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A Message from the Chairman

I would like to welcome all of you to the 2007-08 football season at Brinklow Football Club. The summer has flown by and to be honest with the wet weather it seems as if the football season never ended. I would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new players and members who have joined us during the close season.

We start 2007-08 as an FA Charter Standard Development Club, which shows the commitment the club has to conducting its business both on and off the field in a professional manner. The new committee is experienced and will continue to drive the club forward but at the same time easing the burden on the managers and coaches to concentrate on the football.

I am delighted with the high standard of managers we have in place from the micro section up to the senior teams. It takes a lot of hard work, dedication and time to manage a team and although rewarding there are times when it can be a difficult job. I hope that all members of the club will support the managers during the season.

All of our players are raring to get started and I am sure that the performances on the pitch will be of a very good standard. Building on last season's success is very important and we have a very good chance of winning competitions at all levels.

Finally the committee are looking to form a Parent Support Group, which will be a forum for parents or supporters to air their views on club and football issues. In turn I hope that it will be another communication process available to the committee.

All that is left for me to say is good luck to all of the players, managers and supporters for the new season.

**Rich Farthing
Chairman**

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PICTURES FROM THE BRINKLOW 6-A-SIDE



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Bulldog's 3 Cov Jaguar (2004) 0

Glenn Wright 2, Luke Thompson 1.

BULLDOG'S in overdrive and cruise past Jaguar!

We created several chances in the first half, but the Jag keeper was in tremendous form and managed to keep a clean sheet upto half time. The lads came out second half with more determination and we soon scored with a well taken goal from Glenn Wright, which was quickly followed by two cracking goals from Luke Thompson which sealed a great victory for the Bulldog's.

Man of the Match: Luke Thompson - Dominated midfield, great passing and scored two well taken goals!

BULLDOG'S PLAYER OF THE MONTH: LUKE THOMPSON - Well done Luke!

Parents

Many thanks for your support and prompt completion of registration forms and attendance at matches. I would kindly ask that any outstanding subs be paid as soon as possible. I am also looking at the possibility of organizing a tour in the Spring of 2008 for the Bulldog's and would be interested in receiving your feedback and interest in going on tour, so that I can look at possible venues, costs per head and dates etc.

Dave Wright

⚽ **2006/7 Season**
Under 7's
Under 8's (Red)
Under 8's (Blue)
Under 9's (Red)
Under 9's (Blue)
Under 10's
Under 11's
Under 12's
Under 12's Girls
Under 13's
Under 14's
Under 14's Girls
Under 15's
Youth Team
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Managers Player

Liam Troughton
Morgan Pulford/Charlie Munro
Scott McCulloch
Daniel Armstrong
Jack Mennell
Robert Betts
Connor Molloy
Jack Parnell
Harriet Lowe
Henry de Boer
Sam Hayley
Hannah Pierce
Michael Smith
Ian Judd
Steven Clarke
Dave Anderson

Players Player

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Joe Tresadem
Peter May
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Ben Walton
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**2006-7
BRINKLOW F.C.
CLUB AWARDS**

U16's TEAM NEWS

It's been a busy summer, with a lot of transfer activity. Amongst other things, the Under 16's have recruited five additional players to the squad - Aashish Shastri, Lee Satchwell, Will Burton, Dan Ferrar and a welcome return to Sanjay Sanghera. 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.

Unfortunately over the summer we have had to say goodbye to a couple of players who have been with Brinklow Football Club for a number of years - Kai Sud and Tom Fountain. They both will be sorely missed. Kai had been with us since he was seven years old and never once in eight seasons of matches did Kai give the team less than 100%. His courage, determination and spirit on and off the pitch have been an inspiration. He is a credit to Brinklow F.C. and his family. We wish Kai, Bip, Tina and family all the best for the future.

Also during the summer the Under 16's have appointed a new Captain and Vice Captain. Congratulations go to Michael Smith for being appointed Captain and Adam Mazey as Vice Captain. Many thanks to James Kearney for carrying out his duties as Captain last season and handing over the baton to Michael to carry on the good work.

Well done to Michael Smith for being voted both Players' Player and Manager's Player of the Year at Presentation Night. It was thoroughly well deserved and capped a fantastic season for Michael.

