



# Midland Football League Newsletter

30th November 2016

**League News**

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## Travels of the Press Officer

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

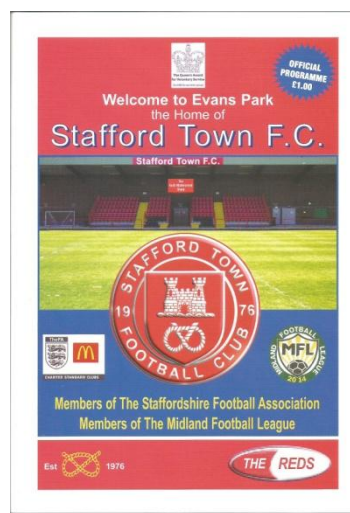
Division 1 (36)

### Stafford Town 0 Littleton 1

Stafford Town had a superb result last week, drawing at Bromsgrove Sporting so I decided to take the opportunity to see if they could build on that result at home to mid-table Littleton. As a frequent visitor to Evans Park, it never fails to amaze me as to just how cold it is watching football at the back of the main stand (it is November after all). Town started the brighter with recent signing Matt Redshaw in the thick of the action. In the 6<sup>th</sup> minute, an excellent turn by Redshaw created an opening and his shot was comfortably saved by Sam Launay. Two minutes later, Redshaw got to the byline and hit the ball across the face of goal but there was no Stafford player on hand to capitalise on the opening. Redshaw had an excellent chance in the 12<sup>th</sup> minute but his header from a cross by Ryan Pace was off target. Littleton had a great chance in the 13<sup>th</sup> minute but Dan Carter, with a free header in front of goal, saw his weak effort blocked. Littleton were looking a threat going forward and Dan Stokes had an effort blocked. Both sides were passing the ball around on the 3G pitch without creating any clear-cut openings. In the 23<sup>rd</sup> minute, Pace forced a fine save from Laundry, the keeper pushing the ball around the post for a corner. Just after the half-hour mark, Redshaw curled a shot wide of the target. David Wilson stung the hands of Town keeper Tom Degg in the 38<sup>th</sup> minute, the shot being collected under the bar. With a minute left of the first half, Carter should have given Littleton the lead but he headed wide from a perfect position.

Thirty seconds after the interval, Carter again brought Degg into action with another shot on target. Matthew Fusco found space for Littleton but his shot was well off target. On the hour mark, Carter again had an effort which was just wide of the mark. Chances were at a premium and from a half-chance, Harry Bowers volleyed over for Town. Littleton went close in the 67<sup>th</sup> minute when Wilson's shot was fumbled by Degg but the keeper did enough to foil Stokes as he attempted to tap home the rebound. Pace found space on the right and hit a rising shot from distance which cleared Launay's cross bar. The all-important goal came in the 84<sup>th</sup> minute. A cross from Ben Judd was met by Carter who timed his jump to perfection to beat Degg to the ball and head into the net. In the 89<sup>th</sup> minute, Redshaw had the opportunity to equalise but only managed to hit the side netting. In stoppage time, Carter should have made sure, racing through on goal, he lifted the ball over Degg but watch as it drifted agonisingly wide.

The result was a bitter blow to Stafford Town who will feel that they should have got something out of the game. All credit to Dan Carter who eventually got his goal on an afternoon when he perhaps should have had a hat-trick.

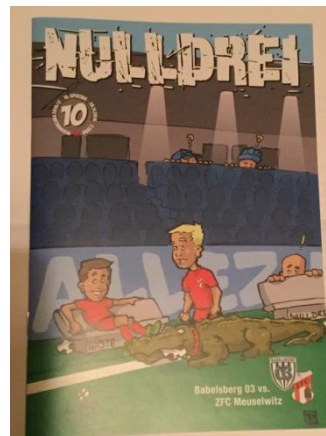
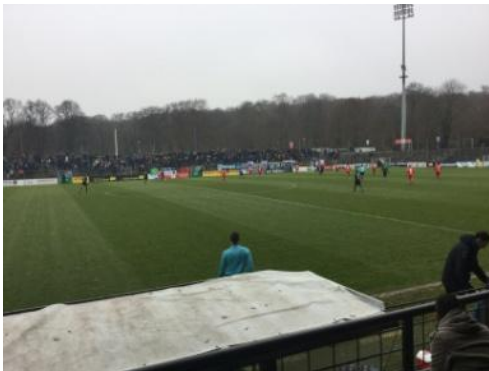


