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EDITOR'S COMMENT

Welcome to this afternoon's game against fellow Gloucestershire club Bishops Cleeve. 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.

Today's visitors come with quite a few former players (or they certainly have a few who could feature) and I welcome them all, albeit with the hope that they don't enjoy the day too much! However, as Cleeve currently lead the Hellenic League table the odds are stacked against us again today.

That having been said, we went to their place (well, Evesham's place) mid-October and got a valuable point, becoming one of the only teams to stop them scoring this season and going back into the last, as we fought out a 0-0 draw. If anything, we had the best chance of the afternoon, when Brennan Denness-Barrett hit the bar with a shot from distance, but it was also a day when we displayed the sort of dogged defending that has been absent on too many occasions during the course of the 2021/22 campaign.

Although we had another heavy defeat last week it does feel like we are starting to turn a corner when you inspect the squad at closer quarters. Muzzy is already starting to make a really positive impression and has added some good players into the squad. Training is taking place more regularly and there is a real intensity to the sessions I have seen.

This afternoon's fixture isn't the barometer for our progress. Given the appalling form we've suffered in recent months, the only test that matters is our position come the end of the season. Two sides go down and there are only three below us. That makes every game important but there are days, like today, where any points will be a bonus, in my view. I hope it is a good day for us and we can reward our loyal supporters with *at least* one point.

Producing this programme is sometimes a challenge and always time consuming. To that end, I am really grateful to those who offer help and support, notably Brian Rossiter and Ed at West Country Football, who have both provided photographs used in this edition. Brian deserves immense praise for his continued support but Ed was kind enough to let me use the pictures he published on Twitter (@westcountryfb) following our visit to Bradford Town.

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

- NEIL

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

Good afternoon all and a warm welcome to Glevum Park.

I would like to start by welcoming our opposition players, management, committee and supporters from Bishops Cleeve - it is always a pleasure to host our fellow Gloucestershire club, especially so today with many ex-players returning to Glevum Park.

We had a disappointing trip to Bradford Town last Saturday. In terms of the game itself, we started reasonably well and then imploded conceding five goals in about 18 minutes which obviously just killed the game. It was pleasing to see the lads come out fighting in the second half to avoid what looked like it could have been a rugby score. However, it was good to take a coach down to the game with about 20 or so supporters travelling with the players. The beers on the way back helped ease the pain of the result!

This is still a very young team, who I hope are learning from the experience this season but also have the fight and togetherness to ensure we stay in this league come the end of the season, which is an absolute priority. Next season I am very confident that with Muzzy working hard to improve the squad and I look forward to seeing how that develops over the next six months.

Away from the first team, our Development Squad and U18s are really coming into their own, picking up some really positive results and putting on ever-improving performances. Our Stroud League teams are having a mixed bag of a season, with our Thirds currently sitting third in Division Two and they have a huge game today against Kingswood (Division One) in the County Cup Q/F. Good luck to Chris Giddy, Luke Whittam and their team today. Vaughan Howell's Ladies' team are also having a great season in their division, after promotion last year and are looking to push for a further top two finish in a league they thought they would struggle in.

I hope everyone gets to enjoy the hospitality available today and we have a great game football on show.

Cheers,

- Dan

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MANAGER'S COMMENT

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to all staff player and supporters from Bishops Cleeve travelling to Glevum Park. Today's game promises to be another tough afternoon for us, as we play the champions elect.

After last week's heavy defeat there has been a lot of soul searching, and a busy week training to try and work on a few things, as well as bringing in some new players, which we hope can help us improve going forward.

Today we hope to have lots of experience back in the squad, although there have been a few injured and Covid isolations which have not helped our preparation. We are not alone in this, so we make no excuses, and hope that whatever squad we field do their job.

We will endeavour to put on a more professional display this afternoon, continuing the trend of scoring some goals - we have 6 in 5 games, after the side went through a really barren spell - but we need to be more solid and compact as a defensive unit and better in our 1v1 duels, to give us that platform to build on.

I hope you enjoy the game.

