



Midland Football League Newsletter

22nd March 2017

League News

The following has been received from **Southam United** re the funeral arrangements for Bobby Hancocks.

Tuesday 28th March

St James Church, Southam @ 10.00 am

and then onto

Banbury Crematorium

and then back to

Southam Sports & Social Club, School Street, Southam

Family have asked that black NOT be worn.

Travels of The Press Officer

Saturday 18th March 2017

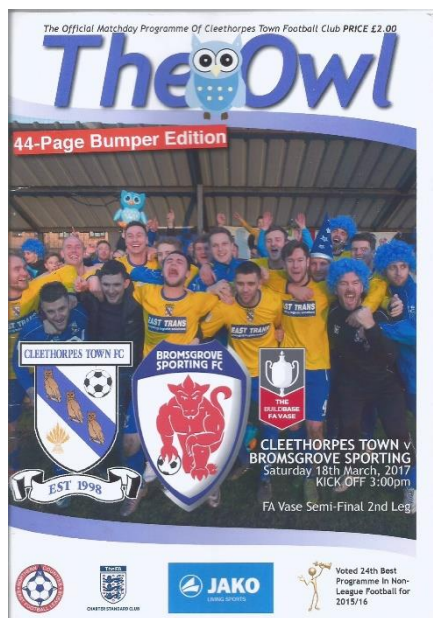
FA Vase (58)

Cleethorpes Town 1 Bromsgrove Sporting 0

With the semi-final, all square after a pulsating first leg at The Victoria Ground, a capacity crowd of around 1200 crammed into the Bradley Development Centre to see which club would make the Wembley final. Step 5 Cleethorpes Town are riding high at the top of Northern Counties East League while Bromsgrove are the unbeaten leaders of MFL Division 1. Roared on by a large and vocal following Bromsgrove began the game defending the goal where their supporters were gathered. After just 43 seconds, those supporters were stunned as Cleethorpes took the lead. A long ball found Gary King and the former Gainsborough Trinity forward lobbed Ryan Price, who was off his line, and despite a despairing effort from the keeper, the ball found its way into the net. Instead of going for the jugular, Cleethorpes were content to sit back and the visitors quickly gained a foothold in the game. Sam Wills was the first to have an attempt on goal for Bromsgrove but was well wide with his shot. In the 13th minute, Robbie Bunn's effort was well held by Liam Higton in the Owls' goal. Bromsgrove were dominating territory without causing Higton too many problems. On a rare foray forward, Marc Cooper was narrowly wide with a header following good work from Liam Dickens. Bromsgrove continued to be the more attack minded and Reece Hewitt curled a shot wide. In the 33rd minute, Bromsgrove were awarded a free-kick in a decent position but Wills' shot was over the bar. In the final seconds of the half, Wills was again off target and the sides went into the break with the game in the balance.

Cleethorpes started the second half in the same negative vein playing long ball forwards and inviting Bromsgrove to attack. Liam Spink did well down the right and his cross flew across the face of the goal with no-one on hand to supply the final touch. Cooper did well at the other end, controlling the ball well before missing the target with his effort. Bromsgrove should have been level in the 59th minute. Jason Cowley was played through and, one on one with keeper Higton, he lifted the ball over the bar when everyone from Bromsgrove expected the net to bulge. Cowley forced a fine save from Higton, curling a free-kick towards the top corner with the keeper flying across to his left. For all that Bromsgrove strived, they could not break through the Cleethorpes defence. The introduction of Luke Shorthouse gave the Owls defence something else to think about but the openings never materialised. In stoppage time, Cooper had the chance to double the home side's lead but he was off target. When the final whistle went, the home supporters celebrated with their team as it is they that will make the trip to Wembley in May.

A disappointing result for Bromsgrove and on another day, they would have come out on top. Cleethorpes paid them the ultimate respect by being completely negative and the MFL side just couldn't break through the well marshalled defence. A doff of the hat to the Bromsgrove supporters who were magnificent throughout.



