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DROITWICH SPA from

HINCKLEY AFC from

Olly Sayer (GK)

Brandon Bache (GK)

Cory Rudd

Isa Abrahamu

Jack Brighton

Preston Moise Bitemo

Alex Dugmore

Matt Dawson ©

Gavin Podmore

Jack Edwards

Callum Green

Calum Reiss Flanagan

Perry Moss

Daniel Fraser

Sam Carey

Joe Obi

Matt Jackson

Lewis Rankin

Connor Collins

Declan Somel

Richard Smith

Harry Walker Donovan

Luke Molloy

Adam Barber

Archie Woodall

Joe Cairns

Lewis Phillips

Riley Davoile

Charlie Tilley

Zakim Evans

Josh Hurdman

Matt Hill

James Lemon ©

Tom Weale

Scott Braiden-Smith

Brady Middleton

Lucas Edmonds

Andrew Wooldridge

Woody Hawkett

Kyron Green

Danny Barnes

Ben Forrest

Nathan Binner

Manager: Andy Crowther

Manager: Joe Conneely

SALTMEN REVIEW

OFFICIAL MATCH-DAY PROGRAMME



SATURDAY 23rd MARCH



vs HINCKLEY AFC

MIDLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE

DIVISION 1

MATCH OFFICIALS:

T. Bartlett, M. Steward, S. Taylor



CLUB HONOURS

Presidents Cup: Winners - 2015/16

Pershore Hospital Cup: Runner Up - 1992/93

Worcester League Premier Division: Winners-1996/97, 1997/98

Baylis Cup: Winners- 1997/98, 2002/03 (Reserves)

Worcester Nursing Junior Cup: Winners- 1993/94, 2004/05,
2005/06, 2009/10 (Reserves) **Runner Up**-1997/98

Worcestershire Junior Cup: Winners- 2013/14, 2015/16, 2018/19
Runner Up- 2004/05, 2007/08, 2017/18

West Midlands Regional League Division 1: Champions - 2021/22

West Midlands Regional League Cup: Runner Up- 2021/22

Record victory: Bustleholme (A) 10-0 / Burntwood Town (H) 11-1

Record points tally: 83 points - MFL Division 1 – 2022/23

Record number of goals scored: 115 - WMRL Division 1 - 2018/19

Record goals scored in a game: 8 – Andy Keenahan v Burntwood Town

Best FA Vase Run: 2nd Round 2019-20 (lost 1-2 vs Lye Town)

Club record appearances: Nick West

Record Attendance: 972 vs Worcester City (2022/23 season)

DSFC OFFICIALS

DIRECTORS: Wayne Oliver, Rob Lamb, Mark Bowen, David Stockdale

TREASURER: Rob Lamb

SECRETARY: Dan Watson

FIRST TEAM MANAGER: Andy Crowther

COACHES: Aaron Drake, Joe Mayo-Braiden, Chris Hunt, Matt Oliver, Matt Hunt

PHYSIO: Chloe Lakin

UNDER 21'S MANAGER: John Neeson **UNDER 18'S MANAGER:** Pete Shaw

GROUNDSMAN: Andy Dyer

MATCH-DAY VOLUNTEERS:

Simon Collett, Rodney John, Paul & Wendy Smith, Tammy Hughes, Jo Dyer,
Vanessa Layton, Simon Billington

CLUB STEWARD: Nick Fellowes

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RECENT RESULTS



SATURDAY 9TH MARCH

Chelmsley Town 2-2 Ingles (50)
 Cradley Town 2-3 Droitwich Spa (107)
 Heather St John's 3-1 Bilston Town (124)
 Hinckley AFC 4-0 Stapenhill (218)
 Nuneaton Griff 1-2 Allscott Heath (64)
 OJM Black Country 1-3 Coventry Copsewood (55)
 Shawbury United 5-0 Paget Rangers (35)
 Smethwick Rangers 1-1 Coton Green (40)
 Wednesfield 0-1 Sutton United (36)
 Wolves Sporting 3-1 AFC Bridgnorth (20)

WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH

Wednesfield 1-3 Ingles (38)
 Paget Rangers 1-5 OJM Black Country (21)

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH

Allscott Heath 1-1 Nuneaton Griff (50)
 Droitwich Spa 8-1 AFC Bridgnorth (156)
 Ingles 3-0 Smethwick Rangers (62)
 OJM Black Country P-P Heather St John's
 Stapenhill 1-1 Hinckley AFC (110)
 Wednesfield P-P Cradley Town

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH

Cradley Town 2-3 Allscott Heath (64)
 OJM Black Country P-P Nuneaton Griff
 Stapenhill P-P Coton Green

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH (ko 3pm)

AFC Bridgnorth v Smethwick Rangers
 Allscott Heath v Chelmsley Town
 Bilston Town v Wednesfield
 Coton Green v Shawbury United
 Coventry Copsewood v Heather St John's
 Droitwich Spa v Hinckley AFC
 Ingles v Sutton United
 OJM Black Country v Wolves Sporting
 Paget Rangers v Nuneaton Griff
 Stapenhill v Cradley Town

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH (ko 7.45pm)

