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EDITOR'S COMMENT

I want to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from Malvern Town tonight, 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 for this fixture.

This is the first time we've welcomed Malvern Town to Glevum Park for a fixture since I've been involved in the club, if I'm not mistaken, although they aren't a completely new opponent as we've faced them twice in the past three seasons, both at Malvern's stadium, the first time in December 2019, when we were leading 4-0 only to be pegged back to 4-4 (before a victory on penalties) and then more recently, on 5 October, when we trailed 3-0 before coming back to draw 3-3. By my reckoning – and if you like a good sequence! – it will be 2-2 this evening. That would constitute a good result, although it feels a tad optimistic against one of the division's high-flying teams, particularly when we've been on a poor run of form ourselves.

It is inevitable that we'll struggle at times, particularly with such a young squad, but the momentary highs do summon up the optimist in me, which makes it all the harder to deal with the results that don't go our way.

We've got some vital games coming up, with tonight's game followed by a series of fixtures that see us play some of the sides around us this side of the Christmas period. We need to keep picking up points if we don't want the season to become uncomfortable at any point, although I'm confident that we'll do that again soon, whether we start a good run tonight or choose another day. If the players, management/coaching team and our supporters keep the faith I'm sure we'll be fine.

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

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

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

Good evening and welcome all to Glevum Park.

It is great to welcome the travelling players, committee and supporters from Malvern Town here for a midweek game under the lights.

The last time the two clubs met played out to be an absolute cracker, Malvern Town being 3-0 up and then the comeback from our lads to end the game 3-3, with a slightly dubious goal that Joe Shutt is still claiming!

Our form of late has been somewhat inconsistent and after a run of only one defeat in six, we have had somewhat of a blip and unfortunately have lost a bit of momentum. We are confident in the squad that Coxy has put together for this season and know that on our day we can beat any team in this league. However, I also know that looking at the table and the results so far this season, that there is a long way to go, before the league standings start to take shape as every team seems to be picking up or dropping points where you would not expect them to.

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

- Dan

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MANAGER'S COMMENT

Hello and welcome all to Glevum Park for this evening's Hellenic League fixture.

Saturday followed a similar pattern to the game before, a really bright and positive start, which should have seen us in a commanding position, however an opposition goal against the run of play has seen us self-destruct yet again. The players need to start riding these moments out and return to doing what they are good at, showing a lot more resilience.

We are in a mini slump and we need to ensure it remains a mini one.

Malvern are a good team that pose lots of threats so we can't be gifting them goals and giving them an easy way into the game. We will be looking for an immediate response from all involved this evening.

Thanks for the continued support.

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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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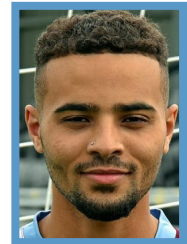
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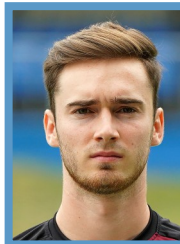
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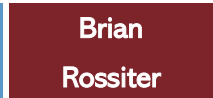
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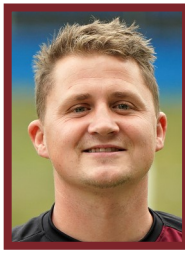




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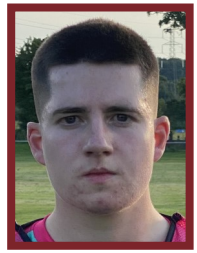
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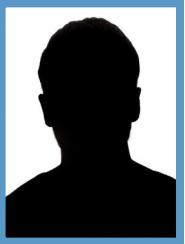
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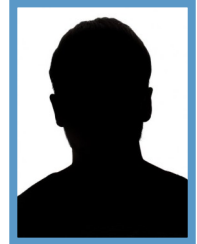
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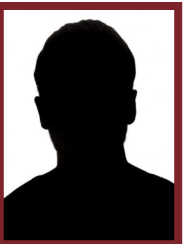
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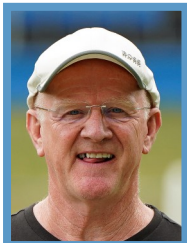
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HISTORY

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

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

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

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

Despite only finishing ninth in **Division One** in 1993–94, the club were promoted back to the **Premier Division**. In 2003–04 they won the **Premier Division** title, earning promotion to the **Midland Alliance**.

