



# Midland Football League Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> December 2016

## League News

The draw has been made for the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the Buildbase FA Vase. There are some intriguing ties for the MFL clubs.

Gorleston (Eastern Counties League) vs **Coleshill Town**

Sun Sports (Spartans South Midlands League) vs **Bromsgrove Sporting**

**Sporting Khalsa** vs Tring Athletic (Spartans South Midlands league)

Ely City (Eastern Counties League) vs **Shepshed Dynamo**

**Hinckley AFC** vs Berkhamsted (Spartan South Midlands League)

Ties to take place on Saturday, January 7th

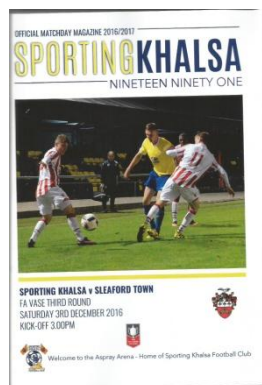
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## Travels of the Press Officer

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

FA Vase Round 3 (37)

Sporting Khalsa 5 Sleaford Town 5



The draw for the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the FA Vase pitched 8 MFL sides up against each other. The only side to face opposition from another league are Sporting Khalsa who welcome Sleaford Town of the UCL to the Aspray Arena. Khalsa gave a debut to Fabrice Kasiama, someone I knew well from my Stafford Rangers days. The home side started well with Mensah Kinch hitting the side-netting inside the first 30 seconds. Tight control from the impressive Ryan Oliver created a chance for Sleaford but his shot was off target. In the 6<sup>th</sup> minute, Oliver was on target, finishing at the far post after a George Asplin free-kick had evaded the Khalsa defence. It was almost two seconds later when a fine effort from Tom Siddons skimmed the crossbar. Sleaford continued to look the more threatening and Asplin drove a ball across the face of goal with no-one there to turn it home. In the 16<sup>th</sup> minute, Khalsa were level. From a corner from the right, Brad Lawley saw his shot blocked but Kasiama was on hand to fire home the rebound. From another Tim Jackson corner for Khalsa, Lawley clipped the ball wide of the post. Sleaford regained the lead in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute and it was another poor goal for the Khalsa defence. A near-post corner was flicked to the far post where Joe Braithwaite was on hand to head home. Khalsa were back on terms just before the half-time break. Kinch and Kasiama combined down the left with Kasiama's cross causing havoc in the Sleaford defence. David Meese hammered the loose ball goalwards and when it was blocked, Kinch was there to make sure.

Carlo Franco was close to getting his head to a Kinch volley just after the break but the ball diverted away and Franco headed the post. In the 55<sup>th</sup> minute, Khalsa had a great opportunity but Meese headed over. Most of the chances were now falling to Khalsa and Marvin Nisbett was unlucky when a shot was deflected past the post. Franco should have given the home side the lead in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute. An inch-perfect cross from Craig Bannister was met on the full by Franco but the ball cleared the bar. Khalsa were made to rue the miss two minutes later when Sleaford took the lead for the third time. Oliver, not for the first time, showed great close control and when the ball fell to Ryan Rushen he curled a beauty into the top corner. There were claims of a penalty for the visitors when Asplin was bundled over but the referee waved away the protests. With 5 minutes left, Tes Robinson headed a Bannister corner over the bar. With two minutes left, Khalsa were reduced to 10 men when Franco was adjudged to have fouled Oliver on the edge of the area. Braithwaite's free-kick flew over the bar. In the 90<sup>th</sup> minute, Khalsa drew level when Robinson latched onto a long ball from Joe Rogers and lifted it over the keeper. Bannister had a chance to win it for Khalsa but keeper Carl Stubbs made a fine save sending us into extra-time.

25 seconds into extra-time, Khalsa took the lead when Yusifu Ceesay hammered the ball into the roof of the net from the inside right channel. Within two minutes, Sleaford were back on terms, a scramble in the Khalsa area and Joe Smith forced the ball home. In the 97<sup>th</sup> minute, Ceesay shot to the near post but Stubbs saved well. A minute before half-time, Khalsa retook the lead through that man Ceesay who gave Stubbs no chance. Robinson made a fine defensive block to foil Ngoni Dongo before the visitors made it 5-5. The goal came with 5 minutes left after Asplin had hit the bar, Smith was again the man on the spot to knock the ball home. Robinson had a chance to be the hero for Khalsa but headed over and in stoppage time, the ball flew across the Khalsa area but was hacked clear and a replay it will be.

## **Guest Match report**

I am introducing a new feature of a match report from one of the games involving an MFL side.

