



Midland Football League

Newsletter

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League News

There have been several questions of late regarding promotion and relegation involving Step 5 & Step 6. I will try and explain how it is likely to work.

Step 5 Promotion

With a new Step 4 being introduced, extra teams are needed at Step 4. The first way the FA are doing this is to do away with automatic relegation from the seven Step 4 leagues.

The Clubs finishing in last place in each of the seven divisions at Step 4 at the end of the Regular Season will take part in Step 4/5 Play Off matches against a Step 5 Club. A total of 24 Clubs will be automatically promoted to Step 4.

These Clubs will be:

LEAGUE	POSITION
Combined Counties League	Champion Club
Eastern Counties League	Champion Club
Essex Senior League	Champion Club
Hellenic League	Champion Club
Midland League	Champion Club
North West Counties League	Champion Club, 2nd and 3rd placed Clubs
Northern League	Champion Club, 2nd and 3rd placed Clubs
Northern Counties East League	Champion Club, 2nd and 3rd placed Clubs
Southern Counties East League	Champion Club
Spartan South Midlands League	Champion Club
Southern Combination	Champion Club
United Counties League	Champion Club
Wessex League	Champion Club
Western League	Champion Club

In addition to the above, the remaining second placed Clubs will be ranked on points per game (then goal difference, then goals scored if required) with the four highest placed Clubs also receiving automatic promotion.

The remaining seven second placed Clubs will take part in the Step 4/5 Play Off matches on a single match basis at the ground of the Step 4 Club they are drawn against. Where possible, the draw for the Play Off matches will be regionalised. The winners of these Step 4/5 Play Off matches will be allocated to Step 4.

The Clubs to be promoted from Step 5 will be allocated to the most geographically appropriate division at Step 4.

A Club promoted to Step 4 shall comply with the Licencing System provision as set out in Appendix 1 to the Standardised Rules. If we take the league tables on a points per game basis, the 11 runners up are currently as follows: -

Western League	Plymouth Parkway	2.60
Hellenic	Binfield	2.45
Essex Senior	Hashtag United	2.435
Wessex League	Alresford Town	2.186
Southern Combination	Eastbourne Town	2.167
United Counties	Holbeach United	2.137
Spartan South Midlands	Tring Athletic	2.107
Southern Counties East	Corinthian	2.09
Eastern Counties	Wroxham	2.09
MFL	Coventry United	2.074
Combined Counties League	Spelthorne Sports	1.926

The sides highlighted would all gain automatic promotion with the remaining seven in a one off play off against The Step 4 bottom sides (away from home). They are currently Romford, East Grinstead Town, Northwood, Wisbech Town, Pickering Town, Wantage Town and Barnstaple Town.

I have no idea whether this is drawn out of a hat or is based on geographic location.

Step 5 Relegation

With so many teams getting promoted, and with two new Step 5 leagues being created, extra teams are needed for next season in Step 5. As a result, the number of relegation spots has reduced to one for this season. However, there is the possibility that the MFL will not relegate anyone this season.

The side finishing bottom in each of the fourteen Step 5 divisions will be ranked on a PPG basis. The two sides with the best PPG will be reprieved, the other 12 will be relegated.

If we take the league tables on a points per game basis, the 14 lowest ranked sides are currently as follows: -

Eastern Counties	Gorleston	0.708
Northern	Thornaby	0.667
North West Counties	Litherland REMYCA	0.667
MFL	Selston	0.523
Combined Counties League	CB Hounslow United	0.517
Northern Counties East	Athersley Recreation	0.48
Spartan South Midlands	London Colney	0.48
Western League	Odd Down	0.40
Hellenic	Holmer Green	0.375
Southern Combination	Loxwood	0.375
Wessex League	Amesbury Town	0.32
Essex Senior	Sawbridgeworth Town	0.307
United Counties	Pinchbeck United	0.25
Southern Counties East	Greenwich Borough	0.00 (folded)

Gorleston would be reprieved while Thornaby and Litherland REMYCA have identical records. The PPG are so tight and a couple of wins either way could change the complexion completely.

Step 6 promotion

Despite relegation from Step 5 being reduced, a lot of extra teams are needed for next season in Step 5. Therefore, the top **FOUR** teams from each Step 6 division will be promoted at the end of the season. The only exception is in the two South West Peninsula divisions which will promote two sides from each of their divisions.

Obviously, this will have a major impact on our Premier Division next season.

