



Midland Football League Newsletter

17th May 2017

League News

Congratulations to all our cup winners for the season 2016/17

Polymac Packaging League Cup

Winners: Alvechurch

Runners Up: Hinckley AFC

Les James Challenge Cup

Winners: Paget Rangers

Runners Up: Redditch Borough

The President's Cup

Winners: Fairfield Villa

Runners Up: Alvis Sporting Club

Challenge Vase

Winners: NKF Burbage

Runners Up: Northfield Town

Challenge Trophy

Winners: Gresley Reserves

Runners Up: Romulus Reserves

Challenge Bowl

Winners: Aylestone Park U21

Runners Up: Tamworth U21

U21 Championship Play Off Final

Winners: Tamworth U21

Runners Up: Coventry United U21

WESTFIELDS player James Febery will represent England at the IFCPF 2017 Cerebral Palsy Football World Championships in Argentina, writes Sam Bennett of the Hereford Times.

The defender is eligible to play in the tournament in September after suffering a stroke five years ago.

The former John Masefield High School student was just 20 years old when he was rushed to hospital and he said the incident came as a huge shock.

"I was at work when it happened," Febery said.

"All of a sudden I had no movement in my left arm or leg, I couldn't speak and the left side of my face just went drowsy. It only happened for a minute or two, but I was rushed to hospital and they diagnosed it as a stroke. I just suffer slightly with weakness in the left side of my body and that's how I qualify for the team. I'm a C8, which is the people least affected whereas C5 is the people who were born with Cerebral Palsy. You're only allowed to play one C8 at one time, and I'm one of the three we have in the team."

Febery trained with the side for the first time this month, taking part in a friendly win against a college team.

"It was a really good experience," he said. "It wasn't what I was expecting. They say it's a Cerebral Palsy team but the standard of football was very high. I'm going up again to St. Georges Park in Burton at the weekend. We train every month. This year it's for the championships in Argentina and then next year it's the Paralympics."

The tournament returns to Argentina for the first time since 2003 and will be held in San Luis between September 3 and 22. Matches will take place at the 15,062-capacity Provincial Juan Gilberto Funes Stadium.

Febery's father, Tim, says it will be a "special" feeling to see his son represent his country. "It is a bit strange for me because there's nothing wrong with him anymore," he said. "But at the same time it is special for us and for his club that he is involved with the England football team."

Travels of The Press Officer

Monday May 15th

Polymac Packaging League Cup Final (78)

Alvechurch 2 Hinckley AFC 1

A different approach for the match reports with a report from each of the respective clubs due to the Press Officer being on programme selling duty for the majority of the first-half.

Alvechurch report courtesy of Stephen Denny

Church completed a League and Cup Double after beating Hinckley AFC 2-1, curtesy of a Josh March brace

Church added the Polymac Packaging League Cup to the Midland Football League Premier League title after a thrilling 2-1 win against a very good Hinckley AFC.

Church though they had taken the lead in the 13' when a ball from Ashmore was headed goalbound by March only for Haydn Whitcombe to save brilliantly for a corner.

A minute late Willets headed over the bar from a cross.

After 25' the tricky Javia Roberts ran at the Church defence before firing just wide.

A minute later it was the impressive Paul Sullivan who ran at the Church defenders before his shot was saved by the legs of Price.

In the 29' March hit the post following a cross, but was adjudged offside.

In the 32' a good break down the right saw the ball cut back, only for the shot to be saved once again by Price.

In the 35' Sullivan got behind the Church defence and shot across the face of goal.

In the 36' Church had a strong penalty appeal turned down after Dubidat appeared to be charged off the ball in the box but the referee waved play on.

In the 40' Deards and Ashmore linked well before Bellis shot was deflected over bar for a Church corner. The ball was played back then to Ashmore who found Cresswell, who's shot was again saved well by Whitcombe for another corner.

A slow start to the second half saw the first chance go Hinckley's way when a free kick by Lee Butler went just over the bar.

Church took the lead however in the 62' when [Josh March](#) headed home a cross to make it 1-0.

In the 63' Dubidat shot across the goal. Church then made a change bringing on Wardle for Deards.

In the 65' Sullivan shot was saved by Price for a corner.

In the 69' Butler was booked for pulling back March as he tried to get away.

In the 70' Sauane replaced Cresswell and Darkin replaced Degville-Cross.

Church made it 2-0 in the 73' when a free kick was not cleared and [Josh March](#) pounced to score his 34th of the season.

March was then booked for a foul on Sullivan.

Church should have wrapped the game up in the 77' when somehow the ball stayed out after a chance at the near post.

Winwood came on for March after 82'

Hinckley nearly got themselves back in the game after 85' when a cross from the left found Roberts at the far post, but he missed a great chance to score.

They did however score in the 87' when another cross from the left was prodded home by Francino Francis to set up a nervous last few minutes for Church.