Heather St John's v Cradley Town
 Ingles v OJM Black Country
 Stapenhill v Chelmsley Town
 Wednesfield v Droitwich Spa
 Wolves Sporting v Hinckley AFC

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH (ko 3pm)

Bilston Town v Droitwich Spa
 Coton Green v Allscott Heath
 Coventry Copsewood v AFC Bridgnorth
 Cradley Town v Wolves Sporting
 Hinckley AFC v Nuneaton Griff
 OJM Black Country v Paget Rangers
 Shawbury United v Smethwick Rangers
 Stapenhill v Ingles
 Sutton United v Chelmsley Town
 Wednesfield v Heather St John's

THIS WEEKS' FIXTURES





EDITORIAL



Good afternoon and welcome to Kingys for Non-League Day and our Midland Football League Division 1 fixture with Hinckley AFC.

We welcome everyone associated with today's visitors, as well as the match officials and any groundhoppers that are with us – we hope you enjoy your visit and have a safe journey home after the game.

We've hit a decent run of form; unbeaten in our last 6 games as we enter the "business end" of the season, but this afternoon presents a different challenge entirely; our guests have the best away record in the Division & thanks to their admirable consistency have occupied top spot for the vast majority of the campaign.

For ourselves, our away form, as well as numerous serious injury problems has caused us to fall behind

Hinckley in the race for automatic promotion. With the loss of Nathan Binner and Connor Collins over the last 2 weeks, it is yet another blow for us as we have a run of some very tough fixtures, and in a short space of time as well.

It's a big ask but if we win all of our remaining games, the title race will be back on again! There are several tasty fixtures this afternoon in the Division as other play-off contenders go head to head whilst Ingles and Cradley will also be tested against Sutton & Stapenhill respectively.

At the other end of the table, the bottom two meet this afternoon in Bridgnorth, with the loser being almost certainly consigned to relegation to Step 7.

If you can't make either of the next 2 away fixtures, we hope to see you again on Easter Monday (ko 3pm) when Shawbury United are the visitors....Up the Spa!

MFL DIVISION 1 TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hinckley AFC	30	21	5	4	93	36	57	68
2	Ingles	31	18	6	7	61	40	21	60
3	Allscott Heath	30	18	5	7	64	56	8	59
4	Droitwich Spa	27	17	5	5	84	46	38	56
5	Wednesfield	28	16	4	8	61	43	18	52
6	Cradley Town	29	15	5	9	73	49	24	50
7	Heather St. John's	30	15	4	11	69	47	22	49
8	O J M Black Country	26	14	6	6	52	29	23	48
9	Bilston Town Community	29	15	3	11	67	45	22	48
10	Shawbury United	31	14	6	11	64	55	9	48
11	Sutton United	32	12	10	10	58	54	4	46
12	Coventry Copsewood	31	12	5	14	59	57	2	41
13	Stapenhill	28	11	5	12	50	54	-4	38
14	Nuneaton Griff	31	9	8	14	51	70	-19	35
15	Chelmsley Town	30	8	8	14	35	63	-28	32
16	Coton Green	30	8	7	15	43	57	-14	31
17	Wolverhampton Sporting Community	28	7	5	16	38	55	-17	26
18	Paget Rangers	32	6	2	24	40	90	-50	20
19	AFC Bridgnorth	31	4	6	21	43	96	-53	18
20	Smethwick Rangers	32	5	1	26	31	94	-63	16

NEXT HOME GAME...

MONDAY 1ST APRIL, ko 3PM

vs SHAWBURY UNITED

MIDLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

£6 ADULTS / £4 CONCESSION



MFL DIVISION 1 23-24 ATTENDANCES & RESULTS

	ALL	BRI	BIL	CHE	COT	COV	CRA	ORO	HEA	HIN	ING	NUM	QJM	PAG	SHA	SHR	STA	SUT	WED	WOL
ALLSCOTT H					80	85	82	71	85	112	59	1-1	30		105	40	59	45	89	
BRIDGNORTH	87		48	42	87		53	117	95	72	39	72	37	42	72				47	97
BILSTON T	155	162			89	126	147		101	180	117	121	92	129	124	154	110	135		130
CHELMSLEY T	110	69	95		115	73	72		82	130	50					52	91	40	82	67
COTON GRN		45	71	50			32	85	50			40	45		60	60	75	60	40	40
COV C'WOOD	40		50	20	25		30	51		81	28	72	87		45		40	78	20	21
CRADLEY T	64	94		88	102	101		107		137	73	127	121	70	61	71	86	71		
DROITWICH S		156	258	172		166	271		254		224	224		180		198		179		181
HEATHER SJ	91	105	124	98		112		85				98	84	94	99	122	140	108	88	75
HINCKLEY AFC	172	223		232	201	390	258	202	252		233		214	175	167	178	218	221	220	188
INGLES	56	50	71	64	73		141	72	106	193				55	65	62	83		50	41
NUNEATON GR	64	90	103	48	83	72	80	84	54	300	68		64	86	130	82			87	
QJM BC	38	44			35	55		60		71	49				44	38		46		
PAGET RSR	32		154	60	35	23	62	50	68	95	87		21		41	50	60	71	47	45
SHAWBURY U	117	86		49	51	48		89	49	82	38	46	46	35			39	46	48	
SPENNINGHOLM B	35	30		26	40	30	60	35	38		40	44	36	35	35		34	45		24
STAPENHILL		90	83			73		106	110	110		86	136	67	73	83		76	68	
SUTTON U	150	132	140		182	110	118		141		115	230	85	85	154	120	92		92	105
WEDNESFIELD	50	25	73	31	20	20				80	38	50	35	28		30	39	36		32
WOLVES SPR	64	20	96		40	22	49	45	39			20	24	30	20	42	27	25		

