

Total Motion Midland Football League Newsletter



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League News

Alan Cooke: December '41 – March '19



Local Non-league football lost one of its favourite sons earlier this month with the passing of match official Alan Cooke. Alan had been a match official on the Midland Football Combination and the newly formed Midland Football League three years ago for some 30 plus years. He also officiated in the Junior Premier League and was regularly on hand to officiate for the Birmingham City college team games at West Hills such was his enthusiasm for the game.

Perhaps somewhat fitting here at Shenley Lane on the day Northfield Town chase victory to secure the MFL Division Two title that Alan will be honoured for his services to local football with a minute's silence before kick-off. Please join us in paying your respects. Alan was very good friends with MFL appointment secretary John Stokes and spend many a spare Saturday or Tuesday evening visiting Shenley lane and chatting with everyone pitch side and in and around the club.

On a personal note I had many a run in during my playing days with Alan and quickly realised there would only be one winner, and this continued into my management days when with Pilkington XXX FC. 'Ok Steve? I can see you're not too happy, come and have a chat with me in the bar afterwards mate', only to be greeted by a smiley face that was enough to quash any match day disappointment.

It was during the last three years before Pilks resigned from the MFL that Alan became good friends with Darren, Kim, Saul and myself, and was always on hand to carry out pitch inspections for both first team and youth team fixtures and support with all first team pre-season games. Alan organised all the officials for each of our home games for the youth side and shared centre duties with Vinny O'Reilly, Roy Crook, Ian Simpson and Bob 'the umpire' Williams. All good football people themselves. Alan would always help other match officials coming through the system and encouraging them all the way and give them his support and help to improve their refereeing.

I really enjoyed our chats at those youth games when Alan would reminisce and talk about his playing days with such enthusiasm. We always spoke about good young talent and he would often ask if there was anything I was looking out for? I recall one spring night when I told him I was after a striker for the following season as it was something we were missing at Pilks. A couple of days later he called me to tell me about a young lad that he was really impressed with at Blues community side, a striker. 'He's a really busy lad Steve and I'm not sure what will happen to him when he leaves the Blues'? What's his name Al and I'll drop him a call? Jason Cowley mate, he's really talented and scores goals for fun. Needless to say, Jason had better offers than Pilks and joined Redditch playing for the 'Borough' side hoping to catch the eye of 1st team gaffer Liam McDonald. It was at that time that Paul 'Smudger' Smith had

assumed the reigns at Bromsgrove Sporting and was looking for a striker. Jason was targeted and let's just say 'he's done very well for himself and the club' and is a firm favourite at the Victoria Ground. Now, I'm not saying that was down to Alan Cooke but turn a different corner and all that??? He certainly had an eye for talent!

Alan will be sadly missed on the non-league circuit and even more so here in South Birmingham. We were privileged to have known this gentleman. Alan's Funeral will take place on Wednesday 3rd April at Lodge Hill 12.15 and the wake will follow at Northfield Town F.C. ground. SMC

Congratulations to **Northfield Town** for clinching the Division 2 title last weekend.



Studley FC President passed away suddenly on the 25th March at the tender age of 71 years old. Dave who was instrumental in setting up Studley FC as a Saturday side from a Sunday side some 32 years ago and was heavily involved with the club throughout all 32 years. Dave in his younger days played and managed teams at a high level counting Oldbury and Chelmsley among his clubs. For his sins he was a baggies fan and I believe was on their books as a youngster. He leaves behind his wife, three children and 2 grandchildren. Dave will be missed greatly by all who knew him, and our thoughts are with his family.

Dave's funeral will take place on Friday April 26th at Redditch Crematorium at 12-30pm, following the service everyone will be welcome at Studley FC.

