



Midland Football League Newsletter

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League News

Heather St. John's have confirmed young striker Ahkeem Rose has signed a professional contract with Grimsby Town FC.

Manager Stephen Rigby told the Saints website said: "I'm delighted for Ahkeem. He's a great lad with a great attitude and work rate. He has frightening pace and deserves every chance that comes his way. This is a huge opportunity for him and he has to get his head down and continue to work hard but most of all enjoy it!

"I'm delighted to have played a small part in Ahkeem's development both with him at Heather St. John's and also during my time at Pelsall Villa. He has developed and improved his game massively in the last year and if he continues at this rate he will be fine. Ahkeem has been a pleasure to manage and coach and I wish him every success in the future."

Rose made 26 appearances, scoring 10 goals, during his time with Heather st John's FC.

Everyone at the MFL wishes Ahkeem all the best as he enters the professional ranks.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE PRESS OFFICER

Travels of the Press Officer

Saturday 17th December

Premier Division (38)

Walsall Wood 2 Sporting Khalsa 1

On a major day for Christmas shopping, what better than a full-blooded local derby to divert attention from the forthcoming festivities. Walsall Wood had had a mixed start under the new management team of Harry Harris and Scott Rickards while Khalsa were through to the 4th round of the FA Vase and handily placed in the league. The game began at a really quick pace with both sides intent on moving the ball quickly. Louis Harris was the first to have an attempt on goal but it was blocked by the Khalsa defence. Elliot Turner had a decent chance for Khalsa but his shot was always rising over the bar. Khalsa should have scored in the 8th minute. A dreadful mistake by Sam Arnold the Wood keeper gifted an opportunity for Marvin Nisbett but his shot was scrambled off the line. The ball fell to Deqwon Ebanks but his effort too was hacked away by the Wood defence. Drew Aiton forced a decent save from Tom Turner when his volley was deflected and could have wrong-footed the keeper. Khalsa took the lead in the 27th minute and again it was an error by Arnold. As a cross came in, the keeper made a complete mess of it and Mensah Kinch was given a free header to nod the ball home. In the 31st minute, Arnold raced out of his goal but his clearance fell to Ebanks. With the goal at his mercy, his shot flew over the bar. In the 38th minute, Tesfa Robinson beat Arnold in the air and the ball was turned into the net by Kinch, however, the linesman appeared to flag for offside and the goal was chalked off. Five minutes before the break, Joey Butlin failed to control the ball when in space and the chance went begging. On the stroke of half-time, Nisbett caused problems for the Wood defence and then ran out of ideas as to what to do with the ball allowing the defence to tidy up.

Walsall Wood were back on level terms three minutes into the second half. Excellent work by Aiton saw the ball played into the 6-yard box where Craig Deakin stabbed the ball home. Khalsa were adamant that Deakin was offside but the real controversy was still to come. Robinson missed a good chance for Khalsa when he planted his header straight at Arnold. The visitors went close to regaining the lead in the 55th minute. Leading scorer David Meese picked his spot and his shot was tipped onto the post by Arnold. Chances were limited for both sides with the best of them going to the visitors. A clever ball into the box from Craig Bannister picked out Josh McKenzie but he failed to make any contact. With 15 minutes left, Walsall Wood took the lead with referee Jonathan Maskrey at the centre. A clearance from the Wood defence flicked the head of Turner as it went through to Butlin, sauntering back from a previous attack. Butlin was so far offside, there was no Khalsa defender in sight. Unbelievably, the officials waved play on and Butlin turned and curled a superb shot into the corner. Supposedly, when the ball flicked Turner's head it became the second phase of play and Butlin was played onside!! With Khalsa fuming, Walsall Wood went close to a third when Deakin's cross was met on the volley by Charlie Shaw and it rebounded off the post. In the final minute, the Wood defence preserved the three points with a superb block from a Lewis Taylor-Boyce effort.

A cracking match marred by the controversial winning goal. I understand the game is difficult for officials but if that was not offside then it's time to rewrite the rules.

