



Midland Football League Newsletter

19th April 2017

League News

Promotion and relegation places are beginning to be finalised as we reach the final weeks of the season. Current status is as follows:

Premier Division

Champions: Alvechurch or Coleshill Town

Relegated: Tividale, Brocton and one of Shawbury United, AFC Wulfrunians, Loughborough University and Walsall Wood

Division 1

Champions and promoted: Bromsgrove Sporting

Relegated: Southam United and one of Pelsall Villa, Studley, Stafford Town and Pershore Town

Division 2

Promoted: Droitwich Spa and one of Alvis Sporting Club, Redditch Borough, Paget Rangers and Fairfield Villa

Relegated: Continental Star and Leamington Hibernian

Division 3

Promoted: NKF Burbage and one of Montpellier, Northfield Town and Moors Academy

Please note, all of the above are subject to ratification by the Football Association.

Travels of The Press Officer

Saturday 15th April 2017

Premier Division (66)

Coleshill Town 2 Alvechurch 0

A huge game at Pack Meadow with leaders Alvechurch hoping to clinch the league title at the home of their nearest rivals. Neither side had been in great form coming into the game with the finishing line in sight, nerves appeared to have kicked in. There was an early opportunity for Coleshill when a cross from the left was fractionally too far in front of Mykel Beckley. Josh Quaynor fired wide for the home side before the first action of any real note in the 11th minute. Dean Rathbone hit a vicious swerving effort which was brilliant saved by Paul Evans. Tom Weale reacted first and he hit the rebound goalwards but Evans was again able to make the save. Ryan Edmunds broke quickly for Alvechurch but his cross was blocked by Weale. Alvechurch began to take a semblance of control and Connor Deards forced a good save from Paul Hathaway. Coleshill went close in the 18th minute when Weale's free-kick hit the outside of the post. There were claims for an Alvechurch penalty in the 19th minute when Deards appeared to be pulled back in the area, the referee waving play on. In the 24th minute, Alvechurch should have been awarded a penalty. Edmunds raced away from the defence and he was clearly pulled back by the defender. Inexplicably, the penalty was not awarded much to the chagrin of everyone associated with the visitors. Alvechurch should have taken the lead in the 26th minute when Deards had a wonderful opportunity but his shot was easily saved by Hathaway. The game was end to end, and Coleshill were unfortunate a minute later when Beckley connected with Craig Milligan's cross only for Evans to make a fine point-blank save. In the 33rd minute, a cross from Zack Foster was headed goalwards by Jamie Willets but Hathaway was on hand to make the save. Coleshill should have taken the lead just before the half-time whistle when Leek beat Evans to a long raking ball from André Gonzalez but his header drifted wide.

Alvechurch introduce Babucar Souane at half-time and he made an immediate impact with a great run down the left hand side leaving the defenders in his wake. A cross from Tom Turton was headed goalwards but Souane but Hathaway made an easy save. The fast pace continued and Milligan tried his luck from distance, hitting the target but straight at Evans. Coleshill wasted a great chance in the 52nd minute when Beckley was caught in two minds and crossed instead of shooting when well placed. Edmunds was having more joy in the second half and another run ended with a clearance from the Coleshill defence. Deards then played the ball into the path of Edmunds who pulled his shot wide of the goal. In the 67th minute, Coleshill took the lead. Evans made an excellent save from a Gio Dainty header and well the ball dropped into the area, Rathbone reacted quickest to bundle the ball home. Beckley saw a shot saved before the Coleman doubled their lead in the 72nd minute. Beckley laid the ball back into the path of Rathbone and his finish was clinical, into the corner giving Evans no chance. Hathaway was again called into action, saving from Deards at close quarters. Edmunds went close with a free-kick which was whipped in from a tight angle. As much as Alvechurch pushed for a goal, it was the home side that looked the more likely on the break and with 5 minutes left, Rathbone forced Evans into a fine save. Into stoppage time, Coleshill could have extended their lead when Dale Taylor fired wide and Rob Evans forced Paul Evans into a save with a shot from outside the area.

Coleshill keep the league title alive for at least a few more days with a deserved win over the 90 minutes.



Monday 17th April 2017

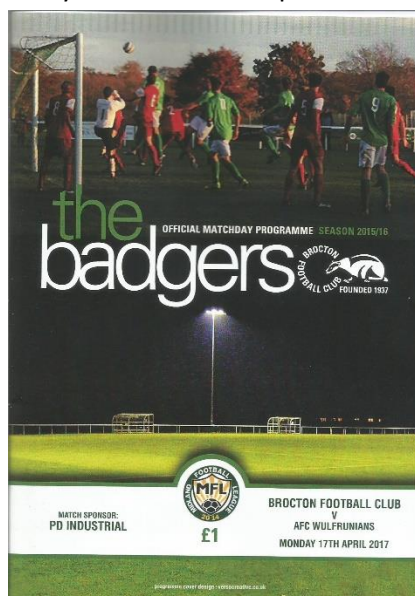
Premier Division (67)

