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EDITOR'S COMMENT



Happy New Year and a warm welcome to everyone visiting Glevum Park this evening for the visit of Malvern Town in the Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup. I sincerely hope their players, supporters and officials enjoy their visit to our home (in every respect, bar the result!).

Suffice to say, I'm glad the Longlevens game is now very much behind us! We were dreadful on the day and they deserved their win. What I prefer to focus on is that our form hasn't been so bad. Two wins from four prior to the Longlevens game, puts us 12th in the Hellenic League form table for each team's last five games, which isn't relegation form. That most other sides have played seven or eight games in the same period is what has caused us to slip down the table...and we can't now slide any further!

It is important we retain perspective and optimism. Games in hand will need to be turned into points, which is no easy matter, but that is the challenge for this group of players. For those who believe they're good enough for this level of football it is as simple as that – prove it!

However, tonight is a cup tie and a chance to get some game time, without league points being at stake. We suffered a heavy defeat in our last cup meeting against Malvern Town, but here's hoping we can cause an upset tonight.

Muzzy hasn't stood still over the festive period and he's recruited another excellent player in Harrison Iddles, who I am delighted to welcome to the club. Fingers crossed he'll deliver the sort of performances we've seen from him against us and that can be the catalyst for better times ahead.

One final thing – we have some Friday night games coming up in the near future and I hope this will be a venture that is well supported. The Hellenic League's primary motivation is to combat the insufficient number of match officials for the Saturday afternoon calendar, but it is also a potential opportunity for clubs to add to their gate, with a handful of games on an evening when many people won't have work the next morning. We'll see how it goes and it may become a more common feature in future.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to read this. I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT



Good evening and welcome to everyone at Glevum Park today. I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

We find ourselves looking up at the whole league above us after Thornbury Town's win last Monday, coupled with our game against Shrevenham being postponed and then Saturday's game, when we were due to host Royal Wootton Bassett Town also succumbing to the weather. I am still struggling to get my head around how/why we are bottom of the league or even in the bottom four with the squad that we have.

The Longlevens result hurt many at the club, not just the result, but the manner of that defeat. It didn't help losing two experienced players to injury in the first half but, even so, others players need to take responsibility on the pitch. It is down to them now to work hard to get out of where we are and ensure we have Hellenic League Premier Division football to look forward to next season.

Traditionally in January people attempt to stay off alcohol for the month, but with the ever-increasing pressures on the hospitality industry support for local sports club to survive has never been needed more. Our primary income is based around food and drink sales, so please feel free to drink the bars dry!

I hope everyone enjoys the game and hospitality here today and a safe trip home.

Have a great evening.

Many thanks,

Dan

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MANAGER'S COMMENT



Good afternoon and welcome to all players officials and supporters of Malvern Town visiting Glevum Park this evening.

After the disappointment of Saturday game being off and results going against us, we need to get going again. Our season seems to have become a bit stop/start lately, so a cup match tonight is a good way to hopefully get the New Year off to a good start.

Tonight's opponents are flying high in the league at the moment and beat us quite convincingly in our last encounter.

We would like to go as far as we can in any competition and this is no different. We'll need to be better in all departments than we were last time out.

We got the lads together ahead of the planned Wootton Bassett fixture and had a good training session in the week. Although our league position is not what we would like, there is still a good spirit amongst the group and confidence to get us out of the bottom two and move up the table. We know we need more consistency and we believe there is the quality in the dressing room for this to happen.

Here is to a good game and the right result. I'm hoping for a better year in 2023!

Cheers,

Muzzy

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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).

