



Town are closing in on the top

HATFIELD Town are closing in on runaway leaders Metropolitan Police Bushey at the top of the Herts Senior County League Premier Division. Saturday's 6-0 thumping of bottom club Bedmond lifted Town into second place, five points behind a Met Police side they have still to play twice in the league and have already beaten in a cup competition. Town's website at www.hatfieldtownfc.co.uk has been remodelled and updated by vice chairman Dave Mansfield as part of his web designer's diploma course.

2007-08 Herts Senior County League (Up to and including December 15)

| Premier Division | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Met Police Bushey | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 36 | 13 | 34 |
| Hatfield Town | 13 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 46 | 18 | 29 |
| Buntingford Tn | 13 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 38 | 18 | 27 |
| Park Street Vill | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 24 | 12 | 25 |
| Wormley Rovers | 14 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 43 | 21 | 24 |
| London Lions | 15 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 26 | 25 | 23 |
| Whitewebbs | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 15 | 22 |
| Standon & Puck | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 38 | 44 | 20 |
| Sandridge Rovers | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 19 | 25 | 19 |
| Hertford Heath | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 23 | 25 | 17 |
| Bovingdon | 14 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 26 | 33 | 16 |
| Codicote | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 25 | 29 | 14 |
| Evergreen | 14 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 16 | 26 | 14 |
| Bushey Rangers | 16 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 25 | 41 | 13 |
| Knebworth | 15 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 23 | 45 | 10 |
| Bedmond Sports | 16 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 14 | 57 | 10 |

| Senior Division One | | | | | | | |
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| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Baldock Town FC | 15 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 45 | 14 | 38 |
| Wodson Park FC | 15 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 49 | 18 | 34 |
| Hinton | 15 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 34 | 21 | 30 |
| Buckhurst Hill | 16 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 46 | 25 | 29 |
| Mill End Sports | 15 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 42 | 25 | 29 |
| Chipperfield Cor | 15 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 46 | 33 | 23 |
| Croxley Guild | 13 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 26 | 22 | 22 |
| Debden Sports | 13 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 27 | 29 | 21 |
| Lemsford | 16 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 33 | 34 | 20 |
| Sarratt | 16 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 27 | 32 | 18 |
| North Mymms | 13 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 28 | 30 | 17 |
| Old Parmerterians | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 26 | 35 | 17 |
| St Peter's | 14 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 15 | 32 | 12 |
| Allenburys Sports | 17 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 27 | 46 | 12 |
| Cuffley | 15 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 16 | 49 | 11 |
| Bedwell Rangers | 16 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 57 | 3 |

| Reserve Division One | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Met Police Bushey | 14 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 73 | 26 | 33 |
| Hatfield Town | 11 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 45 | 15 | 27 |
| Evergreen | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 34 | 18 | 25 |
| London Lions | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 28 | 28 | 21 |
| Codicote | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 33 | 34 | 21 |
| Bovingdon | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 21 | 19 |
| Buntingford Tn | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 22 | 11 | 15 |
| Hinton | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 24 | 24 | 15 |
| Knebworth | 13 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 19 | 41 | 15 |
| Whitewebbs | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 25 | 13 |
| Lemsford | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 20 | 10 |
| Bedmond Sports | 13 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 17 | 28 | 10 |
| Sarratt | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 41 | 7 |
| Standon & Puck | 12 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 21 | 46 | 6 |

| Reserve Division Two | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Park Street Vill | 12 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 49 | 16 | 32 |
| Buckhurst Hill | 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 39 | 10 | 26 |
| Sandridge Rovers | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 36 | 11 | 25 |
| Baldock Town | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 42 | 20 | 19 |
| Wodson Park | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 37 | 35 | 17 |
| Cuffley | 10 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 35 | 24 | 16 |
| Wormley Rovers | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 26 | 14 | 15 |
| Bushey Rangers | 13 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 24 | 40 | 12 |
| Mill End Sports | 13 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 20 | 45 | 8 |
| Old Parmerterians | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 19 | 46 | 7 |
| Croxley Guild | 11 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 44 | 6 |
| Chipperfield Cor | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 16 | 50 | 6 |

* Points deducted

Rangers go four Ward in style

ROYAL Rangers Under-12s go into the Christmas break following a convincing 5-2 win over Potters Bar Crusaders.

