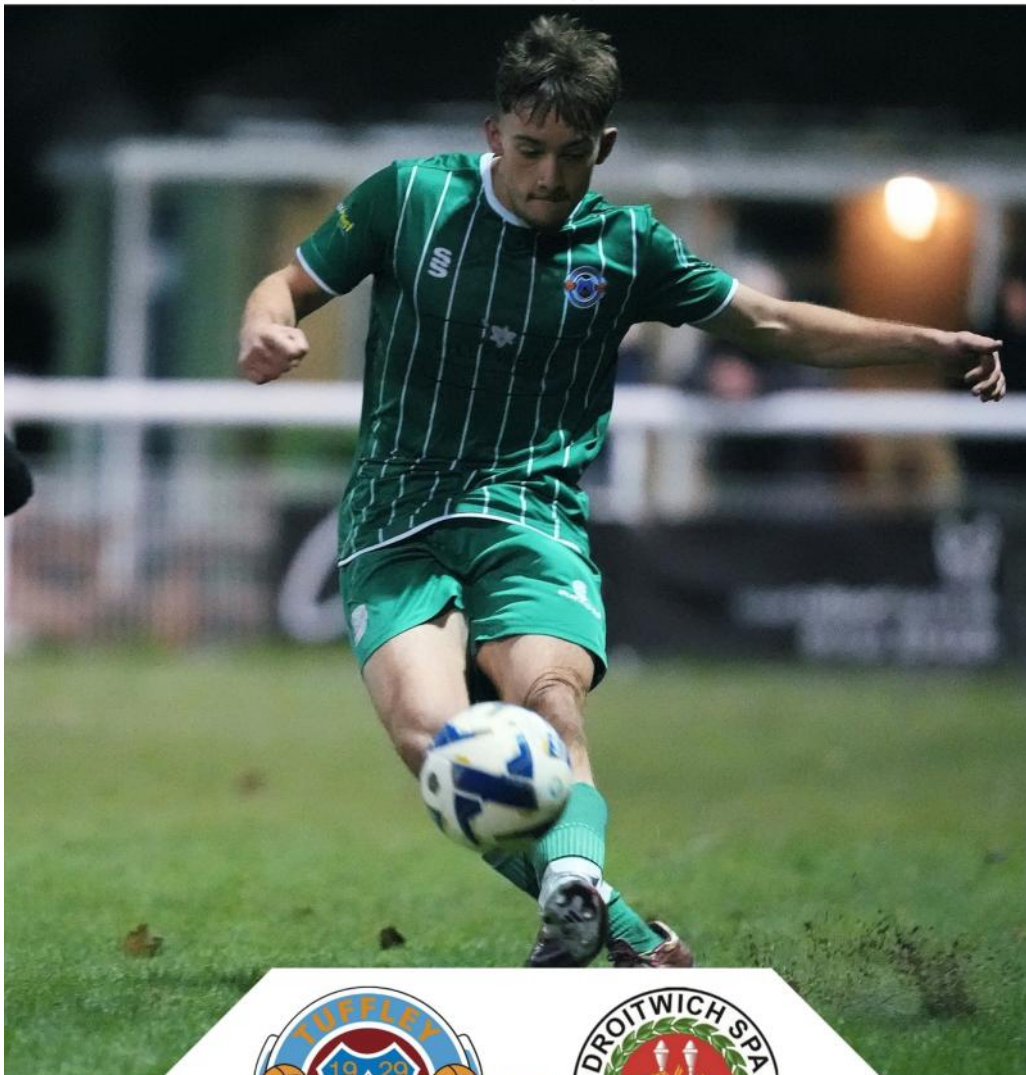


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FROM THE EDITOR:



Welcome to all our visitors to Glevum Park this afternoon, notably the players, management team, committee and supporters of Droitwich Spa. Welcome, also, to this afternoon's match officials.

We are now on a run of home games, so the programmes will be coming thick and fast! Trying to make sure we provide some content beyond the standard pages is the objective and hopefully it makes for a reasonable read. I am grateful to Muzzy and Booner, who always provide their thoughts for inclusion and to my daughter, Jess, who lays out the content to make it really presentable.

Today we welcome Droitwich Spa to our home for a first ever visit (certainly as far as I am aware). They were great hosts a couple of weeks ago, so hopefully we can repay the compliment. It finished 1-1 on that occasion but the same scoreline today, in this cup tie, would take us into penalty shoot-out territory.

In last week's programme I lamented our poor record against Worcester Raiders – whom we had never beaten – and our lads then produced a fantastic performance to win 4-0. It was great to see Brad Bevan get a brace, as he has found goals hard to come by this season, and it was also good to see Kieran Alder continuing his rich vein of form in front of goal, as he got two himself.

We've never beaten Droitwich Spa (we've only played them once, two weeks ago, remember!), so maybe if I reflect on the desire to record a first ever victory it can have a similar effect!!! What we do know is that it will be a tough game, so we have to produce a performance to match our best efforts this season.