But held out they did and with 4 minutes injury time played the final whistle saw Church complete the league and cup double with a final score of 2-1.

Alvechurch 2-1 Hinckley AFC

Posted on **May 16, 2017** by **hinckleyadmin001**

Hinckley AFC fell narrowly short of their second trophy in two years as Alvechurch completed the Midland League double with a 2-1 win at the Bescot Stadium. In what was a cracking spectacle throughout, Division One Hinckley can hold their heads high despite defeat as Church added the League Cup to their Premier Division title.

On their first trip to a Football League ground, and in front of an impressive crowd of 628, Hinckley shaded the first half chances and arguably had any of Javia Roberts, Paul Sullivan or Lee Butler given AFC the lead, it could have changed the complexion of the game. But as it was, the sides went in goalless at the break and Josh March's second half brace set Alvechurch on their way. Francino Francis pulled one back for Hinckley late on, but they couldn't force home an equaliser.

After more than two weeks off, Carl Abbott's side returned to the pitch for arguably their toughest game of the season and made two changes to the side that beat Heath Hayes in their final league game. Mark Williams and Peter Williams were unavailable, with Chad Degville-Cross returning alongside Butler.

Some sharp pre-match showers had slickened the already impressive surface and that suited the football both sides looked to play. Just five minutes had passed when Hinckley had the first chance. James Williams rose highest from a right wing corner and saw his looping header tipped over by Ryan Price. But Alvechurch, as champions of the league above Hinckley, had more of the play in the opening stages and moved the ball neatly. March had a speculative strike blocked as Church sought an early opener. The same player was then denied by a stunning Haydn Whitcombe save to keep the scores level. It was Alvechurch's best chance of the half as the winger ghosted in behind to latch onto a lofted through ball and flick a deft header goalbound. It looped over Whitcombe and was destined for the net until the retreating 'keeper got a strong hand to the ball and tipped it around the post. The resulting corner was half cleared to Tom Turton, whose teasing cross was headed over by Jamie Willetts.

Having held out for the opening 20 minutes, AFC then started to come into their own and from then on had the better of the first half chances. On 26 minutes, Roberts had acres of space to run into and after he cut inside from the left, he struck a 25-yard effort narrowly wide of Price's right hand post. And less than a minute later, Price was called into action to deny Sullivan. The striker's superb feet saw him dance past two defenders but the 'keeper denied him at the near post.

Hinckley needed to score while they were on top, and Sullivan continued to exploit a high line by finding space in behind the Alvechurch defence. First, he pulled back for Butler to shoot straight at Price when Seal was awaiting a cut-back, before dragging an effort of his own wide of the far post as Hinckley caused problems for their higher level opposition. But Abbott's side couldn't find an opener and they had to be resolute at the back as Alvechurch finished the half the stronger. Zak Foster's powerful low strike was beaten away by Whitcombe and David Bellis volleyed over via a deflection at the far post. The final chance of the half also fell Church's way as a clever corner routine found Jack Cresswell on the edge of the box, his curling effort pushed wide by Whitcombe.

It was an action packed first half that gave the impressive crowd their money's worth, but the start of the second was more sedate as both sides settled down after the re-start. It was the 58th minute before either side had a real sight of goal, which fell Hinckley's way as Butler curled a 25-yard free kick over. Alvechurch, though, showed why they were champions and weren't to pass up their next opportunity. They took control for the next 20 minutes and scored the opener shortly after the hour mark. Hinckley half-cleared a corner back out to the left wing, and March powerfully attacked the resulting delivery, heading home at the far post. Then, Danny Dubidat's snapshot ran across the face of goal without troubling Whitcombe as Alvechurch sought the second that would put them in control.

And, after Price denied Sullivan with a fine save, tipping around the post after super football between Sullivan and Roberts, Alvechurch did find that second goal. It came from Hinckley's defensive error as they failed to deal with a left wing free kick and left March in space six yards out. The winger had time to control before slamming over the advancing Whitcombe and into the roof of the net to double Alvechurch's lead.

As the game entered the final 15 minutes, only the post kept Hinckley in with a shout. Alvechurch broke forward at pace and substitute Mike Wardle's cross ran across the face of goal. Foster met it at the far post and prodded

goalbound, and the ball bounced onto the post before Butler hoofed clear. Abbott introduced Darius Darkin and Isaac Cooper from the bench in an attempt to get back into the game, and both had an impact late on. Hinckley were desperate to give their audible following something to shout about and for the final ten minutes threw everything at Alvechurch to try and salvage something from the game. They should have halved the deficit with five minutes to go but after great work by Cooper, Roberts side-footed wide of an open goal from six yards when it was easier to score.

