, both players fully deserved their respective awards.

Although we've started the season plagued with injuries, I have every confidence that the Under 15's players can overcome their unfortunate start to the season and pick up the results that they deserve. Brinklow F.C. is very lucky to have the following players at their disposal and I'm proud to announce the current squad for the 2006/2007 season.

James Kearney (C)	Kurandeep Sharma (VC)	Callum Day	Alex Wood
Tom Fountain	Dan Reide	Adam Heffernan	Michael Smith
Callum Hayward (GK)	Kai Sud	Michael Spencer	Sam Chadwick
Milan Sud			

Although this is a great group of lads, populated by excellent footballers, the Under 15's are still on the look out for experienced players to add to their squad. We have learnt very quickly in the first three games of the season that, amongst other things, lads of this age seem to be prone to frequent injuries. We, therefore, need to increase the numbers to help resolve this problem. So if you know of any lads in school year 10 who can play football at the level required, please ask them to contact me as soon as possible.

The start of the season has also seen an unprecedented phenomenon! Our outstanding goalkeeper, Callum Hayward, has been awarded man-of-the-match in all three games played so far. Well done to Callum for his exceptional performances and I'm wondering if any other Brinklow teams have awarded a man-of-the-match award to the same player for three consecutive matches. Please let me know.

Hopefully, by the next edition of **ON THE BRINK**, I will be able to announce more good news for the Under 15's in the form of sponsorship for a brand new team kit. In addition to this, the Under 15's are still looking for other sponsors to support the purchase of rain tops. So if you know of anybody who may be interested, please let me know and give me their number. That's all for now. There's much more to report (I'm stuck for space!) But to sum up, as far as the Under 15's is concerned, a lot has happened, there's a lot going on and there's a lot to look forward to! Thank you for your support.

**Peter Day**

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## U14's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

**St Nicholas 5 Brinklow 0**  
**Southam Girls 3 Brinklow 2**

The run up to the start of the league has been quite hard going, with so many of the girls away, injured or with other commitments, we have not had a week since May when all the girls have been together for a training session, but the spirit within the team is still good, and this in particular showed in our first game of the season, against St Nicolas. They were a very strong team, having won the Nuneaton & Bedworth League and their cup last season, we knew this would be a tough game. They were fast and confident on the ball, but we held our own, we were only one nil down at half time, we battled and played as a team, with some performances from our girls being the best I have seen. We continued to battle in the second half, however St Nicolas really upped the pace and I feel we lost our confidence, but no one's head went down and that is what is important, everyone left smiling.

This Saturday we played Southam Girls, a game we should have won, so yes we were disappointed. After twenty minutes we finally scored having had all the play, then they scored from the re-start, we were not concentrating and were back to square one. Lesley scored again to take us 2-1 up, and I thought we had won for sure, we were so dominant, however they scored another goal from a corner, which we did not defend, and then we gave away a penalty which they scored from to get the winner in the last five minutes.

We must remember to do the basics, and stay switched on at all times, we played so well, but let ourselves down with silly mistakes, this was three points lost that we are going to need in this tough league.

However having said all that, there were some really encouraging moments in both games, Lesley is gaining in confidence up front, it won't be long before she is scoring at will, you are better than you think you are Lesley, believe in yourself. Hannah Pierce took on the sweeper position, a position she has never played before, and did a fantastic job, great clearances, strong header of the ball, well done. Rebecca is getting stronger each game, brilliant header setting up Lesley's goal and your work rate and desire is second to none. Rosie runs and runs and some of those throw balls are clever and have accuracy, again believe in yourself you too are better than you think you are. Lizzie is improving all the time and has shown great courage, your man marking is strong and in both games you have not allowed their striker to play, well done. Hannah Rankin is super fast, great runs down the wing, and you have made corner taking your own, very strong player, don't be too hard on yourself, you are doing well. Rea is always solid at the back, powerful kick and not afraid to tackle and get stuck in, and Kim you are fantastic in goal, very brave, and how you reached that ball and tipped in over the bar against St Nicks, I do not know, your goal kicks are getting longer and stronger game by game, your commitment to the team is fantastic, thank you.

Two tough games coming up, next week St Nicholas Girls again at home, the following week Alcester away. Lets keep building on what we are doing well, and you never know!

