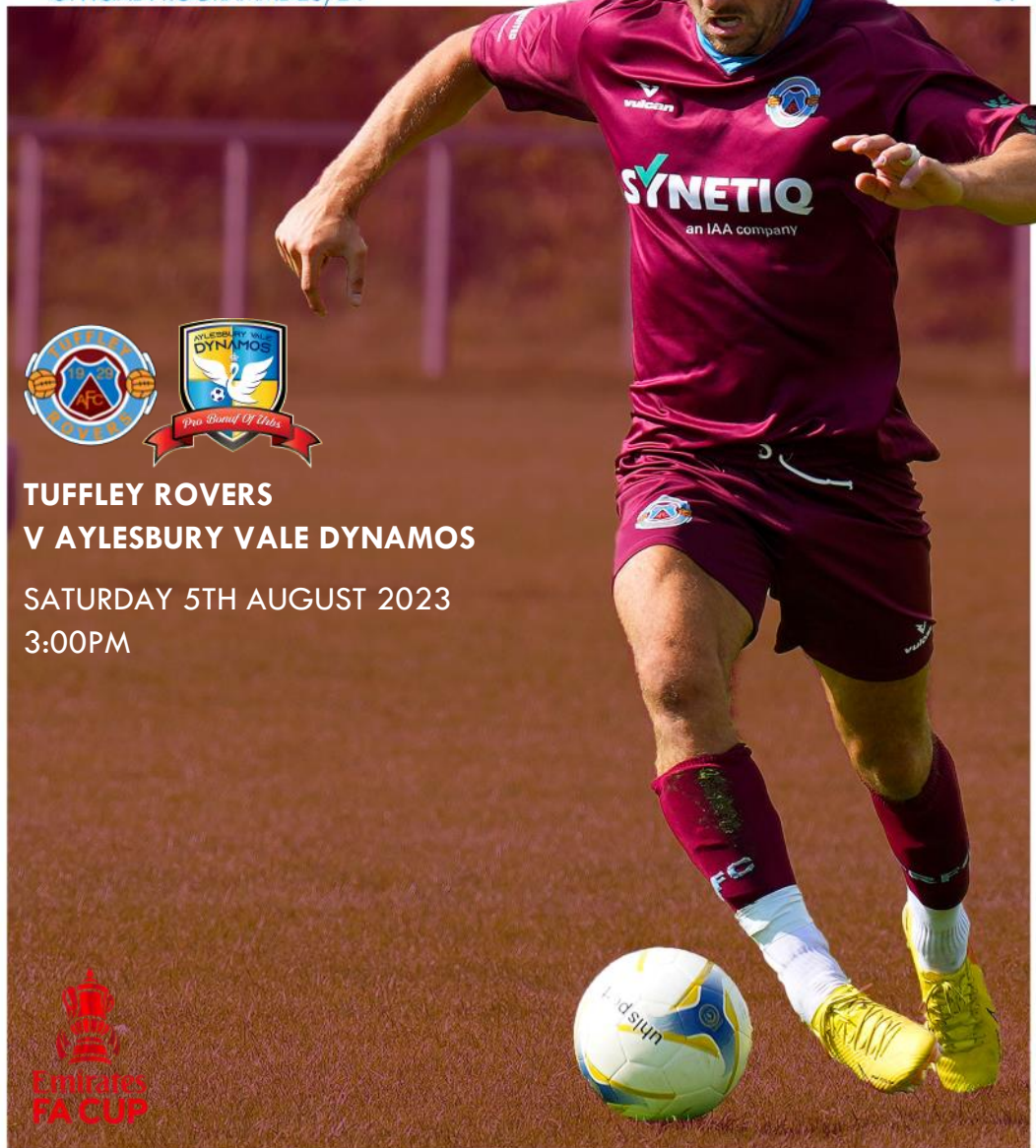


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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to everyone visiting Glevum Park this afternoon for the visit of Aylesbury Vale Dynamos. I would like to welcome all their players, supporters and officials to our home and although I hope they enjoy the visit, I certainly hope that we're still in the FA Cup come the end of the afternoon, so I don't want them to enjoy it too much!!

It seems like the last season ended five minutes ago but we're back at it again and looking forward to the season, full of hopes and dreams; all tempered by the knowledge that there will be some challenges along the way!

What I can promise to everyone is that Muzzy, his coaching team, the players and our committee want nothing more than to steer well clear of a relegation battle this year, to move up the table and compete on a weekly basis. That is not a dream but it will be tough because the Hellenic League, like a lot of Step 5/6 competitions, is full of teams with big budgets and aspirations to move up to the next level. We are realistic about our place at that table, but also aspire to do as well as we possibly can.

An FA Cup 'hero' returned to the club this week and it will be great to see Sam Hill turn out in an FA Cup squad again. I don't think many of us will forget the day he scored that late, late winner at Leighton Town and what any of us would give for some FA Cup magic, once again!

The League is our bread and butter but we want to build on all the hard work that has been done, on and off the field in the last 10-15 years. A 0-0 draw on Wednesday was a fantastic result but it is only a small part of the foundations for a successful 2023/24 season. I hope you're all with us for the ride and we can give you something to celebrate.

Today will be a day where either dreams come true or memories are created. What a privilege it is to play in this competition. I love the FA Cup.

In Muzzy We Trust!

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to read this and support our humble football programme. I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

(a selection of Emirates FA Cup ties involving local teams and Hellenic League teams)

Emirates FA Cup – Extra Preliminary Round

Brimscombe & Thrupp v Highworth Town

Cribbs v Longlevens

Fairford Town v Aylesbury United

Lydney Town v Roman Glass St George

Slimbridge v Reading City

Tuffley Rovers v Aylesbury Vale Dynamos

Wokingham & Emmbrook v Cinderford Town

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Good afternoon all and welcome to Glevum Park for the first time this season. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all of the committee, supporters, players and coaching team of our opposition today, Aylesbury Vale Dynamos, who we will face in this FA Cup clash.