	ALL	BRI	BIL	CHE	COT	COV	CRA	ORO	HEA	HIN	ING	NUM	QJM	PAG	SHA	SHR	STA	SUT	WED	WOL
ALLSCOTT H					2-1	2-0	3-1	3-6	2-1	3-2	4-3	1-1	1-0		0-2	4-1	2-2	3-1	1-3	
BRIDGNORTH	0-0		3-3	3-0	1-3		0-2	2-2	3-3	1-2	1-2	0-1	1-6	1-1	0-1				3-2	4-2
BILSTON T	5-1	4-1			2-0	2-3	2-3		2-0	1-3	3-1	0-1	1-2	5-0	4-1	4-0	1-2	1-0		6-1
CHELMSLEY T	0-1	2-1	3-3		3-0	1-1	0-4		1-0	1-2	2-2	3-3	0-2		2-1	3-1	5-0	0-3	0-4	1-0
COTON GRN		2-1	0-1	1-1			2-2	1-3	1-2		1-2	4-1		5-1		1-2	2-0	1-1	0-2	1-1
COV C'WOOD	4-0		1-2	5-0	3-6		2-0	3-1		1-4	1-3	2-1	1-1		1-1		3-0	0-1	2-3	0-1
CRADLEY T	2-3	10-0		5-0	3-1	3-2				4-4	0-2	1-3	0-3	4-1	3-1	2-0	4-1	0-0		
DROITWICH S		8-1	5-3	6-2			2-1		3-2		4-1	1-1		5-1		5-1		0-1		4-2
HEATHER SJ	1-2	2-0	3-1	5-0		1-4		2-3				2-0	1-4	3-0	2-2	6-0	2-0	4-1	3-1	4-1
HINCKLEY AFC	2-2	10-1		2-2	8-0	4-0	5-0	3-2	1-3		0-1		1-3	4-1	3-0	5-1	4-0	2-2	4-0	3-2
INGLES	3-5	4-3	2-1	0-0	3-0		1-1	2-2	1-0	0-2				5-0	1-0	3-0	2-1		0-3	0-0
NUNEATON GR	1-2	6-2	2-2	2-1	1-1	1-2	2-5	0-6	4-2	1-2	0-5			1-0	0-3	1-2	4-3			2-4
QJM BC	2-2	2-1			1-1	0-2		3-3		0-2	2-1				3-1	3-0		1-1		
PAGET RSR	1-2		1-2	2-0	2-3	2-3	1-2	0-1	1-3	2-5	1-2		1-5		0-1	3-2	1-5	2-2	1-4	4-3
SHAWBURY U	3-6	3-3		3-0	1-0	6-1		3-3	2-2	0-1	1-2	0-3	1-1	5-0			3-5	3-1	4-3	
SPENNINGHOLM B	2-3	0-1		0-1	1-1	0-4	2-3	3-1	1-3		0-3	3-2	0-2	0-1	1-5		3-2	0-2		0-3
STAPENHILL		3-2	1-0			3-2		0-2	3-3	1-1		5-0	2-0		1-2	3-0		1-1	2-2	
SUTTON U	1-2	5-2	2-3		4-3	1-1	2-5		2-1	1-1		2-2	1-4	2-1	2-4	7-0	2-3		2-2	3-2
WEDNESFIELD	3-1	2-0	2-1	1-1	2-0	3-2				1-2	1-3	4-4	0-2	1-0		3-2	1-0	0-1		4-0
WOLVES SPR	2-1	3-1	1-2		0-1	2-2	1-1	2-1	1-2			0-0	2-0	2-4	0-2	1-2	3-1	0-1		

Good afternoon and welcome to Kingys for another tough and exciting game ahead.

We welcome top of the table Hinckley AFC who favourites to the lift the title this season. They have been in and around promotion for the last few years and they will hope to get over the line this season.

We hope to continue off from last weekend and carry on our recent good run of form, especially at home, and keep the pressure on Hinckley and the teams above us pushing into the final month of the season.

We have a very busy period coming up over the next few weeks.

Andy Crowther DSFC Manager

FROM THE DUGOUT...



WELCOME TO TODAY'S MASCOTS....

DROITWICH SPA YOUTH FC JAGUARS

We hope that you enjoy your afternoon with us!



