

PLAYER'S PROFILES



EDITORIAL



Name: **Ryan Bryne (12)**
Team: **Brinklow U13s**
Favourite Football Team: **Manchester United**
Favourite Car: **Ferrari**
Favourite Movie: **Drop Dead Fred**
Who would you hate to be stuck in a lift with?: **Cartman out of Southpark**
Worst Christmas present ever : **A pair of cheap, plain trainers with no name on!**



Name: **Ricky Lee (11)**
Team: **Brinklow U11s**
Favourite Meal: **Spaghetti Bolognese**
What do you want to be when you grow up?: **A Paratrooper in the Army**
Favourite Cartoon: **Tom and Jerry**
Favourite CD: **Venga Boys – The Venga Bus is Coming**
What would you take with you if you were stranded on a desert island?
My Girlfriend, My dog Jake, A plate of spaghetti bolognese



Name: **Ben Clarke (10)**
Team: **Brinklow U11s**
Favourite Team: **Leicester City**
Favourite Drink: **Milk Shake**
Favourite Group: **S Club 7**
Hidden Talents: **Breaking Wind! (Not his actual phrase)**
Favourite Holiday Destination: **Ibiza**



Welcome to "On The Brink", a new regular Club magazine especially for you – the players, supporters, parents and friends of Brinklow Football Club. We aim to bring you news, features and information on a regular basis in an entertaining and interesting fashion. Match reports, Player Profiles, Forthcoming Events and Fundraisers will be included to keep **you** up to date with all that is happening within **your** local Football Club.

As with most new things there will be an element of trial and error (!) involved and its success will ultimately depend on the support and feedback it receives from its readers, therefore **please** if you have any news, anecdotes or jokes – in fact anything of interest , let me know and it'll be here for everyone to read!

Lets hope that the forthcoming season brings us as much enjoyment and success that previous seasons have, and whichever team you support, enjoy your football this weekend.

Did you know that Paul Gascoigne's manager told him that he was going to give him a cortisone injection, and he thought that he was getting an Italian sports car? Or that he thought that Hertz Van Rental was a Dutch footballer? Well if you thought that was funny then you will (a) laugh at anything , and (b) enjoy the jokes on page 12! Also included in this issue – Managers' reports and views on their team's progress so far this season, The Referee's page with Darren Clarke taking us through the rules of the game, and a Player Profile page, are **you** included?

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has spent time with me putting this magazine together, in particular Gary Yates in Coventry, Paul Davey in Pailton, and Alan Ash here in Brinklow. Thanks chaps, I couldn't do it without you.

MALC COOMBS

Laughter League

Manchester United's manager Sir Alex Ferguson was sitting at home polishing his trophies, when the phone rang. 'Boss, it's David Beckham' said the caller. 'You've got to help me. Posh has bought this jigsaw for me and I can't get any of the pieces to fit together'

'What is it supposed to be? Asked Sir Alex. 'Well according to the picture on the box it's a big chicken'

Always wishing to keep his players happy Sir Alex said 'Okay David ,I'll call over and see if I can help'. Sir Alex arrives and is taken over to the kitchen table by Beckham.

'David', says Sir Alex, 'put the Cornflakes back in the box!'

A burglary was recently committed at Coventry City's ground and the entire contents of the trophy room was stolen. The police are looking for two men last seen running down Highfield Road carrying a sky blue carpet!

The Fire Brigade phones John Gregory in the early hours of Sunday morning. "Mr Gregory sir, Villa Park is on fire!" "The cups man! Save the cups!" cries Gregory

" Uh the fire hasn't spread to the canteen yet, sir".

The seven dwarves are down working in the mines when there is a cave-in. Snow White runs to the entrance and yells down to them. In the distance a voice shouts out "Leicester City are good enough to win the European Cup!" Snow White says "Well, at least Dopey's alive!"

Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy, a Man. Utd. fan from Manchester, and an old drunk are walking down the street together when they simultaneously spot a £50 pound note on the floor.

Who gets it?

The old drunk of course, the other three are mythical creatures.

Hear about The thick football fan that thought 911 was Sheffield Wednesday's new team formation?

