



Midland Football League

Newsletter

7th August 2019

League News

For the first time in the 73 year history of **Coventry Sphinx Football Club** are delighted to announce a multi-year partnership agreement with Ryona Engineering Supplies Ltd which will see our Sphinx Drive home re-named the 'Ryona Engineering Supplies Stadium'.

The partnership agreement will see Ryona Engineering Supplies Ltd become the club's premier sponsor and will also see the Ryona logo appear on the front of the reserves and youth team home and away shirts, and on their polo shirts and tracksuits.

Coventry Sphinx Manager Lee Knibbs said: "We are honoured that Nick at Ryona has decided to join us in this partnership, the first of this kind that the club has known. We have had the opportunity to outline our future vision for the club to Nick and he is keen to be involved in supporting that".

Ryona's Managing Director Nick Draper said: "After being a key part of the Coventry business community for so many years, and with my son Jamie playing for Coventry Sphinx since the age of 8, this is a great opportunity to be able to support the football structure and give something back. I was especially impressed with the emphasis that Lee gave to the development of youngsters through the junior ranks and into the Youth, Reserves and First team. As a parent, I have been delighted to see the progress and support of my own son through this journey.

Nick continued: "I was also keen to be part of a club who support local charities and particularly Coventry Mind who are the Managers Charity of the Year."

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Review

Premier Division

The game at Oak Park between **Walsall Wood** and **Gresley** certainly lived up to the billing with 6 goals, a missed penalty, a sin bin and two red cards. Three goals from new signing Chris Acott and one from Lee Butler saw the Wood four goals to the good, 30 seconds into the second period. Mitch Tolley had also missed a penalty in the 22nd minute for the home side. Former Wood striker Paul Sullivan pulled a goal back for the Moatmen and Danny Glover made it two just two minutes later. Chad Degville-Cross became the first player sin binned for the home side and they ended the game with nine men as Joey Butlin and Tolley were shown straight red cards. A fine save from Reiss Wagstaff maintained the 2 goal advantage for the home side and that's how it finished. **Newark Flowserve** began life in the MFL with a fine 4-3 win over **Worcester City** at Lowfields. Sam Agar scored twice as the home side took a 4-1 lead but two late goals from Jak Jeys made it a nervous finish. **Coventry United** began their campaign with a 4-2 win at promoted **Haughmond**. New signing Matt Gardner scored twice for the Red and greens. **South Normanton Athletic** also scored four as they beat **Lye Town** 4-1 at The MJ Structures Stadium. The goals were shared with former Bardon Hill man Richie Hanslow opening the scoring. **Stourport Swifts** edged a 5 goal thriller with newly promoted **Selston** at Walshes Meadow, a Drew Canavan penalty sealing the three points. Division 1 champions **Heather St Johns** made a winning start overcoming **AFC Wulfrunians** 3-1 at The CKW Stadium. **Long Eaton United** and **Racing Club Warwick** shared four goals at Grange Park. David Kolodynski scored twice for Long Eaton with Adam Miles matching him for The Racers. Two goals in the last 12 minutes secured **Coventry Sphinx** a 2-0 win over **Tividale** at Sphinx Drive, Ryan Palmer and Callum Woodward on target. Two fancied sides met at The Coppice with **Highgate United** taking the spoils with a 2-1 win over **Romulus**. A goal from Tesfa Robinson earned **Sporting Khalsa** all three points in a tight game at **Boldmere St Michaels**.

Gresley suffered their second away defeat in succession as they were beaten 2-0 by **Romulus** at The Vale Stadium. Josh Willis scored both goals in the second half for Roms while Gresley finished the game with 10 men.