Today is very special for those playing in what might be the first time they have competed in this very special competition, and something that will live long in the memories even when the boots have been hung up.

In the off season Muzzy has recruited well in the playing department but also within his coaching staff, so it is my pleasure to officially welcome Sam Tandy, Liam O'Neill and Alex Butler who join Muzzy in the dugout this season.

A busy off season for the club with the return of the youth tournament held here in May, with the event a major success on and off the field for the club, and an enjoyable experience for all those that attended over the two days. We then also hosted a two day Scooter Club Rally, a first event for the Scooter enthusiast and for us as a club and again, a great experience for all, albeit the typical British Summer causing a few rain delays to various planned activities. These events would not be possible without the support of a small but loyal band of volunteers across both adult and youth section. As always, a huge thankyou to those that give up so much to enable everyone that attends a game or event here to have a great time.

I am always optimistic this time of year that we will have a much less stressful season on the field, and again I am very positive that Muzzy, his coaching team and the players will have a great season. We should realistically target a mid-table finish and a decent run in one of the cup competitions.

I hope everyone enjoys the hospitality here today and we all witness a great game of football.

Have a great day and a safe trip home.

- Dan

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TUFFLEY ROVERS CLUB HISTORY



The late Donald E Hall founded Tuffley Rovers FC in 1929. The Club's Headquarters were in a former railway carriage, which served as Mr Hall's Boot and Shoe repair shop on the Stroud Road at Tuffley in the City Of Gloucester. The Club started its playing life in the North Gloucestershire League. Senior XI Championship honours include that of the North Gloucestershire League and Stroud and District League (4 times) and in 1987/1988 the Club were Champions of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and gained promotion to the Gloucestershire County League.

After two seasons of consolidation the Club won the County League Title in 1990/1991, their application to join the Hellenic League was successful and they were accepted into Hellenic Division One. Progress continued as in the 1992/1993 season Rovers were Champions of Division One and also Division One League Cup Winners and after promotion competed in the Premier Division of the Hellenic League from 1993/1994, regularly finishing in the top half of the table. The 1998/1999 season saw Tuffley win the Norman Matthew's Floodlit Cup defeating Carterton Town in the final. Whilst the Club enjoyed this success, the 2nd XI and 3rd XI also gained promotion and championship honours. The 1998/1999 season saw the 2nd XI win the Northern Senior League and reach the finals of both the County Cup and League Cup, unfortunately losing out on both occasions. Promotion, however, was not possible as reserve teams were not allowed at that point to enter the Gloucestershire County League and progress further up the pyramid system.

The Club continued to thrive in the Hellenic League and managed to win the Floodlit Cup again in the 2002/2003 season defeating Brackley Town over two legs in the final. However, the ever-changing ground grading requirements, if the club was to remain in the Hellenic League, and the financial strain these improvements imposed on the Club forced Tuffley Rovers to make the decision to withdraw from the Hellenic League in 2005 and settle for local football in Gloucestershire.

After a difficult start Rovers were crowned champions of Division 2 of the Northern Senior League in the 2005/2006 season and were promoted to Division 1. After a slow start the team put together a consistent run and managed to claim the Division 1 Title as well as win the GFA Senior Amateur Cup and reach the final of the Reg Davis Memorial League Cup.

A return to the Gloucestershire County League followed and the club finished a very creditable 4th place (2007/8) but the summer of 2008 saw a number of senior players retire. Over the next few seasons, an evolving squad finished 11th, 3rd, 6th and 3rd in the County League, before the 2012/13 Season marked an improvement for the club. After challenging for league championship honours all season, the club couldn't quite maintain the form to secure the title, finishing second. However, this was enough to gain promotion to the Hellenic League Division One (West) for the 2013/14 season.

On their return to the Hellenic League, The Rovers saw a season that witnessed some turmoil – including the departure of manager, Doug Foxwell – to record a decent sixth place finish and some good cup results. This was followed up with the Runners'-up spot in 2014/15 and promotion back to the Hellenic Premier Division, exactly ten years after they had withdrawn from the League.

The first season saw a struggle against relegation, ultimately resulting in the resignation of Warren Evans as manager, before the club retained their status due to a vacancy in the league, after finishing 17th. Mark Pritchett was then appointed as Player/Manager and took the side to consecutive 10th placed finishes, before a 15th place finish in 2018/19. Two pandemic affected seasons then passed, with Pritchett leaving the club part-way through. Rich Cox took over as Manager for a single season, but resigned midway through 2021/22 after a disastrous run of results. Former Manchester United player Neil Mustoe then took over, steering the club away from danger (finishing in 17th place).

Since the resumption of full-playing activities, Mustoe has had one full campaign, with the club finishing in 18th place and narrowly avoiding relegation from the Hellenic League Premier Division.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Good afternoon and welcome to Glevum Park to all players management, officials from Aylesbury Vale Dynamos and to supporters from both sides.

After a great away point at Worcester City on Tuesday evening, where we opened our league campaign, we go into today's game off the back of a positive midweek result.

I am clear that there is still plenty to improve on, but after a mixed bag of pre-season results it was good to go into competitive action and to get a clean sheet against one of the title favourites was particularly pleasing.

I have no doubt that today's game will be a tough one. I don't know much about Aylesbury Vale Dynamos but I am sure it is going to be a hard encounter and we will need to be at our best to get a result. After last year's injury time defeat, at this stage, hopefully we get the rub of the green and experience a bit of the magic of the FA Cup and progress.

It has been a very long time since the club have had any sort of run in this competition. I hope we can change that today.

Enjoy the game and afternoon.