TODAY'S VISITORS



Hinckley AFC is a community owned club that was established in January 2014, following the liquidation of Hinckley United. The town of Hinckley has had a football team for many years, the earliest recorded team being Hinckley Town, who played in the Leicestershire Senior League in 1889. Following a name change to Hinckley Athletic, the club acquired land on Middlefield Lane, and in the mid-1990s narrowly missed out on promotion to the Southern League on 3 occasions. Hinckley Town were formed after a name change in 1972, and were promoted to the Southern League.

In the summer of 1997, the two chairmen established that both sides had something positive to offer a merger. Thus, Hinckley Town and Hinckley Athletic became Hinckley United, who won promotion to the Southern League Premier Division in 2001.

After finishing in 6th place in 2003/04, United were accepted into the newly formed Conference North. They moved into a new ground, on Leicester Road, in March 2005. In 2006/07, Hinckley reached the play-off final, then seasons of financial woe followed, and after relegation from the Conference North in 2012/13, the club was liquidated 6 months later.

After appointing Carl Abbott as their first manager, Hinckley AFC's first match was on 5th July 2014, a 4-2 win against landlords Heather St John's. Abbott led AFC to a third-place finish in the Midland League First Division in their inaugural season, and set a new league record for matches with 27 games without defeat in all competitions.

The on-field success continued into the start of the 2015/16, when they overturned Redditch United to reach the Second Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, and won their first piece of silverware: going by winning the Senior Cup with a 5-1 victory over Oakham United in the Final.

In 2016/17 AFC finished runners-up and had a best ever run in the FA Vase, reaching the last 16. Abbott stepped down the following October, and the club had several managers for short spells between then and the present day.

The club were moved to the United Counties League in 2021-22 and finished 2nd, whilst hitting a new FA Vase record 18-0 win at St Martin's. Former assistant Joe Conneely took charge in 22-23 as the club were moved back to the Midland League, and in his first season Hinckley won the League Cup by defeating Whitchurch Alport and finished in 3rd before losing in the Play-off Semi Finals.

MFL DI CLUB DIRECTORY

AFC Bridgnorth:	Crown Meadow, Innage Lane, Bridgnorth, WV16 4HS
Allscott Heath:	Allscott Sports Club, Allscott, Telford, TF6 5EQ
Bilston Town:	Queen Street Stadium, Queen Street, Bilston, WV14 7EX
Chelmsley Town:	Pack Meadow, Packington Lane, Coleshill, B46 3JJ
Coton Green:	New Mill Lane, Fazeley, Tamworth, B78 3RX
Coventry Copsewood:	The Pavilion, Copsewood S&S, Allard Way, Coventry, CV3 1JP
Cradley Town:	The Beeches, Beeches View Avenue, Cradley, B63 2HB
Droitwich Spa:	King Georges, Briar Mill, Droitwich Spa, WR9 0RZ
Heather St. John:	St Johns' Park., Ravenstone Road, Heather, Leics, LE67 2QJ
Hinckley AFC:	Kirkby Road Sports Ground, Kirkby Road, Barwell, LE9 8FQ
Ingles FC:	Thringstone Miner SC, Homestead Rd, Thringstone, LE67 8LL
Nuneaton Griff:	The Pingles Stadium, Avenue Road, Nuneaton, CV11 4LX
OJM BlackCountry	Triplex Sports Ground, Eckersall Rd, Birmingham, B38 8SS
Paget Rangers:	Central Ground, Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1NL
Shawbury United:	Oteley Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ST
Smethwick Rangers:	Church Road, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5RY
Stapenhill:	Maple Grove, Stapenhill, Burton on Trent, DE15 9NN
Sutton United:	Coleshill Road, Sutton Coldfield, B75 7BA
Wednesfield:	Cottage Ground, Amos Lane, Wednesfield, WV11 1ND
Wolves Sporting:	Pride Park, Hazel Lane, Great Wyrley, WS6 6AA



2023-24 PLAYER STATS

Player	Starts (sub on)	Goals	MDM	Player	Starts (sub on)	Goals	MDM
Jesse Asamougha	0 (1)	0	0	Josh Hurdman	12 (8)	8	3
Danny Barnes	2 (8)	0	0	Sam Hurdman	3 (5)	2	0
Nathan Binner	18	2	0	Roland Krol	8 (8)	3	0
Scott Braiden-Smith	15 (6)	3	1	James Lemon	21 (4)	11	3
Jack Brighton	29	0	1	Archie Woodall	2 (10)	1	0
Joel Chadwick	20	0	2	Max Loveridge	8 (1)	0	1
Joe Clayton	1 (3)	0	0	Jamie Lucas	2 (3)	3	1
Connor Collins	23 (3)	20	4	Luke Molloy	22 (4)	4	0
Ollie Cunningham	1	0	0	Perry Moss	27 (3)	12	6
Will Dallaway	0 (1)	0	0	Joe Neeson	1	0	0
Jack Davies	5 (3)	0	0	Lewis Phillips	13 (3)	0	0
Niall Doherty	3 (3)	0	0	Gavin Podmore	9 (3)	1	0
Alex Dugmore	26 (2)	9	3	Dom Rogerson	6	0	0
Callum Green	18 (5)	2	0	Cory Rudd	26 (2)	5	1
James Halsall	0 (4)	0	0	Cian Sheehan	0 (1)	0	0
Woody Hawkett	0 (4)	1	0	Ollie Thompson	1 (5)	0	0
Joe Heywood	1 (1)	0	0	Charlie Tilley	30 (2)	13	2
Ollie Sayer	6	0	0	Lucas Edmonds	0 (3)	1	0
Matt Jackson	5 (1)	0	0	Richard Smith	0 (1)	0	0



