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EDITOR'S COMMENT

Welcome to everyone visiting Glevum Park this afternoon...oh, hold on!!

It is a slightly unusual feature of today's game that I pen this introduction to the 2021/22 season, as the home club, in the knowledge that we are playing 90 miles away from our own home. I can't think there will have been many occasions where this was the case, for us, or many other teams.

However, we start our 'Home' playing season with an Emirates FA Cup, Extra Preliminary Round tie and I'd like to offer a warm welcome to our hosts and their spectators – who will probably offer us a warm welcome, as Windsor have when we've previously ventured to Stag Meadow – as well as any travelling Rovers supporters (never has the word 'Rovers' been more apt!

We exited this, the greatest cup competition in the world, at this stage last year, as we were beaten by a very strong Harefield United, who boasted former Queens Park Rangers striker, Richard Pacquette, in their ranks and the year before we also succumbed at this stage, after a replay on that occasion to North Greenford United. Prior to that, at the start of the 2018/19 season, we lost to a much fancied Spartan South Midland Premier Division team, Colney Heath, so we've not had a great deal of success in the FA Challenge Cup and I'm sure Coxy, in his first campaign as our official manager, will be hoping it is "~~third~~ fourth time lucky" as we look to book a home tie against either Cadbury Heath or Flackwell Heath in the next round.

The truth is, it is just good to be playing competitive football again, after the last two seasons ended with something of a whimper due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We are not alone in that – it is a bond that clubs at all levels will have – but now is the time when we can finally hope that, despite all the risks that remain, we can move on and play out the full 2021/22 season without too many complications or interruptions.

Of course, I ought to offer some explanation as to why we aren't playing this fixture at our own home.

Those who have visited Glevum Park over the past 4 or 5 years will have seen that we have continually sought to adapt and improve our ground, not only to meet the requirements of Step 5 football but to prepare the club for the potential opportunity to play at a higher level.

Whilst that is potentially some way off, in terms of the relative strength of our playing squad, we should put the infrastructure in place to make it possible and the latest step was taken this spring/summer, when we installed a brand-new drainage system, as well as irrigation, with a view to ensure our pitch can match the facilities around it. However, that work was always going to carry the risk that we wouldn't be able to start our season at home at the same stage as other clubs and today's fixture is a victim of that. We are very grateful to Kevin, Kersten and the rest of the committee at Windsor FC for supporting us in playing today's game at Stag Meadow.

If it goes well, thirteen more wins and we will be holding the FA Cup ahead of the 2021/22 season, as well as looking forward to a season in European football...well, you've got to dream!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the fixture today. We hope to see you at Glevum Park this season – we need your support more than ever.

– **NEIL** #uptherovers

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

Good afternoon to all spectators, players, coaches, managers, support staff and volunteers. May I welcome you to a slightly different looking Glevum Park, albeit Stag Meadow the home of Windsor. We are grateful to the committee at Windsor for facilitating this, despite it being our home game, as vital drainage work is being completed at the actual Glevum Park.

The start of any new season is always an exciting occasion, filled with expectations and anticipation and it was disappointing that last season was brought to a premature end for all clubs. It is only down to the group of fantastic volunteers, club members and staff that meant a lot of our clubs were able to survive throughout the last 12-18 months since the pandemic crippled businesses including some long standing football clubs at this level.

It is days like this that make all the hard work worthwhile, whether it is the first time a young player is making his debut in the great competition, or a more senior player making his tenth appearance, the excitement of the FA Cup will always be deeply rooted.

I really hope that you enjoy today's game and experience the wonderful hospitality that Windsor has to offer and a safe trip home whether that is just around the corner or a trip back along the M4 to Gloucester.

– DAN BOON #uptherovers

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MANAGER'S COMMENT

Hello to all of those who are visiting us today, including our opponents, Windsor FC.

After a disappointing result in our opening Hellenic League game against Thornbury Town, on Tuesday evening, where chances went begging and a big opportunity was missed to have a positive start to the campaign, this squad are eager for a chance to register a quick and positive response and there is no better occasion to do so than in the FA Cup.

Although it's disappointing we cannot play this fixture at Glevum Park and make the most of home advantage we are desperate on putting on a good performance but more importantly getting the result we want.

Without a doubt, we expect this to be a tough challenge today. We've had some close encounters with them over the past few seasons, and we expect much of the same today. My players know they have to be better than the opposition in every department in order to get the result we want and I hope that is what we can do.

