

BFL Cup 1st round look ahead

The inaugural BFL Challenge Cup kicks off this weekend. We look ahead to the ten ties. Scores will be updated through the weekend just head to the [Website](#) and click BFL cup. We have 42 games on Saturday, three on Sunday and one on Friday night. This is the only round with domestic protection before the 6 bye teams join in the 2nd round.

Rash In The Attic v Phoenix Flyers



2nd in the BFL (Didsbury League)
Current Score: 11 (11-7)



1st in the Original League
22 (25-3)

Gary's Phoenix Flyers are indeed off to a flying start with a cross-league best of 25 goals with a line lead by Josh Sargent and Omari Patrick. PF only have one player, Greg Leigh, yet to find the back of the net. GK Everton face a misfiring Villa at home (3pm) who are yet to score.

Mark's RitA had a tough start to the season with Wigan haemorrhaging nine and a Delap injury forcing early transfers. Wigan are replaced by Gillingham (who face midtable Notts Co at home). Main man Salah doesn't play until Sunday but will there be too much to do to catch the Flyers?

Line ups:

RiTA: Gillingham, Michal Helik, Bobby Thomas, Mohamed Salah, Dan Kemp, Phil Foden, Joao Pedro, Jean-Philippe Mateta, Adam Armstrong, Nathan Lowe, Nicke Kamamba

PF: Everton, Bobby Thomas, Greg Leigh, Brennan Johnson, Antoine Semenyo, Omari Patrick, Cameron Archer, Michael Cheek, Joao Pedro, Chris Wood, Josh Sargent

Dreamer's Dregs v Wooden Spoon Army



11th; 0 (4–4)



7th; 8 (9–1)

A start to forget for the Dreamers being firmly back on the mark (although far from the wooden spoon). Their defense has picked up three of the their four goals so far. GK Man City face cross city rivals on Sunday afternoon.

WSA would be 3rd if they were in the BFL with their steady start and could have the tie wrapped up on Saturday night: Chelsea play in the late kick off with leading goal scorers Kibia and Lowe featuring in the afternoon.

DD: Manchester City, Adebola Oluwu, Harry Darling, Justin Kluivert, Kwame Poku, Mohammed Kudus, Jaden Philogene, Josh Windass, Mike Fondop, Tom Cannon, Will Grigg

WSA: Chelsea, Harrison Burke, Ross Mccrorie, Yoane Wissa, Florian Wirtz, Jarrod Bowen, Ollie Watkins, Nathan Lowe, Nahki Wells, Promise Omochere, Jaze Kibia

CF Cala Alcaufar v Glens



3rd; 9 (12–3)



3rd; 13 (15–1)

Two on form teams make up the third tie. Perennial winners Glens find themselves 3rd and will know how many goals they will need to be made up with Arsenal playing in the early kick off against Forest (new manager bounce?). League favourite Keillor-Dunn is their top scorer and early transfer Carlton Morris adding another three.

Another team with Everton in goal and Sargent top scoring, CFCA have made three transfers already, although none have found the net. Star signing Fernandes will need to score more for an upset here.

CFCA: Everton, Ian Maatsen, Jeremie Frimpong, Bruno Fernandes, Antoine Semenyo, Nick Woltemade, Evanilson, Josh Sargent, Emre Tezgel, Divin Mubama, Scott Twine

Glens: Arsenal, Bali Mumba, Max Cleworth, Davis Keillor-Dunn, Sammie Szmodics, Josh Koroma, Alfie May, Colby Bishop, John Marquis, Carlton Morris, Nick Woltemade

Atletico DEC v Surreal Madrid



13th; -1 (7-8)



2nd; 14 (17-3)

Another major mismatch with 2nd from top playing 2nd from bottom. Atleti are still underwater and are one of two teams with three managers, showing three heads are not necessarily better than one. They have a leaky MK Dons in goal and have three joint top scorers each with two goals apiece.

Across the proverbial Spanish capital are Surreal Madrid. Were they in the BFL, they would be leading by two. Newcastle host Wolves and joint top scorers (this time with four each) Keiffer Moor and James Collins look to extend their tallies.

Atleti: Milton Keynes Dons, Harrison Burrows, Aaron Hickey, Bukayo Saka, Kaoru Mitoma, Illiman Ndiaye, Alfie May, Aaron Connolly, Lorent Tolaj, Kevin Schade, Luca Kjerrumgaard

SM: Newcastle, Adebola Oluwo, Jayden Bogle, Armando Dobra, Conor Chaplin, Charlie Webster, James Collins, Kieffer Moore, Mike Fondop, Paul Mullin, Will Grigg

Nutmeg Utd v Munters United



12th; 0 (3-3)



11th; 1 (7-6)

A potentially low scoring thriller makes up the fifth tie as we see the clash of the Uniteds. Duffy's Nutmeg finds themselves in the rare position of not being rock bottom of the BFL but still not off the mark. They have the lowest number of goals scored across both leagues with only Palace saving their blushes from being at the bottom.

Munters have six outfield players on the score sheet with ex-Wycombe diva Richard Kone as their top scorer. Only Gakpo (MU), Silva (NU) and Diaz (NU) play on Sunday with one goal between the three. Palace host upstarts Sunderland while the Cherries host fellow south coasters Brighton in a tie that could be all bar wrapped up by tea time.

