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EDITOR'S COMMENT

I want to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from Thornbury Town today, particularly their committee and supporters. I'd also like to say a big thank you to the match officials and every single person attending Glevum Park today.

In a recent post on social media I talked about how our club has the ability to play with your emotions. That followed the low of our FA Vase defeat against Street and the high of our wonderful win away at Westfields. Since then we've suffered two defeats, both in league games, against a very strong Westbury United side and then at Roman Glass St George on Wednesday. I am hoping today is a day to lift spirits, but we've already played Thornbury Town once this season and we suffered a disappointing defeat that our hosts on that occasion deserved (as did we!).

Someone once told me the difference between players at various levels of the game is often their ability to produce consistently good performances. This current squad is the epitome of that message. We have some wonderful young players, most of whom you could see playing at a higher level...when they're in form. On a bad day, we are a very different side and the challenge for Coxy, Ritchie, Dave and all of the players is to help this club achieve great results and outcomes consistently. That is part of the development process, but time waits for no man and we have to start the journey now. As Nipsey Hussle, an American rapper, once said:

"Even as you make progress, you need the discipline to keep from backtracking and sabotaging the success as it's happening"

We are the authors of our own destiny. We must set out on a new journey every day but that journey must always be forward and our discipline, our focus and our energy must be directed into successful outcomes, not for the individual but for this great club in its 92nd year. I believe we can achieve great things but we must all share that belief and work in support of it. Get behind the lads and ask them to get behind a united effort.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the fixture today. I wish you a safe journey home.

Our next home first team fixture will be against Malvern Town on Tuesday, before we then host Royal Wootton Bassett Town next Saturday. Please spread the word – we'd love to see more and more of the local community supporting the club.

– **NEIL** #uptherovers

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

Good afternoon and welcome all to Glevum Park.

It is great to be able to welcome Thornbury Town FC back to Glevum Park and for those travelling players, committee and supporters that were here the last time, I am sure the ground has seen much change.

Our results have been very similar to that of our visitors so far this season and we seem to have a good run of results, followed then by a bad patch.

Conceding as many goals as we have this season is something I am sure Richard Cox, Ritchie Warden and Dave Strain are working on with the lads in training and during their analysis sessions.

I said in last week's programme notes, that it is nearly impossible to call any results in this league at the moment and yet again, the midweek results around the league threw up some surprises yet again. I know Coxy and the team will want to right the wrongs of the last two games and also reverse the result when both of our teams met on at the very start of this season.

I hope everyone enjoys a competitive game of football, as well as our hospitality here at Tuffley Rovers AFC.

Have a good day and a safe journey home.

- Dan

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MANAGER'S COMMENT

Hello and welcome all to Glevum Park for our latest Hellenic League fixture.

Off the back of a disappointing result Saturday, where we didn't impose ourselves on the game 'til the second half and conceded some poor goals, we then suffered another defeat at Roman Glass St George on Wednesday. The first 30 minutes was very pleasing, a period of complete domination and chances, although we paid the price for not converting and only being one goal to the good.

Once they equalised, we failed to recapture the rhythm and intensity and along with some more poor goals conceded, we can't complain about the final result.

We now have to dust ourselves down and go again against Thornbury Town this afternoon. We need to be on the front foot and stamp our authority from the off, taking our chances when they come. Our visitors will also have moments and we need to defend a lot better than the last two games to help us achieve the result we want.

Thanks for your continued support.

– COXY

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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. 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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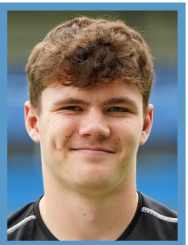
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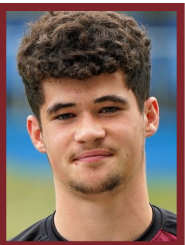
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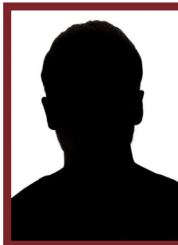
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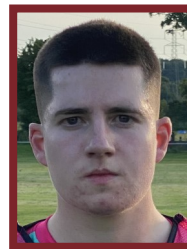
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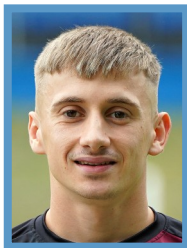
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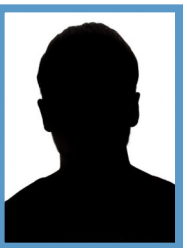
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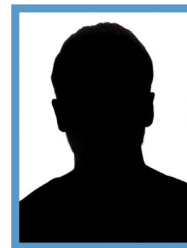
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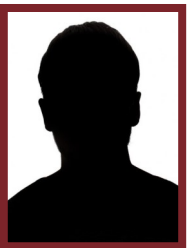
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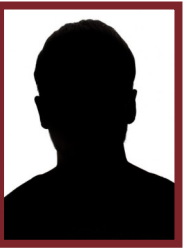
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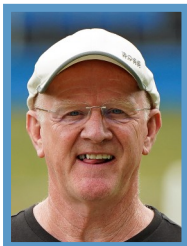
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Thornbury Town Football Club

