



Midland Football League Newsletter

9th August 2017

League News

Following last weekend's FA Cup Extra-Preliminary round taking place this weekend, the draw for the next round is as follows;

The Emirates FA Cup

Preliminary Round, Saturday August 19th

Sporting Khalsa vs Market Drayton Town

Walsall Wood vs Tividale

Bedworth United vs **Haughmond**

Rugby Town vs Romulus

Bromsgrove Sporting vs **Coleshill Town**

Wolverhampton Casuals vs **Boldmere St Michaels**

Worcester City vs Chasetown

Brocton vs Gresley

AFC Wulfrunians vs **Westfields**

Shepshed Dynamo vs Blaby & Whetstone Athletic

Grimsby Borough vs **Leicester Road**

Hinckley AFC vs Aylestone Park

Quorn vs AFC Mansfield

Solihull Moors starlet Tyrese Shade has completed a dream move to the Premier League after signing a two-year professional deal with Leicester City. Following a recent trial period with the Foxes, the 17-year-old forward has committed his immediate future to the former champions of England.

Birmingham-born Shade enjoyed a brief but promising spell with Liam McDonald's first-team last season having shone for the **Moors Academy**.

After seven years with Birmingham City's Academy, Shade joined The Moors in 2016 following his release at the age of 15. His rapid progression caught the eye of McDonald resulting in him signing first-team forms in March before going on to make two eye-catching senior appearances from the bench away at Tranmere Rovers and Guiseley.

While he will be a loss to Solihull, the move has left everybody connected with The Moors beaming with pride. Mark Fogarty, head of sport, said: "Leicester first watched Tyrese during the pre-season win over Walsall in July. During that game, he had a fantastic 25 minutes or so showing the creative ability that I first saw when he was an academy player at Birmingham City. "I have always been excited about his potential and, as with Kieran Dawes who also came to us a year ago, I didn't feel it was the football that we as a staff had to concentrate on, it was more about the pastoral side.

"When you are at an academy you can be one of a large group of talented individuals but at any one time if you're not the elite you can feel deflated and doubt yourself. All we have done is given Tyrese the chance to mature, make him feel special and give him license to show his talents. Liam McDonald has given him the exposure of playing in the Vanarama National League which in itself takes guts and therefore the player feels confident and energised. These are the ingredients that a player needs to flourish. We are all extremely proud of Tyrese and will follow his progress with interest."

McDonald added: "It was a pleasure working with Tyrese since I joined the football club. I've spent a lot of time with the Moors Academy as it's important for the future development of the club and to give players opportunities. Tyrese caught my eye straight away and it was great to give him his debut at 16, regardless of his age I thought he was good enough. He came back to pre-season hungry and determined to break into the squad and produced some eye-catching performances. We are all proud of him and when I went to see him for his signing he looked so confident rubbing shoulders with the first-team players. Having seen a former player of mine (Cohen Bramall) make his Arsenal debut this pre-season, I know it won't be long for Tyrese as he's a special player with a bright future ahead."



Walsall Wood have come to the aid of local rivals Pelsall Villa, offering the use of the ML Safety Stadium while Pelsall work tirelessly on getting their ground back in order following two recent vandalism attacks.

People from the town have rallied round and vowed to keep historic Pelsall Villa from closure following two serious acts of vandalism in three weeks. The latest saw flames destroy the committee room, newly refurbished toilet block and dozens of new seats donated by Stoke City FC in a deliberate attack by yobs.

A neighbouring sports club, pub and businesses have come forward with offers of help. Pelsall Cricket Club has invited the football club to use its facilities for hospitality on match days, while The Queens pub in the village is

holding a special fundraising event next month. Co-chairman Darren Phillips said: "One hundred per cent we're not going to fold. We were on the floor when this first happened but the response has been overwhelming and we're a lot more optimistic now."

He and fellow chairman Mark Bentley have pledged to have the ground, nicknamed The Bush, match-ready by August 28. "There's nothing like putting yourself under pressure but we're going to achieve it come hell or high water," said Mr. Phillips.

