



Midland Football League Newsletter

12th April 2017

League News

FC Stratford were found guilty of playing an ineligible player in their Les James Challenge Cup Semi Final against **Redditch Borough** on 11th March. FC Stratford have been removed from the competition and Redditch Borough have been reinstated.

Travels of The Press Officer

Saturday 8th April 2017

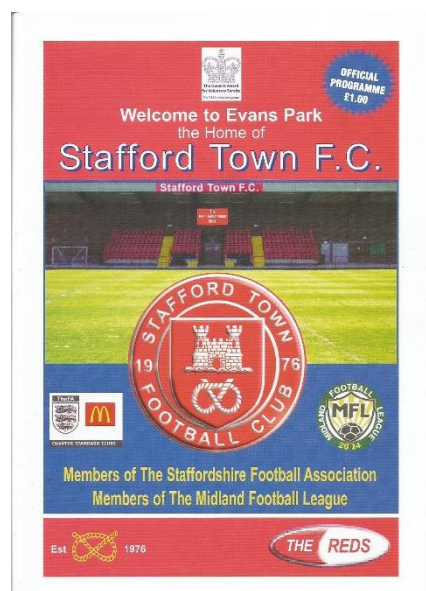
Division 1 (64)

Stafford Town 0 Bromsgrove Sporting 4

Leaders Bromsgrove Sporting arrived at Evans Park with an unbeaten record and the league title almost within their grasp. Stafford Town are still deep in the relegation battle and need points to ensure they stay in Division 1. Last weekend the sides had contrasting results with Bromsgrove winning 10-0 and Stafford losing 6-2. With a vastly changed team, the omens were not good for the home side. Town were almost gifted an early lead when a back pass from Jack Wilson was under hit and Jonathan Brown had to race off his line to clear under pressure from Yann Edimo. Chris Lloyd was finding space down the left for Bromsgrove and he beat Ryan Blagborough but over hit the cross. Jason Cowley ran at the heart of the Stafford defence, played the ball into the path of John Pykett but the cross was again too long. Bromsgrove took the lead in the 7th minute. Keanan Meakin-Richards played a crossfield ball to Lloyd, who controlled first time, cut inside and hammered the ball past Josh Moreton. It was all Bromsgrove and decent ball into the box by Pykett was not anticipated by his colleagues. Stafford were awarded a free-kick in the 17th minute and Edimo was on target but it was a comfortable save for Brown. Bromsgrove doubled their lead two minutes later. Cowley shot on the turn which hit the bar. Lloyd reacted quickest and he put the rebound away. It should have been a hat-trick for Lloyd in the 20th minute, heading over a superb cross from Pykett. Lloyd again was off target with a header from a Cowley cross when he should have made it three. Bromsgrove continued to ask all the questions but Stafford were resolute and threw bodies in the way to keep the scoreline down to 2 at the break.

The second half continued in the same vein with Reece Hewitt firing wide and the Stafford defence bravely blocking an effort from Ahmed Ali. Bromsgrove threw on young substitute Alfie Bloomer in the 63rd minute and he was soon in the action, curling a shot over the bar. Stafford should have pulled a goal back in the 68th minute with Edimo one-on-one with Brown but the Bromsgrove keeper won the battle. Decent work down the right from Pykett created an opening for Bloomer who cleared the bar with his effort. Ben Gutteridge had a chance for Stafford, getting on the wrong side of the Bromsgrove defence before missing the target. Bromsgrove made the game safe in the 77th minute with a third goal. A corner from the right was headed goalwards by Craig Jones. Moreton made a decent save but Bloomer was on hand to follow up with his second goal in a week. Ryan Pace forced a save from Brown hitting a free-kick on target. In the 80th minute, Lloyd was close to his hat-trick hitting the outside of the post from a narrow angle. Bromsgrove scored their 4th in the 84th minute when Tom Wright turned a Robbie Bunn cross into his own net.

A comfortable win for Bromsgrove but credit to Stafford for their battling performance to keep the score down. A lot to play for, for both these sides over the coming weeks. Stafford will need to pick up points if they are to remain in Division 1 while Bromsgrove could clinch the title over the Easter weekend.