Brocton 0 AFC Wulfrunians 5

Both of these teams came into the game in the Premier Division relegation zone. Brocton were condemned to the drop on Saturday when a 6-2 defeat at the hands of Highgate United meant that they had to win their remaining games, hope the other results went their way and needed to overturn a difference of 28 goals. Wulfs had only conceded 1 goal in their four previous games to give them hope. It was the visitors that started the brighter with Nick Turton off target in the 4th minute. Wulfs took the lead in the 8th minute. Turton broke into the box and when the ball squirted through to Kyle Brady, his 1st time shot gave Aiden Stone no chance. Jake Webb had a chance for Wulfs but his header was comfortably saved by Stone. Brocton were reduced to 10 men in the 15th minute. Tom Vaughan was booked for a foul and continued to argue with the referee who had no option other than to show a second yellow card. A shocking challenge by Matt Hardiman on Mitch McDonald should have seen Brocton reduced to 9 men however the officials showed leniency and only a yellow was brandished. Wulfs made the extra man count and doubled their lead in the 21st minute. Turton was again the provider, playing the ball to Joel Caines who finished from around the same spot as the opener. The game was over two minutes later. A great run down the left by Turton left Tom Rann floundering and his cross was sidefooted home by Brady. Wulfs were totally dominant with Brocton offering very little. Turton laid the ball into the path of Brady who ran through the defence but Stone saved well. In the 32nd minute, Turton beat Stone to the ball but his shot was lifted just wide. Brady went close to his hat-trick with a volley at the far post which was just wide. In the 43rd minute, Jake Webb delivered a free-kick which Stone acrobatically tipped over the bar. In stoppage time, Jack Edwards forced John Bateman, the Wulfs keeper into action, with a shot which was well saved.

Brady forced another save from Stone before the visitors extended their lead in the 50th minute. A free-kick from Webb found Matt Hunt unmarked in the area and he planted his header into the net. Another free-kick from Webb caused problems in the Brocton box but Chris Waterhouse couldn't direct it goalwards. Hardiman wasted a half-chance for Brocton, shooting straight at Bateman. In the 72nd minute, a free-kick from Webb was narrowly wide. Wulfs had eased off after scoring their fourth but were still in total control. Caines forced an excellent save from Stone, the rebound headed back towards goal by Dimitri Brown but his effort was blocked. Nick Wellecombe had worked very hard for Brocton all afternoon and he was off target with a rare opportunity. In stoppage time, Brown forced another excellent save from the impressive Stone. Tom Grainger should have scored in the 92nd minute, his shot being too close to Stone who made the save. In the 3rd minute of stoppage time, Grainger made it 5, heading home a cross from McDonald.

A comprehensive win for Wulfs which gives them a fighting chance of staying up. A sorry day for the Badgers who went down with a whimper on a day of serious indiscipline.



Tuesday 18th April 2017

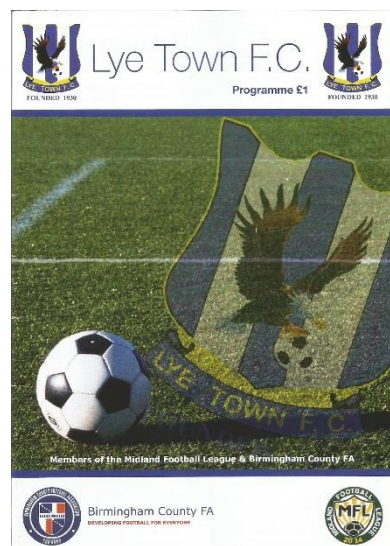
Premier Division (68)

Lye Town 0 Sporting Khalsa 1

With the game moved from Monday, this was a chance for neutrals to watch the teams in 4th and 3rd go head to head. Following their league cup defeat at Alvechurch, Lye's form had fallen away with their chances of a top two finish going with it. Alvechurch's victory on Monday meant that Khalsa's title aspirations were over for another season but 2nd place was still very much a target. On a difficult surface, it became clear early on that it was going to be a night for grafting. In the 3rd minute, Shawn Boothe was caught in possession by Jack Till, the young striker spoiling his endeavour with a poor cross. Ramone Stephens had a chance for Lye, firing over the bar from the edge of the area. In the 10th minute, Luke Shearer showed his strength, holding off Sam Mills before shooting on the turn and forcing a decent save from Ben Roberts. Khalsa began to grow into the game and look more of a threat going forward. A long throw from Jonathan Haynes was not dealt with by the Lye defence allowing Tes Robinson to volley the ball goalwards, the Lye defence blocking the effort. Stephens tested Tom Turner from distance. An excellent ball in from Dave Meese, was headed clear by Sam Mills for Lye. Till had a half chance for Lye but the finish was weak giving Turner no problem. Lye came close to the lead in the 24th minute. Aaron Griffiths took a free-kick from just inside the Khalsa half, the ball bouncing awkwardly in front of Turner who was forced to tip the ball over the bar. From the resulting corner, Till was off target with another effort. Khalsa took the lead in the 27th minute. Mensah Kinch picked up a loose ball on the edge of the area and his shot found the net despite a valiant attempt from Roberts to keep it out. Khalsa had a chance to make it two in the 34th minute when Shearer raced onto a ball on the left but Roberts came off his line to block. Simeon Townsend then went close for the visitors, running forward with the ball and shooting narrowly wide.