It is understood that football has been played in Thornbury from around 1898 and formerly known as Thornbury Sports became Thornbury Town FC in the early 1970's.

1968-69 we became founder members of the Gloucestershire County League and spectator figures in excess of 500 were regularly recorded. In 1971 the club finished third in the Gloucestershire County League and was accepted into the Western League. However, due to difficulties in bringing the facilities up to the leagues required standards were unable to take the next step up. Relegation to the Bristol Premier Combination League unfortunately followed in 1976-77.

The following 20+ years saw Thornbury Town strive to regain their former status, never really threatening to take the Premier Combination title. The only success during these lean years was reaching the final of the GFA Senior Amateur Cup in 1985-86 and 1989-90 unfortunately on both occasions loser's medals were received.

During the late 1990's, the Club maintained its strong focus on developing local talent and this eventually bore fruit in 1999 when the final of the Stroud Charity Cup was reached, losing narrowly to Dursley Town. 2001-02 season saw the management team of Dave Wiffill and Steve Burbage take the reins, which brought instant success winning the Bristol Premier Combination title by 13 points and a return to the Gloucestershire County League. This followed a run of thirteen consecutive league wins a club record, which still stands to this day. The league and cup double eluded the club when they were defeated by Sea Mills in the League Cup Final.

In preparation for the return to County League football the summer of 2002 saw a lot of hard work undertaken on the Mundy facilities with the building of dug-outs, improved drainage and revamping of the dressing rooms. All this work appeared to have been worth while with the club establishing itself back in the Gloucestershire County league with a creditable 7th league position for the next three seasons. Silverware did come our way in 2003-04 when we defeated Taverners on penalties, after a 2-2 draw, to lift the Stroud Charity Cup. The 2003-04 season, also saw the formation of an Under-18's side in order to maintain Youth development within the club and they gained entry to the Gloucester County Youth League.

Following a number of indifferent seasons when relegation back to the Bristol Premier Combination league was only just averted in 2006-07, a new management committee and first team management were appointed. Dave Lippiatt took over as first team manager, coming to the club from Sea Mills Park bringing with him Carl Derosa as his assistant. With an initial three / four year strategy, which came to fruition during the 2009-10 season when after a steady first half to the season a tremendous winning run of ten league games saw the Surridge Gloucestershire County League title won for the first time in the clubs history. 2010 also saw the milestone achievement of the long awaited coming together of the two local football clubs "Thornbury Town FC" and "Thornbury Falcons FC" now under one club management umbrella of Thornbury Town FC without losing the heritage and identity of Thornbury Falcons. This will further enhance the long term development within the local community for junior, youth and senior football.

In the 2010-11 season the final of the Les James Cup Final was reached, which resulted in a penalty shoot-out disappointment against Henbury Town. 2013-14 saw the U18's in their highest league position in the Gloucestershire County Youth League finishing runners-up, which was a tremendous achievement for the team and managers Simon Pirie and Mark Franklin.

The 2014-15 season was a very successful season finishing 4th in the league and winning the Les James Cup for the first time in the Club's history. Andy Davies continued to produce a team of quality which resulted in a third 4th-place in a row in Season 2016-17. 2017-18 saw the club finally succeed in their quest win the Gloucestershire County League. After a lot of work behind the scenes to gain planning permission for the required ground improvements, the club were accepted into the Hellenic League for the first time in our history.

Our first season in the Hellenic League saw us finish a creditable 3rd in Div 1 West and win the Supplementary Cup. 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons were ruled null and void due to the Coronavirus pandemic with the team poised to gain promotion. A restructuring of the football pyramid has placed us in the Hellenic Premier Division. With Jason Rees and Gary Kemp in place we look forward to the season ahead and wish all teams the best of luck in their endeavours.

