

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

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*Three hat tricks on the first wet Saturday of the season. In the Premier, it was Edson Cata for Kingsbury London Tigers in their 5-1 win over Hatfield, and in Division One, the two hot shots were Melford Simpson for Tokyngton Manor and Leon Stewart for Sun Postal Sports.*

**F.A.CUP Sponsored by E.ON – FOURTH ROUND QUALIFYING**

**Aylesbury F.C** sadly waved goodbye to their FA Cup dreams as they went down to 4-2 to Ryman Premier side **Wealdstone**. However they did not succumb without a fight, and if the match only lasted 45 minutes, they would have been through to the next round. Aylesbury got off to a dream start with a Gareth Price strike in the first minute, and when Craig Henney slotted home his 12<sup>th</sup> goal of this season's FA Cup campaign from the penalty spot to put Aylesbury two up, Manager Mark Eaton's tan nearly fell off! Greg Ngoyi reduced the deficit before half time for the Stones and, kicking with a strong wind in the second half, the visitors proved too strong and a brace from Ryan Ashe and one from Kieran Forbes secured their place in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round proper, with a home tie against Rotherham to look forward to!

**PREMIER DIVISION**

In what was probably the match of the day in the Premier, **Royston Town** stole all three points with a late burst as they defeated **Chalfont St. Peter** 2-1 and put an end to the Saints winning run. Manager Danny Edwards and his coaching team were presented with Team of the Month Award for September prior to the game, and all seemed well after 12 minutes when Lee Thompson showed quick feet as he wriggled past the Crows defence to put Saints in the lead. Against a very uncertain defence, Chalfont were in the ascendancy for the remainder of the half, but without adding to their score. The pattern continued in the second half, and it seemed as though it was just a matter of time before the home side scored again, but substitutions, for both sides, changed the game. With 10 minutes remaining, the game took on a different complexion as Aaron Fehmi equalised from the penalty spot, following a foul by centre back Ed Chemlal. Gaps began to appear in the Chalfont defence as they pushed forward to regain the lead, and with two minutes left, Ryan Lockett raced away down the left to shoot home past an exposed Mark Oliver in the Chalfont goal. **Dunstable Town** consolidated their place in the top three with a 1-0 home win over **Oxhey Jets** – the only goal of the game coming in the 26<sup>th</sup> minute when Neal Perrin converted a Douglas Kisuule cross. The game between **Hanwell Town** and **Hertford Town** ended in a 1-1 draw, with both goals coming from the penalty spot. Blaise

O'Brien was the first spot king as he put Hanwell ahead in the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute, and Daryl Mitchell was Hertford's saviour with just ten minutes left. The same player can count himself rather unlucky as he managed to hit the crossbar on four occasions. **Harefield United** moved into the top half of the table for the first time this season as they defeated **Haringey Borough** 2-1 at Coles Park. Alex Brown gave the Hares a first half lead which Jack Reader added to in the 69<sup>th</sup> minute, whilst Lloyd Opara scored a late consolation goal for the Boro. **Langford** entertained **Tring Athletic** looking to halt their recent goalless run, but it was the visitors who took all the points by winning 2 – 0. Tring started brightly but without really creating any chances and gradually Langford began to get into the game. Indeed, Langford had the best chances of the half as shots either went wide or were saved. Tring only had the one chance, which was saved by Scott Walters in the home goal. The break through almost came for Langford but they were denied by a great save by the Tring keeper, Tom Vincent, who did well to push a shot over the bar. Thus the half ended goalless. The second half belonged to Tring as they began to dominate the play and it came as no surprise when they scored on 56 minutes when Mark Burfoot headed home a corner kick. Tring could and perhaps should have scored another as a volley just cleared the home bar and a forward's lob over the keeper was just too high. However, they did score their second goal on 72 minutes when substitute Vinnie Iannone latched onto a through ball to score from the edge of the box. It could have been three but an effort was cleared of the goal line by a Langford defender with the keeper well beaten. Langford did not muster a single effort on goal in the entire second half and their misery was completed when Joe De Le Salle was sent off for a crude challenge on 81 minutes. **Hatfield Town** slumped to their fourth consecutive league defeat, as they went down 5-1 away at **Kingsbury London Tigers**. With 7 yellows and two reds, the card count clearly outnumbered the goals. An early goal from Elton Almeida, two from Edson Cata and one from Henry Emenike gave the Tigers a four goal lead at half time, and Cata completed his hat trick shortly after the break. Matt Standen scored Hatfield's lone reply late in the game – his second in successive games. Although Bradley Wilkinson put **Welwyn Garden City** in front in their home game with leaders **Colney Heath**, they slipped behind to an OG and an Ian Cooper goal, but thought they had grabbed a share of the spoils with Josh Dance's 85<sup>th</sup> minute equaliser. However, Phil Jackman's late winner in the second minute of added on time condemned the Citizens to the foot of the stairs. **Leverstock Green** slipped to a 2-0 home defeat to **Brimdson Rovers**, both the visitors' goals coming in the second half from Jermain Hughes and Lee Sontag, and draw specialists **Hillingdon Borough** broke the mould with a 2-1 win away at **St. Margaretsbury**. Two of the bottom three sides battled to a 2-2 draw at the Cophall Stadium, but the point gained by home side **Kentish Town** against **Biggleswade United** proved invaluable as it enabled them to move off the bottom spot. Utd led with goals from Emmanuel Langlais and Leon Murray until the last six minutes, but a late revival saw Town score twice through Joe O'Connor and Nathan Knox.

