Midland Football League Newsletter

1st March 2017

League News

Storm Doris had a major impact on a couple of Midland Football League clubs last week. Division 3 leaders NKF Burbage suffered damage at their Kirkby Road ground which they share with Barwell FC. A building behind one of the stands had its roof blown off, up and over the stand and onto the pitch leaving smashed light bulbs on the pitch and wood and nails everywhere. The tea/food stall has also lost its roof leaving just the four walls standing. Not surprisingly, their top of the table clash with Northfield Town had to be postponed.

Knowle FC suffered devastation when the roof of their club house was blown off and onto Knowle Cricket Club. The storm hit while a Half Term coaching camp was taking place with 35 youngsters in attendance.

The local community has rallied around Knowle FC after storm Doris destroys club house.

Knowle FC is gradually coming to terms with the shock of the roof being blown off their clubhouse in Storm Doris and the resulting closing of the ground for the foreseeable future. However, in true Corinthian spirit the club and its teams are responding to the challenge and, as befits an FA Community club with 25 adult and children's sides, male and female, the club are receiving support from the wider community, including the business community.

National League, Solihull Moors FC, in an act of great generosity have agreed to Knowle first team playing its next two Midland Football League fixtures at their stadium, The Automated Technology Stadium, Solihull, free of charge. Knowle are hoping to arrange a legends' game and will be approaching friends at Aston Villa and Birmingham City in this regard.

Arden school has also allowed the junior teams the chance to continue playing their matches on their school field also free of charge, an offer that was gratefully received this weekend.

All this goes to show the great community spirit in the Knowle area and the affection people have for the club.

Everyone at the club would like to say a huge thank you for help given so far and all the support yet to come.

The club have sent up a crowd funding website in an attempt to raise the much-needed funds to get the club back on track.

Please visit the link below, all donations welcome.

http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/knowle-fc-repairs-to-clubhouse

The aim is to raise £30,000 to provide a new clubhouse that is home to so many players.

Please share the link and help Knowle FC recover from the devastating impact the storm has had.

If you think you could help the club, please contact either Tracy Lake, chairperson on tracylake@sky.com, or Derek Adamson, vice-chairman, derek.adamson@dwf.law.

Over 250 guests and well-wishers joined former players to pay tribute to Tony Allden on the 50th anniversary of the tragedy that claimed his life.

An emotional crowd gathered ahead of The Gates league match v Long Eaton on Saturday to pay tribute to Tony Allden on the 50th anniversary of his tragic death, after he was fatally struck by lightning whilst playing for Highgate v Enfield in 1967.

They watched in silence as Tony's widow Sue and sister Christine unveiled the newly named **'The Tony Allden Stand'** before breaking into applause.

This was followed by current captain Josh Hawker laying a large wreath in the club colours, the small card reading **"Remembering Tony Allden, never to be forgotten, from all at Highgate United Past & Present"** the Highgate wreath was then joined by one in Red, White and Blue laid by Roger Green on behalf of Enfield Town. Roger and two other friends had made the journey from Enfield to The Coppice as they did exactly 50 years ago, to the day to pay tribute, in what I can only describe as a truly remarkable act, one that deservedly earned many plaudits from everyone associated with Highgate. And we have now found ourselves 3 new honorary friends.

Following the laying of the wreaths, the crowd impeccably observed a minute's silence, just the distant sound of birdsong provoking deep and meaningful thoughts amongst those present.

Guests were then invited back to the clubhouse for food and drinks, as songs of the 60's quietly played in the background.

Top of the guest list with Sue and Christine were the former team mates of Tony, including goalkeeper Tony Sawyer, Tony Hughes, Hughie Doherty, Roy Taylor, Trevor Jones, Gordon Cooper and Eric Taylor. Also present was Tony's best man and best friend Graham Parkes who recently came over from Spain.

We were also honoured to welcome Andy Walker on behalf of the FA, who was joined by fellow top officials Kevin Shoemake and Steve Poole from Birmingham County FA, Colin Waldron from Worcestershire County FA and Nigel Wood from The Midland Football League.

Also in attendance was BBC's Ian Winter, who having filmed Eric & Roy Taylor with Ken Barnett for a feature on BBC Midlands Today (shown Friday 24/02/17 BBC1 at 6.30pm) felt the need to attend on a personal note. The event had great coverage from the BBC, together with the tea time TV feature on BBC1, Friday morning we were featured on Adrian Goldberg's breakfast show on BBC WM. Special thanks to Steve Hermon of the BBC for helping us out.

On the subject of thanks, I need to thank many, many people – as usual we're indebted to Chris Hughes, without whom this event wouldn't have been possible. Thank you to JLN Group and Connor Signs for their support with the new stand sign. Paul Broadhurst for the supply of the curtains and Vi Stevens Florists for the beautiful wreath.