And now for the future. 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 2007/2008 season.

Smith Michael (C)	Reide Dan	Shastri Aashish	Spencer Michael
Mazey Adam (VC)	Satchwell Lee	Burton William	Sud Milan
Kearney James	Ferrar Dan	Heffernan Adam	Chadwick Sam
Day Callum	Sanghera Sanjay	Wood Alex	

Season 07/08 has started very well for the Under 16's. With excellent performances on the pitch and determination and spirit in training, things are looking promising for the season ahead. After topping the table in September, the Under 16s must not rest on their laurels but keep up the hard work and effort that will set them in good stead.

There is further good news for the Under 16's. ECAS Services (Adam Mazey's dad) has very kindly offered to become our new team sponsor. As a result, we are in the process of ordering a brand new kit for the lads. This should hopefully be with us in the next few weeks and photos of the lads with their new kit should be in the next edition of OTB. Many thanks to ECAS Services for their support. In addition, the Under 16s have secured further sponsorship for squad waterproofs - details will follow in the next edition.

Many thanks to Bob & Marie Kearney for all their hard work over the summer and into the new season. As well as doing a lot of work on the pitch, they do an incredible amount of hard work behind the scenes and on behalf of me and the lads we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their immense contribution to the team and the club.

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 16'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

PS: Alex Wood - the goal scorers table will be in the next edition of OTB. Keep banging them in son !!

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U7's TEAM NEWS

Brinklow 5 Haunchwood 4

A good start from Brinklow attacking from the whistle with some good defending by Haunchwood. Then the break through and a shot from Jack Burroughs knocked in by Will Blackmore 1-0, then 5 minutes later 2-0 to Brinklow, this time Jack scoring after some good passing in midfield from Finley Troup and Lewis Timms. After the 2nd goal was scored Haunchwood started passing the ball around and got a goal back 2-1, end-to-end stuff by both teams playing good football. Harry Keble in goal making some good saves and well cleared up by Oliver Craig and Joe Cooper. with one minute till half time Haunchwood equalized 2-2 at half time.

Brinklow started the second half a bit shaky with Haunchwood taking the lead for the first time in the match, Brinklow brought on some fresh legs Jamie Wilkins, Alex Smith and George Burroughs all came on and Brinklow started passing the ball around again. With defence splitting passes from Lewis, Jack scored his second to make it 3-3. Haunchwood made some changes and straight away they took the lead 4-3, then with 5 minutes to go Jack score a great solo goal cutting in from the left to score his hat trick and Brinklow's 4th goal 4-4. Two minutes later Finley made a great tackle and passed it to Will who knocked a great low ball across the goal for Oliver to come in at the back post to score. 5-4 to Brinklow and we held on for the last 2 minutes to get a great win against a strong Haunchwood team.

Brinklow 1 Ambleside 6

Ambleside started really strong making Owen Temple make some good saves. Brinklow started shakily as it was their first game together as a team, then a shot from 12 yards 1-0 to Ambleside. From the restart Brinklow started passing the ball well with Fintan Hanley playing a nice ball to Zach Brigg who was brought down. From the resulting free kick Ambleside broke and scored, 2-0. After some good work in defence by Jake Nicholson and Harroon Munir Brinklow started having some good chances with Jake Parsons and Daniel Ridges hitting the post and their keeper making some good saves. Again on the break Ambleside scored 3-0, with Brinklow making some changes with Ben Thompson Mason Harris and James Branner coming on straight away, Ben Thompson scored for Brinklow with a good shot, then with two minutes to go before half time Ambleside scored 4-1 to Ambleside at half time.

Second half saw Brinklow start off well having some good efforts and playing with a smile on their faces. Brinklow kept pushing forward and got caught at the back twice in 5 min to make 6-1. Brinklow never gave up trying to pass the ball around, still trying to find space within their places on the pitch. Final whistle went, 6-1 to Ambleside but the Brinklow players all had smiles on their faces and they had all forgotten what the final score was.

Just a big well done to all the players and a big thank you to all parents for their help Gavin, Scott, Steve, Paul & Nino

Gavin Brigg



"That would have been a goal if it wasn't saved."