- Muzz

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2	Longlevens AFC	1	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	4	3	1	3
3	Corsham Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
4	Cinderford Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	1	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1	
5	Westfields	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	1	0	3	3	0	1	1	
6	Fairford Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
7	Hereford Lads Club	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
8	Hereford Pegasus	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
9	Highworth Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
10	Mangotsfield United	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
11	Pershore Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
12	Slimbridge	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
13	Tuffley Rovers	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
14	Worcester City	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
15	Worcester Raiders	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
16	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17	Thornbury Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18	Lydney Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	1	3	4	-1	0		
19	Roman Glass St George	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0	
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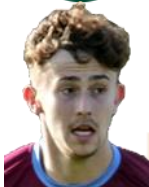


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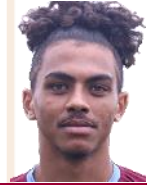


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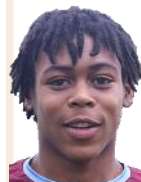
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Dynamos HISTORY

At the start of the 2000/2001 season, the senior Belgrave FC team was renamed Haywood United following an amalgamation with Stocklake FC with Danny Martone voted in as chairman of the new club. Haywood United joined the Spartan South Midlands League and won promotion into Division One after two seasons. Season 2002/2003 saw a difficult start in Division One, but with the arrival of manager Jon Franklin and his assistant Keith Walker just after Christmas, the club eventually consolidated finishing in 9th place. Promotion was gained to the South Midlands Premier Division the following year after a campaign that saw 23 wins, 7 draws and only 4 losses. Haywood United proved themselves capable of staying in the Premier Division after finishing 3rd in the 2004/2005 season in a campaign that only include one loss in the twenty matches after Christmas. The club also entered the FA Cup and Vase for the first time and won the Buckingham Charity Cup in 2006.

Season 2006/2007 began with Haywood United becoming Aylesbury Vale FC and saw Keith Walker and Steve Glenister take over as joint managers and steadily build a squad. This was recognised in the 2008/2009 season, under the management of Mark Eaton, with a good cup run in the FA Cup and FA Vase, winning three rounds in the FA Cup losing to Level 4 side Gosport after a replay, and losing out in the 4th round of the FA Vase to Leiston Town. May 2009 saw a major new development in a new semi professional side vote for a name change. Aylesbury Football Club was formed under the leadership of Chairman Roger Dance and assisted by Vice Chairman Danny Martone.

Former Chairman Bill Harrison was made President of the club. Great success on the field of play was to follow, with the team having a fantastic run in the F.A. Cup. We were the last 'level five' team in the country to remain in the competition and were rewarded with a visit to Haywood Way for the F.A. Cup trophy. We were finally knocked out of the competition by Wealdstone in a close game. A brave and superb display was witnessed by a bumper crowd of 800 plus.

Steve Bateman took over in 2013/14, steered the club to safety in his first 6 months in charge. Then in 2014/15 with Bateman at the helm FC has their most successful season to date. Playing at the highest level in the club's history, the team finished third in the League, having been pushing for promotion all season and narrowly lost out in the semi final to Bedworth United having already beaten them twice in the league. The 2015/16 finished with a flourish as the club finished just outside the play off positions, but had the consolation of our first major Cup Final, beating Chesham United in the Berks & Bucks Cup at Windsor. Danny Gordon & Gareth Risbridger took the helm after Bateman resigned, supported by Paul Bonham.

Davis Haule took over from Gordon & Risbridger in December 2016, appointed brother Brian as his assistant and recruited former coaches Fraser McLachlan, Aaron Wiffin and added Ryan Collings to his back room staff for the 2017/18 season.

In 2018/19 Scott Reynolds was appointed manager and when he resigned midway through the season it was left to Paul Bonham to take control but because of ground grading issues the Southern League made the decision to relegate the club and after ten seasons in the Southern League. Phil Granville and Ben Gill were appointed midway through the 2019/20 season and kicked off the 2020/21 season again in the Spartan Premier Division. Steve Bateman was re appointed as manager in September 2021.

In November 2022 Jordan King and James Green came in to steady the ship and moved the team from 18th and struggling to a respectable 13th position. They stepped down at the end of the season.

We now start the 2023/24 season with Paul Batchelor at the helm, bringing Ryan Davis and Tom Bamford into the coaching team.



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DYNAMOS HISTORY

Aylesbury Vale Dynamos is an amalgamation of Aylesbury FC and Bedgrove Dynamos, two local clubs with a rich history in local football. Aylesbury FC enjoyed a long history in senior and junior football dating back to the 1930's under the previous names of Aylesbury Vale, Haywood United, Belgrave, Stocklake and Negretti and Zambra FC, which was founded in the 1930's by workers at the Negretti and Zambra company then based in London's King Cross district. The company moved to the Stocklake Industrial Estate, Aylesbury.

BEDGROVE DYNAMOS

Alf Buckland, a resident of Finmere Crescent, formed Bedgrove Dynamos in 1968. It was created to fill a void in activities for boys within the Bedgrove area on the south side of Aylesbury. In 1980, Dave Bayliss became involved when he brought his Cub side to the Bedgrove Park. The teams amalgamated and Dave went on to be the chairman for 21 years, stepping down in the year 2000. Within two years and barely a full strip between them, they managed not only to win the Under 12's Aylesbury & District League (ADL), but went on to win the 13's & 14's league in consecutive years and, by which time, they now had four teams at various age groups.

Over the years the club has grown and has won many tournaments and trophies, especially at county level. Many teams have toured abroad and the club has also entertained boys from Europe and America. We can boast that we are the only boys club to have a club pennant on display in Barcelona's trophy room.

At the start of the season 2001/02 the club was the largest junior club in the Aylesbury area, running teams from under 8's through to under 18's. At the end of the season 2001/02 the club managed to win the coveted Berks and Bucks Cup at under 14's, the Mayor's Cup at under 12's, represented in two other cup finals, won 3 league titles, gained 6 promotions in total and all teams finished in the top 6 to the fairplay awards for their respective leagues. In the last 20 seasons across the age groups the club has won 25 divisional titles, and runners up 20 times.

In 2019 two became one when the sides amalgamated with the intention of allowing the youth of the town to progress through junior football to youth and then adult football and play at the highest possible level.

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The club moved to Haywood Way, their current stadium, in 1987.