Four first-half goals from sharpshooter Alfie Ward guided Rangers to victory in the Mid Herts Rural Minors League Division Two clash.

The Welham Green side blasted into action with only two minutes on the clock. George Hental put a great ball through to Ward, who chipped the goalie to grab his first goal of four strikes in the first half.

Crusaders grabbed an easy goal minutes from half-time to make the score 4-1 going into the break.

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The second half started slowly as both teams defended brilliantly.

Man of the match Mark Watts, with sidekicks Joe Waxman and Josh Francis, worked hard to keep their forwards from shooting.

Royal Rangers left back Cameron Bye got away from his marker to smash a shot into the bottom corner for 5-1.

Crusaders piled on the attacks, only to be halted by Rangers midfielders Georgio Phillips, Jordan Walker-Brown and Conner, who had played superbly together all game.

With 10 minutes to go super sub Sam Bisby saved the Rangers from conceding a certain goal.

He cleared the ball from an opposition attacker, who had an open goal.

The Bar side kept up the pressure and finally pulled another one back on the final whistle.

Rangers manager Graham Waxman said: "It's a great achievement for the boys to be fourth in the league and in the quarter-finals of the League Shield.

"The team are working hard in training and don't want to go home.

"It's nice to have a team who are dedicated."

Pegasus rally to pull level with Barnet side

WELWYN Pegasus Royals Under-14s came from two goals down to snatch a draw with Barnet Protec.

On a boggy Monk's Walk pitch it was the Barnet visitors who led 1-0 at half-time.

They doubled the advantage soon after the break.

Staring defeat in the face, Pegasus rallied and took the game to Barnet.

Some great passing by the home team saw Andrew Walshe gather the ball and he fired in to get his side

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back in the game.

The Pegasus defence stood firm and aided by the tireless Richard Murray and Sam Rowland kept any Barnet threats to a minimum.

Bradley Dimmock then netted the equaliser.

His effort was as good as Royals' first goal as he struck the ball over the keeper. Pegasus pushed for a winner but in the end they had to settle for a draw.

Codicote lose trophy tie in extra time

CODICOTE were dealt a bitter blow on Saturday as they were knocked out of the Herts Senior Centenary Trophy by Wormley Rovers 3-2 after an extra-time own goal.

A defensive error between keeper Dan Stevenson and Gareth Hopkins saw the defender score at the wrong end in the first half of the additional period.

This was enough to shatter any chance of the village side winning a competition they were victorious in less than two seasons ago.

Manager Dan Kennoy had a full first team squad available to him for the first time in his short reign.

He rung the changes from the last fixture away at Hertford Heath.

With an abundance of midfielders to pick from and a recent 4-1 loss to Wormley in November, the decision to pack midfield with defence-minded players paid dividends.

They took the lead when Mark Anderson finished with a neat header from a set piece. With just minutes remaining of the first half, Kennoy had planned his half-time team talk around a 1-0 lead.

However, some good one-touch

Own goal sends them out of cup

Herts Senior Centenary Trophy Second Round Wormley Rovers 3 Codicote 2 (after extra time)

football by Wormley and some bad decision making by defender Matt Godby saw the home side equalise.

With the tie locked at 1-1, both sides were cautious of throwing too many bodies forward.

But a 50/50 tackle 30 yards from the Wormley goal wickedly deflected over the Codicote back-line.

A forward from the East Herts side raced through and slotted past the advancing Stevenson.

Kennoy threw caution to the wind and pushed more men forward.

Grant MacAree struck the woodwork and Anderson forced the Wormley keeper into numerous saves.

Carl Smith did manage to find a

way through though with five minutes left on the clock.

A goalmouth scramble fell to Smith at the far post and he tucked it away to force the game into extra time.

With the momentum behind them, Kennoy kept the formation.