Tuesday 21st March 2017

Premier Division (59)

Sporting Khalsa 5 Stourport Swifts 1

The weather in the Black Country had turned decidedly wintry with heavy rain making the pitch very wet with puddles starting to form. This game was important at both ends of the table with Khalsa still in the title race and Swifts just above the relegation zone. Both sides had suffered defeat at the weekend with both having their goalkeepers sent off. The home side were quick out of the traps with Brad Lawley clipping the bar with a shot from 25 yards. In the 4th minute, Stourport went close when Dan Sweeney's cross was headed wide by Rion Francis-Mills. The same two players combined 5 minutes later with Francis-Mills header rebounding off the bar. Tes Robinson had a shot blocked by the Stourport defence before Khalsa took the lead in the 18th minute. Excellent approach play by the home side with a number of one-touch passes ended with Mike Perks, who had been instrumental in the move, finding the net with a good finish. The home side were close to making it two four minutes later when Jim Hanson headed a Lawley header off the line. Khalsa leading scorer Dave Meese saw a shot deflected for a corner. The weather conditions were making it a real battle in the middle of the park with players from both sides struggling to keep their footing. Just before half-time Khalsa doubled their lead. Marvin Nisbett tricked his way to the by-line and his cross was rolled into the path of Luke Shearer who sidefooted home.

The second half began with the rain lashing down at the Aspray Arena. Townsend was off target in the first minute of the half after creating space. Stourport went close to pulling a goal back when Alex Perry's shot was deflected past the post with Tom Turner completely wrongfooted. From the corner, Joe Phillips connected well with a volley which was narrowly off target. The impressive Dan Sweeney was next to try his luck, riding three Khalsa challenges before missing the target with his shot. Khalsa went close to a third, Fabrice Kasiama's cross volleyed goalwards by Townsend and a slight deflection took it wide. Kasiama tried his luck from outside the box and Dominic Richards did well to ensure the greasy ball went behind for a corner. The home side increased their lead in the 62nd minute. Meese chased the ball down the right, crossed from the by-line and Townsend flicked the ball home at the near post. Swifts were back in it three minutes later. Turner did well to parry a shot but Sweeney reacted quickest to slide home the rebound. Khalsa continued to force the game and Lawley was off target with a volley. Kasiama saw a shot blocked from a cross from Nisbett but in the 73rd minute Khalsa scored their fourth. A free-kick from Kasiama was flicked on and Meese volleyed the ball into the roof of the net. Ben Priest wasted a good chance for Stourport, firing well over when well placed. With two minutes left, a free-kick from Shearer was well saved by Richards. The final word went to Shearer three minutes into stoppage time. His shot from the left-hand side was blocked but as the ball came back to him, he fired past Richards from a narrow angle.

A horrible night with both team deserving of huge credit for their attitude on a very wet surface. Khalsa were the dominant side throughout but if Swifts had taken their early chances it could have been a different outcome. Plenty for both sides to play for as the season reaches the sharp end.

Review

FA Vase

Cleethorpes Town 1 Bromsgrove Sporting 0 (Aggregate 2-1)

Bromsgrove Sporting went out of the FA Vase conceding the only goal of the game after just 43 seconds. Bromsgrove more than matched their higher ranked opponents throughout the 90 minutes but they couldn't convert any of the chances that they created.

South Shields 4 Coleshill Town 0 (Aggregate 6-1)

The FA Vase favourites reached Wembley with a convincing victory over Coleshill Town. The game was in the balance until just before half-time when former Premiership star Julio Arca scored the opening goal for The Mariners. Two goals in time added on out an unfair gloss on the overall scoreline.

Premier Division

Leaders **Alvechurch** extended their lead to 12 points with a 1-0 win at **Coventry United**. Connor Deards scored the only goal of the game after just a minute in a fixture dominated by defences. Title challengers **Sporting Khalsa** slipped up, losing 2-0 at **Boldmere St Michaels**. The game turned on a red card for Khalsa keeper Mihai Gherasim with Assistant manager Peter Wood taking over between the sticks. The win puts the Mikes in 10th place. **Westfields** regained 4th place twice coming from behind to beat **Rocester** 4-2 at Hillsfield. In the game between the bottom two, a double from skipper Dan Lomas helped **Brocton** to a 3-1 win and move them to within 6 points of safety. The defeat leaves **Tividale** 15 points adrift with 8 games remaining. **Shawbury United** beat **AFC Wulfrunians** in a relegation 6 pointer at Wem, 2-1 the final score. **Stourport Swifts** are just one spot outside the bottom three following a 6-1 defeat at home to fellow strugglers **Highgate United** for whom Marco Adaggio scored a hat-trick. **Loughborough University** picked up three much needed points with a 2-1 win at **Shepshed Dynamo**. **Quorn** remain deep in relegation trouble as they went down 2-1 at 8th placed **St Andrews**. **Coventry Sphinx** surprised 6th placed **Heanor Town** at The Town Ground with a 2-1 victory.

Sporting Khalsa regained 4th spot with a 5-1 victory at home to **Stourport Swifts** which leaves the visitors one point and one place above the relegation zone. Luke Shearer scored twice for Khalsa. **Walsall Wood** gained a vital victory at home to **Shepshed Dynamo** with the only goal of the game coming from Richard Gregory. A goal 2 minutes from time from Jack Till earned 3rd placed **Lye Town** a point at **Quorn** who stay 15th.