A third-place finish in the **Alliance** in 2005–06 saw the club promoted to **Division One Midlands** of the **Southern League**.

The club finished bottom of **Division One Midlands** in 2008–09 and were

relegated back to the Midland Alliance. Two seasons later they finished bottom of the Midland Alliance and were relegated to the Premier Division of the West Midlands (Regional) League.

We lifted the Worcestershire Senior Urn for a ninth time in 2018–19 and have finished in the top five in each of the last five seasons.

The summer of 2019 saw our association with the West Midlands (Regional) League come to an end as we were moved across to the Hellenic League Division One West.

It was during the first half of the 2019-20 season that Project 2020 finally came to fruition with significant developments made to the club's facilities and infrastructure, including a new state-of-the-art 3G playing surface and new dressing rooms.

An FA Vase tie against Loughborough University in November 2019 signalled the first game at the revamped stadium and with home crowds regularly topping the 200-mark, the team marched to the top of the table until the campaign was declared null-and-void in March 2020 amidst the Covid-19 outbreak.

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

We also enjoyed another exciting adventure in the FA Vase, beating higher level Rothwell Corinthians and Sporting Khalsa along the way before narrowly losing out at Congleton Town in the fourth round.

As we continue to embrace the local community, we look forward to what the future holds in store.

**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

UHlsport 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	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	Calne 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	L	1-3	55	O.G.		
09/Nov	7:45pm	Malvern Town	H						
13/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	H						
16/Nov	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	H						
20/Nov	3pm	Cribbs FC	A						
26/Nov	7:45pm	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	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H						
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	H						
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						

Goalscorers

Denness-Barrett, Brennan	6
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
Herbert, Macaulay	1
Mann, Warren	1
Ellis-Clark, Dion	1
Geddes, Jacob	1
Woodall, Archie	1

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VIEW FROM THE OTHER SIDES...

With the season now truly underway for all of our open-aged all teams and Under 18s we take a quick look at their form and look to bring you up to date on events affecting each squad.



After a tough summer for the Development Squad, following an exodus of players and members of the coaching team, it became something of a minor miracle that we managed to get a competitive squad out and huge thanks must go to Craig Darkin, Dave Cornock and Michael Oakes - the new management team – who have not only managed to work on retaining players but also recruit a number of talented youngsters who are beginning to show their potential.

It took our Hellenic League, Division Two (West) side a little whilst to get going and just one point from the opening five league games was evidence of a difficult start to the campaign but two excellent wins in the last three outings (including a County Cup win against Woolaston and then an entertaining 4-3 win away at Slimbridge Reserves, this past weekend) are positive signs of the progress being made. Matt Butler, who has featured in the first team squad, is currently top scorer with five goals in the seven games played so far.



When turning to examine the form of our Stroud & District League sides it is the Thirds who stand out, sitting second in Division Two and still in two cups under the stewardship of joint management team Luke Whittam and Chris Giddy.

Their season didn't start too positively, with two consecutive league defeats in the opening fixtures, but there has been just one defeat since and the squad having recorded six consecutive victories. Goals have been shared across the squad with Cory Anderson, Kam Dix, Josh Webb and 16-year-old Tariq Simms all frequent scorers in a squad made up of experienced players, with former first team captain Mark Wallington a regular in the side alongside the evergreen Ben Howard, surrounded by a crop of very promising youngsters.

The 2021/22 season, to date, has been a little tougher for our other Stroud & District League teams, with the Fourths only having recorded two wins in their opening eleven competitive fixtures and the Fifths inconsistent, with some great results (including a 2-2 draw with runaway Division Five leaders Sherston Town) interspersed with some heavy defeats, including four 5-1 reverses.

Both squads have proved good environments for our young players, including many of our Under 18 squad, to get exposure to the open-age game and the physicality than can often be the difference between the youth and senior football.

The Fifths offer a real contrast in the profile of the squad, with players like Reilly Harber, Asher Ferguson, Casey Brooks and Reuben Heggs getting opportunities alongside veterans like Dave Griffiths, Iain Buckingham, Dean Brooks, Will Cronshaw and 59-year-old Paul Bayliss. One of the youngsters, 18-year-old Louis Blackwell-Booth has already weighed in with four goals in just five appearances.

