

TUFFLEY *ROVERS*



FA Youth Cup
First Qualifying Round
TUFFLEY ROVERS V BATH CITY



MANAGER'S COMMENT

Tonight we take on Bath City, in the FA Youth Cup and we go into the game on a run of good form after winning our first two competitive games of the new season.

Since the end of last season there have been some changes to our personnel, with some players and staff leaving.

The emphasis during lockdown was on recruitment; bringing in the right type of player that was going to improve the standard of the squad and the right sort of player to buy into the philosophy we are trying to create.

By the time we could regroup in July, we had the players we were looking for and we had a new coach in Matt Liddiard to join up with me and Craig Darkin.

During pre-season the players were put through their paces and challenged to put the philosophy into practice. Games against adult teams and the best U18s teams in the county – those associated with academies, like Forest Green Rovers U18s and Cheltenham Town U18s - were then arranged to prepare the players for the new season.

The early signs are very promising and everyone involved will continue to develop, to help us achieve our goals, in what could be a very successful season.

Tonight's game will be our biggest test so far, but we will attack the game with lots of energy and play expansive football.

As individuals we have targets and we also have team targets. As a collective if we all do our part and contribute we should be in for an exciting game.

Thank you for your support this evening.

- Mike Palmer



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EDITOR'S COMMENT

Welcome to everyone visiting Glevum Park today, for tonight's FA Youth Cup tie against our visitors from Bath City.

This is the club's sixth successive year in the competition and although we have recorded two victories in our competition history, both have come against the same club, with the second win over Bitton coming two weeks ago, in a first away victory, and setting up tonight's tie.

The win at Bitton saw what was almost certainly our best performance in our competition history and Rudi McKinnon's hat-trick, alongside a brace for James Sunley and an excellent finish from Alex Roder, saw us through, despite conceding two penalties and gifting the opposition another goal.

In his article, Mike quite correctly reflects on the strength of player recruitment over the lockdown period and credit goes to him and all involved in the U18s set-up for their work in that area. That three of these lads are already pushing for regular first team football says much about the work Mike and others have been doing.

The Under 18s have started the season well with a 10-0 win following their FA Youth Cup win, and there is a very positive vibe in the group of lads Mike has assembled this season. That bodes well for the future but Bath City will provide them with their sternest test, to date, I suspect, so expect a competitive fixture.

Whatever the outcome, I sincerely hope to see the game played in the right spirit, so that it is enjoyable for everyone here to watch.

One big thank you to our U18s main sponsor, JLE Autos, who have been a tremendous support to the club over the past year or so. Without that sort of support it becomes incredibly difficult to run as many teams as we do at Tuffley Rovers and I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge their backing for the team.

I wish all spectators and our visitors a pleasant visit to Glevum Park and a safe journey home. Thank you for your support.

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FORTHCOMING GAMES AT GLEVUM PARK

We have quite a few games coming up at Glevum Park in the next couple of weeks:

Saturday, 26 September 2020 (3pm)

Uhsport Hellenic League, Division Two (West)

Development Squad v Newent Town Reserves

Monday, 28 September 2020 (7:30pm)

Cheltenham Floodlit Youth League

U18s v Newent Town U18s

Tuesday, 29 September 2020 (7:45pm)

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

First XI v Ardley United

Saturday, 3 October 2020 (3pm)

Uhsport Hellenic League, Division Two (West)

Development Squad v Fairford Town Reserves

Monday, 5 October 2020 (7:30pm)

Cheltenham Floodlit Youth League

U18s v Hereford Pegasus

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TUFFLEY ROVERS PLAYER PROFILES

Louis Evans: Goalkeeper

A commanding first year keeper who is new to the squad. He brings some great qualities to this position while he looks to gain some valuable experience.

Alex Fulford: Goalkeeper

One of the second year U18s, Alex has joined the squad this season. Upon his arrival he has exhibited nothing but the highest standards of himself and his team mates. A top communicator who brings great experience.