Thanks for the support today.

- COXY

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. The next season, a much younger side finished a slightly disappointing 11th but with a year's experience gained the Rovers challenged again at the top of the table for most of the next season before finishing 3rd.

The 2010/11 season saw some variable performances in the league, with a final finishing position of 6th, followed by a third place finish in 2011/12. 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.

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THAT WAS THE SEASON THAT WASN'T...a look back at 2020/21

It has become customary for our first programme of the new season to devote a couple of pages to reviewing the previous year at The Rovers. In 2019/20 we did headlined the feature in a similar way but never anticipated that the same situation would arise 12 months later, nor that we would, in fact, play fewer games. We will look back at 2020/21, nonetheless; well, look back at what little action there was!

August 2020

After the enforced break from football caused by the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, Rovers started 2020/21 looking to build on a positive end to the truncated 2019/20 campaign but the biggest news came in the form of manager Mark Pritchett's shock resignation on 23 August, a little over a week before the start of the competitive season, after four years in the Player/Manager role.



With Pritchett gone so close to the start of the season, Rich Cox was immediately installed as the Caretaker Manager of the first team, stepping up from his role as Assistant, just 7 days before the club would start their season with an FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round tie.

September 2020



The first competitive game on Cox's watch was full of effort and application, as a very young Rovers side, with a centre-half pairing of 16-year-old Jacob Geddes and 17-year-old Toby Lawrence, were undone by a hat-trick for former QPR striker Richard Pacquette, as Spartan South Midland Premier side, Harefield United, won 5-2 despite goals from Warren Mann and Henry Birkett.

A trip to face Virginia Water, in the first UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture of the season quickly followed and although Cox's young charges were, once again, competitive against more experienced and physical opposition, a late goal meant they travelled back to Gloucester without any points.

Worse was to come in the following midweek as Rovers, deprived of four goalkeepers, were forced to field outfield player Liam Wright in goal and lost 6-0 to a rampant Brimscombe & Thrupp side, who scored three times in each half.

Just three days later, the club's Buildbase FA Vase campaign ended at the hands of Hellenic League, Division One side Clanfield 85 FC (2-0), then a bad month got steadily worse, with a defeat away at Flackwell Heath, though Henry Birkett did manage to register a first league goal of the season in a 2-1 defeat. Finally, in the final act of a desperately disappointing month, goals from Antoine Thompson and Jake Rhodes did finally ensure Rovers secured their first league points, in a first home Premier Division game of the campaign, in a feisty affair against Ardley United that finished 2-1.



October 2020

Any hopes raised by the win on 29 September were quickly suppressed by the opening game of October 2020. Despite James Sunley netting a penalty, his first goal for the club, another poor performance saw Rovers slip to a disappointing defeat away at Easington Sports (3-1), in what was to prove the final game for several

weeks, as a positive Covid test in the squad led to an enforced break from football activities.

When the return to competitive football arrived on 24 October, there was further disappointment, despite the debut of the highly rated Cheltenham Town youngster, Felix Miles, who had joined on a work experience arrangement, as Luke Soule's first goal for the club wasn't enough, with Fairford Town recording a victory that was more comfortable than the 2-1 scoreline may have suggested.

However, as had been the case in September, the month ended with a second victory of the season, as Warren Mann's late, late winner (after Olly Hunt's very late equaliser) secured a second 2-1 victory of the season over Ardley. Mann was then sent-off after receiving a second caution for his celebration. That he wouldn't serve out his ban for nine months tells a tale of the season that followed.

November 2020-March 2021

A lack of games in November, as Covid and weather related postponements took their toll, followed by the cessation of all football activities in December, gave all the impression that the 2020/21 season was finished and the conclusion of the Premier Division season was then subsequently confirmed.

April & May 2021

When the Hellenic League's Management Committee invited clubs to participate in a Challenge Cup competition, operating under revised rules, with a group stage to kick things off, Rovers found themselves in a tough group, featuring local rivals Longlevens, Lydney Town and Bishops Cleeve.

An opening group fixture against one of the competition favourites, Cleeve, ended 4-0 as Rovers struggled to cope with a physical opponent who scored all their goals from set plays, was followed by a further defeat – in what proved to be the last game at Glevum Park before the commencement of extensive drainage works on the playing surface – as Lydney Town scored twice without reply.