Don't forget that after today's game we have two cracking local derby games to host, as we welcome Lydney Town to Glevum Park on 20 December, before our local rivals Longlevens visit on 27 December for the traditional Christmas fixture. Those games promise to be pivotal in our Hellenic League, Premier Division aspirations, so it would be good to have the backing of a good crowd for both games.

For now, let us hope for another positive performance today. I won't say anything about aspirations for a cup run. We don't do cups, it seems!

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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Saturday, 13 December 2025

Hellenic League Challenge Cup

Cheltenham Saracens v Fairford Town

Longlevens v Mangotsfield United

Pershore Town v Hereford Pegasus

Royal Wootton Bassett Town v Worcester Raiders

Tuffley Rovers v Droitwich Spa

UHSport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Cirencester Town v Cinderford Town

Corsham Town v Cribbs

Roman Glass St George v Thornbury Town

Westfields v Lydney Town

FROM THE CHAIRMAN:



Good afternoon and welcome to Glevum Park for this Challenge Cup fixture against Droitwich Spa. May I first take this opportunity to welcome our visitors' supporters, committee, management team and players. An extended warm welcome to the match officials who will be facilitating the game today.

Last week saw us record an emphatic victory against play-off placed Worcester Raiders, in what was their heaviest defeat since Worcester City beat them by the same scoreline in April 2024. The lads were brilliant and the clean sheet topped off a great day. We knew for some time that the squad were capable of a win like that, so it was good to witness that performance, which was built on a foundation of a good performance every single player.

Last week's game was slightly overshadowed by the match official having to leave the field of play at half time due to an injury to his leg. We have found out since that he was officiating with a broken fibula. Credit to our physio Kayleigh for given treatment during the break to support him. A huge thank you also to Lee Sheridan, a qualified official and friend of the club, who turned up to watch the second half, only to then be convinced to run the line so that the game could continue.

After today's game, the fixtures for the first team continue here, starting next Saturday against Lydney Town and then again at Glevum Park for the Christmas fixture on Saturday 27th against Longlevens.

We currently have a promotion for hiring our 1929 Suite at our other site on Tuffley Lane. For further information, please see me or email gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk.

I hope everyone enjoys this afternoon's hospitality and have a safe journey home.

Thanks,

- Dan Boon

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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).

Mustoe achieved an 18th place finish at the end of the 2022/23 season, his first full campaign, before achieving a healthy 14th place in 2023/24, with a much improved squad. The 2024/25 season ended with further improvement, as Mustoe's squad finished in 11th place.

FROM THE MANAGER:



Good afternoon and welcome to all players, management, officials, and supporters from Droitwich Spa FC. I'm not entirely sure, but this may be their first ever visit to Glevum Park.

With the league game between us only two weeks ago, we know how difficult this afternoon's match will be. We came away from Droitwich with a point from a 1-1 draw, which was well deserved. However, with a small squad we'll be making minimal changes, but that's not a bad thing. We're now five games unbeaten, and a bit of consistency in the team is important as we look to carry this run into our league programme over Christmas.

Droitwich may well have their eyes on other prizes this season, but whatever eleven they put out will be strong, I have no doubt.

Last week's performance and result against Worcester Raiders perhaps wasn't something many would have predicted, but we've shown glimpses of that level all season. Only a week or so ago at half-time I mentioned that every win we get seems to go right to the wire, observing that we never seem to give ourselves a comfortable afternoon in terms of the scoreline!

On the basis, I was pleased with both the performance and the result, but I know we still need to do more and can improve. There were things we did when we were in control that I wasn't happy with, as these moments can lead to bad habits. I want to instil a winning mentality — and winning alone isn't enough. It has to come with clean sheets, discipline and a complete performance. I really wanted that clean sheet last week, as it's the foundation of any team that wants to do well, and it's something we haven't had enough of.

In recent games, against strong opposition, we've looked more solid as a group, and hopefully that continues this afternoon.

Enjoy the game. Thank you for your support.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 6 December 2025

			Home					Away					Overall						
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Roman Glass St George	23	8	1	2	28	11	6	3	3	25	20	14	4	5	53	31	22	46
2	Slimbridge	19	8	1	1	26	11	6	1	2	21	8	14	2	3	47	19	28	44
3	Droitwich Spa	21	9	1	1	29	12	4	3	3	17	19	13	4	4	46	31	15	43
4	Corsham Town	19	6	2	2	17	12	5	0	4	16	11	11	2	6	33	23	10	35
5	Worcester Raiders	19	5	2	2	20	9	5	2	3	15	10	10	4	5	35	19	16	34
6	Cirencester Town	20	5	2	3	28	14	4	3	3	17	15	9	5	6	45	29	16	32
7	Longlevens AFC	20	7	0	2	23	9	2	4	5	15	18	9	4	7	38	27	11	31
8	Hereford Pegasus	20	4	1	6	22	25	5	1	3	19	17	9	2	9	41	42	-1	29
9	Fairford Town	18	2	6	2	11	11	5	0	3	17	11	7	6	5	28	22	6	27
10	Tuffley Rovers	21	5	0	5	18	15	3	3	5	12	20	8	3	10	30	35	-5	27
11	Westfields	19	4	2	3	18	15	4	1	5	13	24	8	3	8	31	39	-8	27
12	Mangotsfield United	20	4	0	4	10	8	3	5	4	14	16	7	5	8	24	24	0	26
13	Highworth Town	21	3	4	3	13	12	2	3	6	10	17	5	7	9	23	29	-6	22
14	Pershore Town	20	3	2	5	10	13	3	1	6	12	22	6	3	11	22	35	-13	21
15	Cinderford Town	16	2	4	2	11	10	3	1	4	9	14	5	5	6	20	24	-4	20
16	Lydney Town	20	4	2	6	16	18	1	2	5	8	28	5	4	11	24	46	-22	19
17	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	20	3	3	4	11	16	1	2	7	12	30	4	5	11	23	46	-23	17
18	Hallen	18	3	2	3	18	16	0	4	6	7	19	3	6	9	25	35	-10	15
19	Cribbs	19	1	2	7	12	24	2	4	3	12	16	3	6	10	24	40	-16	15
20	Thornbury Town	19	1	6	3	13	16	2	0	7	6	19	3	6	10	19	35	-16	15