- 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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Previously against today's opposition at Glevum Park

It has been a while since we hosted Bishops Cleeve in an UHlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division fixture at Glevum Park. The impact of the pandemic means you'll need to cast your mind back to 2 March 2019 when Rovers were just seconds away from a win before one Slack moment proved costly....

HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 1-1 BISHOPS CLEEVE

Boosted by two large home wins during the second half of February, Rovers were looking to inflict further misery on the first Glevum Park visitors in March. Bishops Cleeve, anxious to re-claim the Southern League status they had lost at the end of the previous season, arrived in Gloucester in 4th place in the table but with enough games in hand on the current league-leaders to believe that they could still make a serious push for promotion.



Cleeve's recent form over a six-game period was the third-best in the division and they already had eight away wins to look back on, a total only bettered by Brimscombe & Thrupp and Brackley Town Saints, but Tuffley would be no pushovers on their own ground having taken 13 valuable league points from the last 27 available after looking to be in a really perilous position at the turn of the year. The hosts would also be keen to avenge a narrow 2 -1 defeat at Kayte Lane towards the end of November, one of many matches during the first half of the season when the final result was a harsh reflection of the performance given.

There was a time not so long ago when Rovers would have seen a home draw as a point won, but such has been their revival since the end of December that they can only see this as two points lost given the very late equaliser they conceded in the final moments of this entertaining, if sometimes feisty, encounter with their county rivals from only a few miles away. Those rivals were good value for their point because they didn't allow a freak goal against them to disrupt their attacking ambitions and although their equaliser was very late on it came at the end of a period of concerted pressure and it would have been most unfortunate and undeserved if they had taken nothing from a game which was always simmering, as local derbies often are, but never quite boiled over into something the match-officials might have struggled to control.

The match started in blustery conditions with dark clouds above threatening rain that never actually came. The visitors kicked off playing away from the dressing-rooms end and as early as the second minute Harrison Iddles had a half-chance when he escaped his marker to meet a cross from the right but dragged his shot wide. Then, Adam Mace's free-kick from the left was headed narrowly over the home goal by Jordan Staten.

Bishops Cleeve saw a lot of the ball in the first half and Rovers were struggling to put attacking moves together because they were crowded out in midfield, so the service to their front men was quite limited. The quick, incisive passing which had been such a strong feature of the previous two home games was absent and Tuffley's diminutive forward players were struggling to get the better of much taller opponents. It was fifteen minutes before the hosts fashioned anything really creative. Tyreece Briscoe's perfectly-lofted pass sent Will Dawes racing towards the visitors' goal but he could only shoot wide although he was being put under extreme pressure by defenders trying to keep pace with him.

Iddles was seeing plenty of the ball for Cleeve and had a couple more shots that were off target and Jack Watts also missed the goal with a shot from distance following a throw-in on the left. The game's first big talking-point came as the half-hour mark approached. Paul Carter went straight through Iddles near the touchline leaving the forward writhing on the ground. A card was inevitable for this reckless challenge; on another day, the Rovers midfielder might have seen a red, but on this occasion only a yellow card was brandished.



Jack Watts limped off injured but although he came back on a couple of minutes later but it was clear that he was still struggling and he would soon be replaced by Kevin Slack. Just before the interval Rovers were awarded a free-kick in a central position following a foul on Dawes. Kieran Alder, who has had great success this season with free-kicks from just this sort of range, stepped up but his fierce effort cleared Clayton's crossbar by a foot or so.

Rovers elected to start the second period with Luke Troke coming on for Carter and began to see more of the ball, winning several free-kicks and corners, although none of which came to anything. The Mitres were still looking dangerous on the break though and Luke Merchant had to race to the edge of his area to head the ball away from the dangerous Brad Martin.

When Rovers moved forward again, visiting captain Staten was cautioned for bringing down the lively Adam Bloomfield, before Troke sent Alder through only to see Clayton make a fine save with his legs. Shortly after, Iddles was injured and replaced by Ieuan Crowe; almost immediately followed by Jake Rhodes' coming on for Bloomfield, as the home team tried to find a different way of making the breakthrough.