Highgate United made it two wins out of two as they beat **Selston** 2-0 at The Coppice, both sides finishing the game with 10 men. Joining them on 6 points are **Sporting Khalsa** who beat **Stourport Swifts** 2-1 at The Aspray Arena, Dan Westwood with both the goals. **Long Eaton United** were the big winners on the night beating **Coventry Sphinx** 6-2 at Grange Park, Niall Towle with four. **Racing Club Warwick** celebrated their first home game in the Premier Division with a resounding 5-1 win over **Boldmere St Michaels**, Danny Fraser scoring twice. **Newark Flowserve** and **Coventry United** share a goalless draw at Lowfields in front of an impressive 345. Promoted **Haughmond** came from two goals down to draw with **Lye Town** at Shrewsbury Sports Village, Scott Ryan with a brace in the last 20 minutes. **Walsall Wood** also came from 2-0 down to draw at **Heather St Johns**, Chad Degville-Cross with the equaliser 7 minutes from time.

Two second half goals from Dan Smith earned **Tividale** their first win back in the MFL, as they beat **AFC Wulfrunians** 2-0 at Packwood Road. **Worcester City** picked up their first win of the season, a Jordan Harrison goal the difference between themselves and visitors **South Normanton Athletic**.

| POS | | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
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| 1 | <u>Highgate United</u> | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| 2 | <u>Sporting Khalsa</u> | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| 3 | <u>Long Eaton United</u> | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 4 | <u>Racing Club Warwick</u> | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| 5 | <u>Walsall Wood</u> | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| 6 | <u>Heather St. John's</u> | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| 7 | <u>Coventry United</u> | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 8 | <u>Newark Flowserve</u> | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 9 | <u>South Normanton Athletic</u> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 10 | <u>Romulus</u> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 11 | <u>Stourport Swifts</u> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| 12 | <u>Worcester City</u> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| 13 | <u>Tividale</u> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| 14 | <u>Coventry Sphinx</u> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 | -2 | 3 |
| 15 | <u>Haughmond</u> | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | -2 | 1 |
| 16 | <u>Lye Town</u> | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | -3 | 1 |
| 17 | <u>Selston</u> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | -3 | 0 |
| 18 | <u>Gresley</u> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 | -4 | 0 |
| 19 | <u>A F C Wulfrunians</u> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | -4 | 0 |
| 20 | <u>Boldmere St Michaels</u> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | -5 | 0 |

Division 1

Pre-season favourites **Atherstone Town** sent a signal to the rest of Division with a 5-0 opening day win over 10 man **Rocester**. Mitch Thomson scored twice for the Adders. **Leicester Road** scored 4 second half goals to beat **Studley** 4-0, last season's leading scorer, Matt Langham, with the opener. **Lichfield City** began with a 3-1 win over **GNP Sports** at The City Ground. New-look **Paget Rangers** started with a bang, beating league new boys **Ashby Ivanhoe** 5-1 at Coles Lane. Danny Carter scored three and Dan Elwell 2 for the Bears. Relegated **Kirby Muxloe** started with a good 3-1 win over **Stapenhill** despite going a goal behind after just 6 minutes. **Hinckley AFC** beat **Heath Hayes** 2-1 at The Welfare Ground with all three goals coming in the last 12 minutes. **Chelmsley Town** started the season with a resounding 3-0 win over **Stafford Town** at Pack Meadow, Lewis Gordon scoring twice. An excellent result on the road for **Coventry Copsewood** who won 3-1 at **Uttoxeter Town**. **NKF Burbage** were also winners on the road, 2-1 at **Nuneaton Griff**. An early goal from Regan Smith earned **Brocton** all three points at **Cadbury Athletic**.

Chelmsley Town and **Ashby Ivanhoe** fought out an entertaining 1-1 draw at Pack Meadow. Both teams wasted a plethora of chances with a draw a fair result over the 90 minutes.