Jacob Geddes' first goal for the club helped record a much needed win over Longlevens in the third group fixture, but four days later the cross-City rivals gained revenge as they came from behind, after Sunley scored a spectacular free-kick to add to Joe Shutt's excellent goal, with former Rovers man Will Emery netting a hat-trick in a 3-2 defeat. The final group games saw defeats against Lydney and Cleeve, confirming Rovers' season would end in the Supplementary Cup.



Draws against Wellington FC and Stonehouse Town were pre-cursors to Cox's squad progressing via wins on penalties each time, resulting in a semi-final tie away at Wokingham & Emmbrook that conjured optimism that the season may end with a cup final place. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be and although Rudi McKinnon netted a first competitive goal, after a prolific season in the club's U18s, a poor display meant that the season ended not with a bang but the whimper associated with a crushing 4-1 defeat.

The last time out against today's opposition at Glevum Park Home

It has been a while since we last played Windsor at Home, on 7 September 2019, when the game was something of a thriller....

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 3-3 WINDSOR

Having scored three times, in a third consecutive Hellenic League fixture, it might at first seem unusual to hear that Tuffley Rovers' points tally in a three match unbeaten run was as low as five points. However, defensive frailties were evident, once again, as Mark Pritchett's side were indebted to a never-say-die spirit that once again secured a point, in a manner not completely at odds with their last home fixture against Brimscombe & Thrupp.

On that last occasion, two late goals saw Rovers rescue a point against their visitors and on this occasion, goals in the 84th minute and deep into time added on repeated the trick.

Coming off the back of a first league win of the season against Shrivenham in midweek, Rovers were forced to make three changes to the starting line-up, as Lewis Bainbridge, Declan Earwaker and Jack Beardsell all returned, replacing Ben Pricor, Isaac Lawrence and Paul Carter, who were all unavailable for selection.

The visitors, Windsor, are expected to name a new management team in the coming days, but the uncertainty arising since Mick Woodham's departure meant that caretaker manager, Luke Brooks-Smith, was short of numbers and he included himself as one of only twelve players available to travel.

After a fairly quiet opening, with neither keeper troubled in the early stages of the game, the game sprang into life on fifteen minutes, as a Brooks-Smith free-kick was headed back across goal by Andy Ingram, giving Teddy Woodisse the chance to apply a simple finish from close range.

Rovers went on the attack following the restart and Beardsell produced a fantastic pass to set Brett James away, but the Rovers wide-man was denied by a stunning save from Windsor's debutant, 16-year-old goalkeeper Danny Clements, who pushed a fierce shot up and over the bar. Beardsell's pass had been impressive, but his next involvement was of an even higher quality.

After a gradual buildup of pressure, Tyreece Briscoe fired a 35 yard pass across from one side of the pitch to the other and although the ball seemed slightly behind him, Beardsell caught the ball on a volley with power that took it past Clements before the young keeper could react. The equaliser, after 24 minutes, was no less than Rovers deserved and should have been the catalyst for them to take a grip on the game.



However, Kingsley Etefia's pace was troubling Pritchett's side and he might have done better than firing straight at Alex Avenell, on 27 minutes.

Briscoe then presented James with another chance, but his shot went narrowly wide of the Windsor goal, then Beardsell twice turned creator,

only to see the chances spurned, as he set-up Ross Langworthy and James, again.

With Rovers in the ascendency, the half-time interval arrived with the score at 1-1 and everything to play for.

Early in the second period, James almost had another chance, but Langworthy's cross was just beyond him, then Pritchett had a chance himself, but fired over from seven yards, after Beardsell set him up.

The game then took a decisive turn, as Pritchett made a furious protest to the Assistant Referee, earning himself a place in Rovers' record books, as the first player to be sin-binned in a Hellenic League fixture, and whilst he was off the field, the visitors took the lead.

A well delivered set-piece found its way to the back post, where Windsor's nineteen-year-old captain, Luke Appleton, was afforded time and space to dispatch the ball beyond Avenell and hand his team a 2-1 advantage.

Windsor were then convinced that they'd added a third goal, as Appleton forced the ball towards the goal, but Avenell clawed the ball away and despite the visiting side's protests, the Assistant Referee determined that the ball had not crossed the line.

Pritchett then returned to the field, restoring Rovers' numbers to a full complement and Jeremiah Idowu was then introduced for his debut, replacing defender Declan Earwaker, as Rovers in search of an equaliser.

