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# EDITOR'S COMMENT



Welcome to everyone visiting Glevum Park this afternoon for the visit of Shrivenham. I would like to welcome all their players, supporters and officials to our home.

We always seem to have very competitive games against today's visitors, usually close affairs with little to separate the two sides. Last season we played out to 3-2 scorelines, one in each side's favour, and it was the same score (with Rovers winning) early in the 2019/20 season. Perhaps that is an indicator about how today's game might go.

In midweek we recorded a very solid 4-0 win over Lydney Town and I have to say that the first half was a wonderful demonstration of attacking football. As Dan says in his programme note, I had to stop tweeting eventually because I couldn't keep up with the chances we were creating! I don't say that very often!!

Muzzy continues to add to the squad and had you told me when we last met Shrivenham that we'd add a player like Kieran Alder back into the squad I think I wouldn't have believed you. Tash Davies played in that game but struggled to commit during the tail-end of last season and he has been like a new signing this season. Those two players aren't the only good news stories and we've seen lads like Henry Birkett and Jack Beardsell finally realising their potential, whilst Elliot Jones, Ryan Dobbins, Paul Azubilla, Mason Lewis and a host of other players are all adding to the quality in the group. One great thing to add to that is the resurgence we've seen from Shayne Bradley, who is leading our scoring charts at the age of 42, after a couple of years away from this level of the game.

Both Dan and Muzz have pointed to one important factor, though. We need to start turning performances into points and that should then help us take up a league position that might better reflect how well we are performing.

Here's hoping that starts today; even if history tells us this will be a far from straightforward challenge.

After today we face a midweek trip to Worcester Raiders and then another away game at Hartpury University, who we will meet in the Isuzu FA Vase. We then return to Glevum Park on 25 October, when we'll host Fairford Town and that will be another vital game. All in all, a busy period that will offer us the chance to shape our season in the right way, if things go to plan.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to read this. I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

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# CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT



Good afternoon all. Firstly, may I welcome the players, staff, committee members and supporters of Shrivenham FC to Glevum Park today.

Last week we hosted Cribbs and even though the result did not go our way, I thought it showed that Muzzy has the team moving in the right direction. Cribbs were hanging on for the last 15 mins or so to get the result and a potential hand-ball in the last couple of minutes, could have swung our way and gained a point or we might even have kicked on for all three. At the end of the season it won't matter how close we push the top teams, it will come down to how many points we have on the board. However, I have to say that it is probably the most positive I have felt about the first team squad for a number of seasons now and also with the management we now have in place, we will only improve.

We travelled to Lydney Town midweek, and a journey that should have been 35-40 minutes from Gloucester took me and most of the travelling players, staff and supporters in excess of 90 minutes and a trek across various parts of the Forest of Dean just to get to the game. I was thankful that when I arrived all bar two players were already there with the coaching team. I think the final score of 4-0 probably flattered Lydney, as it got to the point in the first half that Neil Spiller stopped reporting our chances on Twitter as we had probably close to twenty attempts on goal and he couldn't keep up! The lads were fantastic in the way they played in the first half. I have said for a few seasons now, that we do create chances and one day we will have the day that we do score six or seven against a team. It is good also to see we now have a squad where all the players are competing for a place and they all want to earn that starting place.

Off the field we are now in a position to start in early 2023 the redevelopment of our clubhouse on Tuffley Lane, which will mean more internal space for our members with an extension to our club bar/lounge area as well as reinstatement of the youth changing rooms, additional car parking and also an EV charging point. We are also holding meetings with community leaders about how our facilities could benefit the local community as a hub. This could be a significant move for the club and one that has been a long time in the making.

Let's hope for a good crowd here today, with some good football on display and I wish you all a safe journey home.

Many thanks,

*Dan*  
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# MANAGER'S COMMENT



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to all players, officials and supporters of Shrevenham FC for this afternoon's game.

