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UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION



# TUFFLEY ROVERS

## V. SHRIVENHAM



SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022, 3pm



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# EDITOR'S COMMENT

Welcome to today's game against Shrivenham. I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone in attendance, most notably our visitors – their players, coaches and committee – and the match officials.

It feels like we only ever play at home at the moment and that brings its own challenges. Our pitch is taking a battering with the constant flow of the games, whether for our first team, Development Squad or U18s and the one disadvantage of our new drainage system is that every game seems to go ahead. Therefore, the window of opportunity to repair and restore the pitch between games is becoming a real issue. That is, perhaps inevitably, the unfortunate side effect of playing no games at the ground until the end of September, but it is a very real challenge for all associated with running the club.

Although we've lost another two games since the departure of Rich Cox as manager, there is plenty to be positive about and I have every hope that we'll start to move in the right direction very shortly. Muzzy and Ritchie Warden are working incredibly hard to improve the current squad but also to bring in some additional players. As Secretary (taking my Programme Editor hat off for one moment), I don't think I've put in Notice of Approach for so many players in such a short space of time.

Without naming the player, we added to the squad on Thursday (after watching an excellent win for the U18s) and if the new signing works out – and can play for us consistently – it is a real feather in Muzzy's cap. We have needed some experience and leadership added all season and this player will bring just that. I hope that this note doesn't become a signal of what might have been, of course!

One win will change so much at the club and I know it will come soon. We are capable of getting results at this level but we have been struggling for so long that it feels like we're in a rut we won't escape from. This is where the mental side of the game is so important and anyone, with any sense, will know that we can win games and that one win will potentially change the dynamic of the entire season. Here is hoping it starts today.

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

– **NEIL** #uptherovers

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# CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Glevum Park,

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

It seems to be the trend at the moment, that I am writing about awaiting our first league win. I didn't expect to be saying that so often, but it has now become the theme since the end of October. I have to still write it today and unfortunately I will have to wait until at least Tuesday evening's programme before I can talk about a win – hopefully this will be the last time I talk about that ambition as such a significant event!

However what I should say is that since the appointment of Neil Mustoe, even with the defeat on Monday, there does seem to be a growing togetherness amongst the squad and a sense that they are buying in to what Muzzy is trying to change; a different style of play and better game management.

It will take time but I am positive this run of results will turn around very soon. Monday was a game which showed some naivety in our game management but the improvement will come with experience and confidence.

I hope you all enjoy the facilities and hospitality here at Glevum Park today, as well as a decent game of football.

Cheers,

*- Dan*

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Football Chairman  
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# MANAGER'S COMMENT

Good afternoon and welcome to our visitors Shrivvenham.

I would like to welcome all visiting staff players and supporters to Glevum Park. No doubt they will be in good spirits after an excellent win against Fairford on Monday.

Looking at our own game, we did not get the result we wanted or needed. We did a bit of a trade-off in our plans for the game; we could not go another game without a goal, so went slightly more attacking formation and in the end went onto suffer a heavy defeat.

That having been said, going a goal down and having the character to then take the lead does give me encouragement going forward that we can turn this around.

The good thing in football is the next game normally comes around quickly and we have another opportunity get that first victory under my tenure.

What I can say is that I have been encouraged by the attitude and commitment from all the squad which will hopefully bodes well for today and the remainder of the season.

Many thanks for your recent and continued support.

- Muzz

## 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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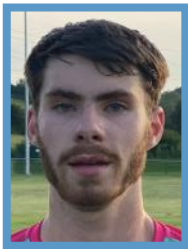


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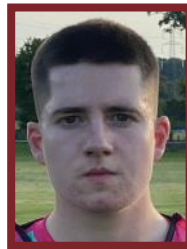
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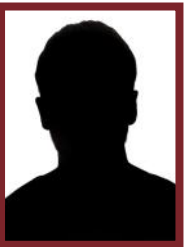
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## CLUB HISTORY

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Shrivenham Football Club was formed in 1900 and just eight years later the infant club became one of the founder members of the North Berks League. Success in the early years was hard to find however, after winning the Second Division crown at the end of the 1994-95 campaign, two Division One Championships were to follow - in 1997-98 - a season which also included the club winning the Charity Shield, and again in 2000-01, which after completing the required ground improvements, saw the club promoted to UHlsport Hellenic League Division One West at the second time of asking.

