



Midland Football League

Newsletter

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League News

The draw has been made for Round 4 of the Buildbase Fa Vase. Fixtures to be played on January 9th, 2021

Long Eaton United vs Westfields

Stourport Swifts vs Walsall Wood

A Merry Christmas to everyone associated with the Midland Football League from the press office

Review

Buildbase FA Vase Round 3

The MFL have three sides through to Round 4 after a day of mixed results. **Long Eaton United** beat Hanley Town 2-0 with goals from Alex Marshall and Jamie Walker, despite having Marshall sent off late on. **Walsall Wood** won the all-MFL game beating **Newark** 8-7 on penalties after the sides had shared a 1-1 draw. **Stourport Swifts** are the third team through after a dramatic 4-3 win over Shepshed Dynamo. Swifts led 3-0 then 4-2 before a late surge from Shepshed made it edgy. Ryan Wollacott was the star for the home side with a hat-trick. **Coventry Sphinx** took a 5th minute lead at home to UCL leaders Anstey Nomads, but the visitors came back to secure the win with two goals in two minutes at the end of the first half. **Coventry United** were reduced to ten men at Congleton but the ten men took the lead through Riley O'Sullivan. They held out till the 73rd minute when the Bears equalised to take the game to penalties. United held the advantage for some time but Congleton edged it 4-3. Game of the day was at the HD Anywhere Stadium between Step 6 Malvern Town and MFL leaders **Sporting Khalsa**. Khalsa took the lead in the 6th minute through Sean Williams but by the 49th minute Malvern were 4-1 in front. Back came Khalsa to level it with Jake Gosling scoring twice. The Hillsiders re-took the lead in the 87th minute with Harry Clark completing a hat-trick. Khalsa weren't to be denied and Matt Fulloway equalised in time added on to send the game to penalties. Khalsa had a penalty to win it but it was the home side that took their pace in round 4 with a 6-5 win.

Premier Division

Racing Club Warwick returned to action with a fine 4-0 win at **Haughmond**. Mason Rowley scored twice in three first half minutes to send The Racers on their way and they sealed the win with goals from Tyreece Ruddock and Nick Seabourne. **Tividale** took an 8th minute lead at home to **Worcester City** and it stayed that way until the 4th minute of stoppage time when Sean Brain converted a penalty to seal a draw for ten man City.

Sporting Khalsa were involved in their second high scoring draw in four days as they were held 3-3 by **Tividale** at Noose Lane. Jake Gosling scored a hat-trick of penalties for Khalsa, but former Khalsa man Lewis McPike bagged his second in stoppage time to earn a point.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Sporting Khalsa</u>	11	8	2	1	31	16	15	26
2	<u>Stourport Swifts</u>	12	7	2	3	31	17	14	23
3	<u>Long Eaton United</u>	8	7	1	0	31	4	27	22
4	<u>Newark</u>	10	6	3	1	19	9	10	21
5	<u>Romulus</u>	10	5	4	1	13	6	7	19
6	<u>Tividale</u>	14	5	4	5	28	26	2	19
7	<u>Gresley Rovers</u>	11	6	1	4	23	21	2	19
8	<u>Coventry United</u>	9	6	0	3	23	15	8	18
9	<u>A F C Wulfrunians</u>	10	4	5	1	14	9	5	17
10	<u>Lye Town</u>	14	4	5	5	22	21	1	17
11	<u>Walsall Wood</u>	10	4	2	4	18	13	5	14
12	<u>Coventry Sphinx</u>	10	4	2	4	19	15	4	14
13	<u>Racing Club Warwick</u>	9	2	4	3	16	15	1	10
14	<u>Heather St. John's</u>	11	2	2	7	10	26	-16	8
15	<u>Boldmere St Michaels</u>	6	2	1	3	10	15	-5	7
16	<u>Worcester City</u>	11	1	4	6	12	20	-8	7
17	<u>Highgate United</u>	8	1	2	5	15	18	-3	5
18	<u>Haughmond</u>	10	0	1	9	10	40	-30	1
19	<u>Selston</u>	10	0	1	9	12	51	-39	1

