



# Midland Football League Newsletter

9th November 2016

## League News

**Redditch Borough** were charged with playing an ineligible player in their Division 2 fixture on Saturday 13th August against Paget Rangers. Following a disciplinary meeting and a subsequent appeal to the Football Association the Club were found guilty of the offence, as Redditch Borough won the fixture 3-2 and as prescribed within Rule 8(O), they are to be deducted 3 points from their playing record.

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In the draw for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Emirates FA Cup, **Westfields** have been given a home tie against either Bury or AFC Wimbledon should they beat Curzon Ashton in next week's replay.

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## Travels of the Press Officer

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November

FA Cup Round 1 (30)

Westfields 1 Curzon Ashton 1

The biggest day in Westfields 50 year history beckons as the FA Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round proper comes to Allpay Park. The ground had been transformed with TV trucks outside, a TV gantry on the half-way line, food tent and a media tent for the large number of press that had requested passes. To see an MFL club getting this amount of press exposure is great for the club, the league and the other clubs in the league. In the media tent before the game, there were various predictions as to the result but everyone expected it to be very tight. Curzon Ashton, from National North, were clear favourites to make the 3 league difference count. A healthy away following equipped with flags, banners and a rather loud drum obviously thought so as the game got under way. The first chance fell to Curzon but Iain Howard couldn't keep his header down following a cross from Connor Hampson. In the 8<sup>th</sup> minute, Aidan Thomas skipped into the Curzon area where he was tripped by Alex Brown with the referee pointing to the spot. Up stepped Craig Jones and he made no mistake to give Fields the lead. On the quarter hour mark, Joe Guest had a chance but chose to pass and Phil Glover made the clearance. Curzon were dominating possession but Kieron Blackburn was not called upon to make a save. On 30 minutes, a free-kick from Jones was just in front of Glover and the ball was knocked away from James Febery at the far post. Four minutes later, Westfields came close to a second. A direct run from Sirdic Grant ended as he was brought down on the edge of the area. Jones took the free-kick which grazed the Curzon crossbar. A forceful run from Matt Reeve saw him cut through the Curzon defence but his shot was caught at full stretch by Hakan Burton. In stoppage time, Hampson ran into the area and forced a fine save from Blackburn at his near post.

Curzon were close to an equaliser straight after the resumption but Howard's cross was inches in front of Niall Cummins. In the 48<sup>th</sup> minute, a volley from Howard was goalbound however the head of Glover was in the way to clear. Howard was closer still 4 minutes later. Picked out on the right, he beat Blackburn with a fierce shot which hit the outside of the post. Curzon were dominating the play with Westfields restricted to the occasional break. In the 68<sup>th</sup> minute, Cummins had the ball in the Westfields net but it was ruled out for offside. The Westfields defence were working overtime, throwing themselves in the way of shots to frustrate Curzon. The visitors equalised with 9 minutes left. A corner from Rory Gorman was headed onto the post by Hampson and, as the ball bobbed in the 6-yard area, Adam Morgan forced it home. Morgan had a chance 4 minutes into stoppage time but headed over but a defeat would have been harsh on Westfields. A replay at The Tameside Stadium on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> beckons – don't rule out another Westfields win.



**Tuesday 8th November**

**Walsall Senior Cup (31)**

**Rushall Olympic 3 Brocton 0**

On a cold and wet night, there is nothing better than a football match to warm you up! Well, you could think that, but with the weather set to deteriorate, it was a night for the diehard fan particularly as this was the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Walsall Senior Cup. Home club Rushall Olympic are having a superb season and sit in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Northern Premier League. Visitors Brocton are struggling at the foot of the MFL Premier Division and are in danger of being cast adrift in the league. Rushall started with three members of their successful Under 18 side in the starting lineup while the Badgers welcomed back record goalscorer Gary Fife. Rushall started the better and an early effort from Stan Mugisha was off target. Brocton were saved by the woodwork in the 5<sup>th</sup> minute when a shot from Mickael Partodikromo cannoned against the post. The ball was not cleared and George Forsyth curled a shot over the bar. The home side took the lead in the 12<sup>th</sup> minute. Jack Edwards was caught in possession by Partodikromo and he took the ball forward, picked his spot and beat Aiden Stone with a low shot. In the 21<sup>st</sup> minute, Jazz Luckie was on target but Stone parried well. In the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute, Kadeem Samuel-Brown found himself in space but he was well marshalled by Matt Hardiman and Brocton survived. Brocton were not overawed and should have equalised in the 37<sup>th</sup> minute but Fife's effort was cleared off the line. The missed chance hurt, even more, three minutes later when Rushall doubled their lead. A shot from Mugisha was saved by Stone but Joel Kettle reacted quickest to fire home the rebound. Just before the break, Brocton went close again when a long range effort from Connor Leek was tipped over the bar by Jose Veiga.