With our inaugural Hellenic League season ending with a creditable twelfth placed finish, a period of building began and after gaining some stability in the league, a further title winning season followed in 2004-05 gaining the club promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division after we won the league by a single point in what was unarguably, at the time, the most amazing season the club had ever experienced. A club record breaking eighth place finish was recorded in 2007-08, however a gradual decline began and despite avoiding relegation after finishing bottom of the table in 2012-13, just two seasons later relegation was confirmed after a nineteenth placed finish and a decade of Hellenic Premier League football brought a tough era to an end.

Two seasons of mid-table mediocrity ensued, however the club appointed a new Chairman ahead of the 2017-18 campaign and the introduction of a new management team soon followed as the club began rebuilding its ambitions and the bid to return to the Hellenic Premier Division. That goal was achieved at the first attempt as an amazing 12-game unbeaten run to the end of the campaign, found the club in second place and in an exciting final day which saw promotion rivals Easington Sports in third place, needing a result at home and Shrivvy without a fixture, Sports suffered the heartache of defeat against a midtable Letcombe side, and Shrivvy clung on to gain promotion.

The rebuilding was set to continue, however pre-Christmas the club looked odds on favourites to be fighting relegation, before an amazing turn of fortune saw the side go on a seventeen-game unbeaten run, during which time the picked up fifteen wins and two draws, and catapulted the club up to a new record finish of fifth, come the end of the season. 2019-20 saw the side in 4th position in the standings when the season was curtailed early due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the off season saw manager Gareth Davies step down in order to take a break from the game and Chris Hurley was appointed as his successor shortly before the season was due to start.

With a makeshift squad, the club endured a difficult start but despite being in bottom spot by the time the season came to a halt due to the Covid pandemic, new faces had begun to arrive and things were looking up once again, however by the time pre-season arrived a lack of First XI players at the opening training session brought back memories of the previous campaign, and in a bid to continue moving forwards, Chris Hurley saw his time at Barrington Park come to a close. The club have now recruited the management duo of Robin Broadbank and Daniel Broadbank for the 2021-22.



## **Rob Broadbank – Manager**

New manager this season and has joined the club in a joint management position with his like-minded son Dan and the two work as a great pair together. They have previously coached together at Devizes Town.



## **Elliot Day – Coach**

Been in and around the club since he could walk, a proper shriv man. He brings a wealth of footballing knowledge and will definitely help the transition of the youth players into the first team set up.



## **Christopher Tewkesbury – Defender**

Christopher is a well established defender and is solid at the back. He has good communication which is vital for defenders. He is good on the ball and will be a good addition for Rob and Dan's squad this year.



## **Ashley Taylor – Defender**

With great experience in the game at this level, the player has helped strengthen the side's defensive capabilities and will be another good addition for the upcoming season.



## **Rob Hendry - Defender**

Rob has previously played for the club before and is back for this season. He is a solid defender and has settled in well. He has a good relationship with people around the club too.



## **Jamie Stones – Midfielder**

Jamie is an experienced centre midfielder and is a new signing for this season. He is very calm on the ball and has great passing ability.



## **Jonny Davoile – Midfielder**

John is an experienced midfielder who has had caps for other clubs including previous club Wantage Town FC. He has started well in pre season and is looking forward to an exciting season ahead.



## **Jonathan Peachey-Score – Forward**

Jonathan is a good addition to the squad and works very hard for the team. He can't wait to get going and hopes the squad can have a good season. He is very pacy and a great finisher too.



## **Scott Garrett – Forward**

Scott is a good finisher and knows how to get the ball forward. Brilliant with the ball at his feet and very tricky. He is a great target man and is a nightmare for defenders.



## **Dan Broadbank – Manager**

Dan is a great coach and has both played and managed at this level before having a great experience. That experience is also more than doubled, having his dad on the sideline with him. Should be an exciting season ahead! Dan previously left Lambourn Sports and is looking forward to a new challenge.



## **James Foster – Goalkeeper**

James is an experienced keeper and is a great shot stopper. He is also very beneficial in the air and commands his box very well. He will make the defence feel confident this season.



## **Joe Broadbank – Defender**

Joe last ran out in the blue and white hoops during the 2018-19 season, making 6 appearances and picking up 1 yellow card and returns to work under his family members of Rob and Dan Broadbank.



## **Josh Gregory - Defender**

Josh is a hard working player who has a great footballing brain. He was previously with the club a couple seasons ago and it's great that he has returned not only for the footballing side but also a benefit to the bar.