Review

Premier Division

It was a dramatic day at the top of the table. Leaders **Alvechurch** conceded a goal inside the first 30 seconds at **Boldmere St Michaels** and were 3 down inside 26 minutes with Jason Holmes scoring twice. A missed penalty from Daniel Dubidat made matters worse for Alvechurch as the Mikes completed an excellent 3-0 victory. 2nd placed **Lye Town** took full advantage to close the gap to just one point as two second-half goals saw off the challenge of **AFC Wulfrunians** at Stourbridge Road, 2-0 the final score. 3rd placed **Westfields** had a rather eventful afternoon at Sphinx Drive. Leading **Coventry Sphinx** 2-0 after 20 minutes it looked plain sailing but Sphinx came back to equalise with 10 minutes left. The fog, which had been threatening all game, descended to make visibility nigh on impossible however Westfields grabbed a final minute winner from the penalty spot. 4th placed **Coleshill Town** have lost their last three league games, **Loughborough University** leaving Pack meadow with a 2-0 win. 5th placed **Sporting Khalsa** went down 2-1 at **Walsall Wood** with a controversial goal from Joey Butlin deciding matters with 15 minutes left. 6th placed **Coventry United** were beaten 2-1 at **Quorn** who move up to 10th with the win. **St Andrews** missed a great chance of getting into the top four as they were beaten 6-3 at home by **Stourport Swifts**. Shay Brennan scored twice for Drews but Jim Hanson helped himself to a hat-trick for Swifts to move them further away from the bottom. **Heanor Town** could have gone 5th but they were held 1-1 at The Town ground by **Shepshed Dynamo**. At the bottom, skipper Dan Lomas grabbed a point for **Brocton** in a 1-1 draw at home to **Rocester**. 2nd bottom **Tividale** were beaten 2-1 at a resurgent **Highgate United**, Aaron Brown with the winner 9 minutes from time. **Shawbury United** continue to make progress up the table as they twice came from behind to win 3-2 at **Long Eaton United**.

Coleshill Town bounced back to form with a 5-1 win over **St Andrews** who have conceded 11 goals in the week. Mykel Beckley scored twice for Coleshill who were 3 goals to the good inside half an hour.

League Table

1	<u>Alvechurch</u>	24	15	5	4	52	20	32	50
2	<u>Lye Town</u>	22	14	7	1	47	17	30	49
3	<u>Westfields</u>	19	13	4	2	51	23	28	43
4	<u>Colehill Town</u>	22	12	3	7	52	34	18	39
5	<u>Sporting Khalsa</u>	20	10	4	6	42	27	15	34
6	<u>Coventry United</u>	22	10	4	8	33	25	8	34
7	<u>St Andrews</u>	23	11	1	11	47	50	-3	34
8	<u>Heanor Town</u>	21	9	6	6	36	34	2	33
9	<u>Coventry Sphinx</u>	22	8	6	8	43	44	-1	30
10	<u>Quorn</u>	21	9	3	9	30	36	-6	30
11	<u>Walsall Wood</u>	22	9	2	11	31	37	-6	29
12	<u>Shepshed Dynamo</u>	19	8	4	7	34	31	3	28
13	<u>Loughborough University</u>	22	7	6	9	40	37	3	27
14	<u>Highgate United</u>	20	8	3	9	36	42	-6	27
15	<u>Rocester</u>	21	7	5	9	38	46	-8	26
16	<u>Long Eaton United</u>	19	7	4	8	35	37	-2	25
17	<u>Shawbury United</u>	24	8	1	15	44	61	-17	25
18	<u>AFC Wulfrunians</u>	21	7	3	11	23	41	-18	24
19	<u>Boldmere St Michaels</u>	20	5	6	9	30	31	-1	21
20	<u>Stourport Swifts</u>	21	5	6	10	30	40	-10	21
21	<u>Tividale</u>	21	5	2	14	28	51	-23	17
22	<u>Brocton</u>	20	2	3	15	19	57	-38	9