Division 1

Ashby Ivanhoe climbed up to 3rd place following a 5-0 win at basement club **Paget Rangers**. Jordan Wilson led the way with a hat-trick. Leaders **Lichfield City** didn't enjoy their first game back, losing 2-1 at the City Ground to **Chelmsley Town**. 2nd place **Leicester Road** were held to a goalless draw at Silkmore Lane by **Brocton**. **Nuneaton Griff** came from behind to beat **Stafford Town** 2-1 at the Pingles Stadium, Reece Williams with the winner. **Atherstone Town** also came from behind to record a 2-1 victory, Alex Naughton, and Mitch Thompson with the goals early in the 2nd half to win at **Coventry Copsewood**.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Lichfield City</u>	14	9	2	3	29	13	16	29
2	<u>Leicester Road</u>	11	8	2	1	27	5	22	26
3	<u>Ashby Ivanhoe</u>	12	8	2	2	33	17	16	26
4	<u>Hinckley AFC</u>	12	7	3	2	26	19	7	24
5	<u>Kirby Muxloe</u>	12	7	3	2	24	21	3	24
6	<u>Nuneaton Griff</u>	13	6	3	4	18	15	3	21
7	<u>Heath Hayes</u>	13	6	3	4	21	20	1	21
8	<u>Stapenhill</u>	11	6	2	3	22	12	10	20
9	<u>Atherstone Town</u>	13	6	2	5	28	21	7	20
10	<u>Uttoxeter Town</u>	11	6	1	4	25	15	10	19
11	<u>Brocton</u>	13	4	5	4	26	20	6	17
12	<u>Chelmsley Town</u>	14	4	2	8	22	29	-7	14
13	<u>Studley</u>	10	3	3	4	21	15	6	12
14	<u>Rocester</u>	12	3	3	6	22	24	-2	12
15	<u>Coventry Copsewood</u>	13	3	2	8	23	38	-15	11
16	<u>Stafford Town</u>	14	3	2	9	20	38	-18	11
17	<u>Cadbury Athletic</u>	11	2	1	8	14	36	-22	7
18	<u>G N P Sports</u>	11	1	3	7	10	26	-16	6
19	<u>Paget Rangers</u>	12	2	0	10	12	39	-27	6

Division 2

No games played

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Solihull United</u>	8	7	1	0	28	6	22	22
2	<u>Knowle</u>	9	5	2	2	21	14	7	17
3	<u>Coton Green</u>	9	5	0	4	23	12	11	15
4	<u>F C Stratford</u>	8	4	3	1	20	15	5	15
5	<u>Hampton</u>	8	4	3	1	13	12	1	15
6	<u>Barnt Green Spartak</u>	8	4	2	2	23	16	7	14
7	<u>Coventry Alvis</u>	9	4	1	4	21	17	4	13
8	<u>Alcester Town</u>	8	3	3	2	11	13	-2	12
9	<u>Feckenham</u>	5	3	1	1	14	12	2	10
10	<u>Earlswood Town</u>	6	3	0	3	15	15	0	9
11	<u>Northfield Town</u>	9	2	3	4	9	18	-9	9
12	<u>Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons</u>	8	2	2	4	13	14	-1	8
13	<u>Lane Head</u>	9	2	2	5	13	23	-10	8
14	<u>Bolehall Swifts</u>	10	2	0	8	8	20	-12	6
15	<u>Redditch Borough</u>	7	1	1	5	11	21	-10	4
16	<u>Fairfield Villa</u>	5	0	0	5	5	20	-15	0

Division 3

No games played

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Kenilworth Sporting</u>	8	7	0	1	26	7	19	21
2	<u>Inkberrow</u>	8	6	1	1	32	15	17	19
3	<u>Central Ajax</u>	7	6	0	1	22	7	15	18
4	<u>Enville Athletic</u>	9	5	2	2	16	12	4	17
5	<u>Coventrians</u>	7	5	0	2	29	13	16	15
6	<u>A F C Solihull</u>	8	4	1	3	30	20	10	13
7	<u>Upton Town</u>	6	4	1	1	14	11	3	13
8	<u>Sutton United</u>	7	4	0	3	26	13	13	12
9	<u>F C Shush</u>	7	4	0	3	22	18	4	12
10	<u>Welland</u>	7	3	1	3	16	14	2	10
11	<u>Tamworth Academy</u>	5	3	0	2	16	8	8	9
12	<u>Leamington Hibernian</u>	8	1	2	5	15	30	-15	5
13	<u>W L V Sport</u>	9	1	1	7	7	23	-16	4
14	<u>Continental Star</u>	8	1	1	6	12	30	-18	4
15	<u>Birmingham Tigers</u>	7	1	0	6	13	27	-14	3
16	<u>Castle Vale Town</u>	9	0	0	9	12	60	-48	0