Despite the reason of the reunion of the 1967 side being a tragic event, it was great to see them and Tony's family, reminiscing tales of happier times. There were no doubt a few glasses raised to the memory of Tony Allden along with the memories of Tony Murphy, Tony Law, Trevor Quiggin and Micky Keeley.

Many people are now looking forward to the forthcoming book, funds are still being raised towards its publication via crowdfunder (see here) and is expected to be completed by the end of May.

Picture courtesy of Pete @The17Mowdog

Leicester Road Football Club hosted premiership giants Liverpool on Monday**.**

Representatives of Liverpool contacted Leicester Road Football Club to make arrangements under strict confidentiality as they were looking for a quality secured stadium for 'behind-closed-doors' training prior to their televised premiership game against Leicester City on Monday night at the King Power Stadium.

Jurgen Klopp together with his full squad and officials arrived at Leicester Road Stadium at 10:30 hours and met with Leicester Road Football Club officials, had a brief tour of the stadium and then went on to meet and integrate members of Leicester Road's development squad who supported the training session.

This is a great coup for the club and shows the standard of facility Leicester Road Football Club have to offer its potential sponsors and clients.

Liverpool Football Club kindly donated a signed shirt to Leicester Road Football Club which will take pride of place in the new club house for all to see.

Great news for 3 of this year's **Moors Academy** players who have signed first team forms for National League Solihull Moors.

Marshall Willock is still just 16 years old but at 6' 2" tall had developed into a formidable centre back. Born in Birmingham he had previously been at Walsall FC as a schoolboy. Marshall joined our Academy this season and has already been out on trial at Blues and Scunthorpe. Moreover having played Grimsby recently he was immediately invited to trial with them too but sees his immediate future with Solihull.

Tyrese Shade is also 16 and Birmingham born. At 6 foot tal, he plays wide on either flank or in any attacking position. Highly athletic and skilful, he will go a long way as he matures. Tyrese spent 9 years with Blues Academy and was released at 15 years old. Like Marshall, he was outstanding recently against Grimsby and they offered to take him on trial. Again he sees his immediate future here with us.

Another Birmingham born 6 footer is Reiss McNally. Reiss is a defender in the Michael Nottingham mold, and is the youngest player at our Academy not reaching 17 until August. He joined Academy Moors this year and has attracted interest from Blues and more recently Grimsby where he particularly impressed their Academy manager Neil Woods. He was previously at Coventry City and Wolves as a schoolboy.

Travels of The Press Officer

Saturday 25th February 2017

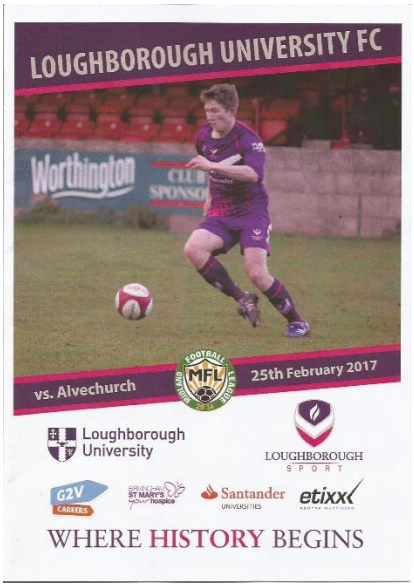
Premier Division (54)

Loughborough University 0 Alvechurch 2

Time to watch the Premier Division leaders at the superbly appointed University Stadium. In the corresponding fixture last season, the Scholar shocked Alvechurch with a superb display and a deserved victory. Could we be in for a repeat? Both sides had to cope with a gusty win which was going to make things difficult. In the 3rd minute, Connor Deards reached the Loughborough goalline and his cross was well held by Conor O'Keefe. Babucar Souane was finding space on the left for Alvechurch and an excellent cross from the left-back failed to find an attacker. In the 10th minute, Josh March was tripped on the edge of the penalty area. Souane took the free-kick and shot into the side-netting. Alvechurch took the lead in the 17th minute. Deards played the ball out to the right wing to Ryan Edmunds who tormented his defender before delivering a perfect cross for Deards to cushion a header into the net. Loughborough's first attempt fell to Ben Last but his shot was always rising as it cleared the crossbar. In the 25th minute, Alex Read had the ball in the net for the home side however the linesman's flag was already up for offside. Back came the league leaders and an excellent run and shot by Deards forced a fine save from O'Keefe. Deards should have made it 2-0 a minute later. A precise through ball by Tom Turton was into the path of Deards who was one-on-one with O'Keefe. His shot beat the keeper but was wide of the target. Loughborough were still well in the game and a flick from Joe Boachie played in Read whose shot was well saved by Paul Evans in the Alvechurch goal. Alvechurch doubled their lead in the 39th minute. Edmunds was again the provider, his cross finding March on the edge of the area and his first time shot gave O'Keefe no chance.

