



Milton Keynes League: Howard's Way

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While the sides in the 6 lower divisions battled away in the Cup this week, the '6 team' Premier elite were fitting in another round of matches from their separate and more expansive fixture chart. As usual, the matches were well contested and choice of 'player of the week' a difficult one to call.

Nick Howard's brilliant season continued with yet another maximum and an unprecedented third win over MK Sasaki's Dan Smalley. And with Guy Sparrow at last finding some form with a decent brace, that included victory over dangerous Dan, that elusive first Kings' win may not be far away. That's a 3rd draw in the last 5 matches now for the bottom team while Sasaki's lead at the top is reduced to 5 points over the chasing pack.

2nd placed MK Spinners saw off the always solid MK Kingpins outfit 6-4 with another Alan Cherry hat-trick, a overdue brace from Gary Jones and a combined doubles win from the Spinners' pair. Minesh Pitamber guested for the former champions without getting on the scoresheet.

MK Bandits star summer signings swept their new team to it's biggest ever Premier win, and against the champions too. Young guns Matt Evans and Jamie Hendy scored maximums in a 9-1 success while Tom Nowakowski took a consolation point with a win over Michael Wilkins. A rare blank here for Nigel Metcalfe. If Bandits can keep turning out their young guns together then they will be collecting silverware at the end of the season, and what a 'rags to riches' story that would be, for not so long ago Bandits were floundering in the lower reaches of Division 2.

Player of the week is Nick Howard.

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