As it was, the deficit was halved just two minutes later. Cooper was involved again, this time cutting back onto his right foot and delivering to the near post where Francis prodded home from six yards to give Hinckley hope. For the final three minutes of normal time and four minutes of stoppages, Hinckley gave their all but Alvechurch defended manfully and didn't give their opponents a sight of goal. And in the end, the Premier Division champions also became League Cup champions as Alvechurch lifted the trophy in front of their jubilant supporters.

Alvechurch: Ryan Price, Jamie Ashmore, Zak Foster, Tom Turton, Andrew Parsons, Jamie Willetts, David Bellis, Jack Cresswell (Babucar Sauane 70), Danny Dubidat, Connor Deards (Mike Wardle 64), Josh March (Ryan Winwood 82).
Subs not used: Mark Smith, Ryan Edmunds

Goals: Josh March (62, 73)

Hinckley: Haydn Whitcombe, Chad Degville-Cross (Darius Darkin 70), Lee Thomas, James Williams, Francino Francis, Andy Westwood, Lee Butler (Tom McCrystal 86), Ryan Seal, Javia Roberts, Paul Sullivan (Isaac Cooper 79), Sean Williams. Subs not used: Lewis Riley, Leadun Dunlevy

Goal: Francino Francis (87)

Attendance: 628

A great advert for the MFL and a huge credit to both sides and their supporters for making it a superb occasion. Alvechurch now go on to the final of the JW Hunt Cup next week at the Molineux to see if they can claim a treble. Considering Hinckley had less time to prepare for the game due to their late inclusion in the final, the casual observer would not have known this as they gave as good as they got against the MFL champions. Their supporters never stopped singing and they gave their team a huge ovation at the end of the game. A special mention to Carl Abbott, the Hinckley manager, who presented a young supporter with his medal after the presentation – a great gesture.

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**MIDLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE
POLYMAC PACKAGING LEAGUE CUP FINAL**

Monday 15th May 2017 • Kick-Off 7.30pm
Walsall F.C. – Banks's Stadium

Alvechurch FC v Hinckley AFC

Tuesday May 16th

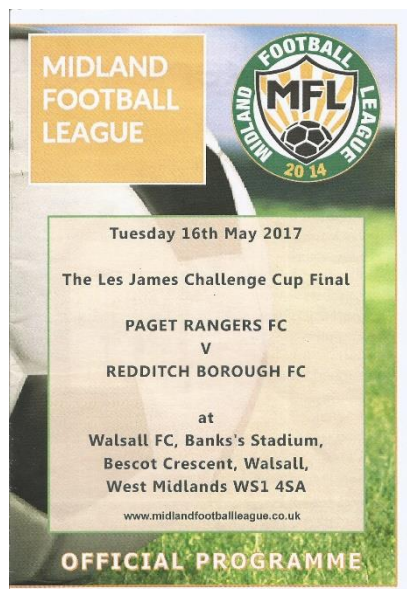
Les James Challenge Cup Final (79)

Paget Rangers 2 Redditch Borough 1

The MFL returned to the Banks's Stadium for the second of two finals in two nights. The promotion race from Division 2 has been one of the highlights this season with 4 points separating the top 4 clubs. Tonight's finalists finished in 2nd and 4th respectively with Redditch Borough winning both league games between the sides. With kick-off delayed due to traffic problems across the West Midlands, a healthy crowd was in place when the game started. Paget could have made the perfect start when hot shot Danny Carter had a great chance but delayed his shot allowing the defender to block. Redditch took the lead in the 7th minute and it came from a Paget corner. Redditch left three men up front and when the ball was cleared, Paget were on the back foot. Liam Fullerton raced down the right hand side with pace and power and his low cross was turned in at the far post by Billy Garvey. Ross Dempster was just off target for Paget with an effort from 25 yards. Carter set-up Dempster but his effort was easily held by Ryan Young. In the 14th minute, Carter thought he had equalised when his goalbound effort was brilliantly headed off the line. The impressive Garvey cut inside from the left and hit a shot which had Josh Bento beaten but it was just off target. In the 24th minute, Fullerton beat the offside trap and he was stopped by a superb challenge from Dean Crowley. Paget were creating chances but couldn't hit the target, George Smith having one of those days in front of goal. In the 32rd minute, Redditch should have doubled their lead. Fullerton again used his power to drive forward on the right hand side and in a carbon copy of the goal, crossed low for Garvey at the far post. Unfortunately for Redditch, this time the finish wasn't as good and the ball hit the outside of the post and away to safety. Rioual Kousseba-Bakala went on a trademark run forward, picked out Dempster who in turn found Smith. The midfielder failed to keep his shot down and it cleared the bar. Just before the break a cross shot from Courtney Sowe flashed past the post as Redditch looked for a second.