Division 4 / reserves

No games played

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>A F C Coventry Rangers</u>	7	6	0	1	28	5	23	18
2	<u>D S C United</u>	9	4	2	3	19	23	-4	14
3	<u>Worcester City Reserves</u>	7	4	1	2	16	12	4	13
4	<u>F C Stratford Reserves</u>	7	3	1	3	11	14	-3	10
5	<u>The Mikes</u>	6	2	2	2	14	12	2	8
6	<u>Gornal Colts Reserves</u>	5	2	2	1	7	5	2	8
7	<u>Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons Res</u>	7	2	2	3	11	12	-1	8
8	<u>Uttoxeter Town Reserves</u>	7	2	0	5	10	17	-7	6
9	<u>Gresley Rovers Reserves</u>	5	1	1	3	9	14	-5	4
10	<u>Bartley Reds</u>	6	1	1	4	11	22	-11	4

Under 21 East

No games played

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Heather St. John's U21</u>	6	6	0	0	27	5	22	18
2	<u>AFC Rushden & Diamonds U21</u>	7	4	1	2	17	8	9	13
3	<u>Bedworth United U21</u>	8	4	1	3	20	13	7	13
4	<u>Leicester Football Education Academy U21</u>	7	2	4	1	12	11	1	10
5	<u>Loughborough University U21</u>	4	3	1	0	22	6	16	7 *
6	<u>Basford United U21</u>	3	2	0	1	7	5	2	6
7	<u>Milton Keynes College U21 Elite</u>	7	2	0	5	12	30	-18	6
8	<u>Barwell FC U21</u>	8	1	2	5	15	28	-13	5
9	<u>Stoneygate Lions U21</u>	5	1	1	3	10	21	-11	4
10	<u>FCV Stamford U21</u>	5	0	0	5	6	21	-15	0

* Adjustment made

Under 21 West

No games played

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	<u>Rushall Olympic U21</u>	9	8	0	1	60	5	55	24	
2	<u>Halesowen Town U21</u>	8	6	1	1	36	8	28	16	*
3	<u>Stourport Swifts U21</u>	7	5	1	1	36	12	24	16	
4	<u>Allscott AFC U21</u>	8	5	1	2	22	17	5	16	
5	<u>Redditch United U21</u>	9	5	1	3	23	19	4	16	
6	<u>A F C Birmingham U21</u>	8	5	0	3	32	15	17	15	
7	<u>Cheltenham Town U21 Hereford Development</u>	9	3	2	4	15	25	-10	11	
8	<u>Kidderminster Harriers U21</u>	5	1	0	4	9	15	-6	3	
9	<u>Bewdley Town U21</u>	7	1	0	6	8	40	-32	3	
10	<u>Lane Head U21</u>	8	1	0	7	11	44	-33	3	
11	<u>Gornal Youth U21</u>	8	0	0	8	0	52	-52	0	

* Adjustment made

Under 21 Central

No games played

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Boldmere St Michaels U21</u>	7	7	0	0	36	4	32	21
2	<u>Silhill U21</u>	8	7	0	1	39	9	30	21
3	<u>Romulus FC U21</u>	9	6	1	2	35	13	22	19
4	<u>Chasetown U21</u>	6	5	0	1	31	7	24	15
5	<u>Lichfield City U21</u>	9	5	0	4	28	15	13	15
6	<u>Brocton U21</u>	7	3	3	1	15	9	6	12
7	<u>Stafford Rangers U21</u>	7	3	1	3	18	17	1	10
8	<u>Sutton Coldfield Town FC U21</u>	8	2	1	5	18	24	-6	7
9	<u>A F C Solihull U21</u>	7	2	1	4	14	23	-9	7
10	<u>Bartley Reds U21</u>	8	2	1	5	20	34	-14	7
11	<u>F C Olympia U21</u>	9	1	0	8	10	57	-47	3
12	<u>Castle Vale Town U21</u>	9	0	0	9	10	62	-52	0