With the wind at their backs, much was expected of the Scholars in the second-half but the pressure never materialised. In the 63rd minute, Deards had the first real chance of the half, putting his shot well wide of the post. Alvechurch were indebted to Evans in the 69th minute, the keeper making a fine double save from first Last and then Read. Alvechurch had a decent chance to make it three in the 74th minute when Edmunds played the ball inside to Deards but the shot was off target. With four minutes of normal time remaining, the impressive Souane was narrowly wide with a volley from the left edge of the penalty area. Loughborough missed a great chance to make the closing minutes interesting when Read failed to get a touch on a corner with the goal at his mercy. In stoppage time, an excellent ball from Daniel Dubidat found Turton but his shot was well saved by O'Keefe.

A comfortable afternoon for the league leaders in difficult conditions. They will probably be disappointed not to have won by more but another clean sheet says a lot about their title credentials. On this showing, they will take some stopping.



Review

Premier Division

Leaders **Alvechurch** maintained their 9-point lead following a 2-0 win at **Loughborough University**. First half goals from Connor Deards and Josh March, both getting on the end of crosses from Ryan Edmunds, saw Church home. **Coleshill Town** are the nearest challengers after a last-minute goal from Jordan Nadat settled the game at 3rd placed **Lye Town**. 4th placed **Westfields** are almost certainly out of the promotion equation as they were beaten 2-1 at a resurgent **AFC Wulfrunians**. **Sporting Khalsa** have 6 games in hand on the leaders but they kept up their excellent league form with a 4-2 win at home to **Coventry Sphinx** with Luke Shearer scoring twice. At the bottom, **Tividale** are 11 points adrift of safety after they were beaten 3-0 at home by **Boldmere St Michaels** who move up to 15th. **Brocton** are just two points better off then Tividale and they too face an uphill struggle to avoid the drop after they were beaten 3-1 at Silkmore Lane by 6th placed **St Andrews**. A 2-1 home defeat at the hands of **Long Eaton United** means that **Highgate United** drop into the bottom three. **Stourport Swifts** climbed out of the drop zone with their second win of the week, 3-2 at home to **Rocester**. **Shepshed Dynamo** are 18th as they were beaten by a 4th minute penalty from Kevin Thornton for 8th placed **Coventry United**. **Shawbury United** finished with 9 men as they were beaten 3-0 at home by **Heanor Town** who are 7th. **Quorn** and **Walsall Wood** shared a 1-1 draw which keeps both of them in the 14 team battle to avoid the drop.

Stuart Capaldi bagged the only goal of the game as **Boldmere St Michaels** continued their climb up the table with a 1-0 win at home to **Long Eaton United**.

League Table

1	Alvechurch	33	23	6	4	78	25	53	75
2	Coleshill Town	31	21	3	7	81	43	38	66
3	Lye Town	30	18	7	5	58	26	32	61
4	Westfields	30	16	8	6	75	48	27	56
5	Sporting Khalsa	27	16	5	6	61	31	30	53
6	St Andrews	32	16	3	13	74	65	9	51
7	Heanor Town	30	14	8	8	58	46	12	50
8	Coventry United	31	15	5	11	46	40	6	50
9	Long Eaton United	31	11	7	13	53	63	-10	40
10	Quorn	30	11	6	13	36	51	-15	39
11	Boldmere St Michaels	32	10	8	14	43	47	-4	38
12	Coventry Sphinx	30	10	8	12	55	60	-5	38
13	Rocester	30	9	10	11	54	61	-7	37
14	Walsall Wood	32	11	4	17	44	62	-18	37
15	Loughborough University	32	8	11	13	54	54	0	35
16	AFC Wulfrunians	31	10	5	16	40	61	-21	35
17	Shawbury United	33	11	2	20	57	79	-22	35
18	Shepshed Dynamo	29	9	7	13	41	46	-5	34
19	Stourport Swifts	29	8	9	12	47	54	-7	33
20	Highgate United	28	9	5	14	44	54	-10	32
21	Brocton	30	7	3	20	33	77	-44	24
22	Tividale	31	6	4	21	39	78	-39	22