Tuesday 11th April 2017

Division 2 (65)

Paget Rangers 2 Droitwich Spa

Division 2 leaders Droitwich came into the game needing a win to be certain of a top two finish. Paget maintained ambitions of finishing in the top two and gaining promotion so it was all to play for. Droitwich were encouraged by a good away following and a gate of 123 is excellent for a midweek Division 2 encounter. Paget started the better and were close to taking the lead in the 6th minute. Leading scorer Danny Carter had a shot blocked and George Smith took aim from 25 yards, seeing his shot rebound off the inside of the post with keeper Matt Oliver beaten. Droitwich had a decent chance in the 13th minute when Louis Bridges directed a header straight at Paget keeper Josh Benton. Against the run of play, the visitors took the lead in the 19th minute. Nick Seabourne had an effort blocked and when the ball fell to Jack Allerton on the edge of the area he looped a shot over Benton and in off the angle. Paget's response was immediate and Oliver made a fine save low down to keep out an effort from Gary Turner. Paget continued to have most of the territory with Smith just off target with another effort. In the 34th minute, Carter wriggled his way into a good position but found the side-netting. The equaliser came in the 38th minute. A cross from Ross Dempster was poorly defended and Carter made no mistake, finding the corner. Four minutes later, Paget took the lead. A shot from Dempster was well saved by Oliver but Carter was on hand to clip home the rebound.

Oliver was forced into an early clearance in the second half, racing off his line to thwart Carter. The league leaders were back on level terms in the 53rd minute. A deep free-kick from Jamie Smith was headed towards goal by Matt Hunt, and despite a valiant effort at the far post, the linesman confirmed that the header had crossed the line. George Smith forced another excellent save from Oliver. From the corner, Carter headed wide when he should have hit the target. Dempster went close for Paget while the impressive Allerton was unlucky with a volley which went just wide for Droitwich. The visitors went close to taking the lead in the 66th minute, Luke Bradley hooking the ball off the line. The game was end to end and Paget again went close in the 72nd minute. A cross from Smith was met by the head of Rioual Kousseba-Bakala but Oliver was again up to the task, acrobatically tipping the ball over the bar. A minute later, a long ball from Kousseba-Bakala found Carter but he failed to control and the chance was lost. With time running out, Droitwich had claims for a penalty turned down as James Lemon was brought down in the area – the referee was unimpressed and waved away the appeals. Oliver made another good save to foil Rydhel junior Ikouara at his near post while with the last attack of the game, the Paget defence stood firm to block Bridges.

An excellent advert for Division 2 football with a draw being a fair result over the 90 minutes.



Review

Premier Division

Alvechurch edged a point nearer the title but they were forced to work hard for a 2-2 draw at home to **Shepshed Dynamo**. **Coleshill Town** have slipped away at the wrong time with one point from three games. They were beaten by a Ryan Harkin inspired **Coventry Sphinx** with the striker scoring all 4 in Sphinx 4-3 victory. Jack Till scored the winner for **Lye Town** as they beat **Westfields** 2-1 at Stourbridge Road. **Sporting Khalsa** are closing in on a top three finish as they despatched relegated **Tividale** 3-0 at The Aspray Arena. At the bottom, **Brocton** are almost down as they were beaten 2-1 at home by **Quorn** who made it 9 points in a week to remove any concerns of the drop. **AFC Wulfrunians** kept a third consecutive clean sheet as they drew 0-0 at **Rochester**, a result which leaves them a point adrift of safety. **Shawbury United** are a place above AFC Wulfrunians and they have played two games more. They went down 4-2 at **Highgate United** for whom Romario Martin scored a hat-trick. A goal from Josh Mansell gave **Walsall Wood** all three points at home to **Long Eaton United**, a result which moves Wood up to 17th. **Loughborough University** are 2 points above the drop zone as they were beaten 2-1 at **Heanor Town**, both goals for the Lions in the last 9 minutes. **St Andrews** moved level on points with **Coventry United** as they won the game between the two sides 4-2 at Sphinx Drive with Rob Morgan scoring twice.

Walsall Wood look to have assured their safety with the second home win in a week on Tuesday night beating **Rochester** 4-0. Joey Butlin scored twice to move Wood 6 points clear of the drop.

League Table

1	<u>Alvechurch</u>	38	26	7	5	85	29	56	85
2	<u>Coleshill Town</u>	38	24	4	10	98	54	44	76
3	<u>Lye Town</u>	38	21	9	8	70	40	30	72
4	<u>Sporting Khalsa</u>	37	21	8	8	83	44	39	71
5	<u>Westfields</u>	38	19	8	11	89	66	23	65
6	<u>Heanor Town</u>	38	18	9	11	79	58	21	63
7	<u>Coventry United</u>	38	17	7	14	57	49	8	58
8	<u>St Andrews</u>	38	18	4	16	80	82	-2	58
9	<u>Coventry Sphinx</u>	38	15	9	14	72	70	2	54
10	<u>Quorn</u>	39	15	8	16	50	66	-16	53
11	<u>Highgate United</u>	36	14	8	14	66	64	2	50
12	<u>Boldmere St Michaels</u>	38	13	9	16	61	55	6	48
13	<u>Shepshed Dynamo</u>	38	13	8	17	59	62	-3	47
14	<u>Walsall Wood</u>	38	14	5	19	54	72	-18	47
15	<u>Rocester</u>	38	11	13	14	64	76	-12	46
16	<u>Stourport Swifts</u>	38	12	10	16	63	78	-15	46
17	<u>Long Eaton United</u>	38	13	7	18	64	80	-16	46
18	<u>Loughborough University</u>	38	10	13	15	64	63	1	43
19	<u>Shawbury United</u>	39	13	3	23	64	88	-24	42
20	<u>AFC Wulfrunians</u>	37	11	8	18	44	68	-24	41
21	<u>Brocton</u>	38	10	4	24	46	93	-47	34
R	<u>Tividale</u>	38	6	5	27	44	99	-55	23