**DIVISION ONE**

**Bedford Town Reserves** remain in top spot despite suffering a heavy 4-1 home defeat to **London Colney**. Town Reserves took the lead on 25 minutes through Jermaine Hall but Gary Simmons levelled the score a minute later. It remained all square at the break, but

three second half goals from Paul Danslow, Dave Coren and Danny Butcher sealed Town's fate. It was a bit like all our yesterdays as Jamie Hunt and Andy Shed were both on target in the first half for **Holmer Green** as they moved back up into second place following their 2-1 win away at **Harpenden Town**. Mark Hitchcock had given Harpenden a first minute lead, which they were unable to hold on to. Holmer have three games in hand on the leaders, as do **Hadley** who sit in third place, just a point behind Holmer, after only managing a 0-0 draw at home to **Kings Langley**. **New Bradwell St. Peter** missed out on the chance to go second as they lost 2-1 away at **Amphill Town** to a last minute goal from Stuart Reynolds. Paul Munday gave the home side the lead in the first half, but Bradwell drew level on the hour mark through an OG. Another brace from the prolific Dean Barker helped **Cockfosters** to a 3-2 win away at **Crawley Green**. The home side struck the first blow when they went ahead after 20 minutes through Robbie O'Dell after Cockfosters failed to defend a corner. Within five minutes, Dean Barker levelled and five minutes later Barker was successful from the spot after Danny Curbelo had been hauled down. Just before the hour, Crawley Green were back level at 2-2 through Grant Carney when once again a corner was not decisively defended. Four minutes later Billy Wingrove broke forward to notch the winner and only their second League victory as they moved out of the bottom three. **Sport London e Benfica** dropped to second from bottom after losing 3-0 away at **Cranfield United**, for whom Ricky Stimpson, Michael Kaugin and Jamie Doyle all scored in the second half. **Amersham Town** dropped into the bottom three as they slipped to their fourth defeat on the trot, losing 3-0 at home to **AFC Dunstable**, for whom Bernie Christie, Adam read and Richard Harker were on target. The locals at Lowfield were treated to a 10 goal bonanza as visitors **Sun Postal Sports** showed the only strikes they had on their mind were towards the **Hoddesdon Town** goal. The Posties took an early 8<sup>th</sup> minute lead through Leon Stewart but a goal from Tony Neilson and two from Steve Cawley put the Lilywhites firmly in the driving seat after just 35 minutes. However Postal reduced the deficit on the stroke of half time – Stewart's second from the penalty spot, and then ran riot in the second half with four more. Stewart completed his hat trick with his second penalty of the game, Darren Turner added another two and there was a single from James Thompson. Colin Metvier's late goal for the home side was slight consolation. There was another high scoring game at Stratford Fields where home side **Buckingham Athletic** went down by the odd goal in seven to visitors **Tokington Manor**. Melford Simpson was the main man for the Manor with three goals, and Dan Owen scoring the fourth. On the mark for Athletic were Simon Hodges (pen), Frankie Tarrant and Tony Hill.

## DIVISION TWO

Just the three games in this division, with most clubs involved in the Anagram Records Trophy. **Wodson Park** took full advantage as they leapt up two places into second spot, following their 3-0 home win over **Bucks Student Union**. A Tyler Hatherly penalty in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute put Wodson on their way, and two second half goals from Joe Collins sealed the points. **Tring Corinthians** surprisingly lost 2-1 away at second from bottom **Mursley United**, whose goals came from Paul Hollingsworth and Ed Mills whilst Lee Herring replied for Corry. In the other game **Risborough Rangers** moved themselves out of the

bottom three with a 1-0 win away at **Totternhoe**, courtesy of an Ashley Beswick 36<sup>th</sup> minute goal.

## ANAGRAM RECORDS TROPHY – FIRST ROUND

Not too much success for SSMFL sides in the First Round, with only **Berkhamsted** (2-1 winners over Pitstone & Ivinghoe), **Padbury United** (5-1 winners over Old Bradwell Utd) and **MK Wanderers**, who defeated Park Street Village 2-1, going through to the next round.

## MANAGERIAL CHANGE AT TOKYNGTON MANOR

A new management team has been put in place at Tokyngton Manor by Terry Springer, chairman of Molten Spartan South Midlands League club. The new manager is Shayne Chandler and he will be assisted by Steve Playle and Doug Smith. All three have been brought in by Terry Springer to make progress in the league and stabilise the club with renewed motivation. Shayne Chandler's recent playing and managerial experiences include spells at Beaconsfield SYCOB, Ruislip Manor, Chalfont St. Peter and Amersham Town.

## NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL HOSPITALITY

*The article below, written by the Sports Editor of the Herts Advertiser, James Ronayne, was taken from last week's edition.*

*Every now and then you hear stories that remind you why sport is so great. This week I was having my weekly chat with our London Colney correspondent Terry Edwards who told me of a lovely story of his trip to New Bradwell St. Peter. Colney had played NBSP a couple of weeks ago where Mr Edwards had sampled the delights of the club's committee room. One of the member's wives at the club has a reputation as a mean baker, baking two cakes each match for the members to have with their half time and full time cuppas. Terry enjoyed the cake so much the first time around that he came away with a couple slices for the journey home. The Challenge Trophy threw the two teams together again which meant another trip to MK for the Blueboys. On arrival, Terry found three cakes in the Committee room, one of which had been baked for him to take home. It was only a small gesture, but one which shows the comradeship in non-league football and why it is so great to be involved with sport at that level.*

*The mean baker is of course long standing stalwart Val Haynes, wife of Chairman John Haynes – another long standing stalwart of the club.*

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