Review

Premier Division

Jamie Walker scored twice for **Ilkeston Town** who maintained their three point lead at the top of the table with a 3-1 win at **AFC Wulfrunians**. Kyle Rowley scored three minutes into stoppage time to earn **Walsall Wood** a 2-1 win at **Loughborough University** leaving the Scholars one point above the relegation zone. **Wolverhampton Sporting Community** were relegated as they were beaten 4-1 at Pride Park by 3rd placed **Sporting Khalsa**. Sporting were reduced to ten men before Mykel Beckley bagged a late hat-trick to keep Khalsa's slim promotion hopes alive. Two late goals from George Bosworth saw **Dunkirk** overturn a 2-1 deficit to win 3-2 at **Boldmere St Michaels** meaning their survival battle continues for another week. **South Normanton Athletic** moved a point nearer to safety following a goalless draw with **Highgate United**. 4th placed **Westfields** came from behind to beat **Long Eaton United** 3-1 at Allpay Park. Two goals in the last 6 minutes from the division's leading scorer Stephen Hart moved **Quorn** up to 7th with a 2-1 win at **Lye Town**. **Coventry Sphinx** slipped to 8th, Mark Danks scoring twice in **Stourport Swifts** 3-2 victory. **Coventry United** climbed to 14th place with a 2-1 win at 10 man **Romulus**.

Dunkirk became the 2nd side to be relegated following an injury time defeat at **Coventry United** who climb to 12th. Jake Holt scored the only goal of the game for the Red and Greens two minutes into stoppage time.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Ilkeston Town</u>	34	22	4	8	74	44	30	70
2	<u>Walsall Wood</u>	34	20	7	7	58	32	26	67
3	<u>Sporting Khalsa</u>	33	18	6	9	52	36	16	60
4	<u>Westfields</u>	36	16	11	9	67	44	23	59
5	<u>Shepshed Dynamo</u>	34	17	6	11	65	51	14	57
6	<u>Boldmere St Michaels</u>	34	15	7	12	59	59	0	52
7	<u>Quorn</u>	34	14	9	11	64	54	10	51
8	<u>Coventry Sphinx</u>	33	14	7	12	49	43	6	49
9	<u>Stourport Swifts</u>	34	14	7	13	49	48	1	49
10	<u>Worcester City</u>	33	13	9	11	59	51	8	48
11	<u>AFC Wulfrunians</u>	36	13	9	14	50	52	-2	48
12	<u>Coventry United</u>	34	13	8	13	45	43	2	47
13	<u>Lye Town</u>	35	12	10	13	59	48	11	46
14	<u>Long Eaton United</u>	35	13	7	15	55	54	1	46
15	<u>Highgate United</u>	34	11	11	12	41	50	-9	44
16	<u>Romulus</u>	34	11	7	16	48	62	-14	40
17	<u>Loughborough University</u>	34	9	9	16	52	66	-14	36
18	<u>South Normanton Athletic</u>	34	10	5	19	40	46	-6	35
19	<u>Dunkirk</u>	35	6	7	22	38	88	-50	25
20	<u>Wolverhampton Sporting Community</u>	34	5	6	23	49	102	-53	21

Division 1

Leaders **Heather St John's** failed to win for the first time since mid-November as they were held to a 1-1 draw by 6th placed **NKF Burbage**. That result allowed **Racing Club Warwick** to close the gap as they beat **Studley** 4-2 at Townsend Meadow. Ben Mackey scored twice for The Racers with Sean Brain matching him for Studley. **Atherstone Town** are 2 points further back as they were held to a goalless draw by **Stapenhill**. **Leicester Road** moved into 4th place with a stunning 6-1 victory over **Lichfield City** with the goals shared by 6 different goal scorers. At the bottom of the table, **Littleton** moved 5 points clear of **Nuneaton Griff** as they Ton Boys beat Griff 4-1 at 5Acres, Dan Holloway scoring twice. **Heath Hayes** picked up a much needed 3 points, beating **Uttoxeter Town** 2-0 at The Coppice Colliery Ground. **Coventry Copsewood** played most of the second half without a goalkeeper following an injury but goals from Sean Kavanagh and Harvey Smith gave them a come from behind win over **Brocton**. **Cadbury Athletic** also overturned a 1-0 deficit as they beat **Hinckley AFC** 2-1 at the TSA. Zak Hill scored the only goal of the game as **Rocester** beat **Chelmsley Town** at Hillsfield.

