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Ashby rebuilding gathers pace

Raunds are undergoing a period of change following the appointment of Nick Ashby as player-manager. Former England non-league cap Ashby was handed the reins midway through February after the Shopmates parted company with Kelly Meagan after five months at the Kiln Park helm.

Ashby is a former Raunds player from their Southern League days. He started his career at Nottingham Forest and then had spells on the non-league circuit with Rushden & Diamonds, Kettering, Enfield and Burton. For the last four years he has been assistant manager at Stamford.

The new manager has drawn upon his Daniels connections to strengthen the Shopmates' squad. Best known addition is former West Ham and Northampton midfielder Warren Donald, while former Rushden & Diamonds midfielder Richard Bailey has rejoined the club along with left sided player Martin Lewis. Cogenhoe striker Adam Hancock is another new face along with two current Stamford players Ian Edge and Glen Thompson. Strengthening the Shopmates' back line is Simon McCarthy who has been a regular in the successful Cogenhoe side this season.

Robins duo eye Swindon chance

Two members of the Buckingham squad will be hoping to break into the professional ranks after being handed the opportunity of trials with Coca Cola League Swindon Town, who took Darren Dykes from Ford Meadow two years ago.

Opportunity beckons for highly rated wide man Moses Olaleye, while one time Arsenal star Christopher Wreh could get a second shot at full time football after making a comeback with the Robins.

Potton strengthen squad for the run in

With the Royals chasing silverware on four fronts in the last six weeks of the campaign, squad strengthening has been on the agenda at The Hollow in recent weeks. Defender Andre Maltay has been recruited from Barton Rovers along with another ex-Barton man Tawhid Juneja, while midfielder Stuart Lochhead is another recruit from Barton where he had a spell as captain. Completing the new faces is ex-Bedford United front runner Ben Smith. Potton have, however, lost the services of James Hatch who has joined Southern Premier side Dunstable.

The Royals will have to host Cogenhoe for a third time as the second meeting at The Hollow, like the first was abandoned on 8th March through floodlight failure. Second time round the match was halted at half time with Potton a goal to the good.

Saints end goal famine

After six matches without a goal, St Neots finally ended their goal famine on 15 March with a 3-2 home win over Northampton Spencer. Recent signings Pete Saunders from Wootton and Peter Flack from Royston were both on target in the Saints' victory.

Other recent arrivals at Rowley Park are Godmanchester midfielder Steve Thompson, Adam Smith who has joined the large ex-Wootton contingent now wearing Saints' colours, and goalkeeper Stefan Shamlin, a youngster who has been on Stevenage's books. Shamlin has been deputising for Steve Corry who has a knee injury.

St Neots' resources have been depleted by injuries to Russell Lawes (hamstring) and Danny Griggs (groin) and a suspension handed out to Damian Matthews.

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Cooks add to squad

With Cogenhoe holding all the aces in the pursuit of a first Premier crown, manager Adam Sandy has been busy boosting numbers for the run in.

With Fazel Koriya, Ben Foster, Simon McCarthy and Adam Hancock all departing for pastures new, the search has been on to bolster the squad with some new faces. Midfielder Mark Hackett has arrived from Corby, Ashley Bradshaw has switched from Long Buckby and widely travelled striker Simon Underwood has joined the Cooks from Buckingham.

Suspension has ruled out defender Mark Njotsa until the last fortnight of the season but veteran front man Darren Collins should be available for the run in after missing a month's action with a knee injury. Fellow long term injury victims Nick Hodges and Paul Wagstaff have also returned to action in recent weeks.

Management team commit to Buckby

With Long Buckby enjoying their best season in several years, the Station Road club has moved quickly to secure the services of the management team which has brought about an upturn in fortunes. Player-manager Aidy Mann and assistant Glen Botterill have both been handed three year contracts to continue at the Bucks' helm.

Cogenhoe midfielder Fazel Koriya has become the latest piece of the Buckby jigsaw after making the switch from Compton Park.

Backroom change for Desborough

There has been a change in the Desborough management team. Graeme Archer has stepped down as assistant to Simon Rielly. Taking his place on the Waterworks Field backroom staff is John Munton, father of current Ar Tarn player Scott. Munton senior is a former Desborough, Corby Town and Stewarts & Lloyds goalkeeper.