Today's opponents are coming here in good form, off back-to-back wins in the league, so we know we are in for a tough afternoon. We are coming into this off the back of two league defeats but a cup game in midweek gave us an opportunity to get back to winning ways.

I have, in general, been pleased with most performances this season but our points total does not reflect this currently and will hope today we can get a win and start moving up the table.

We need to be a bit more ruthless in both boxes as recent goals conceded have been preventable and on the flip side, we have not taken our chances in the other end (even on Tuesday evening, when we scored four times).

We have healthy competition in the squad now which brings different challenges for the players and for me when selecting a team, but whatever eleven plays today we will have to take our chances to get a result.

Thanks again for your support and hope you enjoy the game.

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Muzzy

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



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

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

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

A return to the Gloucestershire County League followed and the club finished a very creditable 4th place (2007/8) but the summer of 2008 saw a number of senior players retire. Over the next few seasons, an evolving squad finished 11<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the County League, before 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.

The first season saw a struggle against relegation, ultimately resulting in the resignation of Warren Evans as manager, before the club retained their status due to a vacancy in the league, after finishing 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark Pritchett was then appointed as Player/Manager and took the side to consecutive 10<sup>th</sup> placed finishes, before a 15<sup>th</sup> place finish in 2018/19.

Two pandemic affected seasons then passed, with Pritchett leaving the club part-way through. Rich Cox took over as Manager for a single season, but resigned midway through 2021/22 after a disastrous run of results. Former Manchester United player Neil Mustoe then took over, steering the club away from danger (finishing in 17<sup>th</sup> place).



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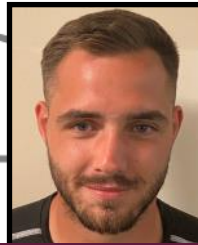


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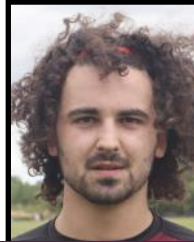
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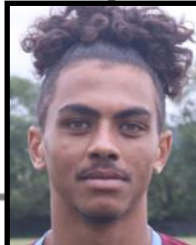
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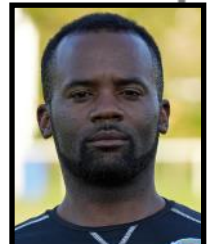
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**UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION**  
**TUFFLEY ROVERS 1-2 CRIBBS**  
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A much improved team performance, against the Hellenic League Premier Division's only unbeaten team, will have buoyed the Rovers faithful amidst any disappointment provoked by a second consecutive league defeat, with Richard Luffman's Cribbs sustaining their second place in the league table courtesy of a 2-1 defeat that owed much to a dominant first half performance.

Mustoe changed his formation following the previous week's defeat at Hereford Lads Club and opted to play three centre-backs and wing-backs, in a line-up that owed changes to tactical decision making as much as form. Kieran Squires earned a first start in a month and Shayne Bradley was recalled, as Mustoe's selection relegated Mason Lewis and Jack Beardsell to the bench. Ryley Mace got a rare opportunity to start, with Warren Mann suspended.

Almost straight from the kick-off the visitors showed their intent, as they earned a throw-in deep in Rovers territory and unleashed a potent weapon – one which would ultimately influence the game – as full-back Josh Bennett hurled the ball into the centre of the penalty area, and when it was missed by the crowd of players, it bounced through to Simon Murray at the back post and he looked set to score, only to be denied by a good stop from Elliot Jones in the Rovers goal.

Fifteen minutes in another Bennett set-piece followed a similar trajectory and once again landed in Murray's path, courtesy of a deft touch from Ryan Crouch, and the prolific marksman took advantage of being in acres of space, as he smashed the ball past Jones to make it 1-0.

Cribbs continued to peg Rovers back but the hosts' defensive unit – Paul Azubilla, Macaulay Herbert, Ashley Davies, Ryley Mace and Kieran Squires – stood firm, with Squires twice throwing his body in front of ferocious efforts around the edge of the box.