After the match had passed its three-quarters point, Rovers won a free-kick near the halfway-line on the right. Luke Payne launched it high towards the visitors' penalty-area; Clayton came for it but seemed unsure whether to catch or punch. In the end he did neither because after his fingers had touched the ball it looped up in the air and dropped behind him into the net. Payne raised his arms in celebration but it will be credited as an own-goal because of the goalkeeper's indecision and unfortunate, but significant touch on the ball.

Ashley Bird then came on for Warren Mann as Rovers went for a killer second goal and it nearly arrived when another beautifully-struck Alder free-kick clipped the crossbar on its way over. Cleeve made their final change bringing on Lee Llewellyn for Ashley Davies, but they were still more patient than desperate as they chased an equalising goal. A dangerous cross from the right was headed out for a corner by Joel White and when Mace's corner came in Merchant made a stunning save from a close-range header by Slack to concede another corner on the other side. From this the ball fell nicely, again for Slack, but he lashed his shot high over the Rovers' goal.

Cleeve kept coming but with 90 minutes gone it looked as if Rovers would hold on for another crucial home win, until Crowe whipped a dangerous cross in and it fell to another substitute, Slack, and he controlled the ball carefully before driving it past Merchant with a crisp, left-footed shot.

Soon after the re-start, the final whistle went. Cleeve moved above Brackley Town Saints, into third place; Rovers stay in 16th but in a marginally safer state because other results had gone their way on this day.

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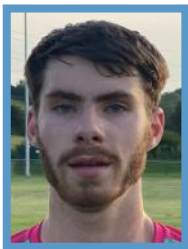
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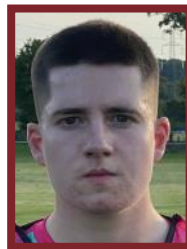
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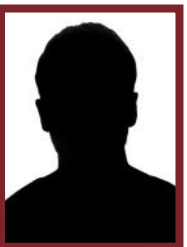
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BISHOPS CLEEVE PLAYER PROFILES



Matt Wieczorek – GK

Polish shot stopper Matt is an experienced goalkeeper who offers an assure to those in front of him with his 'sweeper keeper' style.



Sam Gilder – GK

Local farmer Sam is enjoying his 47th return to club. Experienced reliable goalkeeper if and when turns up.



Linden Dovey – Defender

Don't be fooled by his Casa Amc appearance, this veteran defen was Mr Reliable last season. Previous clubs include Eve sham Stratford Town & Alvechurch. Equally comfortable at right back or centre half with an eye for a spectacular.



Leroy Odiero – Defender

Leroy returned for a second stir last season and his laid-back attitude to life instantly had the gaffer going grey. Ex clubs incl Gloucester City and Eve sham. Calm and collective whose can can always get him out trouble.



Mark Pritchett – Defender

The Goat! Experienced, no nonsense defender who is back concentrating on playing having had a stint as player manager of Tuffley Rovers. Always last to leave.



Lee Ulewlyn – Midfielder

Lee is returning for a second spell at the club after time with Cirencester and Stourport Swifts. Ball playing midfielder excited to be playing alongside his step dad.



Kieran Alder – Midfielder

Attack minded Kieran is returning to the club for a second stint spells at Tuffley & Cinderford. Colly will be hoping that Kieran supplies extra goals from midfield that at times last season was lacking.



Archie Haskayne – Midfielder

'Skippy' has returned for a second season. A local combative midfielder who enjoys a tackle and racking pass. In the mould of his Idol Stevie G... his words.



Sam Blackie – Midfielder

The joker of the pack is returning for a second season. Can be utilised in numerous positions and will be looking to add 'goals' to his intelligent build up play. Potato!



Ash Caldwell – Midfielder

Second season back at the club. Equally capable at the back and in midfield. Often heard shouting random words and talking about all his birds, but we know the closest he gets is his pigeons.