Midfielder Tom Mills has rejoined Desborough after a brief spell with Southern League neighbours Corby Town.

Holbeach at full strength for the run in

Holbeach have their sights on a second league championship in three seasons and the depth of the Tigers squad is one of the advantages the 2003 title winners will take into the closing weeks of the campaign.

Striker Kevin Childs has returned to action after a two month lay off with a medial ligament injury while midfield man Rob Speechley is back in contention for a place after recovering from hamstring trouble.

Key men return for Deeping

Deeping will be optimistic of a good finish to the season following the return of three key men to action. Player coach Dave Robertson is now back playing after completing a lengthy suspension, while midfield playmaker Guy Last has returned to Deeping colours after a spell on trail with Championship side Sheffield United. Also returning to action is Moroccan striker Younis Tajer.

Goalkeeper John Feetham has been cleared to resume his playing career after a hand injury, although it will be next season before he is back in action.

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Harrowby boost attacking options

Harrowby have had a disappointing run in the league but with a cup final and semi-final to look forward to they have plenty to play for.

Manager Graham Drury has strengthened his strikeforce by signing two players with bags of higher grade experience. Jamie Clarke has joined the Arrows from neighbours Grantham, two years ago he was under scrutiny from several league clubs only to suffer a serious injury as a move to Crewe beckoned. Garath Pritchard, a former Grimsby Town junior, has arrived from Stamford.

Defender Dom Revill is back in the fold after a spell working in the Falklands, but front runner Scott Taylor has headed in the opposite direction! Fellow military man Lee Dyson is back in contention after a couple of weeks away in Australia.

Boston injury crisis easing

Boston's horrendous run of injuries is beginning to ease as players gradually return to action. Danny Matson is back after missing several weeks' action following a car accident, Ross Don-Duncan is fit again after a knee problem and Lee Orrey is set to resume after knee ligament trouble.

New faces in the Poachers' camp are one time Burgess Hill player Matt Stares and Grimsby academy player Nathan Iley, while Lincoln City goalkeeper Scott Loach will see the season out with the Poachers on work experience after the release of Simon Ward for disciplinary reasons.

Stotfold nearing full strength

Stotfold look set to end the season with a near full strength squad. Luke Garwood, Lee Allinson and Wes Byrne have all returned to action following spells on the sidelines.

New faces in the Eagles squad are experienced defender Gary Hoy who has returned from a spell with Braintree and midfielder Keith Coughlin, another former Stotfold man who has had spells with Barton Rovers and Potton.

More new faces check in at the Abbey Lawn

Bourne manager Mark Mitchell has continued to add to his squad in recent weeks. The Wakes look safe after an upturn in form but rebuilding of the side goes on. Midfielder John Edwards has arrived at the Abbey Lawn after finding first team opportunities limited at Harrowby while another former Arrow Eddie Lager has been signed from Bingham. Completing the new arrivals is goalkeeper Chris Riley. The former Newark Town custodian was on Nottingham Forest's books as a youngster.

Daventry run boosts survival hopes

A five match run yielding thirteen points during February has given Daventry a fighting chance of survival in the Premier Division, with a Dave Stone inspired 5-0 win at Desborough on the 19th the pick of the victories. Stone scored four times in the win at the Waterworks Field.

Long term injury victim Darren Towers has returned to action after four month on the sidelines while veteran goalkeeper Paul Warnecki has also returned to first team action. The arrival of Kyle Pacey-Vigo from Northampton Spencer has added to Town's striking options for the run in.

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Ex-Buckby duo join Burton

Former Long Buckby managerial duo Geoff Green and Kevin Townsend have become the latest to try and turn around Burton Park Wanderers' fortunes. The pair spent a year working together at Station Road as Buckby escaped relegation from the Premier Division in the 2002-03 season. When Green left Buckby at Christmas 2003 Townsend briefly took the reins himself. They join Roger Patrick in a three man backroom team at Latimer Park.