Nutmeg U: Crystal Palace, Ruben Diaz, William Saliba, Bernardo Silva, Declan Rice, Morgan Gibbs-White, Danny Rose, Emil Riis Jakobsen, Jerry Yates, Matty Godden, Raul Jimenez

Munters U: Bournemouth, Fabian Schar, Marc Cucurella, Cody Gakpo, Malik Mothersille, Harvey Knibbs, Yousef Salech, Richard Kone, Louie Barry, Cole Stockton, Charlie Kelman

Wenger Boys v #holyf**k



4th; 9 (9–6)



8th; 7 (8–6)

Both teams have had rocky starts to this season having replaced their keepers in the end of August (WB Wycombe for Cardiff and #hf opting for Boro over Colchester) as well as both having Gyokeres as their marquee signing, essentially reducing the tie to 10 v 10. Michael Cheek of Bromley is the Boys' top scorer while Wootton of Stockport makes his debut against their own GK, Cardiff.

#holyf**fk are relying on Boro to keep PNE at bay while hoping that Kvistgaarden (\$28) opens his account this weekend at Coventry.

WB: Cardiff, Gabriel Magalhaes, Marc Cucurella, Luke Molyneux, Christopher Nkunku, John Swift, Viktor Gyokeres, Michael Cheek, Jorgen Strand Larsen, Richard Kone, Kyle Wootton

#hf: Middlesbrough, Dan Burn, Luke Garbutt, Cameron McGeehan, Dan Ndoye, Josh Brownhill, Viktor Gyokeres, Mathias Kvistgaarden, Jayden Stockley, Kabongo Tshimanga, Lorent Tolaj

Erimus v King's XI



7th; 1 (7–6)



12th; -1 (5–6)

Two teams trying to tread water with one just above level and one just below. Any goals from the King's XI from Harland or Gvardiol will immediately be nullified as they put them past their own keeper of Man U. However, a goal from Josko Gvardiol would help Erimus. Goals in the Bristol C game may be of interest with Riis and Mehmeti playing on both sides of the tie. Erimus will be hoping for a strong performance at Portman Rd as they feature the Tractor Boys in goal v Sheff U and Chuba Akpom upfront who has only featured in 55 mins of football so far this season.

Erimus: Ipswich, Josko Gvardiol, Pedro Porro, Anis Mehmeti, Alex Gilbey, Jack Rudoni, Aleksander Isak, Tommy Conway, Callum Lang, Millenic Alli, Chuba Akpom

KXI: Manchester United, Josko Gvardiol, Kyle Walker, Justin Kluivert, Leandro Trossard, Alejandro Garnacho, Erling Haaland, Omar Marmoush, Elijah Adebayo, Emil Riis, Mihailo Ivanovic

Naths Rovers v Newquay Hornets



10th; 1 (6–4)



13th; -2 (5–13)

A match that may be far from settled at 5pm on Saturday with four in action on Sunday (including Marmoush who may well not play at all) and a further two in the late late kickoff. NH have the worst defensive record of the 26 teams in the competition with an ill-fated transfer of Sheff U for MK Dons.

Ismaila Sarr is Naths/Robs Rover's top scorer. They have Luton in goal (home to Plymouth). Meanwhile NH only have 2 players outside of the PL, with Mateta top scoring; all eyes will be on Palace match on Saturday.

NR: Luton, Daniel Munoz, Virgil Van Dijk, Cole Palmer, Jarrod Bowen, Ismaila Sarr, Omar Marmoush, Matheus Cunha, Benjamin Sesko, Matt Dennis, Randol Kolo Muani

NH: Milton Keynes Dons, Michal Helik, Ben Chilwell, Morgan Rogers, Jack Grealish, Tijani Reijnders, Dominic Solanke, Jean-Philippe Mateta, Raul Jimenez, Richarlison, Will Swan

Shefspanyol v Creme D'Advocaat



9th; 1 (7–6)



10th; 1 (9–6)

A middle of the pack tie that could very much go either way. Both keepers are not in action until Sunday as well Ekitike and Reijnders for Shefspanyol and Cunha for CdA. There have been a run of early changes for Creme using 4 subs in the first month. Evans and Sarr are CdA's top scorers.

Shef: Manchester United, Luke Leahy, Fabian Schar, Eberechi Eze, Tijjani Reijnders, Xavi Simmons, Hugo Ekitike, Aaron Collins, Chris Wood, Cole Stockton, Kieffer Moore

CdA: Liverpool, Harrison Burrows, Brad Potts, Cole Palmer, Callum Robinson, Ismaila Sarr, Aaron Collins, Niall Ennis, Adam Armstrong, Will Evans, Matheus Cunha

Middlesbrotherrs v Dynamo Durham



8th; 1 (7–6)



6th; 8 (9–10)

Mr Multicloud Ownership has had his appeal at CAS turned down so his weaker side of Durham Dynamo are forced to feature here. New keeper West Brom make their first outing having replaced Chesterfield in net and Haji Wright looks to keep his run of form going.

Matty Stevens is the lead scorer for the Brothers. Big name Wirtz yet to score and Mbeumo netting two in a midfield heavy team. Liverpool feature at the back.

MBros: Liverpool, Harry Maguire, Ben Davies, Florian Wirtz, Bryan Mbeumo, Gustavo Hamer, Alassana Jatta, Amad Diallo, Nicolas Jackson, Danny Welbeck, Matty Stevens

DD: West Bromwich, Daniel Munoz, Luke Leahy, Eberechi Eze, Bukayo Saka, Dilan Markanday, Kyogo Furuhashi, Haji Wright, Benjamin Sesko, Chuba Akpom, Luca Kjerrumgaard