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# Total Motion Midland Football League Newsletter



8th August 2018

## League News

FCV International Football Academy have an August Development Camp where they are hosting taster sessions for Day students in the local area. The information is that 14-17 year old's in and around the Stamford area can come along any day during between Tuesday 14th August to Wednesday 22nd August for a taster session of life at the FCV Academy free of charge. We ask any interested parties to email [bwatts@internationalfootball.academy](mailto:bwatts@internationalfootball.academy) to register their interest.

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The draws have been made for the early rounds of the various MFL Cup Competitions:-

**LEAGUE CUP ROUND 1**

Stapenhill	v	South Normanton Athletic	<b>Tues 25 Sep</b>
Uttoxeter Town	v	Dunkirk	<b>Thur 27 Sep</b>
Heather St Johns	v	N K F Burbage	<b>Tues 25 Sep</b>
Quorn	v	Loughborough University	<b>Wed 26 Sep</b>
Sporting Khalsa	v	Walsall Wood	<b>Tues 25 Sep</b>
Heath Hayes	v	Brocton	<b>Tues 25 Sep</b>
Westfields	v	Stourport Swifts	<b>Mon 24 Sep</b>
FC Stratford	v	Worcester City	<b>Tues 25 Sep</b>
Chelmsley Town	v	Paget Rangers	<b>Mon 24 Sep</b>
Romulus	v	Atherstone Town	<b>Mon 24 Sep</b>
Bolehall Swifts	v	Coventry Copsewood	<b>Tues 25 Sep</b>

**LEAGUE CUP ROUND 2**

Ilkeston Town	v	Rocester	<b>Tues 25 Sep</b>
Stapenhill / South Normanton Athletic	v	Lichfield City	
Long Eaton United	v	Uttoxeter Town / Dunkirk	
Heather St John's / NKF Burbage	v	Nuneaton Griff	
Coventry United	v	Bolehall Swifts / Coventry Copsewood	
Coventry Sphinx	v	Leicester Road	<b>Tues 25 Sep</b>
Quorn / Loughborough University	v	Hinckley AFC	
G N P Sports	v	Shepshed Dynamo	<b>Wed 26 Sep</b>
Heath Hayes / Brocton	v	Sporting Khalsa / Walsall Wood	
Wolverhampton S C	v	AFC Wulfrunians	<b>Tues 25 Sep</b>
Racing Club Warwick	v	Westfields / Stourport Swifts	
Highgate United	v	FC Stratford / Worcester City	
Littleton	v	Studley	<b>Wed 26 Sep</b>
Boldmere St Michaels	v	Lye Town	<b>Tues 25 Sep</b>
Chelmsley Town / Paget Rangers	v	Cadbury Athletic	
Coton Green	v	Romulus / Atherstone Town	

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### LES JAMES CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 1

Northfield Town	v	Bartestree	Sat 22 Sep
AFC Church	v	AFC Solihull	Sat 29 Sep
Alcester Town	v	Hampton	Sat 25 Aug
Coton Green	v	Birmingham Tigers	Sat 25 Aug
Earlswood Town	v	FC Stratford	Sat 15 Sep
Fairfield Villa	v	Moors Academy	Sat 25 Aug
Coventrians	v	Leamington Hibernian	Sat 15 Sep
Central Ajax	v	Boldmere Sports	Sat 1 Sep
Bolehall Swifts	v	Continental Star	Sat 25 Aug
Enville Athletic	v	Shipston Excelsior	Sat 22 Sep
Coventry Alvis	v	Coventry Plumbing	Sat 1 Sep
Barnt Green Spartak	v	G N P Sports	Sat 8 Sep
Inkberrow	v	Castle Vale Town	Sat 22 Sep
Knowle	v	FC Shush	Sat 25 Aug
Redditch Borough	v	Feckenham	Sat 25 Aug
WLV Football	v	Lane Head	Sat 25 Aug

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### PRESIDENTS CUP ROUND 1

Lane Head	v	Coventry Alvis	Sat 29 Sep
Redditch Borough	v	Hampton	
G N P Sports	v	Boldmere Sports	Sat 15 Sep
FC Stratford	v	Northfield Town	
Fairfield Villa	v	Coton Green	
Barnt Green Spartak	v	Earlswood Town	Sat 25 Aug
Feckenham	v	Moors Academy	Sat 1 Sep
Knowle	v	Bolehall Swifts	Sat 22 Sep