During the earlier break-in at the Walsall Road ground, intruders ripped holes in walls and ceilings as well as smashing windows and hurling red paint around. Work was being done to repair that damage when the fire was started at 4am on Sunday. Club bosses said they were 'heartbroken' and thought it might be the end of the road for the club but have been encouraged by the reaction to their dilemma. At a committee meeting this week a comeback plan was drawn up.

Mr. Phillips said: "The meeting went extremely well. We're very grateful for the support of Pelsall Cricket Club who have invited us to use their facilities to host our visitors on match days. The club is right next door, literally the other side of the fence, so that is great. The Queen's pub is holding a fundraising day on August 5, so everyone is pulling together." He said the clearing work was being carried out for free by Pelsall-based Hayward Transport haulage company. "After they've finished we'll be able to take stock of the damage and see what needs to be done, then we're going to start restructuring work on Monday.

"We applied to the league with a view to reversing our home fixtures for the month of August so that they can be played at the away grounds and they have been extremely supportive of that. Everyone is pulling in the same direction. "The target is to have the ground ready to play on August Bank Holiday, for our match against Bloxwich United."

Police are investigating both attacks.



Travels of The Press Officer

Friday August 4th

FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

Heanor Town 0 Aylestone Park 1

Heanor Town were the first MFL side in action with an FA Cup tie at home to Aylestone Park on Friday evening. The Lions have a much-changed side this season with a smattering of experience blended with the youth. Early indications were positive for Heanor. In the 3rd minute a free-kick from the impressive Reco Fyfe was headed goalwards by Jevin Seaton but Tom Gutteridge made a decent save. A minute later, a corner from Fyfe was headed over his own bar by Jouel Potter as Aylestone Park struggled to defend the dead ball. In the 5th minute, the visitors were ahead with their first attack. A mistake at the back by Greg Marriott let in Ryan Foster who hooked the ball over Joe McCormack and into the net. Fyfe was the stand out performer for Heanor and a direct run by the midfielder ended with a shot off target. In the 12th minute, a low cross from Marriott was flicked on by Seaton but the ball drifted wide. McCormack was lucky in the 16th minute when a corner from the left was missed by the keeper but there was no-one on hand to turn the ball home. Elliot Reeves forced a save from Gutteridge in the 21st minute with the visiting keeper gathering at the second attempt. Heanor were dominating possession without causing the Park defence any issues. In the 33rd minute, a low cross from Reeves was cleared and Seaton had a shot well blocked by the park defence. The visitors went close to a 2nd in the 35th minute when Foster created space and hit a rising shot which McCormack acrobatically turned away. In the 39th minute, Fyfe turned his man, beat two more defenders before firing a shot which rebounded off the post. Reeves curled a shot wide as Heanor went into the break a goal down.

The second half started slowly with Heanor making little impression. In the 61st minute, Fyfe was off target with a free-kick, his shot well over the bar. Park substitute Gonzales Santos curled a corner onto the Heanor bar with McCormack beaten. The Park defence continued to stand firm dealing with crosses as they came in. With 6 minutes left, Park were denied a blatant penalty when Gonzalez was pushed in the back by Shaun Roulston. To compound matters, when the ball cannoned off Roulston for a corner, the referee awarded a goal kick (cue the shaking of heads behind the goal). Dom Wilkinson had a chance for Heanor 3 minutes from time but volleyed over and that was as good as it got as Heanor went out of the FA Cup with a whimper.