Clements looked anything but a 16-year-old debutant as he pulled off a remarkable save to keep out Briscoe's effort from the edge of the box, and it looked very much like that intervention was to prove the catalyst for a smash-and-grab victory, just a couple of minutes later, as Appleton was once again given too much room and headed home from close range on 81 minutes.

Langworthy had been troubling the visiting defence all afternoon and he was to turn provider six minutes from time, as he beat his man before crossing low to Briscoe, who powered home a shot from 10 yards to make it 3-2.

Rovers introduced another striker, Adam Bloomfield, for right-back Lewis Bainbridge, as they went in search of a goal to level the scores, but the additional attacking threat left them a little exposed and Windsor might have extended their lead but for a good stop from Avenell, diving low to his left.

With the game deep into injury time, there was to be one final moment of drama, as James was fouled on the edge of the box and Langworthy stepped up to hammer a free-kick under the defensive wall, as the players jumped to block an anticipated effort, and the power of the shot took it beyond Clements and into the net.

Just moments after the restart, the game came to an end, with the sides sharing the points and both probably leaving the field with a sense that they might have achieved a better result.





TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC PLAYER PROFILES

Adam Clark

Goalkeeper

Goalkeeper signed from Shortwood United for the 2020/21 Hellenic League Challenge Cup campaign and quickly became the first choice for the remainder of the cup campaign. Experienced, solid, dependable and likely to be pushing to retain his place in the squad, despite pressure from several young goalkeepers.

Jake Parisson

Goalkeeper

A young goalkeeper signed on Work Experience from Cheltenham Town. Previously with Bury FC and Everton. Already has Step 4 experience with Ramsbottom United FC, becoming the youngest player in their history to play first team football. Now a 2nd year scholar at Cheltenham, a great shot stopper, good in the air and excellent distribution.

Macaulay Herbert

Defence

Now the second longest-serving member of the first team, and club captain, 'Macca' was the first player to come through from the new youth set-up and hold down a place in the first team squad. Solid and dependable; an excellent defender who is getting better with every season that passes. Has now made over 200 first team appearances and is still only 26 years of age.

Xander Jones

Defence

Finally joined the first team squad after rebuffing our overtures for two seasons. Was on the cusp of a pro-deal at Cheltenham Town but played local football before finally returning to Rovers this season. Usually deployed in a full-back role but can play higher up the pitch and is good on the ball, as well as having excellent energy levels. Could be a great addition to the squad.

Laurie McNally

Defence

Another product of the club's successful Under 18s side and another player of whom much is expected this season. Competent in either full-back position and also capable of playing at centre-half, Laurie is one of the most natural defenders at the club, but also extremely capable on the ball. Previously at Forest Green Rovers Academy and now looking to push for a regular place in the first team squad.

Jacob Geddes

Defence

A rising star for Rovers, after joining the club in 2020. Immediately held down a regular place in the first team, aged just 16 years of age, showing a maturity beyond his years. Joined after leaving Cheltenham Town and is a tough, uncompromising defender, but also good in possession. Also a natural leader and has already captained the team on several occasions – now officially the team's vice-captain.

Olly Hunt

Defence

Another player who was previously with Cheltenham Town's academy. Joined Rovers at the start of the 2020/21 season, after a spell at Bishops Cleeve. An old-fashioned centre-half, offering a physical presence, excellent in the air and also calm on the ball. Occasionally pops up in the opposition box from set-pieces and can contribute goals.

Lewis Bainbridge

Midfield

Joined the club at the start of the 2019/20 season and now entering his third season as a Tuffley Rovers player. A former Gloucester City youngster who joined as a really promising wide player but now amongst our most versatile players and being deployed to fill any gap in the line-up. Abundant energy and capable of scoring goals when in an attacking position.

Dion Ellis-Clark

Midfield

Recently signed for 2021/22 having moved to Hartpury University. Was a junior at Wrexham, before spending most of his playing time at Aberystwyth Town. Played senior football at Borth United in Wales, before relocating. Highly rated by Hartpury and recommended to the club.

Sam Mendes

Midfield

Former Slimbridge player, who graduated from the Cheltenham Town Academy as a youngster. Very gifted and capable of drifting past opponents, creating chances and also weighing in with goals for the team. Joined in 2021, after a spell at County League side Hardwicke and already looking a key player for the team. An enigmatic talent.