Jack Copland: Goalkeeper

A first year U18, Jack has arrived at Tuffley Rovers this season after returning to the UK from Spain. A young and hungry keeper who has shown good qualities since his arrival at the club.

Finlay Kent: Defence

Second year U18. Fin brings a lot of hard work and pace to the left hand side. Works for the team, stopping goals and scoring them too. One of the seniors in the team he leads by example. Another player who has featured in the first team squad.

Laurie McNally: Defence (pictured)

First year U18, Laurie is a high quality and very consistent full-back. Adds great balance to the team and works hard both in and out of possession. Intelligent defender and potent in attacks. Deserved his recent call-up to the first team squad.



Scott Nicholls: Defence

Second year U18, Scott is new to the team this season and has worked hard to understand the squad's philosophy. Strong in the air and difficult to get past. Watch out for his diagonal pass and bursting runs from the back.

Jacob Geddes: Defence (pictured)

Although he is a first year U18, Jacob is a natural born leader and colossus at centre-back. He has already broken into the first team and his ability is plain to see. Very strong and organises the back line to create a solid unit. One to watch.



Harry Wiltshire: Midfield

Another second year U18, Harry has proven himself as the most versatile player in the squad. Has played in midfield, defence and even a clean sheet in goal during a league fixture. He works hard and gets on with the job in hand.

Mackenzie Wilson: Midfield

Although a second year U18, Mac is new to the squad this season and brings a hard working engine to the centre of the pitch. A good link between defence and attack; can cause problems with his shooting from outside the box

Jayson Watkins: Midfield

Captain this year, Jayson has proved his importance in the middle of the pitch. Breaking down the opposition attack and quickly turning it to Tuffley's advantage. A regular last season and looks to continue his quality development this season as a senior. A very smart player.

James Sunley: Midfield (pictured)

Another second year U18, James is a real talent. A player who likes to pick up the ball and drive into dangerous areas. Drawing in opposition players to create space for his team mates, that he can exploit with his range of passing. A threat in front of goal and already called up to the first team squad.

**Ayomide Ajibola: Midfield**

In his second season with the U18s, Yomi brings lots of ability to the pitch. Intelligent feet and is able to find a pass that can unlock defences. Helps out with goals and winning free kicks in dangerous areas.

Connor Stalley: Midfield

One of the newest players in the squad and a first year U18, Connor has arrived this season to continue his development. A clever player who finds little areas of space to revive the ball and feed the attack. Uses the ball well to maintain team procession.

Joshua Bird: Forward

In his second season at the club, Josh is a deceptively quick and has the speed to take on most players. At his best when being direct and beating his man getting his crosses in to the box. A goal scorer and assist creator. Called up to first team last season and should look to do the same again in 2020/21.

Alex Roder: Forward

A new addition and another first year U18, Alex has made a very big impression at Tuffley Rovers already. Works extremely hard out of possession and a very talented finisher, with great pace. Scored a hat-trick for the Thirds' squad on his senior football debut.

Nathan Kay: Forward

Signed for the 2020/21 season, Nathan has already shown his capabilities and is a genuine team player. Working hard out of possession to keep the press high and winning the ball high up the pitch. Creating chances and being direct with the ball.

Rudi McKinnon: Forward (pictured)

Rudi knows where the goal is. High standards, quick feet and intelligent at finding dangerous space. Works extremely hard as the first line of defence turning out of possession to in possession. 1st team call up and has already made an impact.



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 for this edition, we're looking to focus on players who've featured in the FA Youth Cup.

1. Manchester United won the 1952/53 competition, with several of the Busby Babes making their name in that year's competition. This man was one of the heroes for United. Who is he?



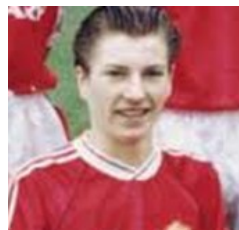
2. Terry Fenwick (pictured) played in side that won the FA Youth Cup in 1977 and 1978, before several players graduated to the first team, leading them to be dubbed the "Team of the Eighties". Which club?