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.

As it happens we haven't played too many games on 6 November from 2007/08 to 2020/21 but we have played a number of memorable games on the surrounding dates...

5 November 2011

Tuffley Rovers lost 2-0 against Berkeley Town, as two second half goals, from James Mackie and Tom Palmer, secured the points in this Gloucestershire County League fixture. Rovers hit to woodwork several times during the game but couldn't find a way to score and lost their place at the top of the table.

Squad: Mark Harris; Callum Preece; Marcus Foxwell; Michael Oakes; Richard James; Courtney Hamilton; Liam Harding; Kacey Johnstone; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Lee Wallington; Dean Gorman; Johnny Meadows.

1 November 2014

Tuffley Rovers put up a brave fight but were ultimately unable to resist a storm of pressure and exited the FA Vase after defeat at Plymouth Parkway. Some sensational goalkeeping from Aaron Taylor had kept Warren Evans' side in the tie, before Shayne Bradley scored to make it 2-1, but two late goals for the hosts saw them through to the next round.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Ashley Davies; Macaulay Herbert; Sammy Drew; Steve Bick; Warren Mann; Shayne Bradley; Stuart Griffith; Brett James. **Subs used:** Jordan Dowdeswell; Mike Devlin.

5 November 2016

Tuffley Rovers secured a fantastic victory over Bracknell Town on Saturday, as goals from Mark Pritchett and Warren Mann secured three points that took them above their opponents in the league table and into fifth place.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Jack Overthrow; Will Wellon; Jamie Goodwin; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Pritchett; Warren Mann; Brett James. **Subs used:** Ryan Dobbins.

3 November 2017

A late, late Shayne Bradley header won Tuffley Rovers all three points against Oxford City Nomads at Glevum Park, after a Jordi Mulvany own goal had given the hosts the lead and then Kyreece Martei equalised.

Squad: Eric Edge; Sam Hill; Liam Wright; Joel White; Macaulay Herbert; Courtney Hamilton; Brett James; Kieran Alder; Shayne Bradley; Ashley Bird; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Mark Pritchett; Alex O'Leary.

**UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION
ROMAN GLASS ST. GEORGE 4-1 TUFFLEY ROVERS
WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2021**



Tuffley Rovers' season has seen a series of very promising performances punctuated by a similar number of disappointing outings, very much as case of contrasting fortunes, and their latest defeat, on a cold Wednesday evening at the Gloucestershire Football Association's Almondsbury headquarters, proved to be something that could serve as a summary moment, representing the season to date, for the casual observer.

Rich Cox has overseen a conveyor belt of starting line-ups that has usually resulted in four, or more, changes between fixtures, often due to injuries, illness or absence. Against Roman Glass the side named continued that theme, with no fewer than six changes from the eleven who started against Westbury United the previous weekend, and there was further disruption when Jamal Lawrence pulled up in the warm-up, to be replaced by Aaron Basford, who had originally been one of those to lose their place from the weekend defeat.

If there were fears that Rovers might struggle against a Glass side who were placed one point and two places above them at the start of the evening, those were quickly dismissed, with Cox' side taking control early on and forcing their opponents to defend resolutely in the early stages.

Such was the positivity of Rovers' start it came as something of a surprise that the hosts' keeper Kieran Hodges wasn't forced into action, but the final ball was often flashed across the goal or lacked the quality that might otherwise have turned a healthy share of possession into goals.

As it was it took until the 12th minute for Rovers to lead, when Joe Shutt found enough space to hit a low shot that squirmed through Hodges' hands and into the bottom corner of the net, to make it 1-0.



What followed for the next 20 minutes was a spell of pressure that was sustained and it seemed inevitable that Rovers would eventually create the chances needed

to extend their lead. However, in keeping with some recent performances, some excellent football wasn't converted into clear chances and Hodges wasn't forced into any serious action, in part due to some solid defensive work from those in front of him.

It was something of a surprise then that Roman Glass equalised, shortly after the half hour mark, when Shaquille Smith worked enough space on the left-hand side of the Rovers penalty area to fire a powerfully struck shot, from a fairly tight angle, that flew past Jack Copland and into the net, to make it 1-1.

Three minutes later it was 2-1, as Louis Ward stepped out of the defence and when no-one closed him down he unleashed a stunning shot, from all of 35 yards, that flew beyond Copland's despairing dive and into the net. It was a stunning strike that gave the hosts a lead that defied the pattern of the game but served as punishment for Rovers' profligacy in attacking positions.

