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EDITOR'S COMMENT

I want to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from Corsham Town this afternoon, 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.

We probably couldn't be on a worse run of form – well, we could, but it doesn't feel like it – and I have to confess that I felt incredibly flat after the defeat at Lydney Town two weeks ago. However, the batteries are now recharged and I'm hoping we can find our feet and start accumulating points, and that journey starts here.

When we played Corsham Town at the start of the season I came away from that game frustrated that we hadn't got at least one point but the problem which has dogged us recently, most notably an inability to create many chances on the opposition goal, saw us defeated on that occasion. Corsham took their chances and we didn't create any. I have to confess I didn't expect them to be challenging at the top of the table, based upon what I saw that day, but they've had a great season, to date, and that is testament to the qualities I did see on that day.

Today we also welcome Gemma Paine's U13s Whites to Glevum Park, as her squad will act as match-day mascots. Here is hoping their excellent season, after years of struggle, can inspire the team to better things. Gemma has done a great job with her young team and we are really pleased to welcome them to watch the game with us today. Hopefully they can get behind the team and maybe even join Joe Cole in a song or two!!

Whatever happens today, it won't be a defining moment in our season, but we do need to turn things around soon and I'm confident Coxy and the lads will be looking to make that happen.

Next up are our local rivals Longlevens, who we will host in a 1pm kick-off on Monday, 27 December – a big game for the locals and one full of (usually friendly) rivalry. It would be great to have as much support as possible as we look to get a vital win in that game; our final fixture of 2021. 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 afternoon. I wish you a safe journey home, a very Merry Christmas and hope to see you on the 27th.

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

Good afternoon and a festive welcome to everyone today.

I'd like to start by saying a warm welcome to our visitors; the players, management, committee and supporters of Corsham Town, in what I believe to be their first visit to Glevum Park.

Both teams find themselves in different battles at either end of the table prior to today's fixture and for us, after losing nine games in a row, we seem to find ourselves in a relegation battle when maybe eight weeks ago we were looking closer to eighth or ninth in the league. This festive period is crucial for the team and after today's encounter we then have home games against Longlevens on 27th December followed by Brimscombe on 3rd January.

I hope that everyone enjoys the game today, as well as the facilities and hospitality on offer here at Glevum Park.

I wish you all a safe journey home and a fantastic Christmas to you and your families.

Cheers,

- Dan

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MANAGER'S COMMENT

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

After a couple of weeks since our last game, it's been a period of reflection for both management and the players; as well as a time for some honest conversations. This is a rut that none of us could have imagined on the back of some fantastic results but this is the time where we need to stick together and all prove our worth for this great club.

Our visitors today are an experienced side and have a good team structure, which is why they're having a good season so far. The players will know what they need to do to get a positive result against an effective outfit today.

We hope everyone enjoys the game and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and New Year and hope our performances add to making this a good one.

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The late Donald E Hall founded Tuffley Rovers FC in 1929. The Club's Headquarters were in a former railway carriage, which served as Mr Hall's Boot and Shoe repair shop on the Stroud Road at Tuffley in the City Of Gloucester. The Club started its playing life in the North Gloucestershire League. Senior XI Championship honours include that of the North Gloucestershire League and Stroud and District League (4 times) and in 1987/1988 the Club were Champions of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and gained promotion to the Gloucestershire County League.

After two seasons of consolidation the Club won the County League Title in 1990/1991, their application to join the Hellenic League was successful and they were accepted into Hellenic Division One. Progress continued as in the 1992/1993 season Rovers were Champions of Division One and also Division One League Cup Winners and after promotion competed in the Premier Division of the Hellenic League from 1993/1994, regularly finishing in the top half of the table. The 1998/1999 season saw Tuffley win the Norman Matthew's Floodlit Cup defeating Carterton Town in the final. Whilst the Club enjoyed this success, the 2nd XI and 3rd XI also gained promotion and championship honours. The 1998/1999 season saw the 2nd XI win the Northern Senior League and reach the finals of both the County Cup and League Cup, unfortunately losing out on both occasions. Promotion, however, was not possible as reserve teams were not allowed at that point to enter the Gloucestershire County League and progress further up the pyramid system.

The Club continued to thrive in the Hellenic League and managed to win the Floodlit Cup again in the 2002/2003 season defeating Brackley Town over two legs in the final. However, the ever changing ground grading requirements, if the club was to remain in the Hellenic League, and the financial strain these improvements imposed on the Club forced Tuffley Rovers to make the decision to withdraw from the Hellenic League in 2005 and settle for local football in Gloucestershire.

After a difficult start Rovers were crowned champions of Division 2 of the Northern Senior League in the 2005/2006 season and were promoted to Division 1. After a slow start the team put together a consistent run and managed to claim the Division 1 Title as well as win the GFA Senior Amateur Cup and reach the final of the Reg Davis Memorial League Cup.