## **Ryan Fry – Midfielder**

Ryan is a great addition to the team and is a great leader. He has great passing ability and works really hard for the team. He has previously captained Wantage Town FC.



## **Jamie Broadbank – Midfielder**

Jamie is an experienced midfielder and will be a good addition to Rob and Dan's squad. He is a good passer of the ball and works hard for the team.



## **Tyger Hall – Forward**

Tyger is a really exciting young winger who has recently progressed from the development squad at the end of last season and is starting to become a regular in the first team squad. Exciting times ahead for the young winger!



## **Bradley Hirst – Forward**

Bradley has been with the club since youth football. Within that time he has picked up various individual awards including the Golden Boot title having scored 46 goals during the 2017-18 season, followed by 31 in 2018-19 and with 21 goals in 2019/20, he was the overall top goal scorer at the club once again.



## **Joshua McGrory – Forward**

Josh is a very fast attacker and will cause problems for any defender and is also a very reliable finisher in front of goal. New to the club this season joining from Calne Town, he has been impressive.

## **UHS LPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 0-1 LONGLEVENS MONDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2021**

A solitary goal from visiting Longlevens captain Shaun O'Connor decided this local affair in front of a bumper Bank Holiday crowd of over three hundred. Rovers are still firing blanks in front of goal but this was a much more compact performance than the one against Corsham nine days earlier and should give the newly-appointed management team of Neil Mustoe and Ritchie Warden enough encouraging signs to work on in the New Year even though the team desperately needs to be picking up points again very quickly because if it does not it can expect to be caught and overtaken by the three clubs immediately below them in the table.

Matches between the two Gloucester clubs in this division tend to be quite tight affairs without many goals and this match continued that trend. There were several former Rovers players in the Longlevens squad and although that sort of familiarity can lead to rather feisty confrontations that wasn't really evident until the closing stages when Rovers had a player sent off for a pretty wild challenge.

Tuffley kicked off playing down the slope but both teams won early corners. The 'Levens corner was taken by Luke Troke and the ball certainly moved in the air and was drifting inside the far post when Jack Copland grabbed it to make a clean catch.

Eight minutes had passed before there was a sniff of a chance. Brad Martin got his head to a free-kick taken by Troke on the left but when the ball reached Will Emery he could only drive his shot wide of Copland's left-hand post.

Five minutes later Jamal Lawrence found himself in the clear when a long ball forward reached him but he was being put under pressure by a defender and maybe got his shot away a little earlier than he needed to, an effort which was comfortably saved by Ellis Parker.



Midway through the first half Warren Mann fouled Dave Merrick as Longlevens built up a move on the right. Troke's free-kick drifted over everyone in the penalty-area before smacking against the far post; this led to an almighty scramble as defenders tried to clear the ball but instead led to Merrick getting a shot away which was deflected for a corner.



Just after the half-hour mark the visitors took the lead. O'Connor moved menacingly forward into the final third of the pitch and exchanged passes with Martin before driving in a right-footed shot which was deflected off debutant Scott Nicholls and out of Copland's reach and ended up in the far corner.



There was a flurry of activity soon after the goal as Longlevens threatened to increase their lead. Ex-Rover Rudi McKinnon fired in a ferocious shot from the left which was screaming into the far corner until Copland flew through the air and somehow diverted the ball onto his crossbar and away from immediate danger. Two minutes later Martin passed to Emery on the right and the cross was met by Cameron Williams who could not get over the ball properly and headed it over the crossbar.

Just before the interval Rovers had two decent opportunities to equalise. Lewis Bainbridge ran from deep inside his own half down the left and hurdled a couple of attempted tackles while still retaining possession of the ball before getting in a tame shot which Parker dealt with comfortably. Then Nicholls moved up when Rovers were awarded a free-kick on the right but he could only head Josh Aldridge's cross wide of the goal. So 'Levens held on to take their narrow lead into the half-time break.

The visitors moved forward with purpose early in the second half and this led to two corners, the second of which was headed wide by Williams. Rovers won a corner themselves shortly afterwards and Aldridge's flag-kick led to a fierce drive from Nicholls which Parker acrobatically turned aside.



Rovers' shortcomings in front of goal were well documented and they again failed to create enough decent opportunities for themselves even though their big centre-forward Lawrence worked hard for little reward. Lucas Price had an effort that should have drawn the scores level, but Parker made another superb save to keep his side in front.

