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EDITOR'S COMMENT

Welcome to this evening's game against Roman Glass St George. 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.

As I said in the last edition of our match-day programme, we seem to be playing at home all the time at the moment and the pitch is showing all the signs of over-use that come with that. We've played away from home just twice since we visited Roman Glass St. George on 3 November, which is a very odd thing to be saying.

If you aren't clear what that means, tonight's game will be the 30th on our pitch in the last 73 days. This wasn't entirely unexpected following the delays to us using the ground this season but it has been a real challenge when three teams have to play catch-up on the home games delayed by the late completion associated with our new drainage system being installed.

I've said many times that our pitch was always going to be a problem for us this season but the investment made in the summer was with an eye on our future, not on the present. When you have to play fixtures at a rate of one game every 2.5 days, I am not sure how you can properly maintain a surface, despite the best endeavours of all involved.

My hope tonight is that we can continue the good form we've shown of late and build on the positive result at the weekend. With the new additions to our squad, I'd hope we can quickly move away from a relegation fight. We are a better side than our results have shown; that I am sure of.

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

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

Good evening all and a warm welcome to Glevum Park.

I would like to start by welcoming our opposition players, management, committee and supporters from Roman Glass, in what I believe to be your first visit to us for Hellenic League football.

It is pleasing to write that we picked up our first 3 points in 12 games on Saturday and what stood out for me most, was it was a performance that looked like a Hellenic League team performance, which had grit and playing football in the right areas of the field.

It was great to see Ashley Davies back at the club, alongside a fantastic debut from Harvey Greenslade who we have secured on work experience for the next six weeks. Bagging two goals and a first within a minute isn't a bad way to start with the club!

Experienced leadership made a huge difference on Saturday with Tash, Joel White and Ash Bird on the field. The scoreline flattered Shrivenham, truth be told, and I know Muzzy was frustrated with conceding the two late goals. However, if someone offered me that scoreline before the game, given our run of poor results, we all would have taken it.

The pitch has had an absolute hammering over the last couple of weeks, so a huge thankyou to everyone that has helped get games on, especially over the Christmas and New Year period.

I hope we have an enjoyable game of football this evening and you have chance to make the most of the hospitality here at Glevum Park.

Cheers,

- Dan

Dan Boon
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MANAGER'S COMMENT

Good evening and welcome Glevum Park. I would like to welcome all players staff and supporters from Roman Glass St George and everyone else visiting today.

After the win on Saturday we are looking forward to this evening's game. Although the scoreline on Saturday seems close it was far from that, with a good performance for around 80 mins, before we gave away two very late goals.

What was pleasing was the chances we created and some of the football we played. Bringing in two additions to the squad in Ashley Davies and Harvey Greenslade, combined with the return of Joel White, gave the group a massive boost going into the game.

Although the attendance was down on previous two games you would not have known when the goals went in.

I hope you enjoy tonight's game and thank you for your 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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ROMAN GLASS ST GEORGE CLUB

HISTORY



The club Roman Glass St George is the result of an amalgamation between Bristol St George and Roman Glass. Bristol St George was formed in 1882 and is the oldest club in Bristol. They were founder members of the GFA in 1886 and won the GFA Senior Challenge Cup on two occasions 1894 and 1895, beating Eastville Rovers 3-1 on the first occasion.

The club also entered the FA Cup in 1891 and the inaugural FA Amateur Cup in 1894. The current ground at Bell Hill was opened with a match between a Bristol & District XI and the English champions Aston Villa in 1894. In 1897 the club turned professional and spent two seasons in the Birmingham & District League. The club reverted to amateur status in 1901 and continued that way until joining the Western League in 1928. In 1935 after struggling financially they dropped out and joined the Bristol & District League once again. They won the first division only once in 1949/50 but were always a leading team until they became founder members of the Bristol Premier Combination in 1957. St George played in this league winning it five seasons in succession from 1963/64 season to 1967/68 until they joined the Gloucestershire County League on its formation in 1968.