### **Moors Academy Ride Storm into Round 3**

Ronald Crane reports from Helmswood Drive

Birmingham Irish 1 MAFC 2

For this Saturday vase Round Two match, Moors Academy travelled to Chelmsley Wood to face Birmingham & District Premier Division outfit, Birmingham Irish. Their Helmswood Drive ground is basic, but the playing surface was fine.

In the first minute, Montal Okoro was injured in a heavy challenge. This was to be a foretaste of things to come. As the match progressed, it became obvious that we had two quite different playing styles on show. The visitors were playing football, with the ball to feet, with quick movement of the ball from foot to foot, and swift movement of players. The home side, however, were restricted to the long ball and hard, heavy challenges that took the young Moors side a while to learn how they should be dealt with. One or two home players were lucky not to see "Yellow" or even "Red", but as we approached the thirty-minute mark, everyone in the ground knew that the Moors were well on top. As one spectator said to me, "Irish's only chance will be a mistake from the Moors".

Medford was finding plenty of space wide on the left, and Siatous had the freedom of the right at his disposal. In midfield, Andrews and Bennett were doing sterling work, and at the back, Captain Taylor alongside Willock was having a storming game. Just before the thirty-minute point, Medford passed to Mullally who scored from an acute angle to put the Moors one up. It was strange then, that instead of going for the second goal, Moors allowed Irish to press forward in search of the equaliser. There were some decisions from the Referee that puzzled both sets of players, and both benches. We reached the break with the Moors one up. For all their first-half dominance Moors had rarely troubled Lawrence in the Irish goal, and the home side had only pressurised Nitiri when he, or his defence, made a hash of things.

Blessing had replaced Okoro for the re-start and was proving a real hand-full for the home defence. Although he had not added to their score, the Moors were well in control. But, as we all know, a single goal lead is always fragile. On sixty-nine minutes Nitiri dropped the ball and it was gleefully stabbed home by Lawrence. It was more than Irish could have hoped for, and they tried their best to take advantage by some physical challenges designed to intimidate the Moors. But this Moors Academy side may be young, they do not lack talent or strength. They used both to press forward and everyone in the visiting camp was delighted when Owen Siatous scored, what turned out to be, the winning goal. He turned the ball home from all of eighteen yards, after great work on the left by Mullally.

Irish did try to respond, but the skill was just not there. The gap between MFL Division Three and the Birmingham & District League Premier Division was apparent for us all to see. In the end, the score flattered the home side, but Moors had come through a physical test. It was just what Manager Sam Manoochehri wanted. "It is a great learning curve for our lads. They have the skill, they need to cope with the physical side of the game", he told me afterwards.

## Review

### FA Vase

**Coleshill Town** met Premier Division title rivals **Westfields** at Pack Meadow and progressed to round 4 after a 4-1 victory. Two early goals from Tom Weale set the Coleman on their way and they also missed a first half penalty in their comprehensive win. **Bromsgrove Sporting** won the battle of two Division 1 sides, beating **Nuneaton Griff** 2-0 at The Pingles Stadium to reach the 4<sup>th</sup> round for the first time in their history. Three ties went to extra-time. At St Johns Park, a goal 7 minutes from the end from Kristian Ramsay-Dickson gave Division 1 **Hinckley AFC** a 2-1 victory over Premier Division **Quorn**. At Grange Park, **Long Eaton United** were leading with four minutes of normal time left but a penalty from **Shepshed Dynamo's** Karl Whymark sent the game into extra-time. Two goals from Liam Read in the 97<sup>th</sup> and 120<sup>th</sup> minutes gave Shepshed victory. There was a remarkable game at the Aspray Arena between **Sporting Khalsa** and United Counties League Sleaford Town. Three times in normal time Sleaford held the lead but a stoppage time goal from Tesfa Robinson for 10-man Khalsa sent the game into overtime. Khalsa took the lead twice through Yusifu Ceesay but Sleaford twice came back through Joe Smith to send the game to a replay – 5-5 the final score.

**Sporting Khalsa** made the long journey to Sleaford Town on Wednesday night and progressed to Round 4 with an excellent 3-0 victory. Yusifu Ceesay opened the scoring in the 13<sup>th</sup> minute and two Fabrice Kasiama goals in the second half sealed the victory.

