



# Midland Football League Newsletter

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**League News**

## Travels of The Press Officer

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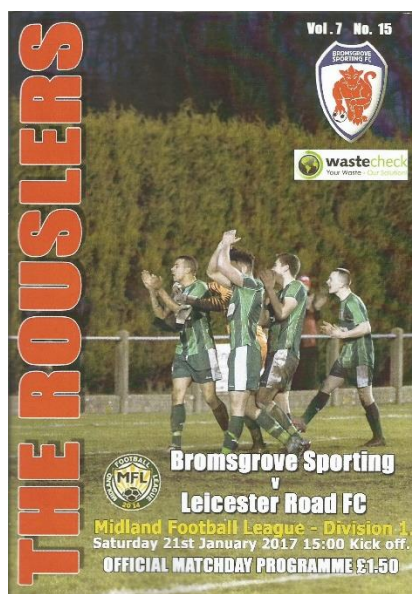
Division 1 (44)

### Bromsgrove Sporting 1 Leicester Road 0

The game of the day across the MFL involved two of the promotion challengers from Division 1 go head to head at The Victoria Ground. League leaders Bromsgrove Sporting remain unbeaten in the league after 20 games while visitors Leicester Road are just three points and four goals worse off. It was a case of something having to give and a crowd in excess of 800 turned up to witness it. Bromsgrove started the brighter with Jason Cowley firing over the bar in the 4<sup>th</sup> minute. Reece Hewitt made good connection on a drive but the Leicester Road defence threw themselves in the way and the effort was blocked. At the other end, a jinking run by Tom McGlinchey ended with Bromsgrove keeper Jonathan Brown saving at his feet. The game was being fought in the middle of the park with chances at a premium. A Liam Spink cross for the home side was headed over by Cowley when perhaps he should have hit the target. In the 23<sup>rd</sup> minute, Matty Stenson raced clear on the right for Leicester Road but his shot flew across the face of goal. Bromsgrove responded quickly with Luke Shorthouse one-on-one with Will Highland but the Leicester Road keeper saved well.

Bromsgrove took the lead two minutes into the second half. Aaron Roberts found space on the right and his cross was superbly clipped home by Robbie Bunn. The goal was just what the game needed as it improved in intensity and pace. Excellent control from Bunn created another opening but his shot was off target. In the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute, Highland made a fine save to deny Hewitt's 25-yard effort. On the hour, Shorthouse sent Cowley into the area and, as he rounded Highland, he was brought down with the referee pointing to the spot. After a couple of minutes' delay, Ahmed Ali stepped up and Highland saved the spot kick with his legs. The visitors were struggling to make any impact on the Bromsgrove defence relying on efforts from distance which were causing no danger to Brown's goal. Bromsgrove looked the most likely to add to their tally and Andy Nicol was off target with a header from Spink's cross. With 15 minutes left. Bromsgrove went close to a second when Ali's header was blocked on the line. Cowley saw a free-kick well saved by Highland as the home side comfortably ran the clock down to gain a vital three points.

A cagey first-half opened up once Bromsgrove had taken the lead. There was no denying the quality on show from both sides however they cancelled each other out for large periods of the game. There is no doubt that the promotion battle will go to the wire but at the moment, it is advantage Bromsgrove.



**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

**Division 1 (45)**

**Heath Hayes 0 Lichfield City 3**

There is nothing like a fiercely contested local derby to warm the cockles on a chilly winter's evening. Heath Hayes came into the game on the back of successive league wins including an excellent Victory at Racing Club Warwick last time out. Visitors Lichfield would climb to 4<sup>th</sup> place with a win and included Oliver Hayward and Jack Jones, signed from Heath Hayes earlier in the season, in their starting line-up. The early stages was littered with fierce challenges from both sides with Hayward the focal point for a lot of attention. Lichfield took the lead in the 8<sup>th</sup> minute and it seemed inevitable where the goal would come from. Dan Thurstance whipped a cross in from the left and there was Hayward, unmarked, to head into the empty net. The challenges, if anything, got ever fiercer but referee Parkes was happy to keep things moving and to try and keep his cards in his pocket. In the 20<sup>th</sup> minute a snap shot from Hayward forced a decent save from Mark Wiggin. Heath Hayes were struggling to create an opening with a low cross from Charlie Ware which was cleared by Joe Clarke, the sum of their attacking to this point. Lichfield doubled their lead in the 27<sup>th</sup> minute. Thurstance again crossed from the left, the ball was missed by Alex Scott and Josh Haston needed no second invitation and he drilled the ball into the bottom corner. Lichfield continued to dominate and Haston got on the end of a Hayward cross but his header was deflected for a corner. In the 36<sup>th</sup> minute, it appeared that Lichfield had scored a third when Nick Harris powered home a header but it was chalked off by the referee for pushing. With three minutes left of the first half, Heath Hayes finally had a shot on target with James Lawson saving comfortably from Ware.

The second half started in the same vein with Lichfield well on top. Three minutes into the half, Hayward should have made it three but he ballooned his shot over the bar. A minute later, Lichfield made it three. Clarke picked up the ball on the halfway line, ran forward with intent and unleashed a shot from 30 yards which deceived Wiggin and bounced past the keeper. Heath Hayes had a chance to pull a goal back when Luke Delaney's cross caused panic in the Lichfield defence and the ball was eventually scrambled away. Clarke, after scoring from 30- yards, missed a great chance from inside the 6-yard box as he headed wide. The home side were posing more of a threat now and Brad Rolston was off target with a header. Haston went close to grabbing his second of the game when his volley was just wide of the post with Wiggin beaten. In the 65<sup>th</sup> minute, Lichfield had claims for a penalty waved away as Joe Haines was bundled over in the box. This came after some excellent approach play from Lichfield with Haines at the centre. Heath Hayes went close in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute when a clearance cannoned against Scott but went wide. Lichfield again wasted a great opportunity when Jordan Evans broke through the defence however he took too much time in teeing up the shot and the Heath Hayes defence cleared their lines. With two minutes remaining, tempers finally boiled over with mass pushing and shoving taking place in front of the dugouts. Peace was eventually restored with Delaney for Heath Hayes and Lichfield sub, Matt Tolly, who had only been on the park three minutes, both seeing red. There was still time for Evans to miss another chance for Lichfield but they emerged victorious and climbed to fourth position.

