

**MOLTEN SPORTS**  
**SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

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*There were 4 hat tricks this week – Paul Danslow for London Colney, Neil King for Risborough Rangers, Ross Morrissey for AFC Dunstable and Rohan Deroses for Markyate.*

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Harefield United** took over at the top, albeit on goal difference, in midweek following their 3-3 draw away at Leverstock Green, and they have now extended their lead to two points after their hard fought 2-1 win away at **Biggleswade United**. Luke Lloyd put the Hares in front midway through the first half, but Sean Murray levelled it up 10 minutes later. With just over 20 minutes remaining, Lloyd scored his second of the game, which turned out to be the winner. **Langford** were only seconds away from maintaining their joint top spot in their game with **Kingsbury London Tigers** after leading through a Lee Pateman goal but Renars Zarchenko scored in the third minute of added on time to deny Langford all 3 points. **Biggleswade Town** moved up into third place following their 1-0 win at home to **Leverstock Green**. In a close contest, the deciding goal came early in the second half – Chris Hewitt on hand to follow up Daniel Flack's penalty kick which had been well saved by keeper Graham Milner. The Waders ended the game with just 9 men with 2 players dismissed, each for a second yellow, in added on time at the end. **Hanwell Town**, top two Saturdays ago, have dropped back to fourth, following two draws on the trot, the latest being 1-1 at home to **St. Margaretsbury**. Blaise O'Brien gave Hanwell the lead from the penalty spot, but Kevin Ashwood ensured a share of the points with his 79<sup>th</sup> minute equaliser. **Oxhey Jets** moved smoothly up into 6<sup>th</sup> spot after their 3-0 win away at **Berkhamsted Town**. All the early pressure came from the Jets including 5 consecutive corners and from a Nathan Roberts throw in the 13<sup>th</sup> minute Paul Turner poked home after the Berko defence failed to clear their lines. Berko's front pairing of Ashley Addison and Ryan Blake often looked likely to score, but didn't – partly due to fine keeping from Steve Duce and partly to poor finishing. Berko's left back foolishly conceded a penalty immediately after the break, and Turner gratefully scored his second of the game from the spot. The Jets forwards generally seemed to have the better of the Berko defence, and although Berko still created chances, their finishing let them down and Karl Bull added the third after 67 minutes with a header that somehow eluded the desperate defenders. A superb second half come-back saw the steadily improving **Colney Heath** rack up their third league win on the bounce as they ended up 4-2 winners away at **Kentish Town**. The home side went into a two goal lead at half time with goals from Karim Essiaghi and Jonathon Donoghue, but Heath fought back with a brace from Luke Ashton and singles from Mark Teesdale and Richie Howard. Another excellent second half fight back came at the Grass Roots Stadium where visitors **Chalfont St. Peter** came back from being three

down after 56 minutes to salvage a deserved draw against **Tring Athletic**. Danny Gray opened the scoring for Tring from close range after 16 minutes and David Whicker added a second from the penalty spot just before the break. Trevor Gibbs' free kick put Athletic three up ten minutes after the Jaffas, but the game then turned on its head as Chalfont fought back. Terrell Lewis beat keeper Clark from an acute angle to pull one back, but blotted his copybook 6 minutes later by being sent off. Sub Anthony Wright headed the Saints second and Daniel Hughes completed the come back with an 80<sup>th</sup> minute penalty. **Haringey Borough** lifted themselves out of the bottom three with a 3-1 win away at **Welwyn Garden City**, who could not hold onto their first half lead given to them by Matt Thompson. Boro fought back with a brace from Karl Lewis and one from Nurat Karagul. A last gasp goal from a Dan O'Connor free kick gave **Cockfosters** a share of the spoils away at **Broxbourne Borough**, who took the lead through a Danny Ward goal in the 78th minute. The battle of the two basement sides ended in a 2-2 stalemate, although **Holmer Green** will probably feel they should have clinched all three points as their opponents **Brimmsdown Rovers** were reduced to 10 men for the last quarter of the game. James Martin gave Rovers an early lead, but Holmer fought back in the second half with goals from Andy Shed and Lee Taylor – they did notch up a third through Jamie Pike, but unfortunately it was in their own net! After a bright start to their season, **Aylesbury Vale** slipped to their 5<sup>th</sup> league defeat in six games as they went down 2-0 away at **Hertford Town**, who gained two places as a result. Both goals from the new look Blues came in the second half, the first from new signing Simon Eden and the second from Andrew Chapman.