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2023-24 FORM

DSFC: (Home) P1 I7 W13 D1 L3 (GD: 31)

HAFC: (Away) P1 I5 W12 D2 L1 (GD: 20)

TOP SCORERS (LEAGUE):

DSFC: Connor Collins (18)

HAFC: Brady Middleton (14)

RECENT FORM:

DSFC: PL 5 W 4 D 1 L 0 For 21 Against 8

HAFC: PL 5 W 3 D 1 L 1 For 12 Against 4

LAST MEETING:

5/8/23: Hinckley AFC 3-2 Droitwich Spa (202)

LAST RESULT:

Droitwich Spa 8-1 AFC Bridgnorth

NEXT MATCH:

Wednesfield v Droitwich Spa

HEAD TO HEAD



Stapenhill 1-1 Hinckley AFC

Wolves Sporting - Hinckley AFC





MATCH REPORT

From the first whistle Andy Crowther's men made their intentions clear as Jake Breckell was called into action twice in the opening 5 minutes to deny Josh Hurdman and James Lemon from breaking the deadlock.

When the visiting 'keeper was beaten, Jordan Sale intervened to clear another Lemon effort off the line.

Josh Hurdman opened the scoring with a fabulous first time volley from 20-yards which rifled into Breckell's top corner on 12 minutes. Six minutes later and Breckell was picking the ball out of his net again as Rudd's powerful low drive from 30-yards out flew into the bottom corner, just 2 minutes later Rudd had a brace when he headed in from close range. It was 4-0 on 25 minutes when Lemon turned his marker and finished well.

Bridgnorth had suffered an upheaval of their playing personnel over the week & struggled to break out of their own half. Their first opportunity on minutes fell to Leo Matiya who beat the offside trap but missed the target just Ollie Sayer to beat., but the Shropshire side pulled one back on 38 minutes as Captain Chris Sterling was fouled in the area and converted the subsequent spot kick.

Spa regained their 4-goal advantage 5 minutes later via a Perry Moss tap-in, and then Breckell was on hand to save brilliantly and deny Charlie Tilley a 6th goal before the break.

The second half continued in a similar fashion, and Rudd was millimetres away from a first ever hat-trick on 48 minutes but his shot went just the wrong side of the post.

Josh Hurdman scored his second making it 6-1 on 50 with a back post header.

Lucas Edmonds was introduced and made an immediate impact as first he, then Hurdman, forced Breckell into further saves before Lemon put his effort just the wrong side of the post.

Edmonds & Lemon spurned a further three chances in quick succession before Edmonds, in his second spell at the club, scored his first senior goal for the Saltmen on 65 minutes.

Another fantastic finish as he chased onto a through ball and with Breckell off his line a first-time dink from the edge of the area lobbed the back-tracking Bridgnorth 'keeper and it was 7-1.

With 10 minutes remaining Woody Hawkett also scored his first senior goal for Spa, and Breckell was forced into action twice more before the end, making impressive stops to deny Hurdman a hat-trick.

The visitors' only chance in the second half fell to substitute Sam Otisi who with the goal at his mercy fired well off target to cap off a grim afternoon from Bridgnorth, and to compound their disappointing away form; with just 4 points collected on their travels this campaign they have the worst away record in the Division.



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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



The U21's are progressing nicely, sitting fourth in the table which is no mean feat considering the upheaval earlier in the season. A 0-0 draw away against Brooke House International and a 2-1 home victory against Stourport Swifts sets us up nicely for our trip to league leaders Boldmere St Michaels (today).

The Under 18's Floodlit side have reached the Final of midweek Worcestershire County Cup after a nail biting 5-4 penalty shootout win; Joe Neeson saving three of the Pershore Town penalties following an untidy but entertaining 1-1 draw.

They followed this up with arguably the best performance of the season away at Hereford FC on Wednesday night, coming away with a well-deserved 3-1 victory. Goals came from Harry Griffiths (2) and Will Dallaway. But we controlled the game from start to finish.

The MJPL 18's have fallen away results wise in recent weeks despite some good performances, and the squad continues to be depleted such is the transition into Under-21 football for a lot of players. It's a tough and unforgiving league especially at the top end.

Finally a big shout out to Woody Hawkett who scored his first goal for the senior side last Saturday. Woody had progressed really well this season and fully deserves his first team chance. He has consistently been the stand out player in the Under 21's as nominated by our opponents and has shown fantastic leadership qualities in the Midweek Floodlit Youth League.

John Neeson, DSFC Under 21 Manager



FROM THE BOARD

We welcome players, coaches, committee and supporters of Hinckley AFC to our ground today. They have had a terrific season so far, and the first game of the season at Hinckley seems a long time ago.