### Premier Division

**Alvechurch** go marching on at the top of the table, opening up a five-point lead following a 5-1 win over **St Andrews** at Lye Meadow. Daniel Dubidat was the goal scoring hero with a hat-trick for Church. **Heanor Town** missed the chance to close the gap on the top four after they went down to a solitary Thomas King goal at **Coventry Sphinx**. **Coventry United** could have moved into the top 5 with a win but a 9<sup>th</sup>-minute penalty from skipper Martin Smyth gave **Rocester** the points at Hillsfield. There was a big win at the bottom for **Shawbury United**, beating basement boys **Brocton** 2-0 to move up to 18<sup>th</sup> place. **AFC Wulfrunians** took an early 2-0 at **Stourport Swifts** but the home side came back to draw 2-2 with Alex Perry netting the equaliser 4 minutes from time. The game between **Loughborough University** and **Walsall Wood** looked to be heading for a goalless draw but two goals in the last 4 minutes, one for each side meant the points were shared.

**Lye Town** kept the pressure on leaders with a comprehensive 4-0 win at home to **Shawbury United**. Young striker Jack Till took his season's tally to 18 with another brace. **Coventry United** and **Westfields** had a hard fought 1-1 draw at Sphinx Drive.

## League Table

1	<u>Alvechurch</u>	22	14	5	3	51	17	34	47
2	<u>Lye Town</u>	20	13	6	1	43	15	28	45
3	<u>Westfields</u>	16	12	2	2	45	18	27	38
4	<u>Coleshill Town</u>	19	11	3	5	45	27	18	36
5	<u>Heanor Town</u>	19	9	5	5	34	31	3	32
6	<u>Sporting Khalsa</u>	18	9	4	5	39	24	15	31
7	<u>Coventry United</u>	20	9	4	7	30	23	7	31
8	<u>St Andrews</u>	20	10	1	9	39	36	3	31
9	<u>Shepshed Dynamo</u>	17	8	3	6	33	29	4	27
10	<u>Coventry Sphinx</u>	20	7	6	7	37	40	-3	27
11	<u>Quorn</u>	19	8	3	8	26	32	-6	27
12	<u>Walsall Wood</u>	20	8	2	10	29	34	-5	26
13	<u>Rocester</u>	19	7	4	8	37	42	-5	25
14	<u>AFC Wulfrunians</u>	19	7	3	9	22	35	-13	24
15	<u>Loughborough University</u>	19	6	5	8	34	32	2	23
16	<u>Long Eaton United</u>	17	6	4	7	29	33	-4	22
17	<u>Highgate United</u>	18	6	3	9	31	41	-10	21
18	<u>Shawbury United</u>	22	6	1	15	38	59	-21	19
19	<u>Stourport Swifts</u>	19	4	6	9	24	34	-10	18
20	<u>Boldmere St Michaels</u>	18	3	6	9	23	29	-6	15
21	<u>Tividale</u>	19	4	2	13	24	47	-23	14
22	<u>Brocton</u>	18	2	2	14	17	52	-35	8

## Division 1

The battle between the top two at Sheepy Road ended with honours even. Leaders **Leicester Road** went in front courtesy of Joe Lyne but Ben Ashby ensured a share of the points for **Atherstone Town** in front of an excellent gate of 205. **Racing Club Warwick** missed the chance to go 4<sup>th</sup> after they were beaten 2-1 at **Littleton**. **Lichfield City** took advantage of the Racers defeat to leapfrog them into 5<sup>th</sup> position after they defeated **Chelmsley Town** 2-1 at The McDonalds Community Stadium. **Southam United** picked up their 3<sup>rd</sup> point of the season, Sukhraj Nijjar scoring twice in a 2-2 draw with **Pelsall Villa**. **Heather St Johns** came from behind to win at **Studley**, Ryan Nesbitt scoring twice in a 3-2 win. **Coventry Copsewood** are up to 13<sup>th</sup>, George Whitelaw scoring the only goal of the game against nine-man **Pershore Town**. **Cadbury Athletic** move into the top half of the table as they beat **Bolehall Swifts** 3-0 at The Triplex Sports Ground. It was goalless with three minutes remaining but Craig Oldfield and a double from Odane Barnes gave the Chocolatemens the points. **Uttoxeter Town** are settling into life back in the MFL as their momentum continued with a 3-1 win over **Heath Hayes**.