In the Premier Division we currently have 20 teams. We will lose at least one team who will be promoted to Step 4. With the West Midlands Regional League and the East Midlands Counties league, 12 clubs will be promoted from what are our traditional feeders. Obviously, they can't all take their place in our Premier Division

This is why it is important to remember that you get actually get promoted / relegated from a Step to Step perspective, not from a league to league perspective.

Step 6 relegation

At the end of the Regular Playing Season the Clubs in the bottom two positions of each of the twenty Step 6 divisions will be liable to relegation.

All Step 7 Clubs seeking promotion to Step 6 must make application using the prescribed form direct to The Association, copied to their existing League, by 31st December in the relevant year.

In order to be considered for promotion Clubs must finish in 1st position in their Step 7 league. If the Club finishing in 1st position does not wish to be promoted or fails to meet the entry criteria, then the club finishing in 2nd position will be eligible for promotion. If the club in 2nd position does not seek promotion or fails to meet the entry criteria, then clubs down to 5th position may be considered for promotion provided that they meet the appropriate entry criteria. Clubs finishing below 5th position may not be considered for promotion and, for this season only, more than one club may be considered from each League. Each application must be accompanied by the agreed application fee, as determined by the Committee, which is non-refundable.

No more than 40 Clubs will be promoted from Step 7. If more than 40 Clubs are eligible for promotion, they will be chosen based on a points per match basis. Where the eligible Clubs count does not reach 40 in number, reprieves of Step 6 Clubs shall come into effect on a points per match basis.

I hope this helps. It is not clear and, for the second season running, will be based on points per game rather than points gained on the park. While we appreciate the strength in depth of the MFL, when PPG is used, it is at a detriment to a strong competition such as ours.

For details of the FA official documentation please go to
<https://resources.thefa.com/images/ftimages/data/league2829940/79098.pdf>

Review

Premier Division

All of Saturday's games fell foul to Storm Dennis.

On Monday, **Romulus** twice came from behind to draw 2-2 at home to **Worcester City**. The result leaves Romulus in 5th place.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Coventry United</u>	27	17	5	5	54	29	25	56
2	<u>Newark Flowserve</u>	26	16	3	7	57	35	22	51
3	<u>Heather St. John's</u>	26	15	5	6	49	27	22	50
4	<u>Sporting Khalsa</u>	23	16	1	6	62	25	37	49
5	<u>Romulus</u>	26	15	3	8	60	36	24	48
6	<u>Stourport Swifts</u>	26	12	7	7	39	33	6	43
7	<u>Boldmere St Michaels</u>	27	12	6	9	46	42	4	42
8	<u>Walsall Wood</u>	22	12	4	6	43	30	13	40
9	<u>Long Eaton United</u>	25	11	4	10	57	48	9	37
10	<u>South Normanton Athletic</u>	23	9	7	7	36	34	2	34
11	<u>Worcester City</u>	25	9	6	10	50	40	10	33
12	<u>Highgate United</u>	27	10	5	12	39	46	-7	32
13	<u>A F C Wulfrunians</u>	27	9	5	13	42	50	-8	32
14	<u>Coventry Sphinx</u>	21	7	5	9	30	52	-22	26
15	<u>Haughmond</u>	26	7	5	14	36	59	-23	26
16	<u>Tividale</u>	22	6	6	10	28	32	-4	24
17	<u>Racing Club Warwick</u>	23	6	6	11	24	51	-27	24
18	<u>Gresley</u>	24	3	6	15	27	46	-19	15
19	<u>Lye Town</u>	25	4	2	19	28	59	-31	14
20	<u>Selston</u>	21	2	5	14	25	58	-33	11