The Sixties was the Golden era for the club as in addition to winning these league titles they also managed to win the Gloucestershire Senior Amateur Cup five times, which included four successive seasons. Success was also found in the FA Amateur Cup when they regularly took on the top amateur clubs in the Country such as Hendon, Dagenham, Hayes and Leytonstone in front of crowds numbering thousands. St George won the County league in 1969/70 and was runners-up twice before a gradual decline in fortunes until in 1987 the club were expelled from the league due to sub-standard facilities. A return to the Premier Combination saw a brief improvement resulting in winning the Premier Division in 1992/93. With no promotion gained the club nosedived and were in danger of folding when Roman Glass stepped in.

Roman Glass originated as a street team called Wyndham Wanderers in 1960 and played in the Bristol Church of England League and then joined the Bristol & District League in 1974. The club enjoyed moderate success gradually climbing the leagues and in 1980 changed its name to Roman Glass. The club began to decline until in 1990 Roger Hudd took over as manager and steered them to win the Division 4 title the club continued to improve gaining successive promotions until the amalgamation in 1995.

Roman Glass St George in the Premier Combination immediately gained success, winning promotion to the Premier Division that season and then winning that league in 1998/99 season to earn promotion to the County League. The club won the County league in 2001/02 and then season 2006/07 which resulted in promotion to the Toolstation (Western) League, a league the club last played in, in 1935.

Following Promotion to Step 5 of the pyramid, Roman Glass St George FC now compete in the Hellenic League Premier Division.



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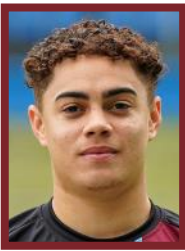
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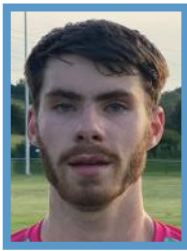
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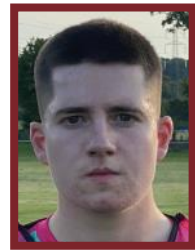
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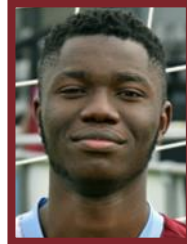
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UHSLPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 3-2 SHRIVENHAM SATURDAY, 8 JANUARY 2022

Seventy-four days, eleven Hellenic League games or after 990 minutes of football, Tuffley Rovers finally recorded a Premier Division victory on Saturday, Neil Mustoe's first as team manager, albeit with the scoreline ultimately not as emphatic as it might have been, or probably should have been.

Two late goals from the visitors took a little gloss off a performance that had brought a long overdue victory for the hosts, in Mustoe's second game in his new role, but after such a long spell without a league point few of those cheering on Rovers at Glevum Park would have cared too much about anything but the final score.

Miserable weather conditions in the days leading up to the fixture meant a pitch inspection took place at 12noon, but the game went ahead on a heavy surface, with Mustoe making several changes to the starting line-up after the defeat against Brimscombe & Thrupp on 3 January. If the Glevum Park faithful needed a sign that Mustoe's reign might bring a change in fortunes, they were to be buoyed by the inclusion of a returning player, Ashley Davies, in the starting line-up after he signed from Southern League side Cinderford Town.

In addition, there was a return for influential centre-back Joel White, after a long spell out due to injury, a first start for another returning player, Ashley Bird, who last started on 26 August 2019, and a first appearance in Tuffley Rovers' colours for Bristol Rovers scholar Harvey Greenslade, who had been signed a little over 24 hours before the game on a Work Experience arrangement.

As influential as Davies, Bird and White all proved to be, it was Greenslade who would ultimately prove to be the star of the show, almost as the game had begun.

Forty seconds into the game, Greenslade's pace saw him move into a threatening position and he drew a foul from Rob Hendry, whose clumsy challenge pulled the new Rovers man to the ground just a few yards out from the edge of the Shrivenham penalty area, near the right-hand touchline. Fifteen seconds later, the ball was in the visitors' goal as Josh Aldridge's beautifully flighted free-kick found the new man, six yards out, and he planted a superb header into the corner of the net, with Shrivenham keeper James Foster helpless.