## Travels of a Compliance Director

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

S.V. Babelsberg 03 v ZFC Meuselwitz 2-0 Attendance 1,280

A long weekend Christmas Market break in Berlin gave me the chance to add a couple of new stadiums to my total in Germany. First up was a Saturday 1.30pm kick off in the Germany Regionalliga Nordost which is effectively a regionalised Football League Two equivalent. Located in Potsdam the stadium the consisted of one all seated stand with the other three sides being terraced of which one was covered. This was a decent game with the standard of football being similar to the same level at home. Admission was 21 Euro for a seat in the middle of the main stand with a decent programme costing 2 Euros. With the game played in sub-zero temperatures, it was down to the Gluhwein to keep Deb and I warm throughout the game so we made sure we participated in more than a few. Food and drink is reasonably priced at most stadiums in Germany so this was not an expensive exercise.



Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Hertha Berlin v Mainz 05 2-1 Attendance 37,852

First ever visit to the scene of the famous Zidane head butt in 2006, The Olympic Stadium in Berlin. Out of the 2,500 plus stadiums that I have watched football in this one is in the Top 10 easily. Despite being modern inside the venue has kept its original external features. The game itself was a 5.30pm kick off for live TV coverage in the German Bundesliga with the home side coming from behind to win the game taking them third in the table. Salomon Kalou Ex-Chelsea was the one player of note on the park in a game that saw two red cards. Tickets were pre-ordered on the clubs website at 45 Euro each for the second best seats. Programmes were found free in the club shop with a separately produced programme available for the VIP'S. I managed to get one of these without having to use my MFL pass. Another cold evening saw many cups of Gluhwein consumed in order to keep warm. Such a contrast from eight weeks ago in Croatia when it was shorts, flips flops and a cold beer!!!



## Review

### Premier Division

League leaders **Alvechurch** opened up a two-point gap at the top of the table following a 4-0 win over **Tividale** at Lye Meadow. 2<sup>nd</sup> placed **Lye Town** were held to a goalless draw by **Coventry United** at Stourbridge Road. There were 5 goals in the first 39 minutes at Pack Meadow as **Long Eaton United** took a 3-2 lead over 3<sup>rd</sup> placed **Coleshill Town**. That was the end of the scoring as the visitors moved up to 15<sup>th</sup> place. **Heanor Town** are up to 5<sup>th</sup> after two goals late in the second half turned the game round against **Rocester** to give the Lions a 2-1 win. That means that **Sporting Khalsa** drop a place after they were beaten 1-0 at **Shepshed Dynamo**, Karl Whymark with the goal 18 minutes from time. There were 8 goals at The Coppice as **St Andrews** beat **Highgate United** 5-3. Isaac Jagroop scored twice for Highgate while the Draws goals were shared around. **Shawbury United** were another side to score 5 on their travels, beating **Walsall Wood** 5-2 at the ML Safety Stadium. Wood took the lead inside 4 minutes but Shawbury took the lead before half-time and never looked back. Nathan Hodge added two more to his impressive tally for Shawbury. A hat-trick from Nathan Dale gave **Quorn** all three points at Sphinx Drive as they beat **Coventry Sphinx** 3-2. Improving **AFC Wulfrunians** are up to 13<sup>th</sup> following a 3-2 win over **Loughborough University**. Wulfs raced into a 3 goal lead with Kyle Brady scoring twice before a late comeback from the visitors made it a nervy finish. **Stourport Swifts** picked up a vital 3 points at bottom club **Brocton**. Swifts were 3-0 up inside 25 minutes with Andy Hudson scoring twice and despite a second half recovery from the Badgers, they held on to move up to 18<sup>th</sup>.

The only game to survive Tuesday night's frost was at The Trevor Brown Memorial Ground as **Boldmere St Michaels** entertained **Westfields** on the 3G. Westfields well and truly got their league season back underway with a 5-1 win which moves them back into 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 6 games in hand on leaders Alvechurch.