Coleshill Town bounced back from their FA Vase exit with a comprehensive victory at 2nd bottom **Brocton**. Craig Milligan scored twice in a 4-0 victory which moves Coleshill to within 9 points of Alvechurch.

League Table

1	<u>Alvechurch</u>	34	24	6	4	79	25	54	78
2	<u>Coleshill Town</u>	33	22	3	8	86	45	41	69
3	<u>Lye Town</u>	34	19	8	7	63	33	30	65
4	<u>Sporting Khalsa</u>	32	19	6	7	75	39	36	63
5	<u>Westfields</u>	33	18	8	7	81	52	29	62
6	<u>Heanor Town</u>	35	16	9	10	71	53	18	57
7	<u>Coventry United</u>	34	17	5	12	52	41	11	56
8	<u>St Andrews</u>	36	17	3	16	76	80	-4	54
9	<u>Coventry Sphinx</u>	34	13	8	13	63	63	0	47
10	<u>Boldmere St Michaels</u>	35	12	9	14	55	49	6	45
11	<u>Shepshed Dynamo</u>	35	12	7	16	50	53	-3	43
12	<u>Highgate United</u>	32	12	6	14	56	59	-3	42
13	<u>Walsall Wood</u>	34	12	5	17	46	63	-17	41
14	<u>Shawbury United</u>	35	13	2	20	61	81	-20	41
15	<u>Quorn</u>	35	11	8	16	41	61	-20	41
16	<u>Rocester</u>	33	10	10	13	60	69	-9	40
17	<u>Long Eaton United</u>	34	11	7	16	58	72	-14	40
18	<u>Loughborough University</u>	34	9	12	13	58	57	1	39
19	<u>Stourport Swifts</u>	34	9	10	15	52	72	-20	37
20	<u>AFC Wulfrunians</u>	34	10	6	18	43	68	-25	36
21	<u>Brocton</u>	34	9	4	21	39	84	-45	31
22	<u>Tividale</u>	34	6	4	24	41	87	-46	22

Division 1

Result of the day came at Banbury Road as bottom club **Southam United** scored their first goal since the beginning of December and picked up their 4th point of the season with a 2-2 draw with 7th placed **Lichfield City**. The Saints took a 2-0 lead but a double from Matthew Tolley gave Lichfield a point. At the top of the table, **Leicester Road** closed to within two points of Bromsgrove Sporting following a 3-0 win at **Coventry Copsewood**. **Hinckley AFC** stay 3rd after coming from behind to win 2-1 at **Pershore Town** who slip back into the bottom two. **Studley** climbed above Pershore with a 2-1 win at **Bolehall Swifts**. **Pelsall Villa** and **Chelmsley Town** shared a goalless draw and they are both level on points with Studley. **Stafford Town's** resurgence continued with a 2-0 win at **Heath Hayes** leaving the Reds 5 points above the bottom two. **Heather St Johns** took a 2-0 lead at home to **Racing Club Warwick** but it was The Racers that took home the three points, Wade Malley scoring twice in a 4-2 win. James Curley scored twice as **Uttoxeter Town** won 3-0 at **Atherstone Town**. **Nuneaton Griff** and **Littleton** couldn't find a goal between them at The Pingles Stadium.

Bromsgrove Sporting extended their lead at the top of the table to 5 points with a 3-0 win at **Racing Club Warwick**. 2nd placed **Leicester Road** were beaten on their travels, a solitary goal from Joe Clarke giving **Lichfield City** all three points. **Pelsall Villa** dropped into the relegation zone as they were beaten 4-2 at home by **Studley** who climb to 16th. **Pershore Town** improved their chances of staying up with a 4-0 win at bottom of the table **Southam United**.