A thoroughly enjoyable game in front of a decent crowd. Lichfield were too strong on the night and won most of the physical encounters.



## Review

### Premier Division

Leaders **Alvechurch** extended their lead at the top of the table with a 2-0 win at **AFC Wulfrunians**. Daniel Dubidat and Connor Deards scored the goals just before half-time. 3<sup>rd</sup> place **Coleshill Town** had to come from behind to beat **Shepshed Dynamo** 3-1. **Long Eaton United** continue to improve as a 2-1 win at home to **Coventry United** sees them jump to 11<sup>th</sup> position. At the bottom, it was a dramatic day at Silkmore Lane. **Heanor Town** raced into a 2-0 lead at **Brocton** inside 9 minutes. The Badgers are made of sterner stuff these days and bounced back to win 3-2 however two Heanor red cards didn't hinder their cause. Brocton are now level with **Tividale** who went down 2-0 at **Shawbury United** who are up to 15<sup>th</sup>. **Boldmere St Michaels** are out of the relegation zone on goal difference following a 2-0 win at faltering **Walsall Wood**. **Stourport Swifts** drop into the bottom three despite picking up a point in a goalless draw at **Rocester**. **St Andrews** and **Highgate United** couldn't find a goal between them at Canal Street.

## League Table

|    |                                |    |    |   |    |    |    |     |    |
|----|--------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|----|
| 1  | <u>Alvechurch</u>              | 30 | 20 | 6 | 4  | 70 | 23 | 47  | 66 |
| 2  | <u>Lye Town</u>                | 26 | 17 | 7 | 2  | 55 | 21 | 34  | 58 |
| 3  | <u>Coleshill Town</u>          | 27 | 17 | 3 | 7  | 70 | 39 | 31  | 54 |
| 4  | <u>Westfields</u>              | 23 | 15 | 5 | 3  | 60 | 34 | 26  | 50 |
| 5  | <u>Sporting Khalsa</u>         | 23 | 13 | 4 | 6  | 47 | 28 | 19  | 43 |
| 6  | <u>Heanor Town</u>             | 26 | 11 | 8 | 7  | 47 | 41 | 6   | 41 |
| 7  | <u>St Andrews</u>              | 28 | 13 | 2 | 13 | 58 | 57 | 1   | 41 |
| 8  | <u>Coventry United</u>         | 26 | 12 | 4 | 10 | 38 | 31 | 7   | 40 |
| 9  | <u>Coventry Sphinx</u>         | 26 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 50 | 52 | -2  | 36 |
| 10 | <u>Walsall Wood</u>            | 28 | 11 | 2 | 15 | 39 | 51 | -12 | 35 |
| 11 | <u>Long Eaton United</u>       | 25 | 9  | 7 | 9  | 45 | 48 | -3  | 34 |
| 12 | <u>Loughborough University</u> | 28 | 8  | 8 | 12 | 49 | 47 | 2   | 32 |
| 13 | <u>Highgate United</u>         | 25 | 9  | 4 | 12 | 41 | 48 | -7  | 31 |
| 14 | <u>Rocester</u>                | 25 | 8  | 7 | 10 | 42 | 51 | -9  | 31 |
| 15 | <u>Shawbury United</u>         | 28 | 10 | 1 | 17 | 52 | 66 | -14 | 31 |
| 16 | <u>Quorn</u>                   | 25 | 9  | 4 | 12 | 30 | 46 | -16 | 31 |
| 17 | <u>Shepshed Dynamo</u>         | 23 | 8  | 5 | 10 | 36 | 39 | -3  | 29 |
| 18 | <u>AFC Wulfrunians</u>         | 27 | 8  | 4 | 15 | 31 | 53 | -22 | 28 |
| 19 | <u>Boldmere St Michaels</u>    | 25 | 7  | 6 | 12 | 34 | 41 | -7  | 27 |
| 20 | <u>Stourport Swifts</u>        | 26 | 6  | 9 | 11 | 38 | 48 | -10 | 27 |
| 21 | <u>Tividale</u>                | 28 | 6  | 3 | 19 | 36 | 68 | -32 | 21 |
| 22 | <u>Brocton</u>                 | 26 | 6  | 3 | 17 | 31 | 67 | -36 | 21 |

## Division 1

A goal from Robbie Bunn 2 minutes into the second half gave **Bromsgrove Sporting** all three points in their top of the table clash with **Leicester Road** in front of an excellent crowd of 829. **Atherstone Town** stay a point behind the Rouslers after they beat **Hinckley AFC** 3-0 at Sheepy Road with Aden Moore scoring twice in front of another 400+ crowd. **Racing Club Warwick** lost ground on the leaders, losing 3-1 at home to **Heath Hayes**. **Lichfield City** are level on points with Hinckley following a 3-1 home win over **Nuneaton Griff**, Josh Haston with a brace. **Cadbury Athletic's** fine run of form shows no sign of halting as they won 2-0 at **Chelmsley Town**. The fight to stay up intensified with **Studley** moving out of the bottom 2 with a 5-2 win at **Stafford Town** who swop places. Gareth Evans and Daniel Moy both scores twice for Studley. **Pelsall Villa** climbed above their hosts **Pershore Town** following a single goal victory, the goal coming from Luke Farley. Bottom side **Southam United** went down to a 4-0 defeat at **Uttoxeter Town** for whom Jake Lovatt scored twice. A Joel Ambalu goal was enough for **Heather St Johns** to take all three points off **Littleton** at St Johns Park. **Coventry Copsewood** picked up all three points at Rene Road beating **Bolehall Swifts** 2-1.