A return to the Gloucestershire County League followed and the club finished a very creditable 4th place (2007/8) but the summer of 2008 saw a number of senior players retire. The next season, a much younger side finished a slightly disappointing 11th but with a year's experience gained the Rovers challenged again at the top of the table for most of the next season before finishing 3rd.

The 2010/11 season saw some variable performances in the league, with a final finishing position of 6th, followed by a third place finish in 2011/12. The 2012/13 Season marked an improvement for the club. After challenging for league championship honours all season, the club couldn't quite maintain the form to secure the title, finishing second. However, this was enough to gain promotion to the Hellenic League Division One (West) for the 2013/14 season.

On their return to the Hellenic League, The Rovers saw a season that witnessed some turmoil – including the departure of manager, Doug Foxwell – to record a decent sixth place finish and some good cup results.

This was followed up with the Runners'-up spot in 2014/15 and promotion back to the Hellenic Premier Division, exactly ten years after they had withdrawn from the League.

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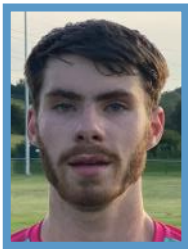


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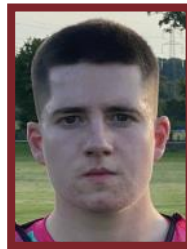
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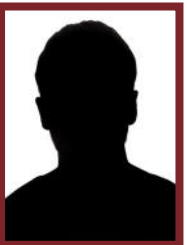
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TUFFLEY ROVERS 2021/22



CORSHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB – HISTORY

The earliest record found of Corsham Football Club is 1878 with the club becoming affiliated to the Football Association in 1893. Over the years, the team has often been referred to as the Quarrymen due to the high level of quarrying in and around Corsham.



In March 1894, the first Wiltshire Football League was formed with the original member clubs being Bradford, Calne, Chippenham, Corsham, Southbroom (Devizes), Melksham, Trowbridge Town, and Warminster. At the end of the 1894/95 season Corsham would be the inaugural champions, winning the league on goal average over Southbroom, helped by an emphatic 17 - 1 win over Calne in their final game.

Promotion was achieved to the Western League at the end of the 1997/98 season after winning the county league by goal difference from Devizes Town Reserves.

Ground improvements continued under the chairmanship of Colin Hudd, floodlights were installed in 2001, a 112 spectator stand erected and hard standing laid around the pitch perimeter.

2006/07 season saw Corsham Town winning the Western League Premier Division, which was hotly contested by many teams, including Bridgwater Town and Frome Town. The club also added a third successive Wiltshire Senior Cup victory, again over local rivals Melksham Town.

Due to the Covid pandemic the 2019/20 season was declared null and void by the Football Association on 26th March 2020.

Justin Flowers and his backroom staff parted with the club at the end of the null and void 2019/20 season and moved across to Malmesbury Victoria.

The 2020/21 season saw Kieran Baggs becoming the new manager with Gary Higdon as his assistant. Unfortunately, after 10 league games the 2020/21 was curtailed by the FA due to the Covid pandemic.

Despite the last two seasons being affected by Covid, the FA went ahead with planned restructuring of the Non-League Pyramid. The results from 2019/20 & 2021/21 were combined and this meant that Corsham Town finished in a position for upward movement.

The club took this upward movement to Step 5 with a lateral movement in the Hellenic League Premier Division.

**UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION
LYDNEY TOWN 4-0 TUFFLEY ROVERS
SATURDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2021**

If Tuffley Rovers came into this all Gloucestershire tie looking over their shoulder, after a run of dreadful results has seen what was a 12 point gap between them and their opponents, Lydney Town, had all but disappeared, they left The Recreation Ground with plenty more to worry about as they succumbed to a four goal defeat that took their total time without a league goal to 450 minutes, on a run of nine consecutive defeats in all competitions; eight of them in the Hellenic League Premier Division.



After the midweek defeat against Fairford Town, Rovers boss Rich Cox once again made several changes to his starting line-up, as Harry Morgan, Jack Beardsell and Warren Mann all returned to the side. For Mann it meant a 450th first team appearance, at Step 7 and above, which is a remarkable feat for a player who has achieved so much in his time with the club.



Will Ramsey made his second appearance, starting at right-back again, and immediately showed some of the attacking potential evident in the defeat to Fairford, getting to the byline in the opening moments of the game, but his cross-come-shot went across the Lydney goal and out of play.

Any promise and hope for better things offered by the opening salvo was quickly confined to history as Rovers fell behind as early as the 5th minute. When the ball was initially played into Rovers territory there appeared to be little obvious threat but the ball came out to the experienced Jamie Addis, who made space for himself on the edge of the box before firing an unstoppable curving shot beyond Jack Copland and into the visiting goal.