Cadbury Athletic climb to 7th following a 3-0 win at **Heath Hayes**, Deon Colstock scoring twice.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Heather St Johns</u>	32	26	3	3	125	40	85	81
2	<u>Racing Club Warwick</u>	31	23	4	4	99	41	58	73
3	<u>Atherstone Town</u>	31	22	5	4	81	29	52	71
4	<u>Leicester Road</u>	31	20	3	8	84	30	54	63
5	<u>Lichfield City</u>	31	20	2	9	96	55	41	62
6	<u>NKF Burbage</u>	32	16	7	9	66	48	18	55
7	<u>Cadbury Athletic</u>	33	13	9	11	46	47	-1	48
8	<u>Uttoxeter Town</u>	31	14	5	12	54	51	3	47
9	<u>Studley</u>	31	13	7	11	58	43	15	46
10	<u>Brocton</u>	32	13	4	15	71	76	-5	43
11	<u>Paget Rangers</u>	31	12	6	13	53	54	-1	42
12	<u>Chelmsley Town</u>	32	10	6	16	54	53	1	36
13	<u>Stapenhill</u>	32	9	7	16	41	80	-39	34
14	<u>Rocester</u>	32	9	5	18	44	68	-24	32
15	<u>Coventry Copsewood</u>	32	8	8	16	46	82	-36	32
16	<u>Hinckley AFC</u>	31	7	9	15	44	63	-19	30
17	<u>Heath Hayes</u>	31	6	3	22	27	96	-69	21
18	<u>Littleton</u>	32	5	4	23	38	89	-51	19
19	<u>Nuneaton Griff</u>	32	3	5	24	26	108	-82	14

Division 2

Congratulations to **Northfield Town** who are Division 2 champions following a 2-1 win over **Feckenham**. Andy Nicol and Sam Willis got the goals in front of a bumper crowd. **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** finished their campaign with a 2-1 win at **Lane Head** leaving them to wait to see if they have done enough to finish in the top two. Nathan Stoute scored twice for **GNP Sports** in their 3-2 win at **Knowle**, a result that moves them level on points with Moors Academy. At the bottom, **Bolehall Swifts** are relegated following a 4-0 home defeat by **Coventry Alvis** for whom Dale Linton scored twice. James MacMillan scored a hat-trick for **FC Stratford** in their 4-2 win over bottom club **Earlswood Town**. **Coton Green** completed their league season with a 1-0 win at **Barnt Green Spartak** thanks to an Adam Goodby effort. Billy Garvey scored twice for the second game running for **Redditch Borough** against **Hampton** as the sides drew 3-3 at The Mettis.

GNP Sports soared into 3rd place with a comprehensive 8-0 win at **FC Stratford**. Corey Brookes, Tom Rawlings and Nathan Stoute all scored twice for GNP.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Northfield Town</u>	30	23	4	3	80	30	50	73
2	<u>Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons</u>	30	21	5	4	77	34	43	68
3	<u>GNP Sports</u>	27	20	3	4	92	32	60	63
4	<u>Moors Academy</u>	27	19	3	5	99	35	64	60
5	<u>Fairfield Villa</u>	30	17	3	10	87	65	22	54
6	<u>Coton Green</u>	30	15	4	11	60	56	4	49
7	<u>Knowle</u>	27	12	5	10	65	40	25	41
8	<u>Redditch Borough</u>	26	9	2	15	47	67	-20	29
9	<u>Barnt Green Spartak</u>	27	9	2	16	46	85	-39	29
10	<u>Coventry Alvis</u>	23	8	4	11	40	58	-18	28
11	<u>Hampton</u>	28	7	7	14	52	84	-32	28
12	<u>Feckenham</u>	24	7	5	12	43	56	-13	26
13	<u>Lane Head</u>	26	7	4	15	42	59	-17	25
14	<u>FC Stratford</u>	26	7	1	18	45	79	-34	22
15	<u>Bolehall Swifts</u>	30	5	2	23	32	88	-56	17
16	<u>Earlswood Town</u>	25	3	4	18	26	65	-39	13

Division 3

Inkberrow hold a four point lead at the top of the table following a 2-1 win at **Bartestree**. 2nd placed **AFC Solihull** are in danger of being swallowed up by the chasing pack as they went down to a hefty 7-2 defeat at **Continental Star**. Andy Matthews scored twice for Solihull with Anthony Smith bagging a brace for Star. **Alcester Town** are within two points of second as they came from behind to beat **Coventrians** 2-1. It was a strange day at the bottom of the table with the bottom three all winning. **Leamington Hibernian** beat **AFC Church** 1-0 with Solomon Bloomer scoring the only goal of the game. **Birmingham Tigers** remain two pints clear of Hibs after a 3-1 win over **FC Shush** at The Hadley Stadium. **Shipston Excelsior** beat **Enville Athletic** 2-0 to stay 14th. **WLV Sports** are up to 10th following a 3-1 win at 5th placed **Central Ajax**.