Paget started the second half brightly and an inviting cross from Dean Morris evaded every one. In the 56th minute, Paget were level. Morris took a free-kick from the right hand touchline and it was left by everyone as it found its way into the far corner of the net. Redditch responded and Billy Fagg cleared a shot from Matt Fearon off the line. The introduction of Myles Phipps added impetus for Paget. A cross from Phipps was perfect for Dempster but his first-time volley flew over the bar. In the 72nd minute, Phipps took aim and the faintest of deflections took the shot wide. At the other end, Ollie Saunders created space but his shot flew past Benton and the post. As the game neared the 90-minute mark, Dempster curled a shot just over the bar. Garvey had two chances for Redditch, the first being saved and the second curling past the post. In the 89th minute, Paget took the lead. A cross from Dempster was over the defender and Carter read the opportunity and headed the ball past Young. Redditch pushed for an equaliser but it was Paget that collected the Trophy after a wonderful final.

Another great advert not only for the MFL but for Division 2. Two good sides playing attractive football with no quarter asked or given.



Review

Premier Division

League Table

C	<u>Alvechurch</u>	42	28	8	6	91	33	58	92
2	<u>Coleshill Town</u>	42	27	5	10	109	59	50	86
3	<u>Sporting Khalsa</u>	42	24	10	8	92	50	42	82
4	<u>Lye Town</u>	42	22	10	10	73	45	28	76
5	<u>Westfields</u>	42	20	10	12	98	75	23	70
6	<u>Heanor Town</u>	42	20	9	13	87	65	22	69
7	<u>Highgate United</u>	42	18	9	15	84	71	13	63
8	<u>Coventry United</u>	42	18	8	16	63	57	6	62
9	<u>St Andrews</u>	42	18	8	16	86	88	-2	62
10	<u>Coventry Sphinx</u>	42	16	9	17	78	79	-1	57
11	<u>Quorn</u>	42	16	9	17	58	74	-16	57
12	<u>Boldmere St Michaels</u>	42	15	10	17	73	63	10	55
13	<u>Stourport Swifts</u>	42	14	11	17	73	83	-10	53
14	<u>Long Eaton United</u>	42	15	8	19	74	87	-13	53
15	<u>Shepshed Dynamo</u>	42	14	10	18	65	68	-3	52
16	<u>Rocester</u>	42	13	13	16	71	86	-15	52
17	<u>AFC Wulfrunians</u>	42	14	8	20	55	72	-17	50
18	<u>Loughborough University</u>	42	11	15	16	67	66	1	48
19	<u>Shawbury United</u>	42	14	5	23	69	91	-22	47
R	<u>Walsall Wood</u>	42	14	5	23	57	86	-29	47
R	<u>Brocton</u>	42	10	4	28	50	112	-62	34
R	<u>Tividale</u>	42	6	6	30	48	111	-63	24

Division 1

League Table

C	<u>Bromsgrove Sporting</u>	38	33	5	0	132	23	109	104
2	<u>Hinckley AFC</u>	38	27	4	7	133	47	86	85
3	<u>Leicester Road</u>	38	25	4	9	117	36	81	79
4	<u>Atherstone Town</u>	38	24	5	9	99	58	41	77
5	<u>Cadbury Athletic</u>	38	19	13	6	78	45	33	70
6	<u>Racing Club Warwick</u>	38	19	9	10	92	72	20	66
7	<u>Lichfield City</u>	38	17	7	14	66	61	5	58
8	<u>Heather St Johns</u>	38	17	4	17	67	69	-2	55
9	<u>Littleton</u>	38	16	4	18	64	64	0	52
10	<u>Nuneaton Griff</u>	38	15	6	17	71	76	-5	51
11	<u>Uttoxeter Town</u>	38	14	7	17	68	82	-14	49
12	<u>Coventry Copsewood</u>	38	14	5	19	74	90	-16	47
13	<u>Bolehall Swifts</u>	38	15	1	22	80	97	-17	46
14	<u>Heath Hayes</u>	38	12	8	18	67	69	-2	44
15	<u>Studley</u>	38	12	5	21	69	97	-28	41
16	<u>Stafford Town</u>	38	10	9	19	69	79	-10	39
17	<u>Chelmsley Town</u>	38	10	8	20	62	81	-19	38
18	<u>Pershore Town</u>	38	10	8	20	48	81	-33	38
R	<u>Pelsall Villa</u>	38	9	7	22	53	99	-46	34
R	<u>Southam United</u>	38	0	5	33	12	195	-183	5