Division 1

Bromsgrove Sporting left it late to clinch all 3 points at home to **Heath Hayes**. Seven minutes into stoppage time Luke Edwards fired home the winner to give Sporting a 2-1 victory and extend their lead to 5 points. **Atherstone Town** dropped from 2nd to 4th after they went down 2-0 at 2nd bottom **Pershore Town** thanks to a Jamie Clarke brace. **Hinckley AFC** are up to 2nd and continue to bang in the goals as they beat **Uttoxeter Town** 6-2 at St Johns Park. Sam Agar grabbed a hat-trick for Hinckley while Jake Lovett scored a brace of penalties for Uttoxeter. 3rd placed **Leicester Road** were 1 down at **Littleton** but a red card for the home side in the 62nd minute turned the game and Leicester Road won 3-1 with three goals in the last 16 minutes. There was a real ding-dong battle at Pack Meadow between **Chelmsley Town** and **Lichfield City**. Chelmsley must have thought they had all three points when they scored late on to make it 3-2 but a last-minute penalty from Richard Deavall gave Lichfield a share of the points. At the bottom, **Stafford Town** improved both their points tally and their goal difference as they beat **Southam United** 7-0. Jack Hepple scored a hat-trick for Town with Ryan Pace scoring twice. **Pelsall Villa** are just two points above the drop zone as they went down 2-1 at home to **Cadbury Athletic**. **Heather St Johns** picked up a good three points on the road with a 3-1 win at **Coventry Copsewood**. **Racing Club Warwick** are 6th following a 2-1 win at **Bolehall Swifts**. A double from Jamie Clarke earned **Pershore Town** a point at home to **Chelmsley Town** and moved them out of the bottom two.

1	Bromsgrove Sporting	24	19	5	0	74	20	54	62
2	Hinckley AFC	25	18	3	4	92	34	58	57
3	Leicester Road	24	18	2	4	74	23	51	56
4	Atherstone Town	28	17	5	6	75	40	35	56
5	Lichfield City	27	15	6	6	53	32	21	51
6	Racing Club Warwick	29	15	6	8	73	54	19	51
7	Cadbury Athletic	29	13	11	5	56	37	19	50
8	Heather St Johns	26	13	3	10	56	46	10	42
9	Littleton	27	12	2	13	51	48	3	38
10	Bolehall Swifts	27	12	1	14	59	64	-5	37
11	Coventry Copsewood	28	11	4	13	57	64	-7	37
12	Nuneaton Griff	27	11	3	13	55	56	-1	36
13	Uttoxeter Town	25	11	3	11	44	58	-14	36
14	Heath Hayes	26	8	4	14	48	53	-5	28
15	Chelmsley Town	29	7	6	16	51	60	-9	27
16	Pelsall Villa	28	7	5	16	39	65	-26	26
17	Stafford Town	29	6	7	16	50	61	-11	25
18	Pershore Town	28	7	4	17	33	67	-34	25
19	Studley	28	7	3	18	50	84	-34	24
20	Southam United	26	0	3	23	8	132	-124	3

Division 2

Droitwich Spa extended their lead to 7 points with a 3-2 win at home to **Barnt Green Spartak**, Nick Seabourne with a hat-trick. **Redditch Borough** are just a point outside the top three after a 2-0 win at home to 3rd placed **Fairfield Villa,** Billy Garvey with a double. **Paget Rangers** are hot on their heels and sit 5th with games on hand on all the sides above them apart from Alvis. They beat **Feckenham** 4-0 at The Trevor Brown Memorial Ground. **Earlswood Town** climbed 4 places to 9th with a 3-1 win at home to **Leamington Hibernian**. It's as you were at the bottom as **Continental Star** and **Hampton** drew 1-1 at The Hub. It was a similar scoreline at The Old Red Lion Ground as **Bloxwich Town** drew with **Knowle**.

1	Droitwich Spa	24	17	3	4	65	26	39	54
2	Alvis Sporting Club	17	15	2	0	39	10	29	47
3	Fairfield Villa	21	13	2	6	50	33	17	41
4	Redditch Borough	22	13	4	5	54	22	32	40 *
5	Paget Rangers	18	12	2	4	53	21	32	38
6	Sutton United	23	11	4	8	50	56	-6	36 *
7	Knowle	22	9	6	7	46	34	12	33
8	Barnt Green Spartak	22	8	2	12	37	49	-12	26
9	Earlswood Town	23	7	4	12	36	45	-9	25
10	Feckenham	24	6	7	11	36	56	-20	25
11	Bloxwich Town	25	7	4	14	27	60	-33	25
12	Coton Green	17	6	6	5	36	30	6	24
13	Leamington Hibernian	25	6	4	15	37	60	-23	22
14	Smithswood Firs	21	5	5	11	42	56	-14	20
15	Hampton	22	4	5	13	24	49	-25	17
16	Continental Star	24	2	8	14	26	51	-25	14

Division 3

With leaders NKF Burbage suffering at the hands of Storm Doris, **Montpellier** missed the chance to put pressure on the leaders as they were held 1-1 at 4th placed **Shipston Excelsior**. **Moors Academy** and **Alcester Town** couldn't find a goal between at The Beehive. At the bottom, **Enville Athletic** put an end to their poor run with a 3-0 win at **AFC Solihull** thanks to a hat-trick from Adam Woolridge. **Inkberrow** and **Barton United** fought out a 1-1 draw which leaves them in 10th and 8th respectively.