Just a few minutes later Greenslade might have made it 2-0 but he shot first time, after a defensive mix-up had given him an opportunity, when he might have run in on Foster's goal. In a frenetic opening to the game. another attack that started with the Bristol Rovers man him produce a low shot that was blocked, before Lewis Bainbridge volleyed the rebound way over when he might have done better.



It wasn't one-way traffic, despite Rovers holding the advantage, and a Hendry cross found its way to Tyger Hall at the back post, but his volleyed effort matched Bainbridge's and Jack Copland was able to watch it go high over his goal.

Hall was to feature in the next chance for Shrivenham, shortly before the interval, but after Copland went down bravely, amidst a crowd of players looking to block the Hall's attempt, the visiting player took a boot to the face and was forced out of action a lengthy delay for treatment.

When the interval arrived a few minutes later, Rovers lead after 45 minutes for the first time since they had hosted Chipping Sodbury Town on 19 October.

If there were any concerns about the narrow lead and the fragility of Rovers' confidence, they took a huge step in the right direction just four minutes into the second period, as Will Ramsey roll the ball into Davies, whose low cross went through a crowded penalty area, before eventually reaching Greenslade, who needed no invitation to add his and Rovers' second of the game with a poacher's finish from four yards out.

The energy of Rovers' attacking line, with Greenslade, Bird and Bainbridge all prominent in each attacking play, was causing Shrivenham plenty of problems and it might have been 3-0 after an hour, but Josh Gregory cleared off the line after Greenslade had sent Bainbridge clear of the visiting defence. A few minutes later Dom Kent might have put the game beyond doubt but Foster saved well.

It was 3-0 with nineteen minutes remaining, though, as substitute Jack Beardsell stole possession from another sub, Tyler Wilkinson, and his pass sat Greenslade away on goal. Foster made a good stop to deny the debutant his hat-trick but Kent lifted the ball over a desperate defensive challenge before striking an excellent shot past the Shrivenham keeper from close range.



If Greenslade had deserved a hat-trick it should have come five minutes later, after his bursting run into the box was stopped by a foul from Foster and a penalty was awarded. Unfortunately, his spot-kick was too close to the keeper and the Shrivenham No.1 then produced a superb save to turn away the rebound and keep the margin to three goals.

Foster made another good stop to deny Bird in the closing stages but that only seemed to be designed to keep the margin of defeat to a minimum than a save likely to prove important in the context of the game.

As it was, Shrivenham were to score twice in injury time, first through Tim Cook, who bundled the ball home from close range, before Ash Taylor headed home from a corner. That created a little unnecessary tension in the closing moments but Rovers ultimately stood firm but to bed one of the worst losing runs (if not the worst) in the club's Hellenic League history and gained a very much deserved victory; the first of Mustoe's tenure.

Statistics 2021/22

Competition

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

BFCC = Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup;