1	<u>Bromsgrove Sporting</u>	27	22	5	0	86	20	66	71
2	<u>Leicester Road</u>	29	21	3	5	81	26	55	66
3	<u>Hinckley AFC</u>	28	20	3	5	97	37	60	63
4	<u>Atherstone Town</u>	31	18	5	8	81	46	35	59
5	<u>Cadbury Athletic</u>	31	15	11	5	63	39	24	56
6	<u>Racing Club Warwick</u>	33	16	8	9	82	64	18	56
7	<u>Lichfield City</u>	31	16	7	8	57	40	17	55
8	<u>Heather St Johns</u>	30	14	3	13	59	52	7	45
9	<u>Uttoxeter Town</u>	28	13	4	11	51	59	-8	43
10	<u>Bolehall Swifts</u>	31	13	1	17	64	73	-9	40
11	<u>Coventry Copsewood</u>	31	12	4	15	61	72	-11	40
12	<u>Littleton</u>	29	12	3	14	52	51	1	39
13	<u>Nuneaton Griff</u>	30	11	5	14	57	59	-2	38
14	<u>Heath Hayes</u>	30	9	6	15	52	58	-6	33
15	<u>Stafford Town</u>	32	8	8	16	58	64	-6	32
16	<u>Studley</u>	31	9	4	18	58	89	-31	31
17	<u>Pershore Town</u>	32	8	6	18	41	72	-31	30
18	<u>Chelmsley Town</u>	31	7	7	17	51	65	-14	28
19	<u>Pelsall Villa</u>	31	7	7	17	43	71	-28	28
20	<u>Southam United</u>	30	0	4	26	10	147	-137	4

Division 2

It was a massive day at the top of the Division with results really shaking up the title race. Leaders **Droitwich Spa** were beaten 2-0 at home by 5th placed **Redditch Borough**. 2nd placed **Alvis Sporting Club** lost their second game in three, going down 2-0 at home to **Paget Rangers** who are closing the gap at the top. 3rd placed **Fairfield Villa** took full advantage winning 4-2 at **Smithswood Firs**. Tyrone Smith scored twice for Smithswood with both Connor Collins and Oli Boothe doing the same for Fairfield. **Knowle** picked up three points at their temporary home of Solihull Moors with a 3-1 win over **Sutton United**. **Feckenham** moved up to 10th with a 2-0 win over 2nd bottom **Hampton**. **Bloxwich Town** and **Barnt Green Spartak** fought out a 1-1 draw at The Red Lion Ground.

Redditch Borough followed up their win at Droitwich Spa with another superb victory, 5-2 at **Paget Rangers** which sees the sides swap places in the table. Dean Morris scored twice for Paget while Steve Joynes scored twice for Redditch.

1	<u>Droitwich Spa</u>	27	19	3	5	75	28	47	60
2	<u>Alvis Sporting Club</u>	21	16	3	2	45	17	28	51
3	<u>Fairfield Villa</u>	24	15	3	6	62	37	25	48
4	<u>Redditch Borough</u>	24	15	4	5	61	24	37	46 *
5	<u>Paget Rangers</u>	23	14	3	6	65	33	32	45
6	<u>Sutton United</u>	25	11	5	9	52	60	-8	37 *
7	<u>Knowle</u>	23	10	6	7	49	35	14	36
8	<u>Coton Green</u>	19	8	6	5	40	31	9	30
9	<u>Barnt Green Spartak</u>	25	9	3	13	43	56	-13	30
10	<u>Feckenham</u>	25	7	7	11	38	56	-18	28
11	<u>Bloxwich Town</u>	28	7	5	16	31	67	-36	26
12	<u>Earlswood Town</u>	23	7	4	12	36	45	-9	25
13	<u>Smithswood Firs</u>	23	6	5	12	47	62	-15	23
14	<u>Leamington Hibernian</u>	27	6	4	17	37	68	-31	22
15	<u>Hampton</u>	25	5	5	15	30	58	-28	20
16	<u>Continental Star</u>	26	2	8	16	28	62	-34	14

Division 3

Leaders **NKF Burbage** need 9 more points to clinch the league title as they made it 19 wins out of 21 with a 2-0 victory at **Shipston Excelsior**. **Montpellier** are in the second promotion spot and they beat bottom side **Castle Vale Town** 5-2, hotshot Stuart Hendrie with yet another hat-trick. A goal from Nick Priest gave **FC Stratford** a 1-0 win over **Barton United** at Knights Lane. **Alcester Town** remain in 6th place following a 2-0 home win over **Enville Athletic**. **AFC Solihull** pulled three points clear of bottom with a 1-1 draw with **Coventrians** at Tudor Grange. **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** finished their season with a 1-1 draw with **Inkberrow** and must wait to see if they finish 12th, 13th or 14th.