The weather has been the dominant factor since the turn of the year, where all clubs in the league have suffered postponements, and every club will have a busy few weeks ahead. Our pitch has proved fairly resilient, and we have had games when others have been called off.

However, we have had the wettest January & February on record, so we have to improve the drainage, and this is a priority for us in the summer to invest in improving our playing surface, and managing our own maintenance. We have had advice and guidance for the local FA on this, and are also seeking some financial support which is available for such initiatives from the Football Foundation.

Our mantra is continuous improvement, large or small, and the eagle eyed amongst you may have noticed a new set of wheelie bins. Shout out to our volunteer Simon Billington, who comes to clear up the litter and empty the bins after every match, and to Blackpole Re-cycling who provide the skips for us. This is a huge help, and you can help Simon further by using the bins provided for your plastic glasses and chip boxes.

The lads continue to impress, and we are on a good run. There are at least 11 games to play, and your support is greatly appreciated. They will need your encouragement as we get to the business end of the season, and we have a tough schedule of matches ahead.

This season has presented different challenges, and the team just carry on, playing an exciting brand of football, getting results, and consistently up near the top of the league. We have suffered more than our fair share of injuries, and the full squad is being used, with support also from the impressive u21 & u18 sides coached by John Neeson.

We are strong in every area, on and off the pitch, and have a great opportunity to progress.

Thank you for your continuing support. *DSFC Board of Directors*



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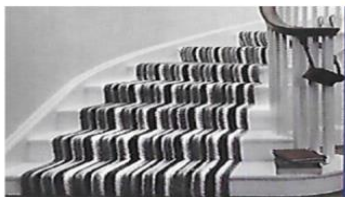
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MFL DIVISION 1 REVIEW



By Rhys Beardmore

Allscott Heath 1-1 Nuneaton Griff

Allscott Heath got a good point at home to Nuneaton Griff on Saturday in their hunt for the play offs. The draw makes it seven points from their last three matches and leaves them in 4th with a six-point gap over Cradley Town in 6th. They have been strong at home throughout the season with nine wins from fourteen matches. Nuneaton Griff took the lead in the first half thanks to a Steven Pywell overhead kick to go into the break with a 1-0 lead. The hosts responded in the second half and managed to find an equaliser through Harry Morris to get a valuable draw; a good point for both teams.

Droitwich Spa 8-1 AFC Bridgnorth

Droitwich continued their excellent home form with an emphatic win against relegation strugglers AFC Bridgnorth. Their form at Kingy's has been a real strength with ten wins from twelve matches. The Saltmen got into a 3-0 lead in the opening 25 minutes thanks to a brace from Cory Rudd & a goal from Josh Hurdman. It was 4-0 on the 25th minute thanks to a strike from James Lemon. AFC Bridgnorth got a goal back in the 38th minute through a penalty by Chris Sterling to make it 4-1. Perry Moss scored a few minutes before the break, and further efforts in the second

half from Josh Hurdman and substitutes Lucas Edmonds & Woody Hawkett made it 8-1 in an excellent win for Droitwich. It was a tough day at the office for Bridgnorth, for whom it's looking an uphill struggle to stay up.

Ingles 3-0 Smethwick Rangers Ingles continued their good form with a convincing win against Smethwick Rangers at the Thringstone Miners Centre. The result leaves them in 2nd with 60 points and in the hunt for the top three. A good crowd of 62 supporters turned up to watch Ingles get their 8th home win of the season. A solo effort from Jack Allen and a brace from Jude Ayetine gave Ingles all three points. They've been one of the most consistent teams in the league with just one loss from their last eight. Smethwick are probably going to be playing at step seven next season. It's all building for the visitors over the next few months and looking at the bigger picture.

Stapenhill 1-1 Hinckley AFC Stapenhill held leaders Hinckley AFC to a draw at Maple Grove. A battling point for the Swans and an encouraging result against one of the standout teams. An excellent crowd of 110 turned up to watch the match in Burton, where Lewis Campbell scored for Stapenhill in the 35th minute before the visitors equalised thanks to an effort by Lewis Rankin in the 42nd minute. The Swans held out in the second half for a good point & response from Stapenhill to the 4-0 loss at Hinckley last week.

The hosts dominated the opening stages of the game with the lively Umaru Saho causing no end of problems down the left flank. Ollie Sayer was alert to parry away a dangerous set piece in an early flurry of corners for the Hammers.

The Saltmen took the lead with their first threatening attack, when Nathan Binner's deep cross found Cory Rudd whose powerful header nestled into the bottom corner. Cradley were soon back on the front foot, and equalised on 23 minutes when a corner from the left ricocheted off Alex Dugmore and in to the back of a helpless Sayer's net. Cradley's next best chance fell to Oli Jones who had an exchange with Saho, cut inside but could only find the side-netting.

The game was turned on its head once again when Charlie Tilley broke in to the area and was brought down by Whitley. Connor Collins stepped up to convert the resulting penalty on 34 minutes. The goal seemed to knock the stuffing out of Cradley but Sayer produced a good save to deny Harrold. Frimpong then produced an even better stop to deny Lemon with a strong one-handed parry from close range. Droitwich further threatened through another Rudd header, Collins and Binner, who was twice denied by some great last ditch blocks.