**Dominik Kent****Midfield**

A product of the Gloucester City U18 squad, Dom is now amongst our longest serving players and a fixture in the squad. A talented midfielder, who is good on the ball, industrious and lightning fast but also incredibly tenacious, whether looking to retain possession or win the ball back. Ended up as Players' Player and Manager's Player in our last full competitive season (2019/20).

Liam Wright**Midfield**

Returned to the club recently, after spells away at Bishops Cleeve and then Cinderford Town. Originally a right-back, Liam is now seen as an energetic part of our midfield group. A ball player but incredibly hard-working and other with a powerful shot from distance.

Josh Swales**Midfield**

Positively a veteran in this squad, at the age of 27! Another versatile player, at home in the midfield, where he is a tigerish presence troubling the opposition when we're off the ball; and a bundle of energy, looking to quickly move the ball when we're on it. Injuries have stalled his playing time since he was a regular at Brimscombe & Thrupp but could this be the season where he returns to his best?

Rudi McKinnon**Forward**

The goalscoring sensation in last season's U18s squad, as they excelled in the FA Youth Cup and came close to honours in the league and cup. Made it into the first team squad and never looked back. Usually deployed in a wide attacking role, he took some time to find his feet but scored in the Hellenic League Challenge Cup and will look to add goals in the current campaign.

Warren Mann**Forward**

By far our longest serving player and entering his nineteenth season in the first team squad, 'Wazza' might lack some of his pace, but is hugely committed and massively experienced asset, bringing energy, passion and excellent technique; he's constantly involved in every game. Practical joker off the field (and sometimes on it!); usually the opposition support's least favourite player!

Joe Shutt**Forward**

Small in stature but capable of making a big impact, 'Shutty' joined from Chipping Sodbury Town in 2019 and has become a firm favourite with the Rovers support. Quick, skillful, full of energy and hard-working, he has already contributed goals on a regular basis and has attracted attention from higher league clubs.

Aaron Basford**Forward**

Another wonderful addition to the 2021/22 squad, 'Bash' has been with Step 4 side Evesham United in recent seasons but was lured to the club after Rich Cox' appointment as first team manager. A hard-working, hugely talented youngster – formerly with Cheltenham Town – who will be looking to both create and score goals in the Rovers colours.

Jamal Lawrence**Forward**

A former professional with Cheltenham Town, who briefly played in the Football League, before spells at National League side's Hungerford Town and Gloucester City. Returned to play for Rovers after two years away from the game and will be looking to add both goals and intelligent link-up play to our young squad.

Lucas Price**Forward**

An excellent summer signing from Bishops Cleeve, Lucas is lightning fast, energetic and has an eye for goal. Impressed in pre-season with his ability to quickly turn defence into attack and is as industrious, as likely to make a recovering challenge as he is to conjure a shot on goal.

Richard Cox**Manager**

Appointed as Assistant Manager in 2018, following the departure of Alex O'Leary, 'Coxy' is a UEFA B qualified coach who works full-time in the professional game. Took on the first team vacancy created by Mark Pritchett's resignation last year and will be looking forward to this campaign, his first as our manager.



Statistics 2021/22

Competition

Uhsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

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

BFCC = Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup;

BLFC = Banbury Litho Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

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2021												
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08/Aug	3pm	Windsor FC	FAC	H								
14/Aug	3pm	Corsham Town		A								
25/Aug	7:45pm	Calne Town		A								
28/Aug	3pm	Shrivenham		A								
30/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		A								
11/Sep	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria	FAV	A								
18/Sep	3pm	Brimmscombe & Thrupp		H								
28/Sep	7:45pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		A								
02/Oct	3pm	Bradford Town		H								
05/Oct	7:45pm	Malvern Town		A								
09/Oct	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		A								
12/Oct	7:45pm	Calne Town		H								
16/Oct	3pm	Bishops Cleeve		A								
19/Oct	7:45pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		H								
23/Oct	3pm	Roman Glass St. George		A								
30/Oct	3pm	Westbury United		H								
06/Nov	3pm	Thornbury Town		H								
09/Nov	7:45pm	Malvern Town		H								
13/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H								
20/Nov	3pm	Cribbs FC		A								
27/Nov	3pm	Fairford Town		H								
04/Dec	3pm	Lydney Town		A								
11/Dec	3pm	Roman Glass St. George		H								
18/Dec	3pm	Corsham Town		H								
27/Dec	1pm	Longlevens		H								
2022												
02/Jan	3pm	Brimmscombe & Thrupp		A								
08/Jan	3pm	Shrivenham		H								
15/Jan	3pm	Bradford Town		A								
22/Jan	3pm	Bishops Cleeve		H								
29/Jan	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		H								
05/Feb	3pm	Hallen		H								
12/Feb	3pm	Westfields		A								
19/Feb	3pm	Westbury United		A								
26/Feb	3pm	Cribbs FC		H								
05/Mar	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A								
12/Mar	3pm	Lydney Town		H								
19/Mar	3pm	Fairford Town		A								
26/Mar	3pm	Hallen		A								
TBC	TBC	Westfields		H								

