

**MOLTEN SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE  
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Midweek Newsletters will appear throughout April as the season rushes towards its exciting climax.

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**PREMIER DIVISION ROUND UP**

Both **Chalfont St. Peter** and **Beaconsfield SYCOB** missed the opportunity to make their games in hand on Biggleswade Town pay during the week. On Monday night, Chalfont could only manage a point in their 3-3 draw with lowly **Ruislip Manor**, whilst Beaconsfield left it until the 6<sup>th</sup> minute of added on time against **Oxhey Jets** before Oliver Godwin scored the goal that salvaged a point, and saved their blushes. In front of a crowd exceeding 100, Tim O'Mara gave the Jets lift off on the hour mark, a lead which they held until Godwin's late, late intervention. Beaconsfield now has a three point lead over Biggleswade Town, making the game between the two sides next week a very interesting one. Elsewhere, **Harefield United** moved up to 5<sup>th</sup> place following their 2-1 win away at **Biggleswade United**, whilst **Broxbourne Borough** beat **Leverstock Green** 1-0 at home, a win which enabled them to leapfrog their opponents and move up into the top ten. The game between **St. Margaretsbury** and **Hanwell Town** did not kick off until 8.30 due to a floodlight problem, and it was well into News at Ten time before Ryan McIntosh secured Hanwell's 2-1 victory. Hanwell's joy at snatching their late, late win was unfortunately marred by an unsavoury incident at the end of the game.

**DIVISION ONE ROUND UP**

All of the top 6 clubs were involved over the last couple of days, and still there are only 6 points covering them all. Leaders **Hoddesdon Town** played **New Bradwell St. Peter** and must have thought, after leading by a solitary goal for 85 minutes, that they had all three points wrapped up, only to be Robb(ed) in the very last minute. **Royston Town** bounced back from their loss at the weekend by defeating second place **Haringey Borough** 2-0 – both goals coming from Craig Hammond. **Kentish Town** moved back into second spot last night, just two points behind Hoddesdon, when they beat bottom club **Cranfield United** 4-1 – Jonathon Donoghue scoring a hat trick for the home club. This Saturday sees Hoddesdon visit Kentish Town, in a game that could go some way to deciding the destination of the title. **Stony Stratford Town** kept themselves in touch with the leaders as a brace from Darren Dyke gave them a 2-1 win away at **Sport London e Benfica**. Both of the Bedford clubs celebrated victories – **Bedford FC** had to come from behind twice before overcoming **Arlesey Athletic** 4-3 at home, whilst **Bedford Town Reserves** climbed away from the relegation zone with a 1-0 home win over **Cheshunt Reserves**. Elsewhere, **Amersham Town** put their off field problems aside as they walloped **Winslow United** 4-0, and **Sun Postal Sports** started to put daylight between themselves and the bottom three with a 2-0 home win over **Buckingham Athletic**.

**DIVISION TWO ROUND UP**

**Two games in this Division, with neither affecting the title race. Tring Corinthians** beat **Risborough Rangers** 3-1 whilst **Kent Athletic** had a 2-1 win over **Pitstone & Ivinghoe**.

**SSMFL TEAMS TRIUMPH IN COUNTY CUP FINALS**

Congratulations to two Division Two sides, who won their respective County Cup finals. **Kings Langley** beat **Bishops Stortford Swifts** 1-0 to win the Herts Intermediate Cup for the second successive season, whilst **AFC Dunstable** beat **Caldecote** by the same scoreline to lift the Beds Senior Trophy.

**HERTS CHARITY CUP SEMI FINAL**

**Hertford Town** narrowly lost out 2-1 to Ryman League neighbours **Ware**, who will now play Cheshunt in the Final

**RESERVE CHALLENGE TROPHY SEMI FINALS**

The two semi finals took place this week. **Colney Heath** overcame **Hertford Town** 2-1 aet on Tuesday, and in the Final –venue TBA - they will play **Cockfosters** who beat **Stony Stratford Town**, also by 2-1.

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