Our Ladies' squad were promoted at the end of last season and despite a change in their management team, with Billy Walker departing to leave Vaughan Howell in sole charge, they

have had an excellent start to their first season in the Gloucestershire County Women's Football League, Division Two season.

Four wins and a draw in the opening six league games have seen the squad climb into the promotion places in the higher league and this has been achieved with key player Holly Kay unavailable for much of the season. Chloe Taylor has been scoring a goal per game, on average, but the squad as a whole has been in excellent form, with captain Katie Morrissey as influential as ever and forming an excellent central defensive partnership with Megan Hamblett.

There was one notable game when the squad drew 5-5 with Gloucester City's Development Squad in the County Cup, in front of a packed crowd at Glevum Park. Jess Dobbins netted an equaliser in the final moments of the game, but unfortunately the team eventually lost out in a penalty shoot-out.



Last season's Under 18s squad drew a great deal of attention, as they went on a historic FA Youth Cup run, before ending the season with a League Cup final defeat, but the achievements of our latest group are arguably as significant in a wholly different context.

Like the Development Squad, a change in the management team impacted on the make-up of the squad, alongside the familiar turnover associated with the age limits that apply, but Craig Darkin, Jim Hart, Dave Cornock and a wider group of talented coaches has transformed the squad, leading to some excellent performances and results that reflect well on their efforts.

Players like Harvey Kinsella, Brad Samuels, Dayton Fallows and Joshua Abbott-Tarrant have come through the ranks at the club – which is the major positive when comparing squads from recent seasons – and linked up well with players retained from last season, such as Damarei Bryan and Tomas Williment. In addition, we have retained the services of Demilade Yussuf and Tomos Shyamapant, who have both made appearances for the first team squad this season, whilst seeing former youth players like Nico Hewson-Barsellotti, Paul Onyeniran, Reegan Mace and Tyrel Roberts all return to the club and link up with the squad.



The biggest disappointment has been the struggles associated with our Veterans' squads. We had managed to field two sides for the last few seasons but the post-pandemic period has seen it becoming increasingly difficult to raise enough players to field two sides and the consequence has been the withdrawal of our Division One side, leaving our Division Two squad to regroup and provide regular football for our older players. A first win of the season came at the weekend and it is hoped that a slightly stronger squad will prove more competitive for the remainder of the season.



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Up to and including Saturday, 6 November 2021

(includes selected list of former players)



No landmarks to comment on in this edition of the programme, I'm afraid! Just a reminder that Liam Wright and Dominik Kent have passed 100 appearances this season, whilst Joe Shutt and Lewis Bainbridge both recently brought up 50 appearances in competitive first team fixtures.

We've seen a lot more stability in the squad this season (albeit not necessarily in the starting line-up!) and that hopefully bodes well for the future.

In the meantime, Warren Mann's 450th appearance isn't a million miles away – hopefully we will see him back in the squad this evening, after a recent injury lay-off.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Name	Goals
Aldridge, Josh	10	0	John, Harri	32	0
Bainbridge, Lewis	51	9	Jones, Xander	11	0
Basford, Aaron	21	4	Kent, Dominik	104	15
Beardsell, Jack	36	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	12	0	McNally, Laurie	9	0
Davies, Ashley	162	27	Mendes, Sam	16	0
Davis, Felix	0	0	Morgan, Harry	21	3
Denness-Barrett, Brennan	11	6	Parisson, Jake	1	0
Ellis-Clark, Dion	12	1	Price, Lucas	15	2
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Geddes, Jacob	29	2	Romais, Billy	5	0
Hailwood, Ben	3	0	Shutt, Joe	51	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	10	1
James, Richard	125	40	Wright, Liam	107	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.

