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EDITOR'S COMMENT

I want to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from Bradford Town, their committee and supporters, the match officials and every single person joining us at Glevum Park today.

Both Coxy and Dan Boon have commented on how great it is to finally be playing games back at our home after what seems like an eternity. I don't want to add to the same theme, so I'll just say that it really is good to be back.

The defeat at Brimscombe & Thrupp aside, our results have been good of late and my view is that has been a reflection of improving performances by a very young group of players, who are developing all of the time. We have been on a similar journey in each of the last 3 or 4 seasons and we are, perhaps, victims of our own success in the development of young players.

This week we re-signed Tristan Haswell, on a dual registration with Cinderford Town, and he was perhaps the first player during the Mark Pritchett era, who we saw come here as a youngster, make real progress and then depart for a higher level of football. It is great to have Tris back at the club, for however long that might be, but our longer-term aim has to be to keep players of that quality with us, so that one day one of these youngsters might record as many first team appearances as players like Warren Mann and Macaulay Herbert. The trend over the last few years has been one of development and then movement to another club; the hope is to start to reverse that trend and have the current group of talented youngsters with us and helping us achieve success.

Having said that, whether players stay or go the club goes on and our committee have done so much to build/rebuild the club, to create the infrastructure and foundations to help us to get where we are now, after a period of financial instability in the early 2000s, that I consider us to be a successful club however the story unfolds. If we can improve on the pitch and realise our collective ambition to become a top six side, then that would be the icing on the cherry on the cake!

That journey starts here today and we hope it commences with another three league points. We have tough opposition but we are capable of good performances and results, as our recent history has proved.

Thank you, all, for visiting today. I hope you enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

– **NEIL** #uptherovers

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

Another home game, which is a very welcome statement to be making!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the supporters, players and management, including everyone who has travelled from Bradford Town back to Tuffley Rovers Football Club, to Glevum Park for only our second competitive home game since September 2020. It is significant because it will be our first home league fixture in 368 days!

In all honesty this is a day I did wonder would ever arrive. At certain times it seemed unlikely, as the Covid-19 pandemic, then the delayed installation of a completely new drainage and irrigation system left many of the club committee exasperated. Then, over the last week or so, we've seen games being postponed due to the national fuel shortage!

The experience since we last played a Hellenic League game here has caused us a few headaches, to say the least.

After all the effort and money that has gone into our drainage system, we were so pleased to witness a home game for our Under 18s on Tuesday evening and it was proof, if we needed it, that the investment has been worth it, as the pitch seemed completely unaffected by a monsoon that felt before, during and after the game. Previously the game may have been postponed or abandoned, but it wasn't on Tuesday simply due to our investment in the drainage system.

The forecast isn't great again today but I write this note feeling extremely confident we won't have to even contemplate a postponement and we get another game played here at our home.

I hope everyone enjoys the day, receives a warm welcome and our hospitality, there is a good spectacle of football and a safe journey home for everyone.

- Dan

Dan Boon
Football Chairman

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MANAGER'S COMMENT

Hello to all of those who are watching our game today, including our visitors from Bradford Town.

It was great to be back playing at Glevum Park after such a long time away and we are delighted to get through to the next round of the FA Vase.

Last week's performance was indifferent, after controlling the first half with a two goal lead we then put ourselves under pressure by conceding a sloppy goal, which made the second half uncomfortable, although we had some great opportunities to put the game to bed. We need to be better in both boxes.

Now our attention turns to a league fixture at home, after over a year in waiting and we can't wait to get started.

We feel we have a lot more to offer from players individually and from the squad in general and we are hoping to move up the gears, starting today, where we will be up against a good team who have hit some good form.

After a fairly quiet September, we have a chaotic fixture list this month and we will need all of our squad to deliver if we are to pick up the points we need to climb the table.

Thanks for the support today.

