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I want to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from Fairford Town this evening, 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.

It always feels something like a derby game when we play Jody Bevan's side. His squad is full of familiar faces and we usually have good relations off the field, even if the games themselves are usually very competitive.

Our form hasn't been great in recent weeks and I know Coxy and Ritchie Warden are trying hard to bring in some new faces, in an effort to turn things around. I am never sure whether they are helped or hindered by the gaps now appearing between games. On one hand they get the chance to look at things away from the Saturday-midweek-Saturday programme but, on the other, there are now breaks in the schedule that mean we could struggle to get a run of consistent performances going.

Tonight's game – after a ten day break – is one of only four games in December. That is something of a stuttering schedule after playing fifteen times in fifty days!

After tonight, we have a big challenge again on Saturday, when we travel to Lydney Town, to face a side who are achieving some really positive results of late and fast gaining ground on us in the table.

After that, our next home first team fixture will be against Corsham Town on Saturday, 18 December and we could do with all the support we can muster. Please spread the word – we'd love to see more and more of the local community supporting the club.

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

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Good evening and welcome to Glevum Park.

Firstly, welcome to our opposition players, management, committee and supporters from Fairford Town FC.

The last month has been one to forget on the pitch for Coxy and the lads and we are hoping that this turns around starting with tonight's game. We have some very big fixtures ahead of us in December, so hopefully we will have some festive cheer over the month or so and get the results we should be getting against teams around us in the league.

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

- Dan

Dan Boon Football Chairman #uptherovers

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Hello and welcome all to this evening's Hellenic League fixture against Fairford Town. First of all, I would like to welcome all supporters, visiting players and staff to Glevum Park tonight.

The last few weeks have been challenging for all involved, not least in establishing consistency, which has been evident form the defeats during this time. However, the performances over the last few games have shown encouragement that if we start being braver in possession and reduce the mistakes in the defensive third, hopefully we can get back to winning ways.

We welcome Fairford tonight who will bring an experienced team and have picked up some momentum with their results in recent games, but with the quality I know we have I'm sure that if we apply ourselves in the right way, compete and maintain possession of the football, then ensure we can get the right result.

Hope you all have a good evening. Thanks for the support and we are hoping we put on a good performance and pick up the result we want.

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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 Northem 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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Fairford Town • Club History

Fairford Town Football Club was formed in 1891 and for many years played in the Cirencester & District League against local teams with varying degrees of success.

After the second world war the club joined the Swindon & District League, winning the Premier Division in both 1964/65 and 1968/69, also winning the Advertiser Cup in the same years, and in 1962/63 won the Gloucestershire Junior Cup.

Success in the Swindon & District League was followed by election to the Hellenic League in 1970, only missing promotion from the first division on goal average at the first attempt, the club were also beaten finalists in that year's division one Challenge Cup.

The following year, 1971/72 saw Fairford win the Hellenic first division and division one Challenge Shield, whilst the reserve side won the Gloucestershire County Minor Cup, the Advertiser Cup and finished runners-up in the Swindon & District Division One.

The successful run continued and Town were the beaten finalists of 1972/73 in the Premier Division Cup, only to be relegated back to Division One in 1973/74.

Fairford Town were again promoted in 1975/76 and steady progress led to the Premier Division Runners-up in 1978/79 and 1979/80, also winning the Premier Division Cup in 1978/79.

The Club were winners of the Gloucestershire Challenge Trophy in 1979/80 and 1998/99 and Runners-up in 1982/83 and 1994/95.

The most recent league success has been Premier Division Runners-up in season 1994/95 following a similar position in Season 1990/91. The Club has also achieved numerous wins in the Arthur Shipway Cup and Fairford Hospital Cup.

The 2016/17 season saw the club secure a return to the Uhlsport Hellenic Premier Division after a five-year absence, winning the Division One West title with 75 points.