His side were looking the more likely of the teams to breakthrough.

Then another stroke of bad luck for Codicote saw Hopkins head into an empty goal, which decided the hard-fought cup tie.

After the game Kennoy said: "We came to Wormley four games ago and got played off the park and ended up losing 4-1.

"Taking the positives out of today

Lemsford battle through to win

LEMSFORD Youth Under-11s successfully battled against wind, rain and injuries to beat Ware Youth Whites 7-1.

The runaway Mid Herts Rural Minors League Division Two leaders got a sharp reminder to take nothing for granted when Sam Yearly put Ware Youth one up after 10 minutes.

Lemsford struggled to find their shape, but a breakaway goal by

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James Harrison pulled the visitors level.

The weather looked the most likely winner on half-time but a Lemsford reshuffle, including a replacement for injured keeper Adam Williams, turned the game in the second half.

A good spell of pressure 10 minutes in produced a goal from

Lemsford's Laurie Burton after a series of corners.

George Smith, brought into midfield during the interval, went on a spectacular run that ended with a fine individual goal.

Five minutes later Harrison was on the scoresheet again.

Lemsford grew in confidence, driven on by man-of-the-match, Alistair Davey.

Scott Couzens hit a ball over the Ware defence to find Harrison, who went through to complete his hat-trick with a left-footed shot.

Sub Thomas Kirby firstly put Ben Demont through with a well-placed pass and then scored one himself.

Kirby was brought down in the box two minutes later, but his spot-kick bounced away off the left upright.



● DAN KENNOY

we created a lot of chances and we made Wormley work until the 120th minute to beat us.

"We now have a quarter-final in the league cup to concentrate on and after today's result we should be more determined to progress in that."

Codicote are back in Herts County League action on Saturday. They are due to play at home against Bedmond Sports & Social Club.

Stripes hit the spot

SHERARDSWOOD and Birchwood Rangers Stripes Under-10s beat Watton Youth 2-0, despite missing a penalty.

When Watton's excellent goalkeeper dived low to his right to save a penalty from Darren Owen it looked like Stripes would be frustrated on a cold and wet morning in Datchworth.

However, two late scrambled goals turned things around to give the away team a 2-0 victory that their excellent play deserved.

Darren Owen hit both post and bar, while Jordan Dunbar, Owen McGrath and Myan Patel also went close for the

Stripes, only to be denied by a man-of-the-match performance by the Watton number one.

The breakthrough came on 35 minutes when Callum Burtenshaw made space for a shot. The ball came back off the keeper and Darren Owen was on hand to poke it home through the mud.

Stripes made sure of the win with a second with seven minutes remaining. A surging run from Billy Newby was topped off with a thunderous shot that the keeper couldn't hold.

Matt Evans made sure the ball had crossed the line, bundling it into the net as a defender closed in.

Yellows suffer the Blues in Herts clash

SHERARDSWOOD Yellows Under-10s were beaten 4-0 in the fourth round of the Herts County Cup by Bury Rangers Blues.

Yellows started the cup tie brightly and were much the better side in the opening 10 minutes.

Their best chance fell to Regan

Still, who shot wide after being put through by Luke Foster.

Bury Rangers gradually got a foothold in the game and hit the bar.

Foster had a shot saved minutes later, but from the keeper's kick Yellows stopper Harry Rember could not hold the ball and it rolled over

the line. It was 2-0 just before half-time with a long drive finding the top of the net.

Reggie Ross made some good runs from midfield in the second half for Sherrardswood, but the Blues got stronger as the game progressed and scored two more.

Final Score

FOOTBALL RESULTS SUNDAY (December 9)

Herts County Junior Sunday Cup: Old Fullerians v Peartree Wanderers - postponed; Bradmore Rovers Reserves 0 Highgate Redwings 8; Oakwood v Hatfield Sports - postponed.

Welwyn Hatfield Sunday League: Premier Division: S&N Fairway v Wrestlers - non fulfilment by Wrestlers; UNISON 1 FC Rangers 4; Q&E Sports v Welwyn Garden Sunday - postponed.