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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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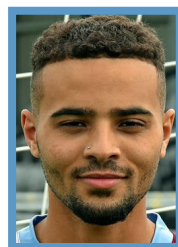
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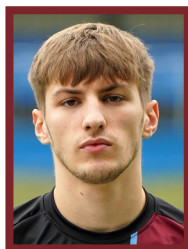
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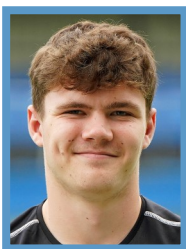
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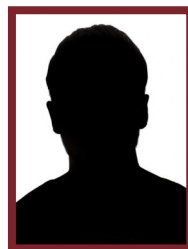
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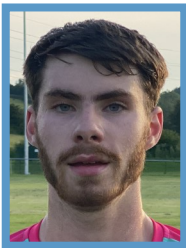
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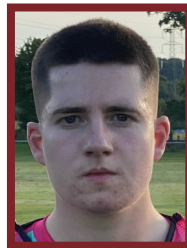
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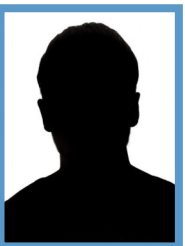
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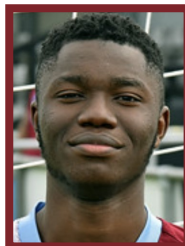
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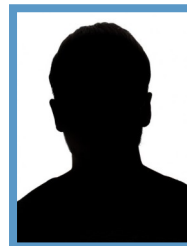
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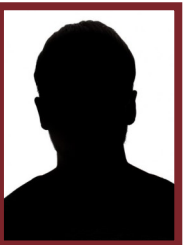
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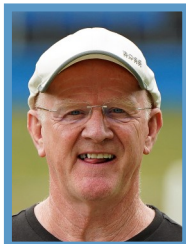
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BRADFORD TOWN CLUB HISTORY

The Early Years

Bradford Town F.C. was founded in 1992 by Les and Pat Stevens, joining Division Two of the Wiltshire League. Home matches were initially played at St Laurence School in Bradford where the pitch was roped off before each game, dugouts were carried to the pitch and the half time tea was made in the boot of a car.

Following a short spell at Trowbridge Town's old Frome Road ground the club came home to Bradford on Avon in 1996 moving into Trowbridge Road. The ground was established in 1912 as the home of rubber works team Spencer Moulton FC and latterly Avon Bradford FC before they folded in the early 1990s, enabling Town to become custodians.

Western League status achieved

Bradford achieved promotion to the Western League in the 2005-06 season under the leadership of Mark Hodgkinson after finishing runners up in the Wiltshire League Premier Division. Former founding players Paul Shanley and his assistant Mark Edwards took over at the helm in 2008-09 season which saw a third place league finish and floodlights installed at the ground.

The following season saw the installation of a 100-seat main stand, a 4th place league finish and a creditable 2nd Round appearance in the FA Vase. Town then posted successive 6th, 5th and 4th place league finishes before embarking on a year to remember in 2013-14 when they won the Division One title by 13 points.

Progress in the Premier

The team's first season in the Premier Division concluded with a respectable 8th place finish but it was their exploits in the FA Vase which proved to be the highlight of the campaign. A gate of 621 at Trowbridge Road witnessed a 3-1 victory over Melksham Town in the 4th Round, their sixth scalp of the campaign, before bowing out in the next round. Another 8th place finish was recorded the following year whilst after three victories in the FA Cup the team were edged out 3-2 by Chippenham Town in the 2nd Qualifying Round.

After eight years in charge, the 2016-17 season began with Paul Shanley stepping down, being replaced by ex- Forest Green stalwart Danny Greaves, assisted by former fans favourite Aaron Wilson. After 25 tireless years as Chairman Les Stevens handed over the reins to Mark Hodgkinson with Jon Phillips as deputy, both of whom have long standing connections with the club.

An impressive 5th place finish, was bettered in 2017-18 by 4th place after the side just came up short of promotion. This thrilling campaign also saw the club reach the FA Vase 5th Round again. The long trip to Redcar in the next round however proved a bridge too far as Town went down 2-0 to eventual Northern League champions Marske United on a weekend that will live long in the memory of the 100-plus travelling supporters.

Changes at the top

After two excellent seasons Danny Greaves left Bradford for Frome Town. Following Rob Mallet's short reign in the hot-seat in October 2018, former Larkhall Athletic boss Wayne Thorne was appointed manager along with his assistant Pete Maddison. The pair guided Town to a solid 7th place finish. 2019-20 saw a third FA Vase 5th Round appearance but were again eliminated in front of nearly 500 at Trowbridge Road.

The season also saw Mark Hodgkinson step down as Chairman with deputy Jon Phillips taking over at the helm. In the league, the team were lying 3rd in March with the best points per game ratio before the coronavirus struck resulting in the abandonment of the league. The management pair subsequently decided to move on with former team captain Lee Davidson appointed as manger and Jamie Lyons as his assistant.

