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Midweek Newsletters will appear throughout April as the continuing drama at the top of both the Premier Division and Division One unfolds.

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PREMIER DIVISION ROUND UP

On Tuesday night **Beaconsfield SYCOB** went three points clear of Biggleswade Town at the top as they visited **Colney Heath** and came away with a 4-0 win. A very early goal from Oliver Godwin put them on their way, and Stuart Swift doubled the lead from the penalty spot right on half time. Two second half goals from Craig O'Connor made the game safe. The Rams are away to the Waders on Saturday in a game which could go a long way to deciding the ultimate destination of the title. **Brimsdawn Rovers** kept their hopes of a top four finish alive, in their first season back in the Premier, with a 2-0 win over **Ruislip Manor**, with two first half goals from James Martin and Aaron Collins. With London Colney's position at the bottom already confirmed, it is beginning to look very likely that the second relegation position will go to Ruislip Manor, who are now 8 points behind third from bottom **Holmer Green**, with just three games left. Holmer now need just one point from their remaining three games to be safe, and they would have achieved it on Tuesday in their game with **Welwyn Garden City** but for a late, late equaliser in added on time. Holmer stormed into a three goal lead at half time, with a brace from Simon Williams and one from Chris Hurst, but allowed the Citizens to score three times in the last 15 minutes, through Craig Tompkins, Jake Parratt and Adam Purcell, and deny Holmer the vital points required. A Rob Groves penalty 5 minutes from the end gave **Langford** a 2-1 win over visitors **St. Margaretsbury**, whilst **Aylesbury Vale** and **Oxhey Jets** battled out a 2-2 draw at Haywood Way.

DIVISION ONE ROUND UP

Just four points separate the top four clubs after the dust settled on the midweek games. **Kentish Town**, with a 4-1 home win over **Bedford** last night, have now opened up a three point gap over the second place club who is **Haringey Borough**, following their narrow 1-0 win away at **New Bradwell St. Peter**. Kentish town's goal scorers were Lee Scott, twice, Jonathon Donoghue and David Dawson, whilst John Cole got the late winner for Haringey. **Stony Stratford** moved back up to third place with two first half goals from Darren Dykes and Marc Redsull giving them a 2-0 win away to local rivals **Buckingham Athletic**. It's that tight at the top that Hoddesdon Town, who were top going into Saturday's game, have now dropped down to fourth place, but they do have a game in hand over both Kentish Town and Stony Stratford, and they still have to visit Haringey. Elsewhere, **Amphill Town** have moved up to 7th place following their 4-2 over bottom club **Cranfield United** and **Winslow United's** 2-0 win at home to **Sun Sports Postal** has pulled them up level with **Harpenden Town** who lost 1-0 away at **Cheshunt Reserves**.

DIVISION TWO ROUND UP

Totternhoe continue to move away from the foot of the table as they beat **Pitstone & Ivinghoe** 1-0, thanks to a Gary Simpson goal, and **Kent Athletic** had a comfortable 3-0 win over **Markyate**.

HERTS CHARITY SHIELD SEMI FINAL

Tring Athletic overcame a tricky hurdle to defeat Division One high flyers **Royston Town** 2-1, and cement their place in the Final, where their opponents will be either Welwyn garden City or Oxhey Jets.

HOLMER GREEN RESERVES

Congratulations to **Holmer Green Reserves** who became champions of the newly instigated Reserve Division Two West on Tuesday night when they beat their nearest rivals Stony Stratford Reserves 2-1 away. Goal scorers were Alvin Rajaran and Nick Little.

SOUTH MIDLANDS FLOODLIGHT CUP – SEMI FINAL

An excellent hat trick from Dan O'Connor enabled **Cockfosters** to overcome UCL Premier Division opponents **Potton United** by 3-2 at home to reach the Final. Their opponents are not yet known, but will be either Saffron Walden Town, who beat Hoddesdon Town last night 1-0 aet, or Stansted.

BERKS & BUCKS INTERMEDIATE CUP

Chalfont Wasps made a bit of history on Saturday when they won the above Cup for the third time in a row. They beat **PB (Milton Keynes)**, who defeated Stony Stratford in the semis, 2-0 in the Final. Chalfont Wasps are runaway winners of Hellenic League Div One East, and looking to move up to Step5, have a groundshare agreement in place with Chalfont St. Peter for next season.

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