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION CRIBBS FC 3-0 TUFFLEY ROVERS SATURDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2021



A return to league action didn't bring any change to Tuffley Rovers' fortunes, as they crashed to a 3-0 defeat away at high-flying Cribbs FC.

The result was Rovers' seventh consecutive defeat in all competitions, as they continue an appalling run of form that has seen them take just eight points from their last eleven league games. By contrast, Cribbs' win saw them move to second in the Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division table and record a third consecutive win in all competitions, after they had suffered a shock league defeat at Lydney Town early in the month.

Once again Rich Cox made several changes to his starting line-up, with Jack Copland, Archie Woodall, Harry Morgan, Josh Aldridge, Lucas Price and Jack Beardsell all recalled.

Despite all the changes the early moments in the game suggested Rovers might be competitive but, as has been typical during their recent slump in form, they fell behind on almost the first occasion their hosts attacked.

On 8 minutes full-back Matthew Spiller had acres of space just inside the Rovers half and his precision pass to Jacob Hodgson was met by an equally precise header that was guided into the path of Steve Murray, whose lobbed effort, as Copland advanced from his goal, was as exquisite as the moments leading up to it.

What followed from Cox's men was a positive response that belied their recent form and they showed attacking ambition, based around the now familiar possession based football. Beardsell and Price both had efforts blocked by Cribbs defenders just before the quarter hour mark and although Cribbs were making the

Rovers defence work hard, Copland went untroubled.

As the midway point of the half arrived Beardsell struck a tame shot straight at Kingston in the Cribbs goal, before Murray flashed an effort over Copland's bar from the edge of the area.



Aldridge then had a couple of relatively tame 20 yard efforts on target, as Rovers continued to press, with the veteran Warren Mann producing a succession of lung-busting runs that resulted in some excellent crosses, albeit without creating any genuine threat on Kingston's goal.

Despite a healthy share of possession the visitors should have fallen further behind on 37 minutes, but a wonderful save from Copland, followed by some heroic defending, kept out Hodgson, before Jacob Geddes cleared another Murray effort off the goalline.

With the interval approaching Aldridge and Kent had further efforts for Rovers, whilst the dangerous Murray almost grabbed a second for Cribbs, but both goals remained intact and the break arrived with the hosts restricted to a single goal lead.

Morgan, who had been a busy presence in the centre of the Rovers midfield, went close in the early stages of the second half but almost every attempt on Kingston's goal was invariably from distance and comfortably saved, with an effort from the evergreen Mann a repeat of what had gone before.

For all their possession and in keeping with recent performances, Rovers had looked vulnerable and they fell further behind on 56 minutes, as poacher Murray finished off a good move after being set-up by George Kellow.

The second goal took the wind out of the visiting side's sails and when Ali Boyer rounded White, on 75 minutes, before curling a 12 yard effort past Copland to make it 3-0, it created a scoreline that took the game completely out of Rovers reach.

Substitute Dion Ellis-Clark had a fantastic chance to reduce the arrears, moments after coming on, before Beardsell put a shot over the bar and Mann skewed his effort wide when well placed.

When the final whistle eventually sounded it brought to an end a game that typified much of Rovers season and left Cox and his Assistant, Ritchie Warden, with plenty to think about as they being to look rather more frequently over their shoulders at the teams at the foot of the table. With just four games scheduled before the end of the calendar year, Rovers' position come the start of 2022 will be one of challenge unless they recover their form quickly.



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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Swales, Josh	1
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The last time out against today's opposition at Glevum Park

It has been a while since we last played Fairford Town at Glevum Park. The impact of the pandemic means you'll need to cast your mind back to a midweek fixture played on 24 September 2019....