U8's TEAM NEWS

RESULTS: Brinklow Junior F.C. v Finham Park Rangers

Team 1 1-2 Team 2 2-2

MATCH REPORT:

Team 1 With the absence of Sam Dalton and a substantial injury to Connor Higgins, the first match of the season came a little too early. However, Ben Knowles stepping in for Sam Dalton was a revelation. The team as a whole came together and produced an admirable performance against a very good team. Against the run of play, F.P.R. scored either side of half time. After some tactical changes, the persistence and industry of the team resulted in a great goal by the injured Connor Higgins. As the game went on, the ability of F.P.R. to bring on numerous fresh and raring to go substitutes affected the game profoundly. Despite some impressive mid-field play from Alex Wood and the tireless and unyielding efforts from the rest of the Brinklow team, no more goals were forthcoming. Brinklow were unlucky to lose 2-1.

Team 2 The best game of the day. F.P.R. shot into a sudden 2-0 lead. Again, their ability to bring on a succession of substitutes from a squad of 30 had an effect on the game as it went on. However the steely determination of Kai and Milan Sud in midfield, and the stoic resistance of Alex Cramp and Ben Knowles in defence closed the door on any more goals. Two well worked goals- one by Chris Brennan, the other by the busy and energetic Arron Steel brought the game to a 2-2 draw.

Brinklow Junior F.C. v Bedworth Eagles

Team 1 1-2 Team 2 4-0

Team 1 With injuries and absences still prevalent, the second match of the weekend was played in pouring rain. With a need to minimise the concession of goals, Callum Day played in front of the back two. Totally against the run of play, the away team scored a lucky deflected first goal. With injustice in mind, the team regrouped and knuckled down and produced some exciting football. The passing of the ball again was supreme, its reward was a great goal from Chris Brennan. Once again the sheer numbers of fresh substitutes by the away team played a part in the next goal. Despite the valiant and heroic efforts of Josh Pointon in goal an unstoppable shot by the Eagles substitute striker proved to be a worthy winner.

Team 2 The exhibition of football was marvellous. To mitigate the effect of numerous substitutions by the opposition, two or three of Brinklow's under 7s squad were included in this match. Miles Wilcox in midfield and Daniel Wilson up front contributed immeasurably to the teams performance. With Ben Knowles solid in defence with Jamie Huddleston , Alex Cramp pushed up into central midfield and in doing so scored two goals. After two exquisite periods of inter-play starting from the back through to the forwards, Milan Sud and Daniel Wilson scored two further goals.

NEWS: Under 8s team news is continued on page 6.

U16's TEAM NEWS

RESULTS:

Brinklow	0	Atherstone Rangers	5
Yenton	7	Brinklow	0
Weddington Thistle	2	Brinklow	1
Brinklow	6	Stoke Golding	1

MATCH REPORT:

I must admit that I approached the new season with some trepidation. This was due mainly to the fact that at pre-season training I was unable to have a full side together, let alone a squad to work with. I think the fact that the team were strangers to one another, plus being unaware of what is required of them at this level, contributed towards defeats by two well organised sides, although the teams' performances were far better than the results suggest. Away at Weddington Thistle, we had to travel with only 11 players, being minus our No.1 goalkeeper and main striker. After hasty reorganisation the team performed superbly throughout and were extremely unfortunate to come away with a 2-1 reverse, in a game where we left rueing missed chances and wondering about some strange refereeing decisions. For this match I feel I have to give a special mention to Man Of The Match, Joe White, who had a tremendous game playing as an attacking left back, along with Team Captain, Ralf Wilkinson, whose authority and coolness on the ball was a major factor in settling the team. Unfortunately, Ralf proceeded to fracture his ankle playing 3 days later and will now be out for some time. Get back soon Ralf! Lifted by our previous weeks performance we went into our 4th match at home to Stoke Golding with yet another new line-up on the team sheet. After a tight first half, with both teams creating chances, we led 1-0 at half time, thanks to a stunning 20 yard strike from forward Neil Johnstone. The lads were asked to raise their game and responded well in the 2nd half, the turning point being our 2nd goal, Michael Franklin's deft near post flick from a Gary Webb corner. This gave the side much more confidence, and we went on to win the game 6-1. Man Of The Match, Neil Johnstone, completing a hat-trick and further goals from Drew Nicholls and Donald Grubb made for the perfect day. What a difference a win makes!

BARRY WILKINSON

NEWS: What else is there left to say? .

U10's TEAM NEWS

RESULTS:

Brinklow	3	Chapelfields Colts	1	Man of the match	James Mercer
Brinklow	9	White Hart Sports	2	Man of the match	The Team!
Brinklow	3	Christ The King	2	Man of the match	James Skelhon
Brinklow	6	Athletic United	2	Men of the match	Danny Cooper, Luke Jones.