After gaining senior status and promotion to the Chiltern League in 1988, Stocklake enjoyed many further successes including Division One runners up in 1991, Premier Division and League Cup runners up the following season and Wycombe Senior Cup success in 1995. Cup success was also followed on in the following season, this time the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup being added to the trophy cabinet.

By 1990, under the guidance of Danny Martone, Belgrave had grown to five youth teams providing football for over ninety boys from the Quarrendon and Haydon Hill areas of Aylesbury. 1996 saw the forming of two senior teams under the Belgrave FC name and by the turn of the millennium teams were represented at all levels from Under 8's through to seniors.





Charlie JONES

Experience Goalkeeper signed from Dunstable Town last season where he started 10 games this season. Charlie is an athletic, technical goalkeeper, who is excellent with his feet and offers superb distribution.



Nathan BROWNWOOD

Previously with Long Crendon, Nathan joins the club having spent the last 8 years at Long Crendon. In his time there he was ever present member of the side, is one of the top appearance holders and played in their B&B match against Wycombe Wanderers last season.

Joseph MORRIS

Previous Clubs: Rushden & Higham, Cogenhoe, Rushden & Diamonds U21
Joe joined the club in the summer of 2023 as part of Paul Batchelors newly assembled squad. Joe is comfortable playing in central defence or in the heart of midfield.



Ashley LAMB

Max is a young and very strong defender currently on loan from Beaconsfield Town. Great feet and vision has forced Max into the first team squad



Dave BROWN

Dave is a skilful and energetic midfielder who signed from Winslow United in 2020. Dave also started every game for Aylesbury Flooring as they won the FA Sunday Cup in 2019. Plays an important role in the centre of the Dynamos midfield this term



Tom Brazier

Previous Clubs: Tring Athletic, Buckingham, Mursley Utd
Tom joined AVDFC in the summer of 2023 following a brief spell at Tring Athletic. Prior to this Tom spend 2 seasons at Buckingham Athletic, finishing top scorer in his last season there.

Terry GRIFFITHS

Imposing Central Defender who re signs this season as Club Captain. Has now made 90 Dynamos appearances since joining in season 2020/21 in the pandemic affected season. when he made an immediate impact.



Princewill MADU

Prince joined the club 3 years ago in the U16's team and worked his way through the pathway at AVDFC. Last year he broke into the First Tea, making his debut in January 2023. Prince has also represented Montserrat at U15 and U20 level.



Harvey MATTHEWS

Harvey has worked his way through the youth set up and played every game in the Development team in the 21/22 season. A great central defender who is hoping to get his chance in the 1st Team set up this season.

Lewis WORKMAN

A hard working, pacey, attacking player with an eye for goal. His previous clubs include Winslow, Marlow and Aston Clinton. He previously netted 72 times in 107 appearances for Aston Clinton.





Meet The PLAYERS



Ashraf MASUMBUKO

Previous Clubs: Crawley Green, MK Irish, Cogenhoe
Ashraf is an athletic individual who is always willing to do his best for the team. He reads the game well and excellent passing which allows us to move from defence to attack quickly.



Tom CAVE

Previous Club: Thame Utd Reserves
Tom joined this 23/24 season after winning players' player and top scorer with Thame Reserves last season.
A young and energetic winger that is looking to come in and make an impact in Dynamos first team.



Antonio IANELLI

Antonio has been a target of ours across pre season and after a recent break he has joined and featured in our FA cup game at the weekend. Despite his young age his versatility, technical ability and football intelligence will be a great addition to the club.



Felix ATTA

An athletic, wide player, who's pace, strength and power makes him very difficult to play against.
Curtis burst onto the scene scoring 23 goals in 25 starts for Winslow in his first season in senior football. Also scoring against Ipswich Town in the FA Youth Cup.

Abdullah JELLAL

An all round attacking midfielder with lots of flare.
Evans was previously with Tring Athletic and Aylesbury United and joins the squad from Risborough Rangers.



Abu KHAN

An athletic, strong midfielder who currently captains the U18's team at the club.
Kris has made a handful of 1st team appearances and is a box to box scoring midfielder.



Jake BALDWIN

Young striker who is another player who has progressed from the U18s side. Skilful on the ball and very calm in front of the goal. Made a great impact in his first season where he became a regular and scored six goals in a truncated season. Now an important part of the first team, a real joker and team player



Jonathan PASCAL

Experienced striker who joined in 20/21 from Dunstable Town where he was club captain. Chris is very much a leader on the field and made an immediate impact with his non stop running and aerial ability. He adds goals and quality to a young forward line

Aaron BERRY

Sadibo has been with the club from U8's and worked his way through the system. Currently an U18's Floodlit League player, his fast pace and skill causes defence problems from the start.
One for the future...!



Sam OLAWALE

Powerful center forward returns to Dynamos after a year out. He was a member of the 20/21 season squad where he scored an impressive 17 goals in 15 games.
A nightmare for any defence to deal with.



Statistics 2023/24

Competition

UHSport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

FAC = FA Cup; FAV = FA Vase; GFA = GFA Challenge Trophy;

BFCC = Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup;

WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

Att Scorers

2023

01/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester City		A	0-0	487	-
05/Aug	3pm	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	FAC	H			
08/Aug	7:45pm	Pershore Town		H			
12/Aug	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		A			
15/Aug	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		H			
22/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		A			
26/Aug	3pm	AEK Boco	FAV	A			
28/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		H			
05/Sep	7:45pm	Westfields		A			
08/Sep	7:45pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H			
12/Sep	7:45pm	Stonehouse Town	WLFC	A			
19/Sep	7:45pm	Lydney Town		A			
26/Sep	7:45pm	Cinderford Town		H			
30/Sep	3pm	Slimbridge		A			
03/Oct	7:45pm	Worcester City		H			
07/Oct	3pm	Thornbury Town		A			
14/Oct	3pm	Wantage Town		H			
20/Oct	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		H			
28/Oct	3pm	Corsham Town		A			
03/Nov	7:45pm	Fairford Town		H			
11/Nov	3pm	Highworth Town		A			
18/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United		H			
25/Nov	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A			
02/Dec	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A			
09/Dec	3pm	Slimbridge		H			
16/Dec	3pm	Thornbury Town		H			
23/Dec	3pm	Wantage Town		A			
27/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		A			
30/Dec	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		A			
2024							
01/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town		H			
06/Jan	3pm	Fairford Town		A			
13/Jan	3pm	Highworth Town		H			
20/Jan	3pm	Mangotsfield United		A			
27/Jan	3pm	Roman Glass St George		H			
03/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town		A			
10/Feb	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		H			
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02/Mar	3pm	Westfields		H			
08/Mar	7:45pm	Lydney Town		H			
16/Mar	3pm	Cinderford Town		A			