The early stages of the second period were played out in Rovers territory but there was little by way of significant goalmouth activity until the 58th minute, when Ward met a corner with a powerful header that drew a sensational full-length diving save from Copland to keep it at 2-1.

Sam Mendes then had the first real chance for Rovers in the second half as he latched onto Shutt's floated cross but he was at a full stretch and Hodges dived at his feet to deflect the ball away from goal.

On 64 minutes the match turned again in favour of the hosts, as Neikell Plummer pounced on a loose ball, after Copland had blocked Jonathan Walker's shot and he tucked the ball home from close range to make it 3-1.

Mendes had another effort on goal, this time a free-kick which drew a comfortable save from Hodges but it was a rare opportunity on goal, in a game where Rovers' early ascendancy had long since been forgotten.

When Plummer scored his second goal, having danced his way through an almost absent Rovers rearguard, in the closing moments of the game, the outcome was sealed and an evening that had started so positively ended with a defeat that was arguably a fair reflection of a game that promised much but eventually delivered little.

There was time for Mendes to serve up an almost identical free-kick on Hodges' goal, in the closing moments, but when the referee sounded the final whistle Rovers slipped to a third defeat in four competitive games, with just nine points taken from their last eight league games, despite some much improved form after a difficult start to the season.

Statistics 2021/22

Competition
Uhsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated
FAC = FA Cup; FAV = FA Vase; GFA = GFA Challenge Trophy;
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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	Caine 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	W	1-0	71	J Shutt				
05/Oct	7:45pm	Malvern Town		A	D	3-3	174	J Lawrence, J Shutt, A Woodall				
09/Oct	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		A	L	1-9	106	B Denness-Barrett				
12/Oct	7:45pm	Caine Town		H	D	1-1	87	J Lawrence				
16/Oct	3pm	Bishops Cleeve		A	D	0-0	70	-				
19/Oct	7:45pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		H	W	3-1	56	B Denness-Barrett (2), L Bainbridge				
23/Oct	3pm	Street FC	FAV	H	L	1-4	70	A Basford				
26/Oct	7:45pm	Westfields		A	W	1-0	142	J Lawrence				
30/Oct	3pm	Westbury United		H	L	0-3	79	-				
03/Nov	7:45pm	Roman Glass St. George		A	L	1-4	40	J Shutt				
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								
04/Dec	3pm	Lydney Town		A								
11/Dec	3pm	Roman Glass St. George		H								
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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								

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Bainbridge, Lewis	4
Basford, Aaron	4
Shutt, Joe	4
Lawrence, Jamal	4
Price, Lucas	2
Morgan, Harry	2
O.G.	2
Swales, Josh	1
Kent, Dominik	1
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Previously against today's opposition at Glevum Park

Last time we met today's opponents at Glevum Park, on 10 September 2019, when Rovers romped to a convincing win in the Floodlit Cup....

BANBURY LITHO HELLENIC LEAGUE FLOODLIT CUP TUFFLEY ROVERS 6-1 THORNBURY TOWN

A week can be a long time in football. Seven days ago Rovers were still seeking to add to their solitary competitive win of the new season (a Hellenic League Challenge Cup victory over Division Two side, Letcombe) but suffered a heavy defeat at Shortwood in the F.A. Vase. Since then Mark Pritchett's men had picked up four points from six, grabbing a narrow midweek win at Shrivenham before holding Windsor to a draw at Glevum Park when, for the second successive home league match, a 1-3 deficit was turned into a 3-3 draw with two late goals.

A year ago Tuffley suffered early exits from the F.A. Cup, the F.A. Vase, the Gloucestershire Challenge Trophy and the Hellenic Challenge Cup. This Floodlit Cup had seen home defeats by Brimscombe & Thrupp in both 2017-18 and 2018-19. So, this was an opportunity for the hosts to build on recent good league form whereas the visitors had no reason to be fearful of their short trip to Gloucester after starting their new league season with a 3-2 win over Clanfield 85 and a 5-3 defeat by Malvern Town, both at home. Having already been knocked out of the Challenge Cup at Adderbury Park, but having progressed in the Vase at the expense of Cheltenham Saracens, Thornbury would see this as a decent chance to make progress in another knock-out competition.

It was the hosts who cruised their way through to the next round of the Floodlit Cup after a commanding first-half performance which brought four goals without reply. Two more goals were added in the second period with only a penalty-kick bringing visitors Thornbury any reward from what turned out to be a chastening evening for them.