**DIVISION ONE**

The top 6 sides remain the same after Saturday's results, and in the same positions – except for **Royston Town** who leapfrogged over **Bedford Town Reserves** into second spot following their convincing 3-1 win at Garden Walk. The Crows are beginning to look like real promotion contenders, and went 1-0 up after just two minutes thanks to an own goal. Two goals from Tom Malins, one on 17 minutes and a second on 48, put the Crows 3-0 up, and only a penalty, converted by Tom Damon, allowed the visitors to register a solitary reply. The Crows have a game in hand on Kings Langley, who were involved in cup action. It was a case of 13<sup>th</sup> time lucky as **Buckingham Athletic** beat **Sun Postal Sports** to win their first league game of the season. However, this was not without a fight, and despite having most of the early play, Buckingham fell behind on 21 minutes when a right wing cross from Andy Weller was missed by everyone and ended up in the home net. Worse was to follow for the hosts as they had to substitute their keeper at half time as he had pulled a muscle in the first half. Buckingham started the second half like an express train and was awarded a penalty for push on McAuley. Steve Norman stepped up to take the kick, but his shot was pushed out by Mark Jessop in the Postal goal. Unfortunately for Postal, the ball went straight to Lee Churchward to score from close range on 59 minutes. It was all Buckingham now and Norman somehow missed an open goal from a couple of yards out. However, Norman redeemed himself on 66 minutes when a shot was deflected into his path and he made no mistake this time to score and put the hosts in front. Whilst Sun Postal tried to respond, their cause was not helped when they were reduced to ten men, following two yellow cards, for the final 20 minutes. Thus Buckingham broke their

league duck with the 2 – 1 win, but this was not enough to lift them off the foot of the table as **Arlesey Athletic** gained a point against **Sport London e Benfica** in a 1-1 draw. Terry Lock opened the scoring for Athletic, and Dani Da Conceicao replied for SLB. **Hatfield Town** remain in hot pursuit of the league leaders after their 5-2 win away at **Brache Sparta**, where a crowd of 13 just about doubled their average attendance. Town gained an early ascendancy with goals from Trevor Golder and Jack Evans, but Brache hit back to level the game after 47 minutes with strikes from Adrian Fontenelle and James Denton. However a brace from Rhys Lawrence and a late goal from Jason Caldwell put Hatfield back on top. **Winslow United** remain in 5<sup>th</sup> place, although they could only manage a 0-0 draw away at **Tokington Manor**. **Hoddesdon Town** had Emeka Nwamadi and an OG to thank for their 2-1 win at home to **Harpenden Town**, whilst **New Bradwell St. Peter** disposed of close neighbours **Stony Stratford Town** 3-0, thanks to a goal from Mike O 'Farrell and a late brace from Lee White. **London Colney** moved up to 9<sup>th</sup> with a 7-1 battering of **Bedford FC**, helped in no small way by a Paul Danslow hat trick. Others on the score sheet were Dean Seebrook, Dean Barker, and Cain Davey, as well as an OG. Jason Layne scored Bedford's sole reply. **Amersham Town's** move up the table has hit the buffers in recent weeks as they lost their third game on the trot, going down 1-0 at home to **Cranfield United**, for whom David King scored the 13<sup>th</sup> minute winner. Another side to leapfrog over their opponents were **Crawley Green**, who beat hosts **Ampthill Town** 2-1. James Potter gave Green the lead on the hour mark, but Lee Loasby levelled it up with just 10 minutes left. A penalty from Robbie O'Dell three minutes later, however, saw all three points heading home with the visitors.