**Lichfield** City move up to 4<sup>th</sup> following a 3-0 win at local rivals **Heath Hayes**. **Littleton** are up to 8<sup>th</sup> as they beat bottom side **Southam United** 4-0 sending the Saints goal difference over the -100 mark. Daniel Carter scored twice for The Ton Boys to add to his impressive tally.

## League Table

|    |                            |    |    |    |    |    |     |      |    |
|----|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|------|----|
| 1  | <u>Bromsgrove Sporting</u> | 21 | 16 | 5  | 0  | 65 | 16  | 49   | 53 |
| 2  | <u>Atherstone Town</u>     | 24 | 16 | 4  | 4  | 68 | 34  | 34   | 52 |
| 3  | <u>Leicester Road</u>      | 21 | 15 | 2  | 4  | 63 | 20  | 43   | 47 |
| 4  | <u>Lichfield City</u>      | 23 | 14 | 3  | 6  | 43 | 25  | 18   | 45 |
| 5  | <u>Racing Club Warwick</u> | 23 | 13 | 5  | 5  | 64 | 38  | 26   | 44 |
| 6  | <u>Hinckley AFC</u>        | 20 | 13 | 3  | 4  | 71 | 28  | 43   | 42 |
| 7  | <u>Cadbury Athletic</u>    | 24 | 10 | 11 | 3  | 47 | 28  | 19   | 41 |
| 8  | <u>Littleton</u>           | 24 | 12 | 2  | 10 | 48 | 40  | 8    | 38 |
| 9  | <u>Heather St Johns</u>    | 21 | 11 | 3  | 7  | 48 | 37  | 11   | 36 |
| 10 | <u>Bolehall Swifts</u>     | 23 | 11 | 1  | 11 | 50 | 57  | -7   | 34 |
| 11 | <u>Coventry Copsewood</u>  | 24 | 9  | 4  | 11 | 51 | 54  | -3   | 31 |
| 12 | <u>Uttoxeter Town</u>      | 22 | 9  | 3  | 10 | 38 | 51  | -13  | 30 |
| 13 | <u>Heath Hayes</u>         | 23 | 8  | 3  | 12 | 45 | 48  | -3   | 27 |
| 14 | <u>Nuneaton Griff</u>      | 23 | 8  | 3  | 12 | 41 | 50  | -9   | 27 |
| 15 | <u>Chelmsley Town</u>      | 24 | 6  | 4  | 14 | 41 | 48  | -7   | 22 |
| 16 | <u>Pelsall Villa</u>       | 24 | 5  | 5  | 14 | 31 | 57  | -26  | 20 |
| 17 | <u>Pershore Town</u>       | 22 | 6  | 2  | 14 | 27 | 53  | -26  | 20 |
| 18 | <u>Studley</u>             | 25 | 5  | 3  | 17 | 41 | 79  | -38  | 18 |
| 19 | <u>Stafford Town</u>       | 23 | 3  | 7  | 13 | 33 | 50  | -17  | 16 |
| 20 | <u>Southam United</u>      | 22 | 0  | 3  | 19 | 8  | 110 | -102 | 3  |

## Division 2

**Droitwich Spa** closed the gap on leaders **Alvis Sporting Club** with a 4-2 win at **Continental Star**. **Fairfield Villa** are level on points with Droitwich after a dramatic afternoon at **Sutton United**. Sutton took a 2-0 lead inside the first 23 minutes and that's how it stayed until half-time. It was a different game after the break and doubles from Ellis Blakemore and Connor Collins helped Villa to a remarkable 6-3 win. **Paget Rangers** were another team to score as they beat **Leamington Hibernian** 6-1. Dean Morris was the hotshot on this occasion, scoring three. **Hampton** remain in the bottom two after they went down 3-2 at home to **Bloxwich Town**, Craig Ball scoring twice for the visitors.

|    |                             |    |    |   |    |    |    |     |      |
|----|-----------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|------|
| 1  | <u>Alvis Sporting Club</u>  | 16 | 14 | 2 | 0  | 38 | 10 | 28  | 44   |
| 2  | <u>Droitwich Spa</u>        | 19 | 13 | 2 | 4  | 53 | 22 | 31  | 41   |
| 3  | <u>Fairfield Villa</u>      | 19 | 13 | 2 | 4  | 50 | 29 | 21  | 41   |
| 4  | <u>Sutton United</u>        | 21 | 10 | 3 | 8  | 44 | 55 | -11 | 32 * |
| 5  | <u>Knowle</u>               | 18 | 8  | 5 | 5  | 40 | 28 | 12  | 29   |
| 6  | <u>Paget Rangers</u>        | 13 | 9  | 1 | 3  | 42 | 16 | 26  | 28   |
| 7  | <u>Redditch Borough</u>     | 18 | 9  | 4 | 5  | 36 | 20 | 16  | 28 * |
| 8  | <u>Bloxwich Town</u>        | 21 | 7  | 3 | 11 | 26 | 45 | -19 | 24   |
| 9  | <u>Barnt Green Spartak</u>  | 18 | 7  | 2 | 9  | 33 | 38 | -5  | 23   |
| 10 | <u>Earlswood Town</u>       | 21 | 6  | 4 | 11 | 31 | 38 | -7  | 22   |
| 11 | <u>Feckenham</u>            | 22 | 5  | 7 | 10 | 33 | 51 | -18 | 22   |
| 12 | <u>Coton Green</u>          | 15 | 5  | 6 | 4  | 34 | 28 | 6   | 21   |
| 13 | <u>Smithswood Firs</u>      | 19 | 5  | 5 | 9  | 38 | 48 | -10 | 20   |
| 14 | <u>Leamington Hibernian</u> | 20 | 5  | 2 | 13 | 29 | 50 | -21 | 17   |
| 15 | <u>Hampton</u>              | 20 | 4  | 4 | 12 | 23 | 47 | -24 | 16   |
| 16 | <u>Continental Star</u>     | 20 | 1  | 6 | 13 | 21 | 46 | -25 | 9    |