Jake Parrott – Midfield

Jake's mitres career was somewhat delayed having signed for the club days before last season was curtailed. Mr Sensible keeps the team ticking over in more ways than one.



Harrison Reeves – Midfield

Another Ex Brimscombe midfielder who signed for the club after a stint in Australia. What the Ex-Bristol City man lacks in height, he makes up for in heart and determination.

**Blaine Waugh – Midfielder**

Blaine starts his second season as a centre half having been one of the more consistent performers last season. Tricky winger who will be another trying to add more goals to his game. The most laid back and late member of the squad.

**Jack Watts – Forward**

Local lad 'Wattsy' is returning to the club after a season away at Stourport Swifts. This pacey striker is returning a more mature player and will be hoping to carry on where he left off.

**Jake Rhodes – Forward**

Jake has recently joined the club from neighbours Tuffley Rovers. Jake has started well scoring plenty of goals in the Hellenic Cup and offers a different dimension to the attacking options.

**Steve Davies – Forward**

Experienced Forward in his third season with the club. Assists more than scores... or so he tells us! Continue in his role as player coach. A role model to the younger members of the squad. A responsibility known to bring him to tears.

**Ieuan Crowe – Forward**

Fans favourite Crowe (known as Will to his teammates) starts his sixth season at the club with an injury. If he's not a pitch, he'll be putting his best foot forward on a dance floor.

**Elliott Kennedy – Forward**

Elliott returned early last season after a short spell at Longlevens. Natural goal scorer who these days tends to tell you how many he will score rather than actually doing so as a result of becoming best mate with the club's physio.

**Kevin Slack – Forward**

Veteran striker with more returns to the club than Gilder. Despite his advancing years, he still has a yard of pace and eye for goal. However, some might say he lacks that pace when it's his turn at the bar.

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29 January 2022 (3pm)



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Rovers v Hereford Lads Club

Hellenic League Premier Division

1 February 2022 (7:30pm)



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Rovers v Evesham United U18s

Cheltenham Youth League

U18s Floodlit League

5 February 2022 (3pm)



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Rovers v Hallen

Hellenic League Premier Division

Statistics 2021/22

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2021		Att	Scorers	Parisson, Jake	Bainbridge, Lewis	Swales, Joshua	Geddes, Jacob	Herbert, Macaulay	Kent, Dominik	Shutt, Joe				
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	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	Brimscombe & 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	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H	L	2-6	168	W Ramsey, L Bainbridge	11	4	8				
08/Jan	3pm	Shrivenham	H	W	3-2	59	H Greenlade (2), D Kent	10	4	8	12			
11/Jan	7:45pm	Roman Glass St. George	H	L	0-3	125	-	10	4	8	12			
15/Jan	3pm	Bradford Town	A	L	1-7	116	J Geddes	12	4	8	7			
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 (top five)	
Denness-Barrett, Brennan	6
Shutt, Joe	5
Bainbridge, Lewis	5
Basford, Aaron	4
Lawrence, Jamal	4

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UHSLESPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION BRADFORD TOWN 7-1 TUFFLEY ROVERS SATURDAY, 15 JANUARY 2022

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In their 28th Uhsport Hellenic League fixture of the season Tuffley Rovers faced a Bradford Town side they had recorded one of their six league victories against during a challenging season for the Gloucester side. That win, as far back as 2nd October, had been Rovers' third in the league and was one of six in all competitions to that point. It was also notable because the hosts on that occasion had claimed a clean sheet for the first time in the 2021/22 season.

That victory at Glevum Park had come during an autumnal run of good form that might have given the Rovers faithful hopes of a positive campaign. It had been in September and October that then manager Rich Cox had presided over a run of fourteen competitive games, eleven in the league, that brought two FA Vase victories (as well as an exit in the First Round Proper), as well as eighteen league points.