* Adjustment made

Division 1

Three games survived Storm Dennis thanks to 3G/4G pitches. **Atherstone Town** closed to within four points of the top four with a 3-0 win at **Stafford Town**. The Adders found Stafford keeper Samuel Amedu in superb form and it took till just before the break to pen the scoring through Perry Cotton. Ryan Harkin helped himself to a brace in the second-half but Amedu was the star performer making a number of superb saves. 2nd placed **Brocton** drew 1-1 with 5th placed **Lichfield City** at The City Ground. Connor Haddaway opened the scoring for the visitors just after half-time. Lichfield equalised late on through Jordan Hunt while Brocton finished the game with ten men. **Chelmsley Town** remain three points above the relegation zone as they were beaten 2-0 at Pack Meadow by **Kirby Muxloe**.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Leicester Road</u>	28	21	4	3	84	20	64	67
2	<u>Brocton</u>	27	18	2	7	79	38	41	56
3	<u>Studley</u>	24	16	4	4	52	21	31	52
4	<u>Uttoxeter Town</u>	24	17	1	6	59	34	25	52
5	<u>Lichfield City</u>	28	16	3	9	59	39	20	51
6	<u>Atherstone Town</u>	22	15	3	4	70	24	46	48
7	<u>Hinckley AFC</u>	24	11	4	9	46	38	8	37
8	<u>Rocester</u>	27	10	6	11	43	53	-10	36
9	<u>Stapenhill</u>	24	10	4	10	49	38	11	34
10	<u>G N P Sports</u>	22	11	1	10	37	37	0	34
11	<u>Kirby Muxloe</u>	25	10	3	12	46	52	-6	33
12	<u>Heath Hayes</u>	27	10	3	14	47	54	-7	33
13	<u>NKF Burbage</u>	27	10	2	15	43	55	-12	32
14	<u>Ashby Ivanhoe</u>	21	10	1	10	32	41	-9	31
15	<u>Coventry Copsewood</u>	26	9	2	15	38	59	-21	29
16	<u>Paget Rangers</u>	26	7	5	14	41	64	-23	26
17	<u>Cadbury Athletic</u>	24	7	3	14	38	50	-12	24
18	<u>Chelmsley Town</u>	27	7	2	18	27	65	-38	23
19	<u>Nuneaton Griff</u>	28	5	5	18	31	80	-49	20
20	<u>Stafford Town</u>	29	4	4	21	26	85	-59	16

Division 2

Solihull United extended their lead to four points with a 3-2 win over **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons**. Kyle Hudlin scored twice for Boldmere. **Redditch Borough** are off the mark and off the bottom of the table following a 5-3 win at **Lane Head**. Will Skelton scored twice to lift Redditch to within four points of Lane Head with nine games in hand.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Solihull United</u>	20	15	1	4	68	29	39	46
2	<u>Knowle</u>	18	13	3	2	48	24	24	42
3	<u>Northfield Town</u>	17	11	4	2	50	14	36	37
4	<u>Feckenham</u>	16	10	3	3	44	18	26	33
5	<u>Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons</u>	19	9	4	6	51	26	25	31
6	<u>F C Stratford</u>	16	10	1	5	37	23	14	31
7	<u>Coton Green</u>	20	10	1	9	50	40	10	31
8	<u>Coventry Alvis</u>	13	6	2	5	32	24	8	20
9	<u>Fairfield Villa</u>	16	6	2	8	25	36	-11	20
10	<u>Barnt Green Spartak</u>	13	5	2	6	26	31	-5	17
11	<u>Hampton</u>	16	4	3	9	25	35	-10	15
12	<u>Alcester Town</u>	15	4	3	8	24	40	-16	15
13	<u>Earlswood Town</u>	10	4	1	5	13	15	-2	13
14	<u>Lane Head</u>	21	2	2	17	31	92	-61	8
15	<u>Redditch Borough</u>	12	1	1	10	16	48	-32	4
16	<u>Bolehall Swifts</u>	14	1	1	12	8	53	-45	4

Division 3

Castle Vale Town climbed to 14th with a 4-3 win over bottom club **Shipston Excelsior**.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	<u>Sutton United</u>	16	13	2	1	60	14	46	41	
2	<u>Inkberrow</u>	15	12	2	1	64	16	48	38	
3	<u>Welland</u>	17	9	2	6	36	33	3	29	
4	<u>Continental Star</u>	21	10	1	10	57	57	0	28	*
5	<u>F C Shush</u>	15	8	1	6	36	30	6	25	
6	<u>Coventrians</u>	12	6	4	2	33	22	11	22	
7	<u>Coventry Plumbing</u>	9	7	0	2	35	14	21	21	
8	<u>Central Ajax</u>	11	6	3	2	22	16	6	21	
9	<u>Birmingham Tigers</u>	13	6	2	5	29	17	12	20	
10	<u>Upton Town</u>	17	5	4	8	20	38	-18	19	
11	<u>Enville Athletic</u>	12	4	4	4	20	14	6	16	
12	<u>Leamington Hibernian</u>	16	5	1	10	23	37	-14	16	
13	<u>W L V Sport</u>	16	5	1	10	24	50	-26	16	
14	<u>Castle Vale Town</u>	22	4	3	15	28	70	-42	15	
15	<u>A F C Solihull</u>	16	4	2	10	25	36	-11	14	
16	<u>Shipston Excelsior</u>	18	2	2	14	24	72	-48	8	