Division 1

The weather certainly had an impact in Division 1 with two games being abandoned due to fog. Leaders **Leicester Road** were 1-0 up at **Coventry Copsewood** while **Pershore Town** were 4 goals to the good at **Southam United** when the elements intervened. 2nd place **Bromsgrove Sporting** took the opportunity to close the gap at the top to just 1 point with a 3-2 victory at The Victoria Ground over **Chelmsley Town** in front of another 500+crowd. **Hinckley AFC** got back to winning ways, beating **Studley** 5-1 at St Johns Park with Paul Sullivan scoring twice. Third-placed **Atherstone Town** slipped up at home to a bang in-form **Littleton**. Sean Brain scored a hat-trick as The Ton Boys move up to 7th. **Bolehall Swifts** recovered from their 8-0 home defeat last week in fine style, beating **Uttoxeter Town** 6-2 at Rene Road with Stefan Hollingsworth scoring three times. There was drama at Evans Park as **Stafford Town** again through away a lead at home to **Heath Hayes**. Town were 4-1 to the good, 7 minutes into the second half, with Matt Redshaw scoring twice. Heath Hayes came back and grabbed an equaliser through Kieren Nelson four minutes into stoppage time. **Pelsall Villa** picked up an excellent three points at home to **Nuneaton Griff**, Ryan Wilkins scoring twice in a 4-0 win. **Lichfield City** are back up to 5th after a 3-0 win at home to **Heather St Johns**.

League Table

1	<u>Leicester Road</u>	17	13	2	2	55	16	39	41
2	<u>Bromsgrove Sporting</u>	16	12	4	0	49	12	37	40
3	<u>Atherstone Town</u>	19	11	4	4	43	31	12	37
4	<u>Hinckley AFC</u>	16	11	3	2	65	22	43	36
5	<u>Lichfield City</u>	17	11	1	5	32	20	12	34
6	<u>Racing Club Warwick</u>	18	10	4	4	42	33	9	34
7	<u>Littleton</u>	19	10	2	7	35	33	2	32
8	<u>Bolehall Swifts</u>	19	10	1	8	44	46	-2	31
9	<u>Heather St Johns</u>	18	9	3	6	44	34	10	30
10	<u>Cadbury Athletic</u>	18	6	9	3	35	24	11	27
11	<u>Nuneaton Griff</u>	18	7	3	8	36	36	0	24
12	<u>Uttoxeter Town</u>	18	7	2	9	30	47	-17	23
13	<u>Coventry Copsewood</u>	18	6	4	8	35	42	-7	22
14	<u>Heath Hayes</u>	18	5	3	10	31	38	-7	18
15	<u>Chelmsley Town</u>	18	5	2	11	35	36	-1	17
16	<u>Pershore Town</u>	16	5	2	9	23	32	-9	17
17	<u>Pelsall Villa</u>	19	4	4	11	30	50	-20	16
18	<u>Studley</u>	20	3	2	15	29	64	-35	11
19	<u>Stafford Town</u>	17	1	6	10	27	41	-14	9
20	<u>Southam United</u>	17	0	3	14	8	71	-63	3

Division 2

Fairfield Villa moved into 2nd place following a 4-1 home win over **Bloxwich Town** with Connor Collins scoring twice. **Barnt Green Spartak** ended their run of poor results with a 3-0 win on the road at **Feckenham**. Two goals from Danny Holiday gave **Earlswood Town** all three points in a 2-0 victory over **Smithswood Firs**. **Continental Star** remain in bottom pace after going down 3-2 at home to **Sutton United**.

