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League News

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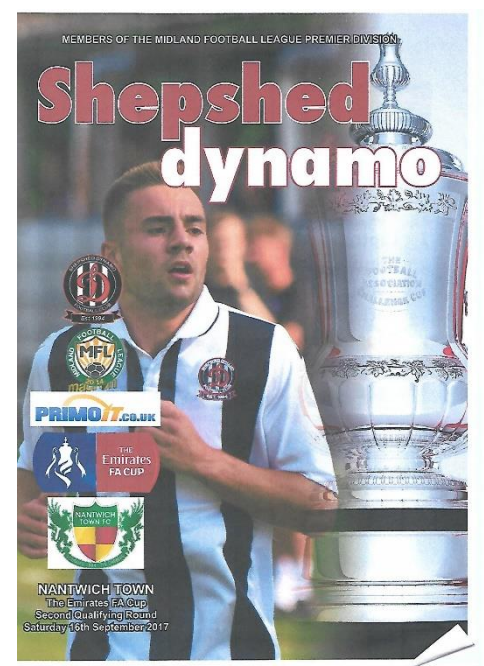
Saturday September 16th

FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round

Shepshed Dynamo 0 Nantwich Town 1

After thrashing Step 4 Leek Town 6-1 at The Dovecote in the previous round, Shepshed entertained Step 3 Nantwich Town hoping to inflict another cup shock. The Dabbers are mid table in the Evostik Premier and are expected to challenge for promotion this season. It was the home side that started the quicker with Michael Reeve forcing a save from Krystian Burzynski and Shay Brennan off target inside the first minute. An excellent cross from Liam Hurst was dealt with by the Nantwich keeper as Shepshed offered the greater threat. In the 5th minute, a shot on the turn was well saved by Burzynski. Two minutes later, a well directed shot from Hurst was scrambled round the post by Burzynski. Nantwich' first attempt came courtesy of Harry Clayton who hit the target but failed to trouble Shane Antcliffe. In the 10th minute, a long throw by Adam Hohn caused panic in the Nantwich defence and Liam Read volleyed wide at the far post. Clayton was the Nantwich threat and he forced a good save from Antcliffe. In the 28th minute, Clayton battled his way into the penalty area and went down under a challenge however referee Christopher Reeson adjudged Clayton to be the culprit and awarded the free-kick to Shepshed. A minute later, a cross from Read found the head of Reeve but he couldn't get enough of a contact and the chance went begging. Reeve had another chance in the 29th minute, heading wide a cross from Hohn. Another Shepshed free-kick was punched off the head of Jake Betts by Burzynski. Shepshed thought they had scored in the 35th minute. Reeve beat Joel Stair in a challenge, lobbed the advancing Burzynski and watched in agony as the ball bounced on the firm surface and cleared the crossbar. In stoppage time, Reeve was again the man in the action as his shot was saved at the near post by Burzynski.

Nantwich started the second-half at a higher tempo and immediately forced Antcliffe to gather well under pressure from the Nantwich forwards. Nantwich should have taken the lead in the 50th minute. Clayton saw his shot blocked and when the rebound came to him, he played it inside to the unmarked Casper Hughes who ballooned his shot over the bar. A shot from Ryan Brooke was over the bar as Nantwich began to ask all the questions. On the hour mark, Shepshed were reduced to ten men when Josh Hill was adjudged to be last men when bringing down Jordan Davies – a fair decision. The introduction of former Northern Ireland international Steve Jones in the 71st minute had an immediate impact for Nantwich. With his first touch, he cut inside from the left touchline and hit a 25-yard effort which skimmed the crossbar. Hughes was then off target from a Nantwich corner as the ten men stood firm. In the 75th minute, Shepshed missed a glorious chance. A free-kick from Karl Whymark was met by Stuart McNaught in the area but his header flew over the bar. Nantwich's response was immediate and decisive. A cross field ball from Toby Mullarkey reached Jones on the left and he curled a shot over Antcliffe and into the far corner of the net. Nantwich should have sealed things in the 83rd minute. Clayton robbed Niall Prenderville, and racing through on goal, Antcliffe making an excellent save. In stoppage time, Alex Troke played a perfectly weighted pass into the path of Luke Richards but the Shepshed sub lost control and Burzynski gathered. The ten men threw everything they had left at Nantwich but it wasn't to be.