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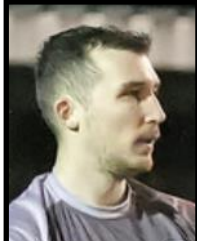


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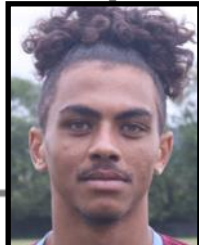


Dave Cornock
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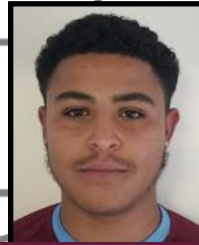


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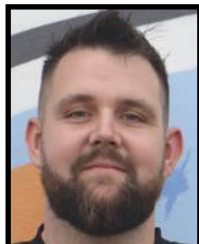


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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 2 January 2023

Pos	Team	Home											Away											Overall				
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts				
1	Malvern Town	24	9	3	0	37	10	9	1	2	28	13	18	4	2	65	23	42	58									
2	Cribbs	22	9	1	1	27	4	9	2	0	17	4	18	3	1	44	8	36	57									
3	Worcester Raiders	22	6	1	2	22	11	8	4	1	36	16	14	5	3	58	27	31	47									
4	Westfields	23	7	3	3	18	11	5	3	2	21	13	12	6	5	39	24	15	42									
5	Corsham Town	18	7	2	0	24	3	4	3	2	17	12	11	5	2	41	15	26	38									
6	Hereford Pegasus	23	8	1	4	27	21	4	0	6	15	24	12	1	10	42	45	-3	37									
7	Roman Glass St George	21	3	2	4	16	15	7	2	3	25	10	10	4	7	41	25	16	34									
8	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	21	4	6	2	21	18	4	1	4	14	10	8	7	6	35	28	7	31									
9	Wantage Town	24	3	3	5	16	18	5	3	5	25	23	8	6	10	41	41	0	30									
10	Hereford Lads Club	23	7	0	4	20	24	2	3	7	13	22	9	3	11	33	46	-13	30									
11	Brimscombe & Thrupp	21	5	1	4	21	13	2	4	5	21	22	7	5	9	42	35	7	26									
12	Bradford Town	21	3	2	5	12	16	4	1	6	23	30	7	3	11	35	46	-11	24									
13	Longlevens AFC	24	4	4	6	20	23	2	1	7	16	20	6	5	13	36	43	-7	23									
14	Mangotsfield United	22	2	2	7	19	29	5	0	6	16	21	7	2	13	35	50	-15	23									
15	Fairford Town	23	3	1	7	14	21	3	3	6	21	25	6	4	13	35	46	-11	22									
16	Strivenham	21	1	0	8	11	31	5	3	4	15	21	6	3	12	26	52	-26	21									
17	Lydney Town	22	2	3	5	14	24	3	2	7	10	31	5	5	12	24	55	-31	20									
18	Chipping Sodbury Town	20	4	4	4	19	23	0	2	6	6	26	4	6	10	25	49	-24	18									
19	Thornbury Town	22	3	1	7	15	20	2	1	8	11	24	5	2	15	26	44	-18	17									
20	Tuffley Povers	19	2	1	7	15	26	2	2	5	11	21	4	3	12	26	47	-21	15									

Appearance information

Up to and including Tuesday, 27 December 2022

(includes selected list of former players)

Kieran Alder's winning goal in our last win at Glevum Park (against Hereford Pegasus) was his 25th goal for the club, across two spells. That made him the ninth player to make it to a quarter century of goals for the club since our modern records for Step 7 and above began, and he has the fifth best goalscoring ratio amongst that group, with his goal every 3.64 games ranking above current teammates Warren Mann and Ashley Davies, but lagging behind Shayne Bradley, who averages a goal every 2.14 games. Kieran is now only nine appearances away from a century of appearances, to accompany at least a quarter century of appearances – here's hoping there is plenty more to come, on both fronts!



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	91	25	James, Richard	125	40
Anson, Shayne	71	4	John, Harri	42	0
Azubilla, Paul	20	1	Jones, Elliot	18	0
Barry, Jordan	4	0	Kent, Dominik	154	19
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Lander, Daniel	14	0
Beasley, Daniel	12	3	Lewis, Mason	23	3
Bird, Ashley	66	5	Lomotey, Yeshaya	21	3
Birkett, Henry	65	5	Mace, Ryley	4	1
Bradley, Shayne	251	117	Mann, Warren	486	83
Butler, Matt	5	1	McGuirk, Callum	25	0
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	McNally, Laurie	10	0
Davies, Ashley	178	27	Merchant, Luke	61	0
Dobbins, Ryan	65	16	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Driver-Dickerson, George	9	0	Nicholls, Scott	14	0
Evans, David	69	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Fallows, Dayton	1	0	Poole, Bradley	7	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Geddes, Jacob	51	4	Shyamapant, Tomos	10	0
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Smerdon, Noah	4	1
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Smith, Liam	33	1
Haswell, Joey	7	2	Squires, Kieran	82	7
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hawkins, Luke	10	0	Walker, Harry	67	6
Herbert, Macaulay	234	8	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	15	0	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	120	8	White, Joel	108	4
Hoffland, Robin	4	0	Wright, Liam	124	3
James, Brett	185	64	Yussuf, Demilade	13	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.