MATCH REPORT:

Brinklow 9 White Hart Sports 2

The final score of this game reflected a dominant performance by Brinklow. An early goal by Rory Higgins saw Brinklow settle into some great team play which brought a further 2 goals in the first half from Daniel Gyselynck and James Skelhon. White Hart Sport got a goal back just before half time scored by Thomas Evans to make it 3-1. Coming out for the second half Brinklow again settled quickly and pressed on, forcing some good saves from the White Hart Sports 'keeper. The pressure finally paid off for Brinklow after 10 minutes, with the fourth goal by Daniel Gyselynck. White Hart Sports pushed forward, but good defence by Harley Steel and Gavin Harman backed up by the midfield caught White Hart Sports out with counter attacks which brought a further 5 goals for Brinklow. White Hart Sports did manage to score a second by Thomas Evans but the Game was Brinklow's with a fine team performance. Brinklow's goals by Daniel Gyselynck (5), Rory Higgins (2), James Mercer (1), and James Skelhon (1)

NEWS:

The Goal Scoring Table for the season so far is as follows :

Daniel Gyselynck	10
Rory Higgins	4
Dan Cooper	3
James Skelhon	2
James Mercer	1
Luke Jones	1

ROB STEEL

U11's TEAM NEWS

RESULTS:

Rugby Town	2	Brinklow	6
Athletic United	3	Brinklow	5
London Road	1	Brinklow	5
Brinklow	17	Pinley	0

MATCH REPORT:

Brinklow travelled to last seasons league and cup winners knowing they would have to lift their game to get a good result. The game started evenly, but then London Road took the lead after 5 minutes. This, however inspired Brinklow, who levelled the score before half time. Brinklow dominated the second half with excellent passing and determination. New boy Dale Huddlestone gave a brave performance in goal making some point-blank saves, and Daniel Carter troubled London Road with some superb crosses. Goal Scorers for Brinklow were Sean Drake (2), Ben Clarke (2) and Joe Shore (1) A brilliant performance by the whole team, who were all man of the match.

NEWS:

Our second season in the league has got off to a great start with four games played and four games won! We have signed on 14 players this season and I would like to welcome Dale Huddlestone to the under 11's. Dale has moved up from the under 10's, and is proving to be a great asset to the team. In a pre-season friendly Daniel Timms unfortunately broke his wrist. The whole team wish him well, and hope to see him back on the pitch as soon as possible. I would like to thank John Draper for once again sponsoring the team again this year, and finally.....

Indoor training starts on **Friday Oct.15th** at Avon Valley school from **5.30 - 7.00 p.m.** costing £1 per session.

Happy Birthdays to: Ben Clarke (Oct 13th), Sean Drake (Oct 17th)
Dave Sinclair (Oct 23rd) and Ricky Lee (Oct 24th) All the best lads!

MICK HOLT

U13's TEAM NEWS

RESULTS:

4-4 Balsall and Berkswell (H)
3-6 Stoke AT7 (A)
4-6 Canley Crusaders (H)

MATCH REPORT:

Brinklow started well against Balsall and Berkswell only to find themselves two goals down at half time. The second half saw Brinklow coming back into the game scoring two quick goals, thanks to Ryan Sawyer. Balsall then took the lead again to make the score 3-2, but Brinklow once again pulled it back to 3-3 with a goal from Gareth Yeend. With only five minutes to go, the match looked destined to be a draw. Balsall's keeper kicked a long ball out of his hands for their centre forward to run on to. He out paced our defence and with only the goalkeeper to beat, fell over his bootlace and landed flat on his face! The Referee, still on the opposite side of the pitch, gave a penalty. The players and supporters of Brinklow went mad, but the Referee stuck by his decision. Balsall planted the ball in the bottom corner of the goal giving Eddie no chance at all. The crowd started baying for the Referees blood. As the match entered the final few seconds Brinklow were awarded a free kick by the touch line, about 25 yards out. George Ashwell stepped up to take the kick. He hit the ball as sweet as a nut, and it flew into the top right hand corner of the net. At this point the Referee blew up for full time, and Brinklow got a well deserved draw from this game. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alun Yeend for refereeing the game for us. He only just got out jail free!

NEWS:

The U13's Top Goal Scorers:

Ryan Sawyer (5)
Jamie Brooks (5)

George Ashwell, Sam Lunt, Gareth Yeend and Andrew Moore
Are all currently on one goal apiece.

KEITH BYRNE

U9's TEAM NEWS

Under 8s Team news continued.....

Thanks to John Cramp for his continued help and assistance. Colin (the one with the nose ring) has now gone to University. He hopes to return off and on throughout the season. Thanks to all the parents especially Ged Wood for helping whenever they can.