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 1-3 FAIRFORD TOWN TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2019

At the end of the 2016-17 season Fairford Town were promoted into the Premier Division as champions of Division One (West). Although they struggled in their first season in the Hellenic's top division, a finishing place of 13th in 2018-19 indicated that they had adapted well to life at a higher level. Tuffley Rovers' own finishing positions in those same two seasons had been 10th and 15th so those statistics suggested that the two clubs were quite evenly matched, especially as Town beat Rovers 3-0 at Cinder Lane in November 2018, a result and scoreline which were emphatically repeated in the Gloucester club's favour at Glevum Park in April 2019.

After their latest meeting, Fairford moved up to 4th place in the table thanks to a performance which was significantly better than the last time they had visited this part of Gloucester nearly five months earlier. For the third successive home league match the hosts found themselves 1-3 behind but there would be no miracle recovery this time, mainly because Fairford's game-management when two goals ahead was more resilient than Brimscombe's and Windsor's had been, especially after losing experienced defender Ellis Dunton to a red card about a quarter of an hour from the end of the match.

Town, playing towards the dressing-room end of the ground, started brightly and won an early corner on the left. Harvey Scholes' flag-kick was aimed towards the far post but, when the ball was not properly cleared, Ellis Dunton played a neat pass across goal to Connor Thompson, who controlled the ball with his first touch before lashing it past Luke Merchant with his second. It was the worst possible start for the hosts and the twenty-first league goal they had conceded only three minutes into their eighth match of the new campaign.

Thompson nearly had a second goal from the next Fairford corner on the left. This one was played towards the near post, Merchant came for it but failed to claim the ball and the Fairford forward's header went narrowly wide. As Rovers tried to get back into the game Warren Mann's short pass found Paul Carter, whose fierce shot from thirty yards out flew wide.

The neat, intricate way forward, deployed by the visitors was working as it did when Thompson found Scholes, whose terrific cross into the danger-zone deserved better than to see Ben Lodge head the ball over the bar from a good position.

It would only be a temporary reprieve for the hosts. Another teasing cross by Scholes on the right reached Dan Bailey, who played the ball back to Christian Turner-Williams and he finished as emphatically as Thompson had done earlier.

A minute later and it was 3-0 to the visitors. Another pass played down the right into the Tuffley penalty-area saw Dan Bailey compete for the ball with Paul Carter. Carter came off worse and Bailey confidently ran on to round Merchant and push the ball into an empty net.

Tuffley's response was immediate. After they were awarded a free-kick out on the left, Jack

Beardsell drove the ball in and although there seemed no immediate danger a wicked deflection took the ball past Harrison Ellis. Beardsell will probably claim a goal against his former club but if the 'Dubious Goals' Panel operated in the Hellenic League it would probably have gone down as an own-goal. Fortunate or not, it gave Rovers a lifeline back into a match which had until this point seemed to be going firmly away from them.



Rovers' right-back Isaac Lawrence went down in midfield shortly after Beardsell's free-kick and was treated on the pitch but seemed ok to continue. However, his evening would only last five more minutes as he collapsed again near the touch-line and was replaced by Brett James.

The momentum was suddenly with Tuffley as the first half neared its conclusion. Warren Mann worked really hard to retain possession and his effort led to a shot by Jake Rhodes which was deflected for a corner. Then Dominik Kent, shortly after he had received a yellow card, tried an ambitious shot which flew over. It was the final action of a first period which Fairford had dominated territorially yet would still not be over-confident about because they would have been aware of Rovers' habit of recovering from losing positions.

Rovers made a strong start to the second half in probably their best spell of the game. Their passing was crisper and more accurate than it had been earlier. When a free-kick was awarded for a foul on James, Rhodes' shot went past the defensive wall but was gathered by Ellis. Tuffley then brought on Jeremiah Idowu for Mann and the young substitute looked lively from the moment he came on. Although the hosts were enjoying plenty of possession, they were finding it hard to create goal-scoring opportunities but they did get another free-kick in a promising position after James' run ended when he was scythed down by Dunton, who was shown a red card by referee Graham Pugh for the over-zealous challenge which effectively ended James' evening as he was soon substituted by Niall Priday. It might be unusual for a substitute to be substituted but James and Mann, as senior members of the squad, had both put a good shift in but received little in the way of reward for their efforts.