Till continued to be Lye's main threat and when he found space in the 53rd minute, his cross was again disappointing and the chance went begging. In the 64th minute, a ball over the top of the Lye defence found Townsend who appeared a long way offside. Despite there being no flag, Townsend failed to control the ball and Lye cleared their lines. Khalsa should have sealed the three points in the 77th minute. Meese played the ball into the path of Shearer but his sidefooted effort was poor and straight at Roberts. A corner from Haynes was dropped by Roberts however his defenders reacted quickest to clear their lines. With time running out, Till hit the target with Turner making a comfortable save. In stoppage time, Simon Williams hit a fierce drive from 25 yards but it was straight at Turner who guaranteed the points for Khalsa.

A tight and tetchy game on a bobbly pitch. Neither bench was overly happy with the officiating – on another day, some of the challenges would have been dealt with more severely. Over the 90 minutes, Khalsa were the better side and just about warranted their victory. Three more wins will see them finish in 2nd place. As for Lye, one more win should see them confirmed in fourth place, after another good season.



Review

Premier Division

Alvechurch' lead at the top of the division was reduced to 6 points with three games to play as they were beaten 2-0 by 2nd placed **Coleshill Town** at Pack Meadow. Two goals in a five minute period midway through the second half from leading scorer Dean Rathbone gave the Coleman all three points. **Sporting Khalsa** are the only other team that could still win the title but they had to do it the hard way at home to **Quorn**. Two goals by Nathan Dale gave Quorn a 2-0 lead inside 26 minutes. A double from David Meese before half-time and a second half goal from Brad Lawley gave Khalsa all three points. **Lye Town** slip to 4th after they were beaten 3-1 at **Rocester** with Seb Szondi scoring twice. **Westfields** are 5th level on points with Heanor Town following a 3-3 draw at **Long Eaton United**. Andy Todd gave Long Eaton a 2-0 lead but Fields came back to take a 3-2 lead before a last minute equaliser from Jordan Dakin gave the home side a point. **Heanor Town** had to come from behind to beat **Stourport Swifts** at The Town Ground, 2-1 the final score. At the bottom, **Brocton** are relegated barring a 28 goal swing in goal difference. Their fate was sealed with a 6-2 home defeat at the hands of **Highgate United** for whom Marco Adaggio scored three and Jarrell Hilton 2. **AFC Wulfrunians** are two points adrift of safety as they went down 1-0 at home to **Shepshed Dynamo** in a game of three red cards. **Loughborough University** and **Shawbury United** are the sides most in danger of a bottom three finish as they drew 1-1 at Holywell. **Coventry Sphinx** continued their fine end to the season with a 4-0 win over **Walsall Wood** at Sphinx Drive with Jamie Towers scoring twice. **Coventry United** stay 7th as they won 2-0 at relegated **Tividale**. Two late goals from Shay Brennan gave **St Andrews** a point in a 2-2 draw with **Boldmere St Michaels**.

Alvechurch need one more point from their final 2 games after they beat **Boldmere St Michaels** 2-1 at Lye Meadow. **Coleshill Town** made it two wins out of two over the holiday weekend beating **Rocester** 5-2 at Pack Meadow. Mykel Beckley scored twice early on and Dean Rathbone sealed the victory with a brace in the last 6 minutes. At the bottom, **Brocton's** relegation was confirmed with a 5-0 home defeat at the hands of **AFC Wulfrunians** who move out of the bottom three. Kyle Brady scored twice for Wulfs who raced into a 3-0 lead in the first quarter of the game. **Loughborough University** picked up what could be a vital point in a 0-0 draw at **Coventry United**. **Walsall Wood** are still not safe as three late goals for **Highgate United** turned the game round at The Coppice, with Highgate winning 3-2. **Stourport Swifts** confirmed their safety with a 4-0 win over relegated **Tividale** at Walshes Meadow, **Long Eaton United** also made sure they will be playing Premier Division football next season with a 2-0 win over **Coventry Sphinx**. **Quorn** made it 5 wins out of 6 with a 3-2 victory at **Heanor Town** with Callum Thompson scoring twice for Quorn. **Shepshed Dynamo** and **St Andrews** fought out a 1-1 draw at The Dovecote.

Sporting Khalsa maintained their push for 2nd place with a narrow 1-0 win at **Lye Town** courtesy of a goal in the first half from Mensah Kinch.

Highgate United made it three wins and 13 goals in 5 days with a 4-0 win over **Westfields** at The Coppice. Marco Adaggio set them on their way in the 4th minute and Lei Brown finished things off with a hat-trick.