FORTHCOMING GAMES AT GLEVUM PARK



Thursday, 11 November 2021, 7:30pm

v Malvern Town U18s

Cheltenham Youth Floodlit League



Saturday, 13 November 2021, 3pm

v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Uhsport Hellenic League Premier
Division



Tuesday, 16 November
2021, 7:45pm

v Cheltenham Saracens

GFA Challenge Trophy, Second Round



Saturday, 20 November 2021, 2pm

v Kings Stanley

GFA Senior Amateur Cup (North)



Tuesday, 23 November 2021, 7:30pm

v Cheltenham Saracens U18s

Cheltenham Youth Floodlit League



Friday, 26 November 2021, 7:45pm

v Fairford Town

Uhsport Hellenic League Premier Division



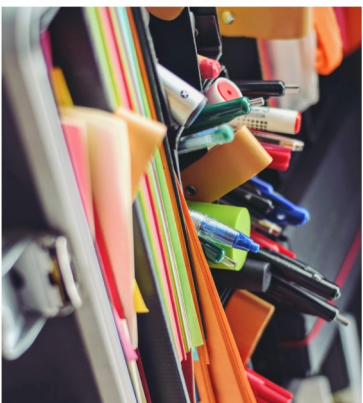
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Half-time quiz: Break for five

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 tonight, after 4-4 and 3-3 draws in our last two meetings at Malvern, we focus on questions or answers about high scoring draws!

1. A two pointer to start us off!

This man is celebrating a late, late equaliser as his side, Newcastle United, made an astonishing comeback to secure a 4-4 draw in 2011. Who is he and who were the opposition on the day?



2. In 1999 Patrick Kluivert scored a hat-trick in a game and Branko Struper scored twice for the opposition, in a 5-5 draw. Which two countries were competing in the international fixture?

3. What was the final score when Motherwell hosted Hibernian in the Scottish Premier League on 6 May 2010?

4. When this Arsenal striker scored four times against Liverpool in 2009 he might have anticipated being on the winning side but the game ended 4-4. Who is he?



5. On 22 September 1984 a Football League, Division One fixture at Loftus Road saw the visitors lead 4-0 before being pegged back and the game eventually ended 5-5, when the hosts grabbed a late equaliser. Chris Waddle's hat-trick had given Jack Charlton's side the huge advantage, whilst Gary Micklewhite's injury time goal finished off the scoring. Which two teams were playing on that day?

Quiz Answers: (1) Cheik Tioté scored an 87th minute equaliser in a 4-4 draw with Arsenal; (2) It was the Netherlands and Belgium; (3) 6-6; (4) Andrey Arshavin; (5) It was Queens Park Rangers and Newcastle United.

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

(up to and including fixtures played on Saturday, 6 November 2021)

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bishops Cleeve	18	11	6	1	19	39
2	Brimscombe & Thrupp	18	12	2	4	16	38
3	Cribbs	17	11	2	4	16	35
4	Malvern Town	16	10	4	2	21	34
5	Corsham Town	17	9	6	2	12	33
6	Westfields	17	9	3	5	8	30
7	Longlevens AFC	16	9	2	5	11	29
8	Westbury United	15	8	4	3	16	28
9	Bradford Town	14	8	2	4	11	26
10	Roman Glass St George	17	8	2	7	6	26
11	Hereford Lads Club	18	7	3	8	2	24
12	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	18	6	4	8	-5	22
13	Shrivenham	17	6	3	8	-8	21
14	Tuffley Rovers	17	5	4	8	-18	19
15	Fairford Town	19	5	3	11	-8	18
16	Chipping Sodbury Town	17	5	2	10	-8	17
17	Thornbury Town	18	4	5	9	-14	17
18	Lydney Town	17	3	2	12	-20	11
19	Calne Town	19	3	2	14	-28	11
20	Hallen	17	1	1	15	-29	4

**UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION
TUFFLEY ROVERS 1-3 THORNBURY TOWN
SATURDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2021**



For the fourth successive home league match Rovers would face an opponent moved into the Hellenic League's Premier Division as a result of a big restructuring of non-League football in the summer.

The two clubs did meet on the opening day of the season in August when Jamal Lawrence's late goal was only a consolation for Tuffley in a narrow 2-1 defeat. Thornbury, like some of the other newcomers to this division, have found it tough going at times, especially in away fixtures, but if there is a form pointer they did get an excellent draw a week before coming to Gloucester at the Hereford Lads Club, an opponent Rovers also played away quite recently with a very different outcome. Rovers' main concern would be playing well enough to not suffer a third league defeat in the last seven days.

With both teams losing in midweek it was inevitable that one would be happier whatever the result was in this match; and it was the visitors who left the field with smiling faces after a 3-1 victory on a cold and windy afternoon which was as every bit as comfortable as the score-line suggests.