Saturday August 5th

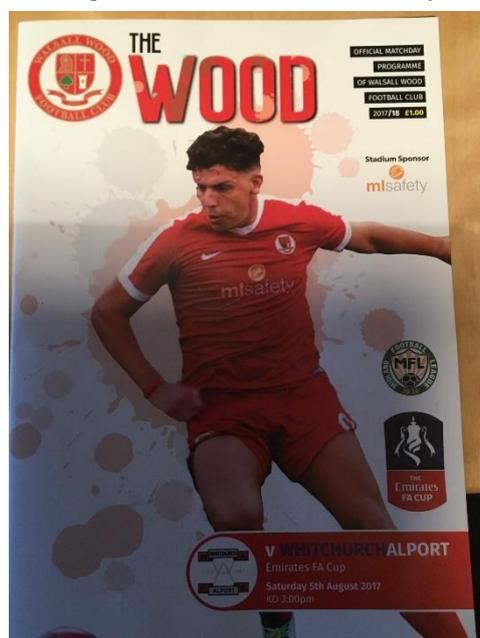
FA Cup Preliminary Round

Walsall Wood 3 Whitchurch Alport 1

Arrival at the ML Safety Stadium was accompanied by thunder, lightning and torrential rain. The social club at Oak Park was crammed with a large number of visitors from Shropshire who were confident of victory in the first FA Cup tie in their history. Walsall Wood have a new management team and a new look side following relegation from the MFL Premier Division last season. It was the visitors who started the brighter and they took the lead in the 7th minute. Simon Everall picked up the ball on the right, checked and cut inside a curled an unstoppable shot past Lloyd Ransome. The visiting supporters raised the roof of the old stand but had to spoil things by throwing a flare onto the pitch, thankfully it was dealt with quickly by the stewards. First chance for The Wood fell to Tony Clarke who was played in by Paul Sullivan but the ball ran away on the greasy surface. In the 23rd minute, a volley from Louis Harris brought a fine save from Danny Read. At the other end, the impressive Everall forced Ransome into a save and Luke Walley couldn't get to the rebound. Alport had been by far the better side for the opening half hour but the home side began to take control. A cross from Clarke was met by the head of Joey Butlin and Read made a comfortable save. Two minutes later, Read excelled, palming over a header from Mitch Tolley which looked a goal all the way. A free-kick from Jordan Fitzpatrick fell to Sullivan and his volley was cleared by the Alport defence. In the 43rd minute, Clarke was tripped in the area by Luke Goddard and the referee had no hesitation in pointing to the post. Sullivan stepped up and gave Read no chance. Into first half stoppage time and the home side turned it around. Clarke turned the ball goalwards and Butlin was there, inside the 6-yard box, to clip the ball past Read to give the Wood the lead into the break.

Alport started the second half well without creating a clear-cut opportunity. In the 55th minute, the visitors were again indebted to Read who saved well from Butlin. Alport should have been level in the 58th minute when Ben Mills raced through on goal, beat Ransome but lifted the ball high and wide. A deep cross from Dale Taylor was headed over by Fitzpatrick who should have done better. In the 65th minute, Ryan Thomas hammered the ball goalwards for Alport with Ransome saving well with his legs. The Wood extended their lead in the 70th minute when Sullivan robbed a defender and beat Read with a left-footed shot. The nearest Alport came to a goal was when a corner from Michael Blundell landed on the roof of the net. Wood thought they should have had a penalty three minutes from time when Lewis Taylor-Boyce appeared to be fouled in the area by Read but the referee was on the spot and waved away the appeals.

Ultimately a comfortable win for Walsall Wood which looked unlikely in the first quarter of the game. Whitchurch played some excellent football and a second goal would have made it very interesting.



Tuesday August 8th

FA Cup Preliminary Round

Rocester 0 Bromsgrove Sporting 3

Following a 2-2 draw at The Victoria Ground, the two Premier Division sides locked horns at a very wet Hillsfield. It was the home side that had the first attempt on goal with Callum Riddell's shot comfortably saved by Reece Francis. Bromsgrove responded with Wade Malley setting up Robbie Bunn who was off target. The visitors took the lead in the 5th minute. Bunn beat a couple of defenders, lifted the ball over keeper Adam Binks only to see his shot hit the post. John Pykett reacted quickest to tap home the rebound. Carl Allen went close to an immediate response for the Romans, forcing Francis into a fine save. Pykett almost grabbed his second in the 16th minute when his shot on the turn skimmed the crossbar. Bunn was next to try his luck for Bromsgrove, his shot well held by the impressive Binks. In the 22nd minute, an excellent ball from Liam Sink picked out Malley who controlled the ball superbly but then failed to get any purchase on his shot. Bunn was off target with another effort before Rocester went close with Francis spilling a decent effort from Oliver Roome, and Riddell off target with the loose ball. A great run by Pykett down the right touch line ended with a cross that found Reece Hewitt, who took too long and gave Binks time to make a decent save. The lively Malley was clean through on goal but his attempted dink over Binks was saved. Bromsgrove continued to pile forward and a cross from Hewitt came off the shoulder of a defender for a corner. On the stroke of half-time, a shot from Riddell was well saved by Francis.