What followed was some concerted pressure from the hosts and Liam Sheppard almost extended the lead but his cannon like shot from 22 yards struck the bar and Rovers remained only one goal in deficit.

Ramsey was at the heart of most Rovers attacks and another low ball into the box was just too far in front of Mann and out of Morgan's reach, as it span through a host of bodies in the six yard box.

On 22 minutes it was 2-0, as Rovers once again gave too much space to the opposition, with Brad Kear taking full advantage as he picked up the ball 15 yards out, before hammering the ball past Copland.

From there, Rovers struggled to get a foothold in the game and Lydney always looked the most likely side to score, save for one effort from Dom Kent, comfortably saved by Rich Thomas, on the stroke of half-time.

If the hope for Rovers travelling support had been a passion filled return to the pitch in the second period, what followed was arguably the polar opposite. That Cox's side survived a goalmouth scramble four minutes into the half was a warning of things to come, rather than the spark to drive improvement, and several episodes of desperate defending followed, with only the occasional foray into Lydney Town territory offered in response, with Thomas virtually untroubled for long periods.

When Rovers did finally break the Lydney defensive line, 68 minutes into the game, Brennan Denness-Barrett wasted the most glorious of chances, lifting the ball over Thomas and high over the hosts' bar, from 7 yards out and only the keeper to beat.



Just 90 seconds later it was game over, as Charlie Powell took advantage of more lacklustre defending before firing a shot on goal. Although likely to trouble Copland, it was taken completely away from the Rovers keeper, as a wicked deflection off Spencer took the ball into the opposite side of the goal and made it 3-0 to Lydney.

Things then went from bad to worse, as a corner from Fin Hamblett swung sharply in towards Copland's goal and the keeper was helpless to prevent it from going into the top corner of his goal, to make it 4-0.

There was time for one substitute, Joe Shutt, to put an excellent chance, created by another substitute, Lucas Price, wide of the goal from close range but a consolation effort would have put an unnecessary gloss on a scoreline which was very much in the hosts favour and no more than they deserved.

For Rovers boss Cox a two-week break may well be a blessing given his side's appalling run of form, although with tough games against Corsham Town and Longlevens to come he might not want too much time to reflect before a return to action.

Statistics 2021/22

Competition

UHSport 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

| 2021 | | Att | Scorers | Parisson, Jake | Bainbridge, Lewis | Swales, Joshua | Geddes, Jacob | | |
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| 03/Aug | 7:45pm | Thornbury Town | A L 1-2 | 134 | J Lawrence | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 08/Aug | 3pm | Windsor FC | FAC H W 3-2 | 193 | J Swales, D Kent, A Basford | 16 | 3 | 4 | |
| 14/Aug | 3pm | Corsham Town | A L 0-2 | 60 | - | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| 21/Aug | 3pm | Flackwell Heath | FAC H D 2-2 | 78 | M Herbert, L Price | 3 | 15 | 4 | |
| 24/Aug | 7:45pm | Flackwell Heath | FACr A L 0-6 | 139 | - | 2 | 9 | U | |
| 28/Aug | 3pm | Shrivenham | A L 2-3 | 65 | O.G., W Mann | | | 3 | |
| 30/Aug | 3pm | Longlevens | A D 2-2 | 87 | D Ellis-Clark, A Basford | | | 5 | |
| 04/Sep | 3pm | Chipping Sodbury Town | A W 3-2 | 52 | L Bainbridge, A Basford, B Denness-Barrett | 3 | | | |
| 08/Sep | 7:45pm | Caine 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 | Brimcombe & 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 | | 4 | |
| 02/Oct | 3pm | Bradford Town | H W 1-0 | 71 | J Shutt | 11 | 4 | | |
| 05/Oct | 7:45pm | Malvern Town | A D 3-3 | 174 | J Lawrence, J Shutt, A Woodall | | | 4 | |
| 09/Oct | 3pm | Hereford Lads Club | A L 1-9 | 106 | B Denness-Barrett | | | 4 | |
| 12/Oct | 7:45pm | Caine Town | H D 1-1 | 87 | J Lawrence | 11 | 4 | | |
| 16/Oct | 3pm | Bishops Cleeve | A D 0-0 | 70 | - | 3 | 4 | | |
| 19/Oct | 7:45pm | Chipping Sodbury Town | H W 3-1 | 56 | B Denness-Barrett (2), L Bainbridge | 3 | 4 | | |
| 23/Oct | 3pm | Street FC | FAV H L 1-4 | 70 | A Basford | 11 | 4 | | |
| 26/Oct | 7:45pm | Westfields | A W 1-0 | 142 | J Lawrence | | | 4 | |
| 30/Oct | 3pm | Westbury United | H L 0-3 | 79 | - | 12 | 4 | | |
| 03/Nov | 7:45pm | Roman Glass St. George | A L 1-4 | 40 | J Shutt | 11 | 4 | | |
| 06/Nov | 3pm | Thornbury Town | H L 1-3 | 55 | O.G. | 3 | | | |
| 09/Nov | 7:45pm | Malvern Town | H L 0-3 | 133 | - | | | 4 | |
| 13/Nov | 3pm | Royal Wootton Bassett Town | H L 0-1 | 66 | - | | | 4 | |
| 16/Nov | 7:45pm | Cheltenham Saracens | GFA H L 2-5 | 66 | D Kent, J Shutt | 11 | 4 | | |
| 20/Nov | 3pm | Cribbs FC | A L 0-3 | - | - | | | 4 | |
| 30/Nov | 7:45pm | Fairford Town | H L 0-1 | 73 | - | | | | |
| 04/Dec | 3pm | Lydney Town | A L 0-4 | 77 | - | | | | |
| 18/Dec | 3pm | Corsham Town | H | | | | | | |
| 27/Dec | 1pm | Longlevens | H | | | | | | |
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| 02/Jan | 3pm | Brimcombe & Thrupp | H | | | | | | |
| 08/Jan | 3pm | Shrivenham | H | | | | | | |
| 11/Jan | 7:45pm | Roman Glass St. George | H | | | | | | |
| 15/Jan | 3pm | Bradford Town | A | | | | | | |
| 22/Jan | 3pm | Bishops Cleeve | H | | | | | | |
| 29/Jan | 3pm | Hereford Lads Club | H | | | | | | |
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| 19/Feb | 3pm | Westbury United | A | | | | | | |
| 26/Feb | 3pm | Cribbs FC | H | | | | | | |
| 05/Mar | 3pm | Royal Wootton Bassett Town | A | | | | | | |
| 12/Mar | 3pm | Lydney Town | H | | | | | | |
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Goalscorers