League Table

1	<u>Alvechurch</u>	40	27	7	6	87	32	55	88
2	<u>Coleshill Town</u>	40	26	4	10	105	56	49	82
3	<u>Sporting Khalsa</u>	39	23	8	8	87	46	41	77
4	<u>Lye Town</u>	40	21	9	10	71	44	27	72
5	<u>Heanor Town</u>	40	19	9	12	83	62	21	66
6	<u>Westfields</u>	40	19	9	12	92	73	19	66
7	<u>Coventry United</u>	40	18	8	14	59	49	10	62
8	<u>St Andrews</u>	40	18	6	16	83	85	-2	60
9	<u>Highgate United</u>	39	17	8	14	79	68	11	59
10	<u>Coventry Sphinx</u>	40	16	9	15	76	72	4	57
11	<u>Quorn</u>	41	16	8	17	55	71	-16	56
12	<u>Shepshed Dynamo</u>	40	14	9	17	61	63	-2	51
13	<u>Long Eaton United</u>	40	14	8	18	69	83	-14	50
14	<u>Boldmere St Michaels</u>	40	13	10	17	64	59	5	49
15	<u>Stourport Swifts</u>	40	13	10	17	68	80	-12	49
16	<u>Rocester</u>	40	12	13	15	69	82	-13	49
17	<u>Walsall Wood</u>	40	14	5	21	56	79	-23	47
18	<u>Loughborough University</u>	40	10	15	15	65	64	1	45
19	<u>AFC Wulfrunians</u>	39	12	8	19	49	69	-20	44
20	<u>Shawbury United</u>	40	13	4	23	65	89	-24	43
R	<u>Brocton</u>	40	10	4	26	48	104	-56	34
R	<u>Tividale</u>	40	6	5	29	44	105	-61	23

Division 1

Bromsgrove Sporting were crowned Division champions as they made it 33 games unbeaten with a 2-0 win over **Studley** in front of 1351 at The Victoria Ground. 2nd placed **Hinckley AFC** were beaten 2-1 at home by **Chelmsley Town** a result which moves Chelmsley three points away from the drop zone. 3rd placed **Leicester Road** were also beaten at home by a side fighting for survival at the bottom of the table. **Pershore Town** returning to Worcestershire with a 2-1 win. These results allowed **Atherstone Town** to close the gap making it a three horse race for 2nd place. The Adders beat 2nd bottom **Pelsall Villa** 4-1 at Sheepy Road with Alex Naughton adding two more to take his tally to 47 for the season. **Stafford Town** were the big losers in the relegation battle going down 3-0 at 5th placed **Cadbury Athletic** leaving them one place above Pelsall Villa. Dean Lea scored twice for the Chocolatemens who stay 5th. **Heath Hayes** confirmed their safety as a Luke Delaney goal gave them all three points at **Littleton**. **Coventry Copsewood** had an excellent win on the road, 4-2 at seventh placed **Lichfield City**. **Heather St Johns** moved up to 8th place with a 2-1 win at **Uttoxeter Town** who drop to 12th. **Bolehall Swifts** were the day's leading scorers putting 7 goals past bottom side **Southam United** without reply. Joe Obi and Tom Howard both scored twice for Swifts.

Champions **Bromsgrove Sporting** made it 34 games unbeaten with a 3-0 win at **Pershore Town**. **Hinckley AFC** are favourites to finish 2nd following a 6-1 win at relegation threatened **Pelsall Villa**. Javia Roberts scored 4 goals for Hinckley. **Atherstone Town** take over 3rd place as two more goals from Alex Naughton gave them all three points in a 2-1 win at **Littleton**. **Leicester Road** slip to 4th following a 1-0 defeat at home to 5th placed **Cadbury Athletic**. **Racing Club Warwick** needed a late penalty from Martin Slevin to beat **Southam United** 2-1. **Chelmsley Town** are safe following a 1-0 win at **Studley** which leaves the home side looking over their shoulder. **Stafford Town** are 4 points clear of danger after an emphatic 6-1 win over **Bolehall Swifts** at Evans Park with Ryan Bradshaw scoring three and Connor Leek two. **Heath Hayes** and **Uttoxeter Town** shared 6 goals at The Coppice Colliery Ground. Ryan Burns scored twice for Heath Hayes with Jake Lovatt grabbing a brace for Uttoxeter. **Nuneaton Griff** made it four wins on the bounce with a 2-1 victory at **Coventry Copsewood**. Deqwon Ebanks scored the only goal of the game as **Heather St Johns** beat **Lichfield City** at St Johns Park.

League Table

C	<u>Bromsgrove Sporting</u>	34	29	5	0	116	22	94	92
2	<u>Hinckley AFC</u>	35	24	4	7	121	44	77	76
3	<u>Atherstone Town</u>	36	23	5	8	94	51	43	74
4	<u>Leicester Road</u>	35	23	3	9	101	35	66	72
5	<u>Cadbury Athletic</u>	36	18	12	6	70	43	27	66
6	<u>Racing Club Warwick</u>	36	18	8	10	89	71	18	62
7	<u>Lichfield City</u>	36	17	7	12	65	53	12	58
8	<u>Heather St Johns</u>	36	17	3	16	66	66	0	54
9	<u>Nuneaton Griff</u>	35	15	6	14	68	62	6	51
10	<u>Littleton</u>	36	15	4	17	60	60	0	49
11	<u>Uttoxeter Town</u>	34	14	5	15	60	72	-12	47
12	<u>Bolehall Swifts</u>	36	15	1	20	78	86	-8	46
13	<u>Coventry Copsewood</u>	35	13	4	18	68	83	-15	43
14	<u>Heath Hayes</u>	36	11	8	17	61	66	-5	41
15	<u>Chelmsley Town</u>	35	10	7	18	57	68	-11	37
16	<u>Pershore Town</u>	36	10	6	20	46	79	-33	36
17	<u>Stafford Town</u>	36	9	8	19	66	78	-12	35
18	<u>Studley</u>	36	10	5	21	63	96	-33	35
19	<u>Pelsall Villa</u>	36	8	7	21	50	94	-44	31
R	<u>Southam United</u>	35	0	4	31	11	181	-170	4