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### CHALLENGE VASE ROUND 1

Coventry Plumbing	v	Castle Vale Town	Sat 25 Aug
FC Shush	v	Alcester Town	Sat 1 Sep
Bartestree	v	Birmingham Tigers	Sat 29 Sep
AFC Church	v	WLV Football	Sat 8 Sep
Shipston Excelsior	v	Enville Athletic	Sat 8 Sep
Inkberrow	v	Continental Star	Sat 1 Sep
Leamington Hibernian	v	Castle Vale Town	Sat 25 Aug
Central Ajax	v	Coventrians	Sat 25 Aug

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### **CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 1**

Lichfield City	v	Aylestone Park	Sat 8 Sep
Milton Keynes College	v	Continental Star	Sat 8 Sep
Brocton	v	Boldmere St Michaels	Sat 22 Sep
Evesham United	v	Kidderminster Harriers	Sat 15 Sep
Lutterworth Town	v	Tamworth	Sat 8 Sep
Bedworth United	v	Lye Town	Sat 8 Sep
Highgate United	v	AFC Rushden & Diamonds Elite	Sat 8 Sep
Allextion & New Parks	v	Rushall Olympic	Sat 8 Sep

### **CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 2**

Lichfield City / Aylestone Park	v	Allscott Heath	
Quorn	v	Leicester Nirvana	
Kettering Town	v	Bedworth United / Lye Town	
Sutton Coldfield Town	v	Lutterworth Town / Tamworth Evesham United / Kidderminster Harriers	
Droitwich Spa G & B	v		
Highgate United / AFC Rushden & Diamonds Elite	v	Brocton / Boldmere St Michaels	
Halesowen Town	v	FCV Reds	Sat 29 Sep
Allextion & New Parks / Rushall Olympic	v	Milton Keynes College / Continental Star	

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## Review

### Premier Division

A good start for the two sides promoted from Division 1. **Ilkeston Town** welcomed **Stourport Swifts** to the New Manor Ground and a goal from Malachi Lavelle-Moore three minutes from time gave them a 3-2 win over Stourport Swifts. **Walsall Wood** welcomed relegated **Romulus** to Oak Park and a brace from Paul Sullivan saw them home also 3-2. Two of the league newcomers met at Pride Park with **Wolverhampton Sporting Community** and **Dunkirk** sharing the spoils in a 2-2 draw. **Lye Town** head the table on day one following a 3-1 win at **Quorn** despite going behind after just two minutes. A Ryan Shaw goal three minutes into stoppage time edged **Boldmere St Michaels** to a 3-2 win over **Worcester City** at The Trevor Brown Memorial ground. **AFC Wulfrunians** got off to a winning start, Kieron Northwood scoring the only goal of the game against **Loughborough University** at CKW Stadium. A Curvin Ellis goal early in the second half gave **Coventry United** all 3 points at home to **Shepshed Dynamo**. **Westfields** faced their longest journey of the season and returned from **South Normanton Athletic** with all 3 points thanks to a Mark Magee goal. **Highgate United** and **Coventry Sphinx** couldn't find a goal between them at The Coppice. **Long Eaton United** and **Sporting Khalsa** fought out a 1-1 draw at Grange Park with Long Eaton missing a penalty.

**Romulus** picked up their first points of the season with a 2-1 win over **Worcester City** at Castle Vale Stadium which lives City pointless from the opening two games. **Westfields** made it two 1-0 wins on the trot as Ben Hayes scored the only goal of the game against **Walsall Wood**.

