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UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION



# TUFFLEY ROVERS

## V. ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN



**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021, 3pm**




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# EDITOR'S COMMENT

I want to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from Royal Wootton Bassett 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 for this fixture.

Our topsy-turvy season continues and we are currently on a bad run of results. Our form is mixed and we are, to put it simply, very inconsistent. We need to rediscover some of the better form we have shown and start to move back up the table. Fingers crossed that will change soon; hopefully starting today!

It is a long time since we've welcomed today's visitors to Glevum Park and our opponents offer a reminder as to why we invested in a new drainage system in the close season. Anyone who was at the last game between us might remember an ongoing debate about whether the game would go ahead and whether it would finish, once it had started. The conditions were truly awful and the game probably shouldn't have been played in my opinion (although it passed at least two inspections!). I hope those sort of occasions are now in the past and our new surface, although still bedding in, is showing signs that it will stand up to the most dreadful conditions.

As a consequence of the delayed start to our home fixtures, we continue an extended run of games at our home and we have already hosted 16 games in 50 days (taking account of first team, Development Squad and U18s fixtures) since we were first able to entertain Fleet Spurs in the Buildbase FA Vase on 25 September.

We have four more games to host in November, before another five in December, although that list is likely to grow given that the Development Squad fixtures haven't yet been published. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers making this possible and thank you to everyone who comes out to support all of our sides.

One other thanks I owe is to Brian Rossiter, who continues to cover as many games as he can and always some excellent photographs for us to use in the match-day programme.

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

Our next home first team fixture will be against Cheltenham Saracens on Tuesday evening, in the GFA's Challenge Trophy. 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 to Glevum Park.

Firstly, I would like to welcome the players, management, committee and supporters of Royal Wootton Bassett Town, it has been a while since you were last here due to the early curtailment of the last couple of seasons. I'm sure our facilities have changed slightly since your last visit.

Our results over the last four weeks show that we are in a blip of form at the moment and as is always the case, when any team find themselves in this situation, you just don't get the rub of the green and are being punished by errors and usually then compounding that error with another one.

The lads showed a bit more grit and determination against Malvern Town on Tuesday evening. If we had that effort put into last Saturday's game against Thornbury Town, I am confident that result would have been very different.

The lads aren't far off from being a very good team and the squad is again hampered by an ever growing, considerable and lengthy injury list, which we have suffered with from at the start of the season. Everyone is hoping that we start to get that list shorter over the coming weeks and that was key, when we were not so long ago on a good run of form in October.

Let's hope for an entertaining game of football this afternoon and I hope you enjoy the facilities and hospitality on offer here today.

*- Dan*

Dan Boon  
Football Chairman  
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# MANAGER'S COMMENT

Hello and welcome all to this afternoon's Hellenic League fixture.

Tuesday in front of a big crowd saw us take on a very good team in Malvern Town, who will be there or thereabouts in the title race. Although we didn't get a result that we wanted, I asked beforehand for us to show that resilience and fight when we face adversity and I thought we did this. Two of the goals we are really disappointed with, but apart from these we didn't get opened up and had a few chances we should have done better with ourselves.

We needed to be braver on the ball than we were on Tuesday. These moments are why we are a good side and we need to stick to what we are good at to help us find solutions. Royal Wootton Bassett Town will come with their own strengths and threats and we need to defend better than we have of late to stay in the game.

Thanks for the support and we are hoping we put on a good performance and pick up the result we want.

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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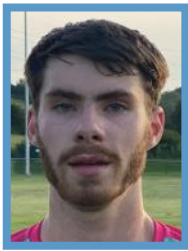
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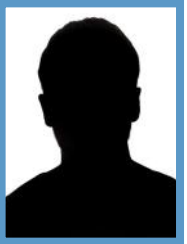
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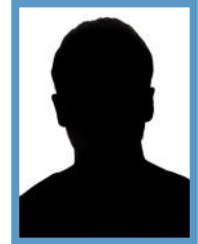
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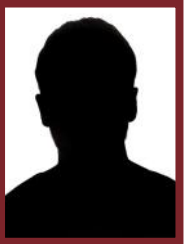
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## HISTORY



Situated six miles from Swindon, Wootton Bassett Town Football Club was first established in 1882, making the club one of the oldest in Wiltshire. The club's early achievements came in the Wiltshire Senior Cup, making the final in both 1902-3 and 1903-4, although losing both. The club folded for a period pre-World War 1 before re-forming in the Calne & District League when it began playing at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground which had been donated by a local dignitary for sporting activities within the town and opened in 1930.