### Division 3

Only one game survived the weather in Division 3 with the game at **Inkberrow** seeing a 1-1 draw with visiting **Coventrians**.

|    |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |     |    |
|----|---|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|----|
| 1  | <u>NKF Burbage</u>                          | 17 | 15 | 2 | 0  | 53 | 10 | 43  | 47 |
| 2  | <u>Montpellier</u>                          | 15 | 12 | 1 | 2  | 50 | 17 | 33  | 37 |
| 3  | <u>Shipston Excelsior</u>                   | 18 | 11 | 3 | 4  | 45 | 35 | 10  | 36 |
| 4  | <u>Northfield Town</u>                      | 15 | 11 | 1 | 3  | 50 | 23 | 27  | 34 |
| 5  | <u>Moors Academy</u>                        | 15 | 10 | 1 | 4  | 38 | 27 | 11  | 31 |
| 6  | <u>FC Stratford</u>                         | 17 | 8  | 2 | 7  | 45 | 33 | 12  | 26 |
| 7  | <u>Barton United</u>                        | 18 | 7  | 5 | 6  | 37 | 28 | 9   | 26 |
| 8  | <u>Alcester Town</u>                        | 18 | 8  | 2 | 8  | 27 | 24 | 3   | 26 |
| 9  | <u>Coventrians</u>                          | 15 | 5  | 2 | 8  | 30 | 42 | -12 | 17 |
| 10 | <u>Inkberrow</u>                            | 17 | 5  | 2 | 10 | 32 | 47 | -15 | 17 |
| 11 | <u>Enville Athletic</u>                     | 18 | 5  | 1 | 12 | 14 | 33 | -19 | 16 |
| 12 | <u>Boldmere Sports &amp; Social Falcons</u> | 21 | 3  | 4 | 14 | 18 | 53 | -35 | 13 |
| 13 | <u>Castle Vale Town</u>                     | 20 | 3  | 3 | 14 | 26 | 65 | -39 | 12 |
| 14 | <u>AFC Solihull</u>                         | 18 | 3  | 1 | 14 | 21 | 49 | -28 | 10 |

## **Polymac Packaging League Cup**

A penalty from Ryan Edmunds was all that separated **Alvechurch** and **Westfields** as Church progressed to round 3 to face Lye Town. A Toby Warner hat-trick sent **St Andrews** into the semi-final with a 4-1 win at home to **Leicester Road**. **Highgate United** booked their place in the semi-final, a Josh Hawker goal 8 minutes from time helping them to a 2-1 win at **Walsall Wood**.

## **Other Cups**

In the Birmingham Vase, **Coton Green** are through beating Whitnash Town 1-0 at New Mill Lane thanks to a goal from Alex Gough. **Redditch Borough** are out as they lost 3-0 to Wednesfield at Amos Lane.

**Sporting Khalsa** recovered from a 3-0 half-time deficit at Chasetown to finish 3-3 at 90 minutes in the Walsall Senior Cup. Their comeback was in vain as Chasetown won the penalty shoot-out 4-3.

Two goals from Jake Healy helped **Heather St Johns** to a 4-2 victory over Ashby Ivanhoe reserves in the Leicestershire Senior Cup.

Will Ellis scored twice as **Chelmsley Town** beat **Earlswood Town** 4-0 in the Smedley Crooke Memorial Charity Cup.

## Reserves

All games postponed.

|    |                                  |   |   |   |   |    |    |     |    |
|----|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|----|
| 1  | <u>Cadbury Athletic Reserves</u> | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 14 | 6   | 19 |
| 2  | <u>Rocester Reserves</u>         | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 33 | 13 | 20  | 18 |
| 3  | <u>Romulus Reserves</u>          | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 10 | 4   | 12 |
| 4  | <u>Walsall Wood Reserves</u>     | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 15 | 2   | 11 |
| 5  | <u>Lichfield City Reserves</u>   | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 26 | 16 | 10  | 10 |
| 6  | <u>Coton Green Reserves</u>      | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 25 | -13 | 6  |
| 7  | <u>Gresley Reserves</u>          | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6  | 9  | -3  | 4  |
| 8  | <u>Tipton Town Reserves</u>      | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 29 | -18 | 4  |
| 9  | <u>Brocton Reserves</u>          | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 15 | -3  | 3  |
| 10 | <u>Continental Star Reserves</u> | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2  | 7  | -5  | 2  |