* Adjustment made

Division 4 / reserves

All games postponed

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Tamworth Academy</u>	9	8	1	0	40	8	32	25
2	<u>Sporting Club Inkberrow</u>	9	7	0	2	32	10	22	21
3	<u>Coton Green Saturday Reserves</u>	13	6	1	6	29	30	-1	19
4	<u>Worcester City Reserves</u>	12	6	1	5	29	30	-1	19
5	<u>Uttoxeter Town Reserves</u>	10	5	2	3	21	18	3	17
6	<u>Bartley Reds</u>	11	4	2	5	23	33	-10	14
7	<u>Redditch United Reserves</u>	10	3	1	6	18	28	-10	10
8	<u>Gresley Reserves</u>	7	3	0	4	20	17	3	9
9	<u>Fairfield Villa Reserves</u>	6	2	2	2	14	14	0	8
10	<u>Cadbury Athletic Reserves</u>	11	2	2	7	18	41	-23	8
11	<u>Nuneaton Griff Reserves</u>	8	1	0	7	13	28	-15	3

Under 21 East

UNDER 21 DIVISION EAST

Beaumont Park	4	v	0	Allextion & New Parks
Heather St Johns	P	v	P	FCV Stamford
L F E Academy	2	v	2	AFC Rushden & Diamonds Elite
Milton Keynes College	2	v	3	Bedworth United
N K F Burbage	P	v	P	Silhill

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Quorn U21</u>	20	14	2	4	70	40	30	44
2	<u>Beaumont Park U21</u>	15	9	6	0	70	29	41	33
3	<u>Heather St. John's U21</u>	16	9	4	3	44	28	16	31
4	<u>Bedworth United U21</u>	16	9	3	4	48	21	27	30
5	<u>Leicester Football Education Academy U21</u>	15	9	3	3	40	21	19	30
6	<u>FCV Stamford U21</u>	15	8	3	4	31	27	4	27
7	<u>Allextion & New Parks U21</u>	17	6	5	6	43	43	0	23
8	<u>Milton Keynes College U21</u>	15	6	1	8	45	47	-2	19
9	<u>Silhill U21</u>	14	5	1	8	26	39	-13	16
10	<u>AFC Rushden & Diamonds U21</u>	20	3	5	12	32	51	-19	14
11	<u>NKF Burbage U21</u>	18	4	2	12	18	64	-46	14
12	<u>Nuneaton Borough U21</u>	11	3	4	4	23	26	-3	13
13	<u>Leicester Road U21</u>	17	1	6	10	28	56	-28	9
14	<u>Leicester Nirvana U21</u>	11	0	3	8	20	46	-26	3

Under 21 West

UNDER 21 DIVISION WEST

AFC Birmingham	P	v	P	Droitwich Spa G & B
Boldmere St Michaels	0	v	4	Rushall Olympic
Brocton	P	v	P	Sutton Coldfield Town
Chasetown	0	v	1	Lichfield City
Worcester City	0	v	2	Kidderminster Harriers

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Kidderminster Harriers U21</u>	16	13	0	3	62	19	43	39
2	<u>Rushall Olympic U21</u>	17	12	2	3	55	28	27	38
3	<u>Halesowen Town U21</u>	15	11	2	2	42	21	21	35
4	<u>Droitwich Spa BG U21</u>	16	10	1	5	42	25	17	31
5	<u>Sutton Coldfield Town U21</u>	17	7	2	8	29	37	-8	23
6	<u>Stourport Swifts U21</u>	18	6	3	9	31	38	-7	21
7	<u>Boldmere St Michaels U21</u>	18	7	0	11	29	38	-9	21
8	<u>A F C Birmingham Youth Development U21</u>	16	7	0	9	35	50	-15	21
9	<u>Lichfield City U21</u>	19	4	4	11	26	56	-30	16
10	<u>Worcester City U21</u>	17	5	3	9	28	41	-13	15
11	<u>Chasetown U21</u>	13	4	0	9	20	26	-6	12
12	<u>Brocton U21</u>	16	3	3	10	19	39	-20	9

* Adjustment made

Other Fixtures

Derbyshire Senior Cup Semi-Final

South Normanton Athletic are through to the final at Pride Park with an excellent 2-1 win at Step 3 Matlock Town. The Shiners scored twice in four second half minutes through Dominic Allen and Richard Hanslow and were never headed.