The Saltmen continued where they left off in the second period and managed the game well. The first chance fell to Lemon who couldn't quite get on the end of Collins's low cross. But on the hour mark the Droitwich Captain made amends as he received Collins's flick on, rounded Frimpong and tapped home into an empty net. Lemon came close again with a fearsome 25-yard volley which narrowly missed the target. The hosts always possessed a threat going forward but Andy Crowthers' men managed the second half brilliantly in a well organised performance. Cradley got the score back to 2-3 when Saho beat the offside trap and finish clinically into the bottom corner with just 3 minutes of normal time remaining, but Droitwich returned to Worcestershire with an important 3 points to make it 5 games unbeaten as the Saltmen hope to be hitting some form at just the right time.

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MATCH ACTION SHOTS



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**Tuesday 26th March, ko 7.45pm
vs Wednesfield (A)**

Ground Address: The Cottage Ground, Amos Lane
Wolverhampton, WV11 1ND

Distance: 35 miles

Travel Time: 45 minutes

League Position:

Top scorer: Jay Holdcroft (17)

2022/3: Wednesfield 2-3 Droitwich Spa

Home Form: P1 21 W 12 D 2 L 7 GD +5

Average Attendance: 35



SPA ON THE ROAD...



**Saturday 30th March, ko 3pm
vs Bilston Town (A)**

Ground Address: Queen Street, Bilston, WV14 7EX

Distance: 30 miles **Travel Time:** 35 minutes

League Position: 9th **Top scorer:** Samuel Yankson (18)