Fast forward 3 ½ months and Cox has relinquished his role, after failing to gain a point during November and up until his departure following defeat to Corsham Town on 18 December 2021. New manager, Neil Mustoe, had managed to guide his squad to a much needed victory over Shrivenham seven days earlier, but a midweek defeat at home to Roman Glass St George had undermined confidence and the fragility amongst the young squad available to him for the visit to Bradford-Upon-Avon was there for all to see, with a crushing defeat illustrating the challenge Rovers face if they are to move away from the relegation places and avoid a nervy end to the season.

By contrast to Rovers' position, Town had maneuvered their way from eighth after that defeat in October to sit in second place when they hosted Mustoe's side on this Saturday in January.

The visitors arrived at Trowbridge Road with a depleted squad. Ashley Davies, who had been so instrumental in the win over Shrivenham, was absent due to work commitments, whilst Joel White was only fit enough for a place on the bench. The third from Rovers' small pool of experienced players, Warren Mann, was able to return to the side after suspension.

With Sam Mendes and Liam Wright also out - another two casualties confined to the treatment room - there were returns to the starting line-up for Joe Shutt and Tom Spencer, alongside Mann.

Had the opening 18 minutes of the game been the only action witnessed by a passing spectator then it might have been something of a surprise to hear the final score. The damage, on an afternoon that was otherwise competitive in spells, was done by a 45 minute spell between the first and sixth goals of the afternoon, as the hosts produced a

ruthless demonstration of finishing, albeit against a defence which was, at times, as porous as the final scoreline might suggest.

Mustoe might genuinely have cause to feel a little hard done by, as several key decisions went against his side, but he will have left Bradford-Upon-Avon safe in the knowledge that his side fell well short against the standard set by the hosts.

The first two key decisions to go Bradford's way saw Rovers appeals that the ball had gone out of play ignored, before Jake Brown's run ended with him falling to the turf under pressure from Dom Kent, leading to the second decisive moment of the afternoon, as the match official, Mr Brenchley, awarded a penalty to the hosts. Ross Lye stepped up to take the spot kick and sent it into the right-hand side of the goal, as Jack Copland dived in the opposite direction.

Within ninety seconds it was 2-0 and once again not without some controversy. A long ball upfield saw Mann knocked to the ground by a challenge from Charlie Walton, and the ball ran through to the prolific George Box, who showed plenty of composure as he waited for Copland to make his move before lofting the ball past the Rovers keeper and into the back of the net. Mann protested that he had been fouled and was sent to the sin-bin for his over-zealous complaint.



By the 27th minute it was 3-0, as Brown headed home Rob Hobbs' corner kick. Six minutes later Box had his second of the afternoon and then Brown added to his account with a goal on 43 minutes that made it 5-0, with all the goals coming in 25 minutes.

Cheltenham Town scholar Spencer, who had a chastening experience on his return to the Rovers line-up, failed to appear after the interval, meaning Josh Aldridge dropped into the back four and Demilade Yussuf joining the action in the centre of midfield.

The changes seemed to bring some respite for Rovers and although Town continued to have the better of the play they failed to score in a busy opening to the second half. However, it felt inevitable that further goals would come and Box duly obliged, completing his hat-trick in the process, as he headed home Lye's free-kick to make it 6-0 on 58 minutes.



When Walton made it 7-0 there were still 12 minutes, plus added time, to be played and Rovers' travelling support must have feared that the afternoon could only have got worse. As it was, Mustoe's young charges battled through to the end of the afternoon and when Jacob Geddes headed home Aldridge's corner in injury time it offered

scant consolation on a difficult afternoon, but did mean the game ended with a brief moment of celebration for those who had travelled from Tuffley to cheer on their side.





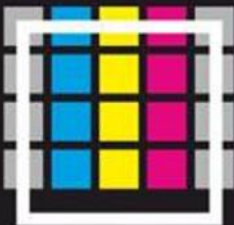
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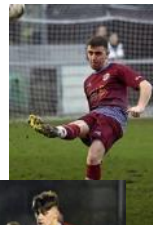


Appearance information

Up to and including Saturday, 15 January 2022

In facing Bishops Cleeve today, we potentially welcome back a number of former players (subject to the visitors' squad selection), including Luke Merchant, Kieran Alder, Mark Pritchett and Jake Rhodes. Two of those players, Pritch and Jake, regularly feature on this page, as both were still in the squad at the start of last season, but they could easily be joined in the table by Kieran and Merch who racked up a healthy number of appearances, 76 and 57 respectively.