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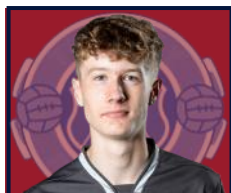
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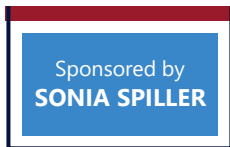
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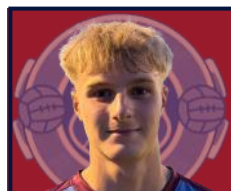
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HALF-TIME QUIZ: BREAK FOR FIVE



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 today it is about Spa towns...

1. Cheltenham is a famous spa town, just a few miles up the road from us. Their local team, Cheltenham Town, currently compete in the English Football League. They were promoted into the Football League in 1998/99. Can you name the man pictured in his playing days who was their manager when they secured a place in the league for the first time?



2. Which North Yorkshire club, based in a spa town and formed in 1919 as the 'Hotspurs' before becoming 'Town' after the Second World War, were promoted to the English Football League for the first time in 2020 and currently compete in League Two?

3. The 1973 FA Trophy Final saw two clubs competing who were both from former spa towns, both of whom went on to play in the English Football League. The game went to extra-time before a North Yorkshire club, who ceased to exist in 2007, defeated a future Premier League club 2-1. Can you name the two teams?

4. Can you name the spa town club who are members of the National League North and currently play their home games in The Tarmac Silverlands Stadium, which is the highest football ground in England?

5. Can you name the four football personalities pictured below, whose first letter of their respective surnames (in the order they appear below) will spell out a famous spa town and can you name the town?



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

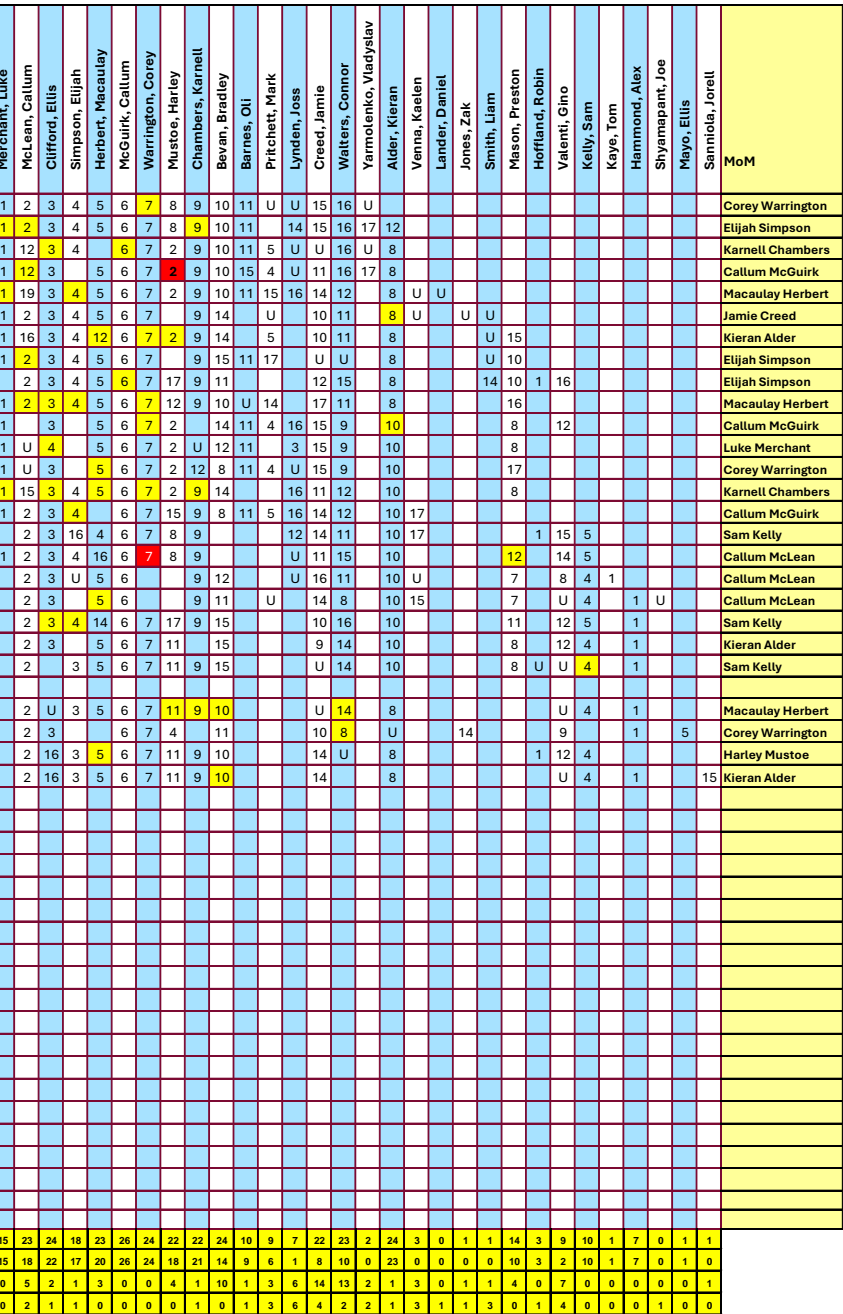
Quiz Answers: (1) Steve Cottrell; (2) Harrogate Town; (3) Scarborough; (4) Buxton FC; (5) The spa town is Bath: A – Gary Bailey; B – Alvaro Arbeloa; C – Michael Thomas; D – Jordan Henderson.