Much of the second half had taken place with rain driving across the ground, unpleasant conditions for players and spectators alike. Rovers' left-back, Ben Prictor, was another home player who could be satisfied with his evening's work. His crossing had been a really positive feature of recent matches but, on this occasion anyway, although his left-footed deliveries were nearly always accurate, there was nobody on the end of them to put the chances away.

Defeat left Tuffley still looking for the first home league win of the season. But three of their next four Hellenic games are at Glevum Park so there is no need for panic. They have been scoring fairly freely but conceding at quite an alarming rate. For Fairford, however, the signs are much brighter. They may still be five points adrift of early pace-setters Westfields but Bishops Cleeve and Binfield are definitely in their sights only one point ahead of them in second and third place.



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Appearance information

Up to and including Saturday, 27 November 2021

(includes selected list of former players)



There are a few familiar faces in the opposition line-up this evening, with four of the provisional Fairford Town squad having turned out for Tuffley Rovers since our return to the Hellenic League in 2013/14.

Callum Preece leads the way on appearances made (for Rovers) by members of the opposition squad, whilst Ross Langworthy leads that particular scoring chart, with eight goals in ten games.



Looking from our own perspective, Ash Bird recently re-signed for Rovers and will be looking to add to his 50 appearance total achieved during his last spell with us.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Name	Goals
Aldridge, Josh	13	0	Jordan, Scott	0	0
Bainbridge, Lewis	52	9	Kent, Dominik	108	16
Basford, Aaron	22	4	Langworthy, Ross	10	8
Beard sell, Jack	39	8	Lawrence, Isaac	24	1
Bird , Ashleγ	50	5	Lawrence, Jamal	6	4
Bradley, Shayne	230	106	Ledger, Dan	0	0
Brain, Callum	5	0	Lomotey, Yeshaya	8	0
Butler, Matt	3	0	Mann, Warren	449	80
Clark, Adam	13	0	McKinnon, Rudi	22	1
Copland, Jack	14	0	McNallγ, Laurie	9	0
Davies, Ashley	162	27	Mendes, Sam	20	0
Davis, Felix	0	0	Morgan, Harry	23	3
Denness-Barrett, Brennan	13	6	Osinuga, Curtis	0	0
Ellis-Clark, Dion	16	1	Parsisson, Jake	1	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Preece, Callum	40	4
Geddes, Jacob	33	2	Price, Lucas	19	2
Greenhouse, Daniel	2	0	Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Hailwood, Ben	3	0	Reid, Jamie	1	0
Hamilton, Courtneγ	178	6	Rhodes, Jake	74	24
Haswell, Tristan	97	1	Romais, Billy	5	0
Herbert, Macaulay	218	8	Shutt, Joe	55	13
Hill, Sam	120	8	Shyamapant, Tomos	2	0
Hunt, Ollie	7	1	Smith, Liam	17	0
Idowu, Jerry	14	0	Swales, Josh	7	1
James, Brett	184	63	Sysum, Matt	1	0
James, Richard	125	40	Thompson, Antoine	63	1
John, Harri	32	0	Walker, Harrγ	67	6
Jones, Xander	11	0	Wallington, Mark	220	29

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 reviewand there may be some variation to statistics in due course.

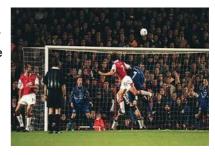
Half-time quiz: Break for five

Grab a cup of tea and something to eat, then spend the five minutes of your half-time break trying to answer these questions. As ever, there is a theme and today we focus on players and managers facing their former clubs...

- 1. Which manager made is final appearance in the dugout on 23 May 2021, before retirement, which Premier League side was he managing and against which former club (as a manager)?
- 2. Which Manchester City player is pictured rather controversially celebrating his goal against his former club in 2009 and which club had he scored against?