Statistics 2022/23

Competition

UHlsport 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		
2022								
03/Aug	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A	0-0	143	-		
06/Aug	3pm	Slimbridge	FAC	H	1-2	R Mace	1	2
09/Aug	7:45pm	Malvern Town		H	1-3	R Dobbins	1	5
13/Aug	3pm	Lydney Town		H	4-0	J Beardsell (2), M Lewis (2)	1	2
17/Aug	7:45pm	Fairford Town	A	1-4	90	N Smerdon	1	3
29/Aug	3pm	Longlevens	A	0-0	222	-	1	4
03/Sep	3pm	Hereford Pegasus	A	1-4	50	M Butler	1	4
13/Sep	7:45pm	Newent Town	WLFC	H	2-1	S Bradley (2)	1	16
17/Sep	3pm	Thornbury Town	A	2-0	47	J Beardsell, D Kent	1	
24/Sep	3pm	Fleet Spurs	FAV	H	1-1*	74	S Bradley	1
01/Oct	3pm	Hereford Lads Club	A	1-2	60	P Azubilla	1	
08/Oct	3pm	Cribbs FC		H	1-2	S Bradley	1	
11/Oct	7:45pm	Lydney Town	WLFC	A	4-0	J Haswell (2), D Kent, D Beasley	1	
15/Oct	3pm	Shrivenham		H	1-1	K Squires	1	
19/Oct	3pm	Worcester Raiders	A	0-5	178	-	1	
22/Oct	3pm	Hartpury University	FAV	A	0-1	67	-	1
25/Oct	7:45pm	Fairford Town	H	2-4	127	R Dobbins, O.G.	1	
29/Oct	3pm	Roman Glass St. George		H	0-5	67	-	1
01/Nov	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		H	1-2	S Bradley		
05/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United	A	2-4	199	S Bradley, D Beasley		16
12/Nov	3pm	Wantage Town	A	4-2	82	S Bradley (3), K Alder		
15/Nov	7:45pm	Hartpury University	GFA	H	3-2	R Dobbins, S Bradley (2)		
19/Nov	3pm	Meadow Park	BFCC	H	6-2	45	R Dobbins (3), W Mann (pen), K Alder, Y Lomotey	
22/Nov	7:45pm	Malvern Town	WLFC	A	1-9	104	M Lewis	
30/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	A	A-A	83	-		
03/Dec	12noon	Bradford Town		H	4-5	90	O.G., R Dobbins, K Squires, D Beasley	
06/Dec	7:30pm	Almondsbury FC	GFA	A	2-1	37	R Dobbins, Y Lomotey	
20/Dec	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		H	1-0	61	K Alder	
27/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		H	0-4	373	-	
2023								
07/Jan	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H				
10/Jan	7:45pm	Malvern Town	BFCC	H				
14/Jan	3pm	Roman Glass St. George		A				
20/Jan	7:45pm	Mangotsfield United		H				
27/Jan	7:45pm	Cribbs FC		A				
04/Feb	3pm	Corsham Town		H				
08/Feb	7:45pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A				
11/Feb	3pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		A				
14/Feb	7:45pm	Corsham Town		A				
18/Feb	3pm	Bradford Town		A				
21/Feb	7:45pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		H				
04/Mar	3pm	Thornbury Town		H				
11/Mar	3pm	Westfields		A				
18/Mar	3pm	Lydney Town		A				
25/Mar	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		H				
01/Apr	3pm	Malvern Town		A				
07/Apr	3pm	Westfields		H				
10/Apr	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		H				
15/Apr	3pm	Wantage Town		H				
TBC	TBC	Cribbs FC	GFA	H				
TBC	TBC	Shrivenham		A				