Cup winners and a new league

The 2020-21 league campaign was cut short again due to Covid-19 but saw Town claim their first trophy since 2014. The decision to complete the previous year's Les Phillips League Cup culminated with Bradford defeating a much fancied Bridgwater Town side 1-0 at Street FC. It was also announced that as part of the FA's league restructuring, Town would play the 2021-22 season in the Hellenic League Premier Division for the first time, a challenge the club is very much looking forward to .

Statistics 2021/22

Competition

Uhlisport 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												
03/Aug	7:45pm	Thornbury Town		A	L	1-2	134	J Lawrence				1
08/Aug	3pm	Windsor FC	FAC	H	W	3-2	193	J Swales, D Kent, A Basford				
14/Aug	3pm	Corsham Town		A	L	0-2	60	-				
21/Aug	3pm	Flackwell Heath	FAC	H	D	2-2	78	M Herbert, L Price				
24/Aug	7:45pm	Flackwell Heath	FACr	A	L	0-6	139	-				
28/Aug	3pm	Shrivenham		A	L	2-3	65	O.G., W Mann				
30/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		A	D	2-2	87	D Ellis-Clark, A Basford				
04/Sep	3pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		A	W	3-2	52	L Bainbridge, A Basford, B Denness-Barrett				
08/Sep	7:45pm	Calne Town		A	W	2-1	92	L Bainbridge, B Denness-Barrett				
11/Sep	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria	FAV	A	W	4-2	83	H Morgan (2), L Price, L Bainbridge				
18/Sep	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		A	L	1-5	102	B Denness-Barrett				
25/Sep	3pm	Fleet Spurs	FAV	H	W	3-2	82	O.G., J Shutt, J Geddes				
02/Oct	3pm	Bradford Town		H								
05/Oct	7:45pm	Malvern Town		A								
09/Oct	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		A								
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30/Oct	3pm	Westbury United		H								
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06/Nov	3pm	Thornbury Town		H								
09/Nov	7:45pm	Malvern Town		H								
13/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H								
16/Nov	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens		H								
23/Nov	3pm	Cribbs FC		A								
27/Nov	3pm	Fairford Town		H								
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29/Jan	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		H								
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12/Feb	3pm	Westfields		H								
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12/Mar	3pm	Lydney Town		H								
19/Mar	3pm	Fairford Town		A								
26/Mar	3pm	Hallen		A								

Goalscorers	
Basford, Aaron	3
Bainbridge, Lewis	3
Denness-Barrett, Brennan	3
Price, Lucas	2
Morgan, Harry	2
Lawrence, Jamal	1
Swales, Josh	1
Kent, Dominik	1
Herbert, Macaulay	1
Mann, Warren	1
O.G.	1
Ellis-Clark, Dion	1

STARTS	1
SUBSTITUTE	0
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0

MATCH REPORT

THE BUILDBASE FA VASE, SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND TUFFLEY ROVERS 3-2 FLEET SPURS SATURDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2021



A much-changed Tuffley Rovers team took to the field for a serious competitive match at their own home for the first time since they had played Ardley United 361 days earlier. Repair work to the Glevum Park pitch had seen Rovers play their opening seven league fixtures of 2021-22 away from home in addition to three cup-ties and one cup replay which were also played away from Gloucester.

Hampshire club Fleet Spurs arrived having endured a difficult time since their transfer from the Combined Counties League to Division One of the Wessex League. Just a single point from their opening seven league fixtures, four of which had been lost by five-goal margins, were not encouraging statistics to bring up to Gloucestershire with them.

Teams who have never met before tend to sound each other out during the opening minutes of a match. Unfortunately, this sounding-out lasted for almost the whole of a first half which was pretty tedious to watch even if it did contain a couple of goals. By contrast, the second half was much better and contained most of this game's major incidents and talking-points.

Fleet got the game going kicking towards the changing-room end but Rovers had the better of the opening exchanges until Aaron Basford went down injured but was able to continue without being treated on the pitch. Tuffley dominated the early possession with Dominik Kent having a really positive influence in midfield and Liam Wright pinging balls down both flanks for the wide players to run on to, a tactic which would have worked better had the home forwards not been caught in offside positions on several occasions.

The opening goal when it came was as scrappy as the play which had preceded it. Warren Mann made progress down the left and when he cut the ball back towards the near post it appeared to be defender Connor Allison who unluckily diverted the ball into his own net.



