

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

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR - AGAIN**  
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**Just three games survived the snow and freezing conditions over the last few days. Two were in the Premier Division and one in Division Two.**

*Out of the three games completed, there was one hat trick hero who warmed the cockles of his managers heart, and that was Ben Stack of Chalfont St. Peter who scored thrice in his side's 5- 1 win over Biggleswade Utd.*

**PREMIER DIVISION**

Two games survived the weather and the clash between **Broxbourne Borough V&E** and **Aylesbury** saw the visitors claim a valuable point in a 2-2 draw that enabled them to go top of the table – one point ahead of rivals Tring Athletic. Aylesbury looked the stronger team in the early stages and Kieran Schmidt rounded the keeper to give them the lead after 25 minutes. However, the Boro were level ten minutes later when Danny Ward lashed home from close range after a cross from the right eluded the Aylesbury defence. Ward put Boro back in front with his second of the game, after he latched on to a poor back pass, but the lead was short lived as Nathan Graham equalised from the penalty spot after he himself had been brought down. Following a couple of sticky spells, **Chalfont St. Peter** have hauled themselves back in the title race as they won their 4<sup>th</sup> game on the spin, - an emphatic 5-1 win at home over **Biggleswade United**. Trouble loomed early for the under-strength visitors as their keeper could only palm a cross shot out to the feet of Ben Stack who will never score an easier goal in his life! The crowd sat back and waited for the goalrush, but Utd dug in determinedly, and helped by some poor finishing they reached the half time break just the one goal down. When Troy Birch

equalised for the visitors not long after the restart, an upset looked on the cards, but Charlie Strutton finally regained his scoring touch on the hour mark when he volleyed home after John Carroll had flicked on a long throw. United's resistance now began to crumble and two more from Stack and another from Strutton saw the Saints safely home, and move to within three points of the new leaders. There was nearly a third game completed in the division, but the **Oxhey Jets v Hertford Town** game was abandoned after 75 minutes, with Jets leading 6-0. Presumably, they was gutted!!

**DIVISION TWO**

The only game here was in sunny Luton(!) where **The 61FC** had a comfortable 3-0 win over near neighbours **Caddington**, and in so doing moved themselves up 5 places, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. Aaron Lewis notched a brace in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> minutes and Chris Mapp added the third just before the hour mark.

**WANTED – GOOD HOME AVAILABLE**

Does anyone have any old South Midland / Spartan League Handbooks (1990 – 2004) that are taking up valuable space, and they would like to get rid of. If so, I would be pleased to give them a good home.

**Looking out of the window as I finish typing this, I would be very surprised if we see any football at all over the weekend – almost all games are already off, and I can't see any surviving – I wonder if it's a coincidence that Dancing On Ice starts tonight. I do wish the media would stop harking back to the winter of 1963 – I don't think I could manage nearly 3 months without football!**

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