Kevin Keegan

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U8's TEAM NEWS

Brinklow Under 8's Blue

Brinklow 9 Hawkes Mill 1 (pre season friendly)

Liam Troughton 7
Teddy Vincent
Rhys Harteveld

We hit the ground running in this pre season friendly with some excellent movement and passing.....Bring on the league campaign.

Brinklow 9 Pro Santos 0

Liam Troughton 5
James Judge 2
Teddy Vincent
Rhys Harteveld

We carried over our pre-season form into our 1st league match.

Man of the match: James Judge

Leamington Hibs 1 Brinklow 6

Rhys Harteveld 2
Jessie Dharni 2
James Judge
Jasper Moon

After a 1st half struggle where it was 1-1 at the break we changed tactics slightly and gave a motivational speech and we then dominated the 2nd half.

Man of the match: Jasper Moon

Westwood Utd 1 Brinklow 1

Rhys Harteveld

A very even first half on a bumpy pitch ended at 1-1. We stepped up a gear in the 2nd half and did everything but score.

Man of the match: Rhys Harteveld

Brinklow 2 Westwood Utd 0

Jessie Dharni
Liam Troughton

We went 2 early goals up against a well organised good tackling side, the whole match seemed end to end with Max Joyce making some excellent saves for us.

Man of the match: Jake Bennett

Myself and Ian couldnt have asked for a better start to the season. Every one of the nine squad players have put in 100% commitment and effort. Top of the league!!!!.....lets keep it up.

Mark Troughton

Brinklow Under 8's Green

A good start to pre season with a 12-0 victory against Ambleside Hawks at St Margarets

Coundon Court 6 Brinklow 0

Down to earth with a bump, we came up against a well organised coundon side who will surely finish near the top of the league at the end of the season.

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U15's TEAM NEWS

Welcome back to many of last years under 14's and the 4 new signings for this season. I would like to offer a warm welcome to new boys Jake and Shaun McBride, Callum Flaxton and Brandon Perkin. 2 players from last season - Tom Morrison and Joe Partridge have decided to call it a day for this season, and I would like to pass on thanks from all at Brinklow for their many years with us.

When I write this the under 15's have played 3 matches recording a win in their 1st game, a draw in the 2nd and the 3rd was a loss to CTK.

Winter training has now started and it's important to get as many there as possible each week to keep fitness levels up, as we will be needing them more than ever this year.

Subs should all be in by the time you read this, if not please make Sure you get them in straight away unless there is a problem, then feel free to have a quick word to me about it after training or the game.

Binley Woods 2 Brinklow 5

The first game for the under 15's saw an away trip to play neighbours Binley Woods, and from the start it was Brinklow who took control of the game by constantly getting in the Binley Woods area. If it wasn't for their goal keeper and some off target finishing, we could easily have been 5-0 up after 20 minute's. Around the half hour mark and against all play Binley broke down the middle and managed to slot the ball away giving them the lead. With Brinklow having much more of the play, Binley Wood's scored their second just before the half time taking them in to the break 2-0 up.

After a good half time talk from coaches and players, this seemed to spur us on and 15 minutes into the second half saw Brinklow take probably their 10th corner, this time Alex Linnell found Jamie Huddleston, who's bullet header flew in the back of the net off the underside of the cross Bar. After this Brinklow really took control and goals came soon after from, Jack Farrant, Tommy Hyde, Alex Linnell, and new signing Callum Flaxton giving Brinklow a deserved 5-2 victory.

Brinklow 4 London Rd 4

The unbeaten run continues but we need to learn how to hold onto a lead. At 4-2 up in the second half we decided to go route one which only succeeded in giving the ball back to London Rd. Remember lads what Martin said at training on Wednesday 'If YOU have the ball THEY can't score'.

Can't fault the strikers today as the quality of our goals was first rate with Hydo probably shading it as my MOTM (The competition for places up front is certainly paying dividends). Defensively we played better as a unit but a couple of basic errors cost us dear. This is more disappointing since I thought we had eliminated an element that plagued us last season.

On a more positive note we have now taken 4 points from 6 against teams we lost to at the back end of last season plus a substantial win in a friendly against higher league opposition. The confidence is back & the performances suggest winning this league is within our abilities.

Christ The King 9 Brinklow 2

Not much to say about this one, we were out classed in many departments apart from at times we did show more skill than them on the ball. CTK were a lot more physical and their pace was quicker than ours in every position on the pitch.