Whether their efforts were undone by a moment of brilliance or a huge slice of good fortune, only Bennett will know, but he showed he has more in his armory than a long-throw, as he extended the visitors' lead. Crouch almost conjured enough space to fashion a chance on goal, but he was crowded out and the Cribbs full-back lofted the ball over Jones, from an acute angle and it landed in the Rovers net. 2-0 after 23 minutes was probably justified on the basis of possession, albeit Rovers' courage might have deserved better.



Mustoe's side have been more resilient this season and they managed to keep Cribbs at bay as the half progressed, with chances few and far between, and a 30 yard effort, that flew safely over Jones' bar, from Ryan Cainey the closest they came to extending their

lead as half-time approached. On 40 minutes they did think they'd extended their lead, as Charlie Dashfield's shot was saved by the rebound tucked away by Joe Hillard, only for the Assistant Referee's flag to deny him.



As it was, there was another goal before the interval but it came from Rovers. Mace showed an excellent touch and burst of pace to take him past Nick Jones, before he flashed a low cross/shot across the face of goal and Cribbs' keeper Rob Brown could only palm the ball into the path of Shayne Bradley, who smashed the ball home to make it 2-1 on 43 minutes. When the half-time whistle sounded shortly after, Cribbs might justifiably have felt that they should have been

in control of the match, but their opponents now had a route back into an absorbing contest.

The second period started in similar fashion to the first. Cribbs were on the front foot and, once again, Bennett's long throw-in created the first chance. This time, Rovers half-cleared an effort but only as far as George Kellow, whose low shot from the edge of the area was well struck but straight at Jones, who saved comfortably. Shortly after Crouch headed narrowly wide, as Cribbs pushed for a two-goal cushion.

Rovers then introduced new signings Kieran Alder and Dan Beasley, replacing Callum McGuirk and Ryan Dobbins, as Mustoe looked for a way back into the game.

Hillard had two great chances for Cribbs as the half progressed but on both occasions he produced shots that were tame and directed straight at Jones, who saved comfortably. Squires then headed Birkett's corner narrowly wide, although in truth the set-piece had been slightly overhit, making it difficult for the Rovers defender to make proper contact.

As the game wore on Rovers arguably looked the more likely to score another goal, whilst Cribbs turned to the counter attack as their main threat. Dom Kent and Birkett both had efforts blocked, as Rovers pressed, before Kellow saw a chance turned away and over the bar, as Squires did well to get between him and the goal.



Mustoe then introduced Mason Lewis and Jack Beardsell into the action, replacing Kent and Squires, as he looked for the elusive equaliser, although the next chance fell Cribbs' way, only for Hillard to waste another chance from the edge of the box.

Chances started to come for both teams, as Beardsell skewed an effort wide before Cribbs' substitute, David Duru, drew a low save from Jones.

As the game moved into its final stages, Birkett crossed and Bradley found himself in space at the back post, but Kellow got his body in the way and although Rovers players appealed for a handball decision, the referee waved away those pleas. Moments later the final whistle sounded and whilst Rovers could reflect on a solid performance against one of the favourites to win the Hellenic League they ended the afternoon without any points for the second successive week.

# HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 12 October 2022

Pos	Team	Home										Away										Overall				
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts		
1	Malvern Town	12	5	2	0	17	7	4	0	1	14	6	9	2	1	31	13	18	29							
2	Cibbs	11	6	1	0	12	3	2	2	0	5	3	8	3	0	17	6	11	27							
3	Westfields	12	4	2	1	10	6	3	1	1	10	6	7	3	2	20	12	8	24							
4	Hereford Pegasus	12	5	1	2	18	13	2	0	2	4	7	7	1	4	22	20	2	22							
5	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	12	3	2	1	12	8	3	1	2	11	6	6	3	3	23	14	9	21							
6	Worcester Raiders	10	2	1	0	7	5	3	3	1	17	8	5	4	1	24	13	11	19							
7	Corsham Town	11	4	2	0	11	1	1	2	2	9	9	5	4	2	20	10	10	19							
8	Bradford Town	11	2	2	2	8	8	3	1	1	13	6	5	3	3	21	14	7	18							
9	Hereford Lads Club	12	4	0	1	9	6	1	2	4	7	11	5	2	5	16	17	-1	17							
10	Wantage Town	11	1	1	1	6	6	3	1	4	13	15	4	2	5	19	21	-2	14							
11	Shrivenham	9	0	0	4	2	12	4	1	0	9	3	4	1	4	11	15	-4	13							
12	Lydney Town	13	1	2	3	8	14	2	2	3	7	16	3	4	6	15	30	-15	13							
13	Roman Glass St George	8	2	1	1	10	8	1	1	2	4	5	3	2	3	14	13	1	11							
14	Fairford Town	12	2	1	3	10	11	1	1	4	9	12	3	2	7	19	23	-4	11							
15	Chipping Sodbury Town	10	2	2	1	8	6	0	2	3	6	16	2	4	4	14	22	-8	10							
16	Longlevens AFC	11	2	3	3	9	12	0	0	3	4	7	2	3	6	13	19	-6	9							
17	Brimcombe & Thrupp	10	1	1	2	5	7	1	2	3	7	11	2	3	5	12	18	-6	9							
18	Tuffley Rovers	9	1	0	2	6	5	1	2	3	5	10	2	2	5	11	15	-4	8							
19	Mangotsfield United	12	0	1	5	7	16	2	0	4	7	9	2	1	9	14	25	-11	7							
20	Thornbury Town	12	0	0	6	2	14	1	1	4	7	11	1	1	10	9	25	-16	4							



# Appearance information

Up to and including Tuesday, 11 October 2022

(includes selected list of former players)



What a debut for Joey Haswell on Tuesday evening – welcome to the club, Joey – and he became the second Haswell brother to play for the club, and has already outscored Tristan, who scored just once in 97 appearances!



Congratulations to Ryan Dobbins and Henry Birkett, who both reached 50 competitive appearances in recent weeks. A great achievement for both players, although they both took a number of years to progress to the landmark! Fingers crossed they continue to add to their totals in the coming years.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	78	22	Jones, Elliot	13	0
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Kent, Dominik	140	19
Azubilla, Paul	7	1	Lander, Daniel	5	0
Barry, Jordan	3	0	Lewis, Mason	11	2
Beardsell, Jack	67	13	Lomotey, Yeshaya	17	1
Beasley, Daniel	2	1	Mace, Ryley	4	1
Birkett, Henry	53	5	Mann, Warren	473	82
Bradley, Shayne	239	110	McGuirk, Callum	12	0
Butler, Matt	5	1	McNally, Laurie	10	0
Davies, Ashley	171	27	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Dobbins, Ryan	51	9	Nicholls, Scott	13	0
Driver-Dickerson, George	2	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Poole, Bradley	4	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Geddes, Jacob	51	4	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Shyamapant, Tomos	9	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Smerdon, Noah	4	1
Haswell, Joey	1	2	Smith, Liam	28	1
Haswell, Tristan	97	1	Squires, Kieran	70	5
Hawkins, Luke	5	0	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Herbert, Macaulay	227	8	Walker, Harry	67	6
Hicks, Sammie	13	0	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hill, Sam	120	8	Wallington, Mark	220	29
James, Brett	185	64	White, Joel	108	4
James, Richard	125	40	Wright, Liam	123	3
John, Harri	42	0	Yussuf, Demilade	13	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.