## League Table

1	<u>Alvechurch</u>	21	13	5	3	46	16	30	44
2	<u>Lye Town</u>	19	12	6	1	39	15	24	42
3	<u>Westfields</u>	15	12	1	2	44	17	27	37
4	<u>Coleshill Town</u>	19	11	3	5	45	27	18	36
5	<u>Heanor Town</u>	18	9	5	4	34	30	4	32
6	<u>Sporting Khalsa</u>	18	9	4	5	39	24	15	31
7	<u>St Andrews</u>	19	10	1	8	38	31	7	31
8	<u>Coventry United</u>	18	9	3	6	29	21	8	30
9	<u>Shepshed Dynamo</u>	17	8	3	6	33	29	4	27
10	<u>Quorn</u>	19	8	3	8	26	32	-6	27
11	<u>Walsall Wood</u>	19	8	1	10	28	33	-5	25
12	<u>Coventry Sphinx</u>	19	6	6	7	36	40	-4	24
13	<u>AFC Wulfrunians</u>	18	7	2	9	20	33	-13	23
14	<u>Loughborough University</u>	18	6	4	8	33	31	2	22
15	<u>Long Eaton United</u>	17	6	4	7	29	33	-4	22
16	<u>Rocester</u>	18	6	4	8	36	42	-6	22
17	<u>Highgate United</u>	18	6	3	9	31	41	-10	21
18	<u>Stourport Swifts</u>	18	4	5	9	22	32	-10	17
19	<u>Shawbury United</u>	20	5	1	14	36	55	-19	16
20	<u>Boldmere St Michaels</u>	18	3	6	9	23	29	-6	15
21	<u>Tividale</u>	19	4	2	13	24	47	-23	14
22	<u>Brocton</u>	17	2	2	13	17	50	-33	8

## Division 1

Leaders **Leicester Road** maintained the two-point gap at the top of the table with a 3-1 win over **Nuneaton Griff**. Luke Kingsley-Smith scored twice in a game that saw three red cards, one for Leicester and two for Griff. **Atherstone Town** remain 2<sup>nd</sup> as two Kyle Turner goals was enough to beat **Heather St Johns** at St Johns Park. 3<sup>rd</sup> placed **Bromsgrove Sporting** got back to winning form with a 4-0 win at **Heath Hayes**. **Hinckley AFC** were the day's big winners, beating **Bolehall Swifts** 7-3 at Rene Road. Perry Cotton scored twice for Swifts but both Paul Sullivan and Ryan Seal scored hat-tricks as Hinckley notched up their 59<sup>th</sup> league goal of the season. **Racing Club Warwick** are up to 5<sup>th</sup> following a 3-1 win over **Uttoxeter Town** at Townsend Meadow. **Lichfield City** drop to 6<sup>th</sup> after they lost 2-0 at home to **Cadbury Athletic**. At the bottom, it is looking bleak for **Southam United** who were beaten 6-1 at home by second bottom **Studley** with Gareth Evans scoring 5. That win moved Studley up a place as **Stafford Town** went down 1-0 at home to **Littleton** to a late Dan Carter goal. **Coventry Copsewood** move up to 15<sup>th</sup> with an important 3-2 win at **Pelsall Villa**, Taylor McGregor scoring twice for Copsewood.

## League Table

1	<u>Leicester Road</u>	15	12	1	2	49	15	34	37
2	<u>Atherstone Town</u>	16	11	2	3	41	24	17	35
3	<u>Bromsgrove Sporting</u>	14	10	4	0	38	10	28	34
4	<u>Hinckley AFC</u>	14	10	3	1	59	19	40	33
5	<u>Racing Club Warwick</u>	16	9	4	3	37	28	9	31
6	<u>Lichfield City</u>	15	9	1	5	27	19	8	28
7	<u>Bolehall Swifts</u>	16	9	1	6	38	33	5	28
8	<u>Heather St Johns</u>	15	7	3	5	38	29	9	24
9	<u>Nuneaton Griff</u>	16	7	3	6	34	28	6	24
10	<u>Cadbury Athletic</u>	16	5	8	3	31	23	8	23
11	<u>Littleton</u>	16	7	2	7	26	31	-5	23
12	<u>Uttoxeter Town</u>	15	6	2	7	25	35	-10	20
13	<u>Heath Hayes</u>	16	5	2	9	26	31	-5	17
14	<u>Pershore Town</u>	15	5	2	8	23	31	-8	17
15	<u>Coventry Copsewood</u>	16	4	4	8	30	40	-10	16
16	<u>Chelmsley Town</u>	15	4	2	9	24	31	-7	14
17	<u>Pelsall Villa</u>	16	3	3	10	24	45	-21	12
18	<u>Studley</u>	18	3	2	13	26	56	-30	11
19	<u>Stafford Town</u>	15	1	5	9	20	33	-13	8
20	<u>Southam United</u>	15	0	2	13	6	61	-55	2