1	NKF Burbage	19	17	2	0	63	11	52	53
2	Montpellier	18	14	2	2	66	21	45	44
3	Northfield Town	17	13	1	3	56	25	31	40
4	Shipston Excelsior	22	11	5	6	48	47	1	38
5	Moors Academy	17	11	2	4	43	27	16	35
6	Alcester Town	22	9	5	8	31	26	5	32
7	FC Stratford	20	9	2	9	55	40	15	29
8	Barton United	21	7	6	8	40	34	6	27
9	Coventrians	19	8	2	9	41	53	-12	26
10	Inkberrow	20	6	3	11	35	52	-17	21
11	Enville Athletic	21	6	1	14	18	43	-25	19
12	AFC Solihull	22	4	2	16	27	64	-37	14
13	Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons	24	3	4	17	21	62	-41	13
14	Castle Vale Town	20	3	3	14	26	65	-39	12

Other Cups

Westfields and Hereford Lads Club couldn't be separated after 120 minutes at Allpay Park in the semi-final of the Herefordshire Challenge Cup. It finished 1-1 after extra-time and Lads Club progressed to the final against Hereford after winning the penalty shoot-out 4-2.

Reserves

RESERVE DIVISION

COTON GREEN	0	v	0	CADBURY ATHLETIC
GRESLEY	7	v	2	TIPTON TOWN
LICHFIELD CITY	2	v	3	ROCESTER
WALSALL WOOD	6	v	1	ROMULUS

1	Rocester Reserves	10	6	3	1	36	16	20	21
2	Cadbury Athletic Reserves	11	6	3	2	21	15	6	21
3	Walsall Wood Reserves	11	6	2	3	32	19	13	20
4	Romulus Reserves	7	5	0	2	19	18	1	15
5	Coton Green Reserves	12	4	1	7	19	27	-8	13
6	Lichfield City Reserves	8	3	1	4	28	23	5	10
7	Gresley Reserves	7	3	1	3	15	11	4	10
8	Tipton Town Reserves	8	1	1	6	13	42	-29	4
9	Continental Star Reserves	5	0	3	2	3	8	-5	3
10	Brocton Reserves	7	0	3	4	17	24	-7	3

Leading scorers

Ezekiel Agyemang	**Tipton Town**	**14**	**Terence Davies**	**Tipton Town**	**14**
Josh Dutton	**Gresley**	**14**	**Daniel Craythorne**	**Lichfield City**	**13**
Romano Graham	**Walsall Wood**	**13**	**Oliver Roome**	**Rocester**	**13**
Chad Barrett	**Cadbury Athletic**	**13**	**Kieran Smith**	**Brocton**	**13**
Stephen Wilkins	**Lichfield City**	**12**	**Zain Thomas**	**Romulus**	**11**
Jorge Eley	**Rocester**	**9**	**Anthony Smith**	**Romulus**	**9**

Under 21

CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 1, Group "B"

TAMWORTH	5	v	1	DROITWICH SPA G & B

UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

BROCTON	1	v	1	AYLESTONE PARK

UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	0	v	7	COVENTRY UNITED
KINGS HEATH CONCORDE	1	v	0	ALVECHURCH

U21 North

1	Aylestone Park U21	9	6	2	1	32	15	17	20
2	Coleshill Town U21	11	4	1	6	22	21	1	13
3	Sutton Coldfield Town U21	8	3	2	3	19	20	-1	11
4	Tamworth U21	4	3	0	1	20	5	15	9
5	Brocton U21	5	2	3	0	11	7	4	9
6	Heath Hayes U21	4	0	2	2	6	14	-8	2
7	Leek Town U21	5	0	0	5	4	32	-28	0

U21 South

1	Bedworth United U21	12	8	1	3	41	19	22	25
2	Kettering Town U21	8	6	0	2	23	18	5	18
3	Alvechurch U21	9	5	2	2	23	12	11	17
4	Coventry United U21	6	5	0	1	28	4	24	15
5	AFC Rushden & Diamonds U21	13	4	1	8	20	44	-24	13
6	Bromsgrove Sporting U21	6	3	1	2	9	8	1	10
7	Highgate United U21	7	3	1	3	8	11	-3	10
8	H.O.W. Academy U21	10	2	1	7	15	22	-7	7
9	Droitwich Spa BG U21	9	1	1	7	11	34	-23	4
10	Kings Heath Concorde U21	4	1	0	3	3	9	-6	3