The influence of the new managerial partnership has already been apparent with Stony Stratford's Craig Townsend and former Buckby teammates Paul McConnell and Paul Gilligan all joining from Townsend's patch in the Milton Keynes area along with another player from Stony, Shaun Robinson. Hailing from Green's Grantham base are ex-Bourne pair Darryl Chappell and Mark Wilson. Another important addition to the squad is Stefan Tinworth who rejoins Burton from Raunds.

Romans making progress

Irchester's dream of installing floodlights at Alfred Street is set to become a reality after the award of £50,000 towards the cost by the Football Stadia Improvement Fund. It is hoped that the lights will be operational for the start of the new season. Further off field improvements are planned for next year which should enable the Romans to play in the FA Vase for season 2006-07. The installation of lights has provided the club with the opportunity of applying for membership of the midweek Northants Senior Youth League.

The club has been boosted further by the announcement of a sponsorship with Gladwish Land Sales who sponsor around ninety clubs around the country along with the Nationwide Conference League Cup competition and the Hellenic League. The sponsorship provides Irchester with new home and away kit and also the opportunity to participate in the newly formed GLS Quadrangle Cup competition.

A recent arrival on the playing front is ex-Rushden & Diamonds youngster Luke Tyler.

Galbraith calls time on Eynesbury reign

One of the longest serving managers in Division One, Eynesbury chief Steve Galbraith, has announced his impending departure from Hall Road. He will remain at the helm until the end of the current season unless the club is able to appoint a successor before the end of the campaign.

Galbraith made the switch from neighbours St Neots, where he was reserve team manager, in December 2000. He was unable to save Eynesbury from relegation that season and after consolidating in Division One he mounted a promotion challenge with Rovers last term, only for a late slump to deny Eynesbury a top flight return.

Lankies benefit from Raunds changes

An influx of new players at Raunds has had a knock on effect at Division One neighbours Higham, who have picked up a trio of players from the Shopmates.

Cousins Matthew and ex-Lanky Adam Taylor were first to make the switch after finding their opportunities for action limited at Kiln Park, and Phil Woolley was quick to follow in their footsteps by signing from the Shopmates.

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Rangers back on top

Sileby regained pole position in Division One on 12 March with a 3-0 win over morning leaders St Ives whose defeat was their first in 17 matches. The win was not without a price though as striker Mike Battams ruptured a medial ligament and will now miss the remainder of the season.

Better news on the injury front is the return of Rob Stewart who has been missing with an ankle injury and Marshall Dodd, now recovered from a chipped collarbone. Also rejoining the squad is experienced midfielder Scott McGuinness who has been playing for Pitsford for the last couple of months.

Everdell closes in on milestone

St Ives player manager Warren Everdell is homing in on a remarkable career milestone. He is now within touching distance of completing 600 appearances in first team UCL football for the Westwood Road club. His appearance at Sileby on 12th March was his 596th for the club.

That match saw the Saints' best ever run of results in UCL football ended by a 3-0 defeat. St Ives had been unbeaten in their previous sixteen Division One matches, fourteen of which had been won.

Huntingdon pip continental opposition

17th March was a memorable day for Huntingdon Town as they staged a match against continental opposition at Jubilee Park.

Chairman Hans Reif's business contacts in Switzerland set up a mid season training camp at Huntingdon for Swiss 4th Division pacesetters Bassersdorf as they prepared to resume their season after the winter break, and a match against their host club was on the agenda. Two goals from Paul Nevill and one from Paul Bass gave Huntingdon a 3-2 victory, Renato Campagnito and Jimmy Zumberovic replying for Bassersdorf.

The links between the clubs could also enable Town to pay a return visit to Switzerland for a future pre season tour.

Doughboys given the nod for return

The famous old name of Wellingborough Town will be back in the Eagle Bitter UCL for the 2005-06 season. The Doughboys, Northamptonshire's oldest club, folded three years ago after finishing bottom of the Premier Division.

In the last year a syndicate of local businessmen has reformed the club as Wellingborough Town 2004. Work has been going on to make the near derelict Dog & Duck ground fit to stage football again and the club has been playing in the Northants Senior Youth League this season.

The Football Association has now approved the Doughboys' application for a return to UCL football for 2005-06, rather than requiring a return to the non league pyramid at step 7. This has been sanctioned on the basis that Wellingborough's admission does not restrict promotion within the existing feeder system.