Competition
Uhlsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated
FAC = FA Cup; FAV = FA Vase; GFA = GFA Challenge Trophy;
MSCC = Marsh Sports Challenge Cup;
WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

2025		Att	Scorers
29/Jul	7:45pm Cribbs FC	H 2-1 120	H Mustoe, K Chambers
02/Aug	3pm Hartpury FC FAC	A 2-1 104	C Warrington, O Barnes (pen)
09/Aug	3pm Fairford Town	H 3-1 129	H Mustoe, K Chambers (2)
12/Aug	7:45pm Mangotsfield United	H 1-3 140	K Alder
16/Aug	3pm Flackwell Heath FAC	A 0-1 210	-
19/Aug	7:45pm Hereford Pegasus	H 2-0 136	J Creed (2)
23/Aug	3pm Longlevens FAV	H 0-2 206	-
25/Aug	3pm Longlevens	A 1-0 310	K Chambers
30/Aug	3pm Thornbury Town	H 1-2 87	M Herbert
06/Sep	3pm Corsham Town	A 0-1 140	-
09/Sep	7:45pm Lydney Town	A 4-1 127	O Barnes (2), P Mason, J Creed
13/Sep	3pm Pershore Town	H 1-2 103	C Walters
20/Sep	3pm Westfields	A 2-7 112	O Barnes (pen), C Warrington
27/Sep	3pm Royal Wootton Bassett Town	A 2-1 85	K Chambers, J Creed
04/Oct	3pm Cirencester Town	H 0-2 117	-
11/Oct	3pm Roman Glass St George	H 2-3 103	G Valenti, H Mustoe
18/Oct	3pm Mangotsfield United	A 1-2 230	K Chambers
25/Oct	3pm Hereford Pegasus	A 0-0 121	-
28/Oct	7:45pm Slimbridge	A 0-3 174	-
08/Nov	3pm Cirencester Town	A 0-3 158	-
11/Nov	7:45pm Cheltenham Saracens GFA	A 2-3 55	H Mustoe, K Alder
15/Nov	3pm Highworth Town	H 2-1 101	B Bevan, K Chambers (pen)
18/Nov	7:45pm Eversley & California Reserves HLCC	H H-W -	-
22/Nov	3pm Fairford Town	A 1-1 120	K Chambers
25/Nov	7:45pm Shortwood United WLFC	A 3-2 44	G Valenti, C Warrington, C Walters
29/Nov	3pm Droitwich Spa	A 1-1 149	K Alder
06/Dec	3pm Worcester Raiders	H 4-0 90	B Bevan (2), K Alder (2)
13/Dec	3pm Droitwich Spa HLCC	H	
20/Dec	3pm Lydney Town	H	
27/Dec	3pm Longlevens	H	
2026			
10/Jan	3pm Cinderford Town	H	
13/Jan	7:45pm Cribbs FC WLFC	H	
17/Jan	3pm Thornbury Town	A	
24/Jan	2pm Highworth Town	A	
31/Jan	3pm Corsham Town	H	
07/Feb	3pm Hallen	A	
14/Feb	3pm Royal Wootton Bassett Town	H	
21/Feb	3pm Westfields	H	
28/Feb	3pm Worcester Raiders	A	
14/Mar	3pm Droitwich Spa	H	
21/Mar	3pm Pershore Town	A	
28/Mar	3pm Roman Glass St George	A	
04/Apr	3pm Cribbs FC	A	
06/Apr	3pm Slimbridge	H	
11/Apr	3pm Hallen	H	
18/Apr	3pm Cinderford Town	A	

Goalscorers			
Karnell Chambers	8	Brad Bevan	3
Kieran Alder	5	Connor Walters	2
Oli Barnes	4	Gino Valenti	2
Jamie Creed	4	Macaulay Herbert	1
Harley Mustoe	4	Preston Mason	1
Corey Warrington	3		

TOTAL APPEARANCES	1
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PLAYER PROFILES 2025/26

Luke Merchant

Goalkeeper

Club captain who returned to the club in the 2022/23 season, after a Hellenic League Premier Division title winning season at Bishops Cleeve. A great shot stopper, commanding presence and accomplished keeper. Holds the club record for Hellenic League appearances as a keeper.