Leading scorers

Reece Snape	**Coventry United**	**25**	**James Parker**	**Aylestone Park**	**23**
James McGrady	**Heath Hayes**	**22**	**Ryan Palmer**	**Coventry United**	**16**
Lewis Ludford	**Coventry United**	**15**	**John Dodd**	**Tamworth**	**13**
Jacob Dodds	**Bedworth United**	**13**	**Brad Rolston**	**Heath Hayes**	**13**
Jordan Wilson	**Kettering Town**	**13**	**Jack Tonks**	**Brocton**	**12**
Nathaniel McKenzie	**Tamworth**	**12**	**Josh Oultram**	**Leek Town**	**11**
Ryan Sappleton-Williams	**Sutton Coldfield**	**11**	**Bailey Beddows**	**H.O.W. Academy**	**11**
Michael Wright	**Tamworth**	**11**	**Ben Cooling**	**Heath Hayes**	**10**
Callum Harper	**H.O.W. Academy**	**10**	**Ryan Murphy**	**Bedworth United**	**10**
Jack Cook	**Tamworth**	**10**			

Premier Division – Leading goal scorers

Shay Brennan	**St Andrews**	**35**
Josh March	**Alvechurch**	**28**
Richard Greaves	**Westfields**	**27**
David Meese	**Sporting Khalsa**	**26**
Nathan Hodge	**Shawbury United, Westfields**	**25**
Craig Jones	**Westfields**	**24**
Lei Brown	**Highgate United**	**20**
Jordan Nadat	**Alvechurch, Coleshill Town**	**19**
Jack Till	**Lye Town**	**18**
Kieran Debrouwer	**Heanor Town**	**18**
Dean Rathbone	**Coleshill Town**	**18**
Ben Billingham	**Lye Town**	**18**
Andrew Bridge	**Loughborough University**	**16**
Marco Adaggio	**Highgate United**	**15**
Callum Riddell	**Rocester**	**15**
Mykel Beckley	**Coleshill Town, Coventry United**	**14**
Daniel Dubidat	**Alvechurch**	**14**
Elliot Putman	**St Andrews**	**14**
Drew Aiton	**Walsall Wood**	**14**
Nathan Dale	**Quorn**	**13**
Martin Smyth	**Rocester**	**13**
McCauley Manning	**Highgate United**	**13**
Dan Polan	**Westfields**	**12**
Craig Bannister	**Sporting Khalsa**	**12**
Sam Hollis	**St Andrews**	**12**
Kai Williams	**Coventry United**	**12**

Eight players on 11 goals: -

Kevin Hemagou (Long Eaton United), Charles Knowles (Shawbury United), Liam Read (Shepshed Dynamo), Reece Shilvock (Stourport Swifts, Alvechurch), Dan Smith (Tividale), Nathan Benger (Heanor Town), Joey Butlin (Walsall Wood) and Elliott Reeves (Heanor Town)

Division 1 – leading goal scorers

Alex Naughton	**Atherstone Town**	**41**
Ryan Seal	**Hinckley AFC**	**41**
Matthew Stenson	**Leicester Road**	**26**
Connoll Farrell	**Studley, Coventry Copsewood**	**23**
Wade Malley	**Racing Club Warwick**	**22**
Matt Brennan	**Nuneaton Griff**	**22**
Gareth Evans	**Pershore Town, Studley**	**21**
Jason Cowley	**Bromsgrove Sporting**	**21**
Sam Agar	**Hinckley AFC**	**20**
Kyle Turner	**Atherstone Town, Bolehall Swifts**	**18**
Daniel Carter	**Littleton**	**17**
Paul Sullivan	**Hinckley AFC**	**16**
Luke Lewis	**Uttoxeter Town**	**16**
Jamie Smith	**Racing Club Warwick**	**16**
Joel Ambalu	**Heather St Johns**	**16**
Jamie Clarke	**Pershore Town**	**16**
Tom Bates	**Nuneaton Griff**	**15**
Ben Lund	**Lichfield City**	**15**
Joe Obi	**Bolehall Swifts**	**14**
Sean Brain	**Bromsgrove Sporting, Littleton**	**14**
David Akinuli	**Coventry Copsewood**	**13**
Chris Lloyd	**Bromsgrove Sporting**	**13**
Darryl Thomas	**Leicester Road**	**12**
Jake Holt	**Leicester Road**	**12**
Dan Griffiths	**Lichfield City**	**12**
Jordan Francis	**Bolehall Swifts**	**11**
Joe Hartshorne	**Heath Hayes (now Brocton)**	**11**
Daniel Holloway	**Littleton**	**11**
David Blenkinsopp	**Hinckley AFC, Coventry Copsewood**	**11**