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| Denness-Barrett, Brennan | 6 |
| Bainbridge, Lewis | 4 |
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| Shutt, Joe | 4 |
| Lawrence, Jamal | 4 |
| O.G. | 3 |
| Morgan, Harry | 2 |
| Price, Lucas | 2 |
| Swales, Josh | 1 |
| Kent, Dominik | 1 |
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What A Man(n)....

Having spent seventeen seasons as a Tuffley Rovers player, Warren Mann finally recorded his 450th competitive first team appearance at Step 7 and above in our last outing at Lydney Town and although our only veteran (at the grand age of 34!) was disappointed by the result, he does have plenty of reason to look back fondly over a lifetime at the club, punctuated by one brief spell in the Southern League with Bishops Cleeve.



Q: Our records don't go back to your debut but we're certain it would have been in the 2005/06 season. Do you remember your first team debut?

I am 99.9% certain I made my debut in the Northern Senior League, coming on as a sub against Lydbrook. We definitely won but I can't remember the score!

Q: What would you say is your most memorable game for The Rovers?

(a) For the team:

Definitely the FA Cup tie against Leighton Town a few years ago. Coming back from 2-0 down with less than ten minutes remaining, to win 3-2, was an incredible comeback.



(b) Individually:

I'd have to say it was probably the 4-3 win away at Royal Wootton Bassett Town in the same season (2017/18). I got the winner in the last minute and celebrated in front of their dug-out who'd been giving me loads of stick.

Q: If you had to pick an all time "Warren Mann Teammates XI", what would it be?

I would have to go on the bench because I've played with so many great players.

I'd go for 4-3-3 and we'd play attacking football but there are some great defensive players in that line-up.



Q: If you could change one thing about your career, to date, what would it be?

Giving up local football / playing with friends too early to join an Academy/Centre of Excellence. I missed out on a hell of a lot of football and the opportunity of winning leagues/trophies as a youngster. I was about 10 years old when I joined Swindon Town, before joining Coventry City and then Cheltenham Town and, to be honest, I don't think it benefited at all.

Q: You've scored 80 goals for the first team. Can you remember your favourite goal?

Two goals come to mind – that goal at Royal Wootton Bassett Town and the winner in a Boxing Day game against Longlevens in 2016. Both winners and goals that I'll remember for a long time.

Q: If you could say one thing that you love about the club, what would it be?

To see how far the club has come in the last 19 years has been incredible - to see how much it's changed for the better. The facilities, clubhouse, the overall ground, the coaching, the list goes on!!! I always say it, people playing for Tuffley Rovers these days don't know how good they've got it - we're definitely the second biggest club in Gloucester.

Q: Which Rovers manager(s) do you think most influenced your time at the club?