With the rain continuing to fall, it was the visitors who took control 4 minutes after the break when Hewitt was tripped in the area. Liam Spink stepped up and slotted home the resultant penalty. The second goal seemed to deflate Rocester and the game became a struggle in the wet conditions. Malley had a decent chance in the 62nd minute but took the ball away from goal instead of hitting it first time. An excellent run from Hewitt was played out wide to Chris Lloyd and his cross was well cut out by the Romans defence. In the 73rd minute, Bunn sent Lloyd clear. His shot was well saved by Binks and then Lloyd struck the follow up which was also saved by the Rocester keeper. Two minutes later, it was Lloyd that sent Bunn clear but he lifted his shot over the bar. In the 82nd minute, Hewitt was tripped in the area by Binks and the referee awarded Bromsgrove a second penalty. Lloyd stepped up and hit into the top right corner. With three minutes on the clock, Jason Cowley lobbed Binks but Matt King made a fine clearance off the line.

A comfortable win in the end for Bromsgrove but both sides deserve huge credit for the entertainment provided on such a foul evening.

ROMAN WRITING

Good evening everyone and welcome to tonight's Emirates F.A. Cup Extra Preliminary Round Replay. It has been debated in recent years as to whether the F.A. Cup has lost its magic as the larger clubs focus mainly on winning the Premier League, finishing in the top four, and doing well in Europe. Some people believe that the F.A. Cup has lost its importance to the English game over time, however they could not be further from the truth. Saturday's game at Bromsgrove proved just how much the F.A. Cup means to players, coaches and the fans of Non-League teams. Most Football League and Premier League supporters don't realise that this competition starts in August - not January, and the passion showed by both sides proved that this Cup has a lot of magic left in it yet. Saturday's game was a fantastic advert for Midland League & Non-League football with both teams playing their hearts out for their teams' shirt, and hopefully we will have more of the same tonight.

Tonight we welcome the players, coaching staff, officials and supporters of Bromsgrove Sporting to Hillsfield. We hope you had a good journey up to Staffordshire and we wish you a safe trip home later. However you're more than welcome to stay and have a drink with us in the Romans Bar afterwards. Your successes in Division One and the F.A. Vase last season were inspiring and eagerly watched by all Non-League football lovers across the country, and everyone at Rocester Football Club wishes you the best of luck in your first season at Step 5.

For Romans fans, since we saw you last we played our last pre-season friendly away and won 2-1 at Hilton Harriers, making it a 100% win ratio in pre-season with six wins out of six. It's fair to say the signs are positive after some fantastic wins, some good performances and lots of cracking goals!

After tonight we are all looking forward to kicking off our 2017-18 Midland League campaign on Saturday when we host AFC Wulfrunians. We then travel to Heanor Town on Tuesday (15th August). It promises to be an exciting season and we hope as many of you as possible will come down and enjoy value for your money with reduced admission prices and excellent food and beer.

But for now our attention turns to tonight's game where we hope to book a tie here against Coleshill Town in the next round of this amazing and special competition.

Enjoy the game everyone and **COME ON YOU ROMANS!**

Sam Goldworthy (Rocester F.C. Press & Media Officer)

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TONIGHT'S SQUADS

Rocester (Amber & Black)

Adam BINKS	
James FROST	
Matt KITT	
Matt KING	
Carl ALLEN	
Jordan SIMPSON	
Ashleigh LYNCH	
Oliver PRATT	
Joe BROCKLEY	
Tom BROWN	
Chris MARTIN	
Pete ALIGUMA	
Scott WESSON	
Sebastian SCHNEIDER	
Oliver ROOME	
Sam BATES	
Martin SMYTH	
Callum RIDDELL	
Charlie WOOD	