Rovers, playing towards the open end, started positively and nearly went ahead in the opening moments when Jack Beardsell's good work on the right led to a square pass which Dominik Kent dragged narrowly wide of the Thornbury goal.

There was an early break in play when the visitors' captain Toby Bennett went down injured and when play resumed an enormous kick by Scot MacLeod was chased deep



into the Tuffley half by Craig Lancaster but Macaulay Herbert snuffed out the danger. Thornbury's next attack was nearly profitable; two quick passes from Lancaster and Jim Brock left Asher Budd in space, with only Alex Avenell to beat, but he wasted the opportunity by shooting into the side-netting.

Rovers heeded this warning and were soon ahead themselves. Ross Langworthy chased a ball down the right channel and regained possession after briefly losing control of the ball. As he moved inside he saw Jack Beardsell in space and threaded

the ball through to him. Beardsall took one touch, looked up and hammered a scorching drive into the top corner well out of MacLeod's reach. The early lead was doubled only three minutes later. Rovers won a corner on the right which Paul Carter floated in with his usual dead-ball accuracy and Beardsell rose unchallenged to plant a firm header into the back of the net.

Thornbury were being pulled apart on both flanks and it wasn't a surprise that the opening two goals were quickly followed by two more. Both were crosses headed into goal by Langworthy thanks to sublime deliveries from Ben Prictor on the left and Beardsell on the right. Langworthy, in a rich run of scoring form, nearly had a first-half hat-trick when he ran from halfway and cut inside a defender but hit his shot over the bar.

A nasty clash of heads between Beardsell and Thornbury's Ollie Rawnsley led to both players being treated on the pitch and the referee called for a short water-break while that was happening. When play resumed Rovers continued to press forward with Jeremiah Idowu having a shot turned away for a corner and Kent again shooting narrowly wide.

The Thornbury players looked shell-shocked as they headed for the dressing-rooms at half-time but there was little respite for them after the second half started, at which point they brought on Luke Franklin and he would soon be joined by Dan Bright. MacLeod was having a very busy evening and reacted brilliantly to save Kent's follow-up after initially saving from Langworthy. But the next significant action came at the other end when referee Alan Robinson awarded Thornbury a penalty-kick as Prictor, played into trouble by Jack Phillips' pass across the area, felled an opposition player as he attempted to clear. Lancaster didn't hang about and buried the spot-kick straight down the middle leaving Avenell knowing that he would probably have saved if he hadn't moved slightly out of the way.

Rovers' four-goal lead was soon restored, however. Beardsell received the ball on the left following a corner on the right, spotted Mark Pritchett in space and played the ball carefully towards his central-defender. Pritchett's control was perfect and he turned and lashed the ball left-footed into the net before MacLeod had properly sensed the danger.



In the wake of Tuffley's fifth goal the hosts brought on Lewis Bainbridge for Idowu and, shortly afterwards, Jake Rhodes for Kent. But it was the final substitute who made the next telling contribution. Within seconds after coming on, for Beardsell, seventeen-year-old Niall Priday was in a perfect position to steer Bainbridge's pass into the net after a quite wonderful run by the provider from wide on the right.

So, Rovers won their first home match of 2018-19 at the fourth attempt. A year earlier that first home victory didn't come until the eighth game so at least that awful statistic was not threatened with a repeat. With twelve goals scored in their last three matches Tuffley again proved that they have plenty of options in attack. Defensively they looked pretty solid too although not as tested as they are likely to be in most league games. Thornbury will have learned much from this evening as well. The scoreline does not flatter them because it was one-way traffic for most of the evening, but they kept their heads up and worked hard and, even in defeat, showed encouraging signs which ought to help them in the weeks ahead.



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Appearance information

Up to and including Wednesday, 3 November 2021

(includes selected list of former players)



Congratulations to Joe Shutt and Lewis Bainbridge, who both brought up their 50th competitive first team appearance when they played in Wednesday evening's game Roman Glass St George.

Both made their debuts during the 2019/20 season, with Lewis appearing first, coming on as a substitute in an FA Cup tie against North Greenford United at Glevum Park on 10 August 2019. He scored in his second appearance (the replay of that tie), which means the fixture of his 50th appearance isn't the only shared statistic with Shutt, as our diminutive wide-man netted on his second appearance too, when he scored against Reading City on 23 November 2019, four days after making his debut in a league game against Westfields.