To be fair every single manager has had a big impact on my career. Dougie Foxwell, for sure. You'd never see me back chat him, I had a huge amount of respect for him. He knew how to manage me and get the best out of me. Then Shayne Bradley was another one who was great – he would always ask me how many crosses I've put into the box and would drill it into me to get chalk on my boots and get at the defenders - when I had my pace that was!!

Since then, Warren Evans gave me a different role and although we had a very young side I did really enjoy playing football under him - he knows his football, and is a winner! When Pritch came along he turned me from a dried up winger into a 19 man goalscorer in his first year with us. Like any attacking player I enjoy my football when scoring goals.

The current manager Rich Cox, who came in at a dreadful time for us and got the spirit and togetherness back. On a personal note he got me back enjoying my football, after I'd suffered a serious knee injury and, if I'm honest, I'd never been the same after my injury and I struggled to get the buzz for it. Coxy's got me back enjoying it, wherever that might be on the pitch. I think I've played every position now for the first team, apart from goalkeeper!

Q: What does the future hold? How much longer do you think you'll be able to play at Hellenic League, Premier Division level?

Well, I always said to myself this was going to be my last season, but who knows – maybe I should aim for 500 appearances now!

Q: If you could pick one team-mate from the last seventeen years that you could play with in any game, who would that be?

Very tough question that, but when I played with Shayne Bradley we were a dominant force for years in the attacking third, so it would have to be him.

Q: Last question. If you got stranded on a desert island with one of your current team-mates, who would you least like that to be and why?

Definitely Jack Beardsell! He drives me mad being around him for 90 minutes on a Saturday, let alone being stranded with him. He talks breeze!!





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Up to and including Saturday, 4 December 2021

(includes selected list of former players)



The squad for our last home game featured a handful of debutants as Will Ramsey and Tom Spencer started, whilst Scott Jordan and Dan Ledger made appearances from the bench. That took the total number of debutants this season to 22 players!



By contrast, Warren Mann's 450th competitive first team appearance at Lydney Town came in his seventeenth season with the club, although the record appearances have been made across fifteen of those seasons, when the club has been competing at Step 7 and above. An incredible achievement that you can read about elsewhere in today's programme.

| Name | Apps | Goals | Name | Name | Goals |
|--------------------------|------|-------|-------------------|------|-------|
| Aldridge, Josh | 15 | 0 | Kent, Dominik | 110 | 16 |
| Bainbridge, Lewis | 52 | 9 | Lawrence, Isaac | 24 | 1 |
| Basford, Aaron | 24 | 4 | Lawrence, Jamal | 6 | 4 |
| Beardsell, Jack | 41 | 8 | Ledger, Dan | 1 | 0 |
| Bird, Ashley | 50 | 5 | Lomotey, Yeshaya | 8 | 0 |
| Bradley, Shayne | 230 | 106 | Mann, Warren | 450 | 80 |
| Brain, Callum | 5 | 0 | McKinnon, Rudi | 22 | 1 |
| Butler, Matt | 3 | 0 | McNally, Laurie | 9 | 0 |
| Clark, Adam | 13 | 0 | Mendes, Sam | 20 | 0 |
| Copland, Jack | 16 | 0 | Morgan, Harry | 24 | 3 |
| Davies, Ashley | 162 | 27 | Osinuga, Curtis | 0 | 0 |
| Davis, Felix | 0 | 0 | Parsisson, Jake | 1 | 0 |
| Denness-Barrett, Brennan | 15 | 6 | Price, Lucas | 20 | 2 |
| Ellis-Clark, Dion | 16 | 1 | Pritchett, Mark | 130 | 20 |
| Foxwell, Marcus | 302 | 32 | Ramsey, Will | 2 | 0 |
| Geddes, Jacob | 35 | 2 | Rhodes, Jake | 74 | 24 |
| Greenhouse, Daniel | 2 | 0 | Romais, Billy | 5 | 0 |
| Hailwood, Ben | 3 | 0 | Shutt, Joe | 57 | 13 |
| Hamilton, Courtney | 178 | 6 | Shyamapant, Tomos | 2 | 0 |
| Haswell, Tristan | 97 | 1 | Smith, Liam | 17 | 0 |
| Herbert, Macaulay | 218 | 8 | Spencer, Tom | 2 | 0 |
| Hill, Sam | 120 | 8 | Swales, Josh | 7 | 1 |
| Hunt, Ollie | 7 | 1 | Thompson, Antoine | 63 | 1 |
| Idowu, Jerry | 14 | 0 | Walker, Harry | 67 | 6 |
| James, Brett | 184 | 63 | Wallington, Mark | 220 | 29 |
| James, Richard | 125 | 40 | White, Joel | 95 | 4 |
| John, Harri | 32 | 0 | Woodall, Archie | 13 | 1 |
| Jones, Xander | 11 | 0 | Wright, Liam | 110 | 3 |
| Jordan, Scott | 1 | 0 | Yussuf, Demilade | 4 | 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.