Early successes included winning the Calne & District League in the 1930-31 Season, having finished runners-up the previous season, and then again in 1934-35. Following a move up to the Wiltshire League Division 2 promotion was earned again the following season and the team then remained in the top division in the county until the outbreak of war. After the war Wootton Bassett Town F.C. recommenced in the County League with limited success until 1958-59 when they won their first Wiltshire League title. In 1987-88 the Wiltshire League Division 1 title was won, elevating the club into the Hellenic League, where they have remained ever since. The club finally won the Wiltshire Senior Cup in 1998-99 and repeated this achievement in 2000-01. The club have had three spells in the Hellenic Premier and the current spell in the topflight commenced after gaining promotion back in 2012-13.

Since the onset of the new millennium the club has expanded significantly, with the establishment of a thriving Youth Section, a very successful Ladies Section and a Veteran's Section. The club now operates 28 teams from under 7s upwards. All now play their games at the relocated Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, which opened in the summer of 2015 and with the Royal title now included within the name, Royal Wootton Bassett Town continues to thrive as a key part of the community of Royal Wootton Bassett. This growth led to the club being awarded Charter Standard Development Club status by the Football Association in 2008 before this was upgraded to Community Club status a year later, the first club in Wiltshire to achieve this.

International ties have also been established with Dutch amateur side FC 's-Gravenzande who sides from the club's Youth Section visit each year, although currently stopped due to Covid.

Last season the club had good cup runs in both the FA Cup and the FA Vase, as well as the Hellenic League end of season cup competition. In the FA Cup the club equalled their best performance in the prestigious competition, reaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round, losing narrowly to a late winner against National League South side Oxford City. The club also equalled their best showing in the FA Vase making it through to the Second Round. In the Bluefin Insurance Cup competition, they safely progressed from the group stages and then won two knockout games to reach the semi-final but just fell short against eventual winners Kiddlington, going down 2-1 in the semi. Whilst doing well in the cup competitions the side never really got going in the league. Royal Wootton Bassett Town will be looking to change that this season and improve on their performance in the last full season in the UHlsport Hellenic League in Season 2018-19, when they achieved their highest ever finish of 10th place. Season 2021-22 sees Sam Collier in charge of the First Team for his fourth season having taken over part way through Season 2017-18 and he will again be assisted by Matt Bulman and former Swindon Town player Tom Jones.



**UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION  
TUFFLEY ROVERS 0-3 MALVERN TOWN  
TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2021**



The Worcestershire club visiting Glevum Park was deservedly promoted into the Hellenic League's top division after finishing first in both of the curtailed seasons of 2019-20 and 2020-21 and being a massive twelve points clear of the second-placed club when that second season ended. Furthermore, the Hillsiders have made a very solid start to life in a different League and arrived in Gloucester sitting comfortably in 4<sup>th</sup> place with ten wins, four draws and just two defeats from their sixteen league matches so far, one of which was a remarkable 3-3 draw with Tuffley in Malvern on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October from which Rovers somehow took a point after being 0-3 down at the interval.

This one went to form and there was never any likelihood of a repeat of the high-scoring draw in Malvern thirty-five days earlier.



Rovers were able to welcome back the calm assurance of Jacob Geddes in defence and the vast experience of Warren Mann, albeit in a different role to the one he has normally taken in the past. They also brought in Dan Greenhouse in goal to replace Jack Copland and the debutant was quickly involved having to race off his line in the opening minute to grab the ball from Town's Joe Bates before facing a penalty-kick a minute later after Bates had been tripped by Archie

Woodall. Matthew Turner, who worked tirelessly for Malvern all evening, drilled the spot-kick low past the goalkeeper's right-hand side.

It couldn't have been a worse start for the hosts, who were trying to repair the damage caused by three successive league defeats in which they only scored twice while conceding ten times.