## Leading scorers

|                          |                         |           |                        |                       |           |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| <b>Ezekiel Agyemang</b>  | <b>Tipton Town</b>      | <b>14</b> | <b>Terence Davies</b>  | <b>Tipton Town</b>    | <b>14</b> |
| <b>Daniel Craythorne</b> | <b>Lichfield City</b>   | <b>13</b> | <b>Oliver Roome</b>    | <b>Rocester</b>       | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Chad Barrett</b>      | <b>Cadbury Athletic</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>Josh Dutton</b>     | <b>Gresley</b>        | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Zain Thomas</b>       | <b>Romulus</b>          | <b>11</b> | <b>Stephen Wilkins</b> | <b>Lichfield City</b> | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Kieran Smith</b>      | <b>Brocton</b>          | <b>10</b> | <b>Romano Graham</b>   | <b>Walsall Wood</b>   | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Jorge Eley</b>        | <b>Rocester</b>         | <b>9</b>  |                        |                       |           |

## Under 21

### CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 1

#### Group "B"

TAMWORTH **1** v **1** HEATH HAYES

### UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH

AYLESTONE PARK **2** v **2** BROCTON  
 COLESHILL TOWN **1** v **4** SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN  
 Open: LEEK TOWN

### UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH

BEDWORTH UNITED **2** v **2** ALVECHURCH  
 COVENTRY UNITED **9** v **1** KETTERING TOWN

### U21 North

### U21 South

|                                    |                     |   |                                       |                     |    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----|
| 1 <u>Aylestone Park U21</u>        | 6 4 1 1 25 12 13 13 | 1 | <u>Bedworth United U21</u>            | 9 6 1 2 28 14 14    | 19 |
| 2 <u>Coleshill Town U21</u>        | 8 4 1 3 19 14 5 13  | 2 | <u>Kettering Town U21</u>             | 7 6 0 1 21 15 6     | 18 |
| 3 <u>Sutton Coldfield Town U21</u> | 6 2 2 2 13 16 -3 8  | 3 | <u>AFC Rushden &amp; Diamonds U21</u> | 10 4 1 5 18 26 -8   | 13 |
| 4 <u>Tamworth U21</u>              | 3 2 0 1 19 5 14 6   | 4 | <u>Alvechurch U21</u>                 | 6 3 2 1 17 10 7     | 11 |
| 5 <u>Brocton U21</u>               | 3 1 2 0 7 5 2 5     | 5 | <u>Coventry United U21</u>            | 4 3 0 1 14 4 10 9   |    |
| 6 <u>Heath Hayes U21</u>           | 4 0 2 2 6 14 -8 2   | 6 | <u>Highgate United U21</u>            | 5 3 0 2 7 9 -2 9    |    |
| 7 <u>Leek Town U21</u>             | 4 0 0 4 3 26 -23 0  | 7 | <u>Bromsgrove Sporting U21</u>        | 5 2 1 2 6 6 0 7     |    |
|                                    |                     |   | 8 <u>H.O.W. Academy U21</u>           | 8 1 0 7 11 22 -11 3 |    |
|                                    |                     |   | 9 <u>Droitwich Spa BG U21</u>         | 6 0 1 5 8 21 -13 1  |    |
|                                    |                     |   | 10 <u>Kings Heath Concorde U21</u>    | 2 0 0 2 2 5 -3 0    |    |

|               |                 |    |                         |                  |    |
|---------------|-----------------|----|-------------------------|------------------|----|
| James Parker  | Aylestone Park  | 21 | Reece Snape             | Coventry United  | 20 |
| James McGrady | Heath Hayes     | 18 | John Dodd               | Tamworth         | 13 |
| Ryan Palmer   | Coventry United | 13 | Brad Rolston            | Heath Hayes      | 12 |
| Jordan Wilson | Kettering Town  | 11 | Josh Oultram            | Leek Town        | 11 |
| Jack Tonks    | Brocton         | 11 | Ryan Sappleton-Williams | Sutton Coldfield | 11 |
| Lewis Ludford | Coventry United | 11 | Ben Cooling             | Heath Hayes      | 10 |
| Jacob Dodds   | Bedworth United | 10 | Michael Wright          | Tamworth         | 10 |

**Premier Division**

|                         |  |           |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|
| <b>Shay Brennan</b>     | <b>St Andrews</b>                      | <b>30</b> |
| <b>Josh March</b>       | <b>Alvechurch</b>                      | <b>27</b> |
| <b>Nathan Hodge</b>     | <b>Shawbury United, Westfields</b>     | <b>25</b> |
| <b>Richard Greaves</b>  | <b>Westfields</b>                      | <b>25</b> |
| <b>David Meese</b>      | <b>Sporting Khalsa</b>                 | <b>21</b> |
| <b>Jack Till</b>        | <b>Lye Town</b>                        | <b>18</b> |
| <b>Craig Jones</b>      | <b>Westfields</b>                      | <b>18</b> |
| <b>Kieran Debrouwer</b> | <b>Heanor Town</b>                     | <b>18</b> |
| <b>Lei Brown</b>        | <b>Highgate United</b>                 | <b>18</b> |
| <b>Andrew Bridge</b>    | <b>Loughborough University</b>         | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Jordan Nadat</b>     | <b>Alvechurch, Coleshill Town</b>      | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Ben Billingham</b>   | <b>Lye Town</b>                        | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Marco Adaggio</b>    | <b>Highgate United</b>                 | <b>15</b> |
| <b>Elliot Putman</b>    | <b>St Andrews</b>                      | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Drew Aiton</b>       | <b>Walsall Wood</b>                    | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Dean Rathbone</b>    | <b>Coleshill Town</b>                  | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Mykel Beckley</b>    | <b>Coleshill Town, Coventry United</b> | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Dan Polan</b>        | <b>Westfields</b>                      | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Nathan Dale</b>      | <b>Quorn</b>                           | <b>12</b> |
| <b>McCauley Manning</b> | <b>Highgate United</b>                 | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Callum Riddell</b>   | <b>Rocester</b>                        | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Daniel Dubidat</b>   | <b>Alvechurch</b>                      | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Charles Knowles</b>  | <b>Shawbury United</b>                 | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Sam Hollis</b>       | <b>St Andrews</b>                      | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Kevin Hemagou</b>    | <b>Long Eaton United</b>               | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Reece Shilvock</b>   | <b>Stourport Swifts, Alvechurch</b>    | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Elliott Reeves</b>   | <b>Heanor Town</b>                     | <b>11</b> |