1	<u>Alvis Sporting Club</u>	13	11	2	0	29	9	20	35
2	<u>Fairfield Villa</u>	15	10	2	3	37	24	13	32
3	<u>Droitwich Spa</u>	15	9	2	4	42	17	25	29
4	<u>Knowle</u>	13	7	3	3	31	16	15	24
5	<u>Paget Rangers</u>	10	7	1	2	29	13	16	22
6	<u>Redditch Borough</u>	14	7	4	3	27	15	12	22*
7	<u>Sutton United</u>	15	7	2	6	31	41	-10	22*
8	<u>Barnt Green Spartak</u>	16	6	2	8	30	30	0	20
9	<u>Earlswood Town</u>	16	5	3	8	26	32	-6	18
10	<u>Bloxwich Town</u>	16	5	2	9	18	30	-12	17
11	<u>Smithswood Firs</u>	16	4	4	8	30	43	-13	16
12	<u>Feckenham</u>	17	3	7	7	21	37	-16	16
13	<u>Coton Green</u>	11	3	5	3	23	20	3	14
14	<u>Hampton</u>	16	3	4	9	17	37	-20	13
15	<u>Leamington Hibernian</u>	14	3	2	9	21	33	-12	11
16	<u>Continental Star</u>	15	1	5	9	17	32	-15	8

Division 3

NKF Burbage have a 10 point lead going into the Christmas period following a 2-0 win over **Enville Athletic**. **Shipston Excelsior** are 2nd after a thrilling 4-3 win at **Inkberrow**. Sean Parish scored twice for the home side with Martin Tomes also bagging a brace for Shipston. **Montpellier** are third with games in hand following a 4-2 win at **AFC Solihull**. Stuart Hendrie scored twice and there was also a goal for former Aston Villa striker Julian Joachim. **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** are up to 11th after a 3-1 home win over **Coventrians**. **Alcester Town** and **Barton United** fought out a 1-1 draw with Barton's equaliser coming in the 90th minute from Ryan Roberts.

1	<u>NKF Burbage</u>	14	13	1	0	41	7	34	40
2	<u>Shipston Excelsior</u>	15	9	3	3	37	31	6	30
3	<u>Montpellier</u>	12	9	1	2	38	15	23	28
4	<u>Northfield Town</u>	12	9	1	2	37	17	20	28
5	<u>Moors Academy</u>	11	8	0	3	27	18	9	24
6	<u>Alcester Town</u>	16	7	2	7	22	19	3	23
7	<u>Barton United</u>	14	5	4	5	26	22	4	19
8	<u>FC Stratford</u>	13	5	2	6	26	26	0	17
9	<u>Enville Athletic</u>	14	5	1	8	10	20	-10	16
10	<u>Inkberrow</u>	13	5	0	8	27	29	-2	15
11	<u>Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons</u>	17	3	3	11	16	39	-23	12
12	<u>Coventrians</u>	11	3	1	7	18	31	-13	10
13	<u>Castle Vale Town</u>	16	2	2	12	17	50	-33	8
14	<u>AFC Solihull</u>	14	2	1	11	15	33	-18	7

Polymac Packaging League Cup

Highgate United went goal crazy at home to **Pershore Town** running out 10-0 winners. McCauley Manning helped himself to a hat-trick inside 19 minutes eventually finishing with 5 goals and there was a hat-trick for Marco Adaggio. **Hinckley AFC** were also in great goalscoring form beating Premier Division **Boldmere St Michaels** 6-2 with leading scorer Ryan Seal adding two more to his tally.

Other Cups

In the Birmingham Vase, there were mixed results for MFL sides. **Alvis Sporting Club** made progress with an excellent 4-0 win at Darlaston Town with Dan Pidgeon scoring twice. **Northfield Town** got the better of Stockton, winning 3-2 at home. **Coton Green** beat **Moors Academy** 2-1 while **Redditch Borough** had an excellent 4-0 win at **Hampton**. **Paget Rangers** were surprisingly well beaten 4-1 at Whitnash Town and **Knowle** were also knocked out of the competition losing 3-1 at home to Hawkesmill Sports.

In the Herefordshire Challenge Cup, cup kings **Westfields** made light work of Kington Town winning 5-1 with a hat-trick for Richard Greaves.

Redditch Borough bowed out of the Smedley Crooke Memorial Charity Cup losing 1-0 at Malvern Town.