Division 2

Congratulations to **Droitwich Spa** who confirmed their promotion with a hard earned 1-1 draw with 2nd placed **Alvis Sporting Club**. Spa were indebted to James Lemon for a last-minute equaliser which confirmed their top two finish. **Paget Rangers** kept their chances of a top two finish alive with a 3-1 win over **Earlswood Town** with Ross Dempster scoring twice. **Smithswood Firs** ensured that they will be playing Division 2 football next season with an emphatic 8-0 win at **Barnt Green Spartak**. Trea Bertie, Martin Crawford and Kieran Fitzgerald all scored twice for Firs. **Leamington Hibernian** look increasingly likely to fill the 2nd relegation spot as they were beaten 6-1 at home by **Knowle** who are 6th. Jamie Corrigan bagged a hat-trick for Knowle while Nathan Corry scored twice. **Bloxwich Town** and **Coton Green** couldn't find a goal between them at the Old Red Lion Ground.

Alvis Sporting Club are 9 points behind the leaders with 5 games remaining following a 0-0 draw at **Smithswood Firs**. **Leamington Hibernian** are relegated as they went down 1-0 to a Richard Hopkins goal at **Coton Green** who are 7th. **Earlswood Town** climb to 9th after a 2-0 win over 6th placed **Knowle**.

The promotion spots in Division 2 remain up for grabs as both Paget Rangers and Redditch Borough had big wins. **Paget Rangers** beat **Fairfield Villa** 6-3 at The Trevor Brown Memorial Ground. Danny Carter and George Smith both scored twice for Paget with Peter Jenvey scoring twice for Fairfield. **Redditch Borough** won 6-1 at **Barnt Green Spartak** with Billy Garvey and Jamie Hatfield with doubles.

P <u>Droitwich Spa</u>	30	20	5	5	80	31	49	65
2 <u>Alvis Sporting Club</u>	25	17	5	3	49	21	28	56
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>	25	15	4	6	70	36	34	49
6 <u>Knowle</u>	27	12	7	8	57	39	18	43
7 <u>Coton Green</u>	25	11	7	7	50	37	13	40
8 <u>Sutton United</u>	29	12	5	12	62	67	-5	40*
9 <u>Earlswood Town</u>	27	9	4	14	43	52	-9	31
10 <u>Feckenham</u>	27	8	7	12	40	58	-18	31
11 <u>Barnt Green Spartak</u>	27	9	3	15	43	66	-23	30
12 <u>Bloxwich Town</u>	30	8	6	16	32	67	-35	30
13 <u>Smithswood Firs</u>	26	7	7	12	56	63	-7	28
14 <u>Hampton</u>	27	6	5	16	32	66	-34	23
R <u>Leamington Hibernian</u>	30	6	4	20	38	79	-41	22
R <u>Continental Star</u>	29	3	8	18	32	74	-42	17

Division 3

Congratulations to **NKF Burbage** who confirmed promotion to Division 2 with a 2-1 win at home to bottom side **Castle Vale Town**. **Montpellier** maintained 2nd place, coming from behind to beat **Alcester Town** 3-1 at Badsey. 3rd placed **Northfield Town** bounced back from their midweek defeat at Moors Academy to beat **Coventrians** 4-2. Lewis Jones and Daniel Priest both scored twice for Northfield to keep the pressure on Montpellier in 2nd.

Northfield Town's promotion hopes were dealt a blow as they were held to a goalless draw by **Inkberrow**. **Moors Academy** can still mathematically finish 2nd and they kept their hopes alive with a 2-1 win at **FC Stratford**.

P	<u>NKF Burbage</u>	23	21	2	0	71	12	59	65
2	<u>Montpellier</u>	23	18	3	2	84	28	56	57
3	<u>Northfield Town</u>	23	17	2	4	68	31	37	53
4	<u>Moors Academy</u>	22	15	2	5	60	35	25	47
5	<u>Shipston Excelsior</u>	26	12	5	9	52	53	-1	41
6	<u>FC Stratford</u>	25	11	2	12	63	46	17	35
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>	25	9	3	13	48	68	-20	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

Other Cups

Tamworth U21s won the Fazeley Charity Cup on Good Friday beating **Coton Green** 2-0 at New Mill Lane.