- 3. In which season did Denis Law famously score a goal against Manchester United, at Old Trafford, on a day when his former club were relegated from the top tier of English football?
- 4. Who is the man pictured scoring here, in a game against his former club Manchester United that ultimately helped decide the title race in Arsenal's favour in 1997/98?



5. Which Portuguese superstar was once greeted with a severed pigs head being thrown onto the pitch when he appeared for Real Madrid against a former club?



GFA CHALLENGE TROPHY, FIRST ROUND TUFFLEY ROVERS 2-5 CHELTENHAM SARACENS TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2021

Uhlsport Hellenic League, Division One (West) side Cheltenham Saracens ensured that Tuffley Rovers' hopes of success in the GFA Challenge Trophy ended at the first hurdle in 2021/22, as they left Glevum Park victorious in this First Round tie.

The 5-2 defeat, after Rovers had been in front at 2-1 via goals from Dom Kent and Joe Shutt, continued an appalling run of form in the County Association's competition, which has seen them win just two ties in the past seven seasons, with several defeats, like this one, coming against lower ranked opposition. It also extended a run of poor form in competitive fixtures, with Saracens' win making it six defeats in succession, with seven defeats in the last eight fixtures.

That the appalling run of form is punctuated by a remarkable victory over promotion chasing Westfields in the Premier Division, and was preceded by an excellent run of form against some of the top sides in the division, is perhaps an illustration how the inconsistency that has dogged Rich Cox's first season at the helm as manager has now turned into a matter of concern which he will, no doubt, be looking to address as quickly as possible.

The evening saw full debuts for two of Rovers' promising Under 18s players, with Demilade Yussuf selected in midfield and Tomas Shyamapant given an opportunity in an attacking role.

However, it was a former Rovers player, Ryan Dobbins, who made the first telling contribution opened the scoring as early as the third minute, finishing a low cross from the left from close range. Had it been 2-0, just a minute later, Rovers might not have had any complaints, but Jordan Bryan's shot was hit straight at Dan Greenhouse in the Rovers goal and the visitor's lead stayed at a single goal.



After their early tribulations Rovers began to get a foothold in the game and Lewis Bainbridge might have done better, on 9 minutes, when he struck Shutt's excellent cross wide of the Saracens goal.



Had Cox feared his side's poor run of form and falling behind might have shattered already fragile confidence, he would have been reassured by the way in which they worked their way back into the game, increasingly controlling possession and looking the most likely team to score.

The improvement eventually paid dividends, 25 minutes in, when Yussuf teed up Kent, who took one touch then fired an unstoppable effort home from 25 yards, with Saracens' keeper Joe Wright helpless to keep it out.

Just two minutes later, Rovers had the lead, as Warren Mann's ball found Sam Mendes inside the visitors' penalty area and he produced a back-heeled pass into the path of Shutt, who curled the ball past Wright's despairing dive and into the net.

On the half hour it was 2-2, as Luke Hitchman found space on the edge of the six-yard box to meet Coby Handley's corner-kick and head it beyond Greenhouse, who could only push the powerful header into the roof of his net.

The match action was now heating up, in stark contrast to the weather conditions, and there were more fireworks in the 32nd minute, as the visiting side took the lead.

Wright's big put upfield was initially cleared but the ball quickly got recycled to full-back Austin Parker and his pass into Jordan Bryan, who was afforded way too much room on the edge of the Rovers box, although he took full advantage, curling an excellent effort beyond Greenhouse and into the top corner of the net.

Shortly afterwards, Handley was withdrawn having picked up an injury and replaced by Harry Duncan. Moments later the newly introduced substitute created a chance for Bryan but this time his effort from just inside the box went high over the Rovers goal.

When the half-time interval arrived it drew to a close a frenetic 45 minutes that had seen the game ebb and flow before eventually settling in Cheltenham Saracens' favour.