Rovers named Dominik Kent as captain in the absence of Jacob Geddes. Although Dom might well become a regular skipper in the future, it became clear during the afternoon that Tuffley missed Jacob's leadership as well as his defensive and organisational qualities.

It was Rovers who made the more confident start with Sam Mendes and Liam Wright having shots saved in the opening minutes as well as Brennan Denness-Bassett blazing an early effort over the crossbar. Thornbury did not have a significant effort on goal until the 10th minute when Luke Franklin's effort comfortably cleared the crossbar at the dressing-rooms end of the ground.

Rovers were forced to make an early change when Liam Wright went down in a heap after 15 minutes near his own penalty-area and was unable to continue after treatment so was immediately substituted by Jack Beardsell.

Town won several corners in the first half and from one of them Toby Bennett's flag-kick from the right sailed past the far post where Tom Bradley was waiting to plant a firm header, possibly slightly deflected, past Jack Copland in the home goal. Only two minutes later Bradley connected with another right-wing corner but could only head the ball in the air, after which it was cleared.

Rovers' cause was not helped when Aaron Basford raced towards the right corner chasing a loose ball and one of his boots connected with a Thornbury defender. After several players confronted each other referee Roger Smith took Basford to one side and pulled a red card out of his pocket before showing it to the Tuffley forward, who walked disconsolately towards the changing-rooms as play resumed. The Thornbury defender who had been so angry received a yellow card. It did look like an unnecessarily reckless challenge so the official probably took the right action but it left Rovers not only chasing the game but chasing it a man down with more than half the match still to play.

Pressure from Thornbury increased as they sensed the opportunity to make their numerical advantage count as half-time approached. Sure enough a second goal did come before the half-time whistle blew; Craig Lancaster worked hard to cross the ball from the right but it was slightly over-hit; Brandon Benjamin retrieved the ball and when his shot was pushed out by Copland Jacob Farthing was there to prod the loose ball into an unguarded net.

With less than ten minutes of the second period played Thornbury were out of sight when Farthing burst into Tuffley's penalty-area to drive the ball firmly past Copland. Rovers brought on Harry Morgan for Sam Mendes and, a bit later, Lucas Price for Lewis Bainbridge but the white shirts of the visitors continued to look dangerous and they had a fourth goal disallowed for a marginal offside.

For the second Saturday in a row a Tuffley player went down injured with all three substitutions having already been made. A week ago it had been Archie Woodall; today it was Laurie McNally who had to play on.

As time ran out there was suddenly a flurry of attacking activity from the hosts. Denness-Barrett was fouled as he made his way into the Thornbury box from the right. Town's Ollie Rawsley needed treatment for a facial injury before the free-kick could be taken. The kick was half-cleared to Woodall, who improvised brilliantly with a cheeky back-heel which was going wide until the scorer of Town's opening goal, Bradley, unluckily deflected the ball into his own net.



A minute later Rovers won a free-kick in a central position on the edge of Thornbury's box but the kick only led to a corner not a serious goalscoring opportunity. For Rovers this late attacking intent was, sadly, too little too late.

So a league double over Rovers for Thornbury, who are now in 17th place only two points behind the Gloucester club. Rovers have followed a home win with two home defeats and with two more home fixtures coming up in quick succession it is vital that they kick the losing habit as quickly as possible to avoid being dragged into the uncomfortable territory below them.

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TUFFLEY ROVERS

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

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

Jack Copland	1	Keiron Blackburn
Archie Woodall	2	Curtis Smith
Lewis Bainbridge	3	Lewis Platt
Jacob Geddes ©	4	Adam Sauntson
Xander Jones	5	Jamie Sauntson
Dominik Kent	6	James Timmins
Joe Shutt	7	Philip Harris
Joshua Aldridge	8	Louis Loader
Aaron Basford	9	Joe Bullock
Jack Beardsell	10	Matthew Turner
Brennan Denness-Barrett	11	Dave Reynolds
Liam Smith	12	Harry Clark
Lucas Price	14	Matt Reeve
Dion Ellis-Clark	15	Nathan Chown-Higgs
Warren Mann	16	Chris Parker
Yeshaya Lomotey	17	Kyonn Evans
	18	Joe Bates

Rich Cox

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Liam Paddock (Coach)

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