The rain continued to pour making the surface more and more tricky to contend with. In the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute, Mugisha should have done better but his effort was wild. Luke Wright tried his luck from distance for Brocton while Stone was forced into a save at the other end from a Luckie shot. Rushall took a 3-0 lead in the 66<sup>th</sup> minute. A direct free-kick from Isaac Cooper bounced directly in front of Stone, skipped off the surface and beat the Badgers keeper. That goal inspired Brocton to play the best football of the match as they knocked the ball around and started to ask questions of the Rushall defence. Dominic Dell hit a shot on target which was easy for Veiga. Another mistake by Brocton let in Partodikromo who played the ball into the path of Luckie. His shot was well struck and well saved by Stone. In the 83<sup>rd</sup> minute, Paul McMahon was through on goal for Brocton and Veiga made a fine save. Brocton continued to press and 4 minutes from time they missed their best chance of the night. A cross to the back post by Jack Edwards picked out the unmarked Fife, but his header was wide of the post.

A comfortable win for Rushall but Brocton were their own worst enemy gifting goals through mistakes. The Badgers played some excellent football in the second period but they had no luck in front of goal.

## Review

### FA Cup

**Westfields** came within 10 minutes of knocking out National North Curzon Ashton in a pulsating cup-tie at Allpay Park. Fields took the lead through a Craig Jones penalty in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute but the pressure from their Mancunian visitors finally told with an equaliser from Adam Morgan. Fields go into the second round draw with a replay at The Tameside Stadium on Monday 14h.

### Premier Division

Leaders, **Alvechurch** were too strong for bottom of the table **Brocton**, Church running out 3-0 winners with another brace for Josh March. 2<sup>nd</sup> placed **Lye Town** matched the result away at **Shawbury United** with Ben Billingham scoring twice from the spot. **Coleshill Town** move up to 3<sup>rd</sup> following a 4-2 win away to **Loughborough University**, Craig Milligan scoring twice. An 85<sup>th</sup>-minute goal from Lei Brown gave **Highgate United** a share of the spoils with **Sporting Khalsa** at The Coppice, 2-2 the final score. **St Andrews** left it late against **Heanor Town** at Canal Street, A goal in the 92<sup>nd</sup> minute from Elliot Putman, his third of the afternoon, giving Drews a 4-3 win. Two goals from Martin Smyth helped **Rocester** to a 4-1 win over 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom **Tividale** at Hillsfield. A Joel Carta goal was enough to give **Shepshed Dynamo** all three points at home to **Walsall Wood**. **Coventry Sphinx** picked up all three points at **Stourport Swifts** winning the game 3-2 with the winner from Darren Eggleton coming in the 93<sup>rd</sup> minute. **Boldmere St Michaels** had an excellent win on the road, beating **Quorn** 4-0 with two goals from Ben Usher-Shipway. Another side to win well away from home were **AFC Wulfrunians**. They raced into a 3-0 lead at **Long Eaton United** with Marvin Robinson scoring twice but two goals from Rob McCormick just failed to pick up a point for the home side.

**St Andrews** moved up to 6<sup>th</sup> with an emphatic 5-0 win at **Coventry Sphinx**. Sam Hollis and Shay Brennan both scored twice for Drews. **Coventry United** moved up to 7<sup>th</sup> place with an excellent 3-1 victory at **Loughborough University**. **Westfields** moved back into 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a 3-1 win at Allpay Park over **Tividale**. Aiden Thomas broke the deadlock before the break with further goals after the hour from Richard Greaves and Phil Glover. Charlie Wilson pulled one back late on for Tividale who also had a goal disallowed.