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 losing streaks (in the hope it might bring a change of fortune!)...

1. Earlier this season Daniel Farke's Norwich City recorded the second longest (cumulative) losing streak in Premier League history, as they lost sixteen consecutive games. Which club holds the unwanted record, with twenty consecutive defeats between 2003 and 2005?

2. Which Gloucestershire team signed former England international Stuart Pearce in 2006, after a run of defeats that saw them record zero points, losing all thirty league games, and a goal difference of -216!?



3. Which two English clubs jointly hold the record for the most defeats in an FA Cup Final, with eight apiece, which included defeating each other once, in 1985 and 1995?

4. Derby County recorded the fewest wins ever in a Premier League season, when they won just once in 2007/08, in a home game against Newcastle United. Who is the player (pictured) who scored the only goal in a game on 17 September 2007?



5. The England international football team suffered their heaviest defeat on 23 May 1954, when they lost 7-1, having previously been beaten 6-3 by the same nation in 1953. Which nation inflicted the two heavy defeats on the English national team?

Quiz Answers: (1) Sunderland; (2) It was Gloucestershire Northern Senior League, Division Two side Longford; (3) Kenny Miller; (4) Everton and Manchester United; (5) Hungary.

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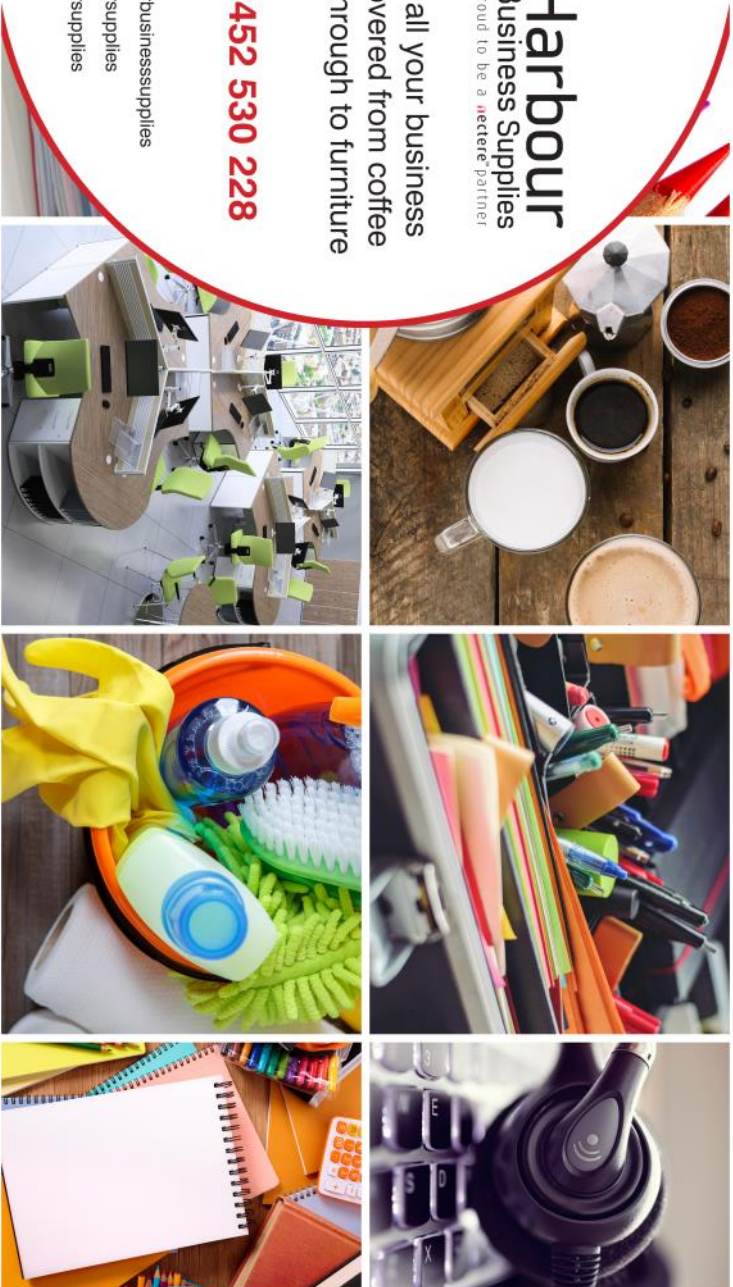
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**UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION
TUFFLEY ROVERS 0-1 FAIRFORD TOWN
TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2021**

Fairford's wins over Lydney and Hallen, ten and six days earlier, had moved them first above then five points clear of the Gloucester club. The worry for Tuffley Rovers was that if their own miserable run of form continued other clubs might also leapfrog them in the table. Apart from winning at Lydney, this Town had also picked up three points at Thornbury and Chipping Sodbury, in addition to getting a valuable point at both Malvern and Westbury. So, Rovers' home record, with just two victories from seven matches, looked as if it would again come under considerable pressure.