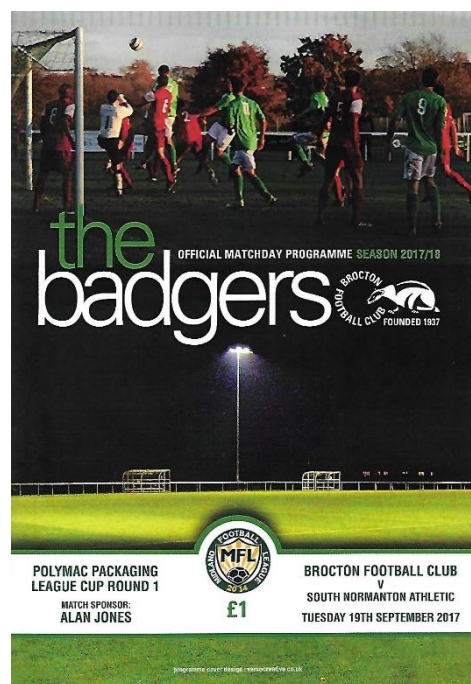
Tuesday September 19th

Polymac Packaging League Cup 1st Round

Brocton 1 South Normanton Athletic 4

A first meeting between these two sides as relegated Brocton hoped to be giantkillers. Things didn't start well for South Normanton with players delayed due to major traffic issues on the A50. Brocton had the first opportunity of the game in the 4th minute when Dave Berks controlled the ball and chipped Darren Keeling with the ball dropping wide of the target. The Shiners response was clinical and they took the lead a minute later. A shot from Luke Crosby was well saved by Adam Jenkins but when the ball came back to the striker, he made no mistake second time around, blasting the ball past the Brocton keeper. An excellent run and cross by Jack Edwards was cleared by the South Normanton defence. Kenny McEvoy tried his luck from distance for the visitors, the ball bouncing awkwardly in front of Jenkins who made a comfortable save. The Shiners doubled their lead in the 16th minute. A right wing dross was headed back into the area by Mark Strzyzweski where Crosby controlled, took a touch and hit a fierce shot through a crowd of players and into the net. Four minutes, the game was as good as over as South Normanton scored again. The impressive Crosby beat 2 defenders, reached the by-line and played the ball back into Shane Newton who side footed home. The game was being played at a high tempo and the officials let the game flow. Joe Hartshorne saw a shot blocked for the home side while Lee Fell made his way into the area, and when well placed, hit a weak shot which failed to trouble Jenkins. Fell dragged a shot just wide of the far post while Hartshorne again troubled the South Normanton defence, Keeling intercepting a through ball to Berks. In the 37th minute, good approach lay from Brocton ended with a poor finish by Berks. Five minutes before half-time, Brocton pulled a goal back. Anthony Juxon split the South Normanton defence with a pass and Hartshorne latched onto it and finished well. On the stroke of half-time, an overhead kick from Shaan Stuart was saved by Keeling to maintain South Normanton's 2 goal advantage.

South Normanton went close to a 4th in the 50th minute when Fraser Kirk met a right wing corner but his header rebounded off the post. Abou Sylla went close for the visitors, his shot taking a slight deflection as it skimmed the bar. Kevin Hemagou was introduced from the bench by South Normanton and with his first touch he forced a fine save from Jenkins. The game was put out of reach of the home wide in the 65th minute when Ellis Liggins turned the ball into his own net after it had ricocheted around the area. Two minutes later, Newton wasted a glorious chance, firing over the bar from in front of goal. In the 82nd minute, McEvoy set up Jean Ruben Desrosiers but again his shot was over the bar. How South Normanton didn't make it 5 in the 84th minute only they will know. Hemagou found space and with three players unmarked in the penalty area, effectively a 4 on one situation, Hemagou decided to try and chip the keeper much to the disgust of his bench. With two minutes left, Jenkins made an excellent double save to thwart Sylla and Hemagou to keep the score down.



Wednesday September 20th

Polymac Packaging League Cup 1st Round

Lichfield City 2 Long Eaton United 0

On a windy night in Staffordshire, Lichfield city welcomed Long Eaton United to their temporary home of Rene Road. Long Eaton started the brighter with Alex Ford overrunning the ball with space in front of him. Zak Goodson wasted another opportunity for the visitors clearing the bar with his effort. Lichfield should have taken the lead in the 10th minute. Tom Green, in space, headed the ball down and it bounced up and clipped the crossbar. Jordan Evans curled a shot over the bar as Lichfield looked a threat going forward. Green was proving a handful for the Long Eaton defence, and his shot on the turn was well held by Scott Low. On the half hour mark, Ford went down under a challenge from Lichfield keeper Jon Clough. The official decided there was no penalty much to the surprise of both benches. Dan Sheppard had the next chance for the home side, heading wide from a corner. Lichfield were playing the more incisive football and from a good move, Richard Deavall set up Evans whose shot bounced in front of Low who gathered. In the 44th minute, a shot from Tom Howard was blocked for a corner. In stoppage time, the visitors went close to an opener, Brandon Clarke's fiercely struck shot parried wide by Clough.

In the first minute of the second half, Ford was pulled back by Dan McLeod who received a yellow card for his troubles. In the 49th minute, Jack Elcock created space but his shot was well wide. Evans blasted wide for Lichfield before Long Eaton wasted a gilt-edged chance. Ford played the ball perfectly into the path of Ryan Head but the ball bobbed as he went to hit it and he missed the ball with the goal at his mercy. Lichfield took the lead in the 61st minute. The ball found its way to Green whose shot took a massive deflection and completely wrongfooted Low. In the 67th minute, Clarke made space down the right. His ball inside came back to the full back who hit the side netting with his shot. Lichfield made it two in the 76th minute. A free-kick was headed down at the far post by Charlie Jones and when the ball fell at the feet of Green, he made no mistake. Lichfield were now comfortable and Evans should have sewn things up but his shot was too high. In the 87th minute, Keenan Meakin was shown a red card for Long Eaton. Three minutes into time added on, Lichfield had a three on-one situation but Green failed to pass.

A comfortable win eventually for Lichfield with Green the difference between the two sides.

Review

FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round

Haughmond flew the flag of the Midland Football League earning a replay with National North Boston United after a 1-1 draw at the Jakeman's Stadium. AN equaliser from Scott Ryan, 11 minutes from time ensured that the Sports Village should be rocking on Tuesday night. It could have got even better for Haughmond with the Boston keeper making a stunning save in the dying minutes. Former Northern Ireland International Steve Jones came off the bench to score the only goal of the game for Nantwich Town at **Shepshed Dynamo**. Shepshed bossed the first 45 minutes and only an unlucky bounce, when Michael Reeve's goal bound lob, leapt over the bar, kept the scores level at the break. The sending off of Josh Hill on the hour gave the Dabbers extra space which they used to their advantage. **Westfields** cup run for this season is over as two late goals gave Leamington a 2-0 victory at Allpay Park. It could have been so different if Craig Jones first-half penalty had been converted but it was the National North side that are in the hat for the next round.