Although Aaron Basford had a shot blocked in the 6<sup>th</sup> minute, most of the action was at the other end of the pitch and that pattern continued throughout the first half. Before ten minutes had passed, Bates had headed over Dave Reynolds' free-kick from the right and soon Kyonn Evans was also off target after cutting in from the right to get a shot away.

All Rovers could offer in return was a crisp shot from the left by Basford which went into the side-netting and a tempting cross from Joshua Aldridge on the right which no home player could connect with. Bates then nearly increased Town's lead with a blistering shot from 20 yards which brought a stupendous save from Woodhouse.

As the half-hour passed Malvern's Curtis Smith received a yellow card but a second goal for the visitors wasn't far away and, when it came, it was stunning. Reynolds controlled the ball about 25 yards out and hit a sublime shot with his left foot which flew over Greenhouse's head and nestled in the top corner of the net.

Bates became the second Town player to receive a caution but it wasn't long before Warren Mann received the same punishment and there was still time for Basford to receive a yellow card before the half-time whistle went with the visitors firmly in control.

Early in the second half Joe Shutt cleared the ball off his own goal-line after Reynolds and Bates had combined well to set up the opportunity, then a few minutes later Turner pushed the ball forward for Bates to run on to and calmly steer Malvern's third goal past Greenhouse with his left foot.



Rovers brought on Sam Mendes for Basford and Dion Ellis-Clark for Aldridge. Malvern also made two changes as the match entered its final quarter, bringing on Louis Loader for Evans and James Febery for full-back Smith. Tuffley's final change saw Dominik Kent come off with Demilade Yussuf replacing him. All these changes had little or no effect on the outcome because Malvern were firmly in control and had been even before the changes were made.

The longer a losing (or winning) run goes on, the closer it is to ending. The worry for Rovers is that they have made recent changes to the team and slight changes to the formation they use but this has had no bearing on recent results which have seen November start with three league defeats. The three clubs immediately below them are now too close for comfort and something has to change...and quickly.

For Malvern Town it is quite different. They have consolidated 4<sup>th</sup> place in the table and have a game in hand on League-leaders Bishops Cleeve and know that they can hit the top spot if they win that match in hand. Malvern were one of the favourites to become champions and this latest showing at Glevum Park showed exactly why. Things aren't quite desperate for Tuffley yet but somehow this miserable run has got to end before their league position becomes a matter for real concern.



# Statistics 2021/22

## Competition

Uhsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

FA C = 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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<b>2021</b>														
03/Aug	7:45pm	Thornbury Town		A	L	1-2	134	J Lawrence			1	2		
08/Aug	3pm	Windsor FC	FAC	H	W	3-2	193	J Swales, D Kent, A Basford					16	
14/Aug	3pm	Corsham Town		A	L	0-2	60	-					2	
21/Aug	3pm	Flackwell Heath	FAC	H	D	2-2	78	M Herbert, L Price					3	
24/Aug	7:45pm	Flackwell Heath	FACr	A	L	0-6	139	-					2	
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					3	
08/Sep	7:45pm	Calne Town		A	W	2-1	92	L Bainbridge, B Denness-Barrett					3	
11/Sep	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria	FAV	A	W	4-2	83	H Morgan (2), L Price, L Bainbridge					2	
18/Sep	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		A	L	1-5	102	B Denness-Barrett					2	
25/Sep	3pm	Fleet Spurs	FAV	H	W	3-2	82	O.G., J Shutt, J Geddes					10	
02/Oct	3pm	Bradford Town		H	W	1-0	71	J Shutt					11	
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					11	
16/Oct	3pm	Bishops Cleeve		A	D	0-0	70	-					3	
19/Oct	7:45pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		H	W	3-1	56	B Denness-Barrett (2), L Bainbridge					3	
23/Oct	3pm	Street FC	FAV	H	L	1-4	70	A Basford					11	
26/Oct	7:45pm	Westfields		A	W	1-0	142	J Lawrence						
30/Oct	3pm	Westbury United		H	L	0-3	79	-					12	
03/Nov	7:45pm	Roman Glass St. George		A	L	1-4	40	J Shutt					11	
06/Nov	3pm	Thornbury Town		H	L	1-3	55	O.G.					3	
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16/Nov	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens		H										
20/Nov	3pm	Cribbs FC		A										
30/Nov	7:45pm	Fairford Town		H										
04/Dec	3pm	Lydney Town		A										
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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
O.G.	3
Morgan, Harry	2
Price, Lucas	2
Swales, Josh	1
Kent, Dominik	1
Herbert, Macaulay	1
Mann, Warren	1
Ellis-Clark, Dion	1
Geddes, Jacob	1
Woodall, Archie	1