**AFC Wulfrunians** moved to the top of the table on goal difference following a 2-0 win over **Boldmere St Michaels** at the CKW Stadium, Jake Webb scoring both. **Ilkeston Town** made it two out of two with a fine 3-2 win at **Shepshed Dynamo**, a fine start following their promotion from Division 1. **Coventry United** recorded their second 1-0 win of the season, Shaquille MacDonald with the goal at **South Normanton Athletic**. **Wolverhampton Sporting Community** picked up their first win as an MFL club, 2-1 at **Stourport Swifts** with Dan Scragg getting the winner. Ten-man **Loughborough University** came from behind to draw 3-3 with **Lye Town** at Holywell. Joe Boachie gave the Scholars a 2-0 lead before The Flyers came back to take the lead, Joel Bonner grabbed the equaliser in the 88<sup>th</sup> minute. **Highgate United** travelled to the Aspray Arena and returned with the 3 points after a 2-0 win over **Sporting Khalsa**. **Coventry Sphinx** beat **Dunkirk** 2-0 at Sphinx Drive with goals from Jamie Towers and Josh O'Grady.

**Quorn** recorded their first victory of the season, beating **Long Eaton United** 4-2 at Farley Way. New signing Steve Hart scored twice for Quorn with former Rugby striker Ruben Wiggins-Thomas scoring both goals for Long Eaton.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	G	D	P	T	S
1	<u>AFC Wulfrunians</u>	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	6			
2	<u>Ilkeston Town</u>	2	2	0	0	6	4	2	6			
3	<u>Coventry United</u>	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	6			
4	<u>Westfields</u>	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	6			
5	<u>Lye Town</u>	2	1	1	0	6	4	2	4			
6	<u>Coventry Sphinx</u>	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	4			
7	<u>Highgate United</u>	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	4			
8	<u>Wolverhampton Sporting Community</u>	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4			
9	<u>Quorn</u>	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3			
10	<u>Romulus</u>	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3			
11	<u>Walsall Wood</u>	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3			
12	<u>Boldmere St Michaels</u>	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3			
13	<u>Loughborough University</u>	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1			
14	<u>Long Eaton United</u>	2	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1			
15	<u>Dunkirk</u>	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1			
16	<u>Sporting Khalsa</u>	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1			
17	<u>Stourport Swifts</u>	2	0	0	2	3	5	-2	0			
18	<u>Worcester City</u>	2	0	0	2	3	5	-2	0			
19	<u>Shepshed Dynamo</u>	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0			
20	<u>South Normanton Athletic</u>	2	0	0	2	0	2	-2	0			

## Division 1

There were plenty of goals on the opening day of the Division 1 campaign. **Chelmsley Town** started their season with a 6-0 win over 10-man **Littleton** at Pack Meadow with Adam Keeley and Dom Oliver both scoring twice. Last year's golden boot winner is at it again as Simeon Cobourne scored three in **Heather St Johns** 6-1 win at **Rocester**. Another one of last season's hot shots, Alex Naughton, bagged a brace as **Atherstone Town** beat **Brocton** 4-1 at Silkmore Lane. There was a 7-goal thriller at The McDonalds Community Stadium where **Lichfield City** beat **Racing Club Warwick** 4-3. Lichfield had to play 85 minutes without a regular keeper with defender Adam Robinson between the sticks following an injury to Adam Jenkins. The Racers took a 2-0 lead through a Ben Mackey brace, but City came back to win with two late goals. A goal 7 minutes from time from Myles Phipps earned **Paget Rangers** all 3 points at **Leicester Road**. **Cadbury Athletic** came from behind to beat **Nuneaton Griff** 2-1 at The Pingles Stadium. Division 2 champions **NKF Burbage** announced themselves to the rest of the division with a 3-1 win at **Uttoxeter Town**. League new boys **Stapenhill** drew 2-2 with **Hinckley AFC**, both sides holding the lead during the game. **Heath Hayes** and **Studley** shared a goalless draw at The Coppice Colliery Ground.

**Heather St Johns** scored 6 for the second game in succession as they beat **Lichfield City** 6-1 to take over top spot. The goals were shared with 6 different scorers. Promoted **NKF Burbage** also made it 2 out of 2 with a stunning 6-0 win over **Nuneaton Griff**, Jess Adcock and Pele Orton both scoring twice. **Racing Club Warwick** bounced back from an opening day defeat with a 7-0 win over league new boys **Stapenhill** at Townsend Meadow. Ben Mackey and Trea Bertie both scored hat-tricks for The Racers. A hat-trick from John Atherton helped **Uttoxeter Town** to a 4-1 win at **Paget Rangers**. A last-minute goal from Amarvir Sandhu earned **Leicester Road** all 3 points at 10-man **Studley**. A Ryan Kimberley goal midway through the second half was enough for **Brocton** in the Staffordshire derby at **Rocester**. **Hinckley AFC** welcomed **Coventry Copsewood** to their new base in Ibstock and the two shared a 1-1 draw. It was a similar scoreline at The TSA with **Cadbury Athletic** drawing with **Heath Hayes**.