**Division 1**

|                        |   |           |
|------------------------|---|-----------|
| <b>Alex Naughton</b>   | <b>Atherstone Town</b>                  | <b>38</b> |
| <b>Ryan Seal</b>       | <b>Hinckley AFC</b>                     | <b>35</b> |
| <b>Connoll Farrell</b> | <b>Studley, Coventry Copsewood</b>      | <b>22</b> |
| <b>Matthew Stenson</b> | <b>Leicester Road</b>                   | <b>20</b> |
| <b>Wade Malley</b>     | <b>Racing Club Warwick</b>              | <b>19</b> |
| <b>Kyle Turner</b>     | <b>Atherstone Town, Bolehall Swifts</b> | <b>18</b> |
| <b>Gareth Evans</b>    | <b>Pershore Town, Studley</b>           | <b>18</b> |
| <b>Jason Cowley</b>    | <b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>              | <b>17</b> |
| <b>Daniel Carter</b>   | <b>Littleton</b>                        | <b>17</b> |
| <b>Paul Sullivan</b>   | <b>Hinckley AFC</b>                     | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Luke Lewis</b>      | <b>Uttoxeter Town</b>                   | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Matt Brennan</b>    | <b>Nuneaton Griff</b>                   | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Jamie Smith</b>     | <b>Racing Club Warwick</b>              | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Joel Ambalu</b>     | <b>Heather St Johns</b>                 | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Tom Bates</b>       | <b>Nuneaton Griff</b>                   | <b>15</b> |
| <b>Joe Obi</b>         | <b>Bolehall Swifts</b>                  | <b>14</b> |
| <b>Ben Lund</b>        | <b>Lichfield City</b>                   | <b>14</b> |
| <b>Sean Brain</b>      | <b>Bromsgrove Sporting, Littleton</b>   | <b>14</b> |
| <b>Sam Agar</b>        | <b>Hinckley AFC</b>                     | <b>13</b> |
| <b>David Akinuli</b>   | <b>Coventry Copsewood</b>               | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Darryl Thomas</b>   | <b>Leicester Road</b>                   | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Jordan Francis</b>  | <b>Bolehall Swifts</b>                  | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Jake Holt</b>       | <b>Leicester Road</b>                   | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Joe Hartshorne</b>  | <b>Heath Hayes</b>                      | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Chris Lloyd</b>     | <b>Bromsgrove Sporting</b>              | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Daniel Holloway</b> | <b>Littleton</b>                        | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Gary Turner</b>     | <b>Chelmsley Town</b>                   | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Jamie Clarke</b>    | <b>Pershore Town</b>                    | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Reece Jacobs</b>    | <b>Pershore Town, Littleton</b>         | <b>10</b> |

**Division 2**

|                          |                             |           |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Daniel Carter</b>     | <b>Paget Rangers</b>        | <b>27</b> |
| <b>Connor Collins</b>    | <b>Fairfield Villa</b>      | <b>20</b> |
| <b>Nick Seabourne</b>    | <b>Droitwich Spa</b>        | <b>19</b> |
| <b>Thomas Craine</b>     | <b>Knowle</b>               | <b>18</b> |
| <b>Andrew Millan</b>     | <b>Coton Green</b>          | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Mark Bellingham</b>   | <b>Paget Rangers</b>        | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Jak Albutt</b>        | <b>Redditch Borough</b>     | <b>15</b> |
| <b>Dildale Linton</b>    | <b>Alvis Sporting Club</b>  | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Pedro Douglas</b>     | <b>Continental Star</b>     | <b>13</b> |
| <b>James Lemon</b>       | <b>Droitwich Spa</b>        | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Liam Fullerton</b>    | <b>Redditch Borough</b>     | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Dan Pidgeon</b>       | <b>Alvis Sporting Club</b>  | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Ross Dempster</b>     | <b>Paget Rangers</b>        | <b>11</b> |
| <b>George Ford</b>       | <b>Sutton United</b>        | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Joseph Wright</b>     | <b>Leamington Hibernian</b> | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Martin Crawford</b>   | <b>Smithswood Firs</b>      | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Benet Parchment</b>   | <b>Barnt Green Spartak</b>  | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Tyron Smith</b>       | <b>Smithswood Firs</b>      | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Charlie Cook</b>      | <b>Alvis Sporting Club</b>  | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Sam Hulme</b>         | <b>Smithswood Firs</b>      | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Jack Brimmell</b>     | <b>Feckenham</b>            | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Joshua Sherington</b> | <b>Coton Green</b>          | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Ben Ellicott</b>      | <b>Knowle</b>               | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>Luke Molloy</b>       | <b>Droitwich Spa</b>        | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>Ellis Blakemore</b>   | <b>Fairfield Villa</b>      | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>Stuart Hall</b>       | <b>Fairfield Villa</b>      | <b>8</b>  |