Well done, Gents – welcome to the over 50s club!

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Name	Goals
Aldridge, Josh	9	0	John, Harri	32	0
Bainbridge, Lewis	50	9	Jones, Xander	11	0
Basford, Aaron	20	4	Kent, Dominik	103	15
Beardsell, Jack	35	8	Lawrence, Isaac	24	1
Bradley, Shayne	230	106	Lawrence, Jamal	6	4
Brain, Callum	5	0	Lomotey, Yeshaya	7	0
Butler, Matt	3	0	Mann, Warren	445	80
Clark, Adam	13	0	McKinnon, Rudi	22	1
Copland, Jack	11	0	McNally, Laurie	8	0
Davies, Ashley	162	27	Mendes, Sam	15	0
Davis, Felix	0	0	Morgan, Harry	20	3
Denness-Barrett, Brennan	10	6	Parsisson, Jake	1	0
Ellis-Clark, Dion	12	1	Price, Lucas	14	2
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Geddes, Jacob	29	2	Romaiz, Billy	5	0
Hailwood, Ben	3	0	Shutt, Joe	50	12
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Shyamapant, Tomos	1	0
Haswell, Tristan	97	1	Smith, Liam	15	0
Herbert, Macaulay	218	8	Swales, Josh	7	1
Hill, Sam	120	8	Thompson, Antoine	63	1
Hunt, Ollie	7	1	Walker, Harry	67	6
Idowu, Jerry	14	0	White, Joel	93	4
James, Brett	184	63	Woodall, Archie	9	1
James, Richard	125	40	Wright, Liam	106	3

NB: The figures are correct for all league competitions from season 2007/08, when Tutley 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.

THORNBURY TOWN



Kurtis Parkin - GK

A goalkeeper with experience at higher levels with Willand Rovers. Has made a massive difference since moving to the area.



Tom Webb - DEF

Good defender who reads the game well. Hard worker with great energy and a sweet left foot also pops up with the odd goal.



Pete Fowler - DEF

Strong centre half and not much gets past him. Club captain who leads by example. He's also dangerous in the opposition penalty area.



Harry Walton - MID

Cultured midfielder with a great range of passing. Local lad, returning to the side this season from Cribbs FC.



Mark Viner - MID

Experienced centre midfielder and one of the leaders on the pitch. Good first touch and range passing, rarely gives the ball away.



James DeRosa - MID

Classy experienced midfielder who reads the game well. Returning to his home town the club following long spells at Hallen and Cribbs FC.



Fraser Moss - MID

Talented midfielder with huge potential. He has all the attributes of a quality midfielder, signed in October 2019 from Tytherington Rocks.



Ben Ryan - MID

Clever striker that has great movement and an eye for an opening. Formally with Cardiff City joined Thornbury in the summer following a spell in the Welsh FA with Port Talbot.



Elliot Gardner - MID

A menace for defenders, strong, quick and mobile. Returning for injury he signed for Thornbury in the summer after being at the SGS football Academy.



Scott MacLeod - MID

Vocal utility player who is comfortable at right back or on the wing, a technically good footballer.



Jacob Farthing - FWD

Player with international pedigree after playing in America for Mississippi College. A great technical player.



Brandon Benjamin - FWD

Rejoined the club last season after a spell with Odd Down in the Western League. Likes to play as a false nine and is happy to drop into midfield.



Mackenzie Welsh - GK

Huge young prospect, very athletic shot stopper with professional attitude. Currently dual signed with Bath City and Bath City U18's.



Nathan Sage - DEF

Centre back with good composure on the ball and shows good strength both on the ground and in the air.



Joe Guest - DEF

Ball playing defender who has a very bright future; now one of the first names on the team sheet. Can play anywhere across the back.



Toby Bennett - MID

Box to Box midfielder quality midfielder with the aggression to match his technical ability.



Ollie Rawnsley - MID

Classic no nonsense Centre half with a good eye for sniffing out trouble. Previously at Yate Town and Berkeley Town.



Luke Franklin - MID

Strong, quick and has good technique. Equally comfortable in the middle or out wide. A really good prospect who controls the midfield and scores goals.



Dan Parry - MID

A quick versatile player with fantastic energy and quick feet, signed in November 2019 from Shortwood United.



Marcus Wormwell - MID

He is a product of the Thornbury youth teams and is a speedy winger with a good shot.



Rhys Hodgson - MID

Joined last season and made an instant impact with some commanding performances.