Three sides made it two wins out of two on Tuesday evening. **Kirby Muxloe** top the pile following a 5-0 win over **Rocester** with George Bosworth scoring twice late on. **Lichfield City** picked up their second consecutive 3-1 win, winning at **Studley** with Tom Brown scoring twice as they scored three goals in the last 15 minutes. **Hinckley AFC** also have maximum points following a 2-0 win over **Coventry Copsewood**, both goals in the opening quarter of an hour. **GNP Sports** picked up their first win at Step 6, 3-2 at **Paget Rangers** with Chris Lloyd scoring twice. Ryan King scored twice as **Stapenhill** beat **Cadbury Athletic** 3-1. **Uttoxeter Town** came from behind to win 2-1 at **NKF Burbage**, James Curley with the winner 5 minutes from time.

Atherstone Town made it two wins from two with a 6-1 victory at **Nuneaton Griff**. Jonathan Gould opened the scoring, the first of a hat-trick, after just 66 seconds but Griff deservedly went in level at the break. The game changed in the first eight minutes of the second half with Atherstone scoring twice and Griff losing defender Adam Sullivan, sent off for two yellow cards. The 10 men couldn't withstand the pressure and but for a remarkable display from keeper George Woodward, the result could have been more emphatic.

| POS | | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | <u>Atherstone Town</u> | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 10 | 6 |
| 2 | <u>Kirby Muxloe</u> | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| 3 | <u>Lichfield City</u> | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 4 | <u>Hinckley AFC</u> | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| 5 | <u>Chelmsley Town</u> | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 6 | <u>Leicester Road</u> | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| 7 | <u>Paget Rangers</u> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| 8 | <u>Brocton</u> | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 9 | <u>Stapenhill</u> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| 10 | <u>Coventry Copsewood</u> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 11 | <u>NKF Burbage</u> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 12 | <u>G N P Sports</u> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | -1 | 3 |
| 13 | <u>Uttoxeter Town</u> | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | -1 | 3 |
| 14 | <u>Ashby Ivanhoe</u> | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | -4 | 1 |
| 15 | <u>Heath Hayes</u> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -1 | 0 |
| 16 | <u>Cadbury Athletic</u> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | -3 | 0 |
| 17 | <u>Stafford Town</u> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | -3 | 0 |
| 18 | <u>Nuneaton Griff</u> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 8 | -6 | 0 |
| 19 | <u>Studley</u> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | -6 | 0 |
| 20 | <u>Rocester</u> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 10 | -10 | 0 |

Leading Goal scorers

Premier Division

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| Niall Towle | Long Eaton United | 4 |
| Chris Acott | Walsall Wood | 3 |
| David Kolodynski | Long Eaton United | 3 |
| Scott Ryan | Haughmond | 3 |
| Sam Agar | Newark Flowserve | 2 |
| Drew Canavan | Stourport Swifts | 2 |
| Kieran Clarke | Heather St Johns | 2 |
| Malachi Farquharson | Heather St Johns | 2 |
| Danny Fraser | Racing Club Warwick | 2 |
| Matt Gardner | Coventry United | 2 |
| Stuart Hendrie | Highgate United | 2 |
| Jak Jeys | Worcester City | 2 |
| Adam Miles | Racing Club Warwick | 2 |
| Dan Smith | Tividale | 2 |
| Dan Westwood | Sporting Khalsa | 2 |
| Josh Willis | Romulus | 2 |

Division 1

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| George Bosworth | Kirby Muxloe | 3 |
| Danny Carter | Paget Rangers | 3 |
| Dan Elwell | Paget Rangers | 3 |
| Jonathan Gould | Atherstone Town | 3 |
| Mitch Thomson | Atherstone Town | 3 |
| Tom Brown | Lichfield City | 2 |
| Lewis Gordon | Chelmsley Town | 2 |
| Bekir Halil | Hinckley AFC | 2 |
| Ryan King | Stapenhill | 2 |
| Chris Lloyd | GNP Sports | 2 |
| Benn Minshull | Ashby Ivanhoe | 2 |
| Sulieman Nassor | Kirby Muxloe | 2 |
| Joe Obi | Atherstone Town | 3 |
| Adam Parry | Kirby Muxloe | 2 |
| Jack Sutherland | NKF Burbage | 2 |

Preview

FA Cup Extra preliminary Round

There is added prize money in this year's competition. The winners of this round will receive £2,250 while the losers will receive £750.