## League Table

1	<u>Leicester Road</u>	16	12	2	2	50	16	34	38
2	<u>Atherstone Town</u>	17	11	3	3	42	25	17	36
3	<u>Bromsgrove Sporting</u>	14	10	4	0	38	10	28	34
4	<u>Hinckley AFC</u>	14	10	3	1	59	19	40	33
5	<u>Lichfield City</u>	16	10	1	5	29	20	9	31
6	<u>Racing Club Warwick</u>	17	9	4	4	38	30	8	31
7	<u>Bolehall Swifts</u>	17	9	1	7	38	36	2	28
8	<u>Heather St Johns</u>	16	8	3	5	41	31	10	27
9	<u>Cadbury Athletic</u>	17	6	8	3	34	23	11	26
10	<u>Littleton</u>	17	8	2	7	28	32	-4	26
11	<u>Nuneaton Griff</u>	16	7	3	6	34	28	6	24
12	<u>Uttoxeter Town</u>	16	7	2	7	28	36	-8	23
13	<u>Coventry Copsewood</u>	17	5	4	8	31	40	-9	19
14	<u>Heath Hayes</u>	17	5	2	10	27	34	-7	17
15	<u>Pershore Town</u>	16	5	2	9	23	32	-9	17
16	<u>Chelmsley Town</u>	16	4	2	10	25	33	-8	14
17	<u>Pelsall Villa</u>	17	3	4	10	26	47	-21	13
18	<u>Studley</u>	19	3	2	14	28	59	-31	11
19	<u>Stafford Town</u>	15	1	5	9	20	33	-13	8
20	<u>Southam United</u>	16	0	3	13	8	63	-55	3

## Division 2

**Alvis Sporting Club** maintained their 3 point lead at the top following a 3-0 win at **Coton Green**. **Droitwich Spa** are second, a hat-trick from Andrew Crowther helping them on their way to a 4-1 win over **Hampton**. **Continental Star** are now bottom following a 4-2 defeat at home at the hands of **Smithswood Firs**. **Leamington Hibernian** climb a place after they beat **Barnt Green Spartak** 1-0, Adam Hughes with the only goal after 15 minutes. **Earlswood Town** made it two wins on the spin with an excellent 5-1 victory at **Sutton United**, Danny Holliday scoring twice.

1	<u>Alvis Sporting Club</u>	12	10	20	26	7	19	32
2	<u>Droitwich Spa</u>	14	9	23	42	16	26	29
3	<u>Fairfield Villa</u>	13	8	23	30	22	8	26
4	<u>Paget Rangers</u>	10	7	12	29	13	16	22
5	<u>Redditch Borough</u>	13	7	33	26	14	12	21*
6	<u>Knowle</u>	12	6	33	27	16	11	21
7	<u>Sutton United</u>	13	6	25	26	36	-10	19*
8	<u>Barnt Green Spartak</u>	14	5	27	27	26	1	17
9	<u>Feckenham</u>	15	3	66	20	33	-13	15
10	<u>Earlswood Town</u>	14	4	28	21	29	-8	14
11	<u>Bloxwich Town</u>	14	4	28	16	26	-10	14
12	<u>Coton Green</u>	10	3	43	20	17	3	13
13	<u>Smithswood Firs</u>	14	3	47	29	41	-12	13
14	<u>Hampton</u>	15	3	48	16	34	-18	13
15	<u>Leamington Hibernian</u>	14	3	29	21	33	-12	11
16	<u>Continental Star</u>	13	1	57	15	28	-13	8



### Division 3

**Northfield Town** moved to within 9 points of leaders NKF Burbage with a 2-1 win at **Inkberrow**. **Montpellier** are up to 3<sup>rd</sup> after a big 5-0 win over 4<sup>th</sup> placed **Shipston Excelsior**, leading scorer Stuart Hendrie with a hat-trick. At the bottom, **AFC Solihull** are now within a point of the pack after they beat **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** 2-0 at Tudor Grange. **Castle Vale Town** are the team in Solihull's sights as they went down 2-1 at **Alcester Town** for whom Marc Grogan scored twice. **Barton United** slip to 10<sup>th</sup> place after they were beaten 2-0 by **Enville Athletic** at Hall Drive.

1	<u>NKF Burbage</u>	13	12	1	0	39	7	32	37
2	<u>Northfield Town</u>	12	9	1	2	37	17	20	28
3	<u>Montpellier</u>	11	8	1	2	34	13	21	25
4	<u>Shipston Excelsior</u>	13	7	3	3	29	27	2	24
5	<u>Moors Academy</u>	10	7	0	3	23	18	5	21
6	<u>Alcester Town</u>	14	7	0	7	20	17	3	21
7	<u>FC Stratford</u>	12	5	1	6	25	25	0	16
8	<u>Enville Athletic</u>	13	5	1	7	10	18	-8	16
9	<u>Inkberrow</u>	11	5	0	6	24	20	4	15
10	<u>Barton United</u>	12	4	3	5	20	21	-1	15
11	<u>Coventrians</u>	10	3	1	6	17	28	-11	10
12	<u>Boldmere Sports &amp; Social Falcons</u>	15	2	3	10	13	34	-21	9
13	<u>Castle Vale Town</u>	15	2	2	11	16	46	-30	8
14	<u>AFC Solihull</u>	13	2	1	10	13	29	-16	7