## Division 2

**Alvis Sporting** take over at the top of Division 2 following a 2-1 win at **Continental Star**. **Fairfield Villa** are level on points with Droitwich Spa following a 1-0 win at **Feckenham**, Lewis Smith with the goal. **Sutton United** bounced back from their mauling at Droitwich last week with a stunning 3-1 win at **Paget Rangers**, George Ford scoring twice. **Earlswood Town** are off the bottom after they beat **Barnt Green Spartak** at home. **Leamington Hibernian** are now in the basement position following a 3-0 defeat at the hands of **Redditch Borough** at The Valley. **Hampton** continue their revival with a 3-2 win at **Smithswood Firs**. **Knowle** are within touching distance of the top thereafter they beat **Bloxwich Town** 2-1 at The Robins Nest with both goals coming from Nathan Corry.

1	<u>Alvis Sporting Club</u>	11	9	2	0	23	7	16	29
2	<u>Droitwich Spa</u>	13	8	2	3	38	15	23	26
3	<u>Fairfield Villa</u>	13	8	2	3	30	22	8	26
4	<u>Paget Rangers</u>	10	7	1	2	29	13	16	22
5	<u>Redditch Borough</u>	13	7	3	3	26	14	12	21*
6	<u>Knowle</u>	12	6	3	3	27	16	11	21
7	<u>Sutton United</u>	12	6	2	4	25	31	-6	19*
8	<u>Barnt Green Spartak</u>	13	5	2	6	27	25	2	17
9	<u>Feckenham</u>	15	3	6	6	20	33	-13	15
10	<u>Bloxwich Town</u>	14	4	2	8	16	26	-10	14
11	<u>Coton Green</u>	9	3	4	2	20	14	6	13
12	<u>Hampton</u>	14	3	4	7	15	30	-15	13
13	<u>Earlswood Town</u>	13	3	2	8	16	28	-12	11
14	<u>Smithswood Firs</u>	13	2	4	7	25	39	-14	10
15	<u>Continental Star</u>	12	1	5	6	13	24	-11	8
16	<u>Leamington Hibernian</u>	13	2	2	9	20	33	-13	8



### Division 3

There was a dramatic game involving leaders **NKF Burbage** at home to **FC Stratford**. NKF took the lead through Kieran Iliffe but were then reduced to nine men. Undeterred they extended their lead to a 3-0 before FC Stratford came back with the home side edging it 3-2. **Northfield Town** are up to 2<sup>nd</sup> following a 5-1 win over **Castle Vale Town**. Lewis Jones and Daniel Priest both scored twice for Northfield who are 12 points behind the leaders with two games in hand. **Shipston Excelsior** slip to 3<sup>rd</sup> after they were held at home by **Enville Athletic**, 1-1 the final score. **Moors Academy** are three points further back, a Josh Parsons goal giving them all three points at home to **AFC Solihull**. Joe Dace scored twice for **Barton United** in a 3-0 win at **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons**. **Coventrians** climb out of the bottom two following a 3-1 win at Holbrooks Park over visiting **Alcester Town**, Lewis Chester scoring twice.

1	<u>NKF Burbage</u>	13	12	1	0	39	7	32	37
2	<u>Northfield Town</u>	11	8	1	2	35	16	19	25
3	<u>Shipston Excelsior</u>	12	7	3	2	29	22	7	24
4	<u>Montpellier</u>	10	7	1	2	29	13	16	22
5	<u>Moors Academy</u>	10	7	0	3	23	18	5	21
6	<u>Alcester Town</u>	13	6	0	7	18	16	2	18
7	<u>FC Stratford</u>	12	5	1	6	25	25	0	16
8	<u>Inkberrow</u>	10	5	0	5	23	18	5	15
9	<u>Barton United</u>	11	4	3	4	20	19	1	15
10	<u>Enville Athletic</u>	12	4	1	7	8	18	-10	13
11	<u>Coventrians</u>	10	3	1	6	17	28	-11	10
12	<u>Boldmere Sports &amp; Social Falcons</u>	14	2	3	9	13	32	-19	9
13	<u>Castle Vale Town</u>	14	2	2	10	15	44	-29	8
14	<u>AFC Solihull</u>	12	1	1	10	11	29	-18	4