The Spurs were struggling to get through Tuffley's defence but, when they did, Khoury Taylor missed a decent opportunity when he dragged the ball just wide of the goal. The visitors would soon rue that miss as Rovers won two corners in quick succession. From

the second Jacob Geddes powered in a fierce downward header which was first saved then cleared, but the second goal soon arrived when Kent stole the ball deep on Fleet's left-hand side, burst past his man to the byline and calmly rolled it across to Joe Shutt whose simple side-footed effort went past Aaron Bufton's left side.

Nothing in the first half had really indicated a Fleet comeback from going two goals behind. But within a minute of the resumption they had pulled a goal back. Liam Smith dallied on the ball a second too long and in a flash Fleet centre-forward and captain Tom White had gained possession and clipped a shot across goal which beat Adam Clark and bounced in off the far post.

Rovers nearly restored their two-goal advantage when Geddes strolled forward for another corner and again reached the ball before any defenders but his header was comfortably claimed by Bufton.

The goal by White had given the visiting team belief and confidence they had shown little of before. Ethan Yewings set up White for a right-footed shot which flew over and the Tuffley defence, marshalled superbly by Geddes, found itself having to work hard to keep the visitors at bay. Further up the field Lewis Bainbridge ran clear from just inside his own half but his shot just cleared the far post. The referee called for a water-break when Bainbridge went down injured and he was almost immediately replaced by Dion Ellis-Clark. Fleet replied in kind by taking off Ryan Goddard and replacing him with Larry Briggs; a few minutes later they took Taylor off and brought Rhys Master on.



At the three-quarter point of the match it looked as if the next goal would be decisive whichever way it came. Things were getting tense off the field as well as on it and Rovers' Dave Strain was ordered to leave the dug-out by referee Dan Forrester. Joe Shutt's corner from the left was cleanly caught by Bufton at full stretch but

another corner by the same player and from the same side was cleared and saw Fleet break into a menacing position before the assistant's flag alerted the referee to the fact that Shutt's corner had been taken from outside the quadrant. When the corner was re-taken it was third time lucky for Geddes whose header this time fizzed out of Bufton's reach.

Liam Smith went down injured but Rovers had already made all three permitted changes. Ellis-Clark missed a good opportunity to put the tie out of Fleet's reach completely. With time almost up White scored a second for Fleet after a goalmouth scramble and immediately rushed



to reclaim the ball as the Spurs looked for an even later goal that might send this tie to penalties.

Rovers hung on to claim a place in the First Round Proper and a decent crowd starved of competitive football at this ground for just short of a year had ultimately enjoyed an absorbing contest in which the second half was a lot better than the first.

Like to get to know you well....



One of our regular and much loved supporters, Joe Cole, has helped introduce a new feature to this season's programmes and our newly crowned Molson Coors Player of the Month is the first squad member to be introduced to you this season.

Name : Lewis Bainbridge
Age : 20
Position : Full-back / Winger
Occupation : Electrician
Previous club(s) : Shortwood United
Favourite team : Liverpool

Favourite all-time player : Ronaldinho



What is the best thing about playing for Tuffley Rovers? : Hearing Warren Mann's laugh!

Best player you've played with : Dominik Kent

Interests outside football : Going out out!

Favourite TV show : Prison Break

Favourite all-time film : Coach Carter

Most memorable Tuffley Rovers

Moment : Scoring the last minute winner against Lydney Town



If for some reason you ended up stranded on a desert island with a player, coach or official of Tuffley Rovers, which wouldn't you want to be stranded with and why?

That would be Joe Shutt – because he's useless!





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Appearance information

Up to and including Saturday, 25 September 2021

(includes selected list of former players)

Another summer where we saw quite significant changes to the squad mean many of today's match-day squad have only a handful of appearances between them, but there is also plenty of experience in the Rovers' squad.