Boston United proved too strong for **Haughmond** in the replay at The Sports Village. The National North side winning 5-0 with a double for James Clifton.

Premier Division

League leaders **Coleshill Town** lost their unbeaten record as a last-minute goal from Josh Ruff secured a 1-0 win for **Rugby Town** at Butlin Road. To make matters worse for the Coleman, they had two players sent off in the final minute. **Worcester City** climb to 2nd after an emphatic 8-0 win over **Quorn** at The Victoria Ground. City scored 4 in each half and had seven men on the scoresheet, Mark Danks the odd one out with a brace. **Coventry United** missed the chance to go top as they were beaten 1-0 by **Bromsgrove Sporting** in the early kick off The Butts Park Arena. Robbie Bunn got the all-important goal just after half-time which moves the Rouslers to 4th with a game in hand on the sides above them. **Long Eaton United** climbed off the bottom of the table with an excellent 3-1 win at high-flying **Coventry Sphinx**, Tom Gamblen scoring twice. **Stourport Swifts** are up to 10th following their 4-1 win at **South Normanton Athletic**. **Shawbury United** slip to the bottom losing 2-0 at **Sporting Khalsa** who are now up to 11th. A goal from Lei Brown in the 11th minute gave **Highgate United** all 3 points at **Loughborough University**. **Lye Town** and **Boldmere St Michaels** shared the spoils at Stourbridge Road, 1-1 the final score.

League Table

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|----|---------------------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|----|
| 1 | <u>Coleshill Town</u> | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 9 | 10 | 19 |
| 2 | <u>Worcester City</u> | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 9 | 15 | 17 |
| 3 | <u>Coventry United</u> | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 9 | 13 | 16 |
| 4 | <u>Bromsgrove Sporting</u> | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 7 | 8 | 16 |
| 5 | <u>Heanor Town</u> | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 14 | 3 | 16 |
| 6 | <u>Shepshed Dynamo</u> | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 22 | 8 | 14 | 15 |
| 7 | <u>Lye Town</u> | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 15 |
| 8 | <u>Coventry Sphinx</u> | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 10 | 3 | 15 |
| 9 | <u>Rugby Town</u> | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 9 | 4 | 14 |
| 10 | <u>Stourport Swifts</u> | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 22 | -4 | 13 |
| 11 | <u>Sporting Khalsa</u> | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 11 | 4 | 12 |
| 12 | <u>AFC Wulfrunians</u> | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 13 | -4 | 12 |
| 13 | <u>Highgate United</u> | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 11 |
| 14 | <u>Haughmond</u> | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 12 | -4 | 7 |
| 15 | <u>Rocester</u> | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 22 | -9 | 7 |
| 16 | <u>South Normanton Athletic</u> | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 21 | -13 | 7 |
| 17 | <u>Westfields</u> | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 6 |
| 18 | <u>Long Eaton United</u> | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 17 | -4 | 6 |
| 19 | <u>Boldmere St Michaels</u> | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 16 | -7 | 5 |
| 20 | <u>Loughborough University</u> | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 18 | -12 | 4 |
| 21 | <u>Quorn</u> | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 26 | -17 | 4 |
| 22 | <u>Shawbury United</u> | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 16 | -7 | 3 |

Division 1

Leaders **Studley** extended their lead at the top to 4 points following a 3-0 win at **Chelmsley Town**. **Walsall Wood** were beaten for the first time this season, **Leicester Road** winning 2-0 with two goals in the last 15 minutes. There was a bumper crowd of 327 at Sheepy Road as **Atherstone Town** and **Ilkeston Town** fought out a goalless draw. **Heather St Johns** continued their climb up the table with an 8-0 win over **Bolehall Swifts** at Sty Johns Parl. Four players scored twice – Simeon Cobourne, Fraser Doyle, Andre Gonzalez and Dave Yonwin. **Cadbury Athletic** remain bottom despite a 3-3 home draw with 3rd placed **Hinckley AFC**. Stuart Butcher scored twice for the Chocolatemen and Steve Hart twice for Hinckley. **Racing Club Warwick** had an emphatic win on the road, 6-0 at **Coventry Alvis** with Sean Kavanagh scoring twice. **Lichfield City** move up to 6th place with a 2-0 win at **Coventry Copsewood**. A double from Danny Carter helped **Paget Rangers** to a 3-2 home win over **Brocton** who slip to 19th. **Littleton** move up to 17th after an excellent 4-2 win at **Heath Hayes**, Daniel Carter with a hat-trick. **Stafford Town** travelled to Worcestershire and returned with all three points after a 2-1 win at **Pershore Town**. A double from Kyle Esplin earned **Uttoxeter Town** a 2-1 win at home to **Nuneaton Griff**.