Bromsgrove Sporting (Red & White)

Reece FRANCIS	
Daniel MORRIS	
Josh QUAYNOR	
Craig JONES	
Max COVERIDGE	
Liam SPINK	
Robbie BUNN	
Reece HEWITT	
Jason COWLEY	
Chris LLOYD	
Wade MALLEY	
Ben BINCH	
Marshall WILLOCK	
John PYKETT	
Jack WILSON	
Chris CONWAY	
Sam WILLS	

Match Officials
Referee: Mark Thomas (Nottingham)
Assistants: T.B.A.

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Tuesday 8th August 2017

Rocester
v
Bromsgrove Sporting

The Emirates F.A. Cup
Extra Preliminary Replay
Kick Off 7:45pm



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Review

FA Cup

The FA Cup weekend started with a disappointing defeat for **Heanor Town** at the hands of Aylestone Park. A goal in the 5th minute from Ryan Foster was enough to settle the game. The reward for Aylestone Park is a trip to **Hinckley AFC** who had an excellent 2-1 victory at Worksop Town. A crowd of 445 were present as an Isaac Cooper goal 8 minutes from time saw Hinckley through. **AFC Wulfrunians** progressed through to the next round with a comfortable 3-0 victory at home to **Shawbury United** who had former Wulfs player Josh Thomas sent off. Wulfs will welcome last season's Cup heroes **Westfields** to the CKW Stadium in the next round after Fields despatched Bewdley Town 3-1. A double for Mitch Williams helped Birstall United to a 3-0 win over **South Normanton Athletic**. **Long Eaton United** had a sobering start to the season going down 6-0 at Bottesford Town for whom Dec Bacon, Dan Boulton and John Leonard all scored twice. **Coleshill Town** got their season under way with a 6-2 win at home to Wellington, Reece Leek scoring twice. Two goals early in the second half gave **Boldmere St Michaels** a 2-0 win over **Coventry Sphinx** at Sphinx Drive. **Coventry United's** debut at The Butts Park Arena was spoiled by **Rugby Town** who progressed 2-1 courtesy of a double from David Kolodynski. **Worcester City** started life as a Step 5 club with a 1-0 win at Daventry Town with Dave Reynolds on the scoresheet. **Atherstone Town** travelled to The Potteries and were beaten 4-1 by Hanley Town with Dan Cope grabbing a hat-trick. **Brocton** beat fellow Division 1 side **Cadbury Athletic** 3-0 at Silkmore Lane in a game that was marred somewhat by three red cards that were issued late on. **Leicester Road** were giantkillers beating United Counties League Sleaford Town 2-1 at home, Joe Lyne with the all-important goal two minutes after half-time. A goal from Liam Hurst was enough to give **Shepshed Dynamo** victory at Rainworth Miners Welfare. **Loughborough University** went into the break a goal to the good at Staveley Miners Welfare but two second half goals knocked The Scholars out of the competition. Whitchurch Alport, backed by their large band of noisy supporters, took a 7th minute lead at **Walsall Wood** but two goals just before half-time swung the game the way of The Wood. The home side added a third, Paul Sullivan's second, with 20 minutes to go to send the way fans home disappointed. **Haughmond** travelled to one of their WMRL rivals from last season and it was Wolverhampton Sporting that took an early lead through Dmitri Dunkley. The game swung one way and then another as Steve Hole equalised twice for Haughmond before Andrew Jones got the winner for the MFL new boys with 13 minutes left.