* Tuffley Rovers won 4-2 on penalties

Goalscorers

Bradley, Shayne	11	Squires, Kieran	2
Dobbins, Ryan	8	Lomotey, Yeshaya	2
Beasley, Daniel	3	O.G.	2
Lewis, Mason	3	Mace, Ryley	1
Alder, Kieran	3	Smerdon, Noah	1
Beardsell, Jack	3	Butler, Matt	1
Haswell, Joey	2	Azubilla, Paul	1
Kent, Dominik	2	Mann, Warren	1

TOTAL APPEARANCES	18	9
STARTS	18	7
SUBSTITUTE	0	2
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0	0

Jones, Elliot
Nicholls, Scott

Mann, Warren	Smerdon, Noah	Lander, Dan	Hicks, Sammie	Wright, Liam	Birkett, Henry	Dobbins, Ryan	Beardsell, Jack	Kent, Dominik	Lewis, Mason	Yussuf, Demilade	Bradley, Shayne	Squires, Kieran	Lomotey, Yeshaya	McGuirk, Callum	Hawkins, Luke	Mace, Ryley	Barry, Jordan	Azubilla, Paul	Butler, Matthew	Herbert, Macaulay	Smith, Liam	Driver-Dickerson, George	Shyamapant, Tomos	Davies, Ashley	Alder, Kieran	Beasley, Daniel	Haswell, Joey	Fallows, Dayton	Mercham, Luke	Poole, Bradley	Hoffland, Robin	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	Mustoe, Neil	Haswell, Tristan	MoM				
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2	4		10		8	9	7	12	11		U	6	17	5								15	U														Warren Mann		
3			6	2	8	9	10			11		U	U	7	U							5	12	U													Macaulay Herbert		
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Brad Poole

Goalkeeper

Fantastic keeper, who first played under Doug Foxwell in the County League promotion season in 2012/13, after being attached to Cheltenham Town in youth football, but has been unable to commit to first team football in the years that have followed, due to work commitments, and has made just four competitive appearances in a Rovers shirt. Now providing goalkeeping cover for the 2022/23 season.

Elliot Jones

Goalkeeper

Signed on a dual registration from Gloucester City, where is a highly rated member of the U19s squad, Elliot joined on the eve of the season and made a solid start in the early season games. Calm, commanding, offers good distribution and has been a good addition to the squad. An exciting prospect who we hope to see regularly in the side this season.

Kieran Squires

Defence

Previously with the club from 2014/15 to 2017/18 but then spent time at Slimbridge, Longlevens and Hardwicke, before dropping down to play local league football. Returned to the club this season has proved a shrewd acquisition. Thunderous tackling, powerful in the air and has a terrific long-throw that could add a dimension to our play.

Paul Azubilla

Defence

Joined from local side Gloucester Athletic this season, after requesting a trial in the summer. Impressed in the pre-season and could be a great acquisition. Raw but has pace, power, strength and desire to improve. Very calm on the ball and capable of hitting a pass, meaning he could be a good prospect as the season develops.

Dan Lander

Defence

Returned in pre-season, having spent a short spell with the club a few seasons ago, without making a competitive appearance. Has returned with more experience and is a tall centre-half, who is strong, fierce in the tackle and decent in the air. He's also sensible in possession and knows his role in the side.

Ryley Mace

Defence

After time served in the U18s and then Development Squad has started to feature in the first team. Plenty of potential, whether at full-back or in a more attacking role.

Macaulay Herbert

Defence

Now the second longest-serving member of the first team, 'Macca' came through our U18s and is a solid, dependable; an excellent defender who has been getting better with every season that passed. Has now made over 200 first team appearances but has only recently returned following a lengthy absence with a serious shoulder injury.