On Saturday 14th October we do not have a game, so myself and Dale would like to do a two hour training session 10.30 - 12.30, Please can everybody attend as this will be an opportunity to work on what we have learned from the games.

Thank you to all the friends and family who come along to support each week, it is much appreciated, and hurry up and get better Holly we miss your quiet and gentle ways!!

**Janine Stothard**

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## U9's TEAM NEWS

The season doesn't seem that long ago since it finished, with the Red team finishing the season on a real high by winning the Dunlop tournament with some stunning displays and finishing with a 'Pile on' me!

### 2006/2007 Season

Due to holidays, bad weather and a fight with a coffee table, pre-season this year was rather short. With three training sessions, a friendly for both teams against Coventry Sphinx, in-house games against Brinklow under 8's we were ready to go. This season we have two teams running again, a Red team and a Green team. With original numbers low, within a couple of weeks we will be running with at least nine players in each team.

What a start to the league both teams have made in their respective divisions (at the time of writing), Green team played two, lost one and won one. More importantly scored SIX Goals in two games. Red team played two, won two and scoring EIGHT Goals.

Both teams are really starting to pass the ball well along with lots of running on and off the ball. If we remember to look up, take our time and pass, our good start to the season should continue.

### Cup Games

The cup draw has been made, they are Green team will play Cov Jag Red - away  
Red team will play Hillmorton - Home

Games will be played on Sunday 29th October, the last Sunday of the half term holiday week. Please can you advise either Will or myself of any availability issues.

### Registration Fees

All registration fees need to be made by the end of September.

### Kit and Raincovers

Virtually all now have our new raincovers, all players will receive new socks and shorts too. Red team, a new kit is on order with a new sponsor. This should arrive in the next couple of weeks.

### Training

Our winter training will start on Thursday 5th October at Princethorpe College, 6pm through till 7pm. This year the complete training session will be outside on the floodlit Astro Turf.

### Christmas Party

I know it's a bit early to start discussing Christmas but we want to be a bit more organised this year. We will be funding the party through the sale of our 2007 calendars. We will be taking photo's for these within the next three weeks.

This year for our Christmas trip, we have two proposals, proposal one is watching Coventry City at the Ricoh on Saturday 9th December against Burnley. Alternatively we could go and watch Coventry Blaze Ice Hockey on Sunday 10th December against Belfast. One issue is that the ice hockey is on a Sunday evening, 6pm, it should be all done by 8pm ish so all would be home for 8.30-8.45, but school is the next day. Children/Parents feedback would be appreciated on which they would prefer.

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## U10's TEAM NEWS

Played: 4      Won: 1      Lost: 3      For: 8      Against: 13      Points: 3

### **Binley Woods 2      Brinklow 0**

A great match to start the season saw good play from both sides with Brinklow looking stronger in the first half. Unfortunately the second half saw Binley, hungry for the win, take advantage of some set plays to score two goals and claim the points. Despite not winning we did show that we can play good football and that the training exercises are paying off. Player of the day was William Naul for strikes on goal.

### **Alvis Juniors 1      Brinklow 3**

Another strong team effort with good passing and plenty of strikes on goal resulted in a well earned win for Brinklow against a club who took all 6 points in the previous season's matches. Well taken goals from Daniel Westhead and William Naul. Player of the day went to the whole team for a great team effort.

### **Brinklow 1      Christ the King 2**

A well balanced game which either team could have won, but CTK took the points after holding onto their first half lead during a second half in which Brinklow put continued pressure on their goal. Our consolation was an excellent goal from George Lowe when the ball came loose from a corner. Player of the day was Ryan Payne for good leadership of the team.

### **Brinklow 4      PSA Peugeot Citroen Colts 8**

We expected this to be a challenging game as Peugeot had an unbeaten record and when we found ourselves with a two goal lead after 10 minutes we relaxed and were put under pressure by Peugeot who rapidly scored 6 goals. The second half was more balanced with both teams scoring twice more to produce a final score of 4:8. A look at the score sheet revealed that 6 of Peugeot's goals came from one player who is a Birmingham Academy player. The Brinklow goals came from Daniel Westhead (2) and Ryan Payne. Player of the day went to George Lowe for work rate in the centre midfield.