## Polymac Packaging League Cup

Division 1 leaders **Leicester Road** were giant killers beating Premier Division **Loughborough University** 2-0 courtesy of a Darryl Thomas goal in each half. **St Andrews** made progress with a 4-2 win at Division 1 **Lichfield City**, Shay Brennan scoring twice in the last 10 minutes to ensure progress

## Les James Challenge Cup

**Paget Rangers** made it through to the quarter-final of the competition where they will meet Alvis Sporting Club following a 2-1 win at **Bloxwich Town**. **Redditch Borough** are through to the last 4, Billy Garvey scoring twice in a 4-1 win at **Feckenham**. **FC Stratford** pulled off a shock to reach the last 4 beating 2<sup>nd</sup> Division **Knowle** 7-2. Jay Tilbury with a hat-trick and Ashley Wilkes with a brace were amongst the goals for Stratford.

**Paget Rangers** made it two LJCC wins in a week, taking a semi-final slot in a 5-3 win over **Alvis Sporting Club**. No surprise to see Daniel Carter add two more to his collection for the season while Kiam Galdins scored twice for Alvis.

## Other Cups

**NKF Burbage** made short measure of Houghton Rangers in the Leicestershire Intermediate Cup, 6-1 the scoreline with Jess Adcock scoring twice. **Moors Academy** beat Birmingham Irish 2-1 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Birmingham Vase.

A hat-trick from Harry White helped Conference National Solihull Moors to a 4-2 win over **Boldmere St Michaels** in the Birmingham Senior Cup.

In the Staffordshire Senior Cup. Northern Premier league leaders Rushall Olympic beat **Rocester** 3-0 at Dales Lane with Jazz Luckie scoring twice. There was a dramatic game at Brinsford Lane as Wolverhampton Casuals beat **Heath Hayes** 6-5. Heath Hayes led 5-2 with Oliver Hayward getting a hat-trick but Casuals grabbed a winner in stoppage time through their hat-trick hero Liam Hughes. Hednesford Town beat **Uttoxeter Town** 1-0 thanks to a 20<sup>th</sup>-minute penalty from Ashley Sammons. The game between **Walsall Wood** and Wolverhampton Sporting Community was abandoned 15 minutes after 75 minutes due to a serious injury.

In the Worcestershire Senior Urn, **Bromsgrove Sporting** will meet **Highgate United** in the final. Bromsgrove beat Malvern Town 1-0 with the only goal coming from Robbie Bunn 8 minutes from time. Highgate beat Premier Division rivals **Stourport Swifts** 3-1 at The Coppice.

In the Birmingham Midweek Floodlit Cup, there were wins for **Cadbury Athletic**, 3-2 at **Bolehall Swifts**; **Studley**, who defeated Cradley Town 3-2, with two goals for Gareth Evans; and **Coventry Copsewood**, who knocked out **Racing Club Warwick** on penalties after they finished goalless after 90 minutes. **Nuneaton Griff** edged past Dudley Sports, winning 4-2 on penalties following a 2-2 draw.

In the JW Hunt Cup, **Brocton** beat local rivals Penkrige Town 2-1 at Silkmore Lane. **Alvechurch** beat **Tividale** 2-0 at The Beeches with both goals coming in the opening 20 minutes.

## Reserves

### RESERVE DIVISION

WALSALL WOOD **2** v **1** COTON GREEN

### BIRMINGHAM SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP ROUND 3

SILHILL 2nds **0** **4p2** **0** CADBURY ATHLETIC RES

### STAFFORDSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 3

BRERETON SOCIAL **1** **5p4** **1** BROCTON RES.

FOLEY MEIR 2nd **2** **1p3** **2** LICHFIELD CITY RES.

TUNSTALL TOWN **8** v **2** ROCESTER RES.