Anstey Nomads (UCLP) vs Kirby Muxloe (MFL1)

Anstey were promoted to the Premier Division of the United Counties league last season and will provide a tough test for Kirby who took the opposite route at the end of the campaign. Anstey have lost both of their opening fixtures while Kirby have two wins. Chance of a giant killing for the visitors

Atherstone Town (MFL1) vs Stourport Swifts (MFLP)

This should be a cracker with Division 1 up against Premier Division. The Adders had an excellent cup run last season which ended in defeat at Kidderminster Harriers. The home side have won both of their opening games scoring 11 goals in the process. Swifts have three points from their two fixtures. Could be plenty of goals in this one.

Boldmere St Michaels (MFLP) vs Daventry Town (S1Central)

A huge task for the Mikes against Step 4 Daventry who won the United Counties League last season by an impressive 6 points. The Mikes have lost both their opening fixtures and will be wanting to get their season started

Bottesford Town (NECLP) vs Long Eaton United (MFLP)

Long Eaton travel to North East Counties Premier Bottesford Town who began their season with a 3-2 win over Albion Sports. Long Eaton have started well and come into the game on the back of a 6-2 midweek win. Both teams had similar records last season so a tight encounter should be anticipated

Coventry Sphinx (MFLP) vs Coventry United (MFLP)

What a draw and a big crowd will descend on the Ryona Engineering Supplies Stadium to see the two local Premier Division sides go head to head. Both started with a win, but Sphinx suffered a heavy defeat in midweek whilst United drew at league new boys Newark Flowserve. They were separated by just one place last season and this should be a titanic affair

Dunkirk (EMCL) vs Gresley (MFLP)

Dunkirk were relegated from the MFL last season and have started life in the East Midlands Counties with a draw against former MFL side Heanor Town. Gresley have suffered two defeats as they start life in the MFL following relegation from Step 4 last season. The Moatmen will see this as a chance to kick start their season.

Hanley Town (NWCLP) vs Leicester Road (MFL1)

Hanley Town have started the season with a draw and a defeat while Leicester Road confirmed that they will be serious contender for promotion from Division 1 with a 4-0 win over Studley. Hanley were knocked out of the FA Cup at the same round last season by Atherstone and Leicester Road will be hoping to repeat the dose.

Haughmond (MFLP) vs Walsall Wood (MFLP)

Two Premier Division sides meet at The Shrewsbury Sports Village. The Mond return to the MFL following promotion from the WMRL last season. The Wood missed out on promotion to Step 4 by the narrowest of margins last season and both will be hoping for a decent run in the competition

Heather St Johns (MFLP) vs Wolverhampton Sporting Community (WMRL)

Heather were promoted after winning Division 1 last season while Wolves Sporting went the other way after relegation from the Premier Division. It has been all change at Heather in the summer, but they will be buoyed by their start. Wolves returned to the WMRL with a resounding 8-1 win over Bilston Town and will be confident of another good cup run.

Lichfield City (MFL1) vs Highgate United (MFLP)

Promises to be a good game at the City Ground with Division 1 promotion contenders against a Highgate side who should be in the promotion mix in the Premier Division. Lichfield finished 4th in Division 1 last season and will be expected to match or improve on that this. Highgate had a poor season by their standards, and they will expect much more. Both sides have won their opening two games and will be full of confidence

Lutterworth Town (UCLP) vs Lye Town (MFLP)

Lutterworth won the United Counties Division title last season but have lost two of their opening three games in the premier Division. Lye Town have witnessed a large turnover in playing staff in the summer and they will start as underdogs in a game that has been switched to Lutterworth due to the unavailability of the Sports Ground.