**Atherstone Town** made it two wins out of two with a 3-0 win over **Chelmsley Town** at The Mark Webster Community Stadium.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	G	D	P	T	S
1	<u>Heather St Johns</u>	2	2	0	0	12	2	10		6		
2	<u>NKF Burbage</u>	2	2	0	0	9	1	8		6		
3	<u>Atherstone Town</u>	2	2	0	0	7	1	6		6		
4	<u>Cadbury Athletic</u>	2	1	1	0	3	2	1		4		
5	<u>Racing Club Warwick</u>	2	1	0	1	10	4	6		3		
6	<u>Chelmsley Town</u>	2	1	0	1	6	3	3		3		
7	<u>Uttoxeter Town</u>	2	1	0	1	5	4	1		3		
8	<u>Leicester Road</u>	2	1	0	1	1	1	0		3		
9	<u>Brocton</u>	2	1	0	1	2	4	-2		3		
10	<u>Paget Rangers</u>	2	1	0	1	2	4	-2		3		
11	<u>Lichfield City</u>	2	1	0	1	5	9	-4		3		
12	<u>Hinckley AFC</u>	2	0	2	0	3	3	0		2		
13	<u>Heath Hayes</u>	2	0	2	0	1	1	0		2		
14	<u>Coventry Copsewood</u>	1	0	1	0	1	1	0		1		
15	<u>Studley</u>	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1		1		
16	<u>Stapenhill</u>	2	0	1	1	2	9	-7		1		
17	<u>Rocester</u>	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6		0		
18	<u>Littleton</u>	1	0	0	1	0	6	-6		0		
19	<u>Nuneaton Griff</u>	2	0	0	2	1	8	-7		0		



## Leading Scorers

### Premier Division

Joe Boachie	Loughborough University	2
Mark Danks	Stourport Swifts	2
Steve Hart	Quorn	2
Jack Pearlman	Lye Town	2
Mitch Piggon	Romulus	2
Elliott Reeves	Ilkeston Town	2
Dan Scragg	Wolverhampton SC	2
Paul Sullivan	Walsall Wood	2
Jake Webb	AFC Wulfrunians	2
Ruben Wiggins-Thomas	Long Eaton United	2

### Division 1

Ben Mackey	Racing Club Warwick	5
Simeon Cobourne	Heather St Johns	4
John Atherton	Uttoxeter Town	3
Trea Bertie	Racing Club Warwick	3
Alex Naughton	Atherstone Town	3
Jess Adcock	NKF Burbage	2
Odane Barnes	Cadbury Athletic	2
Max Black	Lichfield City	2
Adam Keeley	Chelmsley Town	2
Dominic Oliver	Chelmsley Town	2
Pele Orton	NKF Burbage	2
Grant Ryan	Hinckley AFC	2
Tom Smith	NKF Burbage	2
Liam Storer	NKF Burbage	2
Mitch Thomson	Atherstone Town	2
Eddie Wilson	Heather St Johns	2
Michael Wright	Heather St Johns	2

Preview

FA Cup

### **Atherstone Town vs Hanley Town**

Everything points to this being a tight game with Division 1 favourites Adders up against NWCL Step 5 Hanley Town. The Adders have started the season in confident mood and home advantage may just give them the edge.

### **Boldmere St Michaels vs Malvern Town**

The Mikes host West Midlands Regional League Malvern Town with their visitors expected to challenge for promotion this season. They started the season with an excellent 3-0 win over Pershore Town. The Mikes had a last gasp win over Worcester City on opening day and they will feel that they are capable of beating anyone at The Trevor Brown Memorial ground.