STARTS	1	16
SUBSTITUTE	0	2
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0	0



Swales, Joshua	Geddes, Jacob	Herbert, Macaulay	Kent, Dominik	Shutt, Joe	Wright, Liam	Lawrence, Jamal	Mendes, Sam	Price, Lucas	Romals, Billy	Basford, Aaron	Ellis-Clark, Dion	McNally, Laurie	Clark, Adam	Jones, Xander	McKinnon, Rudi	Mann, Warren	Morgan, Harry	Copland, Jack	Walker, Harry	Brain, Callum	Yussuf, Demitade	Smith, Liam	Lomotoy, Yeshaya	Butler, Matt	Shyamapant, Tomot	Woodall, Archie	Denness-Barrett, Br	Aldridge, Joshua	Lawrence, Isaac	Idowu, Jeremiah	Haswell, Tristan	White, Joel	Beardsell, Jack	Greenhouse, Daniel	MoM
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The last time out against today's opposition at Glevum Park

It has been a while since we last played Royal Wootton Bassett Town at Glevum Park. The impact of the pandemic means you'll need to cast your mind back to a very cold and wet day on 15 December 2018, when a struggling Rovers side succumbed to a hat-trick hero....

## **UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 1-3 ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018**



Since the postponement of their home match against Binfield a week earlier Rovers had slipped to the bottom of the table by virtue of Longlevens' surprise 2-0 win at Brimscombe in midweek. 'Levens still had a game in hand on their Gloucester neighbours so Tuffley knew that they were now facing a serious battle to retain their status in the top division of the

Hellenic League, an almost inevitable consequence of losing six of their opening eight league matches this season.

The first defeat of that grim opening sequence had been a 6-1 reverse at Wootton Bassett on the opening day of the season. Rovers had, however, gained a modicum of revenge and also restored some pride by defeating the Wiltshire club 4-0 in a cup-tie towards the end of September.

Although Bassett would arrive in Gloucester sitting fourth in the table they had only taken all three points in one of their opening ten away league games plus they had just been knocked out of the Floodlit Cup by suffering a heavy 4-0 defeat at Windsor. So while the visitors would be hoping to resume what had generally been good away form this season the hosts knew that this was a huge opportunity to put some pressure on Longlevens and any other clubs struggling at the wrong end of the table.

This fixture only went ahead after two pitch-inspections but the surface coped pretty well in extremely cold, wet and windy conditions which must have been as unpleasant for the players as it was for the spectators inside Glevum Park.

That Rovers slumped to a sixth home league defeat of the season was largely due to the prodigious talent of much-travelled striker Terence (TJ) Bohane, who plundered his second hat-trick of the season for Bassett against their Gloucester hosts, having also notched a treble against them in the reverse fixture in Wiltshire back in August.

Rovers gave an immediate debut to Will Dawes, a recent acquisition from Cheltenham Town; whilst Wootton Bassett made four changes to the starting team which had performed so poorly at Windsor earlier in the week and the inclusion of Bohane was a pivotal reason for only their second away league win of the season.

The visitors kicked off but it was the hosts who had the first attempt on goal but the shot from Brett James lacked both pace and direction and drifted wide of Charlie McCreedy's right-hand post.

As the players tried to adjust to the treacherous conditions Rovers' Paul Carter received a yellow card for a dangerous challenge near the halfway line and a few minutes later Bassett's Danny Lachacz received a similar punishment for a not dissimilar challenge.

The game sprung into life with a quarter of an hour played when Harry Birkett received the ball about thirty-five yards from goal, took it on a few more yards and then thundered an explosive shot into McCready's top-right corner which the goalkeeper might have just got fingertips to without it affecting the outcome of the shot.