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Ashley Davies

Defence

In his 3rd spell with the club. Has had spells away at Hardwicke, Shortwood United & Cinderford Town but returned briefly last and now raring to go in 2022/23! Was Neil Mustoe's 1st signing last season; an incredible coup. Brings class on the ball, a physical presence, leadership and a wonderful work ethic to the squad - his influence will be of huge value to the club.

Scott Nicholls

Defence

A member of our hugely successful 2020/21 FA Youth Cup squad, Scott secured a scholarship to attend college in the US but returned to the club in December 2021 and made a solid contribution in five appearances, punctuated by a return to the USA. Tall, athletic and comfortable on the ball will be looking to collect more first team appearances this season.

Warren Mann

Midfield

Our longest serving player and has now made over 450 appearances 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!

Sammie Hicks

Midfield

Signed in January to bolster the squad following Neil Mustoe's appointment as manager, on a dual registration agreement with Cinderford Town. Has now committed to the club for 2022/23. A super talented midfielder, now with experience at a higher level and just what we needed after a difficult season. Coming back from a series of injuries that have hampered his progress but a stellar signing, nonetheless.

Dominik Kent

Midfield

About to start his fifth season with the club, Dom was a product of Neil Mustoe's Gloucester City U18 squad and is a talented midfielder, who is good on the ball, industrious and quick across the ground but also incredibly tenacious, whether looking to retain possession or win the ball back. Has often sacrificed his natural attacking instinct to play in a deeper midfield role but still retains a healthy goals per game ratio.

Callum McGuirk

Midfield

Signed from Longlevens, where he'd largely been used at full-back, he is a hard-working midfielder, who looks comfortable on the ball. Previously spent time at Rovers, where he featured in our U18s squad. Will look to make an impact in 2022/23 but his versatility could also be an important asset.

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Mason Lewis

Midfield

Recently signed after impressing in pre-season. Capable of playing at centre-back or left-back and can also play further forward in a wide role. Tall, commanding, strong and comfortable on the ball. Will be looking to secure a regular starting berth after spells at Cirencester Town, Lydney Town and Longlevens, amongst others.

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 an injury hit campaign in 2021/22. Offers experience and capable of dropping into the back four when needed.

Luke Hawkins

Midfield

Joined during pre-season, having previously been at Newent Town, and will be looking to make the step up into Hellenic League Premier Division football this season. Looks to have plenty of pace, combined with an industrious style of play. Could prove to be a good acquisition, particularly as he looks comfortable playing in a wide position.

Henry Birkett

Midfield

Now in a third (or fourth!) spell with Rovers, after a fairly nomadic life in Hellenic League & County League football. Has made forty appearances for the first team over 7 years but returned during pre-season with a new maturity - could be the season where he settles down to become the key player that we all believe he can be? Great energy, good passing ability, hard-working & can add goals. An important year ahead.

Kieran Alder

Midfield

Recently returned to the club after spells with Cinderford Town, Bishops Cleeve and Worcester City. A gifted No.10, whose work rate is as noticeable as his talent on the ball. Scored once in every four games during his previous spell with the club and scored eight league goals for Cleeve in their title winning season in 2021/22. Previously part of Neil Mustoe's U18s side at Gloucester City and now reunited with him at Rovers.

Ryan Dobbins

Forward

Another returning player, who started out at the club's Stroud League sides, before a successful period in the Reserves' squad was followed by a prolific spell at County League side Gala Wilton. Then moved back into Hellenic League football, where he played for Cheltenham Saracens, before a return to Glevum Park this season. Has the potential to contribute goals, but his all-round game has improved immeasurably and he is adept at holding the ball up and bringing his teammates into the game. Good signing for 2022/23.

Yeshaya Lomotoy

Forward

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

Dan Beasley

Forward

Recent signing from Westfields, who already looks to be a great acquisition. Strong, holds the ball up well, has an electric turn of pace and shows plenty of composure in front of goal.

Shayne Bradley

Forward

Could this season see an Indian Summer for the club's leading goalscorer since our return to Step 7 football (and progression since)? 106 goals in 230 appearances were hugely valuable to our progress from County League football and Bradders still possesses the quality that saw him make four Premier League appearances, as well promotion success at Mansfield Town, before injury curtailed his professional career. Last appeared in a Rovers shirt during 2018/19 but now set for a return in 2022/23.