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Arrows and Royals set up semi-final showdown

Harrowby overcame Lincolnshire rivals Blackstones 3-1 at Lincoln Road to book a semi-final place in the Knockout Cup for the first time. Ian Dunn and Jason Sedlan scored first half goals to put the Arrows in control before Marcus Keirle replied for Stones early in the second half. Martin Wormall sealed Harrowby's win late on.

In the last of the quarter final ties Potton overcame Division One leaders Sileby at The Hollow, a lone Brett Donnelly strike just before the interval proving decisive and booking a last four trip to Harrowby.

Deeping and Stotfold to contest reserve final

Deeping and Stotfold both defeated Reserve Division Two opposition to book their places in the final of the Reserve Knockout Cup on 13 April. Two second half goals from Paul Kirk gave Rangers a 2-1 home win over Thrapston, who were briefly on terms through Phil Cancelliere, while the other semi was even tighter as the Eagles needed a penalty shootout to see off Irchester. Kane Dougherty's first half strike for Stotfold was quickly cancelled out by Anthony Lawrence on resumption. The shootout was won 5-3 by the Eagles.

Many of the players in final action are likely to be in direct opposition the following week. Both sides include a sizeable contingent of under 18 players and the clubs meet again on 20 April in the Eastern Counties Youth League Cup final!

County cups round up: Cuckoos through again

Huntingdonshire Senior Cup holders Yaxley have reached the final of this season's competition and have an all Peterborough derby against Ortonians to look forward to after a 4-0 win over St Ives in the semi-final. Peter Miller, Simon Acton, Mark Paul and Mark Kingston shared the goals.

After losing the final of the Berks & Bucks Senior Trophy last season Buckingham are hoping to go one better this season. Their semi at high flying Hellenic League Abingdon United finished 1-1 after extra time, Junior George the Robins marksman.

The Huntingdonshire Premier Cup is still in its early stages but Huntingdon Town have booked a semi-final place by beating Ortonians 1-0 under the Jubilee Park lights. Paul Bass won the contest for Town. Other recent action in this competition has seen Stotfold edge past St Ives 2-1 with Paul Garrett and Wes Byrne on target, while Wootton progressed to the last eight with a 3-2 success at Biggleswade Town, Darek Jozwiak scoring two and Chris Johnson one.

The second strings of Yaxley and St Neots will again go head to head in a county final this term after semi-final successes in the Huntingdonshire Scott-Gatty Cup. Holders Yaxley saw off Great Paxton 5-0 with Scott Cunningham, John Firman, James Picillo and two goal Talal Karama on the scoresheet while the Saints, now in the Bedfordshire County Reserve League, ended hopes of an all-UCL final by beating local rivals Eynesbury 2-1.

Whitworths Reserves will meet Corby Grampian in the Northants Lower Junior Cup final at Desborough after edging out another Corby side, Hellenic, in the semi. Manager Steve Medlin put the Flourmen through with a last minute winner for his side.

The Lincolnshire Senior Cup 'A' final between Harrowby and Winterton will be played at Gainsborough Trinity's Northolme ground on 5th April. Raunds will have home advantage against Rothwell Town in the Northants Hillier Senior Cup final on 12th April while the Junior Cup final between Blisworth and Eye will again be staged at Nene Park, 21st April the date.

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Allan Crick takes over as general secretary/treasurer designate

Following Roger Gamble's decision to step down as general secretary and treasurer, Allan Crick has been appointed general secretary/treasurer designate of the Eagle Bitter United Counties Football League.

Allan has been secretary of Boston Town for the last decade or so and was previously involved at committee level at Desborough Town, the club where he played for many years.

Allan has also been treasurer of both the Boston Saturday and Sunday leagues for the last couple of seasons.

The league would like to place on record its thanks to Roger for his hard work on behalf of the league over the past 17 years, the longest tenure of any secretary post war.

Keeble and Everdell the top February managers

The league's managerial awards for February have been won by Shaun Keeble of Holbeach in the Premier Division and Warren Everdell of St Ives in Division One. Unusually both award winners are player-managers!