TOTAL APPEARANCES	1	1	1	
STARTS	1	1	1	
SUBSTITUTE	0	0	0	
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0	0	0	



The Untold Game

The FA Cup: A History of Magic

“I fell in love with football as I was later to fall in love with women: suddenly, inexplicably, uncritically, giving no thought to the pain or disruption it would bring with it.” – Nick Hornby, Fever Pitch

The FA Cup is the oldest cup competition in the world. This year, it turns a grand 150 years old. In the same year as the first ever FA Cup match, Germany was created, there was a Napoleon in captivity having been removed as leader of France, Queen Victoria opened the Royal Albert Hall, and the President of the United States was Civil War General Ulysses S. Grant. The FA Cup has survived from that alien, ancient time, to provide us with something that few other competitions in the world can provide. As unlikely as it may seem, it is still theoretically possible, a century and a half later, for a team that starts in the earliest rounds – the first weekend of August, before the elite clubs have even remembered that the competition exists – to go all the way and win the competition. That’s something worth celebrating.

Only fifteen teams entered the original competition (this season there are 736), and it was won by Wanderers in front of just 2,000 fans at The Oval. They saw Morton Betts score the first FA Cup final goal, a tap in. But Jarvis Kenrick of Clapham Rovers holds the distinction of the first ever FA Cup goal, for Clapham Rovers as they beat Upton Park on 11th November, 1871. Notts County’s Harry Cursham is the FA Cup’s all time top scorer, with 49 goals between 1877 and 1891. Wimbledon’s Doc Dowden scored the most goals in a single year – 19, in 1929/30 – and Ted McDougall’s 9 for Bournemouth against Boscombe Athletic, in 1971, is the most in a single game. Much more recently Ashley Cole has won the competition more than anyone, 8 times.

The competition spans all ages too. The 1924 final saw a 41 year old Billy Hampson play for Newcastle United, a record that stands almost a century later, while Curtis Weston was the youngest when he played for Millwall in 2004. Only last year Bristol Manor Farm’s Evander Grubb became the cup’s youngest goalscorer, at a smidgen over 16. And while you might think it has become a global entity only recently, the first non-British player to win the Cup was American Julian Sturgess, in 1873. Canadian Edward Haggarty was the first non-Brit to captain a side to FA Cup Glory, Old Carthusians in 1881 (not Eric Cantona in 1996, as some have claimed). It did take a little longer for a foreign manager to win, however, and that distinction goes to Ruud Gullit, in 1997, with Chelsea.

Surprisingly, the team with the most FA Cup goals isn't Arsenal, the most successful team (14 wins) or the team that has lost the most finals (Everton, 8). Or Man Utd or Liverpool or anyone in the Premier League. It is little old Kettering Town, with 893. Spurs are just behind with 892.

But really, it's the giant-killings that stand out in the FA Cup. Whether its Ronnie Radford's goal for Hereford that gets played as soon as the 3rd Round is drawn, Colchester beating title-challengers Leeds in 1971, or Sutton beating holders Coventry in 1989. Perhaps the earliest giant-killing was way back in 1907, when non-league Crystal Palace travelled to Newcastle United, second in the First Division at the time, and unbeaten at home, and won. In 1949 Sunderland, nicknamed The Bank of England for how much money they had spent assembling their squad, were drawn away at Yeovil, at that time deep in non-league. Level at 90 minutes, the match went to extra time as a dense bank of fog settled over Huish (before they moved to Huish Park), and a mishit pass let Yeovil's Eric Bryant hit the winner. Surely the greatest upset of them all.