Division 2 – leading goal scorers

Daniel Carter	**Paget Rangers**	**29**
Nick Seabourne	**Droitwich Spa**	**25**
Connor Collins	**Fairfield Villa**	**20**
Mark Bellingham	**Paget Rangers**	**19**
Thomas Craine	**Knowle (now Bromsgrove)**	**18**
Andrew Millan	**Coton Green**	**16**
Liam Fullerton	**Redditch Borough**	**16**
Dildale Linton	**Alvis Sporting Club**	**16**
Pedro Douglas	**Continental Star**	**16**
Jak Albutt	**Redditch Borough**	**15**
George Ford	**Sutton United**	**14**
Dan Pidgeon	**Alvis Sporting Club**	**14**
James Lemon	**Droitwich Spa**	**12**
Ross Dempster	**Paget Rangers**	**11**
Sam Hulme	**Smithswood Firs**	**11**
Joseph Wright	**Leamington Hibernian**	**10**
Martin Crawford	**Smithswood Firs**	**10**
Benet Parchment	**Barnt Green Spartak**	**10**
Tyron Smith	**Smithswood Firs**	**10**
Charlie Cook	**Alvis Sporting Club**	**10**
Joshua Sherington	**Coton Green**	**10**
Billy Garvey	**Redditch Borough**	**10**
Jack Brimmell	**Feckenham**	**9**
Josh Duggan	**Sutton United**	**9**

Seven players on 8 goals:

Ben Ellicott (Knowle), Luke Molloy (Droitwich Spa), Ellis Blakemore (Fairfield Villa), Stuart Hall (Fairfield Villa), Daniel Murphy (Feckenham) and Ben Cox (Feckenham)

Division 3

Stuart Hendrie	**Montpellier**	**34**
Daniel Priest	**Northfield Town**	**19**
Dale Wigmore	**Coventrians**	**17**
Jess Adcock	**NKF Burbage**	**17**
Jay Tilbury	**FC Stratford**	**16**
Tom Smith	**NKF Burbage**	**14**
Montel Okoro	**Moors Academy**	**12**
Dan Lawrence	**Northfield Town**	**12**
Peter Martin	**Barton United**	**11**
Liam Connolly	**Coventrians**	**11**
Alex Coultas	**NKF Burbage**	**10**
Jake Harris	**Shipston Excelsior**	**10**
Adam Wooldridge	**Enville Athletic**	**10**
Charlie Adcock	**NKF Burbage**	**9**
Nathan Astill	**NKF Burbage**	**9**
Lewis Chester	**Coventrians**	**9**
Lewis Fathers	**Shipston Excelsior**	**9**
Daniel Moore	**Castle Vale Town**	**9**
Freddy Murphy	**FC Stratford**	**9**
Lee Hendrie	**Montpellier**	**9**
Thomas Cuppleditch	**Coventrians**	**9**
Ben Hill	**FC Stratford**	**8**
Lewis Jones	**Northfield Town**	**8**
Ashley Wilkes	**FC Stratford**	**8**
Matthew Layton	**Alcester Town**	**8**
Paddy Behan	**Northfield Town**	**8**
Thomas Clewes	**Inkberrow**	**7**
Callum Coyle	**Moors Academy**	**7**
Romario Martin	**Moors Academy**	**7**

Preview

Premier Division

Leaders **Alvechurch** welcome mid-table **Long Eaton United** to Lye Meadow with the first of 9 cup finals as they bid for promotion to the Evostik league. 2nd placed **Coleshill Town** warm up for their FA Vase semi-final with a trip to Wem to face **Shawbury United** who are just 3 points ahead of the relegation zone. Two successive defeats has put a dent in **Lye Town's** promotion bid and they will want all three points when relegation threatened **Highgate United** visit Stourbridge Road. **Westfields** current form is poor with only 1 win in 7. They welcome 2nd bottom **Brocton** to Allpay Park with the Badgers 9 points adrift of safety. 6th meets 5th at Canal Street with free-scoring **St Andrews** hosting in-form **Sporting Khalsa**. Khalsa have responded well to their FA Vase exit with two big wins and need to keep winning if they are to maintain their outside chance of the league title. Bottom club **Tividale** are 11 points adrift of safety and with just 11 games remaining, time is running out if they are to escape relegation. They welcome 8th placed **Coventry United** to The Beeches with the visitors on for a top 6 finish in their first season at this level. **Stourport Swifts** have shown vastly improved form in 2017 and a win at **Shepshed Dynamo** will see them climb above their hosts who have slipped into the relegation battle. **AFC Wulfrunians** have found form at the right time and two successive home wins have moved them 3 points from the drop zone. They travel to **Coventry Sphinx** who, despite being in 12th place, are only 3 points ahead of the Wulfs. **Heanor Town** are having a solid season and are in 7th place. They travel to 10th placed **Quorn** who will be casting a wary eye over their shoulder at the chasing pack. Two sides showing contrasting form meet at The Trevor Brown Memorial Ground with upwardly mobile **Boldmere St Michaels** hosting struggling **Loughborough University**.