But Rovers' Achilles heel this season of being unable to hold on to a lead was soon evident again. A strong run by Bradley Pagliaroli took him into the Tuffley penalty-area, where he was tripped by Luke Payne. Bohane grabbed the ball and rolled his spot-kick left-footed away from Kane Winman's right side to quickly equalise Birkett's opener.

It soon got worse for Rovers. Bohane chased a long ball over the top and was tripped about twenty yards out. He took a moment to regain his composure, before taking the free-kick himself and curling it up and over the wall and into the top corner of the net. If Winman had had ten other goalkeepers standing on the line next to him, none of them would have reached it. It was a truly stunning strike.

Another foul on "TJ" brought a caution for home captain Macaulay Herbert. The subsequent free-kick was a little further out but the striker kept it low this time and it trickled into the net after a deflection and the best efforts of Winman, who had got a slight touch.

Bassett continued to push forward and neat passing between Pagliaroli and Lachacz led to a chance for Adam Corcoran but the defender's shot flew over the crossbar from twenty yards.

As the conditions got worse Bohane was lying prone on the ground deep in the Tuffley half and needed lengthy treatment on the pitch before being able to continue. In the minutes before the interval there were some wild tackles but most of these challenges were ill-timed rather than malicious because the match was really played in a good spirit, particularly considering the deplorable conditions.

Rovers performed better after the break but needed an early goal to get properly back into the match. James was through on his own but shot wide from a position where you would normally expect him to score. Bassett had brought one substitute on for the second half and would make another change midway through the second period. Winman dived bravely at Bohane's feet to deprive the striker of a fourth goal for himself and his team.

Rovers were struggling to clear their lines as the rain continued to hammer down so it wasn't a surprise when they made a triple-change around the same time Lee Beale came on for the visitors to replace Mani Roper. Joel White helped to steady Tuffley's defence after being under so much pressure while Ryan Dobbins and Rhys Davies came on to offer other options in attack.

Unfortunately for Rovers, you don't get any points for keeping a clean sheet for forty-five minutes. The damage had been done in the first half by a man who has been scoring regularly for many years. Even in the worst conditions imaginable, "TJ" still has the Midas touch in front of goal and was the big difference between the two teams today. For Rovers, though, it was a depressing start to the second half of their League programme. With only three wins from their first nineteen Hellenic fixtures they know that they will need more than that from the next seventeen if they are to retain their status at this level.





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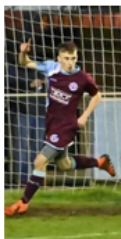




# Appearance information

Up to and including Tuesday, 9 November 2021

(includes selected list of former players)



Since we returned to the Hellenic League Premier Division in 2015/16 we have played Royal Wootton Bassett Town three times in competitive fixtures.

Of the squad who turned out on the first occasion, a 2-2 draw at Glevum Park on 29 September 2015, only Liam Wright, Macaulay Herbert, Warren Mann and Brett James remain at the club from that squad. The reverse fixture that season also ended 2-2.

Our last meeting was on 15 December 2018, when the visitors ran out 3-1, completing a league double over a Rovers squad containing Macaulay Herbert, Joel White, Dom Kent and Brett James, all of whom are still with the club.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Name	Goals
Aldridge, Josh	11	0	Jones, Xander	11	0
Bainbridge, Lewis	51	9	Kent, Dominik	105	15
Basford, Aaron	22	4	Lawrence, Isaac	24	1
Beardsell, Jack	37	8	Lawrence, Jamal	6	4
Bradley, Shayne	230	106	Lomotey, Yeshaya	7	0
Brain, Callum	5	0	Mann, Warren	446	80
Butler, Matt	3	0	McKinnon, Rudi	22	1
Clark, Adam	13	0	McNally, Laurie	9	0
Copland, Jack	12	0	Mendes, Sam	17	0
Davies, Ashley	162	27	Morgan, Harry	21	3
Davis, Felix	0	0	Parsisson, Jake	1	0
Denness-Barrett, Brennan	12	6	Price, Lucas	16	2
Ellis-Clark, Dion	13	1	Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Rhodes, Jake	74	24
Geddes, Jacob	30	2	Romais, Billy	5	0
Greenhouse, Daniel	1	0	Shutt, Joe	52	12
Hailwood, Ben	3	0	Shyamapant, Tomos	1	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Smith, Liam	15	0
Haswell, Tristan	97	1	Swales, Josh	7	1
Herbert, Macaulay	218	8	Thompson, Antoine	63	1
Hill, Sam	120	8	Walker, Harry	67	6
Hunt, Ollie	7	1	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Idowu, Jerry	14	0	White, Joel	93	4
James, Brett	184	63	Woodall, Archie	11	1
James, Richard	125	40	Wright, Liam	107	3
John, Harri	32	0	Yussuf, Demilade	2	0