Division 2

1	<u>Droitwich Spa</u>	30	20	5	5	80	31	49	65
2	<u>Paget Rangers</u>	30	20	4	6	93	40	53	64
3	<u>Alvis Sporting Club</u>	30	19	6	5	59	29	30	63
4	<u>Redditch Borough</u>	30	20	4	6	87	30	57	61 *
5	<u>Fairfield Villa</u>	30	17	4	9	75	51	24	55
6	<u>Knowle</u>	30	13	8	9	60	41	19	47
7	<u>Coton Green</u>	30	13	8	9	56	44	12	47
8	<u>Sutton United</u>	30	12	5	13	62	72	-10	40 *
9	<u>Earlswood Town</u>	30	11	5	14	49	53	-4	38
10	<u>Feckenham</u>	30	9	8	13	45	64	-19	35
11	<u>Smithswood Firs</u>	30	8	9	13	63	70	-7	33
12	<u>Barnt Green Spartak</u>	30	9	3	18	45	80	-35	30
13	<u>Bloxwich Town</u>	30	8	6	16	32	67	-35	30
14	<u>Hampton</u>	30	6	5	19	33	77	-44	23
15	<u>Leamington Hibernian</u>	30	6	4	20	38	79	-41	22
16	<u>Continental Star</u>	30	3	8	19	32	81	-49	17

Division 3

C <u>NKF Burbage</u>	26 22 4 0 76 14 62 70
P <u>Montpellier</u>	26 19 4 3 88 34 54 61
3 <u>Moors Academy</u>	25 17 3 5 68 38 30 54
4 <u>Northfield Town</u>	26 17 3 6 69 36 33 54
5 <u>Shipston Excelsior</u>	26 12 5 9 52 53 -1 41
6 <u>FC Stratford</u>	26 11 3 12 64 47 17 36
7 <u>Alcester Town</u>	26 10 5 11 34 32 2 35
8 <u>Inkberrow</u>	26 9 5 12 45 57 -12 32
9 <u>Coventrians</u>	26 9 3 14 50 72 -22 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>	26 3 4 19 34 89 -55 13

Challenge Vase Final

Match report courtesy of Base of The Pyramid

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<http://www.botp.co.uk/blog/do-you-know-who-i-am>

Challenge Vase Final - Sphinx Drive

Thursday evening isn't just the realm of the Europa League. So, whilst many were at home watching Manchester United plotting their back-door Champions League entry, the good people of Burbage and Northfield were making the journey South to Sphinx Drive, Coventry, where their teams were about to go head-to-head for the Midland League Challenge Vase. Having visited Sphinx Drive before (but never yet to see the landlords play there), I won't go into a ground description. I don't believe that a lot has changed since my last visit in November 2015, when I saw Coventry United beat Southam United.

Instead, let's take a little look at the history of the Challenge Vase, a competition that seems to have been around since the 1980/81 season when it was won by the aforementioned Southam United on penalties after a 4-4 draw with Kingsbury United. Since that time, the most successful Challenge Vase team has been Enville Athletic who have won the trophy twice and finished runners-up once. Three other sides, Earlswood Town, Handsaker and Marston Green, have all also won the trophy twice. Some notable names who have played in the Challenge Vase Final and gone on too much higher leagues are Stratford Town (winners in 1981/82) and Rugby Town (runners up in 2000/01). Stratford currently play in the Southern Premier and Rugby have just been relegated from Step 4 back into Step 5.

This year's final was to be competed by NKF Burbage and Northfield Town both of Midland League Division Three although, in NKF's case, not for much longer having won the Division by nine points. Northfield finished in fourth spot but only after a Midland League ruling put Moors Academy above them on a points per game basis. This came after Barton United resigned with one game to play, against Moors. The recalculation gave Moors a points per game of 2.16 and Northfield, 2.076. Burbage after transferring from The Leicestershire Senior League have gone through the entire season unbeaten and were, this evening, going for the treble. League title, Leicestershire Intermediate Cup and Challenge Vase. One last thing about Burbage. Until I started researching before the game I had always thought that NKF moniker sounded rather Eastern European and that, maybe, they originated from a works team. I found out that NKF in fact stands for National Kidney Federation and that the club aims to raise awareness of the NKF. A much, much better reason for the prefix than my made-up works team idea.

In contrast to the last time I was here, on a cold and wet November evening, there was some Spring sunshine reflecting on the yellow of Northfield and the Palmers-esque Orange and Black NFK kit as the teams made their way onto the pitch.

Northfield started much the stronger of the two sides, playing with just Daniel Lawrence up front but getting plenty of support up to him very quickly. In particular David Glaze looked dangerous, getting in two early efforts at goal, one over the top and the other straight at NKF 'keeper Alex Hill.

Having said that, after 19 minutes it was actually Burbage who came closest to, and really should have, opened the scoring when Jack Whitehurst headed over from an unmarked position in the six-yard box.

Three minutes later Glaze had yet another attempt from the edge of the box, this time firing just over the bar. Burbage then went straight up the other end and were only prevented from taking the lead by a fine save from Shaun Hayes.

Northfield were still looking the better team even though Burbage had created the two best scoring opportunities.

With half-time fast approaching it was looking like a goal-less first half until, on 43 minutes, a through ball found Burbage strike **Tom Smith** running into the Northfield box. He rounded the Hayes, who did well not to concede a penalty and get a certain red card, before finishing confidently. **1-0**.