Division 1

Bottom hosts top this week with winless **Southam United** welcoming unbeaten **Bromsgrove Sporting** to Banbury Road. With the contrasting fortunes of both teams, anything other than a big Bromsgrove win on the eve of their FA Vase semi-final would be a shock. 3rd meets 2nd in the big local derby between **Leicester Road** and **Hinckley AFC**. Hinckley won the initial encounter 2-0 on Boxing Day so expect the host to want revenge as well as the three points to take over 2nd spot. One point from the last three games has brought **Atherstone Town's** promotion charge to a grinding halt. They travel to Pack Meadow to face **Chelmsley Town** who are looking for points at the bottom of the table. Two sides in the thick of the relegation battle meet at The Bush with **Pelsall Villa** hosting **Studley**. Both sides have had a few decent results of late and a win for either could be vital in the battle to avoid the drop. **Stafford Town** have won 3 of the last 5 and have given themselves an excellent chance of finishing outside the bottom two. **Nuneaton Griff** are the visitors to Evans Park with Griff in 12th place. **Pershore Town** have shown improved form in the last couple of weeks and they travel to **Racing Club Warwick** whose form has been on the wane. **Lichfield City** have left themselves too much to do to challenge for the title but they are on course for a top 5 finish as they travel to mid-table **Littleton**. **Heath Hayes** find themselves too close to the bottom two for comfort and they will want to get something from their trip to St Johns Park and the challenge of a strong **Heather St Johns**. **Cadbury Athletic** are another side chasing a top 6 finish and they travel to Allard Way to face **Coventry Copsewood** who are comfortably in the middle of the pack. 13th meets 10th at Oldfields with **Uttoxeter Town** hosting **Bolehall Swifts** in a game that promises plenty of goals.

Division 2

It's another top versus bottom clash as leaders **Droitwich Spa** host bottom club **Continental Star**. Droitwich have opened up a 7-point lead in recent weeks while Star have a win and two draw in their last four games. 2nd placed **Alvis Sporting Club** have 7 games in hand on the leaders and they take their unbeaten record to mid-table **Barnt Green Spartak. Fairfield Villa**, in 3rd, were beaten last week and face another tough battle as they host 6th placed **Sutton United**. **Knowle**, following the damage caused by Storm Doris, move home for a couple of games and welcome **Feckenham** to Damson Parkway, the home of Solihull Moors. **Coton Green** are 12th and they welcome 11th placed **Bloxwich Town** to New Mill Lane. 1 point separates the two sides but Coton Green have a massive 8 games in hand. 2nd bottom **Hampton** are 3 points adrift of safety and they entertain **Leamington Hibernian** who are two places above them. **Smithswood Firs** are one place above Hampton and they welcome mid-table **Earlswood Town** to The Glades.

Division 3

Leaders **NKF Burbage** can extend the gap at the top to a massive 12 points if they can pick up all three points at 8th placed **Barton United**. 2nd bottom **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** play their penultimate league game of the season as they travel to **FC Stratford**. **Enville Athletic** put an end to their poor run with an emphatic away win last week and they will be hoping they can back that up when they travel to 9th placed **Coventrians** who beat them 4-1 at Hall Drive a couple of weeks ago. One defeat in 9 games, albeit with 5 draws, has moved **Alcester Town** to 6th placed. They welcome 10th placed **Inkberrow** to Old Stratford Road.

Les James Challenge Cup Semi-Final

An intriguing semi-final of the Les James Challenge Cup with 3rd division high flyers **Northfield Town** hosting 2nd division heavyweights **Paget Rangers** at Shenley Lane. Both sides are in good form and have plenty of goal scoring options. Northfield have beaten Montpellier and Barnt Green Spartak to get to this stage being the underdogs for both matches. Paget have scored 11 goals in getting to this stage including a superb 5-3 win over Alvis Sporting Club in the quarter final.

Reserves

CHALLENGE TROPHY SEMI FINAL		**extra time and "penalties" if needed**
ROMULUS	v	BROCTON

RESERVE DIVISION

CADBURY ATHLETIC	v	TIPTON TOWN
CONTINENTAL STAR	v	COTON GREEN
ROCESTER	v	WALSALL WOOD
LICHFIELD CITY	v	GRESLEY

Under 21

CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 1

Group "A"			
ALVECHURCH	v	COVENTRY UNITED	10.30
Group "B"			
HEATH HAYES	v	BROCTON	10.30
Group "C"			
BROMSGROVE SPORTING	v	LEEK TOWN	10.30

UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

AYLESTONE PARK	v	TAMWORTH	12.30

UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

DROITWICH SPA G & B	v	H O W ACADEMY	10.30
HIGHGATE UNITED	v	BEDWORTH UNITED	10.30
KINGS HEATH CONCORDE	v	KETTERING TOWN	10.30