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.

## Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC Season 2021-22 Pen Pics



### Edward Cavanagh - Goalie

Experienced goalkeeper who played four times for us back in Season 2019-20. Joins from Shrivenham having also played for Wantage Town amongst others.



### Jon Beeden - Defender

Solid defender who re-joined the club last season having spent recent seasons with Chippenham Town in the National League South and Thatcham Town in the Southern League.



### Khedive McIntosh - Defender

New signing this season. Previously played for both Holmer Green and Flackwell Heath in the Hellenic Premier Division.



### Macauley Dodson - Defender

Classy defender who re-joins us from Shrivenham having previously played for Swindon Supermarine, Highworth Town, Chippenham Town and Forest Green Rovers and having also made 2 appearances for us in 2017-18.



### Scott Chilcott - Defender

Experienced defender who joins from Shrivenham. Previously with Pewsey Vale and Fairford Town – with whom he won the Hellenic League Division One West title in the 2016-17 season.



### Chris Taylor - Midfield

Classy midfielder who spent the majority of his career with Swindon Supermarine but has also featured for Cirencester Town, Highworth Town and made 4 substitute appearances for Swindon Town.



### Brad Pagliaroli - Forward

Skilful striker to returns to the club from Thatcham Town. Was our Players Player and Supporters Player of the Year in Season 2018-19. Scored 26 goals in 62 appearances prior to this season.



### Kai Robinson - Midfield

Hard working player who started with Wantage Town previously with Wantage Town who returned to Bassett part-way through Season 2019-20 after a long absence due to injury.



### Bailey Gallagher - Forward

Skilful winger who on his day is virtually unplayable. Product of the club's Youth Section who progressed to the Dev Team and not looked out of place when given First Team chance.



### Sam Collier - Manager

Took over as manager part way through Season 2017-18, achieving the club's highest ever position in the National League System the next season. Former Bassett player and top scorer in both 2009-10 & 2010-11.



### Michael Miller - Defender

Defender who featured five times for Bassett in 2019-20 while on loan from Thatcham Town. Has also represented Winchester City and is comfortable both at centre half and full back.



### Sam Morris - Defender/Midfield

Was with Swindon Town as a youngster before joining Swindon Supermarine. Has also played for Fairford Town in the Hellenic League.



### Adam Corcoran - Defender

Imposing defender with the ability to play either at centre half or full back who starts the season having made over 220 appearances for the club.



### David Bampton - Midfield

Experienced former Swindon Town player who also played for Tamworth and Worcester in the Conference and most recently with Swindon Supermarine in the Southern League.



### Will Davidson - Defence

Young, cultured defender who has previously played at a higher level with Kidlington, Stratford Town, Highworth Town and Forest Green Rovers.



### Gio Wrona

Experienced midfielder player who is always wanting the ball and starts the season with 139 appearances for the club. Previously with Swindon Supermarine, North Leigh, Larkhall and Thatcham Town.



### Alan Griffin - Forward

Powerful and prolific striker who brings a wealth of Southern League experience having featured extensively for Cirencester Town, Chippenham Town and Swindon Supermarine in a fantastic non-league career.



### Tommy Ouldrige - Forward

Hard working player who started with Swindon Town and had loan spells with Chippenham Town and Cirencester Town. Has also played for Hungerford Town and Swindon Supermarine.