Keeble's experienced Holbeach squad have emerged as contenders for a second top flight title in three seasons. The Tigers notched up five wins in six Premier Division matches during February, with fellow contenders Cogenhoe and Potton both among their victims during the month.

Everdell's Saints side extended their unbeaten run in Division One to 16 games with three more February wins. Their nine point haul, coupled with an impressive 5-1 win over league rivals Eynesbury in the Huntingdonshire Senior Cup, earned Everdell his second award in the space of three months.

Daldy and Westley share Goalscorer award

For the second time this season the Goalscorer of the Month award was shared during February. Two Division One marksmen who have been banging in the goals for years, James Daldy of Whitworths and James Westley of Higham, shared the award. The duo both scored seven goals in just four games during the month.

Daldy's goals have helped keep Whitworths in the Division One title race. His February haul included a hat trick against Kempston and two goals apiece against both Bugbrooke and Thrapston.

Westley claimed two February hat tricks, against Eynesbury and Burton Park, completing his haul for the month with a single goal against Rothwell Corinthians.

Brydon the second top keeper

Lee Brydon of Corby Cottingham has become the second winner of the Hereward Sports sponsored Goalkeeper of the Month award.

Clean sheets against Rothwell Corinthians, ON Chenecks and Eynesbury during February won the Rockingham Triangle stopper the award for the month.

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Transfer trail

With the transfer deadline less than two weeks away the transfer market has finally burst into life! The double century milestone is about to be achieved for the first time since 1993. The men on the move in the last five weeks are as follows:-

162.	Richard Stainsby	Bourne Town to Blackstones
163.	Richard Jones	Bourne Town to Blackstones
164.	Andy Duddy	Burton Park Wanderers to Rothwell Corinthians
165.	Neil Addy	Burton Park Wanderers to Rothwell Corinthians
166.	Ben Foster	Cogenhoe United to Ford Sports Daventry
167.	Fazel Koriya	Cogenhoe United to Long Buckby
168.	Adam Smith	Wootton Blue Cross to St Neots Town
169.	Darryl Chappell	Bourne Town to Burton Park Wanderers
170.	Mark Wilson	Bourne Town to Burton Park Wanderers
171.	Glen Thompson	Daventry Town to Raunds Town
172.	Adam Hancock	Cogenhoe United to Raunds Town
173.	Kyle Pacey-Vigo	Northampton Spencer to Daventry Town
174.	Luke Weston	Raunds Town to Yaxley
175.	Lloyd Buchan	Spalding United to Yaxley
176.	Kevin Fox	Stewarts & Lloyds Corby to Rothwell Town
177.	Matthew Broomes	Raunds Town to Northampton ON Chenecks
178.	Simon McCarthy	Cogenhoe United to Raunds Town
179.	Stefan Tinworth	Raunds Town to Burton Park Wanderers
180.	Mark Hackett	Desborough Town to Cogenhoe United
181.	Adam Taylor	Raunds Town to Higham Town
182.	Matthew Taylor	Raunds Town to Higham Town
183.	Tyrone Hicks	Raunds Town to Rothwell Town
184.	Craig Archer	Woodford United to Ford Sports Daventry
185.	Ben Webster	Wootton Blue Cross to St Neots Town
186.	Keith Coughlin	Potton United to Stotfold
187.	Simon Underwood	Buckingham Town to Cogenhoe United
188.	John Edwards	Harrowby United to Bourne Town
189.	Ashley Bradshaw	Long Buckby to Cogenhoe United
190.	Steve Thompson	Wootton Blue Cross to St Neots Town
191.	John Bowden	Burton Park Wanderers to Rothwell Corinthians
192.	Jerry Moss	Northampton Spencer to Ford Sports Daventry
193.	Michael Coles	Rothwell Town to Desborough Town
194.	Andy Williams	Bourne Town to Holbeach United
195.	Tom McGarrity	Ford Sports Daventry to Woodford United
196.	Phil Woolley	Raunds Town to Higham Town
197.	Karl Shackleton	Daventry Town to Long Buckby
198.	Scott Marshall	Desborough Town to Blackstones
199.	Mark Lyte	Long Buckby to Daventry Town

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Cups round-up

League Knockout Cup

Third Round – outstanding ties

Blackstones 1 Harrowby 3; Potton 1 Sileby 0.