Continental Star made it 21 goals in two games with a 14-0 victory over **Castle Vale Town**. Reece Jacobs led the way with five goals while Anthony Smith scored four.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Inkberrow</u>	28	19	3	6	62	31	31	60
2	<u>A F C Solihull</u>	25	17	5	3	68	38	30	56
3	<u>Alcester Town</u>	23	18	3	2	85	19	66	54 *
4	<u>Bartestree</u>	28	14	7	7	66	31	35	49
5	<u>Central Ajax</u>	29	13	5	11	72	62	10	44
6	<u>Coventry Plumbing</u>	19	14	1	4	51	31	20	43
7	<u>Coventrians</u>	27	13	4	10	66	59	7	43
8	<u>Continental Star</u>	19	13	1	5	71	44	27	40
9	<u>Enville Athletic</u>	22	11	4	7	41	26	15	37
10	<u>W L V Sport</u>	28	8	7	13	46	61	-15	31
11	<u>F C Shush</u>	29	8	4	17	64	88	-24	28
12	<u>A F C Church</u>	25	7	6	12	46	50	-4	27
13	<u>Castle Vale Town</u>	27	6	6	15	51	101	-50	24
14	<u>Shipston Excelsior</u>	26	3	6	17	35	83	-48	15
15	<u>Birmingham Tigers</u>	26	4	1	21	27	75	-48	13
16	<u>Leamington Hibernian</u>	27	2	5	20	25	77	-52	11

* Adjustment made

Other fixtures

Redditch Borough are through to the 2nd round of the Evesham Hospital Cup after a 3-2 derby win at **Feckenham** with Billy Garvey continuing his fine run of goals with another brace.

The final of the Walsall Senior Cup will be a local derby between Sutton Coldfield Town and Boldmere St Michaels. Sutton beat **Lye Town** 4-1 on penalties after it had finished 1-1 on 90 minutes, both sides ending the game with 10 men. In the other semi, **Sporting Khalsa** and **Boldmere St Michaels** drew 2-2 over 90 minutes. When it came to penalties it was the Mikes that prevailed 5-3.

Highgate United are into the semi-final of the JW Hunt Cup following a 1-0 win over Wellington Amateurs. Jordan Goddard scored the goal two minutes from time.

Reserves

THURSDAY 28th MARCH 2019

RESERVE DIVISION

Uttoxeter Town **0** v **4** Worcester City

RESERVE DIVISION

Cadbury Athletic **6** v **2** Wyrley Juniors

Gresley **1** v **0** Knowle

Redditch United **3** v **2** Worcester City

Uttoxeter Town **1** v **5** Fairfield Villa

at Fairfield Villa
FC

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Moors Academy Reserves</u>	17	12	3	2	43	14	29	39
2	<u>Gresley Reserves</u>	15	10	4	1	36	14	22	34
3	<u>Worcester City Reserves</u>	15	10	0	5	53	21	32	30
4	<u>Nuneaton Griff Reserves</u>	16	7	4	5	26	27	-1	25
5	<u>Coton Green Reserves</u>	17	7	3	7	32	35	-3	24
6	<u>Fairfield Villa Reserves</u>	13	6	3	4	30	23	7	21
7	<u>Redditch United Reserves</u>	16	6	2	8	35	56	-21	20
8	<u>Uttoxeter Town Reserves</u>	18	4	3	11	34	48	-14	15
9	<u>Knowle Reserves</u>	12	4	2	6	20	21	-1	14
10	<u>Cadbury Athletic Reserves</u>	15	4	1	10	29	45	-16	13
11	<u>Wyrley Reserves</u>	12	0	1	11	9	43	-34	1

Leading Scorers

League Only

Premier Division

Stephen Hart	Quorn	27
Elliott Reeves	Ilkeston Town	23
Rikardo Reid	Boldmere St Michaels	22

Division 1

Simeon Cobourne	Heather St Johns	36
Matt Langham	Leicester Road	28
Ben Mackey	Racing Club Warwick	28

Division 2

Reece Gibson	Boldmere Sports	37
Tom Rawlings	GNP Sports	33
Connor Collins	Fairfield Villa	20