Alex Hammond

Goalkeeper

Join the club in late-October following a serious injury to Luke Merchant and has been a fantastic replacement. Had previously been with Mangotsfield United and is studying at Hartpury. Is a good all-round keeper, with safe hands, good shot stopping and can play with his feet.

Robin Hoffland

Goalkeeper

A long-serving player, despite his age, who acts as a capable back-up to Luke Merchant in goal, whenever needed. Has played for the club's 1sts, 2nds, 3rds, 4ths and 5ths, as well as the U18s and always gives his all. Reliable, in a word.

Callum McLean

Defence

New signing, who has impressed at right-back in pre-season and could prove to be a great addition to the squad. Tough tackling and comfortable on the ball. Came through the U18s at local rivals Longlevens.

Elijah Simpson

Defence

Player under Neil Mustoe at Gloucester City U18s and joined from Brimscombe & Thrupp for 2024/25. Comfortable on the ball when in possession, shows a turn of pace, and good defensively. One of the leaders in the squad.

Sam Kelly

Defence

A cultured, ball playing centre-half who can also play at full-back, who has been a great addition to the squad. Joined from Hartpury after a season at Longlevens in 2024/25. Has impressed since donning the claret and blue this season.

Mark Pritchett

Defence

Tasted Hellenic League title success at Bishops Cleeve. Previously at Rovers as Player / Manager before stepping away from the role in 21/22. Offers a no nonsense, old-fashioned approach in each game and is a threat in the opposition box.

Macaulay Herbert

Defence

Our second longest-serving member of the squad. 'Macca' came through our U18s and is solid and dependable; an excellent defender who has been getting better with every season that passed. Has made over 300 first team appearances, despite several injuries punctuating each season.

Ellis Clifford

Defence

Came through the U18s squad, after joining from Gloucester City's youth set-up. Made a breakthrough in 2023/24 and has now amassed almost 60 appearances at left-back. An improving and emerging talent.

Harley Mustoe

Defence/Midfield

Has gained experience playing County League football for Hardwicke and has held down a regular first team spot after making his debut as a substitute in our first game of 2024/25. Most comfortable in midfield but has played at full-back and looked very accomplished. Young Player of the Year 2024/25.

Callum McGuirk

Defence/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. Has become a vital part of the squad.

Corey Warrington

Midfield

Signed at the start of 2024/25 after excelling at Northern Senior League side Tredworth Tigers during 2023/24. A highly energetic midfielder who likes to get on the ball and is well regarded in local football. A real talent.

Liam Smith

Midfield

Has Southern League experience. Calm in possession and possesses a good passing range, although injuries have limited his progress.

Mason Preston

Midfield

Former Forest Green Rovers Academy player recently signed from Hereford Pegasus. Diminutive figure who already looks to be a great addition. Great feet and good energy!

Warren Mann**Midfield**

Our longest serving player with 543 competitive games at Step 7 and above over a 20 year period. The player opposition players, officials and supporters love to hate! Has played in all positions over the last few seasons and happy to play wherever needed.

Kieran Alder**Midfield/Forward**

Returned to the club in 2022/23, after spells with Cinderford, Bishops Cleeve and Worcester City; and overcame injuries to return to his best. Gifted No.10, whose work rate is as noticeable as his work on the ball - a creative player. Previously with Neil Mustoe's U18s at Gloucester City reunited at Rovers.

Karnell Chambers**Forward**

Experienced at a higher level, this is a player who Neil Mustoe was delighted to sign in November 2023. Previously at Gloucester City, Hungerford Town, North Leigh, as well as a spell overseas, and is a goalscorer equally at home wide or in the middle. Finished 24/25 as top scorer for the Firsts with over 20 goals.

Jorell Sanniola**Forward**

New signing in December 2025 from Stonehouse Town and looks to be a talented young lad. Tall and quick, he is comfortable on the ball and is a natural wide player, who will be looking for a chance to break into the starting line-up.

Gino Valenti**Forward**

Wide player who joined the club last season and made a handful of first team appearances, before becoming a regular squad member this term. Pacy and good on the ball. A good finisher, who will weigh in with goals when he has the chance.

Brad Bevan**Forward**

Signed from Fairford Town in 2023/24. Incredibly hardworking, tenacious, a real team player. Runs all day and although not a prolific goalscorer has been a good signing, who regularly contributes a goal. Can play wide or down the centre and is a clever player who has become a vital part of the squad.