BLFC = Banbury Litho Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

						Att		Scorers		Parisson, Jake	Bainbridge, Lewis	Swales, Joshua	Geddes, Jacob	Herbert, Macaulay	Kent, Dominik	Shutt, Joe
2021																
03/Aug	7:45pm	Thornbury Town	A	L	1-2	134	J Lawrence			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
08/Aug	3pm	Windsor FC	FAC	H	W	3-2	193	J Swales, D Kent, A Basford		16	3	4	5	8	17	
14/Aug	3pm	Corsham Town		A	L	0-2	60	-		2	3	4		8	7	
21/Aug	3pm	Flackwell Heath	FAC	H	D	2-2	78	M Herbert, L Price		3	15	4	5	8	11	
24/Aug	7:45pm	Flackwell Heath	FACr	A	L	0-6	139	-		2	9	U	5	8	7	
28/Aug	3pm	Shrivenham		A	L	2-3	65	O.G., W Mann		3	3			6	7	
30/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		A	D	2-2	87	D Ellis-Clark, A Basford			5			8	2	
04/Sep	3pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		A	W	3-2	52	L Bainbridge, A Basford, B Denness-Barrett		3				8	7	
08/Sep	7:45pm	Calne Town		A	W	2-1	92	L Bainbridge, B Denness-Barrett		3				8	7	
11/Sep	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria	FAV	A	W	4-2	83	H Morgan (2), L Price, L Bainbridge		2						
18/Sep	3pm	Brimacombe & Thrupp		A	L	1-5	102	B Denness-Barrett		2				8	7	
25/Sep	3pm	Fleet Spurs	FAV	H	W	3-2	82	O.G., J Shutt, J Geddes		10	4			6	7	
02/Oct	3pm	Bradford Town		H	W	1-0	71	J Shutt		11	4			6	7	
05/Oct	7:45pm	Malvern Town		A	D	3-3	174	J Lawrence, J Shutt, A Woodall				4		6	7	
09/Oct	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		A	L	1-9	106	B Denness-Barrett				4		6	7	
12/Oct	7:45pm	Calne Town		H	D	1-1	87	J Lawrence		11	4			6	7	
16/Oct	3pm	Bishops Cleeve		A	D	0-0	70	-		3	4			6	7	
19/Oct	7:45pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		H	W	3-1	56	B Denness-Barrett (2), L Bainbridge		3	4			6	7	
23/Oct	3pm	Street FC	FAV	H	L	1-4	70	A Basford		11	4			6	7	
26/Oct	7:45pm	Westfields		A	W	1-0	142	J Lawrence				4		6	7	
30/Oct	3pm	Westbury United		H	L	0-3	79	-		12	4			6	7	
03/Nov	7:45pm	Roman Glass St. George		A	L	1-4	40	J Shutt		11	4			7		
06/Nov	3pm	Thornbury Town		H	L	1-3	55	O.G.		3				6	7	
09/Nov	7:45pm	Malvern Town		H	L	0-3	133	-				4		6	7	
13/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H	L	0-1	66	-				4	12	7		
16/Nov	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	GFA	H	L	2-5	66	D Kent, J Shutt		11	4			6	7	
20/Nov	3pm	Cribbs FC		A	L	0-3	-	-				4		10	7	
30/Nov	7:45pm	Fairford Town		H	L	0-1	73	-				4		8	7	
04/Dec	3pm	Lydney Town		A	L	0-4	77	-				4		10	14	
18/Dec	3pm	Corsham Town		H	L	0-3	81	-		11	4			8	7	
27/Dec	1pm	Longlevens		H	L	0-1	331	-		11	5			10		
2022																
03/Jan	3pm	Brimacombe & Thrupp		H	L	2-6	168	W Ramsey, L Bainbridge		11	4			8		
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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
Kent, Dominik	3
O.G.	3
Greenslade, Harvey	2
Price, Lucas	2
Morgan, Harry	2
Greenslade, Harvey	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	21	6	25	4	30	27
SUBSTITUTE	0	2	1	0	0	1	3
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

Jack Copland

Goalkeeper

A hugely talented young goalkeeper who was a mainstay of the club's U18 campaign in the 2020/21 FA Youth Cup. Terrific handling and shot stopping ability is equally matched by his excellent distribution, from the hand or with the ball at his feet. 2021/22 is his breakthrough season and so far it is going well, as he is now undoubtedly first choice between the sticks!

Will Ramsey

Defence

Signed from Cheltenham Town, where he was previously a scholar, until the end of the season. Consistent and hard-working, Rambo has been a great addition to the squad. Good going forward, too, and capable of lending his support to the attacking play.

Liam Wright

Defence

Returned to the club recently, after spells away at Bishops Cleeve and then Cinderford Town. Capable of playing in midfield or in the back four, Liam is now seen as an energetic part of our squad. A ball player but incredibly hard-working and other with a powerful shot from distance.

Jacob Geddes

Defence

A rising star for Rovers, after joining the club in 2020. Immediately held down a regular place in the first team, aged just 16 years of age, showing a maturity beyond his years. Joined after leaving Cheltenham Town and is a tough, uncompromising defender, but also good in possession. A natural leader; now captain in Macaulay Herbert's absence.

Joel White

Defence

Rejoined the club from Frampton United, having spent a couple of seasons with Slimbridge, in the Southern League. A commanding presence and hugely influential in our young squad. Calm on the ball, fantastic in defence; one of the leaders we need to support the development of our squad amidst some of the challenges during this campaign.