Reserves

RESERVE DIVISION

CONTINENTAL STAR	3	v	0	LICHFIELD CITY
COTON GREEN	4	v	1	BROCTON
GRESLEY	2	v	1	ROCESTER
TIPTON TOWN	1	V	3	ROMULUS
CONTINENTAL STAR	3	V	1	TIPTON TOWN
LICHFIELD CITY	2	V	1	BROCTON
ROCESTER	3	V	1	ROMULUS
GRESLEY	4	V	1	WALSALL WOOD

1	<u>Gresley Reserves</u>	15 11 1 3 44 22 22 34
2	<u>Walsall Wood Reserves</u>	16 10 2 4 46 27 19 32
3	<u>Rocester Reserves</u>	17 9 4 4 53 27 26 31
4	<u>Cadbury Athletic Reserves</u>	16 9 3 4 32 25 7 30
5	<u>Romulus Reserves</u>	16 9 1 6 41 40 1 28
6	<u>Continental Star Reserves</u>	15 5 5 5 26 22 4 20
7	<u>Coton Green Reserves</u>	18 5 4 9 27 34 -7 19
8	<u>Lichfield City Reserves</u>	16 4 3 9 40 53 -13 15
9	<u>Tipton Town Reserves</u>	15 2 2 11 21 62 -41 8
10	<u>Brocton Reserves</u>	14 1 3 10 28 46 -18 6

Leading scorers

Josh Dutton	Gresley	24	Romano Graham	Walsall Wood	21
Ezekiel Agyemang	Tipton Town	19	Kieran Smith	Brocton	17
Terence Davies	Tipton Town	14	Daniel Craythorne	Lichfield City	14
Chad Barrett	Cadbury Athletic	14	Stephen Wilkins	Lichfield City	14
Zain Thomas	Romulus	14	Oliver Roome	Rocester	13
Sam Hammerton	Gresley	12	Jorge Eley	Rocester	11
Anthony Smith	Romulus	11	Nathan McBean	Continental Star	11
Kane Lee	Gresley	10	Jevaughni Robinson	Cadbury Athletic	10
Lukas Putka	Brocton	9	Ronan Ward	Continental Star	9

Under 21

CHALLENGE BOWL SEMI FINAL

HEATH HAYES **0** v **3** TAMWORTH

UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

TAMWORTH **4** V **1** BROCTON

UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

BROMSGROVE SPORTING **0** v **2** COVENTRY UNITED
HIGHGATE UNITED **1** v **2** DROITWICH SPA BG
KETTERING TOWN **2** V **0** ALVECHURCH
BROMSGROVE SPORTING **2** V **0** KINGS HEATH CONCORDE
COVENTRY UNITED **2** V **1** ALVECHURCH

U21 North

U21 South

1 <u>Aylestone Park U21</u>	11 7 2 2 35 18 17 23	1	<u>Bedworth United U21</u>	17 10 1 6 52 28 24 31
2 <u>Brocton U21</u>	10 4 5 1 20 16 4 17	2	<u>Kettering Town U21</u>	14 10 0 4 39 25 14 30
3 <u>Tamworth U21</u>	8 5 1 2 29 11 18 16	3	<u>Coventry United U21</u>	12 9 1 2 46 9 37 28
4 <u>Coleshill Town U21</u>	12 5 1 6 23 21 2 16	4	<u>Alvechurch U21</u>	14 8 2 4 34 17 17 26
5 <u>Sutton Coldfield Town U21</u>	10 4 2 4 27 22 5 14	5	<u>Bromsgrove Sporting U21</u>	14 8 1 5 23 19 4 25
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>	10 0 1 9 8 50 -42 1	7	<u>AFC Rushden & Diamonds U21</u>	17 5 1 11 24 60 -36 16
		8	<u>Kings Heath Concorde U21</u>	12 4 3 5 15 23 -8 15
		9	<u>Highgate United U21</u>	15 4 2 9 12 27 -15 14
		10	<u>Droitwich Spa BG U21</u>	15 2 2 11 20 56 -36 8

Leading scorers

Reece Snape	Coventry United	30	James McGrady	Heath Hayes	28
James Parker	Aylestone Park	28	Lewis Ludford	Coventry United	18
Ryan Palmer	Coventry United	18	Nathaniel McKenzie	Tamworth	17
Jacob Dodds	Bedworth United	16	Bailey Beddows	H.O.W. Academy	15
Nathan Cadby	Bedworth	14	John Dodd	Tamworth	14
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
Aaron Opoku	Tamworth	12	Odane Campbell	Alvechurch	11
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
Ryan Murphy	Bedworth United	10	Mikey Schultes	AFC R&D	10
Henry Limpitshi	Kettering Town	10	Keaton Francis-Balou	Coventry United	9

Premier Division – Leading goal scorers

Shay Brennan	St Andrews	40	
David Meese	Sporting Khalsa	33	
Josh March	Alvechurch	30	
Richard Greaves	Westfields	28	
Nathan Hodge	Shawbury United	25	
Craig Jones	Westfields	25	
Lei Brown	Highgate United	25	
Dean Rathbone	Coleshill Town	24	
Marco Adaggio	Highgate United	24	
Ben Billingham	Lye Town	23	
Ryan Harkin	Coventry Sphinx	22	
Jack Till	Lye Town	21	
Nathan Dale	Quorn	21	
Mykel Beckley	Coleshill Town, Coventry United	21	
Jordan Nadat	Alvechurch, Coleshill Town	20	(now Hednesford Town)
Callum Riddell	Rocester	20	
Kieran Debrouwer	Heanor Town	19	
Andrew Bridge	Loughborough University	17	
Elliott Reeves	Heanor Town	16	
Drew Aiton	Walsall Wood	16	
Joe Phillips	Stourport Swifts	16	
Daniel Dubidat	Alvechurch	15	
Elliot Putman	St Andrews	15	
Sam Hollis	St Andrews	15	
Reece Leek	Coleshill Town	15	
Joey Butlin	Walsall Wood	15	
Michael Reeve	Shepshed Dynamo	15	