Both teams made substitutions as the match entered its final third. Warren Mann was brought down heavily and limped away but Rovers had made their three changes by then so the Tuffley veteran had to see out the match. The same fate befell Ethan Dunbar for the visitors.

Time was nearly up when Mann flew into a challenge on O'Connor for which referee Mitchell Terry pulled a red card out of his pocket. Rovers had to play with a man less for what little time remained but Longlevens remained composed and disciplined and continued to work hard to protect their narrow lead with the three points earned moving them level on points with Westbury United in eighth place although they have played three matches more than the Wiltshire club.

# Statistics 2021/22

## Competition

UHSport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

FAC = FA Cup; FAV = FA Vase; GFA = GFA Challenge Trophy;

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BLFC = Banbury Litho Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

2021		Att	Scorers	Parisson, Jake	Bainbridge, Lewis	Swales, Joshua	Geddes, Jacob	Herbert, Macaulay	Kent, Dominik				
03/Aug	7:45pm	Thornbury Town	A	L	1-2	134	J Lawrence	1	2	3	4	5	6
08/Aug	3pm	Windsor FC	FAC	H	W	3-2	193	J Swales, D Kent, A Basford	16	3	4	5	8
14/Aug	3pm	Corsham Town	A	L	0-2	60	-	2	3	4	8		
21/Aug	3pm	Flackwell Heath	FAC	H	D	2-2	78	M Herbert, L Price	3	15	4	5	8
24/Aug	7:45pm	Flackwell Heath	FAC	A	L	0-6	139	-	2	9	U	5	8
28/Aug	3pm	Shrivenham	A	L	2-3	65	O.G., W Mann	3	6				
30/Aug	3pm	Longlevens	A	D	2-2	87	D Ellis-Clark, A Basford	5	8				
04/Sep	3pm	Chipping Sodbury Town	A	W	3-2	52	L Bainbridge, A Basford, B Denness-Barrett	3	8				
08/Sep	7:45pm	Caine Town	A	W	2-1	92	L Bainbridge, B Denness-Barrett	3	8				
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					8
25/Sep	3pm	Fleet Spurs	FAV	H	W	3-2	82	O.G., J Shutt, J Geddes	10	4	6		
02/Oct	3pm	Bradford Town	H	W	1-0	71	J Shutt	11	4	6			
05/Oct	7:45pm	Malvern Town	A	D	3-3	174	J Lawrence, J Shutt, A Woodall		4	6			
09/Oct	3pm	Hereford Lads Club	A	L	1-9	106	B Denness-Barrett		4	6			
12/Oct	7:45pm	Caine Town	H	D	1-1	87	J Lawrence	11	4	6			
16/Oct	3pm	Bishops Cleeve	A	D	0-0	70	-	3	4	6			
19/Oct	7:45pm	Chipping Sodbury Town	H	W	3-1	56	B Denness-Barrett (2), L Bainbridge	3	4	6			
23/Oct	3pm	Street FC	FAV	H	L	1-4	70	A Basford	11	4	6		
26/Oct	7:45pm	Westfields	A	W	1-0	142	J Lawrence		4	6			
30/Oct	3pm	Westbury United	H	L	0-3	79	-	12	4	6			
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					6
09/Nov	7:45pm	Malvern Town	H	L	0-3	133	-		4	6			
13/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	H	L	0-1	66	-						4 12
16/Nov	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	GFA	H	L	2-5	66	D Kent, J Shutt	11	4	6		
20/Nov	3pm	Cribbs FC	A	L	0-3	-	-						4 10
30/Nov	7:45pm	Fairford Town	H	L	0-1	73	-						4 8
04/Dec	3pm	Lydney Town	A	L	0-4	77	-						4 10
18/Dec	3pm	Corsham Town	H	L	0-3	81	-	11	4	8			
27/Dec	1pm	Longlevens	H	L	0-1	331	-	11	5	10			
2022													
03/Jan	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H	L	2-6	168	W Ramsey, L Bainbridge	11	4	8			
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										
05/Feb	3pm	Hallen	H										
12/Feb	3pm	Westfields	H										
19/Feb	3pm	Westbury United	A										
26/Feb	3pm	Cribbs FC	H										
05/Mar	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	A										
12/Mar	3pm	Lydney Town	H										
19/Mar	3pm	Fairford Town	A										
26/Mar	3pm	Hallen	A										