Warren Mann leads the way, having racked-up 439 appearances for the first team at Step 7 and above, but we have Dom Kent and Liam Wright, who are both closing in on a century of appearances, whilst Lewis Bainbridge and Joe Shutt aren't too far away from making it to their half-century. Tristan Haswell re-signed for the club this week and returns with 95 appearances under his belt from a previous spell.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Name	Goals
Aldridge, Josh	3	0	Jones, Xander	7	0
Bainbridge, Lewis	43	8	Kent, Dominik	94	15
Basford, Aaron	10	3	Lawrence, Isaac	24	1
Bradley, Shayne	230	106	Lawrence, Jamal	2	1
Brain, Callum	5	0	Lomotey, Yeshaya	2	0
Butler, Matt	3	0	Mann, Warren	439	80
Clark, Adam	10	0	McKinnon, Rudi	22	1
Copland, Jack	4	0	McNally, Laurie	7	0
Davis, Felix	0	0	Mendes, Sam	11	0
Denness-Barrett, Brennan	3	3	Morgan, Harry	17	3
Ellis-Clark, Dion	9	1	Parsisson, Jake	1	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Price, Lucas	8	2
Geddes, Jacob	19	2	Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Hailwood, Ben	3	0	Romais, Billy	4	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Shutt, Joe	40	9
Haswell, Tristan	95	1	Shyamapant, Tomos	1	0
Herbert, Macaulay	218	8	Smith, Liam	5	0
Hill, Sam	120	8	Swales, Josh	7	1
Hunt, Ollie	7	1	Thompson, Antoine	63	1
Idowu, Jeremiah	14	0	Walker, Harry	67	6
James, Brett	184	63	Woodall, Archie	3	0
John, Hami	32	0	Wright, Liam	98	3

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

Half-time quiz: Break for five

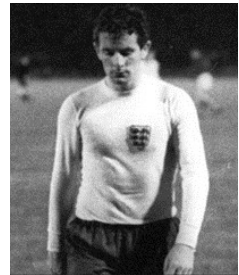
Grab a cup of tea and something to eat, then spend the five minutes of your half-time break trying to answer these questions. As ever, there is a theme and this week we focus on 'first times', given that this is our first Hellenic League game against today's opponents...

1. The first ever officially recognised meeting between the England and Scotland international football teams took place on 30 November...in which year?
2. On 1 November 2003, Manchester United beat Portsmouth 3-0. Who is seen here, about to score from a free-kick, to record his first goal for United?



3. In which year was Sky TV's Soccer AM first broadcast?

4. The player pictured was the first to ever be sent-off playing for the England football team in 1968. Who is he?



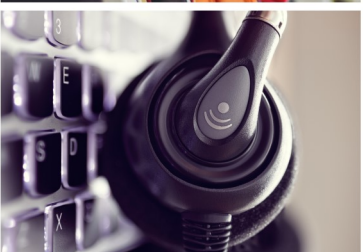
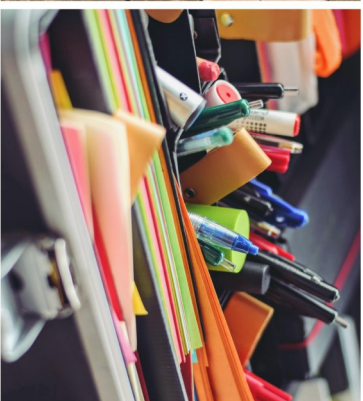
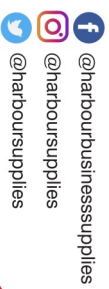
5. Brian Talbot became the first player to win two consecutive FA Cup finals playing for two different clubs. Which teams did he win the trophy with in 1978 and 1979?

Quiz Answers: (1) 1872; (2) Cristiano Ronaldo; (3) 1995; (4) Allan Mullery; (5) Ipswich Town and Arsenal.



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

Grey shirts; Grey shorts; Grey socks (GK:
Yellow).

Callum Brain

1

Jonathan Hill

Liam Wright

2

Aaron Witchell

Tristan Haswell

3

Luke Burman

Jacob Geddes ©

4

Harry Rutty

Liam Smith

5

Ed Plackett

Dominik Kent

6

Richard Dawley

Joe Shutt

7

Ross Lye ©

Lewis Bainbridge

8

Kurt Hammonds

Brennan Denness-Barrett

9

Mark Wall

Aaron Basford

10

Robert Hobbs

Lucas Price

11

Tyson Pollard

Warren Mann

12

Charlie Walton

Josh Aldridge

14

Charlie Wiles-Richards

Yeshaya Lomotey

15

Ethan Witchell

Dion Ellis-Clark

16

George Box

Xander Jones

17

Jacob Brown

Adam Clark

18

Joshua Clark

Rich Cox

Manager

Lee Davidson

Ritchie Warden

Asst. Manager

Jamie Lyons

Dave Strain (Coach)

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Ashleigh Watson (Physio)

Chris Taylor (Coach)

John Fox (GK Coach)

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