League Table

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|----|----------------------------|----|---|----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| 1 | <u>Studley</u> | 9 | 7 | 11 | 19 | 9 | 10 | 22 | |
| 2 | <u>Walsall Wood</u> | 7 | 6 | 0 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 18 | 18 |
| 3 | <u>Hinckley AFC</u> | 8 | 5 | 12 | 25 | 12 | 13 | 16 | |
| 4 | <u>Atherstone Town</u> | 8 | 5 | 12 | 21 | 13 | 8 | 16 | |
| 5 | <u>Chelmsley Town</u> | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 20 | -7 | 15 |
| 6 | <u>Lichfield City</u> | 7 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 12 | 5 | 14 | |
| 7 | <u>Racing Club Warwick</u> | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 14 |
| 8 | <u>Leicester Road</u> | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 9 | 5 | 13 |
| 9 | <u>Heather St Johns</u> | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 16 | 8 | 12 |
| 10 | <u>Ilkeston Town</u> | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 12 |
| 11 | <u>Stafford Town</u> | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 17 | 21 | -4 | 12 |
| 12 | <u>Coventry Copsewood</u> | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 17 | -4 | 12 |
| 13 | <u>Heath Hayes</u> | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 18 | 3 | 11 |
| 14 | <u>Bolehall Swifts</u> | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 21 | -10 | 11 |
| 15 | <u>Paget Rangers</u> | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 10 |
| 16 | <u>Uttoxeter Town</u> | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 16 | 24 | -8 | 10 |
| 17 | <u>Littleton</u> | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 9 |
| 18 | <u>Pershore Town</u> | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 17 | 18 | -1 | 9 |
| 19 | <u>Brocton</u> | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 12 | -1 | 7 |
| 20 | <u>Nuneaton Griff</u> | 9 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 24 | -16 | 6 |
| 21 | <u>Coventry Alvis</u> | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 32 | -25 | 6 |
| 22 | <u>Cadbury Athletic</u> | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 13 | -4 | 5 |

Division 2

Leaders **NKF Burbage** were held by 3rd placed **Northfield Town**, 2-2 the final score at Shenley Lane with Patrick Behan scoring twice for the home side. A goal from Karl Walker settled the game in **Hampton's** favour at home to **Bloxwich Town**, that result lifting Hampton to 2nd place. **Redditch Borough** and **Barnt Green Spartak** battled out a 0-0 draw at the Meitis.

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| 1 | <u>NKF Burbage</u> | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 16 |
| 2 | <u>Hampton</u> | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 13 |
| 3 | <u>Montpellier</u> | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 12 | |
| 4 | <u>Northfield Town</u> | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 12 | |
| 5 | <u>Knowle</u> | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| 6 | <u>Feckenham</u> | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | -4 | 9 |
| 7 | <u>Coton Green</u> | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 8 | |
| 8 | <u>Redditch Borough</u> | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 8 | |
| 9 | <u>Droitwich Spa</u> | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 8 | | |
| 10 | <u>Smithswood Firs</u> | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 7 | |
| 11 | <u>Earlwood Town</u> | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 7 | -1 | 7 | | |
| 12 | <u>Barnt Green Spartak</u> | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 | -3 | 6 | |
| 13 | <u>Fairfield Villa</u> | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 7 | -9 | 4 | |
| 14 | <u>Moors Academy</u> | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | -10 | 4 | |
| 15 | <u>Bloxwich Town</u> | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | -5 | 3 |
| 16 | <u>Pelsall Villa</u> | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 9 | -12 | 1 | |

Division 3

GNP Sports made it 5 out of 5 with a 2-1 win over **Coventrians** at the Athletics Track. Leigh Phillips scored both goals for GNP on his debut. **Bartestree** are second following a 2-0 win at **Castle Vale Town** who remain pointless after 4 games. **Central Ajax** remain unbeaten with two wins and two draws, the latest a 0-0 draw at home to **Enville Athletic**. **Birmingham Tigers** picked up their first win as an MFL club, 5-3 at **Shipston Excelsior**. James Drinkwater scored twice for the home side while Younes Touaiti bagged a hat-trick for Tigers

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|----|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|---|
| 1 | <u>GNP Sports</u> | 5 | 5 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 15 | |
| 2 | <u>Bartestree</u> | 5 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 10 | 12 | |
| 3 | <u>FC Stratford</u> | 3 | 3 | 0 | 23 | 2 | 21 | 9 | |
| 4 | <u>Central Ajax</u> | 4 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 8 | |
| 5 | <u>Coventrians</u> | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 3 | 7 |
| 6 | <u>Shipston Excelsior</u> | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 14 | 2 | 6 |
| 7 | <u>Continental Star</u> | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 8 | -1 | 6 |
| 8 | <u>Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons</u> | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 9 | -2 | 6 |
| 9 | <u>CT Shush</u> | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 10 | <u>Enville Athletic</u> | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 10 | -5 | 5 |
| 11 | <u>Alcester Town</u> | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 9 | -3 | 4 |
| 12 | <u>Birmingham Tigers</u> | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 13 | -4 | 4 |
| 13 | <u>Inkberrow</u> | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 13 | -5 | 2 |
| 14 | <u>Leamington Hibernian</u> | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 17 | -13 | 2 |
| 15 | <u>AFC Solihull</u> | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 10 | -5 | 1 |
| 16 | <u>Castle Vale Town</u> | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 16 | -14 | 0 |