### Goalscorers

Denness-Barrett, Brennan	6
Shutt, Joe	5
Bainbridge, Lewis	5
Basford, Aaron	4
Lawrence, Jamal	4
O.G.	3
Price, Lucas	2
Morgan, Harry	2
Kent, Dominik	2
Swales, Josh	1
Herbert, Macaulay	1
Mann, Warren	1
Ellis-Clark, Dion	1
Geddes, Jacob	1
Woodall, Archie	1
Ramsey, Will	1

STARTS	1	20	6	24	4	29
SUBSTITUTE	0	2	1	0	0	1
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0	0	0	1	0	0





## The last time out against today's opposition at Glevum Park

Last time we met today's opponents at Glevum Park in an UHlsport Hellenic League match was on 13 April 2019 when the visitors took all three points...

### **UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 0-3 SHRIVENHAM SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2019**

Saturday's visitors to Glevum Park, Shrivenham, could be well satisfied with their first season in the Premier Division following their promotion at the end of the 2017-18 season. Strangely, there are similarities with the season their hosts had in that both made a dreadful start which was followed by a remarkable recovery after the turn of the year. Whilst Rovers had found a run of form that had taken almost to the brink of safety, Shrivvy's revival has been even more remarkable. They have surged up the table in a 15 match run either side of New Year, a run which has seen them take 43 points from the 45 available. The only points they have dropped during this period have been to one of only four clubs that sit above them in the table, Wantage Town.

So, Shrivenham arrived in Gloucester top of the form table because nobody in this division has taken more points than them in their last half dozen league games. Only Brackley Town Saints had won more away matches this season, but nobody had beaten Tuffley in Gloucester since the middle of December. Those statistics definitely made this a match to look forward to.

Shrivenham's long, unbeaten run continues, but in a strange way Tuffley were also winners in that they now know that they cannot finish lower than 17<sup>th</sup> because although Reading City can still match their current points total the Berkshire club have a significantly inferior goal-difference which they can't make up with only one league fixture remaining. As it turned out, Shrivvy deserved this victory at Glevum Park; they were sharper in almost every way than their hosts, but Rovers will be disappointed that they did not put on a stronger performance as they slipped to their first home defeat of the calendar year.

On a chilly and windy afternoon, the visitors kicked off playing towards the open end and won an early corner. It was easy to see why their settled team had become so hard to beat in recent months because they kept their defensive shape well, ably marshalled by captain Sam Ockwell, and their forward players were a threat all afternoon with quick, incisive passing down the flanks being a regular part of their attacking moves.

Shrivenham had the first shot in anger after ten minutes. Tom Ballard's square pass found Ockwell moving forward to join the attack and his fierce shot was scrambled away by Luke Merchant for a corner. When the flag-kick came in Macaulay Dodson thumped a header against the Rovers crossbar. Shortly afterwards Ockwell and Ballard combined again to send Ryan Stanners into the home penalty-area where he tumbled over but lukewarm appeals for a penalty were waved away by referee Martin Ealey.

At the other end an inviting ball forward by Paul Carter was chased by Jake Rhodes but he was unable to get the ball under control and have a shot at goal. Visiting 'keeper Mike Alexander made a bit of a hash of a goal-kick but was alert enough to save Kieran Alder's shot a few seconds later as Rovers attempted to capitalise on his error.



Rhodes seemed the home player most likely to force a breakthrough. His header from Rhys Davies' right-wing cross went narrowly wide of Alexander's goal and another header from a cross by Will Dawes was held by the goalkeeper.

With just over half an hour played Shrivvenham took the lead. Nathan Blackford's square pass was swept into the net by Antonio Gerrish but the assistant referee's flag was up and it looked as if the goal would be disallowed. Furious protests by the Shrivvy players saw the referee trot over to have a chat with his assistant and, after consulting with him, the goal was given. This was a blow for the home team but their hopes of gaining the point which would ensure their safety mathematically took a further blow when Macaulay Herbert's clumsy challenge on Gerrish saw the referee award a penalty in the visitors' favour. As against Binfield, a fortnight earlier, Luke Merchant dived left but the ball, hit fiercely by Blackford, went into the other corner.

It could have got even worse for Rovers before the interval because Gerrish danced past a couple of half-hearted challenges in the home penalty-area before rattling the crossbar with a fierce drive.