Best forgotten this game and move on to the next.

Goals; Callum Flaxton and Steve Brannen

Neil Huddleston

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score, albeit an own goal, and left us shell shocked and took the three points. To quote their supporters and manager, " you gave us a footballing lesson" and " you were mugged", scant consolation!! In all it was one of those games that happens from time to time but if we continue to play like that it proves we are moving in the right direction.

A big thankyou for the contined support from the parents and special mentions and thanks goes to The Frog Squad for sponsoring new tracksuits for the whole U9 section and to The White Lion B&B for sponsoring the red teams new kit.

Also a big thankyou to Ian and Paula Munro for arranging the tour for us. Weymouth here we come. It really is a big help and is greatly appreciated. So parents don't feel you have to be asked to do/arrange something, trust me we will not argue if you want to help.

Congratulations to the Blues for their amazing start to the season remaining unbeaten after four games, brilliant!

In all a great start to the season both on and off the pitch. Its great to be back!

Wayne Pulford

Brinklow under 9 Blues

Four games in and we sit proudly in second place in the division. Afantastic start to the season winning our first three games and drawing our fourth against a side who comfortably did the double over us last season.

We have started with most of the same players this year barr a couple of additions -Josh "Tiny" Giles and Morgan Deakin.

Their introduction has taken our football to the next level. They both look to pass the ball which has really rubbed off on the rest of the lads and both can strike a ball well -something we were lacking last year. Tinys workrate and tackling has also rubbed off -the work he gets through in a 50 minutes is phenomenal -all credit to Wayne for the hard work he put in last year -it has definately paid off.

We now look like we can score goals from most positions .Rhys has been banging them in , Tiny , Morgan and Scott have also been chipping in and at the back Peter Billy and Nathan have been solid -Billy especially has come on leaps and bounds which i put down in part to the fact that he works really hard at training. Jordan has been excellent in goal making some great saves and Jake is working harder and looking sharper on the field.

All in all a fabulous start.

One thing to say also is that the support on the lines from the parents and families has been excellent ans has spurred the lads on.

Thanks

Dominic McNaney



Brinklow under 9 Red

A good pre season training under our belts and attracting two new players we were ready for our assault on The John Bryant Coventry Minor League Red Division. Four games in and we have recorded 3 wins and one loss. 9 pts from a possible 12.

Chapelfield Colts 0 Brinklow 3

First game away to Chapelfield Colts, not the match I wanted to start with. Arriving early on a sunny Sunday morning and with new signings Jordan Loydall and Micheal Lunn making their debuts the boys turned in a commanding display returned with a 3-0 victory. Joe Tresadern notching 1 either side of half time. The game at 2-0 and the boys comfortable the ref unexplicably and to everyones, and I do mean everyones amazement gives his club, sorry, the home side a penalty. No worries though super Charlie Munro dives to his right and saves. Nice try ref! Morgan Pulford scores the third to seal a good opening day win.

MOTM - Ben Wilson

Brinklow 5 Ernesford Dynamos 1

Ernesford Dynamos were the first to visit our new home of Barr Lane and left empty handed. An indifferent display where the boys were dumbfounded by the oppositions lack of positioning and took some time to come to terms with it but in the end ran out easy winners 5-1. Jordan Loydall led the way with his first goals for the club, backed up by Joe and Morgan again on the score sheet with one apiece and Alex Day netting his first of the season.

MOTM - Matthew Hood

Coventry Sphinx 2 Brinklow 1

An away trip to Coventry Sphinx the week after. Somehow we failed to beat them last year, so could we finally beat them ? YES is the answer. 2-1 the result but not a true reflection on the game. I thought it was going to be another one of those games! 1-0 down in the first minute and we hadn't touched the ball. How do we respond? Brilliantly, gaining control of the game and equalising midway through the half, Morgan continuing his goal streak after good work from Joe down the right. Chances came and went, not another draw? Michael's shot was saved and Conor McKiernan followed up to rifle into the top of the net. A great performance by al the boys.