Leading goalscorers (all competitions)

Premier Division

Jake Gosling	Sporting Khalsa	15	
Alex Marshall	Long Eaton United	13	
Romario Martin	Highgate United/ Walsall Wood	12	
Danny Meadows	Newark	11	
Jack Watts	Stourport Swifts	11	
Danny Munday	Gresley Rovers	10	
Jordan Harrison	Lye Town	9	
Riley O'Sullivan	Coventry United	9	
Jamal Adams	Coventry Sphinx	8	
Lewis McPike	Tividale	8	
Nick Seabourne	Racing Club Warwick	8	
Paul Sullivan	Gresley Rovers	8	
Jamie Walker	Long Eaton United	8	
Sammy Prince	Lye Town	7	
Dan Smith	Tividale	7	
Craig Westcarr	Newark	7	
Ryan Wollacott	Stourport Swifts	7	
Sean Brain	Worcester City	6	
Ben Hutchinson	Newark	6	
Josh McKenzie	Sporting Khalsa	6	
Josh O'Grady	Coventry United	6	
Ashanti Pryce	Coventry Sphinx	6	now Kettering Town
Tom Smith	Racing Club Warwick	6	
Jack Till	AFC Wulfrunians	6	
Kyle Carey	Coventry United	5	
Luke Carter	Tividale	5	
Romaine Graham	Long Eaton United	5	
Javia Roberts	Walsall Wood	5	

Division 1

Matt Gardner	Lichfield City	16
Sam Grouse	Ashby Ivanhoe	13
Jordan Wilson	Ashby Ivanhoe	11
James Curley	Uttoxeter Town	10
Connor Richins	Stapenhill	10
Chris Lloyd	Hinckley	8
Liam Robinson	Rocester	8
Jordan Wade	Chelmsley Town	8
Jack Edwards	Heath Hayes	7
Anwar Olugbon	Stafford Town	7
Sean Kavanagh	Coventry Copsewood	6
Conor McEwan	Nuneaton Griff	6
Kyle Patterson	Lichfield City	6
Doug Price	Uttoxeter Town	6
Liam Read	Leicester Road	6
Nathan Scott	Stafford Town	6
Dean Williams	Brocton / Atherstone	6
Zakari Adams	Kirby Muxloe	5
Simon Alcott	Leicester Road	5
Sam Belcher	Atherstone / Nuneaton Griff	5
Matt Langham	Leicester Road	5
Mark Magee	Studley	5
Alex Naughton	Atherstone Town	5
Devante Reittie	Stapenhill	5
Max Turner	Paget Rangers	5

Division 2

Louis Bridges	Knowle	8	
Kyle Hudlin	Solihull United	8	now Solihull Moors
Nasser Eidan	Barnt Green Spartak	6	
Connor Perry-Holmes	Feckenham	6	
Matthew Shepherd	Coventry Alvis	6	
Alex Andrews	Coventry Alvis	4	
Joel Hughes	Earlswood Town	4	
Daniel Martin	Lane Head	4	
Jordan McKenzie	Earlswood Town	4	
Yousef Semlali	Boldmere Sports	4	
Ashley Southall	Lane Head	4	
Mark Steele	Barnt Green Spartak	4	
Petar Tonchev	FC Stratford	4	

Division 3

Nathan Davies	Inkberrow	15
Leighton Hines	Sutton United	13
Curtis Cutts	Leamington Hibernian	11
Sean Smith	Welland	10
Jeremie Agholor	Coventrians	8
Lewis Chester	Coventrians	8
Tony Furness	AFC Solihull	8
Jay Payne	FC Shush	8
Luke Steer	Kenilworth Sporting	8
Tyrone Wilson	Kenilworth Sporting	8
Jay Higgins-Pugsley	Inkberrow	7
Dane Reid	AFC Solihull	7
Harrison James	Tamworth Academy	6
Jordan Lewis	Central Ajax	6
Ben Thomas	Inkberrow	6
Jim Dale	Sutton United	5
Nathan McGarrity	Coventrians	5
Ollie Parsons	AFC Solihull	5
George Robbins	Inkberrow	5