## League Table

1	<u>Alvechurch</u>	19	11	5	3	39	16	23	38
2	<u>Lye Town</u>	16	10	5	1	31	14	17	35
3	<u>Westfields</u>	13	11	0	2	39	16	23	33
4	<u>Coleshill Town</u>	17	10	3	4	37	23	14	33
5	<u>Sporting Khalsa</u>	16	8	4	4	36	21	15	28
6	<u>St Andrews</u>	16	9	1	6	32	22	10	28
7	<u>Coventry United</u>	13	8	1	4	21	14	7	25
8	<u>Quorn</u>	17	7	2	8	23	30	-7	23
9	<u>Loughborough University</u>	15	6	4	5	28	22	6	22
10	<u>Heanor Town</u>	14	6	4	4	25	25	0	22
11	<u>Shepshed Dynamo</u>	15	6	3	6	29	28	1	21
12	<u>Coventry Sphinx</u>	15	5	5	5	31	30	1	20
13	<u>Rocester</u>	15	5	4	6	33	36	-3	19
14	<u>Walsall Wood</u>	16	6	1	9	23	27	-4	19
15	<u>AFC Wulfrunians</u>	16	6	1	9	17	31	-14	19
16	<u>Long Eaton United</u>	15	4	4	7	24	31	-7	16
17	<u>Boldmere St Michaels</u>	14	3	6	5	19	17	2	15
18	<u>Highgate United</u>	14	4	2	8	20	32	-12	14
19	<u>Stourport Swifts</u>	15	3	4	8	18	29	-11	13
20	<u>Shawbury United</u>	17	4	1	12	28	43	-15	13
21	<u>Tividale</u>	15	3	2	10	17	34	-17	11
22	<u>Brocton</u>	13	2	0	11	14	43	-29	6

## Division 1

The top of Division 1 gets ever tighter as leaders **Bromsgrove Sporting** were held 2-2 at home by **Atherstone Town**. It was looking good for The Adders as they took a 2-0 lead through Aaron O'Neill and the prolific Alex Naughton but a goal on the stroke of half-time from Chris Lloyd and a second from Will Tibbetts just after the hour gave The Rouslers the point. That result allowed **Leicester Road** to close the gap to just two points with a game in hand as they beat **Heather St Johns** 5-1 with Joe Lyne scoring twice. **Lichfield City** are third after a narrow win at **Nuneaton Griff** courtesy of an early goal from Ben Lund. The goal machine that is **Hinckley AFC** continues to flourish, a 5-3 win over **Cadbury Athletic** with two more for Ryan Seal meaning they are just three points behind the leaders. **Racing Club Warwick** are well and truly in the promotion mix, a 4-3 win at **Heath Hayes** with two goals or Wade Malley lifting them up to 6<sup>th</sup>. **Bolehall Swifts** are another team to be within 5 points of the summit, Joe Obi scoring twice in a 3-2 at **Chelmsley Town**. At the bottom of the table, basement team **Southam United** pushed **Uttoxeter Town** close but ended up on the wrong side of a 2-1 defeat. **Stafford Town** remain 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom as they went down to a 1-0 defeat at **Littleton**, the goal scored by Kyonn Evans. **Coventry Copsewood** climbed out of the bottom three win a 4-2 win at **Studley**, swapping places with their hosts. Two goals from Sean Cooke enable fast improving **Pershore Town** to move up to 11<sup>th</sup> place as they beat **Pelsall Villa** 4-1 at The Bush Ground.

## League Table

1	<u>Bromsgrove Sporting</u>	12	9	3	0	33	9	24	30
2	<u>Leicester Road</u>	11	9	1	1	41	12	29	28
3	<u>Lichfield City</u>	13	9	1	3	27	13	14	28
4	<u>Hinckley AFC</u>	12	8	3	1	48	16	32	27
5	<u>Atherstone Town</u>	13	8	2	3	34	22	12	26
6	<u>Racing Club Warwick</u>	13	7	4	2	32	24	8	25
7	<u>Bolehall Swifts</u>	13	8	1	4	31	23	8	25
8	<u>Nuneaton Griff</u>	15	7	3	5	33	25	8	24
9	<u>Heather St Johns</u>	12	5	3	4	24	24	0	18
10	<u>Heath Hayes</u>	14	5	2	7	26	25	1	17
11	<u>Pershore Town</u>	14	5	2	7	23	28	-5	17
12	<u>Uttoxeter Town</u>	13	5	2	6	21	30	-9	17
13	<u>Cadbury Athletic</u>	13	3	7	3	23	20	3	16
14	<u>Littleton</u>	13	5	1	7	18	28	-10	16
15	<u>Chelmsley Town</u>	13	4	1	8	21	26	-5	13
16	<u>Pelsall Villa</u>	13	3	3	7	19	34	-15	12
17	<u>Coventry Copsewood</u>	13	2	4	7	23	34	-11	10
18	<u>Studley</u>	15	2	2	11	16	48	-32	8
19	<u>Stafford Town</u>	12	1	3	8	16	28	-12	6
20	<u>Southam United</u>	13	0	2	11	5	45	-40	2