The squad still need 2 or 3 extra players. Please feel free to bring along any friends or relatives (School year 3) who might be interested.

PETE DAY

Under 9s Team News

Unfortunately, due to problems fielding a regular team of players, we are unable to bring you a full and comprehensive report or results of their games. Manager Brian James tells us that although there are some very promising youngsters in the squad, he finds that to compete on a regular basis he needs to recruit some more players.

As above, if you know of anyone that would like to come along and play football for Brinklow, just give Brian a ring and let him know.

Hopefully next month we be able to bring you news of any developments.

Merchandise News

Mick Holt tells me that he has currently got the navy blue drill tops available. In all sizes for the U7 to U13 age groups; they retail at £13.00

Also available are the ever popular Baseball caps, at £3.50. Mick also tells me he is busy organising some new merchandise for the run-up to Christmas, so watch this space.....

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

In this feature in the new Brinklow magazine, which will be called "The Man in Black", I hope to cover a brief description of all the 17 "Laws of the Game". I hope you all find this informative, and help to understand why the "Men in Black" make some of the decisions that they do.

LAW 1 - THE FIELD OF PLAY

Field Markings:

The field of play is marked with lines, all lines are not more than 12cm (5 ins.) wide.

The Penalty Area:

Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made 11m (12yds.) from the midpoint between the goalposts.

Flagposts:

A flagpost with a non pointed top and a flag is placed in each corner. Flagposts may also be placed at each end of the halfway line 1m (1yd) outside the touchline.

DO YOU KNOW?

What the "D" outside of the penalty area is called and used for? (Answer in the next issue)

Are you interested in becoming a "Man in Black?" During the next couple of weeks, Rugby Referees Association will be starting a new course, anyone interested please contact myself on 01788 330019 and I will forward your details. If you have any questions or queries regarding Referees decisions, do not hesitate to contact me.

U7's TEAM NEWS

RESULTS: Saturday 18th September

Brinklow U7's 'A' 3 - 2 Finham Park U7's 'A'
Brinklow U7's 'B' 3 - 1 Finham Park U7's 'B'

MATCH REPORT

The under 7's 'A' side opened their season with a well deserved but hard fought win over Finham Park. After a slightly nervous start, Brinklow went a goal down and then took a few minutes to gain their confidence. Zack Bevins equalised with a superb strike high into the roof of the net from a good distance out. The home side then started to pass the ball around a bit and eventually Tommy Glasscoe put them ahead with a well taken effort from a tight angle. Jamie Huddleston had a solid game in the centre of defence and managed to keep out Finham's centre half, a big lad who really ran at the Brinklow defence and put them under pressure throughout the second half. Sam Skerratt (gk) and Charlie Millidge (midfield) also had excellent games for Brinklow and the whole team started to look more comfortable on the ball. Tommy Glasscoe, after going close on several occasions and hitting the post, then scored his second of the game and Brinklow looked like they could go on to get a hatful. Finham kept their cool though and the game reached an exciting finish with Brinklow finishing up 3-2 winners. Well done lads!

Man of the Match - **Jamie Huddleston**

For many of the team this game was their debut in competitive football; and what a way to start! The two teams were well matched and the game was a lively affair from start to finish. Zack Bevins played in goal and made several good saves to keep the away side out. Benjamin Lees was full of confidence and played some good football from midfield to set up several chances for Sam Skerratt, who went on to score two great goals despite missing a penalty. The away side also had a penalty which Zack Bevins almost kept out. Brinklow's third goal came from Lee Huddleston who thoroughly deserved it after showing a lot of determination during the second half. Brinklow finished 3 - 1 winners - a deserved win to make it a double over Finham Park on the day. Well done to all! Man of the Match - **Benjamin Lees**

NEWS:

We have had a very bright start to the season - the standard of football is promising. Support from parents at training sessions and matches is really important. We still need a sponsor for the Under 7's so any offers would be welcome. Also we are finding it difficult to organise fixtures this year so if anyone knows of other teams looking for a game, please let me know ASAP.

TONY GLASSCOE

Social Diary And Forthcoming Events



Are you prepared to be

SCARED?

Are you prepared to be

VERY, VERY, SCARED?

(And have some **fun** as well!)

It's the

HALLOWE'EN PARTY !!

DISCO

JACK O' LANTERN COMPETITION

Prizes for the best **FANCY DRESS**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 29TH

7.00 'til 11.00 in the **CHURCH ROOMS BRINKLOW**

£1 entrance on the door fee with ticket and raffle ticket

Licensed Bar