Racing Club Warwick (MFLP) vs AFC Wulfrunians (MFLP)

The Racers were promoted as runners up in Division 1 last season and started their season with a good point at Long Eaton before an excellent 5-1 home win in midweek. Wulfs surprised a few sides last season and they will have to be on their game if they are to progress to the next round

Romulus (MFLP) vs Wolverhampton Casuals (WMRL)

Romulus had an excellent run in the FA Cup last season which was ended in a narrow defeat at St Neots. Wolves Casuals finished third in the WMRL and were knocked out of the FA Vase by Romulus at Brinsford Lane. Roms have a new team this season and will be expected to progress at Castle Vale Stadium

South Normanton Athletic (MFLP) vs Selston (MFLP)

Another local derby with the Shiners hosting promoted Selston. The Shiners started the campaign with a big home win while Selston have lost their opening two games on their travels. Expect plenty of goals in this one.

Sporting Khalsa (MFLP) vs Rugby Town (UCLP)

Two promotion candidates from Step 5 leagues go head to head at The Aspray Arena. Both Sporting Khalsa and Rugby Town are expected to push for promotion this season, but a good cup run would go a long way in bringing that to fruition. Rugby were surprisingly held by Cogenhoe in their opening game but had a big away win in midweek. Khalsa have made a good start winning their opening two league games. Not a lot between the sides – should be a cracker

Tividale (MFLP) vs Wednesfield (WMRL)

Tividale won the WMRL last season with Wednesfield one of the sides that pushed them. Wednesfield started with a win last weekend while Tividale recorded their first victory in midweek. Tividale should start as favourites but they will be aware of the threat that Wenny pose

Worcester City (MFLP) vs Stone Old Alleynians (NWCL1S)

On Sunday afternoon, Worcester welcome Stone OAs to the Victoria ground with OAs making their debut in the competition. OAs have four points from their opening two games while Worcester were involved in a 7 goal thriller at Newark before beating South Normanton in midweek. City will start clear favourites in a game that should attract a decent crowd.

Division 1

Hinckley AFC have the chance to make it three wins out of three when they travel to Evans Park to face **Stafford Town**. **Brocton** welcome **Chelmsley Town** to Silkmore Lane and a win for either would move them into the top 4 at this early stage. **Rocester** have suffered two 5-0 defeats in their opening fixtures and they welcome promoted **GNP Sports** to Hillsfield. **Uttoxeter Town** picked up their first win in midweek and they welcome **Paget Rangers** to Oldfields with Paget having won one, lost one. **Cadbury Athletic** are without a point after their opening two games and they travel to league newcomers **Ashby Ivanhoe** who picked up their first point in midweek. **Studley** and **Nuneaton Griff** have both lost their opening fixtures and they meet at The Beehive. **Stapenhill** and **NKF Burbage** have three points apiece and they meet at Maple Grove. **Heath Hayes** welcome **Coventry Copsewood** to The Coppice Colliery Ground with the home side looking for their first point of the season after a narrow defeat on the opening day.

Division 2

Division 3 champions **Alcester Town** begin their campaign with a home game against **Coventry Alvis**. It has been a summer of change at Alcester with the manager and several players moving into Division 1 with Paget Rangers. Alvis, on the other hand, look a settled side and are expected to mount a challenge this season. **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** finished third last season and could go close again. They host **Barnt Green Spartak** who, despite a small squad, continue to defy the odds and maintain a competitive position. **Bolehall Swifts** escaped relegation by the skin of their teeth last season, and they have a tough opening fixture when **Moor Green AFC**, previously Moors Academy, are the visitors. Two sides that finished in the top 6 last season meet at New Mill Lane with **Fairfield Villa** the visitors to **Coton Green**. It is not unreasonable to expect both to be at the top end of the table again. It has been all change at **Earlwood Town** with Tom Reynolds taking over the reins and bringing with him the firepower from AFC Solihull. They begin in the toughest fashion by welcoming champions **Northfield Town** to Malthouse Lane. **Knowle** welcome **FC Stratford** to The Robin's Nest with both sides hoping to improve on last season. Knowle finished the campaign with a cup final at Bescot Stadium which will undoubtedly have left them wanting more. **Lane Head** welcome **Feckenham** to The Red Lion Ground and both will want to push on from their lower mid table finishes of last season. **Redditch Borough** finished last season lifting the Les James Challenge Cup at Bescot Stadium. They welcome **Hampton** to the Mettis with the visitors having had some impressive results in pre-season.