1 <u>Rocester Reserves</u>	7 5 2 0 3 0 1 0 2 0 1 7
2 <u>Cadbury Athletic Reserves</u>	7 4 1 2 1 2 1 4 -2 1 3
3 <u>Romulus Reserves</u>	5 4 0 1 1 4 1 0 4 1 2
4 <u>Walsall Wood Reserves</u>	6 3 0 3 1 3 1 1 2 9
5 <u>Lichfield City Reserves</u>	4 2 0 2 1 5 1 0 5 6
6 <u>Coton Green Reserves</u>	6 2 0 4 1 0 1 6 -6 6
7 <u>Gresley Reserves</u>	4 1 1 2 6 7 -1 4
8 <u>Brocton Reserves</u>	4 0 2 2 7 1 0 -3 2
9 <u>Continental Star Reserves</u>	3 0 1 2 1 6 -5 1
10 <u>Tipton Town Reserves</u>	4 0 1 3 8 2 2 -1 4 1

### Leading scorers

Ezekiel Agyemang	Tipton Town	14
Terence Davies	Tipton Town	14
Oliver Roome	Rocester	13
Josh Dutton	Gresley	12
Zain Thomas	Romulus	11
Daniel Craythorne	Lichfield City	11
Kieran Smith	Brocton	10
Chad Barrett	Cadbury Athletic	9

## Under 21

### CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 1

#### Group "A"

HIGHGATE UNITED 0 v 3 AYLESTONE PARK

#### Group "C"

H O W ACADEMY 1 v 1 COLESHILL TOWN

### UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN 1 v 6 TAMWORTH

### UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS 0 v 5 ALVECHURCH

BEDWORTH UNITED 5 v 2 DROITWICH SPA G & B

BROMSGROVE SPORTING 0 v 2 KETTERING TOWN

### BIRMINGHAM SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP ROUND 3

CHARLEMONT STAR 1 6 COVENTRY UNITED u21

### STAFFORDSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 3

BROCTON u21 1 v 2 HEATH HAYES u21

## U21 North

## U21 South

1 <u>Aylestone Park U21</u>	4 3 0 1 15 9 6 9	<u>Kettering Town U21</u>	4 4 0 0 13 2 11 12
2 <u>Sutton Coldfield Town U21</u>	5 2 2 1 15 11 4 8	2 <u>Bedworth United U21</u>	4 4 0 0 14 5 9 12
3 <u>Brocton U21</u>	3 2 1 0 10 3 7 7	3 <u>Highgate United U21</u>	3 3 0 0 6 1 5 9
4 <u>Coleshill Town U21</u>	4 2 1 1 10 6 4 7	4 <u>Alvechurch U21</u>	4 2 1 1 10 5 5 7
5 <u>Tamworth U21</u>	3 2 0 1 19 5 14 6	5 <u>AFC Rushden &amp; Diamonds U21</u>	7 2 0 5 10 22 - 12 6
6 <u>Heath Hayes U21</u>	3 0 2 1 4 11 -7 2	6 <u>Bromsgrove Sporting U21</u>	4 1 1 2 5 6 -1 4
7 <u>Leek Town U21</u>	2 0 0 2 3 15 - 12 0	7 <u>Coventry United U21</u>	1 1 0 0 1 0 1 3
8 <u>West Midlands Football Academy U21</u>	4 0 0 4 2 18 - 16 0	8 <u>H.O.W. Academy U21</u>	6 1 0 5 7 13 -6 3
		9 <u>Kings Heath Concorde U21</u>	1 0 0 1 0 1 -1 0
		10 <u>Droitwich Spa BG U21</u>	4 0 0 4 4 15 - 11 0

**James McGrady** (Heath Hayes) 18, **James Parker** (Aylestone Park) 15, **Reece Snape** (Coventry United) 14, **John Dodd** (Tamworth) 13, **Brad Rolston** (Heath Hayes) 12, **Ryan Palmer** (Coventry United) 11, **Jordan Wilson** (Kettering Town) 11, **Josh Oultram** (Leek Town) 11, **Jack Tonks** (Brocton) 10, **Ben Cooling** (Heath Hayes) 10,

## Leading Goalscorers (all competitions)

### Premier Division

Josh March	Alvechurch	20
Jack Till	Lye Town	18
David Meese	Sporting Khalsa	17
Richard Greaves	Westfields	17
Shay Brennan	St Andrews	17
Kieran Debrouwer	Heanor Town	16
Andrew Bridge	Loughborough University	15
Nathan Hodge	Shawbury United	15
Lei Brown	Highgate United	14
Craig Jones	Westfields	14
Ben Billingham	Lye Town	13
Dan Polan	Westfields	12
Elliot Putman	St Andrews	12
Callum Riddell	Rocester	11
Drew Aiton	Walsall Wood	11
Nathan Dale	Quorn	11
Charles Knowles	Shawbury United	11
Karl Ashton	Rocester	10
Reece Shilvock	Stourport Swifts, Alvechurch	10
Sam Hollis	St Andrews	10