Division 1 – leading goal scorers

Ryan Seal	Hinckley AFC	52	
Alex Naughton	Atherstone Town	49	
Jason Cowley	Bromsgrove Sporting	37	
Matthew Stenson	Leicester Road	34	
Sam Agar	Hinckley AFC	28	
Wade Malley	Racing Club Warwick	27	
Matt Brennan	Nuneaton Griff	24	
Connoll Farrell	Studley, Coventry Copsewood	23	
Gareth Evans	Pershore Town, Studley	23	
Paul Sullivan	Hinckley AFC	22	
Tom Bates	Nuneaton Griff	18	
Sean Brain	Bromsgrove Sporting, Littleton	18	
Jamie Clarke	Pershore Town	18	
Chris Lloyd	Bromsgrove Sporting	18	
Joe Obi	Bolehall Swifts	18	
Kyle Turner	Atherstone Town, Bolehall Swifts	18	
David Akinuli	Coventry Copsewood	17	
Daniel Carter	Littleton	17	
Luke Lewis	Uttoxeter Town	17	
Jamie Smith	Racing Club Warwick	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	
Jake Holt	Leicester Road	14	
Jake Brown	Racing Club Warwick	13	
Jake Lovatt	Uttoxeter Town	13	
Reece Jacobs	Pershore Town, Littleton	13	

Division 2 – leading goal scorers

Daniel Carter	Paget Rangers	41	
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	20	
Thomas Craine	Knowle	18	(now Bromsgrove)
Andrew Millan	Coton Green	18	
Pedro Douglas	Continental Star	17	
Dan Pidgeon	Alvis Sporting Club	17	
Ross Dempster	Paget Rangers	17	
James Lemon	Droitwich Spa	16	
Jak Albutt	Redditch Borough	15	
George Ford	Sutton United	15	(now Chelmsley Town)
Tyron Smith	Smithswood Firs	14	
Billy Garvey	Redditch Borough	14	
Joshua Sherington	Coton Green	13	
Sam Hulme	Smithswood Firs	12	
Martin Crawford	Smithswood Firs	12	
Josh Duggan	Sutton United	11	
Gareth Hodgetts	Redditch Borough	11	
Jack Brimmell	Feckenham	10	
Charlie Cook	Alvis Sporting Club	10	
Benet Parchment	Barnt Green Spartak	10	
Joseph Wright	Leamington Hibernian	10	
Nathan Corry	Knowle	10	
Ellis Blakemore	Fairfield Villa	9	
Michael Quirke	Alvis Sporting Club	9	
Steve Joynes	Hampton, Redditch Borough	9	

Division 3

Stuart Hendrie	Montpellier	39
Daniel Priest	Northfield Town	20
Dale Wigmore	Coventrians	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	10
Paddy Behan	Northfield Town	10
Lewis Chester	Coventrians	10
Jake Harris	Shipston Excelsior	10
Romario Martin	Moors Academy	10
Charlie Adcock	NKF Burbage	9
Lewis Fathers	Shipston Excelsior / FC Stratford	9
Lee Hendrie	Montpellier	9
Daniel Moore	Castle Vale Town	9
Tyrese Shade	Moors Academy	9
Freddy Murphy	FC Stratford	9

Leading scorers – League games only

Premier Division

Josh March	Alvechurch	29
Shay Brennan	St Andrews	29
David Meese	Sporting Khalsa	27
Ben Billingham	Lye Town	22
Ryan Harkin	Coventry Sphinx	21

Division 1

Alex Naughton	Atherstone Town	45
Ryan Seal	Hinckley AFC	36
Matt Stenson	Leicester Road	29
Jason Cowley	Bromsgrove Sporting	28
Wade Malley	Racing Club Warwick	27

Division 2

Danny Carter	Paget Rangers	25
Nick Seabourne	Droitwich Spa	24
Connor Collins	Fairfield Villa	23

Division 3

Stuart Hendrie	Montpellier	32
Jay Tilbury	FC Stratford	14
Daniel Priest	Northfield Town	14