## Division 2

**Alvis Sporting Club** are new leaders of Division 2 following a comprehensive 4-0 win over **Barnt Green Spartak**. Dildale Linton scored twice as Alvis remain unbeaten in the league. A Nick Seabourne goal was enough to give **Droitwich Spa** all three points at home to **Leamington Hibernian**. **Hampton** are off the bottom courtesy of a 1-0 win at home to **Knowle**, Gareth Parfitt with the goal after 10 minutes. **Earlswood Town** now prop up the table, a 2-0 home defeat at the hands of **Bloxwich Town** who move into the top half of the table. **Smithswood Firs** and **Redditch Borough** shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw, the result enough to move Redditch up to 5<sup>th</sup> place.

**Alvis Sporting Club** extended their lead at the top with a 3-2 win over **Continental Star**.

1	<a href="#"><u>Alvis Sporting Club</u></a>	10	8	2	0	21	6	15	26
2	<a href="#"><u>Paget Rangers</u></a>	9	7	1	1	28	10	18	22
3	<a href="#"><u>Droitwich Spa</u></a>	11	6	2	3	26	14	12	20
4	<a href="#"><u>Fairfield Villa</u></a>	10	6	2	2	21	14	7	20
5	<a href="#"><u>Barnt Green Spartak</u></a>	11	5	2	4	26	21	5	17
6	<a href="#"><u>Knowle</u></a>	10	4	3	3	20	13	7	15
7	<a href="#"><u>Redditch Borough</u></a>	11	5	3	3	20	13	7	15*
8	<a href="#"><u>Bloxwich Town</u></a>	12	4	2	6	15	23	-8	14
9	<a href="#"><u>Sutton United</u></a>	9	4	2	3	20	20	0	13*
10	<a href="#"><u>Feckenham</u></a>	12	2	6	4	19	31	-12	12
11	<a href="#"><u>Coton Green</u></a>	8	2	4	2	15	11	4	10
12	<a href="#"><u>Smithswood Firs</u></a>	11	2	4	5	20	31	-11	10
13	<a href="#"><u>Hampton</u></a>	12	2	4	6	11	25	-14	10
14	<a href="#"><u>Leamington Hibernian</u></a>	11	2	2	7	17	24	-7	8
15	<a href="#"><u>Continental Star</u></a>	11	1	5	5	12	22	-10	8
16	<a href="#"><u>Earlswood Town</u></a>	12	2	2	8	14	27	-13	8



### Division 3

**Shipston Excelsior** move up to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the table following a 5-2 win at London Road over **Moors Academy** with Lewis fathers scoring twice. The game between the bottom two went the way of **Castle Vale Town** who climb to 12<sup>th</sup> after they beat **AFC Solihull** 5-1 at Tudor Grange, Daniel Moore with a brace. **Coventrians** are now in the bottom two as they were beaten 4-1 by **Inkberrow** at Holbrooks Park. A goal from Kieran Downey gave **Alcester Town** all three points at **Barton United** moving Alcester into the top 6. **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** climbed out of the bottom three with an excellent 2-0 win at **Enville Athletic**.