Division 4 / reserves

Rabab Ali	DSC United	10
Fola Fagemi	AFC Coventry Rangers	10
Jack Bradford	The Mikes	7
Joe Gardner	AFC Coventry Rangers	6
Jordan Powell	AFC Coventry Rangers	5
Liam Doyle	AFC Coventry Rangers	4
Michael Eva	Gornal Colts	4
Lewis Rand	Uttoxeter Town	4

Under 21 Divisions

Max Dixon	Rushall Olympic	13
Elliott Lees	Stourport Swifts	13
Alex McSkeane	Boldmere St Michaels	11
Rob Barnett	AFC Birmingham	10
Luke Burnley	Silhill	10
Josh Grosvenor	Silhill	10
Kyle Jardine	Heather St Johns	10
Ross Thomas	Romulus	10
Owen Watkins	Romulus	10
Harry Crook	Boldmere St Michaels	9
Reece Ledwidge	Chasetown	8
Ronan Sheehan	Rushall Olympic	8
Dylan Surace	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	8
Joe Thompson	Chasetown	8
Harvey Ablett	Loughborough University	7
Itai Allen	Rushall Olympic	7
Kaine Butler	Halesowen Town	7
Harvey Lewis	Allscott	7
Jack Dew	Rushall Olympic	6
Eesa Sawyers	Rushall Olympic	6
Jarro Scott	Bedworth United	6
Ethan Vine	Stourport Swifts	6

Goalden Boot (league games only)

Premier Division

Romario Martin	Walsall Wood, Highgate United	10
Jake Gosling	Sporting Khalsa	10
Jordan Harrison	Lye Town	9
Daniel Munday	Gresley Rovers	9
Alex Marshall	Long Eaton United	8
Lewis McPike	Tividale	8
Jack Watts	Stourport Swifts	8

Division 1

Matt Gardner	Lichfield City	15
Sam Grouse	Ashby Ivanhoe	13

Division 2

Louis Bridges	Knowle	8
Kyle Hudlin	Solihull United	8

Division 3

Nathan Davies	Inkberrow	14
Leighton Hines	Sutton United	13

Other divisions as per leading goalscorers table

Leading Attendances (League Games Only)

Worcester City	300
Newark	299
Gresley Rovers	269
Hinckley	215
Atherstone Town	204
Kenilworth Sporting	181
Romulus	153
Tamworth Academy	141
Sporting Khalsa	139
Walsall Wood	135
Uttoxeter Town	133
Ashby Ivanhoe	130
Boldmere St Michaels	128
Long Eaton United	127
Tividale	125
AFC Wulfrunians	123
Coventry Sphinx	123
Selston	122
Racing Club Warwick	121
Stapenhill	119
Paget Rangers	118
Redditch Borough	118
Lye Town	114
Feckenham	107
Stourport Swifts	104
Chelmsley Town	103

Attendance

Premier Division

Team	Average	High
AFC Wulfrunians	123	163
Boldmere St Michaels	128	150
Coventry Sphinx	123	300
Coventry United	0	0
Gresley Rovers	269	300
Haughmond	64	88
Heather St Johns	58	88
Highgate United	64	80
Long Eaton United	127	195
Lye Town	114	163
Newark	299	300
Racing Club Warwick	121	121
Romulus	153	165
Selston	122	170
Sporting Khalsa	139	188
Stourport Swifts	104	156
Tividale	125	150
Walsall Wood	135	185
Worcester City	300	300

Division 1

Team	Average	High
Ashby Ivanhoe	130	152
Atherstone Town	204	222
Brocton	83	176
Cadbury Athletic	N/A	N/A
Chelmsley Town	103	209
Coventry Copsewood	53	80
GNP Sports	93	157
Heath Hayes	84	112
Hinckley AFC	215	264
Kirby Muxloe	64	102
Leicester Road	88	122
Lichfield City	84	170
Nuneaton Griff	76	86
Paget Rangers	118	152
Rocester	99	122
Stafford Town	73	93
Stapenhill	119	184
Studley	61	97
Uttoxeter Town	133	300