Tomos Shyamapant

Forward

Youngster who has been a consistent goalscorer for both the U18s and Development Squad over the past two seasons. Highly rated and a genuine prospect. Made his debut against Cheltenham Saracens in the GFA Challenge Trophy last season and gained more experience as the season drew to a close. Natural finisher, who will be looking for more opportunities to make an impact this season. One for the future, for sure!

Neil Mustoe

Manager

Appointed as first team manager in January and took the club away from relegation fears to a place of safety. 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.

Ritchie Warden

Assistant Manager

Appointed as Assistant Manager in 2020, when Richard Cox took on the Caretaker Manager role, Ritchie is a UEFA B qualified coach who has experience from working at Cheltenham Town. Stayed on to become Neil Mustoe's assistant after Cox's resignation and is an important part of the management team.



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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 the questions or answers are all about FA cup ties after the last weekend's action...

1. The player pictured (with his club manager at that time, Geoff Chapple) had just scored a hat-trick against West Bromwich Albion in the FA Cup 3rd Round 1990/91. Who is he?



2. On 18 January 2005 Liverpool were knocked out of the FA Cup by Burnley, although the only goal in the 1-0 defeat came courtesy of a memorable own goal. Who was the Liverpool player who scored the decisive goal in bizarre circumstances?

3. In 2010, the player pictured here scored the decisive goal for Leeds United, then a third tier side, in their 1-0 win against Manchester United at Old Trafford. Who is this famous goalscorer?

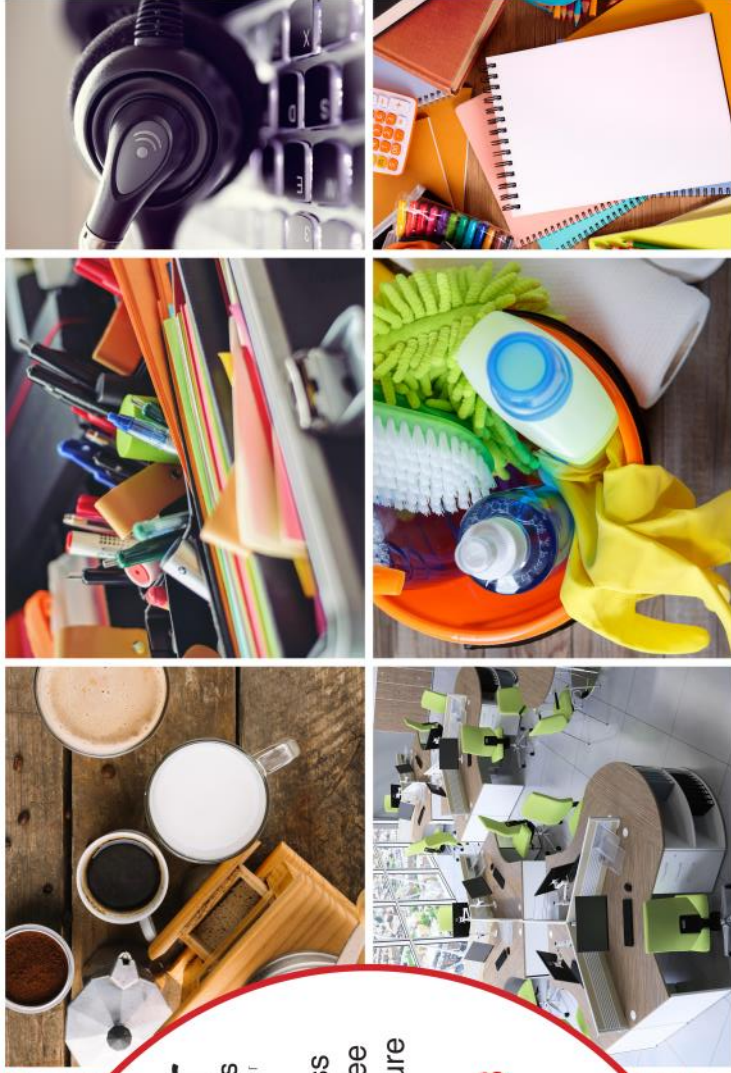


4. Talking of Manchester United...in 1992 a former Red Devil, who had played in the 1979 FA Cup Final, scored a wonderful free-kick for his then side, Wrexham, as they beat Arsenal 2-1 at The Racecourse Ground. Who was the player who fired a free-kick past David Seaman?