Division One: Cavendish v NMMC - postponed; White Horse Welwyn 1 Bradmore Rovers 4; Shamrock Rovers v Rose & Crown - postponed.

Division Two: Thundridge United 1 Hatfield Seniors 3; City FC v Lemsford - postponed; Kimpton Rovers v Eight Bells - postponed.

Division Three: Tewin Athletic 3 Doctors Tonic 4.

MONDAY (December 10)

Molten Spartan South Midlands League: Premier Division: Ruislip Manor 3 Leverstock Green 6.

TUESDAY (December 11)

Middlesex Senior Cup: Potters Bar Town 2 Uxbridge 0 - match abandoned.

Molten Spartan South Midlands League: Premier Division: London Colney 1 Chalfont St Peter 4; St Margaretsbury 1 Hertford Town 1.

Division One: Royston Town 4 Ampthill Town 1.

WEDNESDAY (December 12)

Molten Spartan South Midlands League: Challenge Trophy Third Round: Brimsdown Rovers v Welwyn Garden City - postponed.

Reserve Division One: Cockfosters v Sawbridgeworth Town - postponed.

Spartan South Midlands Senior Floodlit Cup: Second Round: Saffron Walden Town v Oxhey Jets - postponed.

Anagram Records Trophy: Third Round: Amersham Town v Frenford Senior - postponed.

Herts Junior Cup: Fourth Round: Hadley A 4 Kings Langley Reserves 0.

Herts Senior County League: Aubrey Cup Quarter-Final: Hatfield Town v Standon & Puckeridge - postponed.

SATURDAY (December 15)

FA Carlsberg Vase: Third Round: Crowborough Athletic 2 Brimsdown Rovers 1 (after extra time).

Anagram Records Trophy: Third Round: Amersham Town v Frenford Senior - postponed; Pitstone & Ivinghoe 3 Buntingford Town 0; Winslow United 1 Manford Way 3.

Molten Spartan South Midlands League: Premier Division: Beaconsfield SYCOB 2

St Margaretsbury 1; Broxbourne Boro V&E 3 Harefield United 4; Cockfosters 2 Biggleswade United 4; Colney Heath 2 Holmer Green 1; Kingsbury London Tigers 2 Biggleswade Town 1; Langford 0 Chalfont St Peter 3; Leverstock Green 0 Aylesbury Vale 0; Oxhey Jets 3 London Colney 1; Ruislip Manor 1 Hertford Town 0; Welwyn Garden City 1 Tring Athletic 2.

Division One: Ampthill Town 4 Arlesey Athletic 0; Bedford 1 Bedford Town Reserves 2; Haringey Borough 5 Brache Sparta 1; Harpenden Town 0 Buckingham Athletic 0; Kentish Town 3 Sun Postal Sports 1; New Bradwell St Peter 3 Hoddesdon Town 0; Sport London e Benfica 1 Royston Town 2; Stony Stratford Town 3 Cheshunt Reserves 1.

Challenge Trophy: Third Round: The 61FC (Luton) 3 Kent Athletic 2 (after extra time).

Division Two Cup: Second Round: Mursley United 3 Aston Clinton 1; Old Bradwell

United 1 Tring Corinthians 4.

Division Two: Caddington 3 AFC Dunstable 1; Markyate 1 Totterhoe 6; Padbury United 0 Crawley Green 7; Risborough Rangers 2 Kings Langley 3.

Reserve Challenge Trophy: Third Round: Crawley Green 4 Mursley United 2; Holmer Green 5 Ampthill Town 1; Kent Athletic 2 Langford 1; St Margaretsbury 1 Hertford Town 4.

Reserve Division One: Hoddesdon Town 1 Harpenden Town 3; London Colney 0 Colney Heath 3; Sawbridgeworth Town 0 Leverstock Green 3; Tring Athletic 1 Cockfosters 2.

Reserve Division Two East: AFC Dunstable 5 Kentish Town 1; Biggleswade United 2 The 61 FC 1; Totterhoe 0 Broxbourne Boro V&E 5.

See midweek results at www.whtimes24.co.uk