Jamie Creed**Forward**

Signed on a dual registration basis from County League side Gala Wilton last season, he is an old fashioned striker – tall, good with his back to goal and already a regular goalscorer. Still only 17, he is attached to Gloucester City, too, and has the potential to be a star in the future.

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. Still in the formative stage of his coaching journey but offers great support to Muzzy and is an important presence in the first team set-up.

Kayleigh Brown**Physio**

Joined in 2025/26 and a good addition to the first team set-up. Also works with the Cheltenham Town Ladies' squad.

Andrew Moody**GK Coach**

Another new addition for the 2025/26 season, joining as our goalkeeping coach after previous experience with Shortwood United and other local clubs.

Alex Butler**Coach**

Joined in 2023/24 after previous experience in local football. Mr Reliable and a really positive influence in the dressing room on match-days.

Tim Hall**Coach**

Formerly with Muzzy at Gloucester City U18s, Tim brings valuable experience and insightful analysis to the coaching team.



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APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Saturday, 6 December 2025

(includes selected list of former players)

Our 26th competitive game of the season took place last Saturday and we saw a debut for Jorell Sanniola, who was signed from Stonehouse Town in the week preceding the game. His appearance made Jorell the 11th debutant of the 2025/26 season. He was the 28th different player to make a competitive appearance since our season commenced at home to Cribbs FC on 29 July.

Of the other ten debutants Vlad Yarmolenko and Joss Lynden have left the club, whilst Tom Kaye returned to Frampton United but we retain his registration on a dual registration basis. Promising Under 18s players Ellis Mayo, Zak Jones and Kaelan Venna have all been involved in match-day squads, with one eye on the future, whilst Preston Mason had been a regular until picking up an injury.

Sam Kelly and Alex Hammond have become an integral part of the squad since they signed in October but none of them compare to the impact of Callum McLean (pictured), who has been a near ever present, making 23 appearances, including 18 starts, and making the right-back slot his own.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	192	46	Lander, Daniel	51	1
Barnes, Oli	22	9	Lynden, Joss	7	0
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mann, Warren	543	85
Bevan, Bradley	90	14	Mason, Preston	14	1
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Mayo, Ellis	1	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	McLean, Callum	23	0
Chambers, Karnell	86	47	McGuirk, Callum	145	0
Clifford, Ellis	81	0	Merchant, Luke	171	0
Creed, Jamie	30	6	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Mustoe, Harley	58	8
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Pritchett, Mark	223	29
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Sanniola, Jorell	1	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Simpson, Elijah	54	0
Hammond, Alex	7	0	Smith, Liam	107	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Hoffland, Robin	16	0	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Herbert, Macaulay	343	11	Valenti, Gino	12	3
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Venna, Kaelan	3	0
Hill, Sam	130	9	Wallington, Lee	131	4
James, Brett	186	64	Wallington, Mark	220	29
James, Richard	125	40	Walters, Connor	109	19
Jones, Zak	1	0	Warrington, Corey	59	3
Kent, Dominik	175	21	White, Joel	140	4
Kaye, Tom	1	0	Wright, Liam	124	3
Kelly, Sam	10	0	Yarmolenko, Vladyslav	2	0

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.



DROITWICH SPA CLUB HISTORY

Droitwich Spa FC were formed in 1985 (originally as a Sunday side) as an open aged team when the then Under 16's Droitwich Spa Boys side had no other junior league to participate in. The club spent its early years in the Worcester Leagues and in 2000 joined the Midland Combination Division 2 after 3 successful seasons at the top of the Worcester Premier League. The first season under the new name saw the club attain a respectable 7th placed mid-table finish.

In their 3rd season (2002-03), the club finished 3rd - narrowly missing out on promotion, however 4 years later the Spa repeated that feat and with the necessary facilities in place were promoted to Division 1. The first team remained in Division 1 for the next 7 seasons, mainly flirting with relegation with an occasional mid-table finish.

In 2004-05 season, Spa reached the Worcestershire Junior Cup Final for the first time in their history, however lost 1-0 to Bewdley Town. In the same season, a Droitwich Spa Reserve team was started- competing in Division 3 of the Midland Combination.

In season 2013-14, after a long yet eventually succesful struggle against relegation, the club did the Cup double - winning both the Worcestershire Junior Cup and the Evesham Nursing Cup.

The club has been run and continues to be run today, by a group of volunteers. Without these individuals vital work both on and off the field, the club could not have functioned. Pivotal names in the clubs recent history which will go down in DSFC folklore and to whom a large debt of gratitude is due- include (but is not limited to): Dave and Nick West, Richard Goode, John Williamson, Andrew and Ben Pheasant, Tom Goss, Tom Sanders, Chris Hartshorne, Andy Dyer and Barry Shuck.

The re-structuring of the Leagues saw the Saltmen placed in the Midland Football League Division 2 in 2014-15, where a poor start to the season culminated in Colin Rudge being replaced by the management team of Worcester City legend Mark Owen and Wayne Oliver, who had previously managed at (amongst others) Pershore Town, Malvern Town and Bromyard Town.