### **Coventry Sphinx vs Whitchurch Alport**

This promises to be one of the ties of the round with Sphinx hosting North West Counties Whitchurch Alport. Alport will be supported in large numbers at Sphinx Drive and they have a side with plenty of Step 4 and above experience. In last season's competition, they took an early lead at Walsall Wood before the home side ran out comfortable winners. Sphinx need to make home advantage count if they are to progress

### **Ellesmere Rangers vs Leicester Road**

Leicester Road have a long journey to the Shropshire Lakes to face NWCL1S Ellesmere. Ellesmere have lost their first two whilst Leicester Road picked up their first points in midweek at Studley. The Meresiders finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the WMRL last season and, on form, could provide tough opposition. Leicester Road are one of the favourites in Division 1 and they should have enough to make it through

### **Haughmond vs Wolverhampton Sporting Community**

Two clubs that swapped places in the summer meet at The Sports Village. Haughmond drew too many games in the MFL last season and that saw them finish in the bottom three. Wolves Sporting took all before them winning the WMRL by a mammoth 15 points. Sporting have gone through major changes in the summer but four points from their first two games has got their season up and running. If they are to progress, they may need a replay at Pride Park

### **Heather St John's vs Kimberley Miners Welfare**

Heather welcome East Midlands Counties League Kimberley to St John's Park in a game that promises plenty of goals. Last season's leading scorer Simeon Cobourne has scored 4 times in the opening two games with his side banging in 12 goals. Heather will undoubtedly be in the race for promotion this season. Kimberley have picked up 4 points in their opening two fixtures and after a top 6 finish last season, they too will be expected to challenge

### **Highgate United vs AFC Wulfrunians**

Two Premier Division sides go head to head at The Coppice. Both sides have seen managerial changes in the summer and both have made changes to the playing personnel. Highgate are being touted as one of the favourites for promotion while Wulfs have gone under the radar somewhat. Highgate will start as favourites to go through.

### **Hinckley AFC vs Anstey Nomads**

Hinckley welcome United Counties League Division 1 Anstey Nomads to The Welfare ground for their first FA Cup tie at their new ground. Anstey began the season with a 4-4 draw at home with Corey Armeni scoring twice. The Hinckley squad has undergone changes in the summer, but they will be expected to be challenging near the top. Expect a big crowd and a home win

### **Long Eaton United vs St Andrews**

Long Eaton welcome UCL1 St Andrews to Grange Park after picking up one point from their first two games. The home side have added some serious firepower to their squad and they should have too much for Step 6 St Andrews who were beaten 3-1 at home in their opening fixture.

### **Quorn vs Belper United**

Quorn host East Midlands Counties Belper United at Farley Way. Quorn have won one, lost one while Belper also lost 2-1 away to Graham Street Prims. Quorn have a strong looking squad and in Steve Hart they have a striker that scored 50 goals last season. Expect Quorn to be too strong on their own pitch

### **Racing Club Warwick vs Coleshill Town**

What a match up! Step 6 RC Warwick up against Step 4 Coleshill Town, promoted from the MFL last season. The Coleman are yet to get their season under way while The Racers were surprisingly beaten at Lichfield City on opening day but bounced back with a 7-0 win in midweek. On paper, it should be comfortable progress for Coleshill, but The Racers are a side that score goals and there is a chance of an upset

### **Rainworth Miners Welfare vs Dunkirk**

Last year's East Midlands Counties champions Dunkirk travel to meet one of last season's rivals. Both sides have picked up a point from their opening two games. These sides will know each other well and Dunkirk may need a replay to progress.

### **Romulus vs Westfields**

Another matchup between Premier Division heavyweights. Romulus dropped down from Step 4 in the summer and they host their first FA Cup at The Vale Stadium. Westfields had an excellent cup run two seasons ago, making national news and generating significant income. Both of these sides have the quality to make inroads in the season's competition and it is hard to split them

### **Sleaford Town vs South Normanton Athletic**

The Shiners face the long journey to Lincolnshire to tackle UCL Premier Division Sleaford. Sleaford have won one lost one this season but will prove a difficult proposition at their Eslaforde Park home. A late change in management has not aided South Normanton's preparation but a cup run could be just the morale boost they need. They will have to be on top of their game to get anything out of this one

### **Sporting Khalsa vs Tividale**

A big Black Country derby with Sporting Khalsa welcoming WMRL runner up and favourites Tividale to the revamped Aspray Arena. Tividale started the season with a bang and it will be a shock if they are not promoted back to the MFL at the end of the season. Khalsa will not take them lightly and expect this to be a tight affair

### **Stourport Swifts vs Shawbury United**

Shawbury, relegated from the MFL last season, make a swift return to Walshes Meadow to face the new look Swifts. Stourport have a new manager and a new exciting team and they will be expected to go through against a Shawbury side who have seen a number of players move on.