The way the first half had ended gave the Rovers players plenty to think about during the interval, but they made a positive start to the second period with Davies working really hard to keep a crossfield ball in play near the touch-line before beating his immediate opponent and racing down the right wing to fire a cross over. Almost immediately Rovers brought off Warren Mann with Brett James coming on to replace him. Shrivvenham continued to look dangerous on the break and a neat flick by Gerrish sent Stanners away on the left. When the return pass came in Gerrish thumped the ball narrowly over the home crossbar.

Rovers won several corners in the second half but only one of them led to anything dangerous when Joel White got on the end of Kieran Alder's cross to force Alexander into conceding another corner on the other side.

Around the mid-point of the second half there were three substitutions in quick succession. Rovers brought on Adam Bloomfield for Rhodes and Dominik Kent for Tyreece Briscoe; the visitors responded by sending on Josh Morse for right-back Scot Chilcott and would later be forced to replace their other full-back, Matt Horsell, with Alex Stanley when Horsell was unable to continue after being treated on the pitch for an injury. Seconds after Stanley's arrival came the third goal which meant there was no way back for Rovers. More neat passing on the right saw the ball reach Gerrish just outside the Rovers penalty-area in a central position. He brought the ball under control then lashed it with his right foot and watched it fly into the net via Merchant's right-hand post. Immediately after the goal Shrivvenham made their final change, bringing on Gareth Davies for Ballard.



Although four Rovers players were cautioned this wasn't an indisciplined performance by the home team. Shrivvenham stay in 5<sup>th</sup> position after their eleventh away win of the season. They are four points behind the club in third place and four points ahead of the club in sixth place. Rovers lost a seventh home league game but played a lot better than they had when losing their opening four league matches at Glevum Park this season. Both clubs have had a pretty good second half to the season but it is hard to argue that Shrivvenham did not deserve their latest victory because they worked hard to achieve it. For Rovers it was just a 'bad day at the office', of which there have been very few since the turn of the year.



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# Appearance information

Up to and including Monday, 3 January 2022

(includes selected list of former players)

Warren Mann recently reached the milestone of 450 competitive games for Tuffley Rovers at Step 7 and above but his sending-off in appearance 451 meant he missed our last game on 3 January. It raised an interesting question for me, as to how the squad selected without him involved compared for total appearances.

So, here are some numbers for you...

- Total appearances (16 players) - 600 appearances
- Total appearances (starting XI) - 420 appearances
- Next most appearances - Liam Wright / Dominik Kent (113)

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Aldridge, Josh	17	0	Lawrence, Isaac	24	1
Bainbridge, Lewis	55	10	Lawrence, Jamal	9	4
Basford, Aaron	27	4	Ledger, Dan	1	0
Beardsell, Jack	43	8	Lomotey, Yeshaya	8	0
Bird, Ashley	52	5	Mann, Warren	451	80
Bradley, Shayne	230	106	Marszalek, Jerzy	2	0
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	19	0	Morgan, Harry	25	3
Davies, Ashley	162	27	Nicholls, Scott	2	0
Davis, Felix	0	0	Parsisson, Jake	1	0
Denness-Barrett, Brennan	15	6	Price, Lucas	23	2
Ellis-Clark, Dion	16	1	Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Ramsey, Will	4	1
Geddes, Jacob	38	2	Rhodes, Jake	74	24
Greenhouse, Daniel	2	0	Romais, Billy	5	0
Hailwood, Ben	3	0	Shutt, Joe	58	13
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Shyamapant, Tomos	2	0
Haswell, Tristan	97	1	Smith, Liam	17	0
Herbert, Macaulay	218	8	Spencer, Tom	3	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, Lee	131	4
James, Richard	125	40	Wallington, Mark	220	29
John, Harri	32	0	White, Joel	95	4
Jones, Xander	11	0	Woodall, Archie	13	1
Jordan, Scott	1	0	Wright, Liam	113	3
Kent, Dominik	113	16	Yussuf, Demilade	6	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 the focus is on goal droughts (after we finally broke our own!)...**

1. Alan Smith controversially transferred from Leeds United to Manchester United in 2004, after scoring regularly for the Elland Road club. He then moved onto Newcastle United, in 2007 and failed to score a Premier League goal after netting against Charlton Athletic in 2005. How many games did he play in the Premier League without scoring between 2005 and 2012?

2. The player pictured almost rivaled Smith, as he went through a long spell without scoring a Premier League goal. He did net in 2010 but scored just twice in 91 Premier League appearances for The Hammers. Who is he?