TOTAL APPEARANCES

STARTS

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Luke Merchant

Goalkeeper

Returned to the club last season, after a Hellenic League Premier Division title winning season at Bishops Cleeve, and was in sensational form. A great shot stopper, commanding presence and accomplished keeper. Should surpass Bruce Perks' record number of appearances for a keeper (at Step 7 and above) this season.

Dan Lander

Defence

Debut in 2022/23 after returning to the club following a spell at Quedgeley Wanderers. A great club man, who gives his all in every game. Offers height, strength and determination at centre-half, He knows his role in the side and rarely lets the team down. A real competitor, who gives his all in every game, and

Ryley Mace

Defence

After time served in the U18s and then Development Squad, made the breakthrough to the first team squad last season. Plenty of potential, whether at full-back or in a more attacking role. Good going forward and comfortable on the ball, an industrious player who will be looking to build on his progress in 2022/23.

Macaulay Herbert

Defence

Now the second longest-serving member of the first team, 'Macca' came through our U18s and is solid and dependable; an excellent defender who has been getting better with every season that passed. Has now made over 250 first team appearances, despite several injuries punctuating each season. If he can stay fit could be the second highest appearance maker in the modern era.

Alex Barrett

Defence

Joined during pre-season 2023/24 and has settled in well, offering an option at left-back. Good defensively, very competitive and carries a threat going into the opposition half. Previously with Shortwood United; now looking to step up into Hellenic League, Premier Division football. Impressed during pre-season and hopes are high for the season ahead.

Joel White

Defence

The return of 'Digger' is a massive boost and the former Rovers captain is back playing after a season managing Gloucestershire Northern Senior League, Brockworth Albion. Can play in midfield but has developed into a fantastic centre-half, who is one of the team's leaders and most dependable players.

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Jack McCormack

Defence

Another new signing, who can play at full-back or in the centre of defence. Joined from Mangotsfield United, where he made a handful of appearances in 2022/23. Tall defender, who is confident on the ball and could be a very shrewd acquisition.

Mark Pritchett

Defence

Another player who tasted Hellenic League title winning success at Bishops Cleeve during his time away. Previously at Rovers as Player/Manager before stepping away from the role during pre-season in 2021/22. Now back at the club his father had great success at, offering a no nonsense, uncompromising, good old-fashioned performance in every game, whilst also offering a threat in the opposition box.

Warren Mann

Defence/Midfield

Our longest serving player and has now made over 500 appearances for the Rovers first team at Step 7 and above, which is a record for the club. 'Wazza' may now lack pace in comparison to the winger who started with the club, but is hugely committed and massively experienced. Brings energy, passion and excellent technique; he's constantly involved in every game. Practical joker off the field; usually the opposition support's least favourite player!

Ashley Davies

Defence/Midfield

In his 3rd spell with the club. Has had spells away at Hardwicke, Shortwood United & Cinderford Town but returned in 2021/22! Was Neil Mustoe's 1st signing and an incredible coup. Brings class on the ball, a physical presence, leadership and a wonderful work ethic to the squad - his influence is of huge value to the club.

Sammie Hicks

Defence/Midfield

A wonderful footballer, who finally seems to be overcoming some of the injury challenges that had previously restricted his appearances, both at Cinderford Town and then at Rovers. Talented midfielder, who can also play at the back or in more advanced positions. Could be a vital member of the squad, if he can stay fit.

Dayton Fallows

Midfield

One of a crop of youngsters who could breakthrough this season. Mature beyond his years, he came through the youth section and has shown he is good on the ball and hard-working. This could be a vital season in his development as a future first team player. One to watch in 2023/24 and beyond.

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Callum McGuirk

Midfield

Signed from Longlevens in 2022, where he'd largely been used at full-back, he is a hard-working midfielder, who looks comfortable on the ball. Played academy football during his earlier years, including a spell at Bristol City. Was originally with the Rovers, where he featured in our U18s squad. His versatility is a big attribute but he'll be keen to secure place in the midfield positions.

Liam Smith

Midfield

Another player with Southern League experience. Calm in possession and possesses a good passing range, whilst also physically strong, will be looking to hold down a regular place in the side, after two injury hit campaigns in 2021/22 and 2022/23. Offers experience and capable of dropping into the back four when needed.

Henry Birkett

Midfield

Now in a 3rd (or 4th!) spell with Rovers, after a fairly nomadic life in Hellenic League & County League football. Great energy, good passing ability, hard-working and contribute goals, as well as good delivery from set-pieces. Has become an increasingly influential member of the team and won Manager's Player of the Year in 2022/23.

Jack Twyman

Midfield

A new signing and one that could be a real coup! Injuries have taken their toll over the years, but 'Twy' has played at a good level, with plenty of Southern League experience at Slimbridge and Yate Town. Has been managing at County League Hardwicke over the past couple of seasons but we're now hoping some of his injury problems are behind him and he can make a successful return to playing. Calm on the ball, creative, destructive...has all the qualities of a top midfielder.

Connor Walters

Forward

Wide player who joined from Gala Wilton in the summer and made a really positive immediately. Quick, strong and full of trickery, this mercurial talent could be a really fantastic addition to the Rovers squad. A goalscoring threat who will be looking to tie down a regular starting place.