1	<u>NKF Burbage</u>	21	19	2	0	67	11	56	59
2	<u>Montpellier</u>	20	15	3	2	73	25	48	48
3	<u>Northfield Town</u>	18	14	1	3	58	25	33	43
4	<u>Moors Academy</u>	18	12	2	4	51	28	23	38
5	<u>Shipston Excelsior</u>	24	11	5	8	49	51	-2	38
6	<u>Alcester Town</u>	24	10	5	9	33	27	6	35
7	<u>FC Stratford</u>	22	10	2	10	56	41	15	32
8	<u>Coventrians</u>	22	9	3	10	44	56	-12	30
9	<u>Barton United</u>	24	7	7	10	42	39	3	28
10	<u>Inkberrow</u>	23	8	4	11	39	53	-14	28
11	<u>Enville Athletic</u>	24	7	1	16	19	47	-28	22
12	<u>Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons</u>	26	4	5	17	23	63	-40	17
13	<u>AFC Solihull</u>	24	4	3	17	28	67	-39	15
14	<u>Castle Vale Town</u>	22	3	3	16	29	78	-49	12

Polymac Packaging League Cup

A goal from Arron Brown gave **Highgate United** a 1 goal lead into the second leg as they beat league leaders **Alvechurch** 1-0 at Lye Meadow. **St Andrews** and **Hinckley AFC** served up a 7-goal thriller at Canal Street with St Andres having the slender advantage going into the second leg, 4-3 the final score.

Other Cups

In the semi-finals of the Birmingham FA Vase, there was mixed fortunes for the MFL clubs. **Coton Green** are through to the final after a hard earned 2-1 win at WMRL Premier Tipton Town. Meanwhile **Northfield Town** faced another WMRL Premier side in the form of Wednesfield and it was the higher ranked side that progressed with a 2-0 victory.

NKF Burbage lifted the Leicestershire Intermediate Cup with a fine 4-0 victory over Thurnby Rangers. Tom Smith scored twice for Burbage with Jack Whitehurst and Sean Astill also on target.

Nuneaton Griff are through to the final of the Coventry Evening Telegraph Cup as 2 goals from Tom Bates saw off the challenge of Peugeot Millpool.

Reserves

RESERVE DIVISION

BROCTON	3	v	6	ROCESTER
COTON GREEN	0	v	0	CONTINENTAL STAR
LICHFIELD CITY	1	v	5	ROMULUS
TIPTON TOWN	0	v	3	GRESLEY
WALSALL WOOD	2	v	1	CADBURY ATHLETIC

1 <u>Rocester Reserves</u>	12 8 3 1 4 7 20 27 27
2 <u>Walsall Wood Reserves</u>	13 8 2 3 3 8 21 17 26
3 <u>Cadbury Athletic Reserves</u>	13 7 3 3 2 4 18 6 24
4 <u>Romulus Reserves</u>	9 6 0 3 2 5 24 1 18
5 <u>Gresley Reserves</u>	9 5 1 3 2 7 14 13 16
6 <u>Coton Green Reserves</u>	15 4 3 8 2 0 29 -9 15
7 <u>Lichfield City Reserves</u>	11 3 2 6 3 2 37 -5 11
8 <u>Continental Star Reserves</u>	8 2 4 2 1 2 10 2 10
9 <u>Tipton Town Reserves</u>	11 1 1 9 1 5 54 -39 4
10 <u>Brocton Reserves</u>	9 0 3 6 2 1 34 -13 3

Leading scorers

Josh Dutton	Gresley	20	Romano Graham	Walsall Wood	17
Ezekiel Agyemang	Tipton Town	16	Terence Davies	Tipton Town	14
Daniel Craythorne	Lichfield City	14	Kieran Smith	Brocton	14
Oliver Roome	Rocester	13	Chad Barrett	Cadbury Athletic	13
Stephen Wilkins	Lichfield City	13	Zain Thomas	Romulus	11
Jorge Eley	Rocester	11	Anthony Smith	Romulus	9
Lukas Putka	Brocton	9	Nathan McBean	Continental Star	9

Under 21

CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 1

Group "A"

ALVECHURCH **2** v **1** COVENTRY UNITED

UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

BROCTON **2** v **1** SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN

LEEK TOWN **1** v **5** HEATH HAYES

TAMWORTH **1** v **2** AYLESTONE PARK

Open: COLESHILL TOWN:

UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

BROMSGROVE SPORTING **6** v **0** AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS

H O W ACADEMY **4** v **0** DROITWICH SPA G & B

HIGHGATE UNITED **1** v **0** BEDWORTH UNITED

KETTERING TOWN **1** v **2** KINGS HEATH CONCORDE

U21 North

U21 South

1 <u>Aylestone Park U21</u>	11 7 22 35 18 17 23	1	<u>Bedworth United U21</u>	14 8 15 41 24 17 25
2 <u>Brocton U21</u>	7 3 4 0 15 10 5 13	2	<u>Coventry United U21</u>	7 6 0 1 32 4 28 18
3 <u>Coleshill Town U21</u>	11 4 1 6 22 21 1 13	3	<u>Kettering Town U21</u>	10 6 0 4 26 23 3 18
4 <u>Tamworth U21</u>	6 4 0 2 23 8 15 12	4	<u>Alvechurch U21</u>	9 5 2 2 23 12 11 17
5 <u>Sutton Coldfield Town U21</u>	9 3 2 4 20 22 -2 11	5	<u>Bromsgrove Sporting U21</u>	8 5 1 2 16 8 8 16
6 <u>Heath Hayes U21</u>	5 1 2 2 11 15 -4 5	6	<u>AFC Rushden & Diamonds U21</u>	15 5 1 9 23 52 -29 16
7 <u>Leek Town U21</u>	7 0 1 6 7 39 -32 1	7	<u>H.O.W. Academy U21</u>	12 4 1 7 25 26 -1 13
		8	<u>Highgate United U21</u>	9 4 1 4 9 12 -3 13
		9	<u>Kings Heath Concorde U21</u>	6 2 1 3 7 12 -5 7
		10	<u>Droitwich Spa BG U21</u>	12 1 2 9 17 46 -29 5

Challenge Bowl Tables

Group "A"		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	AYLESTONE PARK	10	5	4	1	28	21	19
2	ALVECHURCH	10	6	1	3	20	16	19
3	SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN	10	5	2	3	25	23	17
4	KETTERING TOWN	10	5	0	5	24	21	15
5	COVENTRY UNITED *	10	4	2	4	34	20	13
6	HIGHGATE UNITED	10	0	1	9	5	35	1

Group "B"		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	TAMWORTH	10	8	2	0	46	7	26
2	HEATH HAYES	9	6	1	2	44	11	19
3	BEDWORTH UNITED	10	6	0	4	35	17	18
4	BROCTON *	9	4	2	3	17	18	13
5	KINGS HEATHN CONCORDE	10	1	1	8	11	43	4
6	DROITWICH SPA G & B	10	1	0	9	7	64	3

Group "C"		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	COLESHILL TOWN	8	4	3	1	21	14	15
2	H O W ACADEMY ^	8	5	2	1	22	8	14
3	BROMSGROVE SPORTING	6	2	0	4	8	14	6
4	AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	6	1	2	3	11	14	5
5	LEEK TOWN ^	6	1	1	4	9	21	1

^ 3 points deducted

* 1 point deducted

Leading scorers

Reece Snape	Coventry United	27	James Parker	Aylestone Park	25
James McGrady	Heath Hayes	25	Ryan Palmer	Coventry United	16
Lewis Ludford	Coventry United	15	Bailey Beddows	H.O.W. Academy	14
John Dodd	Tamworth	13	Jacob Dodds	Bedworth United	13
Brad Rolston	Heath Hayes	13	Jordan Wilson	Kettering Town	13
Jack Tonks	Brocton	12	Nathaniel McKenzie	Tamworth	12
Ryan Sappleton-Williams	Sutton Coldfield	12	Josh Oultram	Leek Town	11
Callum Harper	H.O.W. Academy	11	Jack Cook	Tamworth	11
Michael Wright	Tamworth	11	Ben Cooling	Heath Hayes	11
Emil Fedotovs	Sutton Coldfield	11	Ryan Murphy	Bedworth United	10
Rhys Dowds	Aylestone Park	10	Mikey Schultes	AFC R&D	10

Premier Division – Leading goal scorers

Shay Brennan	St Andrews	37
David Meese	Sporting Khalsa	30
Josh March	Alvechurch	29
Richard Greaves	Westfields	28
Nathan Hodge	Shawbury United	25
Craig Jones	Westfields	25
Lei Brown	Highgate United	21
Jack Till	Lye Town	21
Jordan Nadat	Alvechurch, Coleshill Town	20
Ben Billingham	Lye Town	20
Dean Rathbone	Coleshill Town	19
Kieran Debrouwer	Heanor Town	18
Marco Adaggio	Highgate United	18
Andrew Bridge	Loughborough University	17
Callum Riddell	Rocester	17
Nathan Dale	Quorn	16
Drew Aiton	Walsall Wood	15
Ryan Harkin	Coventry Sphinx	15
Mykel Beckley	Coleshill Town, Coventry United	15
Daniel Dubidat	Alvechurch	14
Elliot Putman	St Andrews	14
Martin Smyth	Rocester	13
McCauley Manning	Highgate United	13
Elliott Reeves	Heanor Town	13
Sam Hollis	St Andrews	13

Six players on 12 goals

Dan Polan (Westfields), Craig Bannister (Sporting Khalsa), Kai Williams (Coventry United), Liam Read (Shepshed Dynamo), Stuart Capaldi (Boldmere St Michaels), Luke Shearer (Sporting Khalsa)