3. Not so much a drought...eleven players currently share the record for the longest period between a first and last goal in World Cup Finals. Uwe Seeler, Pele, Diego Maradona, Michael Laudrup, Henrik Larsson, Sami Al-Jaber, Cuauhtemoc Blanco, Miroslav Klose and Ivica Olic are the retired players who hold that distinction. Which two current players are included in the list and could break the record at the 2022 World Cup?

4. Name these three players who played over 300 competitive games for a single club without scoring...and which club did each 'achieve' the feat for?



5. Which centre-forward signed for Chelsea in 2011, for £50M, and failed to score for 24 matches between October 2011 and March 2012?

**Quiz Answers:** (1) 70 games; (2) Luis Boa Morte; (3) Cristiano Ronaldo & Lionel Messi; (4) (a) Frank Clark – Nottingham Forest / (b) Kenny Cunningham – Wimbledon / (c) Tony Hibbert – Everton; (5) Fernando Torres.

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## **UHSLEPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 2-6 BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP MONDAY, 3 JANUARY 2022**

Given an awful run of form dating back to the end of October, there has been little to celebrate at Tuffley Rovers, but in his first game officially in charge of the club (albeit his second appearance in the dugout), Neil Mustoe saw his side end one barren run as they finally scored a goal in a Hellenic League fixture, 648 minutes after their last. That the goal – a rather scrambled and otherwise unmemorable effort from Will Ramsey – was the first by a Rovers player since Joe Shutt scored an early goal in a game at Roman Glass St George on 3 November is perhaps the most obvious illustration of the problems that have blighted Rovers' season.

Mustoe made two changes to the starting line-up, following the defeat at home to Longlevens, with Aaron Basford and Ramsey called up in place of the Demilade Yussuf and the suspended Warren Mann. Brimscombe arrived at Glevum Park without their manager, Sam Prior, who had suffered the tragic loss of his father less than 48 hours earlier.

After an impeccably observed minute's silence, the game kicked off at a lightening fast pace, in front of a healthy sized Bank Holiday crowd, and the visitors almost had an early lead, as Sam Folkes' cross was met by Ben Baxter, whose header fell neatly into the path of Ollie Pitt, but he was crowded out and his shot deflected wide of Jack Copland's goal. Jonty Welch fired over from the resultant set-piece.

Pitt had been denied but he successfully turned provider on 11 minutes, as his free-kick found Kyle Pitts at the back post and the Thrupp defender has given the freedom of Glevum Park as he stooped down to head the ball into the Rovers net from close range.



Given Rovers' goal drought, a single goal lead for the opposition would inevitably bring fear and so Mustoe would have been grateful to see Welch waste another chance, two minutes later, as he headed over from close range.

The recalled Aaron Basford then had Rovers' first chance of note, only to put his shot straight at Gavin Jones in the visiting goal.

However, after 18 minutes the moment that the hosts' fans had been waiting for finally arrived. After Jones' kick failed to get the required distance, Elijah Simpson miscontrolled and the ball was picked up by Jamal Lawrence, who burst through two challenges before rolling the ball across the Brimscombe goal line and Ramsey, arriving late, made enough contact with the ball to loop it towards the goal, with Baxter's desperate attempt to keep the ball ultimately failing as he could only succeed in heading the ball into his own net. The goal was credited to Ramsey, making it his first for the club.

It was almost 2-1 seven minutes later as Lewis Bainbridge carried the ball deep into the visitors territory, cut inside and fired a shot past Jones, only to see it cannon away off the frame of the goal, but by the time the half hour mark was reached, the score had turned in Rovers' favour.

When Lucas Price cut inside his man, he unleashed a rasping shot that once again beat Jones before hitting the woodwork, but this time Bainbridge was on-hand to win the loose ball and force the ball over the line to make it 2-1 to Mustoe's side.



Folkes then missed a terrific chance to instantly equalize, but the porous Rovers defence once again surrendered a lead, as Scott Nicholls made a hash of an attempt to head the ball back to Copland, allowing Jack Smith to steal possession and confidently dispatch the ball into the Rovers goal and bring the scores level on 36 minutes.



Within five minutes it was 3-2, as Folkes turned Smith's miscued effort home and then there was further misery for the hosts, as a failure to clear the ball effectively ended with Pitt teeing up Smith for his second of the game and making it 4-2 on 42 minutes.