Semi-finals

Buckingham v Woodford (31/3); Harrowby v Potton (2/4).

Reserve Knockout Cup

Semi-finals

Irchester 1 Stotfold 1 aet, Stotfold won 5-3 on penalties; Deeping 2 Thrapston 1.

FINAL

Deeping v Stotfold (13/4 @ St Neots).

Berks & Bucks Senior Trophy

Semi-final

Abingdon United 1 BUCKINGHAM 1 aet, replay 23/3.

Huntingdonshire Senior Cup

Semi-final

YAXLEY 4 ST IVES 0.

FINAL

Ortonians v YAXLEY (2/5 @ St Neots).

Huntingdonshire Premier Cup

First Round – outstanding ties

STOTFOLD 2 ST IVES 1; Biggleswade Town 2 WOOTTON 3.

Second Round

HUNTINGDON 1 Ortonians 0; STOTFOLD v WOOTTON (22/3); YAXLEY v Great Paxton (22/3).

Semi-finals

HUNTINGDON v Langford; YAXLEY/Great Paxton v STOTFOLD/WOOTTON.

Huntingdonshire Scott-Gatty Cup

Semi-finals

YAXLEY RESERVES 5 Great Paxton Reserves 0; St Neots Reserves 2 EYNESBURY RESERVES 1.

FINAL

St Neots Reserves v YAXLEY RESERVES (20/4 @ Huntingdon).

Huntingdonshire Benevolent Cup

Semi-final

St Neots Reserves 3 EYNESBURY RESERVES 0.

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Cups round-up - continued

Lincolnshire Senior Cup 'A'

FINAL

HARROWBY v Winterton (5/4 @ Gainsborough)

Northamptonshire Hillier Senior Cup

FINAL

RAUNDS v Rothwell Town (12/4)

Northamptonshire Junior Cup

FINAL

BLISWORTH v CORBY COTTINGHAM (21/4 @ Rushden & Diamonds)

Northamptonshire Lower Junior Cup

Quarter final

Islip 0 WHITWORTHS RESERVES 2.

Semi-final

WHITWORTHS RESERVES 1 Corby Hellenic 0.

FINAL

Corby Grampian v WHITWORTHS RESERVES (19/4 @ Desborough).

Buckingham Charity Cup

Quarter final replay

Winslow v NEWPORT PAGNELL.

Semi-final

Winslow/NEWPORT PAGNELL v WOOTTON

Daventry Charity Cup

First Round

COGENHOE v WOODFORD (23/3); NORTHAMPTON SPENCER 4 DAVENTRY 3; SILEBY v FORD SPORTS.

Second Round – outstanding ties

NORTHAMPTON SPENCER v Crick; COGENHOE/WOODFORD v SILEBY/FORD SPORTS

Hinchingsbrooke Cup

Quarter finals – outstanding ties

YAXLEY 4 BLACKSTONES 0; POTTON 2 Langford 0.

Semi-finals

POTTON v Barton Rovers; YAXLEY v ST NEOTS.

North Beds Charity Cup

Semi-final

POTTON v WOOTTON (30/3).

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Cups round-up – continued

Biggleswade Knockout Cup

Second Round

Biggleswade Town Reserves v STOTFOLD RESERVES.

South Midlands Reserve Knockout Cup

Quarter finals

Potton Reserves v EYNESBURY RESERVES (23/3); STOTFOLD RESERVES v Hoddesdon Reserves.

Bill Mitchelson Memorial Cup

Semi-final

BOURNE RESERVES v Edenham (22/3).

FINAL

BOURNE RESERVES/Edenham v Langtoft.

Norwegians take on UCL opposition

Norwegian Second Division club Kjelsas are preparing for their 2005 league campaign, which starts in April, with a mid season tour in England, and two of our member clubs are assisting them in their preparations.

On Saturday 19th March Kjelsas will take on Raunds at Kiln Park, the Shopmates having taken the opportunity of a blank league date to set up this match. Two days later on Monday 21st March St Neots will provide the opposition for the Norwegian outfit at Rowley Park.