Bromsgrove Sporting and **Rocester** fought out a 2-2 draw at The Victoria Ground with Scott Wesson equalising in the 84th minute for the Romans to send the game to a replay. In the replay, Sporting took a 5th minute lead through John Pykett and never looked back, running out comfortable 3-0 winners. Dominic Brennan bagged an equaliser 15 minutes from time for **Quorn** at Retford United to send the game to a replay at Farley Way. **Sporting Khalsa** took a 2-0 lead at home to **Stourport Swifts** but were pegged back with Jim Hanson equalising a minute from time to force a replay at Walshes Meadow. A 90th minute equaliser from Carlo Franco, sent the replay into extra-time. Khalsa took full advantage and went on to win 3-2. Tivdale took a 9th minute lead at The Beeches over **Highgate United** but Isaac Jagroop equalised from the spot 6 minutes later. That's how it finished with the replay at the Coppice. Isaac Jagroop scored twice in the first 8 minutes to give Highgate a 2-0 lead in the replay, Tivdale were level before the break and a goal from Harvey Walker 6 minutes from time saw Tivdale through to face Walsall Wood. **Quorn** eased past Retford United with a 3-0 win at Farley Way. Goals a from Nathan Dale, Dominic Brennan and Amarvir Sandhu saw them through to a home tie with AFC Mansfield.

Division 1

Football is back and how! Opening day at The Coppice Colliery ground saw **Heath Hayes** and **Lichfield City** share 10 goals in a 5-5 thriller. Regan Smith scored twice for the home side but Craig Marshall takes the plaudits scoring 4 times for City. Highest attendance was at Oldfields as **Ilkeston Town** made their competitive debut in front of a superb crowd of 276. **Uttoxeter Town** took the lead through Matt Redshaw but Chris Shaw endured that Ilkeston would take a point with an equaliser in the last minute. **Stafford Town** were the first league leaders beating promoted **Coventry Alvis** 3-0 at Evans Park. The other promoted side, **Paget Rangers** also went down on opening day, beaten 2-1 by **Chelmsley Town** at The Trevor Brown Memorial Ground. Daniel Priest scored twice as **Pershore Town** started the season with a 4-2 home win over **Heather St Johns**. **Nuneaton Griff** faced the long journey to **Littleton** but returned from 5 Acres with all 3 points after a 3-1 win. **Coventry Copsewood** were another team to win on their travels, 2-0 at **Studley** thanks to two goals in 4 minutes late in the first half. **Bolehall Swifts** and **Racing Club Warwick** shared the spoils in a 2-2 draw at Rene Road with the Racers twice taking the lead.

Studley picked themselves up from their opening day defeat to edge a 7-goal thriller at **Pershore Town**, Gareth Evans netting the winner after Andy Nicol had earlier scored twice for Studley. **Coventry Alvis** picked up their first points back in Division 1 with a 3-1 win at **Nuneaton Griff**.

Preview

Premier Division

The Premier Division season gets underway with all 22 clubs in action. Game of the day is at the Aspray Arena as last season's third placed side **Sporting Khalsa** host relegated **Rugby Town** with both sides fancied to do well this season. Last season's runners up **Coleshill Town** started their season with a bang in the FA Cup and they welcome **Loughborough University** to Pack Meadow. **Lye Town** finished 4th last season and they have their first competitive game of the season at The Coppice against **Highgate United**. **Westfields** were runaway leaders at the start of last season and they will be hoping for a similar start as they welcome promoted **South Normanton Athletic** to Allpay Park. **Worcester City** begin their first season at Step 5, following voluntary relegation from Step 2, with a home game against **Heanor Town** at The Victoria Ground. **Coventry Sphinx** face the long journey to Shrewsbury to tackle promoted **Haughmond**, who started well in the FA Cup last week. **Bromsgrove Sporting** carried all before them in Division 1 last season and they travel to Farley Way to face **Quorn** in their Premier Division debut. **Shawbury United** are another side with a long journey on opening day with a trip to **Shepshed Dynamo**. **Long Eaton United** suffered a heavy defeat in the FA Cup last weekend and will be hoping for an improvement as they host **Stourport Swifts**. **Boldmere St Michaels** face their second **Coventry** side in successive weeks, after beating Sphinx in the FA Cup, they welcome **United** to the Trevor Brown Memorial Ground. **AFC Wulfrunians** started the season with a fine win in the FA Cup and they travel to Hillsfield to face **Rocester**.