Polymac Packaging League Cup

Paget Rangers were the big winners in Round 1, a solitary goal from Keegan Woolley beating Premier Division **Lye Town** at Stourbridge Road. Division 2 **Droitwich Spa** took Premier Division **AFC Wulfrunians** to a penalty shoot out after James Lemon equalised in stoppage time, Wulfs winning 5-4 from the spot. Jack Cook scored a hat-trick for **Heather ST Johns** in a 4-0 win at **Barnt Green Spartak**. Marco Adaggio was another to get a hat-trick in a 6-0 win for **Highgate United** at **Bolehall Swifts**, Lei Brown also scoring twice. Two early goals for Luke Crosby sent **South Normanton Athletic** on their way to a 4-1 win at **Brocton**. Two goals from Joe Kennedy helped **Leicester Road** to a 3-0 win at **Coton Green**. Biggest crowd of the round was at The Town Ground to see **Heanor Town** beat **Ilkeston Town** 2-0. **Bromsgrove Sporting** had to come from 2 goals down to beat **Pershore Town** 3-2, Jason Cowley with the winning goal 6 minutes from time. Tevin Shakespeare scored twice for **Rugby Town** in their 2-1 win over **Coventry Sphinx** at Butlin Road. **Coventry United** are also through after a 2-0 win at **Shepshed Dynamo**. **Sporting Khalsa** hosted **Shawbury United** and went through to Round 3 following a 4-0 win. **Nuneaton Griff** gave their new manager something to smile about with a 3-1 win at **Stafford Town**. Dan Sweeney scored twice as **Stourport Swifts** eased past **Cadbury Athletic**, 4-2 the final score. **Walsall Wood** made it through to Round 2 with a 3-0 win at home to **Chelmsley Town**. A goal 6 minutes into added time from Luke Church saw **Racing Club Warwick** through to round 3 at the expense of Division 1 leaders, **Studley**. **Heath Hayes** are also into the third round following a 3-1 win at **Uttoxeter Town**, Ben Cooling scoring twice

Two second half goals from Tom Green were the difference as **Lichfield City** beat **Long Eaton United** 2-0 at Rene Road. **Coventry Alvis** also caused a shock knocking our Premier Division **Loughborough University** 2-1. A third shock on the night saw **Littleton** beat Premier Division frontrunners **Worcester City** 2-0 at 5Acres. **Quorn** needed penalties to beat **Atherstone Town** at Farley Way. The home side were 2 up inside 14 minutes but two goals in the last three minutes sent the tie to penalties.

Les James Memorial Charity Cup 1st Round

FC Stratford have been on fire this season and carried this into the league cup with a 7-2 win at Division 2 **Pelsall Villa**. Dylan Parker was the player to score 4 this week as the visitors caused an upset. Ellis Blakemore scored a hat-trick as **Fairfield Villa** beat **Continental Star** 4-2. **Alcester Town** were giantkillers beating 2nd Division **Earlswood Town** 3-1 on their own patch, Ellis Kalach scoring twice.

Challenge Vase

The game between **CT Shush** and **AFC Solihull** was abandoned due to a serious injury to Solihull's Calum Howles, we wish him well for his recovery. **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** progressed beating **Leamington Hibernian** 4-2. Reece Gibson scored a hat-trick for Boldmere.

Presidents Cup

Smithswood Firs travelled to The Beehive and had an excellent 4-0 victory over **Montpellier**. Chris Lloyd and Trea Bertie both scoring twice in the first half. **Droitwich Spa** and **Knowle** drew 2-2 after 90 minutes with Droitwich winning the penalty shoot-out 4-2.

Smedley Crooke Memorial Charity Cup

Moors Academy edged a 5-goal thriller with **Inkberrow** for who Nathan Davies scored twice

Other Cups

In the Worcestershire Junior Urn, **Feckenham** and Bewdley Town reserves shared eight goals which resulted in a penalty shoot-out. It was The Millers that prevailed winning 5-3 from the spot. **Westfields** hosted **Hereford** in the Herefordshire Challenge Cup and it was the higher ranked side that progressed, 2-1 the scoreline in front of 459.

Reserves

RESERVE DIVISION

Nuneaton Griff **2** v **1** Cadbury Athletic

CHALLENGE TROPHY ROUND 1

Group "A"

Coton Green **3** v **0** Bolehall Swifts

Lichfield City **0** v **8** Gresley

Group "B"

Knowle **1** v **4** Alvechurch

Walsall Wood **1** v **2** Bromsgrove Sporting

Under 21 Division

CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 1

AFC Redditch **1** v **6** Aylestone Park

AFC Rushden & Diamonds Elite **1** v **4** Bedworth United

Coleshill Town **4** v **1** Rushall Olympic

UNDER 21 DIVISION EAST

Coventry United **1** v **1** Tamworth

Leicester Nirvana **2** v **3** Kettering Town

Quorn **4** v **1** Atherstone Town

Football CV Reds **1** v **3** Milton Keynes College

UNDER 21 DIVISION WEST

Boldmere St Michaels **1** v **1** Heath Hayes

Brocton **4** v **1** Wychall Wanderers

Continental Star **1** v **4** Evesham United

H O W Academy **4** v **1** Highgate United

Sutton Coldfield Town **1** v **1** Droitwich Spa G & B

Leading scorers

Premier Division

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Lei Brown | Highgate United | 8 |
| Mark Danks | Worcester City | 8 |
| Ryan Nesbitt | Boldmere St Michaels | 8 |
| Oli Roome | Rocester | 8 |
| Martin Smyth | Rocester | 8 |
| Craig Bannister | Sporting Khalsa | 7 |
| Shay Brennan | Shepshed Dynamo | 7 |
| Steve Hole | Haughmond | 7 |
| Liam Hurst | Shepshed Dynamo | 7 |
| Aaron Lloyd | Stourport Swifts | 7 |
| Dave Reynolds | Worcester City | 7 |
| Marco Adaggio | Highgate United | 6 |
| Jake Betts | Shepshed Dynamo | 6 |
| Luke Crosby | South Normanton Athletic | 6 |
| Matt Gardner | Coleshill Town | 6 |
| Ryan Harkin | Coventry Sphinx | 6 |
| David Kolodynski | Rugby Town | 6 |
| David Meese | Sporting Khalsa | 6 |
| Mitch Piggon | Coventry United | 6 |
| Elliot Reeves | Heanor Town | 6 |
| Craig Reid | Coventry United | 6 |
| Jamie Sleigh | Heanor Town | 6 |
| Jack Till | Lye Town | 6 |
| Reuben Wiggins-Thomas | Rugby Town | 6 |