5. Can you put these FA Cup winning captains in the correct chronological order?



Quiz Answers: (1) Tim Buzaglio; (2) Djimi Traore; (3) Dumfries; (4) Mickey Thomas; (5) The correct order is b, a, d and c – Bryan Robson in 1983; Brian Kilcline in 1987; Dave Beasant in 1988; and Steven Gerrard in 2006.



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On (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 a new 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 had one only game on 10 January but we have selected a few from around the date to reflect on our fortunes during this time of the year...

5 January 2008

A 2-1 win, away at Thornbury Town, saw Tuffley Rovers move back into second spot in the Gloucestershire County League. Thornbury took the lead on 10 minutes, from a Pete Fowler header, but Mark Wallington levelled on 20 minutes. The winner came from the penalty spot in the 70th minute after Paul Taylor, who had just come on as a sub, committed a foul in the area and Ben Surman netted from the spot to give Rovers all three points.

Squad: Mark Harris; Ben Surman; Lee Wallington; Robert Cook; Leone Cornwall; Jon Corbett; Mark Wallington; Peter Thomas; Adam Hacker; Ollie Everitt; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Marcus Goodge; Martin Middlecote.

8 January 2011

Rockleaze Rangers recorded just a second league win of the season, as they scored an 86th minute winner, through Savas Frangoullis, who finished from Kye Simpson's pass. Rovers almost opened the scoring, as early as the third minute, but Peter Thomas was twice denied by the Rockleaze keeper.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Kyle Kennedy; Richard Workman; Ashley Davies; Lee Wallington; Peter Thomas; Liam Harding; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** John Sesan; Jamie Harper.

7 January 2012

Tuffley Rovers closed the gap on league leaders, Henbury, as they recorded an excellent 4-2 victory at Glevum Park. Johnny Meadows opened the scoring, before Henbury equalised. Rovers then scored three more – through Dean Gorman, Shayne Bradley and Jivan Bryan-Munroe - before a late Henbury goal reduced the arrears.



Squad: Mark Harris; Dean Gorman; Richard James; Liam Harding; Michael Oakes; Marcus Foxwell; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann; Johnny Meadows; Stuart Griffith. **Subs used:** Jivan Bryan-Munroe; Mark Ford.

10 January 2015

Tuffley Rovers were dumped out of the GFA Challenge Trophy by lower league opposition, as Cheltenham Civil Service recorded a 2-0 win over Warren Evans' side.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Macaulay Herbert; Glenn Gittins; Courtney Hamilton; Kieran Dobbins; Ashley Davies; Warren Mann; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Sam Drew; Adji Gnadja; Mike Devlin.

7 January 2017

Tuffley Rovers continued their good Hellenic League Premier Division form as they swept aside Brackley Town Saints 5-0 at Glevum Park. Two goals from Warren Mann and a Jamie Goodwin effort made it 3-0 at the interval. Mann completed his hat-trick in the second period, with Goodwin also getting another goal to complete the rout.



Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Marcus Foxwell; Ben Tunnicliff; Jamie Goodwin; Harry Walker; Ryan Dobbins; Liam Wright; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Jake Sloggett; Courtney Hamilton; Ashley Davies.

5 January 2019

Tuffley Rovers earned a valuable point, for the second successive Saturday, as they shared six goals with visitors Holmer Green, in a most enthralling encounter at Glevum Park.

Shayne Bradley scored within 54 seconds of the game starting, but Curtis Stone equalised for the visitors. Bradley's second – a penalty – was quickly followed by a second leveller from Eliot Britton, as the teams traded goals.

Dean Powles then gave the visitors the lead for the first time, but Dean Munday's own goal restored parity with half an hour to play. Amazingly, that was the end of the scoring and the game finished 3-3.