Division 3

Jon Hamer	AFC Solihull	29
Anthony Smith	Continental Star	26
Lewis Chester	Coventrians	21
Nathan Davies	Inkberrow	19
Nathan McGarrity	Coventrians	19
Aiden Vaughan	AFC Church	19

Premier Division

Stephen Hart	Quorn	47
Elliott Reeves	Ilkeston Town	32
Rikardo Reid	Boldmere St Michaels	29
Lei Brown	Highgate United	22
Dan Westwood	Sporting Khalsa	22
Jamie Walker	Ilkeston Town	21
Jack Till	Lye Town	20
Reuben Wiggins-Thomas	Long Eaton United	20
Jay Holdcroft	Sporting Khalsa	17
Matt Melbourne	Shepshed Dynamo	17
Matt Crookes	Loughborough University	16
Jordan Harrison	Worcester City	15
Ryan Harkin	Coventry Sphinx	14
Joe Lawley	Lye Town	14
Sam Moore	Shepshed Dynamo	14
Jake Webb	AFC Wulfrunians	14
Joey Butlin	Walsall Wood	13
Aidan Thomas	Westfields	13
Jordan Wilson	Shepshed Dynamo, Hinckley	13
Dimitri Dunkley	Romulus	12
Ben Miller	Westfields	12
Javia Roberts	Walsall Wood	12
Kyle Brady	AFC Wulfrunians	11
Kyle Carey	Coventry United	11
Keanu Cooper	Westfields	11
Mark Danks	Stourport Swifts	11
Luke Keen	Romulus	11
Alex Marshall	Ilkeston Town	11

Division 1

Simeon Cobourne	Heather St Johns	45
Matt Langham	Leicester Road	29
Ben Mackey	Racing Club Warwick	29
Dean Rathbone	Heather St Johns	28
Alex Naughton	Atherstone Town	27
Sean Brain	Studley	25
Sean Kavanagh	Coventry Copsewood	24
James Curley	Uttoxeter Town	22
Ross Dempster	Paget Rangers	22
James Taylor	Lichfield City	22
Trea Bertie	Racing Club Warwick	21
Chris Lloyd	Heather St Johns	20
Odane Barnes	Cadbury Athletic	18
Joe Hartshorne	Lichfield City	16
Joe Obi	Atherstone Town	16
Jake Brown	NKF Burbage	15
Luke Cole	Racing Club Warwick	15
Jordon Dodd	Rocester	14
Drew Aiton	Lichfield City	13
Dean Fisher	Littleton, Castle Vale Town	13
Sam Melia	Lane Head, Heath Hayes	13
Ryan Murphy	Hinckley, Coventry Alvis	13
Max Black	Lichfield City	12
Lee Osborne	Brocton	12
Ryan Quinn	Atherstone Town	12
Grant Ryan	Hinckley AFC	12
Regan Smith	Brocton	12
Tom Smith	NKF Burbage	12

Division 2

Reece Gibson	Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons	42
Tom Rawlings	GNP Sports	38
Connor Collins	Fairfield Villa	23
Billy Garvey	Redditch Borough	23
Michael Bloore	Coton Green	22
Shuja Mahmood	Moors Academy	19
Jak Albutt	Redditch Borough	17
Jordan Clarke	Moors Academy	17
Kyle Hudlin	Boldmere Sports, Castle Vale Town	17
Ellis Blakemore	Fairfield Villa	16
Alfie Bloomer	Fairfield Villa	16
Andy Nicol	Stourport Swifts, Northfield Town	16
Steven Ruck	Knowle	16
Sam Wills	Northfield Town	16
Rubyn Gill	Moors Academy	15
Louis Bridges	Knowle	14
Keziah Martin	Moors Academy	14
Josh McGinley	Northfield Town	14
Lewis Commins	GNP Sports, Romulus, Nuneaton Griff	13
Ashley Wilkes	FC Stratford	13
Craig Ball	Lane Head	12
Romano Graham	Coton Green	12
Arman Khoshkhoo	Moors Academy	12
Darren Green	Barnt Green Spartak	11
Daniel Murphy	Feckenham	11
Cameron Seivwright	Hampton	11
Dan Stokes	Earlwood Town	11
Daniel Pitt	Knowle, Fairfield Villa	10
Ainsley Seivwright	Hampton	10