1	<u>NKF Burbage</u>	11	11	0	0	35	4	31	33
2	<u>Northfield Town</u>	9	7	0	2	29	14	15	21
3	<u>Shipston Excelsior</u>	10	6	2	2	26	21	5	20
4	<u>Montpellier</u>	8	6	0	2	23	8	15	18
5	<u>Moors Academy</u>	9	6	0	3	22	18	4	18
6	<u>Alcester Town</u>	11	5	0	6	12	13	-1	15
7	<u>FC Stratford</u>	9	4	1	4	15	18	-3	13
8	<u>Inkberrow</u>	8	4	0	4	20	15	5	12
9	<u>Enville Athletic</u>	10	4	0	6	7	15	-8	12
10	<u>Barton United</u>	9	3	2	4	15	17	-2	11
11	<u>Boldmere Sports &amp; Social Falcons</u>	11	2	2	7	12	26	-14	8
12	<u>Castle Vale Town</u>	11	2	2	7	14	29	-15	8
13	<u>Coventrians</u>	9	2	1	6	14	27	-13	7
14	<u>AFC Solihull</u>	9	0	0	9	7	26	-19	0

## Challenge Vase

A hat-trick from Paddy Behan sealed a semi-final place for **Northfield Town** as they beat **Montpellier** 4-3 after extra time in a cracking quarter-final at Shenley Lane. Stuart Hendrie scored twice for Montpellier.

## Les James Challenge Cup

**FC Stratford** will meet Knowle in the quarter-final after they beat **Coton Green** 4-3 with Freddy Murphy scoring twice. **Feckenham** will meet Redditch Borough in the last eight following a 5-0 win over **Continental Star** at The Entaco with Ben Cox scoring twice.

## Presidents Cup

**Fairfield Villa** ruined **Paget Rangers** homecoming as they progressed to a quarter-final against Continental Star with a stunning 4-3 victory. Connor Collins was the hero grabbing a hat-trick for Villa in the first game to be played on the 3G at The Trevor Brown Memorial Ground.

## Polymac Packaging League Cup

**Pelsall Villa** pulled off the shock of the round with a 2-1 victory at **Sporting Khalsa**. Two goals from Jack Till helped **Lye Town** on their way to a 3-1 win over **Heath Hayes** at Stourbridge Road. **Chelmsley Town** eased past league rivals **Littleton** winning 2-1 at Pack Meadow. **Boldmere St Michaels** also progressed winning 3-1 at **Bolehall Swifts** with Ged Oldnall scoring twice. **AFC Wulfrunians** continued their recent good form with a 5-1 win at Castlecroft over **Shawbury United**.

## Other Cups

**Brocton** were knocked out of the Walsall Senior Cup losing 3-0 at Northern Premier Division Rushall Olympic. **Quorn** were knocked out of the Leicestershire Westerby Cup losing 2-1 to Leicester Nirvana at Farley Way with the winner coming in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute. **Heanor Town** were dumped out of the Derbyshire Senior cup losing 3-1 to Aston United at The Town Ground. **Paget Rangers** progressed in the Smedley Crooke Memorial Charity Cup beating **FC Stratford** 3-1 at The Trevor Brown Memorial Ground with a double from Mark Bellingham. **Barnt Green Spartak** were giant killers in the same competition beating **Pershore Town** 2-0 at The Coppice.

## Reserves

### CHALLENGE TROPHY ROUND 1, Group "B"

COTON GREEN 0 v 9 ROMULUS

### RESERVE DIVISION

WALSALL WOOD 2 v 3 GRESLEY

1	<u>Rocester Reserves</u>	7	5	2	0	3	0	10	20	17
2	<u>Romulus Reserves</u>	4	3	0	1	1	2	9	3	9
3	<u>Cadbury Athletic Reserves</u>	5	2	1	2	9	14	-5	7	
4	<u>Lichfield City Reserves</u>	3	2	0	1	1	5	9	6	6
5	<u>Walsall Wood Reserves</u>	4	2	0	2	10	8	2	6	
6	<u>Coton Green Reserves</u>	5	2	0	3	9	14	-5	6	
7	<u>Gresley Reserves</u>	4	1	1	2	6	7	-1	4	
8	<u>Brocton Reserves</u>	4	0	2	2	7	10	-3	2	
9	<u>Continental Star Reserves</u>	2	0	1	1	1	4	-3	1	
10	<u>Tipton Town Reserves</u>	4	0	1	3	8	22	-14	1	

### Leading scorers

Ezekiel Agyemang	Tipton Town	14
Terence Davies	Tipton Town	14
Oliver Roome	Rocester	13
Zain Thomas	Romulus	11
Daniel Craythorne	Lichfield City	11
Josh Dutton	Gresley	10