Division 1

Bromsgrove Sporting remain unbeaten and 10 points clear at the top of the table following a 4-0 win at relegation threatened **Stafford Town**. Two goals early on from Chris Lloyd sent Sporting on their way but they were forced to wait until late on to add to their tally. **Leicester Road** put bottom club **Southam United** to the sword scoring 11 unanswered goals. Matty Stenson got things going scoring the first four and there was a hat-trick for Tom McGlinchey and a double for Amarvir Sandhu. **Hinckley AFC** stay second as two Ryan Seal penalties clinched the points in the St Johns Park derby with **Heather St Johns**. Big winners of the day at the bottom of the table were **Pelsall Villa** who beat **Bolehall Swifts** 4-1 with Thomas Green scoring twice. The win moves them level on points with Chelmsley Town with 4 to play. **Cadbury Athletic** moved up to 5th place with a 2-0 win at **Heath Hayes** who are still not safe. **Littleton** are having a fine end to the season and they climb to 8th with a 2-1 win over **Lichfield City**. **Nuneaton Griff** move up to 11th with a 2-0 win over **Uttoxeter Town** at The Pingles Stadium.

Bromsgrove Sporting need 3 more points to clinch the title following a 1-0 win at **Leicester Road**, Luke Edwards with the goal in the first half. **Nuneaton Griff** climbed to 9th with a 3-1 win at **Littleton**.

1	<u>Bromsgrove Sporting</u>	32	27	5	0	111	22	89	86
2	<u>Hinckley AFC</u>	33	23	4	6	114	41	73	73
3	<u>Leicester Road</u>	33	23	3	7	100	32	68	72
4	<u>Atherstone Town</u>	34	21	5	8	88	49	39	68
5	<u>Cadbury Athletic</u>	34	16	12	6	66	43	23	60
6	<u>Racing Club Warwick</u>	35	17	8	10	87	70	17	59
7	<u>Lichfield City</u>	34	17	7	10	63	48	15	58
8	<u>Littleton</u>	34	15	4	15	59	57	2	49
9	<u>Nuneaton Griff</u>	34	14	6	14	66	61	5	48
10	<u>Heather St Johns</u>	34	15	3	16	63	65	-2	48
11	<u>Uttoxeter Town</u>	32	14	4	14	56	67	-11	46
12	<u>Bolehall Swifts</u>	34	14	1	19	70	80	-10	43
13	<u>Coventry Copsewood</u>	33	12	4	17	63	79	-16	40
14	<u>Heath Hayes</u>	34	10	7	17	57	63	-6	37
15	<u>Studley</u>	34	10	5	19	63	93	-30	35
16	<u>Pershore Town</u>	34	9	6	19	44	75	-31	33
17	<u>Stafford Town</u>	34	8	8	18	60	74	-14	32
18	<u>Chelmsley Town</u>	33	8	7	18	54	67	-13	31
19	<u>Pelsall Villa</u>	34	8	7	19	48	84	-36	31
R	<u>Southam United</u>	33	0	4	29	10	172	-162	4

Division 2

In the race for promotion, Division 2 seems to provide twists and turns every week. **Alvis Sporting Club** had the opportunity to close the gap on leaders Droitwich Spa to 9 points but surprisingly lost 1-0 at **Bloxwich** Town thanks to a goal from Cameron Moriarty. **Fairfield Villa** kept their hopes of a top two finish alive, a Connor Collins hat-trick helping them to a 3-2 win over **Earlswood Town**. A sad week for **Continental Star** concluded with a 4-2 win at home to **Coton Green**. **Smithswood Firs** moved a further point away from the relegation zone with a 1-1 draw at **Knowle**, the game taking place at The Glades due to the ongoing problems at The Robin's Nest. **Hampton** stay third bottom as their goal difference took a battering in an 8-1 defeat at **Sutton United**. Peter Bromley, Charlie Busst and Josh Duggan all scored twice for Sutton.

Droitwich Spa and **Paget Rangers** fought out an excellent 2-2 draw at The Trevor Brown Memorial Ground. Danny Carter scored twice for Paget with Jack Allerton and Matt Hunt on target for Spa.

Alvis Sporting Club had to come from behind to beat **Sutton United** 3-2 at Green Lane. The win closes the gap at the top to 10 points with Alvis having 6 games in hand.