Division 2 (based on attendances provided)

Team	Average	High
Alcester Town	48	54
Barnt Green Spartak	43	50
Boldmere Sports	29	40
Bolehall Swifts	48	62
Coton Green	69	105
Coventry Alvis	51	65
Earlswood Town	62	68
Fairfield Villa	69	78
FC Stratford	40	49
Feckenham	107	107
Hampton	62	75
Knowle	65	75
Lane Head	N/A	N/A
Northfield Town	47	49
Solihull United	44	51
Redditch Borough	118	126

Division 3 (based on attendances provided)

Team	Average	High
AFC Solihull	53	60
Birmingham Tigers	N/A	N/A
Castle Vale Town	31	40
Central Ajax	N/A	N/A
Continental Star	23	26
Coventrians	N/A	N/A
Enville Athletic	27	30
FC Shush	34	53
Inkberrow	51	64
Kenilworth Sporting	181	242
Leamington Hibernian	N/A	N/A
Sutton United	54	89
Tamworth Academy	141	141
Upton Town	N/A	N/A
Welland	28	30
WLV Sport	60	100

Preview

Premier Division

Boxing Day Saturday 26th

Lye Town welcome **Tividale** to The Sports Ground and a win for the visitors could see them leap into 4th place. The Flyers are without a goal in their last two home games picking up a solitary point in the process. Tividale are unbeaten in seven, drawing their last three. **Highgate United** welcome **Racing Club Warwick** to The Coppice with both sides at the wrong end of the table. Gate have drawn their last two games while The Racers had an excellent 4-0 away win last weekend. When the sides met in The FA Vase back in October. The Racers returned to Warwick with a 5-1 win. **Stourport Swifts** host **Worcester City** in a Worcestershire derby with the chance of going top of the table as we enter 2021. Swifts have won their last five games and are unbeaten in nine in all competitions. City picked up a point last weekend with a last gasp equaliser to move 6 points away from the drop zone.

Monday 28th December

AFC Wulfrunians welcome **Haughmond** to the CKW Stadium and a win for Wulfs could see them into the top 6. Wulfs have tasted defeat just once in the league this season and we must go back to mid-September for what was their first home league game of the campaign. Haughmond, conversely, have picked up just the one point and that too came in mid-September.

Tuesday 29th December

Tividale are back in action again as they welcome **Gresley Rovers** to The Beeches. Both sides sit on the fringe of the promotion race and will be looking for a run of victories to make an impression on the top four. Gresley have been building on the back of excellent home form however away from The Moat it has been a different story.

Please be aware fixtures may change at short notice.

Division 1

Boxing Day Saturday 26th

In form **Ashby Ivanhoe** welcome **Atherstone Town** to the NFU Sports Ground. Ashby have won their last six league games and could go top depending on results. The Adders would move into the top six with a win.

Monday 28th December

Leaders **Lichfield City** welcome basement side **Paget Rangers** to The City ground looking to bounce back following last weekend's home defeat at the hands of Chelmsley Town. Paget were beaten 5-0 at Coles Lane by 3rd placed Ashby Ivanhoe and are looking for their first league win since September. **Chelmsley Town** welcome **Nuneaton Griff** to Pack Meadow with both sides on the back of victories last weekend. Chelmsley have lost five of their last six home league games. Griff are unbeaten in three and would go 4th with a victory. **Cadbury Athletic** welcome **Studley** to The Triplex for their first home game of the season. The Chocolatemens are on a run of eight straight defeats in the league. Studley have lost their last three in all competitions and sit in 13th place.

Tuesday 29th December

Leicester Road host **Stapenhill** and a win would see them in the top two into 2021. Last weekend The Road dropped only their seventh point of the season as they were held at Brocton. The Swans have picked up 10 points in their last four games and are in a strong position to mount a promotion challenge.

Please be aware fixtures may change at short notice.

Games in all other divisions postponed until further notice