## Under 21

### CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 1

#### Group "A"

KETTERING TOWN **3** v **0** HIGHGATE UNITED

#### Group "B"

BEDWORTH UNITED **7** v **0** KINGS HEATH CONCORDE

### UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

AYLESTONE PARK **0** v **5** COLESHILL TOWN

WEST MIDLANDS ACADEMY **0** v **2** SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN

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### UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

ALVECHURCH **2** v **1** DROITWICH SPA G & B

H O W ACADEMY **1** v **3** BROMSGROVE SPORTING

## U21 North

## U21 South

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

**James Parker** (Aylestone Park) 12, **James McGrady** (Heath Hayes) 12, **Reece Snape** (Coventry United) 12, **Ryan Palmer** (Coventry United) 11, **Josh Oultram** (Leek Town) 10,

## Others

### BIRMINGHAM SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP ROUND 2

BULKINGTON S & S	0	1p4	0	COVENTRY UNITED u21
CONTINENTAL STAR RES.	3	v	1	TIPTON TOWN RES.
TRIUMPH ATHLETIC	1	v	3	CADBURY ATHLETIC RES.
TWO GATES	1	v	0	TAMWORTH u21

### LEICESTERSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP ROUND 2

HIGHFIELD RANGERS	1	v	5	N K F BURBAGE
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### STAFFORDSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 2

BRERETON SOCIAL	3	v	0	LEEK TOWN u21
HDFC SENIORS	2	v	3	BROCTON RES.
LICHFIELD CITY RES.	9	v	0	STONE OLD ALLEJNIANS RES.
NORTON CANES	0	v	2	ROCESTER RES.
ST MATTHEWS WALSALL	1	v	2	BROCTON u21
WHITTINGTON RES.	2	v	10	HEATH HAYES u21

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LOWER JUNIOR CUP ROUND 2

AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	1	v	2	CORBY EAGLES
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## Leading Goalscorers (all competitions)

### Premier Division

Josh March	Alvechurch	18
David Meese	Sporting Khalsa	16
Kieran Debrouwer	Heanor Town	16
Andrew Bridge	Loughborough University	15
Jack Till	Lye Town	14
Richard Greaves	Westfields	14
Jamie Molyneux	Westfields (now Hereford)	12
Craig Jones	Westfields	12
Nathan Hodge	Shawbury United	12
Callum Riddell	Rocester	11
Shay Brennan	St Andrews	11

### Division 1

Alex Naughton	Atherstone Town	24
Ryan Seal	Hinckley AFC	23
Matthew Stenson	Leicester Road	16
Sam Agar	Hinckley AFC	13
Ben Lund	Lichfield City	13
Tom Bates	Nuneaton Griff	12
Kyle Turner	Atherstone Town, Bolehall Swifts	12
Luke Lewis	Uttoxeter Town	12
Joe Obi	Bolehall Swifts	12
Matt Brennan	Nuneaton Griff	12

**Division 2**

<b>Daniel Carter</b>	<b>Paget Rangers</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Thomas Craine</b>	<b>Knowle</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Jak Albutt</b>	<b>Redditch Borough</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Mark Bellingham</b>	<b>Paget Rangers</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Connor Collins</b>	<b>Fairfield Villa</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Joseph Wright</b>	<b>Leamington Hibernian</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Pedro Douglas</b>	<b>Continental Star</b>	<b>10</b>

**Division 3**

<b>Montel Okoro</b>	<b>Moors Academy</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Tom Smith</b>	<b>NKF Burbage</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Stuart Hendrie</b>	<b>Montpellier</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Lewis Fathers</b>	<b>Shipston Excelsior</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Dale Wigmore</b>	<b>Coventrians</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Jess Adcock</b>	<b>NKF Burbage</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Lee Hendrie</b>	<b>Montpellier</b>	<b>7</b>

## **Preview**

### **FA Vase**

#### **Alvechurch (MFLP) vs Sporting Khalsa (MFLP)**

A clash of two sides that know each other well and one both would rather have avoided. Alvechurch have had an excellent run of late taking over at the top of the table while Khalsa are unbeaten in 11 games in the league. The two sides drew 2-2 at Lye Meadow earlier this season – there won't be much to choose between the two

#### **Hucknall Town (CML) vs Rocester (MFLP)**

Hucknall are lying in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the South Division of the Central Midlands League and boast a 100% record. Last weekend they won 6-0 to go into the game full of confidence. Rocester are in good form and beat Oakham United 8-1 in the previous round. Watnall Road is a tough place to visit but Rocester should have enough to get through.