After the break it seemed the game was going to continue in a similar vein, with both sides showing attacking intent.

lain Sercombe might have extended the lead for his side, as he got through on goal, but his lofted effort went over the advancing Greenhouse but narrowly wide of the Rovers goal and the score remained 3-2.

On 50 minutes Dom Kent had Rovers' first chance of the second period, as he picked up a clearance, controlled the ball and then unleashed another excellent effort, albeit one that this time went marginally wide of Wright's goal, with the Saracens keeper at full stretch to guard his net.

Just three minutes later Bryan was fouled just outside the Rovers penalty area, marginally to the right-hand side of the penalty area arc, and Duncan swung a free-kick in that went through a crowd before Greenhouse's effort to keep it out was only enough to steer it into the bottom corner, leaving Cox and his side with a mountain to climb.

As if deflated by conceding the goal, Rovers struggled to get back into the game and eventually succumbed to a wonderful effort from Sercombe, who picked up the ball wide on the Rovers left, before cutting in, evading two challenges and rounded Greenhouse, before turning a slow shot into the corner of the goal, making it 5-2 with a little over 20 minutes remaining.

If Rovers had a mountain to climb at that point, things became considerably more difficult moments later. Mann collected a quick free-kick but mis-controlled and then made a lunging challenge that was to eventually result in a caution. Before the match official could administer the card a scuffle ensued and Mendes was dismissed for an act deemed to be violent conduct.



With the result all but secured in Saracens' favour, the numerical advantage against Rovers and a flurry of substitutions interrupting the action, the game drifted to a conclusion that meant Rovers are now without a win since 26 October and their hopes of a run in the Challenge Trophy will have to wait for at least one more season.

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.



Today we take a look at games on or around 30 November from 2007/08 to 2020/21...

1 December 2007

Patrick Boyd scored the only goal of the game away at Pucklechurch Sports in the Gloucestershire County League, as his 75° minute goal proved the difference between the two teams, as Rovers secured all three points and a third consecutive 1-0 win!

Squad: Mark Harris; Mark Patterson; Stephen Summerell; Leone Cornwall; Lee Wallington; Martin Middlecote; Marcus Goodge; Mark Wallington; Oliver Everitt; Patrick Boyd; Warren Mann. **Subs used**: Robert Cook; Jon Corbett; Peter Thomas.

29 November 2008

A brace from Patrick Boyd and a goal for Peter Thomas proved enough to help Tuffley Rovers to a 3-2 victory at Bishops Cleeve Reserves in the Gloucestershire County League. The visitors had been leading 3-0 with ten minutes remaining and managed to hold on despite two late goals from the hosts.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Lee Wallington; Phil Crabb; Ben Surman; Dan Gillespie; Jamie Harper; Martin Middlecote; Marcus Foxwell; Mark Wallington; Patrick Boyd; Peter Thomas. **Subs used**: Christopher Lee; Richard Stevenson; Iain Buckingham.

29 November 2014

Tuffley Rovers secured all three league points against North Leigh United, at Glevum Park, in front of a paultry crowd of just 28 spectators. Defenders Kieran Squires and Glenn Gittins both found the net, whilst Mark Ford and Ashley Davies added to the scoring in a comfortable 4-1 home win.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Macaulay Herbert; Kieran Squires; Ashley Davies; Glenn Gittins; Sam Drew; Jordan Dowdeswell; Warren Mann; Shayne Bradley; Stuart Griffith; Brett James. **Subs used:** Mark Ford; Matt Minett; Marcus Foxwell.

26 November 2019

Thanks to goals from Joe Shutt, Sam Hill and Adam Bloomfield, Tuffley Rovers progressed in the Banbury Litho Floodlit Cup as they overcome the determined challenge of Bourton Rovers, before eventually running out 3-1 victors.

Squad: Luke Merchant; Harri John; Sam Hill; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Jake Rhodes; Joe Shutt; Dominik Kent; Adam Bloomfield; Rudi McKinnon; Lewis Bainbridge. **Subs used:** Ashley Bird; Joshua Bird; Charlie Holliday.