Reserves

CHALLENGE TROPHY ROUND 1 Group "A"

ROCESTER 2 v 5 BROCTON

RESERVE DIVISION

CADBURY ATHLETIC 2 v 0 GRESLEY

1	<u>Cadbury Athletic Reserves</u>	9	6	1	2	20	14	6	19
2	<u>Rocester Reserves</u>	7	5	2	0	30	10	20	17
3	<u>Romulus Reserves</u>	5	4	0	1	14	10	4	12
4	<u>Lichfield City Reserves</u>	5	3	0	2	21	11	10	9
5	<u>Walsall Wood Reserves</u>	6	3	0	3	13	11	2	9
6	<u>Coton Green Reserves</u>	7	2	0	5	11	22	-11	6
7	<u>Gresley Reserves</u>	5	1	1	3	6	9	-3	4
8	<u>Brocton Reserves</u>	4	0	2	2	7	10	-3	2
9	<u>Continental Star Reserves</u>	3	0	1	2	1	6	-5	1
10	<u>Tipton Town Reserves</u>	5	0	1	4	8	28	-20	1

Leading scorers

Ezekiel Agyemang	Tipton Town	14
Terence Davies	Tipton Town	14
Daniel Craythorne	Lichfield City	13
Oliver Roome	Rocester	13
Josh Dutton	Gresley	12
Chad Barrett	Cadbury Athletic	12
Zain Thomas	Romulus	11
Kieran Smith	Brocton	10

Under 21

UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

AYLESTONE PARK	4	v	2	SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN
COLESHILL TOWN	4	v	0	LEEK TOWN

UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	3	v	1	HIGHGATE UNITED
ALVECHURCH	5	v	3	H O W ACADEMY
COVENTRY UNITED	0	v	1	BROMSGROVE SPORTING
KETTERING TOWN	1	v	2	BEDWORTH UNITED

U21 North

U21 South

1 <u>Colehill Town U21</u>	6 4 1 1 17 8 9 13	1 <u>Kettering Town U21</u>	5 5 0 0 15 3 12 15
2 <u>Aylestone Park U21</u>	5 4 0 1 19 11 8 12	2 <u>Bedworth United U21</u>	6 5 0 1 19 8 11 15
3 <u>Sutton Coldfield Town U21</u>	6 2 2 2 17 15 2 8	3 <u>Alvechurch U21</u>	5 3 1 1 15 8 7 10
4 <u>Brocton U21</u>	3 2 1 0 10 3 7 7	4 <u>AFC Rushden & Diamonds U21</u>	9 3 1 5 14 24 ⁻ ₁₀ 10
5 <u>Tamworth U21</u>	3 2 0 1 19 5 14 6	5 <u>Highgate United U21</u>	4 3 0 1 7 4 3 9
6 <u>Heath Hayes U21</u>	4 0 2 2 6 14 -8 2	6 <u>Bromsgrove Sporting U21</u>	5 2 1 2 6 6 0 7
7 <u>Leek Town U21</u>	3 0 0 3 3 19 ⁻ ₁₆ 0	7 <u>Coventry United U21</u>	2 1 0 1 1 1 0 3
8 <u>West Midlands Football Academy U21</u>	4 0 0 4 2 18 ⁻ ₁₆ 0	8 <u>H.O.W. Academy U21</u>	8 1 0 7 11 22 ⁻ ₁₁ 3
		9 <u>Droitwich Spa BG U21</u>	5 0 1 4 5 16 ⁻ ₁₁ 1
		10 <u>Kings Heath Concorde U21</u>	1 0 0 1 0 1 -1 0

James McGrady (Heath Hayes) 18, **James Parker** (Aylestone Park) 17, **Reece Snape** (Coventry United) 14, **John Dodd** (Tamworth) 13, **Brad Rolston** (Heath Hayes) 12, **Ryan Palmer** (Coventry United) 11, **Jordan Wilson** (Kettering Town) 11, **Josh Oultram** (Leek Town) 11, **Jack Tonks** (Brocton) 10, **Ben Cooling** (Heath Hayes) 10,

Leading Goalscorers (all competitions)