Preview

Premier Division

Game of the day is one that has the biggest prize at the end of it for both clubs. **Shawbury United** play their last game at Wem Sports Ground in the bottom three and needing points to escape the drop. Visitors **Alvechurch** need one point to be crowned MFL Champions and gain promotion to Step 4. With 2nd place Coleshill Town not in action, the focus elsewhere will be on the relegation battle. **AFC Wulfrunians** are a point ahead of Shawbury and they welcome 7th placed **Coventry United** to Castlecroft. A win for Wulfs could make them safe depending on the result from Wem. **Loughborough University** are two points above Shawbury with a positive goal difference. They host **Shepshed Dynamo** knowing that 4 points from two games would maintain their Premier Division status. **Walsall Wood** are the other side still in the relegation mix and they welcome 5th placed **Heanor Town** to the ML Safety Stadium. One win from their final two games would do it for Wood but visitors Heanor have a chance of finishing in the top 5 so it won't be easy. Three wins from their remaining games would give **Sporting Khalsa** 2nd place and they welcome **Highgate United** to the Aspray Arena, with Highgate in excellent goalscoring form. Lye Town travel to St Andrews needing a win to ensure a top four finish. Bottom club **Tividale** welcome 6th placed **Westfields** to The Beeches with the visitors still needing points for the chance of a top 5 finish. Fellow relegated side **Brocton** travel to **Boldmere St Michaels** hoping to bounce back from their heavy defeat on Bank Holiday Monday. **Rocester** and **Long Eaton United** are both safe following Monday's results and expect a tight affair at Hillsfield with the sides separated by just one point and one goal difference. **Coventry Sphinx** can clinch a top 10 finish with a win at home to **Stourport Swifts** whose end of season form has seen them climb away from the relegation zone.

Division 1

With the league title sown up, attention at the top is whether **Bromsgrove Sporting** can go through the season unbeaten and who will finish runners up. Bromsgrove entertain **Uttoxeter Town** on Thursday evening before facing a tough examination at 3rd placed **Atherstone Town**. Hot shot Alex Naughton needs one more goal to break 50 for the season while the Adders need 6 more league goals to crack the 100-goal barrier. This has already been achieved by the champions, Leicester Road and Hinckley AFC. 2nd placed **Hinckley AFC** entertain in-form **Nuneaton Griff** at St Johns Park with Griff on the back of four straight wins. **Leicester Road**, in 4th, travel to Rene Road to face an in and out **Bolehall Swifts**. **Cadbury Athletic** can confirm a top 5 finish with a win at home to bottom side **Southam United** who came close to a 5th point of the season on Monday at home to Racing Club Warwick. In the battle to avoid the drop, anything less than a point at **Lichfield City** would send **Pelsall Villa down**. In reality Villa need a win to keep things boiling for the final week of the season. **Studley** are four points ahead of Pelsall and they meet on the final Saturday of the season. This week they travel to **Uttoxeter Town** knowing a win will keep them up. Two of the other sides in danger meet in Worcestershire with **Pershore Town** hosting **Stafford Town**. A win for either and they are safe while a draw for Pershore would be enough for them. **Chelmsley Town** confirmed their safety on Monday and they can look forward to Division 1 football when they welcome **Heath Hayes** to Pack Meadow. 6th meets at 8th at Townsend Meadow with **Racing Club Warwick** entertaining **Heather St Johns**. **Coventry Copsewood** meet **Littleton** at Allards Way with a top 10 finish a possibility for both teams.

Division 2

The battle for promotion has been intense in Division 2 with four clubs still chasing one spot. Two of them meet at Green Lane with 2nd placed **Alvis Sporting Club** entertaining promotion outsiders **Fairfield Villa**. Fairfield probably need to win their final three games against Alvis, Barnt Green Spartak and Coton Green to have a chance. **Redditch Borough** have won their last 9 league games to give themselves a chance at promotion and they welcome **Smithswood Firs** to a game being played at Littleton FC. Smithswood are in good form with one defeat in 5 including a win at promotion chasers Paget Rangers. **Paget Rangers** travel to the Coppice to face a **Barnt Green Spartak** side shipping goals at an alarming rate, 22 goals in the last 4 home games. A win for Paget keeps the pressure on Alvis and Redditch above them. Following results over the Easter weekend, **Hampton** are safe and they host **Coton Green** knowing they will be playing Division 2 football next season. 6th placed **Knowle** host **Feckenham**, the game taking place at Earlswood FC.

Division 3

Only two games in Division 3 with the top four all in action. Leaders **NKF Burbage** will be crowned champions if they can beat visitors **Northfield Town**. Northfield are 3rd and 4 points behind Montpellier so they need a win. **Moors Academy** in 4th welcome 2nd placed **Montpellier** to The Beehive. A win for the home side would keep their slim hopes of a top two finish alive while a win for the Pellers and anything other than a win for Northfield would guarantee a top two finish and promotion.

Reserves

RESERVE DIVISION

CONTINENTAL STAR	v	GRESLEY	11.30
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CHALLENGE TROPHY SEMI FINAL

ROMULUS	v	BROCTON	
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Under 21

UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

HEATH HAYES	v	LEEK TOWN	10.30
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TAMWORTH	v	SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN:	10.00
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UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

ALVECHURCH	v	BEDWORTH UNITED	10.30
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BROMSGROVE SPORTING	v	H O W ACADEMY	10.30
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COVENTRY UNITED	v	AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	10.30
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KETTERING TOWN	v	DROITWICH SPA G & B	10.30
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KINGS HEATH CONCORDE	v	HIGHGATE UNITED	10.30
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