

This season has been the most successful season I have ever been involved in during my 37 year playing and management career.

We started off with an away league game to eventual 3rd place Brooklands Jag, and felt so distraught at conceding an equaliser in the 6th minute of injury time. The lads obviously didn't like this feeling and went on to win their next 17 league games on the bounce, also winning many cup games to give us 3 amazing cup final appearances.

It was another great night at the Bedworth oval with Brinklow coming from a goal down against premiere side AEI Rugby to retain the Bedworth Nursing Cup with a decisive 3 – 1 victory thanks to a hatrick from man of the match, and eventual Coventry Alliance and Brinklow FC Golden Boot Winner, Danny Nelson.

This was shortly followed by a trip to Coventry Sphinx' ground to face a strong Folly Lane Reserves in the final of the Foleshill Charity Cup. After a mediocre 1st half we upped the pace going in to a commanding 2 – 0 lead before missing a penalty and then immediately conceding with 15 minutes to go. The lads held firm though, with a magnificent finger tip save by Man of the Match Dale Huddleston, seeing us over the finishing line to pick up our second cup within a week.

Next up was a trip to the Ricoh arena in The Telegraph Challenge cup final against eventual Cov Alliance Premiere runners up and Cov Charity cup winners, Christ the King. After the three previous amazing victories against Midland Combination outfits Racing Club Warwick, Alvis Sports, and Nuneaton Griff, the Brinklow boys just failed to lift the trophy in a thrilling final witnessed by a crowd of around 500, over 300 of whom being magnificent Brinklow supporters. The support on the night is the best I've ever witnessed in amateur football, pushing us on during a frenetic last 15 minutes, however the eerie silence when we sat down in the changing rooms after the game was absolutely gut wrenching.

The lads had to immediately push this to the backs of their minds with us needing to win one of our remaining four league games which we duly did at the 1st attempt eventually clinching the Alliance 1 league title by an amazing 8 points.

To cap a great season off for the senior section, I'm proud to inform you that at the Coventry Alliance presentation night we were awarded the prestigious Coventry Alliance Club of the year! An amazing feat for any one outside the premiere division.

I'd just like to take this opportunity to officially thank our back room staff for their support all year, our faithful supporters, Tony Glasscoe for all his help off

the field, Wiff for all his help on the touchline, Ryan Byrne for all his coaching throughout the season, but most of all the Players who very nearly brought home the lot!

Pauk Huddleston