1	<u>Droitwich Spa</u>	29	20	4	5	79	30	49	64
2	<u>Alvis Sporting Club</u>	23	17	3	3	48	20	28	54
3	<u>Redditch Borough</u>	26	17	4	5	72	25	47	52 *
4	<u>Fairfield Villa</u>	26	16	3	7	65	40	25	51
5	<u>Paget Rangers</u>	24	14	4	6	67	35	32	46
6	<u>Knowle</u>	25	11	7	7	51	36	15	40
7	<u>Sutton United</u>	29	12	5	12	62	67	-5	40 *
8	<u>Coton Green</u>	23	10	6	7	49	37	12	36
9	<u>Feckenham</u>	27	8	7	12	40	58	-18	31
10	<u>Barnt Green Spartak</u>	26	9	3	14	43	58	-15	30
11	<u>Bloxwich Town</u>	29	8	5	16	32	67	-35	29
12	<u>Earlswood Town</u>	25	8	4	13	40	49	-9	28
13	<u>Smithswood Firs</u>	24	6	6	12	48	63	-15	24
14	<u>Hampton</u>	27	6	5	16	32	66	-34	23
15	<u>Leamington Hibernian</u>	28	6	4	18	37	72	-35	22
R	<u>Continental Star</u>	29	3	8	18	32	74	-42	17

Division 3

Montpellier strengthened their position in 2nd place with a 5-2 win at **Coventrians**, Simeon Smith scoring twice. **Shipston Excelsior** competed their league programme with a fine 3-1 win at **FC Stratford**. **Castle Vale Town** will finish the season in 14th place following a 1-1 draw with **Enville Athletic** who finish in 11th position.

Moors Academy gave themselves a chance of a top three finish with a 2-1 win at home to **Northfield Town**.

1	<u>NKF Burbage</u>	22	20	2	0	69	11	58	62
2	<u>Montpellier</u>	22	17	3	2	81	27	54	54
3	<u>Northfield Town</u>	21	16	1	4	64	29	35	49
4	<u>Moors Academy</u>	21	14	2	5	58	34	24	44
5	<u>Shipston Excelsior</u>	26	12	5	9	52	53	-1	41
6	<u>FC Stratford</u>	24	11	2	11	62	44	18	35
7	<u>Alcester Town</u>	25	10	5	10	33	29	4	35
8	<u>Inkberrow</u>	25	9	4	12	45	57	-12	31
9	<u>Coventrians</u>	24	9	3	12	46	64	-18	30
10	<u>Barton United</u>	25	7	7	11	43	41	2	28
11	<u>Enville Athletic</u>	26	8	2	16	23	50	-27	26
12	<u>AFC Solihull</u>	26	5	3	18	30	73	-43	18
13	<u>Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons</u>	26	4	5	17	23	63	-40	17
14	<u>Castle Vale Town</u>	25	3	4	18	33	87	-54	13

Polymac Packaging League Cup

The league cup final will be between Alvechurch and St Andrews. **Alvechurch** overcame a first leg deficit to beat **Highgate United** 2-1 on aggregate, both goals from Jamie Ashmore. **St Andrews** beat **Hinckley AFC** 8-4 on aggregate, the second leg at St Johns Park seeing St Andrews winning 4-1.

Challenge Vase Semi-Final

Northfield Town will meet NKF Burbage in the final of the Challenge Vase after they overcame **Moors Academy** 2-1. Substitute Lewis Jones was the hero with a winner late on for Northfield.

Other Cups

Coventry U21 won the Birmingham Amateur Cup beating Two Gates 4-0 in the final. Keaton Balou-Francis scored a hat-trick for the young United side.

Stourport Swifts reached the final of the Worcestershire Royal Infirmary Cup beating Malvern Town 1-0 and 3-1 on aggregate.

Redditch Borough reached the final of the Evesham Hospital Junior Cup beating **Fairfield Villa** away 3-1 with Jamie Hatfield scoring twice.

Sporting Khalsa are through to the semi-final of the JW Hunt Cup after a 3-0 win at **Lichfield City**. Khalsa will meet Alvechurch in the semi-final.

Reserves

RESERVE DIVISION

CADBURY ATHLETIC	3	v	2	BROCTON
COTON GREEN	1	v	1	ROMULUS
LICHFIELD CITY	2	v	5	WALSALL WOOD
ROCESTER	1	V	2	BROCTON
ROMULUS	4	V	3	CONTINENTAL STAR