**Division 3**

|                           |                           |           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Stuart Hendrie</b>     | <b>Montpellier</b>        | <b>25</b> |
| <b>Daniel Priest</b>      | <b>Northfield Town</b>    | <b>17</b> |
| <b>Jay Tilbury</b>        | <b>FC Stratford</b>       | <b>14</b> |
| <b>Dale Wigmore</b>       | <b>Coventrians</b>        | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Montel Okoro</b>       | <b>Moors Academy</b>      | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Jess Adcock</b>        | <b>NKF Burbage</b>        | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Tom Smith</b>          | <b>NKF Burbage</b>        | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Peter Martin</b>       | <b>Barton United</b>      | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Dan Lawrence</b>       | <b>Northfield Town</b>    | <b>11</b> |
| <b>Alex Coultas</b>       | <b>NKF Burbage</b>        | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Liam Connolly</b>      | <b>Coventrians</b>        | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Lewis Fathers</b>      | <b>Shipston Excelsior</b> | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Charlie Adcock</b>     | <b>NKF Burbage</b>        | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Freddy Murphy</b>      | <b>FC Stratford</b>       | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Daniel Moore</b>       | <b>Castle Vale Town</b>   | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Jake Harris</b>        | <b>Shipston Excelsior</b> | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>Lee Hendrie</b>        | <b>Montpellier</b>        | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>Nathan Astill</b>      | <b>NKF Burbage</b>        | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>Lewis Chester</b>      | <b>Coventrians</b>        | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Callum Coyle</b>       | <b>Moors Academy</b>      | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Lewis Jones</b>        | <b>Northfield Town</b>    | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Matthew Layton</b>     | <b>Alcester Town</b>      | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Thomas Clewes</b>      | <b>Inkberrow</b>          | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Romario Martin</b>     | <b>Moors Academy</b>      | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Paddy Behan</b>        | <b>Northfield Town</b>    | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Adam Wooldridge</b>    | <b>Enville Athletic</b>   | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Thomas Cuppleditch</b> | <b>Coventrians</b>        | <b>7</b>  |



## Preview

### FA Vase

#### **Bromsgrove Sporting vs Bristol Manor Farm (Toolstation Western League)**

Division 1 leaders Bromsgrove welcome Western League leaders Bristol Manor Farm to The Victoria Ground. Both sides come into the game in excellent form with a solitary league defeat between them. Manor Farm, from Step 5, should start as favourites but a 1500+ crowd will be behind The Rouslers. For the visitors, Dean Stamp and Ben Bament have scored 40 goals between them.

#### **Crowborough Athletic (Southern Counties East League) vs Coleshill Town**

The Coleman are yet again on their travels with a trip to West Sussex to face the Southern Counties East league leaders Crowborough Athletic. Crowborough suffered defeat on Tuesday for the first time since the beginning of September and have won 10 of their last 12 games. Zac Attwood has scored 28 goals this season with Ross Treleaven finding the net 21 times. Coleshill are in excellent form winning their last seven games and have a great chance.

#### **Hinckley AFC vs Buckland Athletic (Toolstation Western League)**

Hinckley welcome Buckland Athletic from the Toolstation Western League to St Johns Park. Buckland are 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Western League and have won their last 10 matches. Being the step above Hinckley, the visitors from Newton Abbot should start as favourites but Hinckley made light work of Step 5 Berkhamsted in the previous round. Jared Lewington is Buckland's leading scorer with 18 goals while Hinckley have Ryan Seal on 35. Despite their injury concerns, Hinckley have enough fire power to cause another shock.

#### **Ely City (Thurlow Nunn Eastern Counties League) vs Sporting Khalsa**

Ely City disposed of Shepshed Dynamo in the last round so Khalsa will have an idea what to expect when they travel to Cambridgeshire. Ely are struggling in the league lying in 17<sup>th</sup> place but their cup form has been good. Alex Theobald is leading scorer with 13 goals but they do pick up goals from midfield. Khalsa have won 7 out of the last eight and have saved some of their better performances for the Vase. Expect it to be tight with Khalsa making it through to the last 8.

#### **Cleethorpes Town (Northern Counties East League) vs Atherton Collieries (North West Counties League)**

A battle of the heavyweights with NCEL leaders Cleethorpes welcoming NWCL 2<sup>nd</sup> place Atherton to Grimsby. Cleethorpes have won 12 out of 13 and are unbeaten at home while Atherton have won the last 8.

#### **Newport Pagnell Town (United Counties League) vs Sunderland Ryhope Community Association (Northern League)**

A game between two mid-table teams. Newport Pagnell are 10<sup>th</sup> and have lost their last three league games. Sunderland are 12<sup>th</sup> and had a run of seven straight wins ended with a 6-3 home defeat at the hands of Shildon

#### **Team Solent (Wessex League) vs South Shields (Northern League)**

The red-hot favourites South Shields face the long journey to Southampton to take on the students of Team Solent. The home side are 6<sup>th</sup> in the Wessex league having won their last 4 matches, South Shields are 2<sup>nd</sup> behind North Shields and have won 13 on the spin.

#### **Southall (Spartan South Midlands League) vs Exmouth Town (South West Peninsula League)**

Two Step 6 sides meet on Sunday with the possibility of 3 step 6 sides in the quarter finals. Southall are 5<sup>th</sup> in Division 1 of the SSML winning 7 of their last 9 games. Exmouth are on an excellent run winning their last 11 matches and they sit 7<sup>th</sup> in the SWPL.