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

(up to and including fixtures played on Saturday, 27 November 2021)

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3	Malvern Town	19	12	5	2	30	41
4	Brimscombe & Thrupp	21	12	4	5	14	40
5	Corsham Town	20	11	6	3	16	39
6	Bradford Town	19	12	2	5	21	38
7	Westfields	20	11	4	5	14	37
8	Westbury United	18	9	6	3	17	33
9	Longlevens AFC	20	10	3	7	10	33
10	Roman Glass St George	21	10	2	9	6	32
11	Hereford Lads Club	21	8	3	10	1	27
12	Shrivenham	21	8	3	10	-16	27
13	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	21	7	4	10	-10	25
14	Fairford Town	21	7	3	11	-1	24
15	Thornbury Town	21	4	7	10	-15	19
16	Tuffley Rovers	20	5	4	11	-25	19
17	Chipping Sodbury Town	21	5	2	14	-26	17
18	Lydney Town	21	4	2	15	-26	14
19	Calne Town	20	4	2	14	-27	14
20	Hallen	19	1	1	17	-33	4

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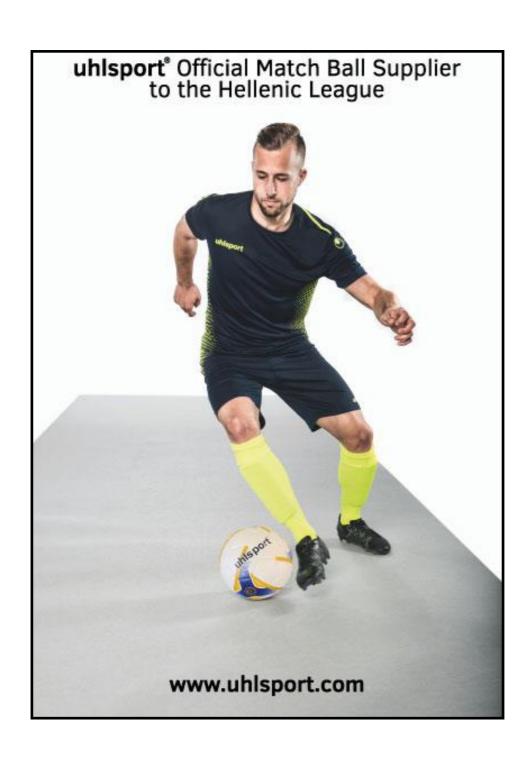
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TUFFLEY ROVERS	V	FAIRFORD TOWN
Claret & Blue shirts; Claret & Blue shorts; Claret & White socks (GK: Grey).		Yellow & Black shirts; Black shorts; Yellow & Black socks (GK: Purple).
Jack Copland	1	Sam Ayres
Dion Ellis-Clark	2	Callum Preece
Xander Jones	3	Kyle Parker
Jacob Geddes ©	4	Matt Sysum
Joel White	5	Robbie James
Dominik Kent	6	Archie Brennan
Joe Shutt	7	Connor Jakeways
Joshua Aldridge	8	Dan Bailey
Brennan Denness-Barrett	9	George Peare
Harry Morgan	10	Ross Langworthy
Jack Beardsell	11	Tom Golledge
Liam Smith	12	Biag Mazzotta
Aaron Basford	14	lan Herring
Yeshaya Lomotey	15	Jamie Reid
Lucas Price	16	Danny Gudger
Lewis Bainbridge	17	Ben Mitchell (GK)

Rich Cox
Richie Warden
Jon Lewis (Coach)
Ashleigh Watson (Physio)

Asst. Manager
Other occupants

Manager

Jody Bevan

Jamie Reid

Lee Randall (Coach)

Beth Hastie (Physio)

Officials: Joe Kidd; Olly Begley; Stuart Lewis