#### **Goal scorers this season:**

Daniel Westhead	3
William Naul	1
George Lowe	1
Ryan Payne	1
Own Goals	2

Three points from 4 games may not sound like a great start: but we have scored 8 goals; seen some excellent passing and link play; had better communication and importantly played as a team. Where we need to improve is on our first touches, playing the ball to our players' feet and holding positions. This will come as the season progresses and we work on these points in practice.

Our first matches this season have been against some of the strongest teams in the league and we have acquitted ourselves well. We still have plenty of matches ahead of us and there are games we can win if we play the way that we know we can.

**Gordon Betts**

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## U14's TEAM NEWS

Firstly I would like to welcome all our Under 14's for this season and I hope we have an enjoyable season on and off the field of play. We have a new sponsor for this year and I would like to welcome Benchmark Recruitment Ltd, and I thank them very much for their support. Welcome to new recruit Alex Linnell who has taken over the position from last years Tommy Glaz, and I know he will be as good in every department as Tom so although it was sad to see Tom go we will still be as competitive in every position on the pitch. Finally we had 2 pre-season friendly's, winning the first 9-1 against Bilton Ajax, and the second saw us take on an evenly matched Collycroft which ended in a 2-2 draw.

### **Brinklow 3      Christ The King 1**

A close contest between two well matched teams was fought out at Barr Lane, Brinklow on Sunday. Brinklow u14's started brightly & a fearce shot from the edge of the box by Elliott Lancelles saw Brinklow take the lead. Both teams then started to play an entertaining passing game with Brinklow scoring a further 2 goals before Christ the King finished the scoring.

Goals: Elliot, Alex Gianni

Man Of The Match: Joe Partridge

**Report supplied by Paul Wilby**

### **Sky Blue Warriors 0      Brinklow 2**

Brinklow played their first away fixture of the season and found the small size of the pitch a challenge to break down the Warriors. It was an end to end game with the Brinklow defence of Jamie Huddleston, Steve Brannen, Elliot Lancelles and Jake Bourke soaking up any pressure that came their way. Some good midfield play from the likes of Gianni Sangiorgi, Alex Linnell, Lee Huddleston, Dale Cooper and Sam Hayley feeding Striker Tommy Hyde to test the Sky Blue Warriors Goalie. Two cracking goals both from Alex Linnell free kicks saw Brinklow earn their second win on the bounce. When the Substitutes of Tom Morrison, Tarun Sud, Joe Partridge and Aman Sohotta were used in the game it was so pleasing to see we never lost any shape and equally they gave, along with the rest of the team, their all.

Brinklow Man of the Match goes to Matty Wilby, for some great shot stopping, when Sky Blue Warriors managed to break down the Brinklow defence.

### **Brinklow 3      Alvis Juniors 3**

Brinklow entertained Alvis who along with ourselves had also won their first two games of the season. The game started with end to end chances for both teams and it was Brinklow's Gianni Sangiorgi who opened the scoring before Alvis replied with two goals to go in to the break two goals to one for the better. The second half started like the first with end to end football, before Brinklow showed their passion by pushing Alvis in to their own half, and it was a through ball from Brinklow that saw Gianni latch on to and a cool finish levelled the scores. Constant pressure from Brinklow saw Alvis concede a corner kick and a perfect delivery from Alex Linnell found Tommy Hyde to head in the back of the net giving Brinklow the lead again. Brinklow defended well after this and one minute into added time saw a goal mouth scramble that as much as the tried, Brinklow could not manage to clear their lines resulting on an equaliser capping a true top of the table clash.

Goals: Gianni (2), Tommy Hyde

Man Of The Match: Jake Bourke

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

Following Andy's decision to take on the role of u13's Secretary for the 2006/2007 season, both Andy and the Club asked if I would take on the role of Team Manager, which I have gladly accepted. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking Andy for all of the hard work and effort which he has put in over the years in developing a great group of players, which has tremendous team spirit and are a joy to watch. Andy has certainly made my Sunday morning's great fun, but more importantly has allowed the lads to enjoy their football in a friendly environment and I look forward to continuing to work with Andy throughout the coming season.