Some of our own squad are now closing in on landmark appearances, most notably Jack Beardsell, needing just four more to make a half-century, and Joel 'Digger' White, who is three away from a century. If Digger does reach that landmark he will become just the 17th player to reach the total since we rejoined the NLS at Step 7 in 2007/08.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Aldridge, Josh	20	0	Kent, Dominik	116	16
Bainbridge, Lewis	58	10	Lawrence, Isaac	24	1
Basford, Aaron	28	4	Lawrence, Jamal	10	4
Beardsell, Jack	46	8	Ledger, Dan	1	0
Bird, Ashley	55	5	Lomotey, Yeshaya	8	0
Bradley, Shayne	230	106	Mann, Warren	452	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	22	0	Mendes, Sam	22	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	41	3	Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Greenhouse, Daniel	2	0	Ramsey, Will	7	1
Greenslade, Harvey	3	2	Rhodes, Jake	74	24
Hailwood, Ben	3	0	Romais, Billy	5	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Shutt, Joe	61	13
Haswell, Tristan	97	1	Shyamapant, Tomos	2	0
Herbert, Macaulay	218	8	Smith, Liam	17	0
Hill, Sam	120	8	Spencer, Tom	4	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	97	4
John, Harri	32	0	Woodall, Archie	13	1
Jones, Xander	11	0	Wright, Liam	115	3
Jordan, Scott	1	0	Yussuf, Demilade	7	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 league leaders (with varying fortunes!)

1. Name the European country according to the current league leader (as at 16 January):

(a) Aris Limassol

(b) Tobol






(c) Ludogorets

2. Which club (pictured) won the 1888/89 English League title, winning 18 of their 22 games and drawing the other four?



3. The 1981/82 Football League season saw Liverpool win the Division One title, becoming the first club to do so in the era of three points for a win, but which team had been leading the table only to finish in second place once the season was completed?

4. During the 1995/96 Premier League season, one club led the way for much of the season, only to famously lose a big points advantage and ultimately finish in second place. Which club was it (removed from the picture to the right)?

Position	Club	Pf	GD	Pts
1 *	---	22	+25	51
2 *	 Man Utd	23	+14	42
3 -	 Spurs	23	+10	41
4 -	 Liverpool	22	+20	39
5 -	 Arsenal	23	+9	37
6 -	 Nott'm Forest	22	+2	37

5. In 1984/85, Everton collected the English Football League Division One trophy, winning the division by a margin of 13 points. Which two teams finished thirteen points adrift of the league title winners?

Quiz Answers: (1) a - Cyprus / b - Kazakhstan / c - Bulgaria; (2) Preston North End - the original invincibles; (3) Ipswich Town; (4) Newcastle United; (5) Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur.

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UHS LPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 0-3 ROMAN GLASS ST GEORGE TUESDAY, 11 JANUARY 2022

Photographs courtesy of Brian Rossiter



“One swallow does not a summer make” is an old expression. In football parlance that could be translated as “one victory does not a recovery make”. Ultimately, despite a performance of spirit and enthusiasm, Rovers were unable to overcome a Roman Glass team that was far too streetwise to be picked off the way Shrivenham had been three days earlier.

Manager Neil Mustoe kept faith with the team which had started against Shrivy apart from bringing in Sam Mendes for the unavailable Ashley Davies. The visitors had already beaten Tuffley 4-1 at Almondsbury two months earlier and were looking to add to the five previous occasions this season in which they had picked up all three points in away league fixtures, one of which had been a commendable 3-1 win at Brimscombe & Thrupp in November.