Harry Brock - FWD

Striker with exceptional pace, quick feet and eye for goal. Exceptional work rate for a striker, with huge appetite for the game and lots of potential.



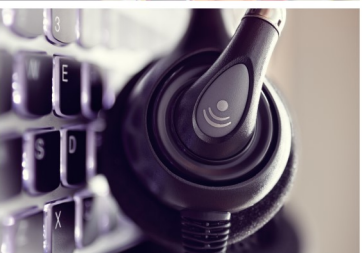
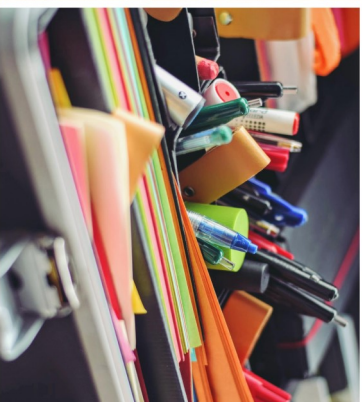
Craig Lancaster - FWD

Quality proven goal scorer. Fast and skillful with a few tricks and quick feet. Always looking to score and with great striker awareness and movement.



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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, given that Thornbury were frequent opposition, then we had a gap until their promotion, we focus on questions or answers about renewed acquaintances....

1. Ronald Koeman was recently sacked by Barcelona, having previously been a player, but in what year did he score the winning goal to help them become European Cup winners?

2. Having retired from playing for Glasgow Celtic in 1975, the man pictured had two spells as manager between 1978-1983 and 1987-1991. Who is he and which two English teams did he manage between those spells?



3. Brian Clough and Peter Taylor famously brought success to Derby County and Nottingham Forest. However, they separated briefly between those periods, when Clough left Taylor to manage Leeds United. Which club did Taylor remain at after Clough left in July 1974?

4. This man holds the record for the longest gap between England international appearances, with a staggering 11 years and 49 days between two of his caps. Who is he?



5. Who had the longest gap between the end of their first spell at a club and the start of their second – was it:

(a) Thierry Henry – Arsenal

(b) Robbie Fowler – Liverpool

(b) Wayne Rooney – Everton

(d) Cristiano Ronaldo – Manchester Utd

Quiz Answers: (1) 1992; (2) Billy McNell, who managed Manchester City and Aston Villa in England; (3) Brighton & Hove Albion; (4) Ian Callaghan; (5) It was Rooney's gap at between stints at Everton, which amounted to 13 years. Fowler was 4 years, Henry 4 years and Ronaldo 12 years.

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

(up to and including fixtures played on Wednesday, 3 November 2021)

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Brimscombe & Thrupp	17	12	2	3	17	38
2	Bishops Cleeve	17	10	6	1	18	36
3	Cribbs	16	11	2	3	17	35
4	Corsham Town	16	9	5	2	12	32
5	Malvern Town	15	9	4	2	18	31
6	Longlevens AFC	15	9	2	4	13	29
7	Westfields	16	9	2	5	8	29
8	Westbury United	14	8	3	3	16	27
9	Bradford Town	13	8	1	4	11	25
10	Roman Glass St George	16	7	2	7	4	23
11	Hereford Lads Club	17	7	2	8	2	23
12	Shrivenham	16	6	3	7	-7	21
13	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	17	5	4	8	-6	19
14	Tuffley Rovers	16	5	4	7	-16	19
15	Fairford Town	18	5	2	11	-8	17
16	Chipping Sodbury Town	16	4	2	10	-9	14
17	Thornbury Town	17	3	5	9	-16	14
18	Calne Town	18	3	2	13	-25	11
19	Lydney Town	16	2	2	12	-21	8
20	Hallen	16	1	1	14	-28	4

**UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION
TUFFLEY ROVERS 0-3 WESTBURY UNITED
SATURDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2021**

During a huge reorganisation in the summer, Westbury United were one of six Western Premier Division clubs who were moved into the Hellenic Premier Division with the others being Bradford Town, Chipping Sodbury Town, Cribbs, Hallen and Roman Glass Saint George. Three other clubs moved in from Hellenic Division One West (Hereford Lads Club, Malvern Town and Thornbury Town) while two more (Calne Town and Corsham Town) arrived from the Western League Division One.

Westbury were in twelfth place when the 2019-20 season was halted but in sixth when the following season also ended early. They had made a solid start in 2021-22 with 7 wins and 2 draws from their opening 12 league fixtures but, like the rest of the division, have watched one of the other newcomers, Cribbs, rise quickly to the top of the table.