MOTM - Morgan Pulford

Brinklow 0 AT7 5

Last seasons runners-up and champions elect AT7 Red were our next visitors, sadly ending our unbeaten start to the season leaving with a resounding 5-0 victory. Again a slow start cost us as the away side breezed into a 2-0 lead within minutes of the kick-off. Any way back? not this time and 2-0 turned to 3-0 before half time our defending from crosses not at its best. Although we didn't play well we matched them in the second half and I would say that the shot rate during the whole game was not far off being equal but we just couldn't score today whilst AT7 added two more goals to their tally to seal the win. Lessons learnt!

MOM - Charlie Munro

Brinklow 0 Cov Jag 1

"it's a funny old game" not a truer phrase. The Champions of last year Cov Jag Red came to play us at Barr Lane. After last weeks disapointing display the boys started with a renewed confidence and belief and put the visitors under pressure from the first whistle and continued the pressure until the last whistle, but for all the effort and skill the ball just would not go in. To make it more hurtful Cov Jag did

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U10's TEAM NEWS

As we enter October both teams are now starting to pick up results and our performances are starting to improve too. With a long season ahead of us I am sure we will have plenty of excitement along the way. We also have some new players to welcome and introduce,

Joe V - Red Team
Ryan - Green Team
James - Green Team

A couple of leavers, Ben and TJ from the green team, we thank for their contributions over the past couple of years and wish them both all the best for the future.

New Kit

All players now will have received new socks and shorts for the new season, along with new raincoats. Playing shirts, please ensure all shirts are handed in after each game.

Training

Training from 11th October reverts to Princethorpe college, start time is earlier than at Barr Lane - 6pm - we have an allocated 1 hour session, please be prompt.

Subs

Thank you all for the payment of subs plus training fee all so quickly.

Calendars

As usual Calendars will be on sale early November, this year there will be other products available such as Mugs, Mousemats and team Christmas cards. Great stocking fillers for all grandparents, please remember all proceeds from these sales go towards our Christmas outing.

Christmas Outing

After last years successful Christmas outing to watch the Blaze hockey team (over 50 of us), we need to decide whether we go to watch The Sky Blues at the Ricoh or The Blaze at the Sky Dome. Maybe you could let either Will or I know which you prefer. We need to book up late October therefore if you can let us know your choice as soon as possible and if any parents want to come along too.

Team Building

I am planning on taking the red team skating one morning or afternoon, any green team member are more than welcome - may go for the Sunday after the cup games - 21st October, I will let you know more details nearer the time.

Assistance on Match Days

All assistance is greatly appreciated on matchdays for both Teams, whether it be putting the corner flags out or helping putting up or taking down the goals or to just running the line. Don't feel shy please help out whenever you can.

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Declan Mellett

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U14's TEAM NEWS

The lads have ALL worked hard throughout pre-season, training twice per week, which has improved fitness in preparation for the new season. We have also made three new signings namely: Adam Nailor (Goalkeeper), Luke Thompson (Midfielder) David Monklow (Forward). I would like to thank all of the lads for making the newcomers feel very welcome, which has enabled them to settle in very well and I feel sure will be good additions to the squad for the coming season.

Pre-Season Friendlies

Pro Santos 1 Bulldog's 7
Bulldog's 2 Leamington Hibs 2
Bulldog's 5 Alvis 3

League Fixtures

(League Position: 4th / Played: 4 / Won: 3 / Lost: 1 / Total Points: 9)

Celtic Supporters 5 Bulldog's 0

ADAM Nails a solid commanding performance for the Bulldog's!

Our first game was a tough test away from home against a strong side, who have several new players and are favourite's to win the league this season. The lads found it difficult to adjust to our first game on a full size pitch and while we competed well in the first half, we lost our shape second half and created very few chances.

Man of the Match: Adam Nailor: Several good saves, great courage and brilliant goalkeeping!

Exhall Tigers 1 Bulldog's 2

Ben Stone 1, Luke Thompson 1.

BULLDOG's Tame the Tigers !!!

Good team performance and the Bulldog's dominated the game throughout, but we struggled to take our chances. Danny Wood worked hard in an unfamiliar wing back role, and never stopped running throughout the game, supported by some great passing. Thankfully Ben scored a well taken goal and Luke followed up with a second which sealed three valuable points for the Bulldog's, the start of a three game unbeaten run.