Laurie McNally

Defence

Another product of the club's successful Under 18s side and another player of whom much is expected this season. Competent in either full-back position and also capable of playing at centre-half, Laurie is one of the most natural defenders at the club, but also extremely capable on the ball. Previously at Forest Green Rovers Academy.

Lewis Bainbridge

Midfield

Joined the club at the start of the 2019/20 season and now entering his 3rd season as a Rovers player. A former Gloucester City youngster who joined as a really promising wide player but now amongst our most versatile players and being deployed to fill any gap in the line-up. Abundant energy and dangerous in an attacking position, also weighing in with some important goals.

Sam Mendes

Midfield

Former Slimbridge player, who graduated from Cheltenham Town as a youngster. Very gifted and capable of drifting past opponents, creating chances and weighing in with. Joined in 2021, after a spell at County League side Hardwicke and already looking a key player for the team. An enigmatic talent.

Ashley Davies

Midfield

Returns to the club for a third spell, having previously been the Club Captain at Cinderford Town. Neil Mustoe's first signing and an incredibly coup. Brings class, leadership and a wonderful work ethic to the squad and his influence will be of huge value to the club.

Dom Kent

Midfield

A product of the Gloucester City U18 squad, Dom is now amongst our longest serving players and a fixture in the squad. A talented midfielder, who is good on the ball, industrious and quick, but also incredibly tenacious, whether looking to retain possession or win the ball back. Ended 2019/20 as Players' Player and Manager's Player.

Warren Mann

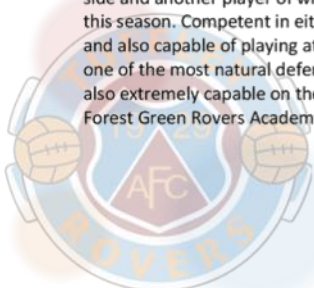
Midfield

By far our longest serving player and entering his nineteenth season in the first team squad, 'Wazza' might lack some of his former pace, but is hugely committed and massively experienced asset, bringing passion and excellent technique; he's constantly involved in every game. Practical joker on and off the field - usually the opposition support's least favourite player!

Harry Morgan

Midfield

'Spanish Harry' is another player who joined the club whilst at Hartpury Uni but is staying at the club after completing his studies. Joined late in the active season (2020/21). Tidy on the ball and industrious off it, on his day a pivotal figure in the squad.



2021/22 PLAYER PROFILES

Joshua Aldridge

Midfield

Signed on a Work Experience arrangement from Cheltenham Town, Josh has previously had trials with Tottenham Hotspur and it is evident that he is incredibly talented. Comfortable on the ball and fast becoming a key member of the Rovers squad.

Jack Beardsell

Midfield

Re-signed in October on a transfer from Fairford Town, having previously played for the club 33 times, scoring 8 goals. A mercurial talent who is capable of producing some high quality goals. Needs to add consistency to his game and we're hoping that his second spell with the club is the time that he realises his full potential.

Liam Smith

Midfield

New signing and a player with Southern League experience. Calm in possession and possesses a good passing range, whilst also physically strong, will be looking to hold down a regular place in the side, after missing the start of the season. Offers experience and capable of dropping into the back four when needed.

Demilade Yussuf

Midfield

Just sixteen years old but captain of our U18s squad and already collecting regular first team appearances. Strong, calm on the ball and incredibly hard-working, Demi was previously at Cheltenham Town and is a real talent. One to watch in future years.

Aaron Basford

Forward

Another addition to the 2021/22 squad, 'Bash' has been with Step 4 side Evesham United in recent seasons but was lured to the club in the summer. A hard-working, hugely talented youngster – formerly with Cheltenham Town – who has a good goalscoring record.

Ashley Bird

Forward

Another returning player, who struggled to secure a regular starting berth under Mark Pritchett and eventually left the club. Signed by previous manager Rich Cox but didn't return to the side until his former mentor, Neil Mustoe, took the reins. His industry, strength and running power will set the mark for others to follow. Great to have him back.