Division 1

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| George Bowerman | Hinckley AFC | 12 |
| Simeon Cobourne | Heather St Johns | 11 |
| Alex Naughton | Atherstone Town | 11 |
| Regan Smith | Heath Hayes | 11 |
| Daniel Carter | Littleton | 10 |
| Paul Sullivan | Walsall Wood | 10 |
| Joey Butlin | Walsall Wood | 9 |
| Andy Nicol | Studley | 8 |
| Daniel Carter | Paget Rangers | 7 |
| Adam Knight | Racing Club Warwick | 7 |
| Michael Wright | Pershore Town / Littleton | 7 |
| Jamie Clarke | Pershore Town | 6 |
| Greg Downes | Leicester Road | 6 |
| Daniel Priest | Pershore Town | 6 |
| Michael Bloore | Bolehall Swifts | 5 |
| Jack Cook | Heather St Johns | 5 |
| Kyle Esplin | Uttoxeter Town | 5 |
| Dan Griffiths | Lichfield City | 5 |
| Jake Humphries | Heath Hayes | 5 |
| Matt Langham | Leicester Road | 5 |
| Craig Marshall | Lichfield City | 5 |
| Jemeul Mills | Chelmsley Town | 5 |
| Jack Weldon | Heath Hayes | 5 |

Division 2

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Stuart Hendrie | Montpellier | 13 |
| Martin Crawford | Smithswood Firs | 9 |
| Trea Bertie | Smithswood Firs | 8 |
| Dominic Strevens | Barnt Green Spartak | 7 |
| Steve Ruck | Knowle | 6 |
| Ainsley Seivwright | Hampton | 6 |
| Nathan Astill | NKF Burbage | 5 |
| Umit Eminoglu | Feckenham | 5 |
| Adam Garmson | Northfield Town | 5 |
| James Lemon | Droitwich Spa | 5 |
| Cameron Moriarty | Bloxwich Town | 5 |
| Jess Adcock | NKF Burbage | 4 |
| Ellis Blakemore | Fairfield Villa | 4 |
| Craig Malins | Redditch Borough | 4 |
| Sam Melia | Bloxwich Town | 4 |
| Daniel Murphy | Feckenham | 4 |
| Kelsn Shepard | Montpellier | 4 |
| Tom Smith | NKF Burbage | 4 |

Division 3

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| James Gifford | FC Stratford | 9 |
| Dylan Parker | FC Stratford | 8 |
| James Drinkwater | Shipston Excelsior | 7 |
| Reece Gibson | Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons | 7 |
| Tyler Haddow | Coventrians | 6 |
| Jimmy Ward | Alcester Town | 6 |
| Louis Mann | Bartestree | 5 |
| Charlie Cook | GNP Sports | 4 |
| Nathan Davies | Inkberrow | 4 |
| Jake Harris | Shipston Excelsior | 4 |
| Ben Hill | FC Stratford | 4 |
| Miles Langford | Bartestree | 4 |
| Younes Touaiti | Birmingham Tigers | 4 |
| Ton Clewes | Inkberrow | 3 |
| Jonathan Hamer | AFC Solihull | 3 |
| Davion Hamilton | Continental Star | 3 |
| Calum Howles | AFC Solihull | 3 |
| George Hunt | Central Ajax | 3 |
| Ishak Ibisevic | Birmingham Tigers | 3 |
| Ellis Kalach | Alcester Town | 3 |
| Tom Parnaby | FC Stratford | 3 |
| Ashley Wilks | FC Stratford | 3 |

Reserves

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| Dean Fisher | Alvechurch | 7 |
| Samuel Hammerton | Gresley | 6 |
| Zakim Evans | Gresley | 4 |
| Daniel Lawrence | Alvechurch | 4 |
| Harry Landsowne | Gresley | 4 |
| Liam Arrowsmith | Coton Green | 3 |
| Josh Dutton | Gresley | 3 |
| Kane Lee | Gresley | 3 |

Under 21

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| Joel Steer | Tamworth | 7 |
| Ryan Palmer | Coventry United | 6 |
| Andre Lawrence | Sutton Coldfield | 5 |
| Liam Lockett | Worcester City | 5 |
| Samuel Major-Beddoes | Evesham United | 5 |
| Shay Beeby | Aylestone Park | 4 |
| Sam Ford | Coleshill Town | 4 |
| Jordan Lovell | Continental Star | 4 |
| King-David Marstaller | Milton Keynes College | 4 |

Preview

The Buildbase FA Vase

Second Round Qualifying

Highgate United (MFLP) vs Whitchurch Alport (NWC1)

In-form Highgate United welcome North West Counties Whitchurch Alport and their large band of travelling supporters to The Coppice. Whitchurch are flying high in Division 1 but the Gate should start favourites.