Division 1 – leading goal scorers

Ryan Seal	Hinckley AFC	45
Alex Naughton	Atherstone Town	41
Matthew Stenson	Leicester Road	28
Jason Cowley	Bromsgrove Sporting	28
Wade Malley	Racing Club Warwick	25
Sam Agar	Hinckley AFC	25
Connoll Farrell	Studley, Coventry Copsewood	23
Gareth Evans	Pershore Town, Studley	23
Matt Brennan	Nuneaton Griff	22
Kyle Turner	Atherstone Town, Bolehall Swifts	18
Paul Sullivan	Hinckley AFC	18
Tom Bates	Nuneaton Griff	18
Daniel Carter	Littleton	17
Luke Lewis	Uttoxeter Town	17
Jamie Smith	Racing Club Warwick	17
Joel Ambalu	Heather St Johns	16
Jamie Clarke	Pershore Town	16
David Akinuli	Coventry Copsewood	15
Ben Lund	Lichfield City	15
Joe Obi	Bolehall Swifts	14
Sean Brain	Bromsgrove Sporting, Littleton	14
Chris Lloyd	Bromsgrove Sporting	14
Odane Barnes	Cadbury Athletic	13
Jake Holt	Leicester Road	13
Darryl Thomas	Leicester Road	12
Dan Griffiths	Lichfield City	12

Division 2 – leading goal scorers

Daniel Carter	Paget Rangers	36
Nick Seabourne	Droitwich Spa	25
Connor Collins	Fairfield Villa	25
Mark Bellingham	Paget Rangers	23
Thomas Craine	Knowle (now Bromsgrove)	18
Liam Fullerton	Redditch Borough	18
Andrew Millan	Coton Green	18
Pedro Douglas	Continental Star	17
Dildale Linton	Alvis Sporting Club	17
Dan Pidgeon	Alvis Sporting Club	17
Jak Albutt	Redditch Borough	15
Ross Dempster	Paget Rangers	15
George Ford	Sutton United	15
James Lemon	Droitwich Spa	15
Tyron Smith	Smithswood Firs	13
Joshua Sherington	Coton Green	12
Sam Hulme	Smithswood Firs	12
Billy Garvey	Redditch Borough	11
Jack Brimmell	Feckenham	10
Charlie Cook	Alvis Sporting Club	10
Martin Crawford	Smithswood Firs	10
Benet Parchment	Barnt Green Spartak	10
Joseph Wright	Leamington Hibernian	10
Josh Duggan	Sutton United	9
Ellis Blakemore	Fairfield Villa	9
Gareth Hodgetts	Redditch Borough	9

Seven players on 8 goals:

Ben Ellicott (Knowle), Nathan Corry (Knowle), Luke Molloy (Droitwich Spa), Stuart Hall (Fairfield Villa), Michael Quirke (Alvis Sporting Club), Daniel Murphy (Feckenham) and Ben Cox (Feckenham)

Division 3

Stuart Hendrie	Montpellier	37
Dale Wigmore	Coventrians	19
Daniel Priest	Northfield Town	18
Jess Adcock	NKF Burbage	18
Jay Tilbury	FC Stratford	17
Tom Smith	NKF Burbage	17
Dan Lawrence	Northfield Town	13
Montel Okoro	Moors Academy	12
Peter Martin	Barton United	12
Liam Connolly	Coventrians	11
Adam Wooldridge	Enville Athletic	11
Alex Coultas	NKF Burbage	11
Jake Harris	Shipston Excelsior	10
Romario Martin	Moors Academy	10
Nathan Astill	NKF Burbage	10
Charlie Adcock	NKF Burbage	9
Lewis Chester	Coventrians	9
Thomas Cuppleditch	Coventrians	9
Lewis Fathers	Shipston Excelsior / FC Stratford	9
Lee Hendrie	Montpellier	9
Daniel Moore	Castle Vale Town	9
Freddy Murphy	FC Stratford	9
Ashley Wilkes	FC Stratford	9
Ben Hill	FC Stratford	8
Lewis Jones	Northfield Town	8
Matthew Layton	Alcester Town	8
Paddy Behan	Northfield Town	8