We still had time for a little more action in the first half when a Northfield player went down holding his head after a challenge with Burbage centre-half Jordan Pickering. The Northfield players immediately indicated that an elbow had been used. The referee consulted with the fourth official before handing out a yellow to Pickering, much to the ire of the Northfield players and bench. (Thanks to @TomTomCOYY for immediately posting a Ronnie Pickering GIF at this point. Made me smile and gave me a blog title)

HT NKF Burbage 1 Northfield Town 0. A little bit harsh on Northfield who looked the better side for much of the half, although Burbage started to come back into it in the latter stages. The yellow card incident towards the end had clearly left a bad taste with the Northfield players and there were words exchanged as the players left the field.

Burbage were very quick out of the blocks for the second half, immediately putting Northfield on the back foot and creating a couple of half-decent chances. Northfield responded with a break of their own, ending with a shot flashing across the Burbage goal and wide for a goal-kick.

After the initial burst, the half settled down a little with Burbage now having the edge on possession.

After 50 minutes a free-kick from the Burbage right was met by a glancing header but the ball went narrowly wide of Hayes' right-hand post but, in the main, there followed a fifteen minute period of fairly evenly balanced play.

On 67 minutes Northfield, trying to play their way out of defence, gave the ball away cheaply and were made to pay. Alex Coultas played a lovely ball across the Northfield box and **Oliver Bradshaw** was there to stroke the ball home. **2-0**.

The goal seemed to shake Northfield and almost straight from kick-off they almost conceded again. This time, after giving away a free-kick on their left, they completely switched off to the quickly taken kick. The ball was drilled across the box for Whitehurst who, somehow, managed to miss his second sitter of the game. It really wasn't his day in front of goal. The Northfield bench and their captain were quick to respond, getting out a message to the players that there was still 20 minutes left and they were still in the game.

On 82 minutes they very nearly got a foothold back in the game, forcing Hill to make a very good save to prevent them from scoring. Then, on the 86th minute we had another couple of minutes of extraordinary action. Following the award of a corner to Northfield there was a bit of jostling in the box and a Burbage player was left on the ground. It was at the far end from where I was standing, so I had no clear view of the incident. The referee, however, had no real hesitation in showing a red card to Northfield's Wayne Boyce. There wasn't too much in the way of complaints, so I am guessing that it was a deserved dismissal.

Even while the dismissed player was still walking around the edge of the pitch to the changing rooms his team got themselves a goal back from the corner. The ball was cleared to the edge of the box where **Will Parker** was on hand to fire it back past Hill. **2-1**

This was the fillip that Town needed and, even a player light, they proceeded to take the game to their opponents, coming very close to an equaliser in the last minute when a header appeared to glance the post on it's way out for a goal kick. In the end it was one step too far for Northfield and the referee blew to end the game.

FT NKF Burbage 2 Northfield Town 1. Congratulations to NKF Burbage. Treble winners and a whole season without defeat. A great feat at any level.

Other Cups

Redditch Borough lifted the Evesham Hospital Junior Cup, beating **Inkberrow** 2-1 at the home of Evesham United.

Coton Green were beaten in the final of the Birmingham FA Vase by West Midlands regional league Wednesfield. Wednesfield won 2-0 in the final played at Birmingham County FA Headquarters.

Reserves

1	<u>Gresley Reserves</u>	18	14	1	3	56	26	30	43
2	<u>Walsall Wood Reserves</u>	18	12	2	4	49	27	22	38
3	<u>Cadbury Athletic Reserves</u>	18	10	4	4	38	27	11	34
4	<u>Rocester Reserves</u>	18	9	4	5	53	28	25	31
5	<u>Romulus Reserves</u>	18	9	2	7	48	50	-2	29
6	<u>Continental Star Reserves</u>	18	5	6	7	34	35	-1	21
7	<u>Coton Green Reserves</u>	18	5	4	9	27	34	-7	19
8	<u>Lichfield City Reserves</u>	18	4	3	11	41	59	-18	15
9	<u>Brocton Reserves</u>	18	3	4	11	40	58	-18	13
10	<u>Tipton Town Reserves</u>	18	3	2	13	27	69	-42	11

Leading scorers

Josh Dutton	Gresley	29	Romano Graham	Walsall Wood	23
Kieran Smith	Brocton	21	Ezekiel Agyemang	Tipton Town	19
Anthony Smith	Romulus	16	Sam Hammerton	Gresley	15
Stephen Wilkins	Lichfield City	15	Chad Barrett	Cadbury Athletic	15
Zain Thomas	Romulus	14	Daniel Craythorne	Lichfield City	14
Terence Davies	Tipton Town	14	Oliver Roome	Rocester	13
Nathan McBean	Continental Star	13	Kane Lee	Gresley	13
Ronan Ward	Continental Star	12	Jorge Eley	Rocester	11
Jevaughni Robinson	Cadbury Athletic	10	Lukas Putka	Brocton	9
Keiran Briscoe	Romulus	9	James Reid	Continental Star	9

Under 21

The Challenge Bowl went the way of **Aylestone Park**, needing a penalty shoot out to beat **Tamworth**. Aylestone Park took a 2-0 lead but Tamworth came back and an equaliser in the 3rd minute of time added on ensured that extra-time and subsequent penalties would be required to settle the game.