Jamal Lawrence

Forward

A former professional with Cheltenham Town, who briefly played in the Football League, before spells at National League side's Hungerford Town and Gloucester City. Returned to play for Rovers after two years away from the game and will be looking to add both goals and intelligent link-up play to our young squad.

Joe Shutt

Forward

Small in stature but capable of making a big impact, 'Shutty' joined from Chipping Sodbury Town in 2019 and has become a firm favourite with the Rovers support. Quick, skillful, full of energy and hard-working, he has already contributed goals on a regular basis and has attracted attention from higher league clubs.

Lucas Price

Forward

An excellent summer signing from Bishops Cleeve, Lucas is lightning fast, energetic and has an eye for goal. Impressed in pre-season with his ability to quickly turn defence into attack and is as industrious, as likely to make a recovering challenge as he is to conjure a shot on goal.

Harvey Greenslade

Forward

Initially signed on a six week Work Experience arrangement from Bristol Rovers and began his spell in style, with two goals on debut, including a first minute opener. Pacy, industrious, committed and a fantastic addition to the squad on the early evidence.

Jerzy Marszalek

Forward

Polish born forward who joined from Longlevens earlier in the season, after previously featuring in our 2020/21 U18s squad. Good work ethic, has an eye for goal and another player who promises a great deal.

Neil Mustoe

Manager

Recently appointed as interim first team manager, following Rich Cox's resignation. Spent many years as a professional at Manchester United, Wigan Athletic, Cambridge United, Stevenage and Yeovil Town, before over 350 appearances for Gloucester City. Previous coaching experience with City before a spell away from the game until his appointment with The Rovers.





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Appearance information

Up to and including Saturday, 8 January 2022



As one player made their debut in our last outing on Saturday afternoon, another returned to the side to make their 163rd competitive first team appearance for Tuffley Rovers, almost four years after their last appearance on 6 March 2018.



Harvey Greenslade's attachment to the club is for six weeks but his explosive debut – two goals, including one in the first minute and a Man of the Match award – weren't a bad start, but equally important to a long overdue victory was the return of Ashley Davies 1,404 days after his last appearance (against Wantage Town) as he imposed himself in the centre of midfield. Also back was another Ashley (Bird), who had a slightly shorter gap between appearances, but started for the first time since 26 August 2019 (866 days!). Welcome back, Ashley!



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Aldridge, Josh	18	0	Kent, Dominik	114	16
Bainbridge, Lewis	56	10	Lawrence, Isaac	24	1
Basford, Aaron	27	4	Lawrence, Jamal	9	4
Beardsell, Jack	44	8	Ledger, Dan	1	0
Bird, Ashley	53	5	Lomotey, Yeshaya	8	0
Bradley, Shayne	230	106	Mann, Warren	451	80
Brain, Callum	5	0	Marszalek, Jerzy	2	0
Butler, Matt	3	0	McKinnon, Rudi	22	1
Clark, Adam	13	0	McNally, Laurie	9	0
Copland, Jack	20	0	Mendes, Sam	21	0
Davies, Ashley	163	27	Morgan, Harry	25	3
Denness-Barrett, Brennan	15	6	Nicholls, Scott	2	0
Ellis-Clark, Dion	16	1	Parsisson, Jake	1	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Price, Lucas	23	2
Geddes, Jacob	39	2	Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Greenhouse, Daniel	2	0	Ramsey, Will	5	1
Greenslade, Harvey	1	2	Rhodes, Jake	74	24
Hailwood, Ben	3	0	Romais, Billy	5	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Shutt, Joe	59	13
Haswell, Tristan	97	1	Shyamapant, Tomos	2	0
Herbert, Macaulay	218	8	Smith, Liam	17	0
Hill, Sam	120	8	Spencer, Tom	3	0
Hunt, Ollie	7	1	Swales, Josh	7	1
Idowu, Jerry	14	0	Walker, Harry	67	6
James, Brett	184	63	Wallington, Mark	220	29
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	96	4
John, Harri	32	0	Woodall, Archie	13	1
Jones, Xander	11	0	Wright, Liam	114	3
Jordan, Scott	1	0	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 great debuts!