Division 3

Connoll Farrell	Coventry Plumbing	34
Jon Hamer	AFC Solihull	33
Lewis Chester	Coventrians	30
Nathan McGarrity	Coventrians	30
Anthony Smith	Continental Star	29
Rhys Morgan	Enville Athletic	27
Reece Jacobs	Continental Star	26
Nathan Davies	Inkberrow	24
Andy Matthews	AFC Solihull	22
Aiden Vaughan	AFC Church	22
Dan Carter	Alcester Town, Paget Rangers	21
Matt Layton	Central Ajax	19
Callum Burston-Keeley	Alcester Town	18
Alex Andrews	Central Ajax	16
Miles Langford	Bartestree	15
Jordan Powell	Coventry Plumbing	15
Tom Bendall	Bartestree	14
Tom Keogh	Alcester Town	13
Kyle Wainwright	WLV Sport	13
Darren Andrews	Bartestree	11
Ellis Kalach	Inkberrow	11
Adam Miles	Central Ajax	11
Tyron Smith	FC Shush	11
Callum Debar	Alcester Town	10
Luke Dugmore	Alcester Town	10
Shaye Eden	Shipston Excelsior	10
Emmanuel Osilaja	AFC Church	10
Ollie Parsons	Inkberrow	10

Reserves

Rivel Mardenborough	Moors Academy	16
Charlie Griffiths	Knowle	15
Randane Lamond	Redditch United	11
Ethan Moran	Worcester City	11
Mitchell White	Gresley	10
Adam Bourne	Moors Academy	9
Christos Gabriel	Worcester City	9
Harry Heartfield	Gresley	9
Harry Johnson	Uttoxeter Town	9
Joel Owusu	Worcester City	9
Josiah Panton	Moors Academy	9
Thomas Smith	Uttoxeter Town	9

Under 21

Soms Sibanda	Rushall Olympic	26
George Robbins	Highgate United	24
Shane Lowth	Kidderminster Harriers	20
Ifeanyi Umeh	Quorn	20
Callum Morris	Droitwich Spa BG	16
Josh Crossley	Quorn	14
Ryan Richmond	Quorn	14
Will Harris	Bedworth United	13
Kieran Cooper	Bedworth United	12
Jonathan De Lacerda	Leicester Nirvana	11
Ramzi Shaheen	Tamworth	11
Brad Ward	Halesowen Town	11

Preview

Premier Division

League leaders **Ilkeston Town** welcome **Highgate United** to The New Manor ground hoping to hold onto their 3 point lead at the top of the table. Gate won the reverse fixture 3-1 in November and The Robins will be eager to extract revenge. Title challengers **Walsall Wood** travel to The Vale Stadium to face **Romulus** with Roms not yet safe from relegation. The two sides met on the opening day of the season which saw The Wood come out on top 3-2 and another close encounter is anticipated. 3rd placed **Sporting Khalsa** still have slim hopes of taking the title and they welcome **Coventry United** to the Aspray Arena. Three wins out of four has lifted United away from any danger and that freedom should provide an open game. **South Normanton Athletic** are just one point adrift of safety and they host **Stourport Swifts** who have won their last three. **Wolverhampton Sporting Community** were relegated last weekend after a difficult campaign, and they welcome 13th placed **Long Eaton United** to Pride Park. **Shepshed Dynamo** can move into 4th place if they can take all 3 points from their home game with **AFC Wulfrunians**. Wulfrunians have lost their last four while Dynamo have had just one defeat in the last 6. **Quorn** are eyeing up a top 6 finish and they welcome **Coventry Sphinx**, one place below them in the table, to Farley Way. **Lye Town** welcome **Worcester City** to The Sports ground for what promises to be a feisty local derby. **Loughborough University** sit just one point above the relegation zone, and they travel to 6th placed **Boldmere St Michaels** who won the reverse fixture 2-1 in December.