U21 North

U21 South

1 <u>Aylestone Park U21</u>	12 7 2 3 38 22 16 23	1 <u>Coventry United U21</u>	18 13 3 2 64 15 49 42
2 <u>Tamworth U21</u>	11 7 1 3 42 14 28 22	2 <u>Kettering Town U21</u>	18 13 0 5 52 29 23 39
3 <u>Heath Hayes U21</u>	11 5 4 2 30 27 3 19	3 <u>Bedworth United U21</u>	18 11 1 6 55 29 26 34
4 <u>Brocton U21</u>	12 4 5 3 22 24 -2 17	4 <u>Alvechurch U21</u>	18 10 3 5 45 24 21 33
5 <u>Coleshill Town U21</u>	12 5 1 6 23 21 2 16	5 <u>Bromsgrove Sporting U21</u>	18 9 2 7 34 30 4 29
6 <u>Sutton Coldfield Town U21</u>	12 4 2 6 31 36 -5 14	6 <u>H.O.W. Academy U21</u>	18 6 3 9 37 39 -2 21
7 <u>Leek Town U21</u>	10 0 1 9 8 50 -42 1	7 <u>Kings Heath Concorde U21</u>	18 6 3 9 22 37 -15 21
		8 <u>Highgate United U21</u>	18 5 2 11 16 34 -18 17
		9 <u>AFC Rushden & Diamonds U21</u>	18 5 1 12 24 65 -41 16
		10 <u>Droitwich Spa BG U21</u>	18 2 2 14 20 67 -47 8

Leading scorers

Reece Snape	Coventry United	36	James McGrady	Heath Hayes	34
James Parker	Aylestone Park	30	Ryan Palmer	Coventry United	19
Lewis Ludford	Coventry United	19	John Dodd	Tamworth	18
Nathaniel McKenzie	Tamworth	17	Jacob Dodds	Bedworth United	17
Bailey Beddows	H.O.W. Academy	15	Nathan Cadby	Bedworth	15
Smith Harvey	Sutton Coldfield	14	Regan Smith	Heath Hayes	14
Brad Rolston	Heath Hayes	14	Jordan Wilson	Kettering Town	13
Ryan Sappleton-Williams	Sutton Coldfield	13	Emil Fedotovs	Sutton Coldfield	13
Aaron Opoku	Tamworth	13	Odane Campbell	Alvechurch	12
Jack Tonks	Brocton	12	Bailey Fuller	H.O.W. Academy	12
Michael Wright	Tamworth	12	Ben Cooling	Heath Hayes	12
Keaton Francis-Balou	Coventry United	12	Ashley Hewitt	Kettering Town	12
Rhys Dowds	Aylestone Park	12	James Douglas	Alvechurch	11
Josh Oultram	Leek Town	11	Callum Harper	H.O.W. Academy	11
Ryan Murphy	Bedworth United	10	Jack Cook	Tamworth	10
Mikey Schultes	AFC R&D	10	Henry Limpitshi	Kettering Town	10
Daryl Charman	Alvechurch	10			

Premier Division – Leading goal scorers

Shay Brennan	St Andrews	42	
David Meese	Sporting Khalsa	35	
Josh March	Alvechurch	34	
Richard Greaves	Westfields	28	
Lei Brown	Highgate United	27	
Dean Rathbone	Coleshill Town	26	
Nathan Hodge	Shawbury United	25	
Craig Jones	Westfields	25	
Marco Adaggio	Highgate United	25	
Ben Billingham	Lye Town	23	
Jack Till	Lye Town	23	
Ryan Harkin	Coventry Sphinx	22	
Mykel Beckley	Coleshill Town, Coventry United	22	
Nathan Dale	Quorn	22	
Callum Riddell	Rocester	21	
Jordan Nadat	Alvechurch, Coleshill Town	20	(now Hednesford Town)
Kieran Debrouwer	Heanor Town	19	
Elliott Reeves	Heanor Town	19	
Andrew Bridge	Loughborough University	18	
Aidan Thomas	Westfields	18	
Daniel Dubidat	Alvechurch	17	
Michael Reeve	Shepshed Dynamo	17	
Drew Aiton	Walsall Wood	16	
Joe Phillips	Stourport Swifts	16	
Reece Leek	Coleshill Town	16	
Sam Hollis	St Andrews	16	
Elliot Putman	St Andrews	16	
Joey Butlin	Walsall Wood	15	
Stuart Capaldi	Boldmere St Michaels	15	