2022/3: Bilston Town 2-4 Droitwich Spa **Home Form:** P1 18 W 11 D 0 L 7 GD +34

Average Attendance: 120

















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DATE	OPPONENT	RES	ATT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	SUB ON
5/8	Hinckley AFC (A)	L 3-2	202	Rogerson	Brighton	Green	Dugmore	Podmore	Loveridge	Moss	Tilley 1	Collins 1	Molloy	J. Hurdman	Halsall, Thompson
8/8	BILSTON TOWN (H)	W 5-3	258	Rogerson	Brighton	Green	Dugmore 2	Podmore	Loveridge	Moss	Tilley 1	Collins	Molloy	J. Hurdman 2	Halsall, Thompson, Heywood
16/8	AFC Bridgnorth (A)	D 2-2	117	Chadwick	Brighton	Phillips	Dugmore	Green	Loveridge	Moss	Tilley	Collins 2	Molloy	J. Hurdman	Krol, Halsall
19/8	Paget Rangers (A)	W 0-1	50	Chadwick	Brighton	Phillips	Dugmore	Podmore	Loveridge	Moss	Tilley	Collins	Krol	J. Hurdman 1	S.Hurdman,Molloy,Green,Lemon
22/8	CRADLEY TOWN (H)	W 2-1	271	Chadwick	Brighton	Green 1	Dugmore	Podmore	Loveridge	Moss	Tilley	Collins	Lemon 1	J. Hurdman	S.Hurdman, Rudd, Halsall, Krol, Smith
26/8	BILSTON TOWN (H)*	L 4-7	213	Chadwick	Brighton	Green	Dugmore 1	Podmore	Loveridge	Moss	Tilley 1	Collins 1	Krol	J. Hurdman	Molloy 1, S. Hurdman, Smith
28/8	Coton Green (A)	W 1-3	85	Chadwick	Brighton	Phillips	Dugmore 1	Podmore	Rudd	Moss	Tilley 1	Molloy	Lemon 1	Krol	Smith, S. Hurdman, Thompson
2/9	Allscott Heath (A)	W 3-6	71	Chadwick	Brighton	Phillips	Dugmore 2	Smith	Rudd	Krol	Tilley	Molloy	Lemon 2	Thompson	S.Hurdman 2, Green, Barnes
9/9	SUTTON UNITED (H)	L 0-1	179	Chadwick	Brighton	Phillips	Dugmore	Smith	Rudd	Krol	Tilley	Molloy	Lemon	S. Hurdman	Collins, Moss, Davies
16/9	Stapenhill (A)	W 0-2	106	Chadwick	Brighton	Phillips	Green	Podmore	Rudd	Moss	Tilley 2	Collins	Lemon	Molloy	Krol, Loveridge
30/9	WOLVES SPORTING (H)	W 4-2	181	Chadwick	Brighton	Phillips	Green	Smith	Rudd 1	Mass 1	Tilley	Loveridge	Lemon	Molloy 2	Lucas, Doherty, Barnes, Krol
7/10	Nuneaton Griff (A)	W 0-6	84	Chadwick	Brighton	Phillips	Green	Smith	Rudd	Mass 1	Tilley 1	Collins 3	Lemon 1	S. Hurdman	Hawkett, Barnes, Podmore, Thompson, Doherty
14/10	HEATHER ST JOHN (H)	W 3-2	254	Chadwick	Binner	Phillips	Green	Smith	Rudd	Mass 1	Tilley 1	Collins 1	Lemon	S. Hurdman	Krol, Davies, Molloy, Dugmore
17/10	BEWDLEY TOWN (H)~	W 4-2	237	Rogerson	Doherty	Phillips	Dugmore	Podmore 1	Loveridge	Binner 1	Davies	Krol 1	Molloy	J. Hurdman	Collins 1, Moss, Lemon, Green, Rudd
21/10	PAGET RANGERS (H)	W 5-1	180	Chadwick	Dugmore	Binner	Green 1	Smith	Rudd	Mass 1	Tilley	Collins 1	Lemon 1	Molloy 1	Lucas, J. Hurdman, Krol, Podmore, Barnes
24/10	SMETHWICK RANGERS (H)*	W 3-1	166	Neeson	Clayton	Doherty	Dugmore	Podmore	Binner	Krol 1	Davies	Lucas 2	Barnes	J. Hurdman	Lemon, Tilley, Hawkett, Sheehan, Dallaway
11/11	NUNEATON GRIFF (H)	D 1-1	224	Chadwick	Brighton	Binner	Dugmore	Green	Rudd	Moss	Tilley 1	Lucas	Lemon	Molloy	Krol, Davies
14/11	WORCESTER CITY (H)~	W 3-1	949	Chadwick	Brighton	Binner 1	Dugmore	Green	Rudd	Moss	Davies	Tilley 1	Lemon	Molloy	Krol 1, Lucas, Barnes
18/11	Coventry Copsewood (A)	L 3-1	51	Chadwick	Brighton	Binner	Smith	Green	Rudd	Moss	Tilley	Krol 1	Lemon	Molloy	J. Hurdman, Doherty, Collins
27/11	Highgate United (A)*	L 4-1	70	Chadwick	Brighton	Cunningham	Binner	Clayton	Rudd	J.Hurdman 1	Davies	Collins	Barnes	Molloy	Lemon, Tilley, Asomugha, Hawkett
2/12	Smethwick Rangers (A)	L 3-1	35	Chadwick	Brighton	Binner	Dugmore	Green	Rudd	Moss	Davies	Collins	Tilley 1	Molloy	Lemon, Clayton, J.Hurdman
16/12	Heather St John (A)	W 2-3	85	Chadwick	Brighton	Binner	Dugmore 1	Smith	Rudd	Moss	Tilley	Collins	Lemon 1	Molloy	Woodall 1, J. Hurdman, Barnes
23/12	INGLES (H)	W 4-1	224	Chadwick	Brighton	Binner	Dugmore	Smith	Rudd	Mass 2	Tilley	Collins 1	Lemon 1	Molloy	Woodall, Barnes, Clayton, Green
26/12	Shawbury United (A)	D 3-3	89	Chadwick	Brighton	Binner	Dugmore	Smith 1	Rudd	Moss	Tilley 1	Collins	Lemon 1	Molloy	Woodall
6/1	DJM Black Country (A)	D 3-3	60	Rogerson	Brighton	Binner	Dugmore	Smith	Rudd	Mass 1	Tilley	Collins 2	Lemon	Molloy	Woodall, Green, Jackson
9/1	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (H)	D 2-2~	739	Rogerson	Brighton	Jackson	Dugmore	Green	Rudd	Moss	Tilley	Collins 2	Woodall	Molloy	J.Hurdman, Podmore
13/1	Wolves Sporting (A)	L 2-1	45	Rogerson	Brighton	Jackson	Dugmore 1	Green	Rudd	Moss	Tilley	Collins	Woodall	Binner	Oliver, J.Hurdman, Smith
27/1	SMETHWICK RANGERS (H)	W 5-1	198	Sayer	Brighton	Jackson	Dugmore	Green	Rudd	Mass 3	Tilley 1	Collins 1	Lemon	Binner	J.Hurdman, Smith, Barnes, Woodall, Phillips
3/2	COVENTRY COPSEWOOD (H)	W 2-1	166	Sayer	Brighton	Phillips	Dugmore	Green	Rudd	Mass 1	Tilley	Collins	J. Hurdman 1	Binner	Woodall, Smith
17/2	CHELMSLEY TOWN (H)	W 6-2	172	Sayer	Brighton	Jackson	Dugmore 1	Smith	Rudd 1	Moss	Tilley	Collins 3	J. Hurdman 1	Binner	Phillips, Edmonds, R.Smith, Woodall, Molloy
5/3	Ingles (A)	D 2-2	72	Sayer	Brighton	Jackson	Dugmore	Smith 1	Rudd	Moss	Tilley	Collins 1	Lemon	Binner	Phillips, Edmonds, Woodall, J.Hurdman
9/3	Cradley Town (A)	W 2-3	107	Sayer	Brighton	Phillips	Dugmore	Smith	Rudd 1	Molloy	Tilley	Collins 1	Lemon 1	Binner	Edmonds, Woodall, J.Hurdman, Moss
16/3	AFC BRIDGNORTH (H)	W 8-1	156	Sayer	Brighton	Phillips	Dugmore	Smith	Rudd 2	Mass 1	Tilley	Lemon 1	J.Hurdman 2	Molloy	Edmonds 1, Hawkett 1, Woodall, Clayton
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