Division 1

The promotion race reaches a loud crescendo this week as the top two meet at St John's Park. Leaders **Heather St John's** were held by NKF Burbage last weekend, the first time since mid-November that they hadn't picked up three points. **Racing Club Warwick** have bounced back with two wins after a poor run and they are looking to do the double over the Saints and strengthen their chance of promotion. A win for the home side would leave them with 3 points to get to clinch the title. **Atherstone Town** are two points behind the Racers and a win at **Chelmsley Town** could see them take 2nd spot depending on the result between the top two. **Leicester Road** moved into 4th last weekend and they have a difficult trip to 5 Acres to face a resurgent **Littleton** who have moved 5 points clear of the bottom. Things are looking bleak for **Nuneaton Griff** and they realistically need a win at **Paget Rangers** if they are to give themselves a chance of finishing outside the bottom two. **Heath Hayes** have flirted with relegation for some months and are desperate for points if they are to stay up. They travel to **Stapenhill** with Heath Hayes winning the reverse fixture 2-0. 8th placed **Studley** host 10th placed **Brocton** with both striving to finish in and FA Cup place for next season. **Uttoxeter Town** are likely to just miss out on a top 6 finish but they will want to finish as strongly as possible starting with their trip to The Welfare Ground to face **Hinckley AFC**. **Cadbury Athletic** welcome **Coventry Copsewood** to The TSA with both clubs having good home victories last weekend.

TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2019

N K F Burbage	v	Lichfield City	7.45
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WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 2019

Atherstone Town	v	Heath Hayes	7.45
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Division 2

With the top two having finished their fixtures, all eyes are on the teams in 3rd and fourth to see if they can take on of the promotion slots. **GNP Sports** host **FC Stratford**, just 4 days after beating them 8-0 at Knights Lane. A win for GNP would keep them ahead of **Moors Academy** in 3rd place. **Moors Academy** have won their last 10 and they travel to The Entaco to face **Feckenham** who they beat 5-1 in October. Bottom club **Earlswood Town** have 5 games to save themselves from the drop and they begin the run of five cup-finals with a trip to **Lane Head**. **Redditch Borough** have been in fine goal scoring form in recent weeks and they welcome **Knowle**, themselves scoring freely, to The Mettis. Seven points from their last 4 league games has lifted **Coventry Alvis** to 10th and they travel to 9th placed **Barnt Green Spartak** knowing another victory would continue their climb up the table.

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Coventry Alvis	v	Earlswood Town	7.30
G N P Sports	v	Feckenham	7.45

Division 3

Match of the day sees league leaders **Inkberrow** hosting 3rd placed **Alcester Town**. With only two games remaining, pressure is on the home side to pick up 6 points to give themselves a chance of a top two finish. Inkberrow have won 7 out of 8 and beat Alcester 2-0 in November. Alcester have won 10 of their last 11 so it promises to be a cracker. Long-time leaders **AFC Solihull** have seen their promotion challenge stutter of late and they need to get back to winning ways when **Shipston Excelsior** visit Tudor Grange. **Coventry Plumbing** can move into the top 5 if they can pick up all three points on their visit to in-form **WLV Sports**. The bottom two meet at The Hadley Stadium with 15th placed **Birmingham Tigers** hosting 16th placed **Leamington Hibernian**. Both sides won last weekend and a win for Hibs would see the sides swap places. Three defeats in their last four effectively ended **Bartestree's** promotion push and they host **Castle Vale Town** in their penultimate game of the season. **Continental Star** are on for a top 6 finish and they travel to **AFC Church** who won the reverse fixture 4-2. **Enville Athletic** welcome **FC Shush** to Hall Drive hoping for a repeat of their 6-0 victory at The Glades back in August.

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Alcester Town	v	Coventry Plumbing	6.10
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AFC Solihull	v	Continental Star	6.10
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Reserves

RESERVE DIVISION

Fairfield Villa	v	Gresley	
Knowle	v	Redditch United	
Nuneaton Griff	v	Moors Academy	
Uttoxeter Town	v	Cadbury Athletic	
Wyrley Juniors	v	Coton Green	

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RESERVE DIVISION

Gresley	v	Wyrley Juniors	7.45
Nuneaton Griff	v	Worcester City	7.45

Under 21

UNDER 21 DIVISION EAST

Lutterworth Town	v	Allextion & New Parks	10.30
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UNDER 21 DIVISION WEST

Rushall Olympic	v	Brocton	10.30
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BIRMINGHAM SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP FINAL

Highgate United u21	v	Tamworth u21	2.00
at BCFA HQ, Great Barr			

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UNDER 21 DIVISION EAST

Tamworth	v	Bedworth United	7.45
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UNDER 21 DIVISION WEST

Lye Town	v	Brocton	7.45
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Other Fixtures

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LEICESTERSHIRE JELSON HOMES SENIOR CUP FINAL

Melton Town	v	Heather St Johns	7.00
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