#### **Teversal vs Loughborough University**

The scholars travel to EMCL Teversal who started the season with a 6-goal victory and two platers, Matthew Wilkinson and Daniel Fletcher, scoring hat-tricks. Loughborough have picked up one point from their opening two games and they will need their more experienced players to stand up if they are to progress.

#### **Walsall Wood vs Worcester City**

A tie probably both sides didn't want. Two of the favourites for promotion from the MFL meeting at Oak Park in what promises to be a cracker of a game. The Wood started the season with an excellent win over Romulus while City went down to a late winner at Boldmere. Both were beaten away from home in midweek and will be hoping for a good cup run. With proven goal scorers in both their ranks, this could go either way.

#### **Wednesfield vs Rocester**

It has been all change at both clubs in the summer with new managers and new squads. WMRL Wednesfield saw manager Dean Gill and the majority of the squad move to league rivals Wolverhampton Casuals. Rocester were left with a couple of players at the end of last season and a new young squad has been put together for this campaign. Both sides suffered heavy defeats last weekend and will see the cup as a chance to get some much needed revenue and to gain a foothold for the season.

#### **Worksop Town vs Shepshed Dynamo**

Shepshed were the FA Cup heroes last season eventually bowing out to Step 3 Nantwich Town. They travel to Sandy Lane to face NECL Worksop Town. The Tigers started the season with a fine away win at Goole Town and they will be roared on by a large, partisan crowd. Dynamo have the credentials and the squad to get through, but this could be a tough one.

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **Coventry United vs Rugby Town**

United welcome United Counties League Rugby Town to Butts Park Arena. Rugby moved sideways to the UCL in the summer and under former Stratford manager Carl Adams have revamped their squad completely. They started positively with Danico Johnson scoring a hat-trick in a 4-0 win. United have started with two wins and the strike pairing of Curvin Ellis and Shaquille MacDonald promises much. A big crowd, a great atmosphere and a possible replay

## Premier Division

As the only two Premier Division sides not in FA Cup action, newly promoted Ilkeston Town welcome Lye Town to The New Manor Ground. Both sides have scored 6 goals this season with the Robins winning both of their games 3-2. A win for either side would see them top the league at this early stage

All midweek games are subject to there being no FA Cup replays

### TUESDAY 14th AUGUST 2018

Coventry Sphinx	v	Lye Town
Dunkirk	v	Boldmere St Michaels
Ilkeston Town	v	Long Eaton United
Loughborough University	v	South Normanton Athletic
Shepshed Dynamo	v	Walsall Wood
Sporting Khalsa	v	Stourport Swifts
Wolverhampton S C	v	A F C Wulfrunians

### WEDNESDAY 15th AUGUST 2018

#### PREMIER DIVISION

Highgate United	v	Westfields
Worcester City	v	Quorn

## Division 1

**NKF Burbage** have started the season with two wins and they can go clear at the top if they can make it three on the trot at **Heath Hayes**. **Cadbury Athletic** have picked up 4 points from their two opening fixtures and they face **Stapenhill** who will want to bounce back from a 7 goal defeat in midweek. **Uttoxeter Town** meet **Brocton** in a Staffordshire derby at Oldfields and with both sides picking up their first victories in midweek, this should be an interesting tussle. **Lichfield City** had a night to forget at **Heather St Johns** in midweek and they travel to **Littleton** who also conceded 6 away from home on the opening day. **Chelmsley Town** had an excellent 6 goal victory at home on opening day and will hope to emulate the performance when **Paget Rangers** visit Pack Meadow. **Studley** were undone by a last-minute goal in midweek and they welcome **Coventry Copsewood** to The Beehive.