And so to 2021-22. As we begin, hopefully, to emerge from our pandemic, the Cup has survived its second (after the 1919 Spanish 'Flu, when it was already half a century old). It is a reminder of what is special about football, and what is special about this competition. Who will be this season's Jarvis Kenrick? Who will be this season's Morton Betts, come to that? Will we see another Ted McDougall, another Ronnie Radford, another Yeovil? And who will win it in May? The last team to win from outside the top flight was West Ham, in 1980. The last non-league team to win was Tottenham in 1901. The magic of this competition is that, for all the time that has passed, for all the money that is spent, those things can happen again. And it's the 150th anniversary, so why not this year?

Enjoy the game.

Martyn Green, The Untold Game

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PREVIOUS STATISTICS FOR THE 2020/21 PLAYING SEASON:

Statistics 2020/21

Competition

Uhsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

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

BFCC = Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup;

BLFC = Banbury Litho Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

2020											Merchant, Luke	Ferguson, Miles
						Att	Scorers					
01/Sep	7:45pm	Harefield United	FAC	H	L	2-5	144	W Mann, H Birkett			1	2
12/Sep	3pm	Virginia Water		A	L	0-1	64	-			1	
16/Sep	7:45pm	Brimcombe & Thrupp		A	L	0-6	149	-				
19/Sep	3pm	Clanfield 85 FC	FAV	A	L	0-2	58	-			1	
26/Sep	3pm	Flackwell Heath		A	L	1-2	83	H Birkett			1	2
29/Sep	7:45pm	Ardley United		H	W	2-1	82	A Thompson, J Rhodes			1	2
03/Oct	3pm	Easington Sports		A	L	1-3	80	J Sunley (pen)			1	2
24/Oct	3pm	Fairford Town		A	L	1-2	99	L Soule			1	2
31/Oct	3pm	Ardley United		A	W	2-1	80	O Hunt, W Mann			1	2
13/Apr	7:45pm	Bishops Cleeve	BFCC	H	L	0-4	0	-			1	5
17/Apr	12:30pm	Lydney Town	BFCC	H	L	0-2	0	-				2
21/Apr	7:45pm	Longlevens	BFCC	A	W	1-0	0	J Geddes				2
24/Apr	3pm	Longlevens	BFCC	H	L	2-3	0	J Shutt, J Sunley			U	
27/Apr	7:45pm	Lydney Town	BFCC	A	L	0-1	0	-			1	4
30/Apr	7:30pm	Bishops Cleeve	BFCC	A	L	2-3	0	J Shutt, H Morgan			1	
08/May	3pm	Wellington	SC	A	D	1-1*	0	A Bloomfield				
15/May	3pm	Stonehouse Town	SC	A	D	3-3**	0	L Soule (2), J Shutt				
23/May	2pm	Wokingham & Emmbrook	SC	A	L	1-4	90	R McKinnon				

* Tuffley Rovers won 4-3 after a penalty shoot-out

** Tuffley Rovers won 4-2 after a penalty shoot-out

TOTAL APPEARANCES	11	10
STARTS	11	10
SUBSTITUTE	0	0
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	1	0

Thompson, Antoine	Rhodes, Jake	Lawrence, Toby	Geddes, Jacob	Shutt, Joe	Birkett, Henry	Mann, Warren	Kent, Dominik	Beardsell, Jack	Wright, Liam	Hyett, Kane	Bloomfield, Adam	John, Harri	Bainbridge, Lewis	Herbert, Macaulay	James, Brett	McKinnon, Rudi	Sunley, James	Hunt, Ollie	Evans, Louis	McNally, Laurie	Soule, Luke	Miles, Felix	Higgins, Will	Morgan, Harry	Tracey, Kieran	Lawrence, Isaac	Mendes, Sam	Hallwood, Ben	Clark, Adam	Kent, Finley	Lawrence, Jamal	Troke, Luke	Walker, Harry	MoM				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	U	14	U	16	U	U																			Henry Birkett				
3	4	6	5	7	8	9	10	11				16	2	U	14	15	U																	Luke Merchant				
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3	4	5	16	15	10		8	9				U	6	17	11	7																		Macaulay Herbert				
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			7	8	10	6					14	12	2	5	11		U	U		9								U	3							Miles Ferguson		
				7	8	15	6					12	2	3	11	10	U		14				9	5				13								4	Lewis Bainbridge	
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				5	7	10						11	6	2	12	14	15		U	9				8			16	1		3	4						Harry Morgan	
				5	7		15					14	16	2								9			6				10	17	1							Rudi McKinnon
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Goalscorers	
Soule, Luke	3
Shutt, Joe	3
Birkett, Henry	2
Mann, Warren	2
Sunley, James	2
Thompson, Antoine	1
Rhodes, Jake	1
Hunt, Ollie	1
Geddes, Jacob	1
Morgan, Harry	1
Bloomfield, Adam	1
McKinnon, Rudi	1