Shropshire Huddersfield Cup

Haughmond entertained AFC Bridgnorth and after a goal apiece inside the opening two minutes, it looked odds on at being a goalfest. No further goals materialised however, and it was the WMRL side that went through winning 6-5 on penalties.

Golden Boot – League games only

Premier Division

Niall Towle	Long Eaton United	22
Kieran Clarke	Heather St Johns	17
Sean Brain	Worcester City	15
David Kolodynski	Long Eaton United	15

Division 1

Regan Smith	Brocton	28
Matt Langham	Leicester Road	25
Ryan Quinn	Atherstone Town	16
Dean Williams	Heath Hayes	16
George Bosworth	Kirby Muxloe	15

Division 2

Kyle Hudlin	Boldmere Sports	24
Sam Wills	Northfield Town	13
Paul Bonar	Coton Green	11
Costelus Lautaru	Solihull United	11

Division 3

Nathan Davies	Inkberrow	19
Nathan McGarrity	Coventrians	14
Jordan Lovell	Continental Star	13
Kelvin Oshenye	Sutton United	13
Ben Thomas	Inkberrow	13

Division 4

Alex Bullock	Sporting Club Inkberrow	12
Aaron Brett	Worcester City	9
Chandler Pegg	Tamworth Academy	9
Mohamed Konteh	Redditch United	8

Under 21

Josh Crossley	Quorn	21
Brandon Beardmore	Heather St Johns, FCV Stamford	15
Ben Tansley	Allexton & New Parks	15

Premier Division

Niall Towle	Long Eaton United	30	
Kieron Clarke	Heather St Johns	25	
Richard Hanslow	South Normanton Ath	20	
Ben Hutchinson	Newark Flowserve	20	
David Kolodynski	Long Eaton United	19	
Sean Brain	Worcester City	18	
Simeon Cobourne	Romulus	18	now Halesowen Town
Kyle Byrne	Boldmere St Michaels	14	
Stuart Hendrie	Highgate United	14	
Jordan Nadat	Romulus	14	
Jack Skinner	Boldmere St Michaels	14	
Dan Smith	Tividale	14	
Demetri Brown	Worcester City	13	
Matt Gardner	Coventry United	13	
Zak Goodson	Newark Flowserve	13	
Josh McKenzie	Sporting Khalsa	13	
Gurjit Singh	Sporting Khalsa	13	
Martin Smyth	South Normanton Ath	13	
Dan Westwood	Sporting Khalsa	13	
Darragh Bustin	Tividale	12	
Malachi Farquharson	Heather St Johns	12	
Owen Parry	Boldmere St Michaels	12	
Joey Butlin	Walsall Wood	11	
Kyle Dixon	Newark Flowserve	11	
Jordan Harrison	Worcester City	11	
Jumaane Meggoe	AFC Wulfrunians	11	
Kienan Palmer	Lichfield City, Lye Town	11	

Division 1

Matt Langham	Leicester Road	36
Regan Smith	Brocton	32
Joe Obi	Atherstone Town	22
George Bosworth	Kirby Muxloe	21
Chris Lloyd	GNP Sports	21
Mark Magee	Lye Town, Studley	21
Jordan Dodd	Rocester	18
Jake Avery	Uttoxeter Town	17
Dale Edwards	Studley	17
Ryan Quinn	Atherstone Town	17
Ryan King	Stapenhill	16
Dean Williams	Heath Hayes	16
Simon Alcott	Leicester Road	15
Harvey Smith	Studley	15
Dan Carter	Studley	14
Connor Haddaway	Brocton	14
Alex Naughton	Atherstone Town	14
Sam Belcher	Atherstone Town	13
Liam Read	Leicester Road	13
Callum Riddell	Stapenhill	13
Benn Minshull	Ashby Ivanhoe	12
James Curley	Uttoxeter Town	11
Nuno Gomes	Leicester Road	11
James Taylor	Lichfield City	11