Rovers, however, were also in good shape coming into this fixture. Three wins, three draws and just a single league defeat in October had seen them rise up the table to thirteenth place with their latest success in the Hellenic Premier League being at Westfields, the club that was certainly heading for its championship with a 14-point lead at the top when the 2019-20 season was curtailed in March. The beauty of the Hellenic's top division this season is that many clubs are meeting other clubs for the first time with points at stake and the travelling for the away clubs is less than it used to be as the clubs are now concentrated in a smaller area.

Tuffley's colours were lowered for the first time in a home league match this season, although there have only been four such occasions so far. Westbury scored a goal fit to win any match in the first half, added two more in the second and eased to their fifth three-pointer on the road since the season began. Although even the Rovers players probably couldn't explain it, the neat passing and good ball control which, when added to a resolute defence, had seen them accumulate so many points in October was very much lacking on the month's penultimate day. United's game-management was excellent and typified by the fact that Rovers' Joe Shutt, normally a marauding winger, was forced to spend much of the second half in the right-back position as the visitors strengthened their grip on the match.

Westbury made a bright start in blustery conditions on a newly-laid pitch which had coped well with the ferocious downpour earlier in the day. Callum Demkiv had the visitors' first attempt on goal in the second minute but, when his shot was blocked, Joe Stradling lashed the rebound high and wide.

United thought they had taken the lead a couple of minutes later. With the home defence seeming to expect an offside call, Jack Biddiscombe found himself free on the left and his fierce shot from twenty yards rattled the crossbar before bouncing away from goal as the forward appealed unsuccessfully to the assistant that the ball had gone behind the goal-line not in front of it.

Down at the other end Liam Wright had Tuffley's first serious attempt on goal but his shot was palmed away for a corner by Mark Bowden. Shortly afterwards Westbury were unhappy when the same assistant did flag for offside just as Francois Allen converted Joshua Timbrell's cross from the right.

Given their early pressure it wasn't a surprise when Westbury opened the scoring after a quarter of an hour. Stephen Hulbert passed to Biddiscombe who in turn passed to Ben Griffiths and he controlled the ball tidily before unleashing a missile of a shot which flew over and past Jack Copland in the home goal.

When Hulbert whipped a cross in from the right Allen dived to meet the ball with his head but missed the ball by inches as United continued to assert their superiority at this point of the game. They were launching long balls down the right for Allen to chase and this kept Jacob Geddes and Joel White busy but headed clearances were more often than not pounced on by visiting players to create even more pressure on the home goal.

Warren Mann went down injured in the closing stages of the first half and was unable to continue after being treated on the pitch; Lewis Bainbridge came on to replace him. The final action of the opening period saw Demkiv cross from the right and although Biddiscombe's deflected header was on target the ball was grabbed safely by Copland.

Substitute Bainbridge was seeing plenty of the ball on the left wing during Tuffley's brightest period of the afternoon early in the second period. But more possession did not lead to any serious chances, with the exception of a chance for Aaron Basford that drew a terrific save from Bowden.



Rovers brought on Jack Beardsell for Liam Smith and Jack took a corner which was headed off the line before United's Allen received a yellow card from referee Chris Bounds.



Inside the last twenty minutes Westbury increased their lead when Biddiscombe cut inside from the left and hit an accurate drive inside Copland's right-hand post. Before the restart Rovers replaced Brennan Denness-Barrett with Lucas Price while United took off Timbrell and put Joe Cunningham on in his place.

Beardsell then received a caution for an over-zealous challenge but United were calm in defence during another spell of Tuffley pressure.

With time nearly up Archie Woodall went down and was treated on the pitch but he had to play on because Rovers had already made all three permitted substitutions. Westbury sealed their win in the first minute of added-time when Biddiscombe's hard work down the left led to Griffiths skipping around Copland and tapping the ball into an empty net.

It could be argued that the winning margin was harsh on Rovers but the three goals they conceded were more due to the quality of the opposition than any defensive inadequacies of their own. Westbury have made a very solid start to life in a different League and thoroughly deserved to return to Wiltshire with the three points they had earned after an impressive performance in which they got their tactics right from the first whistle to the last.

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White shirts; Black shorts; Black socks
(GK: Yellow).

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Mackenzie Welsh

Archie Woodall

2

Dan Parry

Liam Wright

3

Luke Franklin

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