When the interval arrived shortly after, Mustoe was left to reflect on half an hour of positives, ultimately undone by ten minutes of calamitous defending that was another illustration of the problems he will face in turning the season around.

Several substitutions interrupted the early stages of the second half but the game was largely put to bed, on just past the hour mark, when Folkes made a powerful run into the Rovers box, before crossing into the path of Welch, who made no mistake and tucked the ball beyond Copland to make it 5-2.

Further substitutions followed and chances became fewer and farther between but the result was finally sealed in Brimscombe & Thrupp's favour, with twelve minutes remaining, as Smith latched onto a loose ball from a corner to poke the ball over the line and complete his hat-trick in the process.

When the final whistle sounded Rovers were once again on the wrong end of a disappointing scoreline but there was plenty of optimism around Glevum Park, after a spirited display that has at least seen Rovers show some teeth in front of goal, as Mustoe looks ahead to the visit of Shrivenham on Saturday, 8 January and another chance to secure his first points as manager of Tuffley Rovers.



# 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.

Since those records began, we've not had too many games on 8 January but there are a few notable games that have been played around this particular date...

## 8 January 2011

Rockleaze Rangers recorded just a second league win of the season, as they scored an 86<sup>th</sup> minute winner, through Savas Frangoullis, who finished from Kye Simpson's pass. Rovers almost opened the scoring, as early as the third minute, but Peter Thomas was twice denied by the Rockleaze keeper.

**Squad:** Adam Bennett; Kyle Kennedy; Richard Workman; Ashley Davies; Lee Wallington; Peter Thomas; Liam Harding; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** John Sesan; Jamie Harper.

## 7 January 2012

Tuffley Rovers closed the gap on league leaders, Henbury, as they recorded an excellent 4-2 victory at Glevum Park. Johnny Meadows opened the scoring, before Henbury equalised. Rovers then scored three more – through Dean Gorman, Shayne Bradley and Jivan Bryan-Munroe - before a late Henbury goal reduced the arrears.



**Squad:** Mark Harris; Dean Gorman; Richard James; Liam Harding; Michael Oakes; Marcus Foxwell; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann; Johnny Meadows; Stuart Griffith. **Subs used:** Jivan Bryan-Munroe; Mark Ford.

## 10 January 2015

Tuffley Rovers were dumped out of the GFA Challenge Trophy by lower league opposition, as Cheltenham Civil Service recorded a 2-0 win over Warren Evans' side.

**Squad:** Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Macaulay Herbert; Glenn Gittins; Courtney Hamilton; Kieran Dobbins; Ashley Davies; Warren Mann; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Sam Drew; Adji Gnadja; Mike Devlin.

## 7 January 2017

Tuffley Rovers continued their good Hellenic League Premier Division form as they swept aside Brackley Town Saints 5-0 at Glevum Park. Two goals from Warren Mann and a Jamie Goodwin effort made it 3-0 at the interval. Mann completed his hat-trick in the second period, with Goodwin also getting another goal to complete the rout.



**Squad:** Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Marcus Foxwell; Ben Tunnicliff; Jamie Goodwin; Harry Walker; Ryan Dobbins; Liam Wright; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Jake Sloggett; Courtney Hamilton; Ashley Davies.

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(up to and including fixtures played on Tuesday, 4 January 2022)

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bishops Cleeve	26	18	6	2	33	60
2	Westfields	25	15	5	5	24	50
3	Malvern Town	24	14	7	3	31	49
4	Brimscombe & Thrupp	25	15	4	6	21	49
5	Bradford Town	24	15	3	6	27	48
6	Corsham Town	25	14	6	5	25	48
7	Cribbs	25	14	4	7	18	46
8	Westbury United	22	13	6	3	27	45
9	Longlevens AFC	25	14	3	8	17	45
10	Roman Glass St George	25	12	2	11	7	38
11	Fairford Town	26	10	4	12	3	34
12	Shrivenham	25	9	5	11	-16	32
13	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	24	9	4	11	-12	31
14	Hereford Lads Club	26	8	4	14	-6	28
15	Thornbury Town	27	6	8	13	-18	26
16	Chipping Sodbury Town	26	6	3	17	-32	21
17	Tuffley Rovers	25	5	4	16	-38	19
18	Lydney Town	27	5	3	19	-29	18
19	Calne Town	26	5	2	19	-42	17
20	Hallen	26	2	3	21	-40	9

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