## **Other Cups**

**Montpellier** will meet Worcester Raiders in the final of the Worcestershire Junior Cup following Saturday's semi-finals. Raiders were 3-0 down away to **Droitwich Spa**, James Lemon with two, before staging a remarkable fightback to run out 4-3 winners. **Montpellier** eased their way past Bewdley Town Reserves, 2-0 the final score at Badsey, Stuart Hendrie with both goals.

**Chelmsley Town** bowed out of the Coventry Evening Telegraph Cup, losing 3-1 on penalties to Stockton after it finished 1-1 at full time. **Coton Green** made progress in the Fazeley Charity Cup, Adam Goodby scoring twice in a 5-1 win over Pathfinder.

## Reserves

### RESERVE DIVISION

CADBURY ATHLETIC

1 v 0 LICHFIELD CITY

2.00

1	<u>Rocester Reserves</u>	7	5	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	1	7
2	<u>Cadbury Athletic Reserves</u>	7	4	1	2	1	2	1	4	-2			13
3	<u>Romulus Reserves</u>	5	4	0	1	4	1	0	4				12
4	<u>Lichfield City Reserves</u>	4	2	0	2	1	5	1	0	5			6
5	<u>Walsall Wood Reserves</u>	5	2	0	3	1	1	1	0	1			6
6	<u>Coton Green Reserves</u>	5	2	0	3	9	1	4	-5				6
7	<u>Gresley Reserves</u>	4	1	1	2	6	7	-1					4
8	<u>Brocton Reserves</u>	4	0	2	2	7	1	0	-3				2
9	<u>Continental Star Reserves</u>	3	0	1	2	1	6	-5					1
10	<u>Tipton Town Reserves</u>	4	0	1	3	8	2	2	-1	4			1

### Leading scorers

Ezekiel Agyemang	Tipton Town	14
Terence Davies	Tipton Town	14
Oliver Roome	Rocester	13
Josh Dutton	Gresley	12
Zain Thomas	Romulus	11
Daniel Craythorne	Lichfield City	11
Kieran Smith	Brocton	9
Chad Barrett	Cadbury Athletic	9

## Under 21

### CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 1

#### Group "B"

BEDWORTH UNITED	0	v	2	HEATH HAYES
DROITWICH SPA G & B	2	v	0	KINGS HEATH CONCORDE

#### Group "C"

COLESHILL TOWN	4	v	1	BROMSGROVE SPORTING
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### UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN	3	v	3	BROCTON
TAMWORTH	11	v	1	LEEK TOWN

### UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

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

### U21 North

### U21 South

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

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

## Leading Goalscorers (all competitions)

### Premier Division

Josh March	Alvechurch	20
David Meese	Sporting Khalsa	17
Kieran Debrouwer	Heanor Town	16
Jack Till	Lye Town	16
Richard Greaves	Westfields	16
Andrew Bridge	Loughborough University	15
Shay Brennan	St Andrews	15
Nathan Hodge	Shawbury United	14
Lei Brown	Highgate United	13
Craig Jones	Westfields	13
Jamie Molyneux	Westfields (now Hereford)	12
Dan Polan	Westfields	12
Callum Riddell	Rocester	11
Drew Aiton	Walsall Wood	11
Nathan Dale	Quorn	11
Karl Ashton	Rocester	10
Elliot Putman	St Andrews	10
Reece Shilvock	Stourport Swifts, Alvechurch	10
Charles Knowles	Shawbury United	10