Division 2

Kyle Hudlin	Boldmere Sports	25
Louis Bridges	Knowle	22
Sam Wills	Northfield Town	17
Stanley Anaebonam	Solihull United	16
Costelus Lautaru	Solihull United	15
Cameron Seivwright	Hampton	15
Tyrike Richards	Coventry Alvis	14
Reuel Prescod	Barnt Green Spartak	13
Paul Bonar	Coton Green	12
James Gifford	FC Stratford	12
Charlie Griffiths	Knowle	12
Dale Linton	Coventry Alvis	12
Tom Craine	Northfield Town	11
Ross Dempster	Paget/Heather/Fairfield	11
Dan Murphy	Feckenham	11
Ash Wilkes	FC Stratford	11
Jake Brown	Alcester Town	10
Curvin Ellis	RC Warwick, Coton Green	10
Lewis Ludford	Coventry Alvis	10
Wade Malley	Alcester Town	10
Ethan Muckley	Northfield Town	10
Ryan Palmer	Coventry Sphinx/Alvis	10
Gerrard Sam	Solihull United	10
Michael Bloore	Coton Green	9
Ben Ellicott	Feckenham	9
Adam Shorto	Lane Head	9
Oliver Timmins	Boldmere Sports	9
Arman Khoshkhoo	Solihull United	8
Steven Ruck	Knowle	8

Division 3

Nathan Davies	Inkberrow	24
Nathan McGarrity	Coventrians	23
Connoll Farrell	Coventry Plumbing	19
Kelvin Oshenye	Sutton United	19
Ben Thomas	Inkberrow	18
Jamie Barrett	FC Shush	15
Jordan Lovell	Continental Star	15
Jordan Powell	Coventry Plumbing	15
Leighton Hines	Sutton United	14
James Clarke	Sutton United	13
Kyle Jaynes	Coventry Plumbing	12
Shaye Eden	Central Ajax, Shipston	11
Matthew Parke	Enville Athletic	10
Mohammed Ali	Birmingham Tigers	9
Joe Delaney	Sutton United	9
Jordan Featherstone	Leamington Hibernian	9
De'Ante Fuller Spence	Continental Star	9
Idris Oyeniya	Birmingham Tigers	9
Jonathan Grigg	Sutton United	8
Jay Higgins-Pugsley	Inkberrow	8
James Lush	Welland	8
GuyGuy Maboy	WLV Football	8
Chris Noonan	FC Shush	8
Alex Obi	Castle Vale Town	8
Omar Elmougy	Welland	7
Joe Gardner	Coventry Plumbing	7
Reece Jacobs	Continental Star	7
Samuel Kayode	Continental Star	7
George Robbins	Inkberrow	7

Division 4 / reserves

Alex Bullock	Sporting Club Inkberrow	22
Aaron Brett	Worcester City Reserves	19
Kieran Sheen	Sporting Club Inkberrow	19
Mohammed Konteh	Redditch United Reserves	18
Kieran Clayton	Nuneaton Griff , Worcester C	17
Chandler Pegg	Tamworth Academy	16
Joel Steer	Sporting Club Inkberrow	16
Sam Ball	Tamworth Academy	13
Harrison James	Tamworth Academy	13
Rommel Johnson	Bartley Reds	11
Matt Ennis	Worcester City	10
Kiran Kellman	Bartley Reds	10
Emmanuel Kofi Gundaat	Uttoxeter Town	9
Nathan Bowen	Gresley Reserves	8
Joe Clarke	Worcester City	8
Chanda Mulenga	Nuneaton Griff	8
Jake Avery	Uttoxeter Town	7
Joe Busst	Cadbury Athletic	7
Bradley Clayton	Redditch United	7
Fortune Sibanda	Tamworth Academy	7
Aaron Atkins	Cadbury Athletic	6
Jack Hilton	Tamworth Academy	6
Che O'Connor	Cadbury Athletic	6
Gordon Swain	Bartley Reds	6
Zac Thompson	Fairfield Villa	6

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Josh Crossley	Quorn	24
Brandon Beardmore	FCV Stamford	17
Ben Tansley	Allextton & New Parks	16
Dave Assuncao	Beaumont Park	15
Samuel Yankson	Sutton Coldfield Town	15
Liam Bloxham	Beaumont Park	14
Kyle Jardine	Heather St Johns	14
Elliott Lees	Stourport Swifts	14
Harley Baker	AFC Birmingham Youth	13
Patrick Dugbo	Beaumont Park	13
Lucas Edmonds	Droitwich Spa BG	13
Will Gibbons	Kidderminster Harriers	13
Thomas Harley	Kidderminster Harriers	13
Romario Rose	Sutton Coldfield Town	13
Ronan Sheehan	Rushall Olympic	13
Jared Bradshaw	Bedworth United	12
Ben Cowlshaw	Droitwich Spa BG	12
Harry Crook	Boldmere St Michaels	12
Eesa Sawyers	Rushall Olympic	12
Hassan Shah	Rushall Olympic	12
Hagi Jikineh	Rushall Olympic	11
Ethan Freemantle	Kidderminster Harriers	10
Harrison James	Tamworth Academy	10
Emlyn Tudgay	Halesowen Town	10
Ifeanyi Umeh	Quorn	10