Just as on Saturday, Rovers were awarded a free-kick on the right in the opening minute, but this time it did not lead to a dramatic start to the match. The opening minutes were rather frantic with the ball pinging around to all corners of the pitch. Roman Glass made some early inroads down the right, in which the speed and close ball control of Aaron Goulty was a feature and he would have plenty more to contribute as the opening half continued.

The Glass won a corner on the left but sixty seconds later Rovers had a corner on the right after a strong run down the left by Lewis Bainbridge. Another sixty seconds later and the visitors won another corner on the left and when Lewis Leigh-Gilchrist's flag-kick came across Ciaran Greening was unchallenged as he jumped to head the ball firmly into the net before home goalkeeper Jack Copland knew what was happening.



Goulty's trickery soon won his team a free-kick just outside the penalty-area on the left. The ball was whipped in and as Copland struggled to claim it Loui Ward pounced to drive the loose ball into the roof of the net.

It would soon get even worse for the hosts. Another trip on Goulty, by Mendes, saw a spot-kick awarded but Copland chose the right way and dived low to his right to make



a thrilling save from the penalty-kick. Joel White was quickest to the rebound and cleared the ball to safely as Roman Glass players closed in.

Shortly before the half-time break Rovers had a decent chance to pull a goal back but Jacob Geddes could only direct his header wide of the posts when Josh Aldridge's free-kick came in from the left.

The visitors brought on Shacquille Smith and Jake White at the start of the second half and it wasn't long before Rovers put Joe Shutt on in place of Liam Wright.

Lewis Bainbridge, who had been involved in much of Rovers' attacking play, found another opportunity to cut in from the left but fired over the crossbar and his evening was soon over when Jack Beardsell replaced him. Rovers' final throw of the substitution dice came when Jamal Lawrence came on for Joel White. There was a chance shortly after, when a delightful through-pass sent Shutt through on goal but Ross Grimshaw came off his line quickly to block the ball.



The Glass were nowhere near as threatening as they had been in the in the first half but could still move the ball around quickly with Goulty still seeing a lot of the action. He would be involved in the final decisive act of the evening when Shutt tripped him to concede another penalty. Goulty took this one himself and drove the ball confidently past Copland's right-hand side.



Rovers won a late corner but the ball was cleared and the game was over. Was this a surprise result? Not really. The defensive deficiencies Rovers had shown in the weeks leading up to this match were again apparent, but the players worked hard and there was no shame in losing to good opponents who were strong in defence and inventive in attack, with Goulty being their Man of the Match by a considerable margin. The Glass look very comfortable in mid-table but Tuffley

know that they still have plenty to do to ensure that they are still playing in the same division next season. On a cold evening, this was a pretty decent match to watch and an excellent crowd of over a hundred for a midweek game indicated that the locals thought so too.

BISHOPS CLEEVE FOOTBALL CLUB BRIEF HISTORY

Founded 1905



In their long history Bishops Cleeve have led a much more nomadic existence than many clubs, but have now been settled in the impressive Kayte Lane ground since 1997. For many years the club played on a ground in Stoke Road – with facilities rebuilt and reopened in 1971 by the then secretary of the Football Association, Ted Croker. The enforced move to Kayte Lane came about due to the old ground being sold by the landlord.

The club enjoyed a brief period of success in the late 60s – gaining promotion from the Cheltenham League and winning four Championships in their six seasons in the Glos. Northern Senior League.

After dropping back to the Cheltenham League, Cleeve gained promotion into the Hellenic League in 1983, quickly becoming a force in that division, finishing fourth in their first two seasons in Div. One. This great start was followed up with a third place finish, then winning the Championship and gaining promotion to the Premier Division at the fourth attempt, and winning the 'Double' by adding the Glos. Amateur Cup. A fantastic achievement.

The five seasons in the Premier Division proved to be a struggle for the Club, although the team followed up their Cup success by adding another trophy to their collection, winning the Premier Cup at the first attempt. The return to Division One proved the catalyst for a period of rebuilding, on and off the pitch.