This was not a match for the purist. Tuffley suffered an eighth consecutive defeat while Fairford continued their recent good form with a 1-0 victory thanks to a second-half strike from Connor Jakeways. This result leaves Rovers looking nervously over their shoulders at the three clubs immediately below them, one of whom they play in their next fixture. Town's three league victories in eleven days move them up into 12th place in what is quite a congested middle third of the Hellenic Premier Division table.

Rovers have only scored in three of their last seven league matches and one of those was an own goal. That they failed to give visiting goalkeeper Sam Ayres a busier evening is indicative of their recent difficulties. Although the team often looks solid defensively, they just aren't creating enough chances at the other end of the pitch.

Yet, despite the way the evening panned out, the early signs were promising for the hosts with an immediate attacking intent; Liam Wright went on a strong run down the left in the opening minute and a minute later the debutant full-back on the other flank, Will Ramsey, did much the same in exchanging passes with Brennan Denness-Barrett before firing in a cross which was cleared.

George Peare and Ross Langworthy were prominent for the visitors in the early stages with both having shots which cleared the crossbar, before another Langworthy shot was comfortably claimed by Jack Copland. Giving the ball away cheaply nearly proved to be Rovers' undoing but Langworthy could only drag his shot wide of Copland's left-hand post after running down the left channel towards goal.

Neither goalkeeper had been seriously tested in a somewhat tame first played in chilly and windy conditions, with persistent rather than heavy rain driving across the pitch from south to north.

With ten minutes of the second period gone Aaron Basford finally forced Ayres into some action with a low shot which the goalkeeper pushed away for a corner. Only a minute later Fairford took the lead when Jakeways steered a cross from the right away from Copland's right-hand side and into the bottom corner of the net.

Immediately after the goal Archie Brennan was cautioned for a foul on Dominik Kent, at which point Rovers brought on Scott Jordan for the industrious Demilade Yussuf, who again had a useful outing in the first team. Jordan had only been on the pitch for three minutes when he collided with the Fairford goalkeeper. It seemed accidental but the Tuffley man was given a yellow card anyway by referee Joe Kidd.

With former Fairford Town man Jack Beardsell coming on for Joe Shutt, to give Rovers another option in attack, his former club responded by bringing on Ian Herring for Jamie Reid and Dan Bailey for Tom Golledge. An injury to Town's right-back Callum Preece, who had had a good match, saw Biag Mazzotta come on for the closing minutes.

As the match entered added time Fairford substitute Herring became the third player to be cautioned by the referee and although it wasn't clear exactly what had happened Tuffley's Wright appeared to suffer the same fate.

Despite some late huffing and puffing from the hosts, Town held on to their lead fairly comfortably because Rovers continued to find it difficult to create any serious chances and this has now become a major cause for concern because although their midfield players worked hard they just weren't giving enough service to their forwards. Fairford, by contrast, have had three good wins in the closing days of November without conceding a single goal and they can now look forward to a December programme which gives them home fixtures on the first three Saturdays of that month and the opportunity to continue their climb up the table.

For Rovers there is the increasing concern of where their next point is coming from but, when that happens, there is no reason why they can't go on a decent run of their own because their squad certainly contains players with enough quality and ability to do just that.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

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|-----------------------|---|---------------------|
| Calne Town | v | Brimscombe & Thrupp |
| Cribbs | v | Bradford Town |
| Fairford Town | v | Thornbury Town |
| Hereford Lads Club | v | Malvern Town |
| Longlevens | v | Hallen |
| Lydney Town | v | Shrivenham |
| Roman Glass St George | v | Westfields |
| Tuffley Rovers | v | Corsham Town |
| Westbury United | v | Bishops Cleeve |

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.

Interestingly (or not!) we haven't actually played on 18 December since these records began...

15 December 2007

Despite goals from twins Lee Wallington and Mark Wallington, Tuffley Rovers tumbled out of the Les James League Cup via a 3-2 defeat against struggling Henbury, who lead 3-0 at one stage. Mark was then sent-off late in the game, having scored Rovers' first goal, before Lee added the second with almost the last kick of the game.

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

20 December 2011

Goals from Warren Mann and Stuart Griffith proved enough to earn Tuffley Rovers a valuable three points in the Gloucestershire County League, as they saw off the threat of visitors Pathway Town at Glevum Park, courtesy of a 2-0 win which took Rovers to second in the table, two points behind Henbury, with Cribbs Friends Life in close pursuit of the top two.