1 Walsall Wood Reserves 15 10 23 45 23 22 32

2 Cadbury Athletic Reserves 16 9 34 32 25 7 30

3 Gresley Reserves 13 9 13 38 20 18 28

4 Rocester Reserves 14 8 33 49 24 25 27

5 Romulus Reserves 14 8 15 37 36 1 25

6 Coton Green Reserves 17 4 49 23 33 -10 16

7 Continental Star Reserves 13 3 55 20 22 -2 14

8 Lichfield City Reserves 14 3 38 38 49 -11 12

9 Tipton Town Reserves 12 2 19 20 56 -36 7

10 Brocton Reserves 12 1 38 26 40 -14 6

Leading scorers

Josh Dutton	Gresley	23	Romano Graham	Walsall Wood	21
Ezekiel Agyemang	Tipton Town	19	Kieran Smith	Brocton	16
Terence Davies	Tipton Town	14	Daniel Craythorne	Lichfield City	14
Chad Barrett	Cadbury Athletic	14	Stephen Wilkins	Lichfield City	14
Oliver Roome	Rocester	13	Zain Thomas	Romulus	12
Jorge Eley	Rocester	11	Sam Hammerton	Gresley	11
Kane Lee	Gresley	10	Jevaughni Robinson	Cadbury Athletic	10
Anthony Smith	Romulus	9	Nathan McBean	Continental Star	9
Lukas Putka	Brocton	9			

Under 21

CHALLENGE BOWL SEMI FINAL

AYLESTONE PARK **1** v **0** ALVECHURCH

UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

LEEK TOWN **0** aban **7** SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN
 TAMWORTH **2** v **2** HEATH HAYES

UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS **1** v **2** H O W ACADEMY
 BROMSGROVE SPORTING **2** v **1** HIGHGATE UNITED
 KINGS HEATH CONCORDE **1** v **5** BEDWORTH UNITED
 ALVECHURCH **2** V **0** HIGHGATE UNITED
 KETTERING TOWN **3** V **2** COVENTRY UNITED

U21 North

U21 South

1 <u>Aylestone Park U21</u>	11 7 22 35 18 17 23	1	<u>Bedworth United U21</u>	16 10 15 51 25 26 31
2 <u>Brocton U21</u>	9 4 50 19 12 7 17	2	<u>Kettering Town U21</u>	13 9 0 4 37 25 12 27
3 <u>Coleshill Town U21</u>	12 5 16 23 21 2 16	3	<u>Alvechurch U21</u>	12 8 2 2 33 13 20 26
4 <u>Tamworth U21</u>	7 4 1 2 25 10 15 13	4	<u>Coventry United U21</u>	10 7 1 2 42 8 34 22
5 <u>Sutton Coldfield Town U21</u>	9 3 2 4 20 22 -2 11	5	<u>Bromsgrove Sporting U21</u>	12 7 1 4 21 17 4 22
6 <u>Heath Hayes U21</u>	7 1 4 2 14 18 -4 7	6	<u>H.O.W. Academy U21</u>	14 5 1 8 28 29 -1 16
7 <u>Leek Town U21</u>	9 0 1 8 8 43 -35 1	7	<u>AFC Rushden & Diamonds U21</u>	17 5 1 11 24 60 -36 16
		8	<u>Highgate United U21</u>	14 4 2 8 11 25 -14 14
		9	<u>Kings Heath Concorde U21</u>	10 3 3 4 12 20 -8 12
		10	<u>Droitwich Spa BG U21</u>	14 1 2 11 18 55 -37 5

Leading scorers

Reece Snape	Coventry United	29	James McGrady	Heath Hayes	28
James Parker	Aylestone Park	28	Lewis Ludford	Coventry United	18
Ryan Palmer	Coventry United	17	Nathaniel McKenzie	Tamworth	17
Jacob Dodds	Bedworth United	16	Bailey Beddows	H.O.W. Academy	15
Nathan Cadby	Bedworth	14	John Dodd	Tamworth	13
Jordan Wilson	Kettering Town	13	Brad Rolston	Heath Hayes	13
Ryan Sappleton-Williams	Sutton Coldfield	13	Smith Harvey	Sutton Coldfield	13
Jack Tonks	Brocton	12	Regan Smith	Heath Hayes	12
Jack Cook	Tamworth	12	Emil Fedotovs	Sutton Coldfield	12
James Douglas	Alvechurch	11	Rhys Dowds	Aylestone Park	11
Josh Oultram	Leek Town	11	Callum Harper	H.O.W. Academy	11
Michael Wright	Tamworth	11	Ben Cooling	Heath Hayes	11
Aaron Opoku	Tamworth	11	Odane Campbell	Alvechurch	11
Ryan Murphy	Bedworth United	10	Mikey Schultes	AFC R&D	10
Henry Limpitshi	Kettering Town	10			