The Club needed to enter into a number of ground share agreements to preserve their League status – Forest Green Rovers, Moreton Town, Wollen Sports and Highworth all allowed us to use their grounds. This difficult period galvanised our club members, and the club was kept running by the dedicated efforts of a few stalwarts – notably Cheltenham Town legend, Dave Lewis, whose efforts were recognised by Carling Brewery, awarding him their 'Clubman of the Year' accolade (and a year's supply of beer!).

After approval for the Kayte Lane site was given in 1997, club members started the building of the clubhouse and changing rooms – using materials kindly donated by Smiths Aerospace (now GE Aviation). There followed a great transformation in the team's fortunes, and they duly secured another promotion in 2001 back to the Hellenic Premier Division. In order to take this opportunity, the club entered into another ground share at Evesham United!

2003 & 2004 proved to be a landmark period for the club – returning to 'The Lane' after the new Stand and floodlights were approved, achieving FA Charter Standard for Football in the Community, and the completion of the building and facilities.

In 2006 the team gained promotion to the Southern League, joining the Midland Division before being moved to the South & West Division a few seasons later. The club enjoyed mixed fortunes in their Southern League time, generally enjoying mid-table security, with the highlight being season 2011/12 when the club finished with their best ever points haul (in a creditable 11th) and reached the Gloucestershire Senior Cup final, played at Bristol City's Ashton Gate ground, where we unfortunately succumbed to a Bristol City side featuring two Full Welsh Internationals!

With the departure of Alex Sykes to County rivals Shortwood United, the ex-Cheltenham Town professional John Brough took the helm but left towards the end of the season to join Cinderford Town.

2013/14 saw local lad Stephen Cleal take charge with Derek Lightstone, as his assistant, both had a long history with the club and they forged a close link with our Second and Third teams – as well a community tie to Bishops Cleeve Colts Youth section – the future of the club seemed much more secure on and off the field of play. After surviving relegation in their first season they put together a competitive team finishing 12th in the league and losing 1-0 to Forest Green Rovers in the County FA Senior Cup. 2016/17 saw another first for Steve winning the club's first FA Trophy game.

2017/18 saw the arrival of Matt Jeynes to the management team, another who had played for the club in recent years, and they were later joined by Alex Lumsden. Unfortunately, a number of players left the club and the season didn't get off to a good start. The team did rally towards the latter part of the season but were relegated after losing the last game. So, after 12 years the club looked for a speedy return to Step 4 of the NLS. However, having retained most the players, the team had a few slip ups on the run in to the end of the season and finished outside a promotion place. They also were runners-up in the County Trophy.

2019 saw the return of Paul Collicutt as Manager, but due to the pandemic he has not had a full season, however he has built a nucleus of experience and youth for a firm foundation for the future.

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

(up to and including fixtures played on Wednesday, 19 January 2022)

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bishops Cleeve	27	19	6	2	35	63
2	Bradford Town	26	17	3	6	35	54
3	Longlevens AFC	28	17	3	8	22	54
4	Westfields	26	16	5	5	26	53
5	Corsham Town	26	15	6	5	29	51
6	Cribbs	28	15	5	8	18	50
7	Malvern Town	26	14	7	5	29	49
8	Brimscombe & Thrupp	27	15	4	8	17	49
9	Westbury United	23	13	7	3	27	46
10	Roman Glass St George	28	14	2	12	10	44
11	Fairford Town	29	11	4	14	1	37
12	Hereford Lads Club	28	10	4	14	-3	34
13	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	27	9	5	13	-15	32
14	Shrivenham	27	9	5	13	-21	32
15	Thornbury Town	29	7	8	14	-17	29
16	Chipping Sodbury Town	28	7	3	18	-33	24
17	Tuffley Rovers	28	6	4	18	-46	22
18	Lydney Town	28	6	3	19	-28	21
19	Calne Town	28	5	2	21	-46	17
20	Hallen	27	2	4	21	-40	10

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Lindon Dovey

Warren Mann

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Will Turner

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Mark Pritchett

Ashley Davies

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Lee Llewellyn

Dominik Kent

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Steve Davies

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