Leading Attendances

Averages based on league games only

Coventry United **344**

Worcester City **270**

Newark Flowserve **266**

Atherstone Town **215**

Gresley **155**

Racing Club Warwick **150**

Hinckley AFC **146**

Walsall Wood **124**

Boldmere St Michaels **112**

Selston **112**

Division 1

On Friday evening, 3rd placed **Studley** welcome 3rd bottom **Chelmsley Town** to Redditch United FC. A recent defeat at the hands of NKF Burbage hasn't slowed down Studley's promotion push while Chelmsley are on a run of seven straight defeats. This is the fourth meeting of the season between the sides, with Studley currently holding a 2-1 advantage. Game of the day sees leaders **Leicester Road** travel to 4th placed **Uttoxeter Town**. When the two sides met earlier this season, it ended 4-4 and given the form both sides are in, another high-scoring encounter could be on the cards. 2nd placed **Brocton** will be only too aware of the chasing pack as they travel to lowly **Paget Rangers**. Paget have drawn their last tree which leaves them 6 points clear of the bottom two. The Badgers won the corresponding fixture at Silkmore Lane but have found wins hard to come by of late. 5th placed **Lichfield City** have seen manager Jamie Hawkins move up the pyramid to join Step 4 Chasetown. They travel to Sphinx Drive to face mid-table **GNP Sports**. The sides met on the opening day of the season with City winning 3-1. Both sides have similar recent records and they are difficult to split. It has been a challenging week for **Atherstone Town** following the departure of their management team last weekend. They will be keen to maintain their promotion push when they **welcome Heath Hayes** to Sheepy Road. The Adders have won ten of their last eleven league games are in a strong position to finish in the top four. Heath Hayes have lost their last three which has slowed down their progress but a 1-1 draw between the sides at The Coppice Colliery Ground will give them encouragement going into the game. There is a Leicestershire derby at Barwell as **NKF Burbage** host **Hinckley AFC**. Burbage are 5 points behind Hinckley but recent wins over Atherstone and Brocton put them on an upward curve. Hinckley are without a win in three and will need no reminding that they lost the reverse fixture at The Welfare Ground 3-0. **Rocester** were devastated with the damage caused by Storm Dennis at the weekend and they will hope to get things cleared up enough to host **Ashby Ivanhoe**, another side that has seen a fair amount of problems caused by flooding. Ashby won the first encounter 2-0 back in the summer. Both sides have some good results behind them in recent weeks and this should be a cracker. Another team sick of the sight of flood water are **Stapenhill** and thy hope to welcome second bottom **Nuneaton Griff** to Maple Grove. The Swans are in good form, with one defeat in six. Griff are without a win in five and are 3 points adrift of safety. 17th placed **Cadbury Athletic** host bottom club **Stafford Town** and an away win would certainly crank up the pressure at the foot of the table. The Chocolatemen have showed improved form of late although they did lose to Town in January. Stafford have failed to score in their last three which has left them four points adrift. **Coventry Copsewood** welcome **Kirby Muxloe** to Allards Way. Copsewood have lost three on the bounce conceding ten goals in the process. On the other hand, Kirby have ten pints from four games and are climbing the table at a rate of knots. The sides meet in the reverse fixture next Wednesday.

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Ashby Ivanhoe	v	Chelmsley Town
Cadbury Athletic	v	N K F Burbage
Uttoxeter Town	v	Rocester

Division 2

Leaders **Solihull United** will be aiming to extend their lead at the top of the table when they entertain **Fairfield Villa**. Three defeats in their last five matches has given hope to the chasing pack. Fairfield have picked up seven points from their last three games but were beaten 3-1 by Solihull earlier in the season. 3rd placed **Northfield Town** would go level on points at the summit if they won their games in hand. They host **Bolehall Swifts** who slipped to the bottom of the table last weekend. Northfield won the reverse fixture 5-0 at Rene Road and it is hard to see beyond another similar scoreline. **Redditch Borough** lifted themselves off the foot of the table last weekend with their first win of the season. They welcome **Earlswood Town** to The Mettis and another win would close the gap on 3rd bottom Lane Head. Earlswood are in good form and a win for them could see them climb to 11th. **Coventry Alvis** welcome **Boldmere Sports** to Green Lane. Alvis have six games in hand on their visitors and are eleven points behind. Alvis are unbeaten in six and Sports were narrowly beaten by the league leaders last weekend. 12th placed **Alcester Town** host 14th placed **Lane Head**. Alcester's last win came in a 4-2 defeat of Lane Head back in September. Lane Head have conceded 92 goals in the league this season however two close defeats and a draw in their last three league games shows encouraging signs.