Man of the Match: Henry De Boer – Hard working solid performance in the centre of midfield forming a good partnership with Luke, winning several tackles and distributing the ball well.

Bulldog's 7 Alvis 1

Glenn Wright 2, David Monklow 2, Chris Ward 1, Owen Deakin 1, Arron Hope 1.

ARRON HOPE scores a Stunning Scissor Kick-which leaves ALVIS all Shook Up !

Alvis were first to score, with a well taken goal, which caught us napping. The Bulldog's quickly stepped up the pace of the game and went on to win comfortably, with a brace a piece for David Monklow and Glenn Wright. Overall this was a solid team performance with goals from several players, with Chris scoring from distance and Owen 'Rocket Man' Deakin scoring a well taken goal to seal a great victory!

Man of the Match: Arron Hope – A fantastic overhead kick directly from a corner, which left the Alvis keeper stranded. Well done Arron great technique and GOAL OF THE SEASON so far!

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U13's GIRLS TEAM NEWS

So my first season as Manager of this team is underway and our first taste of the Coventry and District Girls League.

Brinklow 3 Leamington Hibs 0

Our first home match took place at Wolston Leisure Centre against Leamington Hibs on Saturday 15th September. To say that I was the proudest manager at Brinklow FC was an understatement. Every single member of this team played their absolute hearts out and I was so proud of each and every one of them. A truly awesome performance from Alice Clarke in goal - a well deserved clean sheet. The solid defence of Bex Wilby, Sophie May and then Megan Bradley who came on as sub, and is a new squad member!! These girls were never going to let anything get past them. Georgia Anderson, Lauren Phillips and Shelbie Baskerville in the midfield just ran and ran and ran. And what can I say about our striker Chelsea Smith? An absolutely awesome performance up front. There was no way she wasn't going to score today - and she did - 3 magnificent goals - and a well deserved Player of the Match Award from me. Referee's 'Player of the Match' awarded to Bex Wilby.

'To say that I was the proudest manager at Brinklow FC was an understatement'

Attleborough Sports 4 Brinklow 1

The second match was away against Attleborough on Saturday 22nd September. Oh dear, the highs and lows of football management!! It was a totally different Brinklow team who played in this match. Every single one of them played so much better last week. We completely lost our shape in midfield which caused us real problems. Fitness! Need I say more? Player of the match went to Harriet Lowe who didn't give up and set the goal up for Shelbie Baskerville. Referee's player of the match awarded to Alice Clarke.

We haven't had any matches since these two due to our opposition not being able to field teams. But I have to say the squad are really a great bunch of girls. The defeat knocked them for six after the 'high' of the first match, but they're as

fully focussed as they always have been and the main thing is they're really enjoying their football.

Liz Clarke

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Coundon Cockerels 0 Brinklow 0

This was more like it. We are starting to play more as a team and were unlucky not to take all 3 points.

Rugby Admirals 3 Brinklow 0

A positive performance against the pre season favourites for the title.

Brinklow 9 Binley Woods 0

George Theobald 3
Ben Sotek 2
Sam Wash 2
Sahil Thakrar
Haydn Wilson

After 3 games without a goal suddenly we are inundated with them.... A wonderful team performance.

Brinklow 3 Christ The King 4

Sam Wash 2
Ben Sotek

With only 7 players and without our 1st choice keeper, the lads played in what was without doubt their best performance of the season..... great passing, backing each other up and strong tackling. We were very unlucky not to get at least a point from this one.

After a shaky start things are coming together and the lads are playing for each other as a team should. 3 defeats, all against teams from the top 4 places in the league. It's starting to come together!!!!

Steve Wilson

MORAL QUESTION

This is an imaginary situation, but YOU have to decide what you would do!



Manchester is flooded. It's the worst flood for a hundred years. You have been sent there by a national newspaper to take pictures of the flood. You are in a small boat when you see a crashed car. The driver is badly injured. It is Phil Neville. He is unconscious and is about to be swept away by the raging waters.

There is enough space for ONE more person in your boat. You have a choice of rescuing him, or getting a possible prize-winning photograph of the last moments of a famous English footballer.

SO, THE QUESTION IS..... What shutter speed do you use?