**Division 1**

<b>Ryan Seal</b>	<b>Hinckley AFC</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Alex Naughton</b>	<b>Atherstone Town</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Matthew Stenson</b>	<b>Leicester Road</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Matt Brennan</b>	<b>Nuneaton Griff</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Tom Bates</b>	<b>Nuneaton Griff</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Kyle Turner</b>	<b>Atherstone Town, Bolehall Swifts</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Sam Agar</b>	<b>Hinckley AFC</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Ben Lund</b>	<b>Lichfield City</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Connoll Farrell</b>	<b>Studley, Coventry Copsewood</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Joe Obi</b>	<b>Bolehall Swifts</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Joel Ambalu</b>	<b>Heather St Johns</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Luke Lewis</b>	<b>Uttoxeter Town</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Daniel Carter</b>	<b>Littleton</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Wade Malley</b>	<b>Racing Club Warwick</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Paul Sullivan</b>	<b>Hinckley AFC</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Jordan Francis</b>	<b>Bolehall Swifts</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Jamie Clarke</b>	<b>Pershore Town</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Joe Hartshorne</b>	<b>Heath Hayes</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Jake Holt</b>	<b>Leicester Road</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Gary Turner</b>	<b>Chelmsley Town</b>	<b>10</b>

**Division 2**

<b>Daniel Carter</b>	<b>Paget Rangers</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Thomas Craine</b>	<b>Knowle</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Jak Albutt</b>	<b>Redditch Borough</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Nick Seabourne</b>	<b>Droitwich Spa</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Connor Collins</b>	<b>Fairfield Villa</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Pedro Douglas</b>	<b>Continental Star</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Mark Bellingham</b>	<b>Paget Rangers</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>James Lemon</b>	<b>Droitwich Spa</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Andrew Millan</b>	<b>Coton Green</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Joseph Wright</b>	<b>Leamington Hibernian</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Dildale Linton</b>	<b>Alvis Sporting Club</b>	<b>10</b>

**Division 3**

<b>Stuart Hendrie</b>	<b>Montpellier</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Daniel Priest</b>	<b>Northfield Town</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Montel Okoro</b>	<b>Moors Academy</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Dale Wigmore</b>	<b>Coventrians</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Tom Smith</b>	<b>NKF Burbage</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Lewis Fathers</b>	<b>Shipston Excelsior</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Jess Adcock</b>	<b>NKF Burbage</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Lee Hendrie</b>	<b>Montpellier</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Charlie Adcock</b>	<b>NKF Burbage</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Alex Coultas</b>	<b>NKF Burbage</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Lewis Jones</b>	<b>Northfield Town</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Peter Martin</b>	<b>Barton United</b>	<b>7</b>

## Preview

### FA Vase Round 3

#### Coleshill Town vs Westfields

A battle between two of the Premier Division heavyweights. Westfields had a superb run in the FA Cup this season and, following Hereford's success in the competition, will be looking to make progress in the Vase. With both sides renowned goalscorers, a high scoring game on the Pack Meadow 3G is in store.

#### Hinckley AFC vs Quorn

Division 1 Hinckley must start as favourites against local Premier Division rivals Quorn at St Johns Park. The home side are averaging more than four goals a game and their recent form is outstanding. Quorn started the season really well but have levelled off to a mid-table position.

#### Long Eaton United vs Shepshed Dynamo

A recent run of victories for both sides has added impetus to disappointing starts to the season. Long Eaton have won their last three while visitors Shepshed have won 6 out of 7. This game is so tight to call, extra-time seems likely.

#### Nuneaton Griff vs Bromsgrove Sporting

Griff had a great run in the competition last season eventually bowing out to Salisbury at The Pingles Stadium. League rivals Bromsgrove Sporting are the visitors with Sporting still unbeaten in the league this season. There is added spice in this fixture if any were needed, with the likely debut for Bromsgrove of Luke Shorthouse, last season's leading scorer for Griff.

#### Sporting Khalsa vs Sleaford Town

Khalsa are the only MFL side to face opposition from another league. Visitors Sleaford Town lie in 17<sup>th</sup> position in the Premier Division of the United Counties League with 5 wins in their 21 games. They have not away from home since August so form would point to a victory for Ian Rowe's men who beat Alvechurch in the previous round.

### Premier Division

Leaders **Alvechurch** can stretch their lead at the top with a win at home to 7<sup>th</sup> placed **St Andrews**. **Heanor Town** are up to 5<sup>th</sup> place and they can keep the pressure on the sides above them if they can take all 3 points off **Coventry Sphinx** at Sphinx Drive. **Coventry United** can move into the top 6 should they beat **Rocester** at Hillsfield. At the bottom, 19<sup>th</sup> placed **Shawbury United** welcome bottom club **Brocton** to Wem which is a huge game for both teams. **Stourport Swifts** lifted themselves out of the bottom three last weekend and they can further improve their position with a win at home to in-form **AFC Wulfrunians**. Two sides who find themselves lower in the table than expectations are **Loughborough University** and **Walsall Wood** and they face each other at Hollywell.