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Solihull United	v	Redditch Borough	7.30
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Coventry Alvis	v	Feckenham	7.30
FC Stratford	v	Northfield Town	

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Earlswood Town	v	Hampton	
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Division 3

With the top two in cup action, 3rd placed **Welland** can cement their position in the table when they host **AFC Solihull**. Four consecutive defeats have seen Solihull slip to 2nd bottom. Welland won the reverse fixture 2-1 and last time out they drew with league leaders Sutton United. 6th placed **Coventrians** welcome **Upton Town** to The Colliery Sports ground for the first time. Coventrians have amassed eleven points from the last five games including a 2-2 draw at Upton. Upton have won their last two which halted a poor run of results. 4th placed **Continental Star** welcome **WLV Sports** to The Hub. Star have nine games remaining which seems remarkable given the poor winter we have had. They come into the game on a poor run of results with four defeats in their last five. The Students won last weekend which stopped a run of seven straight defeats. When the sides met at Gorway Road, Star ran out 9-0 victors with Reece Jacobs bagging a hat-trick. 11th meets 12th at Hall Drive with in-form **Enville Athletic** hosting **Leamington Hibernian**. Enville are unbeaten in five including a double over Continental Star in their last two fixtures. Hibs have won one in four but their improved form in recent months has lifted them up the table. 8th meets 9th at Ajax Park with **Central Ajax** hosting **Birmingham Tigers**. The sides met at the beginning of January with Ajax winning 3-2 at Hadley Stadium. Ajax are unbeaten in five including three draws. Tigers have won their last two, both away from home, and a third successive win would move Tigers into the top seven.

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Castle Vale Town v Enville Athletic

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Coventry Plumbing v FC Shush 7.30

Division 4/ Reserves

RESERVE DIVISION / DIVISION 4

Coton Green Res.	v	Tamworth Academy
Gresley Res.	v	Cadbury Athletic Res.
Nuneaton Griff Res.	v	Redditch United Res.
Uttoxeter Town Res.	v	Fairfield Villa Res.
Worcester City Res.	v	Bartley Reds

Under 21

CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 3

Halesowen Town	v	Boldmere St Michaels	10.30
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UNDER 21 DIVISION EAST

AFC Rushden & Diamonds Elite	v	L F E Academy	10.30
Bedworth United	v	Beaumont Park	11.00
FCV Stamford	v	Milton Keynes College	10.30
Leicester Nirvana	v	N K F Burbage	11.00
Nuneaton Borough	v	Heather St Johns	10.30
Silhill	v	Leicester Road	10.30

UNDER 21 DIVISION WEST

AFC Birmingham	v	Lichfield City	10.30
Brocton	v	Chasetown	10.30
Kidderminster Harriers	v	Droitwich Spa G & B	10.30
Stourport Swifts	v	Sutton Coldfield Town	10.30

Other Fixtures

LES JAMES CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 3

Barnt Green Spartak	v	Feckenham	2.45
Inkberrow	v	Coventry Plumbing	2.45
Knowle	v	Sutton United	2.45

FAZELEY CHARITY CUP ROUND 2

Hampton	v	Shenstone Pathfinder	2.30
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TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2020

WALSALL SENIOR CUP ROUND 3

Sporting Khalsa	v	Wolverhampton Casuals	
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BIRMINGHAM MIDWEEK FLOODLIT CUP SEMI FINAL

Studley	v	Darlaston Town	
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COVENTRY CHARITY CUP ROUND 3

Coventry Copsewood	v	Southam United	
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Nottinghamshire Senior Cup Round 5

Newark Flowserve	v	Eastwood Community	
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WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2020

J W HUNT CUP ROUND 2

Wolverhampton Sporting Community	v	Rushall Olympic u21	
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BIRMINGHAM MIDWEEK FLOODLIT CUP Round 3

Atherstone Town		Black Country Rangers	
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