When the new managers took over, they found the club at the foot of the table. In a remarkable turnaround, the Saltmen ended the season in their highest ever league position (8th) and points tally (46) and reached the Worcestershire Junior Cup Semi Finals only to be knocked out by local rivals Fairfield Villa.

The decision was taken to dissolve the struggling Reserve side to focus all efforts on the fortunes of the first team and as a result, the Saltmen have acheived their highest ever finish in season 2015/16 - a very creditable 3rd position as well as winning silverware on 2 fronts.

In 2016/17, the club went one better, winning the Midland Football League Division 2 for the first time in its history ahead of Paget Rangers & Alvis Sporting. However, the club were deducted 3 points a month after the season had finished after a lengthy investigation & appeal process for "fielding an ineligible player". The deduction was ironically just enough to send the Saltmen out of the promotion places by 1 point and consign them to another season in Division 2.

The club moved away from their home at KGPF due to proposed re-developments at the

ground, and will continue to play home games at Walshes Meadow in Stourport

In 2017/18, the club finished in 3rd position in the Midland Football League Division 2, runners-up in the Worcestershire Junior Cup and made a first foray in to the FA Vase - eventually losing out in the 2nd Qualifying Round at Shifnal Town after extra time. The Saltmen also saw 3 red cards in a bad tempered tie and finished the game with only 8 players!

In 2018/19, the club competed in the West Midlands Regional League for the first time after moving across from the MFL and finished 3rd in Division 1, achieving a new Record Points Tally for the club in a Season of 69 and also a New Record League Goals Tally for a Season of 107. To add to this the Club also achieved a New Record win for the club with a 10-0 victory at Bustleholme in January. Victory in the WFA Junior Cup finished the season in the best possible way

The 2019/20 Season will officially go down as the Season that never was due to the Coronavirus Pandemic which brought the Season to a premature end in March and the Season then deemed Null and Void. Up until this point however the Season has been another very memorable one for Spa, we had a run in the FA Vase that saw us get to the 2nd Round Proper where we were narrowly beaten by a late goal at Lye Town and when things were halted in March, Spa were sitting 13 points clear at the top of WMRL Division One and had also secured a place in the Semi-Finals of the Division One League Cup

The 2020/21 was once again one that never happened due to Covid. Spa only played 7 games before things were brought to a halt again. However Droitwich Spa did go through a Managerial change just as the Season was about to be brought to an abrupt and very premature end. Mark Owen resigned from his position as Manager and the club replaced him with a Spa 'Legend'. Long Serving Player, former Captain and Assistant Manager Andrew Crowther was appointed as Manager but would end up having to wait several months for his first game in charge

The 2021/22 Season will be remembered as the greatest so far in Droitwich Spa's history. This was the Season that after 4 years away saw our New Ground start to be built, it was something the club had waited many years for and the Season was full of excitement as we watched the ground being built bit by bit. To top that off this is also the Season that saw Spa win the West Midland League and after several seasons of getting close finally gain Promotion into Step 6.

Season 2022/23 saw Spa play at Step 6 for the first time ever and also move back Home to Droitwich in their newly built stadium and they set new club records. Highest ever League Placing of 4th in MFL Division One which meant a place in the Play-Offs where after winning the Play-Off Semi-Final on penalties, Spa then lost the Play-Off Final in the couple of minutes. Droitwich also reached the Semi-Final of the Worcestershire Senior Cup which is a memorable effort as it's the 1st time Spa have been in the higher ranked Competition.

The 2023/24 Season ended with another Promotion Play-Off Final defeat for Spa as this time we lost out via a Penalty Shoot Out after another Season that after a difficult start ultimately saw much more highs than lows including another run in the Worcestershire Senior Cup which saw Spa reach the Quarter Finals.

The 2024/25 Season saw Spa have there most successful season yet as they won the Hellenic League Division One League Title and achieved promotion into Step 5 for the first time in the clubs history. Spa also had there longest run in the FA Vase reaching Round 3. 2025/26 will see Spa make history as a club as they will compete in Step 5 of the pyramid and also for the first time ever will have a place in the FA Cup.

(OR AROUND) THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

Current records date back, fairly accurately, to the 2007/08 season and although there are a few gaps stopping us having a full set of data, it gives us the opportunity to include this programme feature that allows us to reflect on days gone by and fixtures on, or around, today's date.

Since those records began, we've only had one game on 13 December which we've reviewed alongside a host of games around this date to reflect on our fortunes over the years....

15 December 2007

Henbury recorded just their second win of the season as they secured a 3-2 win over Tuffley Rovers in the Les James League Cup 2nd Round. Rovers made a bright start and were arguably the better side in the first half but their finishing was poor and nine minutes before the interval Henbury took the lead through Aaron Rosser's strike.

The game remained highly competitive but it was the hosts extended their lead on 75 minutes, as substitute Gary Clark created an opening for Pat Mathison to give Henbury a 2-0 lead. Another substitute, Scott Bamford, then scored another to make it 3-0. Although Mark Wallington and then Lee Wallington both scored in the closing moments, it wasn't enough and Rovers' cup hopes ended as Henbury advanced.