## DIVISION TWO

**The 61 FC** went back to the top of the table following their 6-0 demolition of Old **Bradwell United**. The goals were evenly spaced, with three in each half –an OG, Kevin McManus and Matt Terry doing the damage in the first half and Aaron Lewis and a brace from Alex Bennett doing likewise in the second half. Hadley dropped back to second, being involved in County Cup action, but it was as-you-were for the next 6 places. **Wodson Park** remain in third spot, despite losing 2-0 to **Caddington**, whose scorers were Danny Swan and Courtney Massey, but **AFC Dunstable** are hot on their heels following a hat trick from Ross Morrissey which led them to their 3-1 win away at **Padbury United**. Spectators at **Risborough Rangers** were treated to goals galore as the home side triumphed 7-3 over visitors **Pitstone & Ivinghoe**. Neil King was the Rangers hero with a hat trick inside 17 minutes, but contributions also came from Ashley Benwick, Robbie Morgan, Lee Haynes and Stuart Barr. Lee Peck, Ross Adams and Mitch Hamilton replied for Pitstone. Congratulations go to **Totternhoe**, who not only achieved their first league win of the season, but did so in style, winning 5-1 away at **Bletchley Town**, and moving away from the foot of the stairs in the process. Gary Capehorn and Danny Sutherland got Totternhoe off to a great start with two goals in the first 7 minutes, and a brace from Stefan Tracey put them in complete control by Jaffa time. Dean Bland did pull one back for Bletchley early in the second half, but any hopes of a revival were quickly snuffed out as James McCarthy added the fifth goal two minutes later. Another side who were quickly out of the blocks were **Kent Athletic** who scored twice through Pat O'Neill in 6 minutes in their game with **Bucks Student Union**. Rom Dellbrefon added the third just after the

break, and although the Students hit back through Daddy Moses and Harry Baxter they couldn't find the vital equaliser. **Mursley United** left it very late before scoring their three goals which enabled them to come from behind at home to **Aston Clinton**. Ricky Paul gave the visitors the lead just after the break, but Mursley came up trumps with 3 goals in the last 11 minutes – Billy Wilson, Jakub Kasprzyk and Ed Mills were the late heroes.

## HERTS SENIOR CENTENARY TROPHY – FIRST ROUND

**Kings Langley** kicked off their first season in this Cup with a 4-1 win away at Baldock Town Letchworth (if that makes sense!) They were one down at half time, but second half goals from Lee Bircham, Daniel Tomkins, Gary Clark and Jamie Hall saw them through to the next round.

## HERTS INTERMEDIATE CUP – FIRST ROUND

**Markyate** had a Rohan Deroses hat trick to thank for their 3-0 win over Hinton, but **Hadley** went down 3-2 to Royston Town Reserves. Eight other SSMFL Reserves sides also went through to the next round – these being **St. Margaretsbury, Colney Heath, Hatfield Town, Harpenden Town, Kings Langley, London Colney, Oxhey Jets and Sun Postal Sports**.

## BUCKINGHAM ATHLETIC F.C. TO APPEAL TO A WIDER AUDIENCE

Buckingham Athletic is set to expand their horizons to become a Sports & Social Club. This will encourage a wider support with youth & ladies football, plus other sports for the local community. There are ambitious plans to redevelop the existing facilities, for which they have planning permission, some all weather surface areas and other ideas yet to be formulated. The expected costs are around the £150,000 mark of which they already have some £60,000 through three separate funding bodies, so they are well on their way to achieving their dreams.

## UPROAR IN LUTON ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Eric Harrison was unable to watch 'Strictly' on Saturday as he had to go out - gutted was the term used. Apparently he is now considering whether to not pay his TV licence as the Beeb refused to put the programme off until Sunday. There is no truth in the rumour that Terry Gilmore has gone away for 6 weeks – as intimated in this weeks Bulletin – because his favourite girl band were kicked out of the X Factor! He is actually only going away for a week.

## LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW.....LET IT SNOW.

**All items of news, interest, tittle-tattle, etc. re your club, are very welcome.**

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