Premier Division

Shay Brennan	St Andrews	23
Josh March	Alvechurch	21
Richard Greaves	Westfields	21
Nathan Hodge	Shawbury United	20
Jack Till	Lye Town	18
David Meese	Sporting Khalsa	17
Craig Jones	Westfields	17
Kieran Debrouwer	Heanor Town	17
Andrew Bridge	Loughborough University	16
Lei Brown	Highgate United	14
Marco Adaggio	Highgate United	14
Ben Billingham	Lye Town	13
Elliot Putman	St Andrews	13
Dan Polan	Westfields	12
Nathan Dale	Quorn	12
Drew Aiton	Walsall Wood	12
Callum Riddell	Rocester	11
Charles Knowles	Shawbury United	11
Sam Hollis	St Andrews	11
Kevin Hemagou	Long Eaton United	11
McCauley Manning	Highgate United	11
Karl Ashton	Rocester	10
Reece Shilcock	Stourport Swifts, Alvechurch	10
Dean Rathbone	Coleshill Town	10

Division 1

Ryan Seal	Hinckley AFC	34
Alex Naughton	Atherstone Town	27
Matthew Stenson	Leicester Road	16
Connoll Farrell	Studley, Coventry Copsewood	16
Paul Sullivan	Hinckley AFC	16
Matt Brennan	Nuneaton Griff	15
Tom Bates	Nuneaton Griff	15
Kyle Turner	Atherstone Town, Bolehall Swifts	15
Wade Malley	Racing Club Warwick	15
Joe Obi	Bolehall Swifts	14
Joel Ambalu	Heather St Johns	14
Daniel Carter	Littleton	14
Sam Agar	Hinckley AFC	13
Ben Lund	Lichfield City	13
Luke Lewis	Uttoxeter Town	13
Sean Brain	Bromsgrove Sporting, Littleton	13
Gareth Evans	Pershore Town, Studley	13
Jamie Clarke	Pershore Town	12
Jason Cowley	Bromsgrove Sporting	11
Jordan Francis	Bolehall Swifts	11
Jake Holt	Leicester Road	11
Joe Hartshorne	Heath Hayes	11
Darryl Thomas	Leicester Road	10
Gary Turner	Chelmsley Town	10
Chris Lloyd	Bromsgrove Sporting	10
David Akinuli	Coventry Copsewood	10

Division 2

Daniel Carter	Paget Rangers	27
Thomas Craine	Knowle	18
Connor Collins	Fairfield Villa	16
Jak Albutt	Redditch Borough	15
Nick Seabourne	Droitwich Spa	14
Mark Bellingham	Paget Rangers	13
Pedro Douglas	Continental Star	12
James Lemon	Droitwich Spa	12
Dildale Linton	Alvis Sporting Club	12
Andrew Millan	Coton Green	11
Liam Fullerton	Redditch Borough	11
Joseph Wright	Leamington Hibernian	10
George Ford	Sutton United	10
Dan Pidgeon	Alvis Sporting Club	10

Division 3

Stuart Hendrie	Montpellier	21
Daniel Priest	Northfield Town	15
Montel Okoro	Moors Academy	12
Dale Wigmore	Coventrians	12
Tom Smith	NKF Burbage	11
Jess Adcock	NKF Burbage	9
Lewis Fathers	Shipston Excelsior	9
Jay Tilbury	FC Stratford	8
Alex Coultas	NKF Burbage	8
Peter Martin	Barton United	8

Preview

Premier Division

Boxing Day sees a number of local derbies and some potentially pivotal games at the top of the division. Leaders **Alvechurch** welcome in-form **Highgate United** to Lye Meadow looking to bounce back from defeat last week at Boldmere. Highgate, after a slow start, have hit their straps and are in excellent goalscoring form too. 2nd placed **Lye Town** welcome **Tivdale** to Stourbridge Road with the chance to go top should Alvechurch drop points. There is an eagerly anticipated derby at Sphinx Drive as landlords **Coventry Sphinx** host tenants **Coventry United** in what is sure to be a fiercely contested affair. **St Andrews** have had a bad week conceding 11 goals and they travel to **Walsall Wood** who sit in the middle of the table. Bottom club Brocton need to start winning if they are to climb out of the relegation zone and they have a short journey to **AFC Wulfrunians**. **Shawbury United** have had some decent results of late and they welcome 5th placed **Sporting Khalsa** to Wem. There is a Leicestershire derby at Farley Way as **Quorn** entertain **Shepshed Dynamo** with both sides in the middle of the pack. **Heanor Town** could move into the top 5 if they can pick up all three points at **Long Eaton United** who stumbled last week after a decent run of results. 15th meets 13th at Hillsfield as **Rochester** entertain **Loughborough University**.