3. Which player won the Youth Cup for his current club in 2011, before leaving to play in Italy and then returning, in a big money deal, in 2016?

4. Chelsea won the FA Youth Cup for a fifth successive time in 2018, as they defeated Arsenal 7-1 over two legs. Which recent England squad member featured in the first of those five consecutive wins?

5. Who is this famous member of the Class of 92... albeit someone who didn't make the grade at Manchester United?



Quiz Answers: (1) Duncan Edwards; (2) Terry Fenwick; (3) Paul Pogba; (4) Ruben Loftus-Cheek; (5) Robbie Savage.

Previously in the FA Youth Cup

Our history in the FA Youth Cup is relatively short and sweet and with relatively limited success, when compared to the fortunes of our opposition tonight, Bath City.

Our visitors have a much more illustrious history and they went as far as the second round proper just last season. They also have a much longer history in the competition, with and some glorious victories, to boot, including a 9-0 win against Bishop Sutton, in 2016, probably a particular highlight!

So, how have we fared in previous years?

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1ST ROUND QUALIFYING

Wednesday 28th November 2012 6.45 7.30pm

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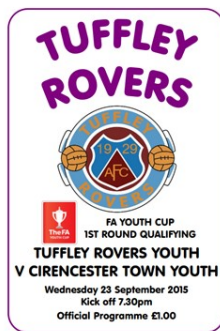
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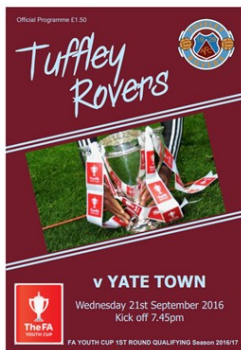
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In 2015, we made our FA Youth Cup debut, with current first team squad member Henry Birkett featuring for Rovers in a defeat against Cirencester Town.

In that tie, Dan Lander's 67th minute goal proved to be a rare moment of hope in a 3-1 defeat at Glevum Park.

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Then, in 2016, we hosted Yate Town and were thumped by our visitors, as we capitulated to a 9-1 defeat. Kameron Dix's 5th minute goal had made it 1-1, but that provided only a temporary moment of joy in a game that was very much a difficult evening for the Rovers squad.

FA YOUTH CUP
1ST ROUND QUALIFYING
 Wednesday 20th September 2017 Kick off 7.45pm

TUFFLEY ROVERS	V	YATE TOWN
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Twelve months later, we hosted Yate Town again, and another defeat followed, albeit in the most agonising circumstances, as the visitors scored twice in the closing moments to seize a 3-2 victory that took them through to the next stage of the competition. Luke Troke and Jack Ellis had put Rovers in a good position before the final comeback by Yate.

In 2018 we recorded a first ever victory, as we saw off the challenge of Bitton AFC, in a 6-1 scoreline, with goals from Jack Ellis, Niall Priday (2), Ryley Mace and Kyle Rogers, as well as an own goal, powering Jamie Hyett's side to a historic win. That set-up a visit to Slimbridge in the next round and although Nathan Clift scored a second minute goal to give Rovers the advantage, the visitors eventually recorded a 4-1 win that ended our FA Youth Cup aspirations for another season.



Then, last season, we made a trip to Cinderford Town, in what was to prove a disappointing evening, with Niall Priday's third FA Youth Cup goal appearing to give Rovers a chance in the dying minutes, only for the hosts to score a late, late goal and record a 3-1 win in the process.

This season's competition has started with a 6-3 victory, at Bitton, so here is hoping for another success tonight. We seem to have better results against teams who start with 'B'...

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Scott Nicolls
Jacob Geddes
Ayomide Ajibola
Nathan Kay
Connor Stalley
Jayson Watkins
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