Bilston Town (WMRL) vs Haughmond (MFLP)

West Midland league Bilston Town knocked out MFL Bolehall Swifts in the previous round but will find FA Cup heroes Haughmond a more difficult proposition. Haughmond won the WMRL last season beating the Steelmen twice scoring 12 without conceding. Should be a good game at Queen Street

Dudley Town (WMRL) vs Atherstone Town (MFL1)

Dudley Town have started slowly in the West Midlands League sitting in 17th place and conceding goals. The Adders are flying high in Division 1 of the MFL and will start firm favourites to proceed.

Wellington (WMRL) vs Littleton (MFL1)

Mid-table Wellington knocked Shawbury United out of the competition in the previous round and come into the game with a string of wins behind them. Littleton have found some form and an excellent win at Heath Hayes last week will have given them confidence. Difficult to split these two.

Chelmsley Town (MFL1) vs AFC Wulfrunians (MFLP)

Chelmsley have had a good start to the season including a solid Vase win over AFC Bridgnorth in the previous round. Wulfs have won 3 out of their last 4 and will be confident following their league win over Coventry United a week ago

Dudley Sports (WMRL) vs Brocton (MFL1)

Both sides are not having things all their own way this season. Sports sit mid-table in the WMRL league and come into the game on the back of three straight league defeats. Brocton have found points hard to come by in the league but a win over Tividale in the previous round gave indications of what was expected from the Badgers.

Shifnal Town (WMRL) vs Droitwich Spa (MFL2)

Droitwich Spa had an excellent win at Pegasus Juniors in the previous round, their first game in the FA Vase in their history. Shifnal are 16th in the WMRL and have not had the best of starts. A draw last weekend at home to Ellesmere Rangers will have boosted morale ahead of this game. Another tight affair

Cradley Town (WMRL) vs Walsall Wood (MFL1)

Two high flying sides in their respective divisions. Cradley are 3rd in the WMRL with a good home record. Walsall Wood lost their 100% record at Leicester Road last weekend and are one of the favourites for promotion back to Step 5. Expect plenty of goals.

Heather St Johns (MFL1) vs Rocester (MFLP)

21 goals in their last 4 games has catapulted Heather St Johns up the Division 1 table. Rocester have conceded 18 goals in their last 5 games and scored 17. If you want entertainment, St Johns Park looks to be the place

Westfields (MFLP) vs Daventry Town (UCLP)

A real tasty affair at Allpay Park with Westfields facing an in-form Daventry side. The visitors have won four of their last 5 and have scored 14 goals in their last three. Westfields have only played cup games in September culminating in last Saturday's defeat in the FA Cup at home to National North Leamington. Westfields will fancy their chances at home

Stourport Swifts (MFLP) vs Paget Rangers (MFL1)

An intriguing game at Walshes Meadow with both sides coming into the game on the back of good wins in the league. Swifts are mid-table in the Premier Division while The Bears have picked up 7 points in their last three league games. Could be tight

Smethwick (WMRL) vs Rugby Town (MFLP)

Rugby Town are the form side and will be firm favourites when they travel to the Aspray Arena (home of Sporting Khalsa) to tackle struggling West Midlands league Smethwick. Smethwick had a fine win at Malvern Town in the previous round and will need to be at their best to stop The Valley

Stafford Town (MFL1) vs Ashby Ivanhoe (EMCL)

Stafford Town are solidly in mid-table in Division 1 and will be happy with their start. Ivanhoe are struggling near the bottom of the East Midlands Counties League and Stafford must start as favourites

Studley (MFL1) vs Hanley Town (NWCP)

Division 1 league leaders Studley have won 5 games on the trot and come into the game full of confidence. Visitors Hanley are in good form themselves and a 5-1 win over Lichfield City in the previous round emphasised their fire power. Should be a good game

Boldmere St Michaels (MFLP) vs Worcester City (MFLP)

An entertaining game is promised between two Premier Division sides at the Trevor Brown Memorial Ground. Worcester's 8-0 win in the league last Saturday sent a clear sign to their rivals that they are one of the sides to beat this season. The Mikes started slowly but have hit form and this could go either way

Racing Club Warwick (MFL1) vs Coventry Copsewood (MFL1)

A repeat of the league game between the two sides from Bank Holiday Monday which the Racers won by the only goal of the game. Since then Warwick have the better form and would expect to progress.

Heath Hayes (MFL1) vs Wolverhampton SC (WMRL)

Heath Hayes have been involved in some high scoring games this season and their visitors in the Vase are the West Midlands League leaders, with a 100% record and are averaging 5 goals per game. Wolves Sporting must start as favourites but this should be one of the best games of the round

Uttoxeter Town (MFL1) vs Bardon Hill (LSC)

Former MFL club Bardon Hill have started the season in top form in the Leicestershire Senior league with a perfect record after 6 games. Uttoxeter are in good form, particularly at Oldfields, and home advantage could well count

Shirebrook Town (NCEL1) vs **Long Eaton United** (MFLP)

Shirebrook are 7th in Division 1 of the North East Counties League and had an excellent win at Grimsby Borough in the previous round. Long Eaton got their season up and running last weekend with a win at Coventry Sphinx which lifted them off the bottom of the table. This one could go to a replay.