MONDAY 12th AUGUST 2019

7.30pm

Moor Green AFC v Knowle

TUESDAY 13th AUGUST 2019

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| Bolehall Swifts | v | Lane Head | 7.45 |
| Coton Green | v | Boldmere Sports | 7.45 |
| Fairfield Villa | v | Hampton | 6.15 |
| FC Stratford | v | Alcester Town | 7.45 |
| Feckenham | v | Northfield Town | 6.15 |

WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST 2019

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| Barnt Green Spartak | v | Redditch Borough | 6.15 |
| Coventry Alvis | v | Earlwood Town | 7.30 |

Division 3

Central Ajax welcome **WLV Sport** to Ajax Park. Ajax finished mid table last season while the students made a real impression in their first campaign at this level. **Continental Star** finished runners up last season and despite seeing leading scorer Anthony Smith move up the pyramid, they will be going flat out to better last season. They welcome **Coventrians** to The Hub and their main goal threat of Nathan McGarrity is bound to test defences again. It's a new start for **Coventry Plumbing** who move into their new base at Gypsy Lane, the former home of Kenilworth Town. The Plumbers went close last season and they won't be far away this. They entertain newcomers **Welland** who join the MFL from the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League where they finished 4th last season. **FC Shush** welcome **Castle Vale Town** to The Glades. Both sides would have been disappointed by their finishing positions last season and will be intent on moving up the table. The two bottom sides from last season meet at Field Lane with **Leamington Hibernian** hosting **Birmingham Tigers**. Hibs made a late change and will now be playing their home games at Hampton FC due to problems with the previous home. Expect both sides to have a much improved season. **Sutton United** make a welcome return to the MFL as they entertain **AFC Solihull** at Hollyfield Lane. Sutton join from the Premier Division of the BDFL where they finished in 7th place. AFC Solihull pushed for promotion all the way last season but it's a new loom team at Tudor Grange for this term. A warm welcome to the MFL for **Upton Town** who finished runners up in the Cheltenham league last season. They entertain **Shipston Excelsior** who finished in the bottom four last season.

TUESDAY 13th AUGUST 2019

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| Coventry Plumbing | v | Central Ajax | 6.15 |
| Enville Athletic | v | Inkberrow | 6.15 |
| Sutton United | v | W L V Football | 6.15 |

WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST 2019

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| Castle Vale Town | v | AFC Solihull | 7.45 |
| FC Shush | v | Leamington Hibernian | 6.15 |
| Welland | v | Upton Town | 6.15 |

Division 4/ Reserves

CHALLENGE TROPHY ROUND 1

Group "A"

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| Fairfield Villa | v | Sporting Club Inkberrow |
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Group "B"

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| Gresley Res | v | Uttoxeter Town Res. |
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| Tamworth Academy | v | Coton Green Res. |
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UNDER 21 DIVISION EAST

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| Leicester Road | v | Highgate United | 10.30 |
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| Quorn | v | N K F Burbage | 10.30 |
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| Silhill | v | Heather St Johns | 10.00 |
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UNDER 21 DIVISION WEST

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| AFC Birmingham | v | Chasetown | 10.30 |
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| Castle Vale Town | v | Brocton | 10.30 |
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| Droitwich Spa G & B | v | Boldmere St Michaels | 10.30 |
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| Halesowen Town | v | Worcester City | 10.30 |
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| Lichfield City | v | Stourport Swifts | 10.30 |
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| Rushall Olympic | v | Kidderminster Harriers | 10.30 |
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| Sutton Coldfield Town | v | Continental Star | 10.30 |
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