Tomos Shyamapant

Forward

Youngster who has been a consistent goalscorer for both the U18s and Development Squad over the past three seasons. Highly rated and a genuine prospect. Natural finisher, who will be looking to build on a run in the first team last season.

Jake Rhodes

Forward

In his 2nd spell with the club, having signed in the summer, following spells with Bishops Cleeve (another title winner!) and Shortwood United. An all-round centre-forward who can hold the ball up, create chances for others, and is good finisher. Very strong in the air, so will add a new dimension to Rovers' attack.

Kieran Alder

Forward

Returned to the club last season, after spells with Cinderford Town, Bishops Cleeve and Worcester City, but another player who suffered with injury. Now on the road to recovery. A gifted No.10, whose work rate is as noticeable as his talent on the ball. Our most creative player. Previously part of Neil Mustoe's U18s side at Gloucester City and now reunited with him at Rovers.

Blaine Waugh

Forward

Another member of Bishops Cleeve's Hellenic League title winning side, Blaine has signed on a dual registration basis from Cleeve and could be a great additional to the squad. Capable of playing in deeper positions – another versatile player.

Yeshaya Lomotey

Forward

Powerful striker who joined in 2021/22 after spells at other local clubs, including Slimbridge and Cinderford Town. Offers quality on the ball and packs a powerful shot that is a potent weapon. Will be hoping to stay fit and if he does, will be looking to contribute a regular supply of goals.

Neil Mustoe

Manager

Appointed as Manager in January 2022, took the club away from relegation fears in 2021/22, before successfully battling against relegation in 2022/23. Spent many years as a professional at Manchester United, Wigan Athletic, Cambridge United, Stevenage and Yeovil Town, before over 350 appearances for Gloucester City. Previous coaching experience with City before a spell away from the game until his appointment with The Rovers.

Liam O'Neill

Assistant Manager

Appointed as Assistant Manager in 2023, after a spell as Manager at Frampton United. Liam is still in the formative stage of his coaching journey but will offer great support to Muzzy.

Sam Tandy

Physio

New for 2023/24 and son of legendary Gloucester City physio Ade Tandy. Can play as a keeper!



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HALF-TIME QUIZ: BREAK FOR FIVE

Grab a cup of tea and something to eat, then spend the five minutes of your half-time break trying to answer these questions. As ever, there is a theme and this week we look at some great facts about this wonderful competition...

1. Easy start. Who are the current holders of the Emirates FA Cup?
2. Which two current EFL League One teams fielded the teams to win the last FA Cup Final before the Second World War and the first FA Cup Final after the war, respectively? Their squads are pictured below:



3. Who is pictured here becoming only the third player to miss a penalty kick in an FA Cup Final, back in 1991, just three years after which other player missed a penalty – the first penalty miss in an FA Cup Final in 75 years?



4. What did the first manager pictured do in 1935 and 1959, that the second manager pictured did in 1922 and 1930, which Jose Mourinho almost became the third manager to do in 2007 and 2019?



5. Which was the first FA Cup Final after the 1980 FA Cup final that did not go to a replay?

Quiz Answers:(1) Manchester City; (2) Portsmouth won the 1939 Final and Derby County the 1946 Final; (3) Gary Lineker missed in 1991, three years after John Aldridge had missed a penalty in 1988; (4) In 1935 and 1959 Billy Walker won the FA Cup as a manager with two different teams; something Herbert Chapman had done in 1922 and 1930. Jose Mourinho almost repeated the feat but was a beaten finalist in 2019; (5) 1984, as Everton defeated Watford.

THAT WAS THE SEASON THAT WAS...a look back at the 2022/23 season

It has become customary for our first programme of the new season to devote a couple of pages to reviewing the previous year at The Rovers. Today we look back at 2022/23 – Neil Mustoe's first full campaign at the helm.

August 2022



After his appointment as manager of Tuffley Rovers in January 2022, Neil Mustoe started his first full campaign at the helm and after a difficult pre-season period, which had seen him largely rebuilding the squad, he handed debuts to Elliot Jones, Noah Smerdon and Dan Lander in a hard-fought 0-0 draw away at Brimscombe & Thrupp.

Just a few days later Rovers took a lead in the Emirates FA Cup tie with Southern League side Slimbridge, as Ryley Mace netted, but late goals from former Rover Jacob Geddes and a stunning winner from Marley Thomas condemned Mustoe's team to a 2-1 defeat.

The following Tuesday Ryan Dobbins got his first of the season, inside a minute, to give Rovers a lead against title hopefuls Malvern Town, but the visitors eventually ran out 3-1 victors but a better result was to follow as the final home game of August saw Jack Beardsell and Mason Lewis both score doubles in a 4-0 win over Lydney Town. That win was followed by a 4-1 defeat at Fairford Town, before a 0-0 draw at Longlevens...albeit one where Rovers had a legitimate goal ruled out after Lewis' shot hit the bar and was deemed (incorrectly) not to have crossed the line.



September 2022

September started badly, with a crushing 4-1 defeat away at newly promoted Hereford Pegasus, but that was followed by wins at Newent Town in the Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup and a 2-0 win at Thornbury Town in the league. In a month short on action due to renovation work on the Glevum Park pitch, Rovers played one further game, in the FA Vase against Fleet Spurs, and triumphed 4-2 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in normal time, with substitute Shayne Bradley grabbing a late equaliser.

October 2022

October started with two consecutive 2-1 league defeats, at Hereford Lads Club then home to Cribbs FC, before another 4-0 win over Lydney Town in the Floodlit Cup, with Joey Haswell scoring a brace on his debut. Kieran Squires header then secured a point in a 1-1 draw against Shrivensham at Glevum Park, before four consecutive defeats to conclude the month. Defeats in the Premier Division against Worcester Raiders, Fairford Town and Roman Glass St George, were either side of a disappointing exit from the FA Vase, as Mustoe's squad lost 1-0 away at Hellenic League Division One side Hartpury University.



November 2022

The opening days of November saw an incredibly unfortunate 2-1 defeat at home to Worcester Raiders followed by a very disappointing 4-2 loss away at Mangotsfield United. Things improved as the month progressed, though.