Squad: Kane Winman; Luke Payne; Sam Hill; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Tyreece Briscoe; Kieran Alder; Jack Phillips; Shayne Bradley; Ryan Dobbins; Will Dawes. **Subs used:** Warren Mann; Brett James.

8 January 2022

Seventy-four days, eleven Hellenic League games or after 990 minutes of football, Tuffley Rovers finally recorded a Premier Division victory on Saturday, Neil Mustoe's first as team manager, albeit with the scoreline ultimately not as emphatic as it might have been, or probably should have been, as his team almost wasted a three goal lead, before running out 3-2 winners over Shrivenham.



Bristol Rovers' work experience player, Harvey Greenslade scored twice on his debut, including a goal in the first 60 seconds, and might have had a hat-trick but his second-half spot-kick was saved. Dominik Kent made it 3-0, with 19 minutes to go, and Rovers looked to be cruising to victory, but late goals from Tim Cook and Ash Taylor made for a tense finish, before the final whistle ended Rovers' wait for victory.

Squad: Jack Copland; Will Ramsey; Liam Wright; Jacob Geddes; Joel White; Ashley Davies; Joshua Aldridge; Dominik Kent; Ashley Bird; Lewis Bainbridge; Harvey Greenslade. **Subs used:** Joe Shutt; Jack Beardsell; Sam Mendes.





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THE CLUB was established in 1946 as Barnard's Green Football Club. They joined the Worcester League, where they played until moving up to the Worcestershire Combination in 1955, going on to win the league at the first attempt.

The club also won the Worcestershire Junior Cup and retained the trophy for the next two seasons, before winning it again in 1961–62.

In 1967 the Worcestershire Combination was renamed the Midland Combination. The club won the inaugural Worcestershire Senior Urn in 1973–74, before retaining it for the next two seasons; they also finished as runners-up in the Midland Combination in 1973–74.

In 1979 Malvern transferred to the Premier Division of the West Midlands (Regional) League and although they finished bottom of the division in 1982–83, the club avoided being relegated. However, they were relegated to Division One at the end of the 1991–92 season.

Despite only finishing ninth in Division One in 1993–94, the club were promoted back to the Premier Division. In 2003–04 they won the Premier Division title, earning promotion to the Midland Alliance. A third-place finish in the Alliance in 2005–06 saw the club promoted to Division One Midlands of the Southern League.

The club finished bottom of Division One Midlands in 2008–09 and were relegated back to the Midland Alliance. Two seasons later they finished bottom of the Midland Alliance and were relegated to the Premier Division of the West Midlands (Regional) League.

We lifted the Worcestershire Senior Urn for a ninth time in 2018–19 and have finished in the top five in each of the last five seasons. The summer of 2019 saw our association with the West Midlands (Regional) League come to an end as we were moved across to the Hellenic League Division One West. It was during the first half of the 2019-20 season that Project 2020 finally came to fruition with significant developments made to the club's facilities and infrastructure, including a new state-of-the-art 3G playing surface and new dressing rooms. An FA Vase tie against Loughborough University in November 2019 signalled the first game at the revamped stadium and with home crowds regularly topping the 200-mark, the team marched to the top of the table until the campaign was declared null-and-void in March 2020 amidst the Covid-19 outbreak.

The 2020-21 season also saw us sitting deservedly at the top of the table when the season was curtailed due to Covid-19. However, in May 2021, it was confirmed that we would be promoted into the Premier Division. A run in the FA Vase saw us reach the fourth round proper.

Our first season at the higher level ended in a third-place finish with some impressive displays and home crowds regularly topping 200.

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Macaulay Herbert	5
Dominik Kent	6
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Mason Lewis	16
Daniel Lander	17
Daniel Beasley	18
Ashley Davies	19
Kieran Alder	20
Elliot Jones	21

Neil Mustoe

Manager

Ritchie Warden

Asst. Manager

Ashleigh Watson (Physio)

Other Occupants

MALVERN TOWN

White & Blue shirts; Blue shorts; Blue socks (GK: Red).

Keiron Blackburn
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Jake Cavens
Joseph Bullock
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