Division 1 – leading goal scorers

Ryan Seal	Hinckley AFC	56	
Alex Naughton	Atherstone Town	51	
Jason Cowley	Bromsgrove Sporting	42	
Matthew Stenson	Leicester Road	39	
Sam Agar	Hinckley AFC	30	
Wade Malley	Racing Club Warwick	28	
Paul Sullivan	Hinckley AFC	27	
Matt Brennan	Nuneaton Griff	24	
Gareth Evans	Pershore Town, Studley	24	
Connoll Farrell	Studley, Coventry Copsewood	23	
David Akinuli	Coventry Copsewood	20	
Chris Lloyd	Bromsgrove Sporting	20	
Luke Lewis	Uttoxeter Town	19	
Tom Bates	Nuneaton Griff	19	
Sean Brain	Bromsgrove Sporting, Littleton	19	
Jamie Clarke	Pershore Town	18	
Joe Obi	Bolehall Swifts	18	
Kyle Turner	Atherstone Town, Bolehall Swifts	18	
Jake Lovatt	Uttoxeter Town	18	
Daniel Carter	Littleton	17	
Jamie Smith	Racing Club Warwick	17	
Jake Holt	Leicester Road	17	
Joel Ambalu	Heather St Johns	16	(now Coleshill Town)
Odane Barnes	Cadbury Athletic	15	
Ben Lund	Lichfield City	15	
Javia Roberts	Hinckley AFC	15	
Tom McGlinchey	Leicester Road	15	
Andy Nicol	Bromsgrove Sporting	14	

Division 2 – leading goal scorers

Daniel Carter	Paget Rangers	44	
Connor Collins	Fairfield Villa	35	
Nick Seabourne	Droitwich Spa	26	
Mark Bellingham	Paget Rangers	24	
Ross Dempster	Paget Rangers	24	
Dildale Linton	Alvis Sporting Club	23	
Liam Fullerton	Redditch Borough	22	
Thomas Craine	Knowle	18	(now Bromsgrove)
Andrew Millan	Coton Green	18	
Dan Pidgeon	Alvis Sporting Club	18	
Pedro Douglas	Continental Star	17	
James Lemon	Droitwich Spa	16	
Billy Garvey	Redditch Borough	17	
Jak Albutt	Redditch Borough	15	
George Ford	Sutton United	15	(now Chelmsley Town)
Joshua Sherington	Coton Green	15	
Tyron Smith	Smithswood Firs	15	
Martin Crawford	Smithswood Firs	13	
Jack Brimmell	Feckenham	13	
Sam Hulme	Smithswood Firs	12	
Michael Quirke	Alvis Sporting Club	12	
Gareth Hodgetts	Redditch Borough	12	
Josh Duggan	Sutton United	11	
Nathan Corry	Knowle	11	
Jamie Hatfield	Redditch Borough	11	
Ellis Blakemore	Fairfield Villa	11	
Steve Joynes	Redditch Borough	11	

Division 3

Stuart Hendrie	Montpellier	40
Dale Wigmore	Coventrians	22
Daniel Priest	Northfield Town	20
Jay Tilbury	FC Stratford	19
Jess Adcock	NKF Burbage	19
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
Lewis Jones	Northfield Town	12
Ashley Wilkes	FC Stratford	12
Liam Connolly	Coventrians	11
Alex Coultas	NKF Burbage	11
Thomas Cuppleditch	Coventrians	11
Nathan Astill	NKF Burbage	11
Paddy Behan	Northfield Town	10
Lewis Chester	Coventrians	10
Jake Harris	Shipston Excelsior	10
Romario Martin	Moors Academy	10
Charlie Adcock	NKF Burbage	10
Josh Parsons	Moors Academy	10
Lewis Fathers	Shipston Excelsior / FC Stratford	9
Lee Hendrie	Montpellier	9
Daniel Moore	Castle Vale Town	9
Tyrese Shade	Moors Academy	9
Freddy Murphy	king FC Stratford	9
Kyle Hudlin	Castle Vale Town	9

Leading scorers – League games only

Premier Division

Josh March	Alvechurch	31
Shay Brennan	St Andrews	31
David Meese	Sporting Khalsa	28
Ben Billingham	Lye Town	22
Mykel Beckley	Coventry United, Coleshill Town	22

Division 1

Alex Naughton	Atherstone Town	47
Ryan Seal	Hinckley AFC	40
Matt Stenson	Leicester Road	34
Jason Cowley	Bromsgrove Sporting	33
Wade Malley	Racing Club Warwick	28

Division 2

Danny Carter	Paget Rangers	27
Connor Collins	Fairfield Villa	24
Nick Seabourne	Droitwich Spa	24

Division 3

Stuart Hendrie	Montpellier	34
Dale Wigmore	Coventrians	15
Jay Tilbury	FC Stratford	14
Daniel Priest	Northfield Town	14