First, Shayne Bradley scored a first half hattrick away at Wantage Town (before being sent-off) in a 4-2 win and that was followed by two positive results in the GFA Challenge Trophy and Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup, courtesy of wins against Hartpury University and Meadow Park, respectively.

That was the end of the positivity as the month ended with a complete capitulation away at Malvern Town in the Floodlit Cup, as Rovers lost 9-1, and although there was an improved performance in the next game at Royal Wootton Bassett Town, the game was abandoned shortly before the interval, with the score at 1-1.

December 2022

December started with a real game for the neutral, as Rovers came from a 3-0 half-time deficit to level at 4-4 against Bradford Town, before the visitors scored a late winner, to take all three points. A cup win away at Almonsbury Town (in the GFA Challenge Trophy) followed, with three vital league points in the next game, as Kieran Alder scored a 90th minute winner to defeat Hereford Pegasus 1-0.

Rovers went into the 27 December game at home to Longlevens full of optimism but injuries to Ashley Davies and then Alder, when the score was 0-0, saw a much changed line-up crumble to a 4-0 defeat in the face of an excellent performance from the visitors and it may have been worse had keeper Brad Poole not been in fantastic form in goal for Rovers.



January 2022

A third meeting of the season against Malvern Town saw Rovers exit the Challenge Cup via a narrow 1-0 defeat, as a Mark Pritchett own goal proved the difference between the teams.

Two consecutive 5-0 victories, away at Roman Glass and Cribbs, followed and the full set of defeats was completed for January, as the final outing ended in a 1-0 defeat away at Shrivenham, albeit on an evening where Rovers could arguably claim to have been denied two clear penalties.

February 2022



Another two defeats opened the month of February, as Mustoe's squad lost at Corsham Town and Royal Wootton Bassett, and another humiliating and chastening loss followed as they conceded seven, without reply, at home to Westfields.

Things improved for the remainder of the month as a 4-0 win at Bradford Town was followed by another victory on penalties, in the GFA Challenge Trophy against Cribbs, then a 1-1 draw at home to Wantage Town.

March 2022

The first game of March ended in a 2-0 home defeat against Mangotsfield United, before Mustoe's relegation threatened side pulled off an incredible 1-0 win away at Westfields, with Dan Lander bundling a winner home from close range. Luke Merchant saved a penalty to preserve the clean sheet and secure a vital three points.

With his squad threadbare due to injuries and suspensions, Mustoe had to make his first Rovers appearance, as a substitute, in the 1-1 draw at Lydney Town, before their cup hopes ended at the same venue a week later, Warren Mann missing a late penalty opportunity in a 2-1 defeat.

A 4-0 win at home to Hereford Lads Club proved a huge boost in Rovers' hopes of survival and although two 3-1 defeats followed, at Wootton Bassett and Malvern Town, performances were much improved. The Bassett game was Warren Mann's 500th competitive first team appearance at Step 7 and above.



April 2022



Mustoe's side all but secured safety as they thumped bottom of the table Chipping Sodbury Town 4-0 at Glevum Park and although defeats at home to Brimscombe & Thrupp and away at Corsham Town followed, other results meant Rovers travelled to Chipping Sodbury on the last day of the season knowing they only had to avoid a double-figure defeat to be safe. Dom Kent's goal in the final ten minutes proved to be enough to secure a 1-0 win and Rovers had secured a ninth consecutive season of Step 5 football.

APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Tuesday, 1 August 2023

(includes selected list of former players)

Congratulations to Jack Twyman and Joe Wilton on their debuts at Worcester City in our midweek draw. Welcome aboard, chaps! They'll be pleased to know that they've now drawn level with Neil Mustoe in terms of competitive first team appearances!!

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	95	27	Mace, Ryley	19	1
Barrett, Alex	0	0	Martin, Jamie	3	1
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mann, Warren	505	84
Birkett, Henry	87	7	McCormack, Jack	0	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	McGuirk, Callum	41	0
Danes-Rutherford, Ellis	1	0	Merchant, Luke	81	0
Davies, Ashley	183	27	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Fallows, Dayton	3	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Poole, Bradley	8	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Pritchett, Mark	147	23
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Rhodes, Jake	55	16
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Shyamapant, Tomos	22	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Smith, Liam	45	1
Herbert, Macaulay	255	10	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Hicks, Sammie	33	1	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hill, Sam	121	8	Twyman, Jack	1	0
James, Brett	185	64	Wallington, Lee	131	4
James, Richard	125	40	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Jones, Elliot	20	0	Walters, Connor	1	0
Kent, Dominik	175	21	White, Joel	112	4
Lander, Daniel	30	1	Wilton, Joe	1	0
Lomotey, Yeshaya	36	7	Wright, Liam	124	3

NB: The figures are correct for all league competitions from season 2007/08, when Tuffley Rovers returned to the County League (Step 7) and include all competitive games since the start of the 2013/14 season. There are some gaps in the information relating to cup games prior to the start of the 2013/14 campaign. This period is currently subject to a thorough review and there may be some variation to statistics in due course.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR FA CUP



If I told you that we had a wonderful time at Glastonbury in 1995, you might assume that that summer's music festival (played out in baking heat, I might add – I was there!) was particularly good. It was, but Tuffley Rovers' trip to Glastonbury FC in August 1995 ended with a 5-1 victory in our first ever FA Cup tie (a Preliminary Round fixture). An opportunity to host Cinderford Town followed and our campaign ended swiftly, off the back of 4-0 reverse at Glevum Park.

There were plenty of goals when we met Taunton Town in August 1996, but our campaign ended immediately, courtesy of a 5-2 defeat and twelve months later we made progress, with a good win at home to Cirencester Town (we narrowly claimed a 4-3 victory in another home tie) but when Paulton Rovers came in the First Qualifying Round a 3-1 defeat spelt that end of that year's road to Wembley.