U11's TEAM NEWS

We started our 07/08 season full of excitement and nerves, our young players of the last 3 mini soccer seasons were now entering into the 11-a-side arena, bigger pitch, bigger goals and the off-side rule, how frightening is that. The team sheet read, GK Daniella Francioso. Defence (L to R) Keiran Brown (Capt), Ben Cross, Sean Dowsing, Robert Betts. Midfield (L to R) Ryan Payne, Griff Griffith, George Lowe, Callum Thorn. Striker's Arron Girling, William Naul. Sub Daniel Phandenbauer. Only having 12 players made it difficult with holidays to arrange pre-season games, so we entered into our first match not having fully played together as a squad. During this first week we signed on another 2 new player's, Chloe Jennings and Jordan Docker so a big BFC welcome to them. Summer training included work on fitness and stamina, we worked on positions and set pieces, we are still learning but I know we will grow stronger with every game.

u11's Results

Brinklow FC 1 Coundon Cockerels 1

Ryan Payne

Binley Woods 0 Brinklow FC 1

Ryan Payne

Chapelfield Colts 3 Brinklow FC 0

Hawkesmill 2 Brinklow FC 2

Ben Cross, Ryan Payne

Ernesford Dynamos 2 Brinklow 3

2 Ryan Payne, William Naul

For more match detail see Under 11's Forum on BFC website, reports by Darren Thorn.

I would like to thank all parents for their support, encouragement and patience during these first few weeks. It's great to see parents (without being asked) pitching in to help, whether its collecting balls from behind the goal whilst we are carrying out a shooting drill, serving tea/coffee at the home game, refereeing games, collecting cone's or other equipment after use, writing match reports, collecting names for parents player of the match, collecting info on fund raising, a great team spirit, it has been noticed and appreciated. Thank you as this allows us to coach.

u11's Events

It is an exciting time on and off the pitch. Winter training has taken us to Butlin Rd on Friday nights 7 till 8 pm, meet at Bulls Head Car park 6:20 pm, £2 each per session, fund raising that will follow will help to pay towards this.

New sponsor's Mark & Rucky from the Bulls Head have agreed to purchase a new kit for the team (once I have ordered it !!!!)

Don't forget we have a Bonfire BBQ Party at the Bullshead on Fri 2nd Nov, fireworks at 6:30 & 8:30, all BFC are welcome to join us.

During these first few games, we as a team have experienced the emotions of winning, losing and drawing. Most of all it has been great to see the players want to stay with BFC and join us as other Under 11 teams have folded.

Lastly I would like to thank each player (and also players who just train with us) for his or her commitment and effort, without them I wouldn't have a team to manage. Well done Under 11's Keep up the good work.

Moreno Francioso

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U12's TEAM NEWS

Welcome to the first **ON THE BRINK** of the season. The first few games of the season have, as anticipated, been tough ones and the boys have started off with four defeats, however as they are all continually reminded, the league program is a marathon not a sprint, and with 16 games remaining, there is plenty of time to gain momentum and achieve those confidence boosting performances and victories.

Away from the cauldron of the 'A' Division fixture list, the under 12s section, as is the norm is running exceptionally well with the team training in midweek up at the Rugby School astro turf, which is always fantastically supported, playing their league games in a new playing strip kindly sponsored by Jeff and Cathy from the White Lion Bed and Breakfast, and all of the boys have been issued with brand new rain jackets kindly sponsored by Kevin Stuart.

In Pre- Season we managed to recruit a couple of new players to the set-up and we give a huge welcome to Nathan Biddle and Bradley Hall. We hope that both boys and their families enjoy being part of our fantastic club.

This month's edition is also tinged with a piece of sad news as Lloyd has decided that his football development requires a fresh challenge and is leaving the club after 6 years of service.

The season has not started as we all would have wished, but I can honestly say that it's not been for the want of trying and the boys are giving it their all in both the games and training. The support the team are getting from the sidelines is as always fantastic and it is very much appreciated.

There is along way to go, keep your chins up boys

Come on you Yellow and Blues!!!

Martin Pulford



"I was saying the other day, how often the most vulnerable area, for goalies is between their legs"

Andy Gray, SkySport



'A lot of hard work went into this defeat.'

Malcolm Allison



'It would be a nice scalp for Scunthorpe to put Wimbledon on our bottoms.'

Dave Bassett

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we've caused our own downfall."

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