#### **Long Eaton United (MFLP) vs Holbeach United (UCL)**

Long Eaton are having a difficult season in the Premier Division and a home defeat last week has left them in 16<sup>th</sup> place. Holbeach, on the other hand, are flying high in the United Counties League and currently sit in 4<sup>th</sup> place, some 13 points behind runaway leaders Peterborough Sports. Form points to a narrow away win but it could go either way.

#### **Quorn (MFLP) vs AFC Wulfrunians (MFLP)**

Two sides in contrasting form in the Premier Division with Quorn not in the best of form and Wulfs rapidly climbing the table after a string of good results. This is another match which promises to be extremely tight and extra-time at Farley Way would not be a surprise.

#### **Radford (EMCL) vs Shepshed Dynamo (MFLP)**

Radford sit in 7<sup>th</sup> place in the East Midlands League winning 8 out of their last 9 games. Shepshed have found some decent form and a 1-0 win over Walsall Wood last week saw them into the top half of the table. On form, Shepshed should have the edge but they will need to stay tight at the back

#### **Uttoxeter Town (MFL1) vs Coleshill Town (MFLP)**

A fascinating game is in store at Oldfields as Division 1 Uttoxeter face Premier Division high-flyers Coleshill Town. Coleshill will start firm favourites as their recent excellent form indicates. Uttoxeter have had mixed results but a 5-4 win over Leicester Road in the previous round shows their potential. Expect goals

#### **Westfields (MFLP) vs Sherwood Colliery (CML)**

FA Cup heroes Westfields are at home again as they face Sherwood Colliery of the Central Midlands League South. Fields may have one eye on their FA Cup replay at Curzon Ashton however, the FA Vase is the competition where there is a realistic chance of reaching Wembley. Sherwood are in great form winning their last 10 games in all competitions. Westfields at home are a tough nut to crack and they should make progress.



### **Wolverhampton Casuals (WMRL) vs Nuneaton Griff (MFL1)**

A cracking cup tie is in store at Brinsford Lane as West Midlands League Wolves Casuals face Nuneaton Griff. Cassies have won 7 out of their last 8, the only defeat being 4-3 at Premier Division Highgate United in the JW Hunt Cup. Griff have slipped down to 8<sup>th</sup> in Division 1 but are always likely to score goals. This could be a tough afternoon for Griff but a high scoring game is anticipated.

### **Bromsgrove Sporting (MFL1) vs Lichfield City (MFL1)**

Two of the promotion chasers from Division go head to head at The Victoria Ground on Sunday. When the two sides met recently in Lichfield, Bromsgrove came out on top by a solitary goal. The Rouslers remain unbeaten this season while Lichfield keep close tabs on them in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The biggest crowd of the round is expected with Bromsgrove hoping for a record attendance and to progress to Round 3.

### **Paget Rangers (MFL2) vs Hinckley AFC (MFL1)**

Paget Rangers from Division 2 had the result of the previous round winning away at Premier Division St Andrews. They are flying high at the top of Division 2 with Daniel Carter and Mark Bellingham scoring 30 goals between them. Hinckley are one of the form sides in Division 1 and the league's leading scorers. Ryan Seal leads the way with 23 goals and with the game being played on the new 3G surface at The Trevor Brown Memorial Ground, this could be a classic.

### **Premier Division**

**Lye Town** could join Alvechurch at the head of the table if they can pick up three points at home to bottom side **Brocton**. **St Andrews** could move into the top 4 with a win at home to second-bottom **Tividale**. It's a red letter day for **Boldmere St Michaels** who play their first home game of the season with **Walsall Wood** the visitors. Two sides with games in hand on the leaders meet in an attractive game at The Town ground with **Coventry United** the visitors to **Heanor Town**. **Coventry Sphinx** suffered a heavy home defeat on Monday and will be hoping for better luck as they entertain **Loughborough University**. Two of the bottom five meet at Wem as **Shawbury United** welcome **Highgate United** to Shropshire.