### Matt Bennett - Forward

Experienced striker who is closing in on making 200 appearances for the first team. Even though in the twilight of his career, still has the pace and skill to cause defences all kinds of problems.



### John Mills - Forward



Experienced striker who joined us part way through this season from Southern League side Kidlington. Was with Milton United last season.

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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 we focus on questions or answers about Royals!

1. The **Royal** Shrovetide Football Match is an annual game played on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday in Ashbourne, Derbyshire. Which King Henry was on the throne when it was suggested the game was first played?



2. Which **Royal** side are based in Belgium, have won four national league titles and have had a long standing partnership agreement with Manchester United, resulting in several players joining them on loan deals?

3. Which **royal** sounding Scottish team play their home fixtures at Palmerston Park in Dumfries?

4. This man once managed Everton, Oldham Athletic, Manchester City, and Ipswich Town, after a glittering playing career that saw him make over 500 Football League appearances and earn 6 England caps. Who is he?



5. Which current EFL Championship side are nicknamed **The Royals**?

**Quiz Answers:** (1) King Henry II; (2) Royal Antwerp; (3) Queen of the South; (4) Joe Royle; (5) Reading.

## UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

(up to and including fixtures played on Wednesday, 10 November 2021)

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bishops Cleeve	18	11	6	1	19	39
2	Cribbs	18	12	2	4	19	38
3	Brimscombe & Thrupp	19	12	2	5	14	38
4	Malvern Town	17	11	4	2	24	37
5	Corsham Town	17	9	6	2	12	33
6	Westfields	18	10	3	5	10	33
7	Bradford Town	15	9	2	4	15	29
8	Longlevens AFC	17	9	2	6	9	29
9	Roman Glass St George	18	9	2	7	8	29
10	Westbury United	15	8	4	3	16	28
11	Hereford Lads Club	18	7	3	8	2	24
12	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	19	6	4	9	-8	22
13	Shrivenham	18	6	3	9	-12	21
14	Tuffley Rovers	18	5	4	9	-21	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

# 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 13 November from 2007/08 to 2020/21 but we have played a number of memorable games on the surrounding dates...

## 10 November 2007

A goal by Mark Wallington, after just 8 minutes, was enough to secure all three points for Tuffley Rovers at home to Yate Town Reserves in the Gloucestershire County League. The visitors pushed Rovers all the way and hit the post, before having a penalty appeal waved away. Ollie Everitt missed a penalty as Rovers looked to extend their lead but Wallington's early goal eventually proved enough.

**Squad:** Scott Rose; Robert Cook; Lee Wallington; Leone Cornwall; Mark Patterson; Martin Middlecote; Peter Thomas; Adam Hacker; Mark Wallington; Ollie Everitt; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** (None)

## 12 November 2011

League leaders, Tuffley Rovers, lost their place at the top of the Gloucestershire County League table as Ellwood won 2-0 to inflict back-to-back defeats for their hosts, for the first time in the season.

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

## 12 November 2016

Tuffley Rovers' hopes of progressing to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Proper of the FA Vase, for the first time in their history, ended as visitors Bodmin Town progressed courtesy of a two goal win, having opened the



scoring in the sixth minute, through Adam Carter and extending their lead shortly after the interval, with Dan Sullivan netting. Ben Tunnicliff and Bodmin's Lewis Reed were sent-off, late on, following an off the ball incident, and Rovers' dreams of Wembley ended for another year!

**Squad:** Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Jack Overthrow; Will Wellon; Jamie Goodwin; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Pritchett; Carl Brown; Brett James. **Subs used:** Liam Wright; Ashley Davies; Ben Tunnicliff.

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Tuesday, 16 November 2021, 7:45pm  
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v Cheltenham Saracens U18s  
Cheltenham Youth Floodlit League



Tuesday, 30 November 2021, 7:45pm  
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Brennan Denness-Barrett	9	Bailey Gallagher
Lucas Price	10	Tommy Oulridge
Jack Beardsell	11	John Mills
Liam Smith	12	Will Davidson
Harry Morgan	14	Gio Wrona
Dion Ellis-Clark	15	Khediye McIntosh
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Lewis Bainbridge	17	Alex Stephenson
Demilade Yussuf	18	Mike Alexander
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