Midweek

MONDAY 14th AUGUST 2017

PREMIER DIVISION

Coleshill Town v South Normanton Athletic

TUESDAY 15th AUGUST 2017

PREMIER DIVISION

Boldmere St Michaels	v	Quorn	7.30
Haughmond	v	Westfields	
Heanor Town	v	Rocester	
Highgate United	v	Sporting Khalsa	
Loughborough University	v	Coventry United	
Rugby Town	v	Long Eaton United	
Stourport Swifts	v	Lye Town	
Worcester City	v	AFC Wulfrunians	

WEDNESDAY 16th AUGUST 2017

PREMIER DIVISION

Coventry Sphinx v Shepshed Dynamo

Division 1

Ilkeston Town welcome **Heath Hayes** to The New Manor Ground much to the delight of the Ilkeston supporters who thought that this may not happen given the demise of their previous club in the summer. **Leicester Road** made progress in the FA Cup last weekend and they entertain **Coventry Copsewood**, who started with a good away win. Two sides that had good results on the opening day meet at Evans Park with **Stafford Town** hosting **Hinckley AFC**. **Walsall Wood** are most people's favourites for promotion and they start their league campaign away to **Cadbury Athletic**. Relegated **Brocton** were another that tasted FA Cup success and they travel to Townsend Meadow to face **Racing Club Warwick**. **Chelmsley Town** began their campaign with a good away win and they travel to Sheepy Lane to face much fancied **Atherstone Town** who were knocked out of the Fa Cup by Hanley Town. **Lichfield City** were involved in a 10-goal thriller at Heath Hayes last week and they travel to **Coventry Alvis** looking to build on this. **Heather St Johns** and **Paget Rangers** both started with defeat last weekend and they meet at St Johns Park looking to get off the mark. **Nuneaton Griff** have started the season with a win and a defeat and welcome **Studley** to The Pingles Stadium. **Uttoxeter Town** began their season with a point in a high-profile game against Ilkeston Town and they travel to **Littleton** who were beaten on opening day. **Pershore Town** have started the season in good goal scoring form and they travel to Rene Road to face **Bolehall Swifts** who picked up a point on opening day.

Midweek Fixtures

TUESDAY 15th AUGUST 2017

DIVISION 1

Bolehall Swifts	v	Cadbury Athletic
Brocton	v	Uttoxeter Town
Hinckley AFC	v	Walsall Wood
Stafford Town	v	Chelmsley Town

SMEDLEY CROOKE MEMORIAL CHARITY CUP ROUND 1

Pershore Town	v	Tenbury United
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WEDNESDAY 16th AUGUST 2017

DIVISION 1

Atherstone Town	v	Heather St John	
Coventry Alvis	v	Leicester Road	7.30
Nuneaton Griff	v	Coventry Copsewood	

Division 2

Game of the day sees Division 3 champions **NKF Burbage** travel to The Glades to face **Smithswood Firs** who have had an excellent pre-season. Two of the promoted sides meet at The Beehive as **Montpellier** host **Moors Academy**. The fourth promoted side **Northfield Town** travel to New Mill Lane to face highly fancied **Coton Green**. **Relegated Pelsall Villa** have had a torrid summer with major vandalism at The Bush ground. They host **Redditch Borough** at ML Safety Stadium (Walsall Wood FC) in what could be a tough baptism. **Fairfield Villa** finished last season with silverware after lifting the Presidents Cup. They begin their league campaign with a trip to **Earlswood Town**. **Barnt Green Spartak** have had some encouraging results in pre-season and they travel to The Robin's Nest to face **Knowle**. **Hampton** finished last season just outside the relegation zone but start afresh with a home game against **Feckenham**.

Midweek Fixtures

TUESDAY 15th AUGUST 2017

DIVISION 2

Fairfield Villa	v	Redditch Borough	6.30
Feckenham	v	Moors Academy	6.30
Montpellier	v	Bloxwich Town	
NKF Burbage	v	Knowle	

WEDNESDAY 16th AUGUST 2017

DIVISION 2

Barnt Green Spartak	v	Earlswood Town	
Droitwich Spa	v	Pelsall Villa	

Other fixtures

The Les James Challenge Cup commences on Saturday with a 1st round tie between Bloxwich Town and Droitwich Spa.