## Premier Division

Leaders **Alvechurch** will be hoping to tighten their grip on top spot when **Coventry Sphinx** visit Lye Meadow. 2<sup>nd</sup> placed **Lye Town** have a tough away trip to 6<sup>th</sup> placed **Heanor Town**. Heanor held a two-goal lead against Alvechurch at The Town Ground before the leaders came back to snatch a point. 4<sup>th</sup> placed **Westfields** have seven games in hand on the leaders and they get back to league action at Allpay Park against **Shawbury United**. There is added interest in the game with Nathan Hodge making his league debut for Fields after his recent signing from Shawbury. The battle at the bottom intensifies each week and **Brocton** can make a significant move towards the pack if they can win at 20<sup>th</sup> placed **Stourport Swifts**. 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom **Tivdale** entertain **Rocester** at The Beeches with the visitors 10 points ahead of them. **Boldmere St Michaels** moved out of the relegation zone with a victory last week and they will overtake visitors **Shepshed Dynamo** with a victory. **AFC Wulfrunians** will hope to make it two away wins on the trot as they travel to **Loughborough University**. Two sides lacking form meet at Canal Street. **St Andrews** have picked up one point out of 9 while **Walsall Wood** have lost four on the trot. **Highgate United** and **Quorn** are tied together on 31 points and both are too near the relegation zone for comfort. A win for either would ease concerns as they meet at The Coppice. Last weekend **Long Eaton United** and **Coventry United** met at Grange Park with Long Eaton coming out on top with a 2- win. The two teams get to do it again this week with the return fixture at Sphinx Drive.

## Division 1

We could have new leaders of Division 1 with Bromsgrove Sporting in FA Vase action. **Atherstone Town** will go top if they can pick up all three points against **Studley** at The Beehive. Studley climbed out of the bottom two last week and will provide a stern challenge. **Leicester Road** entertain lowly **Pelsall Villa** – a win for the home side would close the gap to leaders to just 3 points. There is a cracking looking fixture at The TSA Sports Ground as in-form **Cadbury Athletic** face high flying **Racing Club Warwick**. 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom **Stafford Town** dropped back into the relegation zone last week and they face a difficult trip to improved **Coventry Copsewood**. **Pershore Town** slipped back into relegation trouble last week and they must look to pick up points from visiting **Bolehall Swifts**. Six defeat in the last seven has seen **Nuneaton Griff** slide down the table. This week they welcome bottom club **Southam United** to The Pingles Stadium. After an excellent run of form, three straight defeats slowed down **Littleton's** march. They host **Uttoxeter Town** who have picked up 7 points out of the last 9. There is an interesting looking fixture at The Coppice Colliery Ground when a young **Heath Hayes** side welcome tough to beat **Chelmsley Town**.

## Division 2

**Droitwich Spa** have the opportunity of taking over top spot when they travel to **Bloxwich Town**. A win for Droitwich would see them on the summit on goal difference. **Sutton United** were involved in a thriller last week with 9 goals in their game with Fairfield Villa. They will be hoping for a better result this week when they entertain **Barnt Green Spartak**. **Paget Rangers** have games in hand on all the sides above them and they can go fifth with a win at **Coton Green** who are unbeaten in 2017. **Redditch Borough** are another side just out of the top 5 and they can improve their chances with a win at home to **Earlswood Town**. **Feckenham** welcome **Hampton** to the Entaco – a repeat of the opening day of the season when The Millers won 2-1. 14<sup>th</sup> meets 13<sup>th</sup> when **Leamington Hibernian** host **Smithswood Firs**. Earlier in the season, Smithswood edged a 7-goal thriller and it could easily be a repeat.

### Division 3

Leaders **NKF Burbage** can increase the gap at the top with a win at **Coventrians**. **Shipston Excelsior** can move into second place but they have a difficult trip to Tudor Grange to face **AFC Solihull** who can climb off the bottom with a win. **Northfield Town** can go level on points with 2<sup>nd</sup> placed **Montpellier** should they pick up all three points at home to **Barton United**. **Boldmere Sports & Social Falcons** have conceded 12 goals in their last two league games and they welcome mid-table **Alcester Town** to Boldmere Road. Five straight league defeats has seen **Enville Athletic** slip to 11<sup>th</sup> place and they have a tough looking fixture away at **FC Stratford**.

### Presidents Cup

There are the final two quarter-finals of the Presidents Cup this weekend. **Fairfield Villa** entertain **Continental Star** and when the two sides met recently at The Hub, Fairfield ran out 4-0 winner. The victors will travel to Coton Green in the semi-final. There is a competitive looking tie at The Robins Nest where **Knowle** entertain Division 2 leaders **Alvis Sporting Club**. Alvis edged the league game between the sides with a 1-0 win and this could be very tight. The winners will travel to Barnt Green Spartak in the semi-final.

### Reserves

#### CHALLENGE TROPHY ROUND 1

##### Group "B"

|                  |   |         |      |
|------------------|---|---------|------|
| CONTINENTAL STAR | v | ROMULUS | 2.00 |
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#### RESERVE DIVISION

|              |   |                  |      |
|--------------|---|------------------|------|
| BROCTON      | v | CADBURY ATHLETIC |      |
| TIPTON TOWN  | v | GRESLEY          | 2.00 |
| WALSALL WOOD | v | LICHFIELD CITY   |      |

## Under 21

### **CHALLENGE BOWL ROUND 1**

#### Group "B"

|         |   |             |       |
|---------|---|-------------|-------|
| BROCTON | v | HEATH HAYES | 10.30 |
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#### Group "C"

|           |   |                        |       |
|-----------|---|------------------------|-------|
| LEEK TOWN | v | AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS | 10.30 |
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### **UNDER 21 DIVISION NORTH**

|                |   |          |       |
|----------------|---|----------|-------|
| COLESHILL TOWN | v | TAMWORTH | 10.30 |
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| SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN | v | AYLESTONE PARK | 10.30 |
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### **UNDER 21 DIVISION SOUTH**

|                     |   |                 |       |
|---------------------|---|-----------------|-------|
| BROMSGROVE SPORTING | v | HIGHGATE UNITED | 10.30 |
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| DROITWICH SPA G & B | v | ALVECHURCH | 10.30 |
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| H O W ACADEMY | v | COVENTRY UNITED | 10.30 |
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| KETTERING TOWN | v | KINGS HEATH CONCORDE | 10.30 |
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