## Division 2

**Barnt Green Spartak** finished in mid-table last season and with strikers Dominic Strevens and Reuel Prescod in tandem, they should not be short of goals. They have a new home base this season as they move to Earlswood Town from The Coppice

**Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** had a remarkable run last season to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 3 to gain promotion. The goals of Reece Gibson were crucial and if the young striker can find his shooting boots again this season, Falcons could be in for another good year

**Bolehall Swifts** suffered relegation last season conceding 143 league goals. They will be hoping that they can arrest their slide and start to rebuild towards Step 6 football as their Division 2 campaign gets underway

**Coton Green** finished 12<sup>th</sup> last season and will be expected to be battling more towards the top of the table this campaign. Their squad looks strong and performances in pre-season indicate that they will be a threat

**Coventry Alvis** had a season to forget last year finishing bottom of Division 1 with a negative goal difference of 148. They have a new look squad laced with players from the highly successful Coventry United Under 21 side. Everything points to a positive season

**Earlswood Town** finished in the lower reaches last season but early indications are that they will be a far stronger outfit this season. The new signings should give them more of a threat up front, goalscoring being their main issue last year

**FC Stratford** were promoted from Division 3 in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and they have seen one of their former players make his debut in the EFL already this season with Dylan Parker featuring for Walsall FC. They have a fine record in producing young players and this season should be no exception

**Fairfield Villa** finished in the top half of the table last season and look to be one of the teams to watch. The introduction of a reserve side, with Bromsgrove Sporting reserves moving to Fairfield, can only improve their chances. Should be a memorable season at The Recreation ground

**Feckenham** finished 4<sup>th</sup> last season and should be a challenging again. They have added to the squad and James Gifford from FC Stratford, will undoubtedly catch the eye. Won't be far away at the end

**GNP Sports** introduced themselves to the MFL by running away with the Division 3 title. A win in pre-season over Walsall Wood has set tongues wagging and they will start as one of the favourites for the title. The signing of former Montpellier and Rugby Town forward Stuart Hendrie promises goals aplenty.

**Hampton** finished in a creditable 5<sup>th</sup> place last season and, despite some challenging results in pre-season, they can look forward to another positive campaign. The Seivwright brothers could hold the key to whether they will be challenging for promotion

**Knowle** had a disappointing season last time out finishing in 11<sup>th</sup> place. Their squad has been revamped with a number of players arriving with proven credentials at this level. Watch out for Tyrone Smith and Curtis Thomas who have joined the club from Smithswood Firs. Could be challenging for promotion

**Lane Head** are the renamed Bloxwich Town and they finished second bottom last season, only avoiding relegation due to the resignation of Montpellier. On their day last season, they were a match for most sides and a lot will depend on the youngsters coming through

**Moors Academy** have a new home, The Trevor Brown Memorial ground, home of Boldmere St Michaels. Pre-season has seen some superb results, not least a 4-0 win over Premier Division Quorn. With the resources at their disposal, it would be shock if Moors are not challenging for promotion this season

**Northfield Town** have a new management team as they look to build on last season's mid-table finish. Results in pre-season have been encouraging with plenty of goals being scored. Sam Wills, from Bromsgrove Sporting, could be the key signing

**Redditch Borough** finished outside the bottom two on goal difference last season thanks to an excellent run towards the end. Pre-season has seen a number of youngsters promoted into the first team which augurs well for the future. The return of striker Bill Garvey is a massive plus

#### **SATURDAY 11th AUGUST 2018**

Boldmere Sports	v	FC Stratford
Bolehall Swifts	v	Feckenham
Coton Green	v	GNP Sports
Earlswood Town	v	Lane Head
Fairfield Villa	v	Knowle
Hampton	v	Barnt Green Spartak
Redditch Borough	v	Moors Academy

#### **TUESDAY 14th AUGUST 2018**

Barnt Green Spartak	v	Fairfield Villa	6.15
Bolehall Swifts	v	Knowle	
Coton Green	v	Boldmere Sports	
FC Stratford	v	Feckenham	
Moors Academy	v	Lane Head	7.30
Northfield Town	v	Earlswood Town	6.15

#### **WEDNESDAY 15th AUGUST 2018**

GNP Sports	v	Redditch Borough	
Hampton	v	Coventry Alvis	6.15