**Division 1**

<b>Ryan Seal</b>	<b>Hinckley AFC</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Alex Naughton</b>	<b>Atherstone Town</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Matthew Stenson</b>	<b>Leicester Road</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Matt Brennan</b>	<b>Nuneaton Griff</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Tom Bates</b>	<b>Nuneaton Griff</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Kyle Turner</b>	<b>Atherstone Town, Bolehall Swifts</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Joe Obi</b>	<b>Bolehall Swifts</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Sam Agar</b>	<b>Hinckley AFC</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Ben Lund</b>	<b>Lichfield City</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Connoll Farrell</b>	<b>Studley, Coventry Copsewood</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Wade Malley</b>	<b>Racing Club Warwick</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Luke Lewis</b>	<b>Uttoxeter Town</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Joel Ambalu</b>	<b>Heather St Johns</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Daniel Carter</b>	<b>Littleton</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Paul Sullivan</b>	<b>Hinckley AFC</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Gareth Evans</b>	<b>Pershore Town, Studley</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Jordan Francis</b>	<b>Bolehall Swifts</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Jamie Clarke</b>	<b>Pershore Town</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Joe Hartshorne</b>	<b>Heath Hayes</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Jake Holt</b>	<b>Leicester Road</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Gary Turner</b>	<b>Chelmsley Town</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Sean Brain</b>	<b>Bromsgrove Sporting, Littleton</b>	<b>10</b>

**Division 2**

<b>Daniel Carter</b>	<b>Paget Rangers</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Thomas Craine</b>	<b>Knowle</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Jak Albutt</b>	<b>Redditch Borough</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Nick Seabourne</b>	<b>Droitwich Spa</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Connor Collins</b>	<b>Fairfield Villa</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Mark Bellingham</b>	<b>Paget Rangers</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Pedro Douglas</b>	<b>Continental Star</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>James Lemon</b>	<b>Droitwich Spa</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Andrew Millan</b>	<b>Coton Green</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Dildale Linton</b>	<b>Alvis Sporting Club</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Joseph Wright</b>	<b>Leamington Hibernian</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Liam Fullerton</b>	<b>Redditch Borough</b>	<b>10</b>

**Division 3**

<b>Stuart Hendrie</b>	<b>Montpellier</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Daniel Priest</b>	<b>Northfield Town</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Montel Okoro</b>	<b>Moors Academy</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Dale Wigmore</b>	<b>Coventrians</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Tom Smith</b>	<b>NKF Burbage</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Jess Adcock</b>	<b>NKF Burbage</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Lewis Fathers</b>	<b>Shipston Excelsior</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Jay Tilbury</b>	<b>FC Stratford</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Alex Coultas</b>	<b>NKF Burbage</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Lee Hendrie</b>	<b>Montpellier</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Charlie Adcock</b>	<b>NKF Burbage</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Lewis Jones</b>	<b>Northfield Town</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Peter Martin</b>	<b>Barton United</b>	<b>7</b>

## Preview

### Premier Division

Game of the day takes place at Allpay Park as 3<sup>rd</sup> placed **Westfields** take on 2<sup>nd</sup> placed **Lye Town** with the visitors in excellent form having only lost one league game all season. Leaders **Alvechurch** have a tricky looking fixture away to **Shepshed Dynamo** who are still in the FA Vase and in 9<sup>th</sup> place in the league. 4<sup>th</sup> placed **Coleshill Town** are well in the promotion mix and they travel to **Boldmere St Michaels** who are still looking for their first home win on their new 3G pitch. **Heanor Town** have quietly moved up to 5<sup>th</sup> place and they face a real test as they travel to the Aspray Arena to tackle 6<sup>th</sup> placed **Sporting Khalsa**. At the bottom, **Brocton** are 6 points adrift and need to start picking up points as they entertain **Long Eaton United**. 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom **Tividale** have lost 5 out of their last 6 so will want to put an end to that run as they face **Quorn** at The Beeches. 18<sup>th</sup> meets 19<sup>th</sup> at Wem as **Shawbury United** welcome **Stourport Swifts** to Shropshire – a win for either would open up the gap from the bottom three. **AFC Wulfrunians** have shown good form in recent weeks and they welcome **Coventry Sphinx** to Castlecroft. **Coventry United** are having a good first season in the Premier Division and sit in a healthy 7<sup>th</sup> place and they welcome **Walsall Wood** to Sphinx Drive. **Highgate United** are 6 points above the relegation zone and they will want to increase that distance when they welcome **Rocester** to the Coppice. **St Andrews** had a good win in the league cup in midweek and they entertain **Loughborough University** who were knocked out of the same competition.