All of the lads who played for the "Bulldogs" last season have decided to register for the 2006/2007 season, leaving two places, which have been filled by Stuart Day and Aaron Hope, who can both play in many different positions and who I feel will be great additions to the squad and have already settled in well with the rest of the lads. Pre-season training has gone extremely well and the lads have worked hard, showing great enthusiasm, discipline and a willingness to learn from the new drills and exercises which we have introduced, which means the lads are in good shape for the season ahead.

Throughout the summer, I have been actively looking for a team sponsor and I am pleased to announce that The White Lion, have agreed to finance the purchase of a new kit. I would personally like to thank Geoff and Cathy for their support, which the lads and parents very much appreciate. We look forward to wearing the new kit in all of our away games this season.

**Bulldog's 2 Alvis 1** (Friendly)  
Ben Stone, Aaron Hope

Firstly many thanks to AJ (Andrew Judge) who helped us out by playing in goal due to our regular keeper Danny Turner being on holiday. The Alvis are a very strong Blue League Team, strong in possession and can be a very physical side. The lads competed in all area's of the pitch which resulted in us winning a very hard fought game. The whole team played well and I was pleased with our quick passing and fitness level, which is something we have been working on throughout pre-season training.

MOM: Aaron Hope making his debut for the Bulldog's showed a great work rate and fitness level throughout. Aaron has a good first touch and is gifted with a great left foot and hit a superb strike from outside the 18 yard box, scoring a cracking goal!

**Bulldogs 0 Tazmanian Devils 6** (Friendly)

I knew in advance that this would be a difficult match, against one of the best sides in Leamington. Sure enough it was a tough task and the lads found themselves 3 - 0 down after 15 minutes and entered half time trailing 5 - 0.

However, the second half was a different story and the lads were determined not to drop their heads and were much more competitive in the tackle and had most of the possession. The Bulldogs created several goal scoring opportunities, only to be denied by a very strong agile goalkeeper, who looked unbeatable throughout the game, which unfortunately proved to be the case.

MOM: Henry De Boer, 'The Midfield Growler' showed great fighting spirit in the second half winning every 50/50 tackle. Playing a very important role in midfield, he prevented the opposition from playing and released the ball at the right time with simple passes which led to us keeping possession and creating many goal scoring opportunities.

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## U11's TEAM NEWS

**Brinklow 0 Chapelfield Colts 4**  
**Mount Nod 5 Brinklow 1**

**WELCOME TO ALL PLAYERS, PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS TO SEASON 2006/07.**

Every new season brings with it that air of excitement, anticipation and that fresh surge of adrenalin only football can make you feel. It makes me, for one, wish I was a lot younger just so I could once again feel the opening game butterflies which only subside when you've made that first pass or shot or tackle. This season however is possibly the one season I have been most looking forward to since my own lad decided he wanted to play the beautiful game.

Yes, as an age group we have been in existence for the best part of 5 years and over those years we have contributed to some thrilling matches, participated in some incredible tournaments, tasted some glorious results and held our heads in disappointment, but all in the name of mini-soccer. This season we as an age group are becoming fully fledged members of Association Football. Our boys are playing 11-a-side football.

The anticipation and excitement I am feeling going into this new term are completely unrivalled. This is where, for me, Football Development really begins. The boys in all fairness have, and are, taking the transformation all in their stride, but the competitive football they will be participating in from now on is something they will be able to relate to with their parents and with their idols they watch on Match Of The Day.

As a coach who took the decision to continue to run two sides in competitive mini-soccer, I am delighted that we have been able to merge the two mini-soccer sides into one 11-a-side squad and along with Rich and Mick feel very proud that we have been able to utilise mini-soccer in this way, allowing existing players to remain with the club they have represented for the past 5 years or so.

As a coach, I fully understand that the team will inevitably find the step up difficult, what with the new rules, pitch sizes and extension in playing times, but just to see the boys playing football the way it was designed to be played will be just fantastic and remember the boys are starting a lifetime of learning about football, so be patient.