Premier Division – Leading goal scorers

Shay Brennan	St Andrews	37	
David Meese	Sporting Khalsa	31	
Josh March	Alvechurch	29	
Richard Greaves	Westfields	28	
Nathan Hodge	Shawbury United	25	
Craig Jones	Westfields	25	
Ben Billingham	Lye Town	23	
Lei Brown	Highgate United	22	
Ryan Harkin	Coventry Sphinx	22	
Jack Till	Lye Town	21	
Jordan Nadat	Alvechurch, Coleshill Town	20	(now Hednesford Town)
Dean Rathbone	Coleshill Town	20	
Kieran Debrouwer	Heanor Town	19	
Nathan Dale	Quorn	19	
Callum Riddell	Rocester	19	
Mykel Beckley	Coleshill Town, Coventry United	19	
Marco Adaggio	Highgate United	18	
Andrew Bridge	Loughborough University	17	
Elliott Reeves	Heanor Town	16	
Drew Aiton	Walsall Wood	15	
Daniel Dubidat	Alvechurch	15	
Elliot Putman	St Andrews	15	
Sam Hollis	St Andrews	15	
Luke Shearer	Sporting Khalsa	14	
McCauley Manning	Highgate United	14	
Michael Reeve	Shepshed Dynamo	14	
Joe Phillips	Stourport Swifts	14	
Reece Leek	Coleshill Town	14	
Joey Butlin	Walsall Wood	14	

Division 1 – leading goal scorers

Ryan Seal	Hinckley AFC	52	
Alex Naughton	Atherstone Town	45	
Jason Cowley	Bromsgrove Sporting	35	
Matthew Stenson	Leicester Road	33	
Wade Malley	Racing Club Warwick	26	
Sam Agar	Hinckley AFC	26	
Matt Brennan	Nuneaton Griff	24	
Connoll Farrell	Studley, Coventry Copsewood	23	
Gareth Evans	Pershore Town, Studley	23	
Paul Sullivan	Hinckley AFC	22	
Kyle Turner	Atherstone Town, Bolehall Swifts	18	
Tom Bates	Nuneaton Griff	18	
Jamie Clarke	Pershore Town	18	
Sean Brain	Bromsgrove Sporting, Littleton	18	
Daniel Carter	Littleton	17	
Luke Lewis	Uttoxeter Town	17	
Jamie Smith	Racing Club Warwick	17	
Chris Lloyd	Bromsgrove Sporting	17	
Joel Ambalu	Heather St Johns	16	(now Coleshill Town)
David Akinuli	Coventry Copsewood	16	
Ben Lund	Lichfield City	15	
Joe Obi	Bolehall Swifts	15	
Odane Barnes	Cadbury Athletic	15	
Jake Holt	Leicester Road	14	
Jake Brown	Racing Club Warwick	13	

Division 2 – leading goal scorers

Daniel Carter	Paget Rangers	38	
Connor Collins	Fairfield Villa	31	
Nick Seabourne	Droitwich Spa	26	
Mark Bellingham	Paget Rangers	23	
Liam Fullerton	Redditch Borough	21	
Dildale Linton	Alvis Sporting Club	19	
Thomas Craine	Knowle	18	(now Bromsgrove)
Andrew Millan	Coton Green	18	
Pedro Douglas	Continental Star	17	
Dan Pidgeon	Alvis Sporting Club	17	
Jak Albutt	Redditch Borough	15	
Ross Dempster	Paget Rangers	15	
George Ford	Sutton United	15	(now Chelmsley Town)
James Lemon	Droitwich Spa	15	
Joshua Sherington	Coton Green	13	
Tyron Smith	Smithswood Firs	13	
Sam Hulme	Smithswood Firs	12	
Billy Garvey	Redditch Borough	12	
Josh Duggan	Sutton United	11	
Jack Brimmell	Feckenham	10	
Charlie Cook	Alvis Sporting Club	10	
Martin Crawford	Smithswood Firs	10	
Benet Parchment	Barnt Green Spartak	10	
Joseph Wright	Leamington Hibernian	10	
Gareth Hodgetts	Redditch Borough	10	
Ellis Blakemore	Fairfield Villa	9	
Michael Quirke	Alvis Sporting Club	9	
Steve Joynes	Hampton, Redditch Borough	9	

Division 3

Stuart Hendrie	Montpellier	38
Dale Wigmore	Coventrians	19
Jay Tilbury	FC Stratford	19
Daniel Priest	Northfield Town	18
Jess Adcock	NKF Burbage	18
Tom Smith	NKF Burbage	17
Montel Okoro	Moors Academy	15
Dan Lawrence	Northfield Town	13
Adam Wooldridge	Enville Athletic	13
Peter Martin	Barton United	12
Liam Connolly	Coventrians	11
Alex Coultas	NKF Burbage	11
Ashley Wilkes	FC Stratford	11
Jake Harris	Shipston Excelsior	10
Romario Martin	Moors Academy	10
Nathan Astill	NKF Burbage	10
Paddy Behan	Northfield Town	10
Lewis Chester	Coventrians	10
Thomas Cuppleditch	Coventrians	10
Lewis Jones	Northfield Town	10
Charlie Adcock	NKF Burbage	9
Lewis Fathers	Shipston Excelsior / FC Stratford	9
Lee Hendrie	Montpellier	9
Daniel Moore	Castle Vale Town	9
Freddy Murphy	FC Stratford	9