### Division 1

Leaders **Leicester Road** entertain mid-table **Uttoxeter Town** a repeat of the league game a few weeks back when Leicester Road won 5-1. 2<sup>nd</sup> placed **Atherstone Town** travel to in-form **Cadbury Athletic** who have won their last four games. 3<sup>rd</sup> placed **Bromsgrove Sporting** take their unbeaten record to Rene Road to face 7<sup>th</sup> placed **Bolehall Swifts**. 4<sup>th</sup> placed **Hinckley AFC** are the form side of the division and they travel to **Littleton** who themselves have picked up 13 points from the last 5 league games. **Lichfield City** are only 7 points off the top and they have a local derby away at **Heath Hayes**. Bottom club **Southam United** picked up their 3<sup>rd</sup> point of the season last week and they will be hoping to build on that as they travel to **Chelmsley Town**. 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom **Stafford Town** are at home to 6<sup>th</sup> placed **Racing Club Warwick** in a game where 3 points for either side will impact both ends of the table. **Pelsall Villa** are on a poor run of form and they travel to **Heather St Johns** who are well placed in 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Division 2

Leaders **Alvis Sporting Club** travel to **Sutton United** looking to maintain their narrow lead at the top of the table. 2<sup>nd</sup> placed **Droitwich Spa** travel to **Smithswood Firs** in a game which promises plenty of goals. 3<sup>rd</sup> placed **Fairfield Villa** welcome **Hampton** to the Recreation ground with the home side having 6 wins in the last seven games. Basement side **Continental Star**, who are now three points adrift, travel to 11<sup>th</sup> placed **Bloxwich Town**. Two wins on the trot has catapulted **Earlwood Town** up the table and they go for a hat-trick as they travel to **Coton Green**. **Redditch Borough** beat **Feckenham** last week in the Les James Challenge Cup and they meet again, this time at The Valley Stadium. **Knowle** will want to bounce back from last week's defeat at the hands of FC Stratford when they host out of form **Barnt Green Spartak**.



### **Division 3**

With the top three in cup action, 4<sup>th</sup> placed **Shipston Excelsior** have the chance to move back into the top three as they host struggling **Castle Vale Town**. **Moors Academy** have three games in hand on the leaders and they can edge closer with a win at home to **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons**. **Alcester Town** can also close on the top three if they can beat **FC Stratford**, who come into the game on the back of that fantastic 7-2 win over higher ranked Knowle last weekend. **Barton United** have slipped to 10<sup>th</sup> place in recent weeks and they entertain 9<sup>th</sup> placed **Inkberrow** at Holland Sports Club.

### **Les James Challenge Cup**

There is a tasty quarter-final in the Les James Challenge Cup at Badsey as 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 3 **Montpellier** host 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 3 **Northfield Town**. With very little to separate them in form and in league position, this promises to be a superb game.

### **Challenge Vase**

Division 3 leaders **NKF Burbage** make the long journey to Hall Drive to face mid-table **Enville Athletic** in the quarter-final of the Challenge Vase.

## Reserves

### **CHALLENGE TROPHY ROUND 1**

#### Group "A"

ROCESTER v WALSALL WOOD

### **RESERVE DIVISION**

LICHFIELD CITY v COTON GREEN  
TIPTON TOWN v CADBURY ATHLETIC 2.00

## Under 21s

### **CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 1**

#### Group "A"

AYLESTONE PARK v COVENTRY UNITED 12.30  
KETTERING TOWN v ALVECHURCH 10.30  
SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN v HIGHGATE UNITED 10.30

### **UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH**

COLESHILL TOWN v HEATH HAYES 10.30  
LEEK TOWN v TAMWORTH 10.30  
Open: BROCTON

### **UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH**

BEDWORTH UNITED v H O W ACADEMY 11.00  
DROITWICH SPA G & B v AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS 10.30

## Other Cups

### **COVENTRY CHARITY CUP ROUND 3**

CHRIST THE KING v LEAMINGTON HIBERNIAN 1.30  
WOODLANDS WMC v COVENTRY COPSEWOOD 1.30

### **BIRMINGHAM SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP ROUND 3**

CONTINENTAL STAR RES. v GURDWARA GNP 2.00

### **DERBYSHIRE DIVISIONAL CUP (SOUTH) ROUND 3**

MICKLEOVER RBL RES. v GRESLEY RES. 1.15

### **BEDWORTH NURSING CUP ROUND 3**

CHRIST THE KING RES. v COVENTRIANS 1.45

### **WORCESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY JUNIOR CUP SEMI FINAL; 1st LEG**

BROMSGROVE SPORTING u21 v BROMYARD TOWN 1.30