Squad: Mark Harris; Robert Cook; Leone Cornwall; Mark Patterson; Martin Middlecote; Peter Thomas; Marcus Goodge; Mark Wallington; Patrick Boyd; Ollie Everitt; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Lee Wallington; Jon Corbett.

10 December 2011

Tuffley Rovers relinquished top spot in the Gloucestershire County League, with a disappointing 2-1 defeat at DRG Stapleton. The visitors started well and took the lead in the 28th minute when Shayne Bradley was put clear in a one on one situation to coolly slot the ball past the home keeper. The home side hit back in the second half when Joe Galsworthy levelled the and seven minutes later he chipped Mark Harris to give the home side all three points.

Squad: Mark Harris; Dean Gorman; Lee Wallington; Richard James; Callum Preece; Courtney Hamilton; Liam Harding; Jonathan Meadows; Warren Mann; Oliver Everitt; Shayne Bradley. **Subs used:** Ben Surman; Kyle Kennedy.

8 December 2012

Patchway Town and league leaders Tuffley Rovers played out a dour affair in the first period of their Gloucestershire County League fixture, before the game came to life in the second period and Rovers ran out 3-1 winners. Matt Davies put the hosts in front during the first period in a rare attack. The second half was a different story and Rovers side scored three times in 18 minutes after the restart.



First, Richard James rose highest to head home a corner, before Mark Ford converted from close range. On 63 minutes a thirty yard free-kick taken from Marcus Foxwell flew in, to make it 3-1.

Squad: Chris Perks; Elliot King; Antoine Thompson; Marcus Foxwell; Leone Cornwall; Courtney Hamilton; Glenn Gittins; Richard James; Mark Wallington; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Nathen King; Rutendo Makovma.

10 December 2013

Tuffley Rovers exited the Harry Greening Memorial Trophy, as they succumbed to be 4-1 defeat away at Brimscombe & Thrupp. Kieran Tracey scored Rovers' only goal on an otherwise forgettable afternoon for Doug Foxwell's side.

Squad: Chris Perks; Matt Minett; Elliot King; Shaun Smith; Ashley Davies; Steve Bick; Mark Wallington; Kieran Tracey; Ollie Everitt; Michael Oakes; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Lee Brinkworth; Lee Wallington; Mark Patterson.

13 December 2014

A rampant performance from Tuffley Rovers helped them to a 9-1 win over Wantage Town Development as Warren Evans' side continued their good form in UHlsport Hellenic League, Division One (West) at Glevum Park.

A hat-trick from Mark Ford was supplemented by goals from Jordan Dowdeswell, Brett James, Ashley Davies, Marcus Foxwell, Shayne Bradley and an own goal to take Rovers to a fourth consecutive victory in all competitions.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Mike Devlin; Macaulay Herbert; Stuart Griffith; Jordan Dowdeswell; Ashley Davies; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Courtney Hamilton; Steve Bick; Matt Minett.

17 December 2016

A 2-2 draw at high-flying Thatcham Town kept Tuffley Rovers' hopes of a top ten finish in the UHlsport Hellenic League very much alive, as goals from Ashley Davies and Shayne Bradley secured a vital point. Rovers had led 2-0 before the hosts recovered. Player/Manager Mark Pritchett was then shown a red-card for a robust challenge on the half-way line.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Macaulay Herbert; Marcus Foxwell; Jamie Goodwin; Ashley Davies; Shayne Bradley; Liam Wright; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Gareth Jones; Harry Walker; Mark Pritchett.

10 December 2019

A thrilling cup tie ended with Tuffley Rovers advancing in the Perpetua Press Floodlit Cup, but only after a 4-1 win in a penalty shoot-out.



A goal from Joe Shutt and a hat-trick from Mark Pritchett had handed Rovers a 4-0 lead but their hosts mounted a spirited comeback that saw them level at 4-4, before Pritchett was dismissed at full-time. Luke merchant proved to be Rovers' hero, saving two Malvern spot-kicks, before Adam Bloomfield scored the decisive penalty, as Rovers advanced into the next round.



Squad: Luke Merchant; Harri John; Ben Pictor; Mark Pritchett; Isaac Lawrence; Jake Rhodes; Joe Shutt; Tyreece Briscoe; Warren Mann; Dominik Kent; Jeremiah Idowu. **Subs used:** Sam Hill; Adam Bloomfield; Lewis Bainbridge.

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Sam Kelly	4	Cory Rudd
Macaulay Herbert	5	Lewis Sauntson ©
Callum McGuirk	6	Ben Tilbury
Corey Warrington	7	Perry Moss
Harley Mustoe	8	Charlie Tilley
Karnell Chambers	9	Alex Dugmore
Kieran Alder ©	10	James Lemon
Brad Bevan	11	Josh Hurdman
Jamie Creed	12	Curtis Smith
Ellis Clifford	14	Nathan Binner
Gino Valenti	15	Soms Sibanda
Mark Pritchett	16	Haydn Morris
Ellis Mayo	17	Reiss Taylor-Randle
Kaelan Venna	18	Joe Hurdman
Preston Mason	19	Rohan Levy
Robin Hoffland	20	Sam Hurdman
Luke Merchant	21	Thomas King

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