1. When Wayne Rooney made his England debut against Australia in 2003, which player scored on his full England debut but never played another senior international game?

2. Who is the player pictured, who scored a hat-trick on his debut for Middlesbrough, in a 1996/97 Premier League game and who did he score the treble against?



3. Ian Wright scored on his debut for Arsenal, West Ham United, Celtic and Nottingham Forest. Name the two professional clubs where he didn't score a debut goal.

4. Which of these players did not score on their Premier League debut?



(a)

Marcus Rashford



(b)

Odsonne Edouard



(c)

Kevin Phillips

5. For which club did Alan Shearer score a top flight hat-trick on debut in 1988?




Quiz Answers: (1) Francis Jeffers; (2) Fabrizio Ravanelli scored three against Liverpool on debut; (3) Crystal Palace and Burnley; (4) Both Edouard and Rashford scored on their Premier League debut – Kevin Phillips scored a brace in his second Premier League game but no goal on his first appearance; (5) Southampton.

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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 11 January but there are a few notable games that have been played around this particular date...

14 January 2012

Tuffley Rovers cemented their position in second place of the Gloucestershire County League, as they beat Kingswood 3-1 away from home. Jivan Bryan-Munroe got a fifth minute goal, before the hosts equalised. Kingswood were then reduced to ten men before goals from Kacey Johnstone and Warren Mann secured all three points.

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

12 January 2013

Tuffley Rovers extended their lead at the top of the Gloucestershire County League, as a Shayne Bradley brace and a goal from Mark Ford proved enough to secure a 3-1 win at Berkeley Town. **Squad:** Chris Perks; Elliot King; Michael Oakes; Richard James; Marcus Foxwell; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann; Nathan King; Rutendo Makovma. **Subs used:** Jonathan Meadows; Mark Ford; Marcus Salter.



11 January 2014

Mark Ford's goal was not enough, as Tuffley Rovers crashed to a 3-1 defeat away at New College Swindon, ending a three match unbeaten run in the progress.

Squad: Chris Perks; Elliot King; Antoine Thompson; Matt Minett; Shayne Bradley; Steve Bick; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Jordan Fletcher; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Dobbins; Lee Brinkworth.

13 January 2018

A Brett James brace saw Tuffley Rovers secure an excellent 2-0 win at home against Abingdon United, as Mark Pritchett's team ended a run of three consecutive defeats.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Kieran Squires; Shayne Anson; Joel White; Liam Wright; Brett James; Kieran Alder; Shayne Bradley; Ashley Bird; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Harry Walker; Marcus Foxwell; Courtney Hamilton.

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(up to and including fixtures played on Saturday, 8 January 2022)

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bishops Cleeve	26	18	6	2	33	60
2	Bradford Town	25	16	3	6	29	51
3	Westfields	25	15	5	5	24	50
4	Malvern Town	24	14	7	3	31	49
5	Brimscombe & Thrupp	25	15	4	6	21	49
6	Corsham Town	25	14	6	5	25	48
7	Longlevens AFC	26	15	3	8	18	48
8	Cribbs	26	14	4	8	17	46
9	Westbury United	22	13	6	3	27	45
10	Roman Glass St George	26	13	2	11	8	41
11	Fairford Town	27	10	4	13	1	34
12	Shrivenham	26	9	5	12	-17	32
13	Hereford Lads Club	27	9	4	14	-5	31
14	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	25	9	4	12	-13	31
15	Thornbury Town	28	6	8	14	-19	26
16	Chipping Sodbury Town	27	7	3	17	-30	24
17	Tuffley Rovers	26	6	4	16	-37	22
18	Lydney Town	27	5	3	19	-29	18
19	Calne Town	27	5	2	20	-44	17
20	Hallen	26	2	3	21	-40	9

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Harvey Greenslade

Lewis Bainbridge

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Joe Shutt

Lucas Price

Sam Mendes

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ROMAN GLASS ST GEORGE

White shirts; Black shorts; Black socks (GK:
Orange).

Ross Grimshaw

Harvey Tierney

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Oliver Woodhouse

Shacquille Smith

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