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Appearance information

Up to and including Tuesday, 3 August 2021

(Includes selected list of former players)

Name	Apps	Goals
Bainbridge, Lewis	34	5
Basford, Aaron	1	0
Bradley, Shayne	230	106
Clark, Adam	7	0
Copland, Jack	0	0
Davis, Felix	0	0
Ellis-Clark, Dion	1	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32
Geddes, Jacob	15	1
Hailwood, Ben	3	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6
Herbert, Macaulay	215	7
Hill, Sam	120	8
Hunt, Ollie	7	1
James, Brett	184	63
John, Harri	32	0
Jones, Xander	0	0
Kent, Dominik	84	14
Lawrence, Isaac	24	1
Lawrence, Jamal	2	1
Mann, Warren	430	79
McKinnon, Rudi	17	1
McNally, Laurie	0	0
Mendes, Sam	4	0
Morgan, Harry	8	1
Parsisson, Jake	1	0
Price, Lucas	1	0
Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Romais, Billy	1	0
Shutt, Joe	30	8
Swales, Josh	1	0
Thompson, Antoine	63	1
Walker, Harry	65	6
Wright, Liam	94	3



Lewis Bainbridge



Macaulay Herbert



Dominik Kent



Warren Mann

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.

Half-time quiz: Break for five

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

1) Easy start. Who are the current holders of the Emirates FA Cup?

2) The 1981 FA Cup final is usually remembered for Ricky Villa's solo effort to secure a 3-2 win for Tottenham Hotspur over Manchester City. This picture from the game features a City player who later went on to score an FA Cup final goal, too. Who is he and which team did he score for, in which year (3 points up for grabs!)?



3) In the 2017/18 competition Tuffley Rovers lost to Swindon Supermarine, after Jamie Goodwin was sent-off less than five minutes into the game, but who was the first player to ever be sent-off in an FA Cup Final, when he was dismissed against Everton in 1985 and how many players have been sent off in the final since?



4) Who were the only team from outside the Football League to win the FA Cup when they beat Sheffield United in the 1901 Final?

5) Today's game is Windsor's 18th FA Cup tie. What is the furthest stage they have ever advanced to in the competition since first participating in 2012/13?

Quiz Answers: (1) Leicester City; (2) Dave Bennett scored for Coventry City in the 1987 final against Spurs; (3) Kevin Moran was the first sent-off and there have been five players sent-off since; (4) Tottenham Hotspur; (5) First Qualifying Round (in 2012/13).

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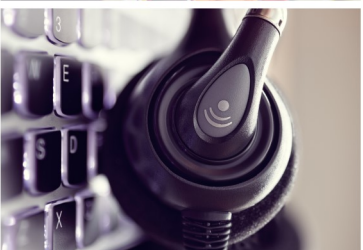
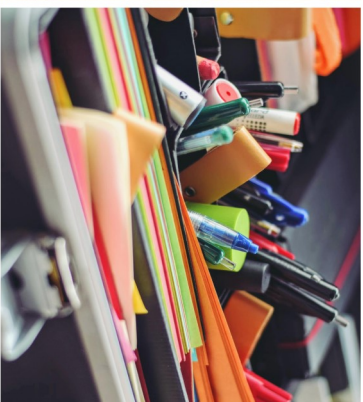
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR FA CUP



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Last year, we succumbed to another heavy defeat at this stage, as Harefield United left Glevum Park with a 5-2 victory and their star striker, Richard Pacquette, with the match-ball.

Today, in our 29th FA Cup tie, we will go in pursuit of a ninth victory; a fourth draw will mean a replay on Tuesday evening.



Courtesy of the Football Club History Database:

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

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Lewis Bainbridge	2
Josh Swales	3
Jacob Geddes	4
Macaulay Herbert ©	5
Dominik Kent	6
Joe Shutt	7
Dion Ellis-Clark	8
Aaron Basford	9
Liam Wright	10
Lucas Price	11
Sam Mendes	12
Laurie McNally	14
Billy Romais	15
Xander Jones	16
Harry Morgan	17
Rudi McKinnon	18
Harry Walker	19
Jamal Lawrence	20
Demilade Yussuf	21
Jack Copland	GK

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