Preview

Premier Division

Leaders **Alvechurch** welcome mid-table **Coventry Sphinx** to Lye Meadow as they inch ever nearer the MFL title. **Colehill Town** are one of two realistic challengers and they welcome **Walsall Wood** to Pack Meadow with Wood having picked up their first win since December in midweek. **Coventry United** went down to a narrow home defeat to the leaders last week and welcome another of the title challengers, in the form of **Sporting Khalsa**, to Sphinx Drive this week. Four points from their last 7 games has put an end to **Lye Town's** title hopes and they travel to relegation threatened **Stourport Swifts**. Bottom club **Tividale** look destined for the drop unless they have a remarkable turnaround. They travel to resurgent **Boldmere St Michaels** who are up to 10th. **Long Eaton United** host 2nd bottom **Brocton** with both sides desperate for the win as they battle to avoid relegation. **Quorn** and **Shawbury United** are 15th and 14th respectively with both just 5 points outside the bottom three. **Highgate United** and **Loughborough University** both picked up good away wins last week but both are still in danger. Could be a tense afternoon at The Coppice. **Shepshed Dynamo** looked to have emerged out of the pack towards the bottom of the table but two defeats in a week sees them looking over their shoulder. **Heanor Town** are the visitors to The Dovecote and they come into the game with two defeats in the last three. **Rocester** are another of the sides embroiled in the battle at the bottom and they have a tough assignment at 5th placed **Westfields**.

Division 1

Unbeaten league leaders **Bromsgrove Sporting** return to the Victoria Ground after their FA Vase exploits and after picking up three points in midweek. **Coventry Copsewood** are the visitors this week. 2nd placed **Leicester Road** dropped points in midweek and will need a victory to keep the pressure on the leaders as they travel to **Pershore Town** who have one defeat in 7. **Hinckley AFC** are closing in on second place and they travel to The Beehive to face a **Studley** that has picked up 7 points from the last 9. 6th meets 7th at Townsend Meadow with **Racing Club Warwick** hosting **Lichfield City**. Following results in midweek, **Pelsall Villa** find themselves in the relegation zone and they travel to mid-table **Littleton**. **Chelmsley Town** are ahead of Pelsall Villa on goal difference and they travel to **Heath Hayes** who are just 5 points ahead of them. **Uttoxeter Town** welcome **Atherstone Town** to Oldfields a week after winning 3-0 at Sheepy Road. **Cadbury Athletic** are chasing a top four finish and they welcome **Nuneaton Griff** to the TSA Sports Ground. **Bolehall Swifts** and **Heather St Johns** sit solidly in the middle of the table and they meet at Rene Road.

Division 2

Not sure what is going on at the top of Division 2 with results going against the leaders. It has been a huge week for **Redditch Borough** with wins at both Droitwich Spa and Paget Rangers. A win at home to **Continental Star** would confirm them as being well and truly in the promotion mix. Leaders **Droitwich Spa** have 3 games remaining and will be looking for a maximum return starting this week at **Sutton United**. No defeats in two years and then two in a week for **Alvis Sporting Club**. They host **Earlswood Town** needing a win to keep the pressure on the teams around them. **Fairfield Villa** are third and have given themselves a decent chance of finishing in the top two providing they keep winning. **Feckenham** are the visitors this week, Fairfield winning the reverse fixture 1-0. **Coton Green** are in great form and with 8 games in hand on the leaders, their league position is a false one. They travel to **Leamington Hibernian** who need points to stay out of the bottom two.

Division 3

NKF Burbage require a maximum of 9 points to clinch the Division 3 title. They welcome 6th placed **Alcester Town** to Kirkby Road a repeat of the opening game of the season which Burbage won 3-1. **Montpellier** are the divisions leading scorers and have been on Burbage's coat tails all season. They welcome mid-table **Coventrians** to Badsey in a game that promises goals. **Northfield Town** have games in hand on the top two and have an excellent chance of promotion. They travel to 5th placed **Shipston Excelsior**. **Moors Academy** are not out of the promotion picture and a win at bottom club **Castle Vale Town** will certainly help their cause. When the two sides met two weeks ago, Moors ran out 8-1 winners. 2nd bottom **AFC Solihull** are just two points behind 12th placed Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons who have completed their fixtures. A win at home to **Barton United** would see them out of the bottom two. 11th meets 10th at Hall Drive with **Enville Athletic** hosting **Inkberrow**.

Reserves

RESERVE DIVISION

BROCTON	v	TIPTON TOWN
GRESLEY	v	COTON GREEN
ROMULUS	v	CADBURY ATHLETIC
WALSALL WOOD	v	CONTINENTAL STAR

Under 21

CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 2

H O W ACADEMY	v	ALVECHURCH	10.30
COLESHILL TOWN	v	HEATH HAYES	10.30
TAMWORTH	v	BEDWORTH UNITED	10.30

UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

BROCTON	v	LEEK TOWN	10.30
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UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

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