Leading scorers – League games only

Premier Division

Josh March	Alvechurch	28
Shay Brennan	St Andrews	26
David Meese	Sporting Khalsa	25
Ben Billingham	Lye Town	22
Ryan Harkin	Coventry Sphinx	21

Division 1

Alex Naughton	Atherstone Town	41
Ryan Seal	Hinckley AFC	36
Matt Stenson	Leicester Road	28
Jason Cowley	Bromsgrove Sporting	26
Wade Malley	Racing Club Warwick	26

Division 2

Nick Seabourne	Droitwich Spa	24
Connor Collins	Fairfield Villa	23
Danny Carter	Paget Rangers	22

Division 3

Stuart Hendrie	Montpellier	32
Jay Tilbury	FC Stratford	14
Tom Smith	NKF Burbage	13

Preview

Easter Saturday

Premier Division

The league title could be settled on Saturday as leaders **Alvechurch** travel to 2nd placed **Coleshill Town**. A draw would mean that Church could only be caught by Coleshill and Sporting Khalsa, and with a superior goal difference, they would be almost home. A victory for Church would confirm them as Champions. Not that Coleshill will want that to happen as a victory for them would keep their slim hopes alive. **Sporting Khalsa** welcome **Quorn** to the Aspray Arena knowing anything less than a win would mean their feint title chances had gone. **Lye Town**, in 3rd, travel to **Rocester** with the Romans five points clear of relegation. At the bottom, **Brocton** welcome **Highgate United** to Silkmore Lane needing a victory to keep their ever-decreasing chances of avoiding the drop alive. A recent upturn in results including 3 clean sheets has given **AFC Wulfrunians** an excellent chance of finishing outside of the bottom three. They entertain **Shepshed Dynamo** who are all but safe on 47 points. Two sides for whom relegation is looking a distinct possibility meet at Holywell with 18th placed **Loughborough University** hosting 19th placed **Shawbury United**. **Long Eaton United** are 5 points above the bottom three and they can make themselves safe with a win at home to faltering **Westfields**. There is a good-looking game at The Town Ground as 6th placed **Heanor Town**, heading for a top 5 finish, welcome in-form **Stourport Swifts**, 5 points off the relegation zone. Another in-form side are **Coventry Sphinx** and they welcome **Walsall Wood**, themselves on the back of two wins in a week, to Sphinx Drive. **St Andrews** reached the league cup final in midweek and they welcome mid-table **Boldmere St Michaels** to Canal Street. **Coventry United** are without a win in 5 and they aim to put that right when they travel to The Beeches to face relegated **Tividale**.

Division 1

Following their win at Leicester Road in midweek, **Bromsgrove Sporting** need 3 points to clinch the Division 1 title. They have the chance to do this at a packed Victoria Ground with relegation threatened **Studley**, featuring a number of players with links to Bromsgrove, the visitors. **Hinckley AFC** are going head to head with Leicester Road for runners up spot. On Saturday, **Chelmsley Town** are the visitors to St Johns Park, needing points in their relegation battle. **Leicester Road** face another of the relegation threatened sides with **Pershore Town** the visitors. **Atherstone Town** in 4th place welcome 2nd bottom **Pelsall Villa** to Sheepy Road with the Adders needing 4 points to confirm a fourth placed finish. **Cadbury Athletic** are having an excellent season in 5th spot and they welcome **Stafford Town**, 1 point above the relegation zone, to the TSA Sports Ground. Relegated **Southam United** travel to Rene Road to face **Bolehall Swifts**, Bolehall winning the reverse fixture 3-0 a month ago. **Littleton** have found some form in recent weeks and they welcome **Heath Hayes**, who are just about safe, to 5 Acres. **Lichfield City** have dropped to 7th place and they will be hoping for a good finish to the season as they entertain **Coventry Copsewood**. 10th meets 9th at Oldfields as **Heather St Johns** travel to **Uttoxeter Town** with both sides hoping for a top half finish.

Division 2

Leaders **Droitwich Spa** need a point to guarantee a top two finish. It won't be easy as 2nd placed **Alvis Sporting Club** are the visitors to King George Playing Fields for Spa's final league game of the season. If Droitwich slip up, **Paget Rangers** can still catch them but they need to win all 5 games starting at home to **Earlwood Town**. At the bottom, **Leamington Hibernian** can climb out of the bottom two with a win at home to 6th placed **Knowle**. **Smithswood Firs** are 2 points ahead of Hibs albeit with four games in hand but they will want to pull away from the bottom as they travel to **Barnt Green Spartak**. **Bloxwich Town** had an excellent win last week over Alvis Sporting Club and they finish their season at home to **Coton Green**.