Snippets

Blackstones have signed Bourne youngsters, goalkeeper Richard Stainsby and defender Richard Jones...
.New faces in the **Ford Sports** squad are defender Jerry Moss, recruited from Northampton Spencer, and former Cogenhoe midfielder Ben Foster....**Newport Pagnell** have added prolific Potters Bar marksman Kevin Hyde to their squad. The Swans have to replay their Buckingham Charity Cup quarter final at Winslow as goalkeeper Andy Partlow was cup tied, having earlier played in the competition for Wootton...
.Stewarts & Lloyds have midfielder David Glass back in action after nine months on the sidelines through injury....Work on **Woodford's** new facilities at Byfield Road is scheduled to start on 25th April....**Wootton** have signed former Enfield striker Scott McGregor while Paul Lawrence is fit again after a knee injury and Andy Carey has returned after an absence with family commitments....**Yaxley** utility man Peter Miller has left Leading Drove to join the US Air Force, but Andy Chapman is back in action after being injured in only the second game of the season back in August.....**Blisworth** have added former Corby midfielder Greg Randall to their squad....**Corby Cottingham** pair Paul Djeneralovic and Carl Lambert will miss the remainder of the season through injury....Latest addition to the title chasing **Eye** squad is defender Sam Kingston from Oundle....**ON Chenecks** have recruited Raunds striker Matthew Broomes....**Olney** midfielder Tom Collins is set for a return to action next season after having a knee operation.

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Leading goalscorers

Premier Division (to 16 March)

- 28 – B. Donnelly (Potton), M. Wormall (Harrowby)
- 22 – D. Frost (Northampton Spencer)
- 21 – R. Turner (Cogenhoe)
- 20 – S. Kuhne (Potton)
- 16 – D. Jozwiak (Wootton), D. Matson (Boston)
- 15 – J. Gilsenan (Blackstones – including 13 for Cogenhoe), R. Hailstone (Yaxley)
- 14 – P. Garrett (Stotfold), R. Max-Grant (Buckingham)
- 13 – A. Stevens (Deeping – including 5 for Yaxley)
- 12 – K. Childs (Holbeach), D. Collins (Cogenhoe), G. Donnelly (Desborough)
- 11 – L. Harrold (St Neots), I. Pearce (Ford Sports), D. Stone (Daventry)
- 10 – R. Anderson (Cogenhoe), B. Chambers (Wootton), N. Gordon (Woodford), T. Gosling, N. Keeble (Holbeach), G. Santoro (Deeping), S. Taylor (Harrowby)

Division One (to 16 March)

- 26 – J. Daldy (Whitworths), J. Shaw (Sleaford)
- 25 – P. Carey (Eynesbury)
- 19 – C. Ewles (St Ives), G. Turner (Sileby)
- 18 – A. Taylor (Sileby – including 3 for Irchester), J. Westley (Higham)
- 14 – D. Briffa (Rothwell Corinthians)
- 13 – M. Battams (Sileby), J. Blake (Thrapston), T. Ielapi (Rothwell Corinthians), M. Kent (Kempston), P. Sloley (Bugbrooke)
- 12 – R. Holderness (Sleaford), G. Thackray (St Ives)
- 11 – B. Albone, J. Donald (Eynesbury), M. Freeman (Whitworths)
- 10 – M. Collins (Blisworth), D. Harding (Thrapston), L. Kennett (St Ives), S. Phillips, D. Salerno (Eye)

Reserve Division One (to 12 March)

- 20 – C. Haughton (Rothwell)
- 15 – K. Bates (Northampton Spencer)
- 13 – M. Goodwin (Sileby), C. Sampson (Northampton Spencer)
- 12 – P. Pickering (Northampton Spencer), J. Goode (Deeping), A. Hancock (Raunds – all for Cogenhoe)
- 11 – N. Smith (Stotfold)
- 10 – S. Cunningham (Yaxley), R. Forbes, P. Simpson (Stewarts & Lloyds)

Reserve Division Two (to 12 March)

- 23 – C. Trill (Ford Sports)
- 17 – T. Waldock (Ford Sports)
- 14 – D. Barham (Spalding)
- 12 – P. Currier (Ford Sports – including 2 for Woodford), D. Edey (Spalding), D. King (Irchester)
- 10 – S. Farrow (ON Chenecks)