An immediate exit to Minehead Town in 1998 was another disappointment, but in 1999 the record book shows a victory over one of the now foremost non-league clubs, as we beat Eastleigh 2-1 in the First Qualifying Round. A record breaking appearance in the Second Qualifying Round almost saw us progress further, but a 1-1 draw took us to a replay at home against Lymington & New Milton, only to see us eliminated courtesy of a 5-0 thrashing!

Revenge came against Taunton Town in 2000, as we won 4-1 in the Preliminary Round, but we once again failed to progress further, as a single goal victory went in favour of our opponents Chippenham Town in the next round.

Four consecutive defeats saw our cup hopes perish at the first hurdle in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 but we had another opportunity to progress in 2005/06 as our Hellenic League side hosted Elmore. A 0-0 draw took us to only our second replay ever, but we succumbed to a late goal in a 1-0 defeat in the second meeting. That was to be our last FA Cup tie for 10 years, as the club's withdrawal from the Hellenic League just a few weeks later saw us drop to a lower level of football, rendering us unable to enter the world's most famous cup competition.

Our return, ten years later in 2015, saw a wonderful win at Ardley United (4-1), followed up with a terrific 1-0 win at home to Southern League neighbours Bishops Cleeve, before we put in a brave display against Taunton Town, before losing 3-0.



Ardley gained revenge 12 months later, but our return in 2017 saw a narrow win with ten-men away at Woodley United, then a momentous day at Leighton Town, when we made an astonishing comeback from 2-0 down, with just eight minutes remaining, to win 3-2 in the dying moments of the game. Swindon Supermarine demolished a Rovers team playing most of the game with

ten-men, in the next round, to end another attempt to march on the Wembley arch.

Five seasons ago, despite leading 1-0 at half-time thanks to Warren Mann's penalty, we were comprehensively beaten 4-1 by Colney Heath, and exited the competition at the first stage. Then three years ago, against North Greenford United, we produced two fairly lacklustre performances (in our 26th and 27th FA Cup matches) and went out of the competition with a whimper.

In the 2020/21 season we succumbed to another heavy defeat at this stage, as Harefield United left Glevum Park with a 5-2 victory and their star striker, Richard Pacquette (a former QPR player), with the match-ball.



In our 29th FA Cup tie, at this stage against Windsor two years ago, we produced another stunning comeback, winning 3-2 after being two goals behind and almost repeated the feat as we came back from two goals down again, in a home tie against Flackwell Heath that was played at Brimscombe & Thrupp, but this time it ended 2-2 and we went to a replay. The trip to Flackwell Heath was a disaster, as we lost our two centre-halves before we'd reach ten minutes of action and succumbed to a 6-0 thrashing.

Last season we took a lead against Southern League side Slimbridge but two late, late goals saw us beaten 2-1 in an enthralling game. Now, we face our 33rd FA Cup tie we go in pursuit of a tenth victory that would offer an opportunity of a tie against a trip to face Southern League side Evesham United.

Courtesy of the Football Club History Database:

F.A. CUP

1995-96	PRE	GLASTONBURY	A	5-1
	1Q	CINDERFORD TOWN	H	0-4
1996-97	PRE	TAUNTON TOWN	H	2-5
1997-98	PRE	CIRENCESTER TOWN	A	4-3
	1Q	PAULTON ROVERS	H	1-3
1998-99	1Q	MINEHEAD TOWN	H	0-3
1999-00	1Q	EASTLEIGH	H	2-1
	2Q	LYMINGTON & NEW MILTON	A	1-1
	2Qr	LYMINGTON & NEW MILTON	H	0-5
2000-01	PRE	TAUNTON TOWN	H	4-1
	1Q	CHIPPENHAM TOWN	H	0-1
2001-02	PRE	WIMBORNE TOWN	H	2-5
2002-03	PRE	ST BLAZEY	H	0-1
2003-04	EP	FROME TOWN	A	0-1
2004-05	EP	BARNSTAPLE TOWN	H	0-3
2005-06	EP	ELMORE	H	0-0
	EPr	ELMORE	A	0-1
2015-16	EP	ARDLEY UNITED	A	4-1
	PRE	BISHOPS CLEEVE	H	1-0
	1Q	TAUNTON TOWN	A	0-3
2016-17	EP	ARDLEY UNITED	A	2-3
2017-18	EP	WOODLEY UNITED	A	2-1
	PRE	LEIGHTON TOWN	A	3-2
	1Q	SWINDON SUPERMARINE	H	0-5
2018-19	EP	COLNEY HEATH	H	1-4
2019-20	EP	NORTH GREENFORD UNITED	H	1-1
	EPr	NORTH GREENFORD UNITED	A	1-2
2020-21	EP	HAREFIELD UNITED	H	2-5
2021-22	EP	WINDSOR	H	3-2
	PRE	FLACKWELL HEATH	H	2-2
	PREr	FLACKWELL HEATH	A	0-6
2022-23	EP	SLIMBRIDGE	H	1-2



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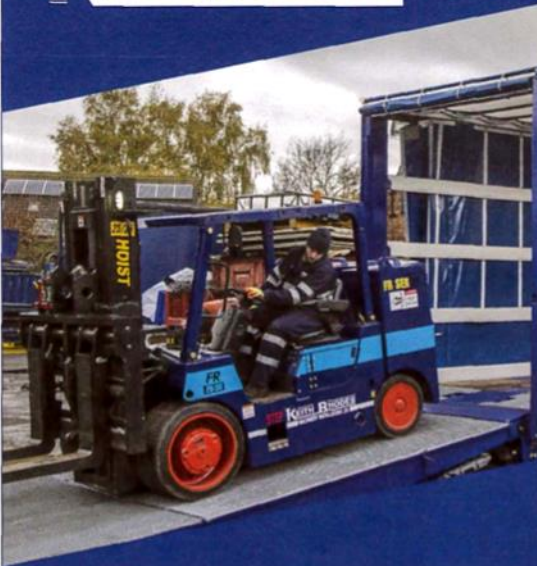
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