Our pre-season has been thoroughly enjoyable, with the emphasis being on gelling the squad, raising confidence on the ball and trying players in various positions. The coaching staff have worked tirelessly on generating a good team spirit, as well as implementing versatility in our ranks, which will I'm sure bode us well for the forthcoming season. Pre-season friendlies have been extremely important with regards to the players tasting REAL football and also allowing me to experiment with different players sampling varied positions. The results as expected in these games was a mixed bag, but we feel performances have grown, proving that the friendlies were a worthwhile exercise.

We in the bootroom are tremendously proud to announce that the boys will be commencing their 11-a-side development in the 'A' Division and are looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead immensely.

I'd like to end my opening report by formerly greeting Cameron Stuart and his family into our club and to wish our captain Connor Molloy and all of the players selected to represent Brinklow FC this term the very best of luck for the forthcoming season.

**Martin Pulford**

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## U12's TEAM NEWS

**Finham Park 0 Brinklow 5**  
**Briklow 2 Chappfield Colts 7**  
**Brinklow 4 Christ the King 6**

We got off to a great start with a confident display with hard work from everyone involved. We were brought back down to earth against Chaps who were a confident and well organised team but we did try to play our football and had our best spell in the last 10 minutes, the lads have got to work harder and get a lot tougher against these better teams and not allow them to settle and play their game.

Against CTK was a much better performance, we battled and for 2 thirds of the game we were probably the better team but we lost the game in the first 10 minutes where we let in 4 very soft goals so it was always going to be an uphill climb. What was encouraging was the fact we never let our heads go down and the fight was always there, it's a game we should have won but what was encouraging is that we created chances and scored 4 goals. Some teams would have just given up but we are now learning not to let our heads go down and to battle until the final whistle. All in all not a bad start but let's carry on working hard and the results will come.

**Gary Stothard**

*A footballer was having a lot of trouble with his teeth so he went to see his doctor. "What's the verdict?" he asked, after the dentist had carried out an examination. "I forecast eight draws," said the dentist.*



*Written on the wall of a chapel in Dumbarton, Scotland:  
JESUS SAVES!  
And written underneath:  
DUMBARTON SHOULD SIGN HIM TO GO IN GOAL!!*

*A football fan has been defined as someone sitting several hundred feet from the ball who can see it better than the referee standing right next to it.*

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## U12's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

Following our promotion to the top U12 Leicestershire League I guess we all knew that this season would be a step up in terms of technique and fitness. After 3 games you could say that our first thoughts have been confirmed with all three teams, so far, being well organised and prepared.

For the record we've played 3 games (won 1, lost 2) however it's pleasing to note that we've not been out fought in any of the games and with a bit more luck and a bit more composure in front of goal, we could well have sneaked three wins.

Our defence looks, on the whole, solid with Katie Thompson doing a sterling job in goal. Just in front of the back two is Harriet Lowe who is doing a great protecting "Makalele" role. Holly Craddock continues where she left off last year with some exquisite mazy runs that frequently take her passed 2/3 players (just need to remember to make the goalie make a save by firstly hitting the target Holly!). Further forward we have Shelbie Baskerville sniffing around the box for any mistakes made in the box, therefore, overall it's an encouraging start to what we know will be a tough season ahead of us.

With us moving to the Revel School I believe it will take sometime for us to get used to our new surroundings, however I'm confident that we can all pull together to enable another successful season.

**Dave Anderson**

*Gorden Strachan Quotes.....*

**Reporter:** "There goes your unbeaten run. Can you take it?"

**Strachan:** "No, I'm just going to crumble like a wreck. I'll go home, become an alcoholic and maybe jump off a bridge."

**Reporter:** "There's no negative vibes or negative feelings here?"

**Strachan:** "Apart from yourself, we're all quite positive round here. I'm going to whack you over the head with a big stick, down negative man, down."

**Reporter:** "Welcome to Southampton Football Club. Do you think you are the right man to turn things around?"

**Strachan:** "No, I think they should have got George Graham because I'm useless."

**Reporter:** "Where will Marion Pahars fit into the team line-up?"

**Strachan:** "Not telling you! It's a secret."

**Reporter:** "What is your impression of Jermaine Pennant?"

**Strachan:** "I don't do impressions"

**Reporter:** "So Gordon, any changes then?"

**Strachan:** "Naw, still 5ft 6, ginger and a big nose!"



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