Squad: Mark Harris; Lee Wallington; Callum Preece; Richard James; Stuart Griffith; Courtney Hamilton; Paul Carter; Jonathan Meadows; Marcus Foxwell; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Jivan Bryan-Munroe.

13 December 2014

In an astonishing game Tuffley Rovers scored nine times against Wantage Town Reserves in an UHlsport Hellenic League, Division One (West) game at Glevum Park. The 9-1 victory for Warren Evans' squad kept them in the upper echelons of the league table and was a fourth consecutive league win, all coming with Rovers scoring four times or more. An Own Goal was supplemented by goals from Jordan Dowdeswell, Brett James, Ashley Davies, Marcus Foxwell and Shayne Bradley, alongside a hat-trick for Mark Ford.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Mike Devlin; Macaulay Herbert; Stuart Griffith; Jordan Dowdeswell; Ashley Davies; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Courtney Hamilton; Steve Bick; Matt Minett.

17 December 2016

A 2-2 draw at high-flying Thatcham Town kept Tuffley Rovers' hopes of a top ten finish in the UHlsport Hellenic League very much alive, as goals from Ashley Davies and Shayne Bradley secured a vital point. Rovers had led 2-0 before the hosts recovered. Player/Manager Mark Pritchett was then shown a red-card for a robust challenge on the half-way line.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Macaulay Herbert; Marcus Foxwell; Jamie Goodwin; Ashley Davies; Shayne Bradley; Liam Wright; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Gareth Jones; Harry Walker; Mark Pritchett.

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

(up to and including fixtures played on Saturday, 11 December 2021)

| POS | | P | W | D | L | GD | PTS |
|-----|-------------------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Bishops Cleeve | 23 | 16 | 6 | 1 | 33 | 54 |
| 2 | Malvern Town | 21 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 31 | 45 |
| 3 | Bradford Town | 22 | 14 | 2 | 6 | 23 | 44 |
| 4 | Westfields | 22 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 19 | 43 |
| 5 | Brimscombe & Thrupp | 23 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 43 |
| 6 | Cribbs | 22 | 13 | 3 | 6 | 18 | 42 |
| 7 | Corsham Town | 22 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 17 | 42 |
| 8 | Westbury United | 20 | 11 | 6 | 3 | 22 | 39 |
| 9 | Longlevens AFC | 22 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 36 |
| 10 | Roman Glass St George | 22 | 11 | 2 | 9 | 11 | 35 |
| 11 | Fairford Town | 24 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 31 |
| 12 | Royal Wootton Bassett Town | 22 | 8 | 4 | 10 | -9 | 28 |
| 13 | Shrivenham | 23 | 8 | 4 | 11 | -18 | 28 |
| 14 | Hereford Lads Club | 23 | 8 | 3 | 12 | -2 | 27 |
| 15 | Thornbury Town | 24 | 4 | 8 | 12 | -19 | 20 |
| 16 | Tuffley Rovers | 22 | 5 | 4 | 13 | -30 | 19 |
| 17 | Chipping Sodbury Town | 23 | 5 | 3 | 15 | -31 | 18 |
| 18 | Lydney Town | 24 | 5 | 2 | 17 | -27 | 17 |
| 19 | Calne Town | 23 | 5 | 2 | 16 | -30 | 17 |
| 20 | Hallen | 23 | 2 | 2 | 19 | -35 | 8 |

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TUFFLEY ROVERS

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CORSHAM TOWN

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Claret & White socks (GK: Grey).

Blue shirts; Blue shorts; Blue socks (GK:
Green).

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| Jack Copland | 1 | Rob Brown |
| Will Ramsey | 2 | Brandon Mundy |
| Liam Wright | 3 | Mark Cooper |
| Jacob Geddes © | 4 | Jaiden Pearce |
| Archie Woodall | 5 | Leon Greenland |
| Dominik Kent | 6 | James Vincent |
| Joe Shutt | 7 | Nathan Davies |
| Harry Morgan | 8 | Chris Allen |
| Jamal Lawrence | 9 | Dave Thompson |
| Lewis Bainbridge | 10 | Cameron James |
| Warren Mann | 11 | Matthew Swan |
| Jack Beardsell | 12 | Matt Morris |
| Aaron Basford | 13 | Gary Higdon |
| Demilade Yussuf | 14 | Ryan Bath |
| Lucas Price | 15 | Matt Jenkins |
| Liam Smith | 16 | Sean Keet |
| Jurek Marszalek | 17 | Leigh Rogers |
| Joel White | 18 | Charlie Maddison |

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Asst. Manager

Andy Gilbert

Jon Lewis (Coach)

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