## Division 1

With leaders Bromsgrove Sporting on FA Vase duty, **Leicester Road** could take over at the top should they win at **Heath Hayes**. There is a tasty derby at Rene Road as **Bolehall Swifts** entertain **Atherstone Town**. A win for The Adders would send them into the top three while a win for Swifts would see them climb to 4<sup>th</sup>. At the bottom of the table. 19<sup>th</sup> place **Stafford Town** can pull away from Southam United if they can beat **Cadbury Athletic** at Evans Park. Likewise, **Studley** can move out of the bottom three with a win at St Johns Park over **Heather St Johns** and other results going their way. **Coventry Copsewood** are unbeaten in their last 4 league games and they would overtake visitors **Chelmsley Town** with a win at the Pavilion. **Pelsall Villa** are without a win in 6 and they welcome **Littleton** to the Bush Ground.

## Division 2

**Droitwich Spa** will move into the top two if they can pick up all three points at The Coppice against **Barnt Green Spartak**, who have picked up just one point out of the last 12. Thirteen points out of fifteen has lifted **Fairfield Villa** into contention and they face a tough trip to 6<sup>th</sup> placed **Knowle**. Two of the bottom three meet at The Hub with a win for either **Continental Star** or **Leamington Hibernian** moving the victors up the table. **Hampton** had an excellent win last week and they travel to **Redditch Borough** hoping for back to back results. 10<sup>th</sup> meets 9<sup>th</sup> at The Entaco where **Feckenham** host **Sutton United**. It is also 11<sup>th</sup> versus 12<sup>th</sup> at New Mill Lane as **Coton Green**, with games in hand on all the clubs above them, entertain **Smithswood Firs**.

## Division 3

**Northfield Town** can close the gap on leaders NKF Burbage to 9 points should they beat bottom of the table **AFC Solihull** at Shenley Lane. **Montpellier** get back to league action welcoming **FC Stratford** to Badsey where a win for The Pellers would keep the pressure on the top three. Third-placed **Shipston Excelsior** entertain **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** who come into the game on the back of an excellent away win last week. 8<sup>th</sup> meets 9<sup>th</sup> at The Recreation Ground as **Inkberrow** host **Enville Athletic**. Two sides that had good away wins last week meet at Vale Stadium with **Castle Vale Town** welcoming **Alcester Town**.

## Challenge Vase

**Moors Academy** and **Barton United** meet at the Beehive with a place in the semi-final of the Challenge Vase at stake. The teams met recently in the Birmingham Vase with Moors running out 5-1 winners.

## Reserves

### CHALLENGE TROPHY ROUND 1

#### Group "A"

BROCTON	v	WALSALL WOOD	3.00
LICHFIELD CITY	v	ROCESTER	3.00

#### Group "B"

TIPTON TOWN	v	COTON GREEN	2.00
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### RESERVE DIVISION

CADBURY ATHLETIC	v	CONTINENTAL STAR	2.00
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## Under 21s

### CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 1

#### Group "A"

COVENTRY UNITED	v	SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN	10.30
HIGHGATE UNITED	v	KETTERING TOWN	10.30

#### Group "B"

DROITWICH SPA G & B	v	BEDWORTH UNITED	10.30
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#### Group "C"

BROMSGROVE SPORTING	v	LEEK TOWN	10.30
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### UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

AYLESTONE PARK	v	HEATH HAYES	12.30
BROCTON	v	WEST MIDLANDS ACADEMY	10.30
TAMWORTH	v	COLESHILL TOWN	10.30

### UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

H O W ACADEMY	v	AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	10.30
KINGS HEATH CONCORDE	v	ALVECHURCH	10.30

## Other Cups

### COVENTRY CHARITY CUP ROUND 2

AEI RUGBY	v	ALVIS SPORTING	1.30
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### SMEDLEY CROOKE MEMORIAL CHARITY CUP ROUND 2

EARLSWOOD TOWN	v	UPTON TOWN	1.30
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### BEDWORTH NURSING CUP ROUND 2

BRINKLOW	v	COVENTRIANS	1.30
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### DERBYSHIRE DIVISIONAL CUP (SOUTH) ROUND 2

SHERWIN FIRST ATHLETIC		GRESLEY RES.	1.15
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