Holbrook Sports (EMCL) vs **Quorn** (MFLP)

Holbrook Sports shocked Heanor Town in the previous round, winning at The Town Ground despite being reduced to ten men. Quorn were beaten heavily last week at Worcester City and won't be relishing this trip

Loughborough University (MFLP) vs Staveley MW (NECP)

Loughborough University have had a torrid start to the season with 7 defeats in their opening 9 fixtures. Staveley are mid table in the North East Counties League but are without a win in September. With no real form to either side, it could go either way

Boston Town (UCLP) vs **South Normanton Athletic** (MFLP)

Boston Town are having a fantastic run in the FA Cup this season and are through to the 3rd qualifying round. A home tie against either Warrington Town or Hyde United offers them the chance of a meeting with a Conference side so maybe their thoughts will be elsewhere. The Shiners have had mixed results in their debut MFL season but a 6-1 away win in the previous round will be the performance they wish to emulate.

Sunday 24th

Coventry United (MFLP) vs Stone Old Alleynians (WMRL)

For the second Vase game running, the Butts Park Arena welcomes Sunday football and a decent crowd, swelled by many groundhoppers. For the second round running United face West Midlands League opposition with Stone Old Alleynians struggling near the foot of the WMRL premier division table. Two single goal defeats in succession has slowed United's start to the season and they will not want to depart the Vase in the early rounds.

Premier Division

Only two games in the Premier Division and both impact the top of the table. 4th placed **Bromsgrove Sporting** welcome 7th placed **Lye Town** to The Victoria Ground and a win for Sporting will see them in the top two. League leaders **Coleshill Town** travel to The Dovecote to face in-form **Shepshed Dynamo**. If Shepshed can inflict Coleshill's 2nd league defeat of the season, they would move within a point of The Colemen with a game in hand.

Division 1

A solitary game in Division 1 but what a game. 10th placed Ilkeston Town welcome 3rd placed Hinckley AFC to The New Manor Ground in a game that could have a major impact on the top of the table. Given the support of both sides, a large crowd is guaranteed.

Division 2

With the top two in cup action, **Montpellier** can go second should they pick up all three points at 11th placed **Earlswood Town**. **Smithswood Firs** had an excellent cup win last week and return to league action with a home game against 6th placed **Feckenham**. **Fairfield Villa** recorded a much-needed win last weekend but face a tough trip to 5th placed **Knowle**. **Coton Green** are 7th and they welcome a much improved **Barnt Green Spartak** to New Mill Lane. **Bloxwich Town** have recorded one win in the league this season with 5 defeats. They welcome **Redditch Borough** to The Old Red Lion Ground with the visitors picking up a solitary point from the last 3 games.

Division 3

Leaders **GNP Sports** are one of two sides with a 100% record and they will hope to maintain that at home to unbeaten **CT Shush**. **FC Stratford** have scored 35 goals in 5 competitive fixtures this season and have won every game. They travel to The Hub to face 7th placed **Continental Star**. **Central Ajax** are unbeaten after four games and sit in a healthy 4th position in their first season in the MFL. They travel to Tudor Grange Leisure Centre to face **AFC Solihull** who have 1 point from 4 games. **Castle Vale Town** are searching for their first point of the season and they travel to 11th placed **Alcester Town**, who had a good cup win last weekend. Games involving **Coventrians** and **Shipston Excelsior** have been full of goals this season and expect much of the same when the two sides meet at Holbrooks Park. **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** beat **Leamington Hibernian** in the Challenge Vase last weekend and Hibs have an immediate chance of revenge when they meet at Cubbington.

Les James Challenge Cup Round 1

Enville Athletic welcome **Bartestree** to Hall Drive with the league newcomers making an excellent start to life in the Midland Football League. The top two in Division 2 meet at Kirkby Road with **NKF Burbage** hosting Division 2 surprise packets **Hampton** in what should be a really tight affair.

Challenge Vase Round 1

Two sides in the lower reached of Division 3 go head to head with **Inkberrow** hosting Division 3 newcomers **Birmingham Tigers**. Tigers had an excellent away win in the league last week and will hope to build on it.

Presidents Cup Round 1

Division 2 frontrunners **Northfield Town** host bottom club **Pelsall Villa** at Shenley Lane. Northfield will start as clear favourites but the Cup may be just the diversion Villa need.

Other Fixtures

STAFFORDSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 1

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| Brocton u21 | v | Lichfield City Res | 2.00 |
| Whittington Res | v | Walsall Wood Res | 2.00 |

Reserves

CHALLENGE TROPHY ROUND 1

Group "A"

Nuneaton Griff v Bolehall Swifts

Group "B"

Cadbury Athletic v Bromsgrove Sporting

RESERVE DIVISION

Alvechurch v Coton Green

Under 21 Divisions

UNDER 21 DIVISION EAST

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| Atherstone Town | v | Leicester Nirvana | 11.00 |
| Bedworth United | v | Coventry United | 11.00 |
| Coleshill Town | v | Kettering Town | 10.30 |
| Milton Keynes College | v | Aylestone Park | 10.30 |
| Quorn | v | AFC Rushden & Diamonds Elite | 10.30 |
| Tamworth | v | Football CV Reds | 10.30 |

UNDER 21 DIVISION WEST

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| Droitwich Spa G & B | v | Evesham United | 10.30 |
| Highgate United | v | Heath Hayes | 10.30 |
| H O W Academy | v | Continental Star | 10.30 |
| Rushall Olympic | v | Boldmere St Michaels | 10.30 |
| Worcester City | v | Sutton Coldfield Town | 10.30 |
| Wychall Wanderers | v | AFC Redditch | 10.30 |