Division 3

NKF Burbage need 6 points to clinch the league title and they entertain bottom club **Castle Vale Town**. With their remaining three games at home to the sides in 2nd, 3rd and 4th there is still plenty to play for. 2nd placed **Montpellier** host 7th placed **Alcester Town** in their last home game of the season before away trips to the sides in 1st, 3rd and 4th. 3rd placed **Northfield Town** still have hopes of finishing in the top two and they start the run in at home to **Coventrians**. **Moors Academy** look likely to finish 4th in their inaugural season in the MFL and they welcome 10th placed **Barton United** to The Beehive.

Easter Monday

Premier Division

Alvechurch	vs	Boldmere St Michaels
Brocton	vs	AFC Wulfrunians
Coleshill Town	vs	Rocester
Coventry United	vs	Loughborough University
Heanor Town	vs	Quorn
Highgate United	vs	Walsall Wood
Long Eaton United	vs	Coventry Sphinx
Lye Town	vs	Sporting Khalsa
Shepshed Dynamo	vs	St Andrews
Stourport Swifts	vs	Tividale

Depending on Saturday's result, **Alvechurch** could be crowned champions at Lye Meadow with a win at home to **Boldmere St Michaels**. Elsewhere, eyes will be on the game between **Lye Town** and **Sporting Khalsa** as they battle for a top three finish. At the bottom, it's a game of monstrous proportions at Silkmore Lane as **Brocton** meet **AFC Wulfrunians** with both sides needing a win. The other game of note sees the Leicestershire derby between **Shepshed Dynamo** and **St Andrews**.

Division 1

Coventry Copsewood	vs	Nuneaton Griff
Heather St Johns	vs	Lichfield City
Heath Hayes	vs	Uttoxeter Town
Leicester Road	vs	Cadbury Athletic
Littleton	vs	Atherstone Town
Pelsall Villa	vs	Hinckley AFC
Pershore Town	vs	Bromsgrove Sporting
Southam United	vs	Racing Club Warwick
Stafford Town	vs	Bolehall Swifts
Studley	vs	Chelmsley Town

The battle to avoid the drop is the real attention on Bank Holiday Monday. Two of the protagonists meet at The Beehive with **Studley** hosting **Chelmsley Town**. **Pelsall Villa** entertain the division's leading scorers in **Hinckley AFC** while **Pershore Town** welcome **Bromsgrove Sporting** and their large travelling support to the 2020SolarPV King George V Stadium. Hoping to take advantage of their rivals' battles with sides at the top of the table, **Stafford Town** welcome **Bolehall Swifts** to Evans Park in a must win game.

Division 2

Coton Green	vs	Leamington Hibernian
Earlswood Town	vs	Knowle
Smithswood Firs	vs	Alvis Sporting Club

Tuesday

Barnt Green Spartak	vs	Redditch Borough
Paget Rangers	vs	Fairfield Villa

With Droitwich Spa having completed their fixtures, the attention is on the other sides battling for a top two finish and promotion. **Alvis Sporting Club** travel to **Smithswood Firs**, a game which impacts both ends of the table. There are two big games on Tuesday evening with **Redditch Borough** travelling to **Barnt Green Spartak**. Two of the promotion challengers meet at The Trevor Brown Memorial Ground with **Paget Rangers** hosting **Fairfield Villa**.

Division 3

FC Stratford vs **Moors Academy**

Northfield Town vs **Inkberrow**

Two games at the top of the table with **Northfield Town** playing their game in hand on Montpellier as they face **Inkberrow** at home. **Moors Academy** have a tasty looking trip to free-scoring **FC Stratford**, a game which promises much.

Reserves

RESERVE DIVISION

CONTINENTAL STAR	v	LICHFIELD CITY
COTON GREEN	v	BROCTON
GRESLEY	v	ROCESTER
TIPTON TOWN	v	ROMULUS

Easter Monday

RESERVE DIVISION

CONTINENTAL STAR	v	TIPTON TOWN
LICHFIELD CITY	v	BROCTON
ROCESTER	v	ROMULUS

Under 21

		<u>extra time and "penalties" if required</u>	
<u>CHALLENGE BOWL SEMI FINAL</u>			
HEATH HAYES	v	TAMWORTH	10.30

UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

BEDWORTH UNITED	v	KINGS HEATH CONCORDE	11.00
BROMSGROVE SPORTING	v	COVENTRY UNITED	10.30
HIGHGATE UNITED	v	DROITWICH SPA G & B	10.30
KETTERING TOWN	v	ALVECHURCH	10.30

Easter Tuesday

UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

TAMWORTH	v	BROCTON	7.45
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UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

BROMSGROVE SPORTING	v	KINGS HEATH CONCORDE	6.45
COVENTRY UNITED	v	ALVECHURCH	6.45