On Tuesday, 3rd placed **Westfields** welcome **Stourport Swifts** to Allpay Park looking for the win that will keep the pressure on the top two, **Colehill Town** bounced back to form in midweek and they welcome **Boldmere St Michaels** to Pack Meadow, a repeat of the game two weeks ago in which the Mikes ran out 4-2 winners.

Division 1

Game of the day is undoubtedly **Hinckley AFC** vs **Leicester Road** at St Johns Park. With both sides in great goalscoring form, this promises to be a classic. 2nd placed **Bromsgrove Sporting** travel to **Studley** with the chance of taking over the top spot with a win. **Atherstone Town** slipped up last week and they have a tough looking fixture with in-form **Coventry Copsewood** the visitors to Sheepy Road. Bottom club **Southam United** have a tough looking local derby at **Racing Club Warwick** with the Racers just three points outside the top three. 5th placed **Lichfield City** have a local derby with **Bolehall Swifts** at the McDonald's Community Stadium and with Swifts so up and down, anything could happen. **Nuneaton Griff** were beaten heavily by Pelsall Villa last week and they welcome 9th placed **Heather St Johns** to the Pingles Stadium. **Chelmsley Town** ran Bromsgrove Sporting very close last week and they travel to the TSA Sports ground to see if they can build on their last two performances against **Cadbury Athletic**. **Uttoxeter Town** welcome **Stafford Town** to Oldfields with both teams involved in 8 goal thrillers last week.

On Tuesday, in form **Littleton** travel to **Pershore Town** who will be smarting from their 10 goal defeat at Highgate united in the league cup. **Heath Hayes** came from behind to pick up a point last week and they welcome **Pelsall Villa**, on the back of an excellent 4-0 win last week, to the Coppice Colliery ground.

Division 2

Leaders **Alvis Sporting Club** entertain 2nd bottom **Leamington Hibernian** and could go 6 points clear depending on results elsewhere. The game of the day sees 2nd place **Fairfield Villa** host 3rd place **Droitwich Spa** in what is sure to be a highly competitive local derby. 5th placed **Paget Rangers** have games in hand on all the sides above them and will be hoping to close the gap at home to **Bloxwich Town**. 4th placed **Knowle** host mid-table **Earlswood Town** who have picked up 10 points out of 12. **Barnt Green Spartak** got back to winning ways last week and they can climb the table should they beat **Hampton** in another local derby. **Feckenham** welcome 6th placed **Redditch Borough** to The Entaco a fortnight after the sides drew 1-1 at The Valley Stadium. Bottom club **Continental Star** travel to **Smithswood Firs** who beat them 4-2 earlier this month at The Hub. **Coton Green** have slipped to 13th but have 5 or 6 games in hand on the sides above them. They travel to **Sutton United** who are in a healthy 7th position.

Division 3

Leaders, **NKF Burbage** play host to bottom club **AFC Solihull** and with the visitors showing significantly improved form, an entertaining encounter is pretty much guaranteed. 2nd placed **Shipston Excelsior** host lowly **Coventrians** hoping where a win will maintain their second spot. 3rd placed **Montpellier** travel to **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** with the teams having contrasting goal difference, +23 for Montpellier and -23 for Boldmere. Game of the day looks to be at 4th placed **Northfield Town** as they host 5th placed **Moors Academy**. 7th placed **Barton United** are working hard to get supporters to their Boxing Day fixture against **Castle Vale Town** – let's hope they are successful. Improving **Alcester Town** travel to Hall Drive to face mid-table **Enville Athletic**. 8th meets 10th at Knights Lane as FC Stratford play host to Inkberrow.