## Division 1

Game of the day in Division 1 sees the top two face off at Sheepy Road. A win for **Atherstone Town** would see them leapfrog visitors **Leicester Road** and take over the top spot. The two sides have scored 90 league goals between them this season and this should be a great game. **Racing Club Warwick** could move into the top four with a win at **Littleton**. **Lichfield City** have dropped away in recent weeks but a win at home to **Chelmsley Town** would re-ignite their season and close the gap on the top three to just three points. **Bolehall Swifts** will look to bounce back to form after last week's 10 goal thriller against Hinckley AFC when they travel to **Cadbury Athletic**. Bottom club **Southam United** welcome 17<sup>th</sup> placed **Pelsall Villa** to Banbury Road still looking for their first win of the season. Following last week's big win at Southam, **Studley** can move out of the bottom three if they can beat **Heather St Johns** at The Beehive. 12<sup>th</sup> meets 13<sup>th</sup> at Oldfields as **Uttoxeter Town** entertain **Heath Hayes**. **Coventry Copsewood** can continue their climb up the table with all three points at home to **Pershore Town**.

## Division 2

Unbeaten leaders **Alvis Sporting Club** travel to **Coton Green** looking to maintain their three-point lead at the top of the table. 2<sup>nd</sup> placed **Droitwich Spa** face in-form **Hampton** at St Georges Playing Fields, Spa winning the reverse fixture 2-0. Bottom club **Leamington Hibernian** entertain **Barnt Green Spartak** who have slipped down the table to 8<sup>th</sup> place. 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom **Continental Star** have the opportunity of moving out of the bottom two as they entertain the side immediately above them, **Smithswood Firs**. **Sutton United** had an excellent win at Paget Rangers last week and will want to back that up as they entertain **Earlswood Town**.

## Division 3

2<sup>nd</sup> placed **Northfield Town** can close the gap at the top to just 9 points if they can win at **Inkberrow**. Game of the day is 4<sup>th</sup> versus 3<sup>rd</sup> at Badsey as **Montpellier** entertain **Shipston Excelsior**. At the bottom, **AFC Solihull** can get within touching distance of the pack should they beat **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** at Tudor Grange. 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom **Castle Vale Town**, who have conceded 15 goals in the last three games, travel to 6<sup>th</sup> placed **Alcester Town**. It's 10<sup>th</sup> versus 9<sup>th</sup> at Hall Drive as **Barton United** are the visitors to **Enville Athletic**.

## Les James Challenge Cup

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, **Bloxwich Town** welcome league high-flyers **Paget Rangers** to The Old Red Lion Ground – the winners hosting Alvis Sporting Club in the quarter-final. In the quarter-finals, **Feckenham** welcome **Redditch Borough** to the Entaco. 3<sup>rd</sup> division **FC Stratford** host 2<sup>nd</sup> division **Knowle** with the visitors in good form.

## Reserves

### RESERVE DIVISION

WALSALL WOOD v COTON GREEN

## Under 21s

### CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 1

#### Group "A"

HIGHGATE UNITED v AYLESTONE PARK 10.30

#### Group "C"

H O W ACADEMY v COLESHILL TOWN 10.30

### UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN v TAMWORTH 10.30

### UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS v ALVECHURCH 10.30

BEDWORTH UNITED v DROITWICH SPA G & B 11.00

BROMSGROVE SPORTING v KETTERING TOWN 10.30

## Other Cups

### LEICESTERSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP ROUND 3

HOUGHTON RANGERS v NKF BURBAGE 1.00

### BIRMINGHAM VASE ROUND 2

BIRMINGHAM IRISH v MOORS ACADEMY 2.00

### BIRMINGHAM SATURDAY AMATEUR CUP ROUND 3

CHARLEMONT STAR COVENTRY UNITED u21 2.00

SILHILL 2nds CADBURY ATHLETIC RES 2.00

### STAFFORDSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP ROUND 3

BRERETON SOCIAL v BROCTON RES. 1.30

BROCTON u21 v HEATH HAYES u21 11.00

FOLEY MEIR 2nd v LICHFIELD CITY RES. 1.30

TUNSTALL TOWN v ROCESTER RES. 1.30