# Statistics 2022/23

## Competition

Uhsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

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

BFCC = Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup;

WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

2022						Att	Scorers
03/Aug	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		A	0-0	143	-
06/Aug	3pm	Slimbridge	FAC	H	1-2	186	R Mace
09/Aug	7:45pm	Malvern Town		H	1-3	124	R Dobbins
13/Aug	3pm	Lydney Town		H	4-0	84	J Beardsell (2), M Lewis (2)
17/Aug	7:45pm	Fairford Town		A	1-4	90	N Smerdon
29/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		A	0-0	222	-
03/Sep	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		A	1-4	50	M Butler
13/Sep	7:45pm	Newent Town	WLFC	H	2-1	65	S Bradley (2)
17/Sep	3pm	Thornbury Town		A	2-0	47	J Beardsell, D Kent
24/Sep	3pm	Fleet Spurs	FAV	H	1-1*	74	S Bradley
01/Oct	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		A	1-2	60	P Azubilla
08/Oct	3pm	Cribbs FC		H	1-2	64	S Bradley
11/Oct	7:45pm	Lydney Town	WLFC	A	4-0	77	J Haswell (2), D Kent, D Beasley
15/Oct	3pm	Shrivenham		H			
19/Oct	3pm	Worcester Raiders		A			
22/Oct	3pm	Hartpury University	FAV	A			
25/Oct	7:45pm	Fairford Town		H			
29/Oct	3pm	Roman Glass St. George		H			
01/Nov	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		H			
05/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United		A			
15/Nov	7:45pm	Hartpury University	GFA	H			
19/Nov	3pm	Corsham Town		A			
22/Nov	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		H			
26/Nov	3pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		H			
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07/Jan	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H			
14/Jan	3pm	Roman Glass St. George		A			
21/Jan	3pm	Mangotsfield United		H			
28/Jan	3pm	Cribbs FC		A			
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01/Apr	3pm	Malvern Town		A			
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### Goalscorers

Bradley, Shayne	3	Dobbins, Ryan	1
Beardsell, Jack	3	Smerdon, Noah	1
Lewis, Mason	2	Butler, Matt	1
Haswell, Joey	2	Azubilla, Paul	1
Kent, Dominik	2	Mace, Ryley	1
Beasley, Daniel	1		





## TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

### **Brad Poole**

### **Goalkeeper**

Fantastic keeper who first played under Doug Foxwell in the County League promotion season in 2012/13, after being attached to Cheltenham Town in youth football, but unable to commit to first team football in the years that have followed, due to work commitments, and has made just four competitive appearances in a Rovers shirt. Now providing goalkeeping cover for the 2022/23 season.

### **Kieran Squires**

### **Defence**

Previously with the club from 2014/15 to 2017/18 but then spent time at Slimbridge, Longlevens and Hardwicke, before dropping down to play local league football. Returned to the club at the start of pre-season and if he can recover fitness, he could be a shrewd acquisition. Thunderous tackling, powerful in the air and has a terrific long-throw that could add a dimension to our play.

### **George Driver-Dickerson**

### **Defence**

A new signing, but a familiar surname for those who remember his father's spell as a player at the club. Signed from Slimbridge, where he had played his U18s football and looking to make the progression to first team football. Naturally a full-back, who looks confident on the ball and tenacious off it. Also a very talented cricketer.

### **Paul Azubilla**

### **Defence**

Joined from local side Gloucester Athletic this season, after requesting a trial in the summer. Impressed in the early pre-season sessions and could be a great acquisition. Raw but has pace, power, strength and desire to improve. Very calm on the ball and capable of hitting a pass, meaning he could be a good prospect as the season develops.

### **Dan Lander**

### **Defence**

Returned in pre-season, having spent a short spell with the club a few seasons ago, without making a competitive appearance. Has returned with more experience and is a tall centre-half, who is strong, fierce in the tackle and decent in the air. He's also sensible in possession and knows his role in the side.

### **Ashley Davies**

### **Defence**

In his third spell with the club. Has had spells away at Hardwicke, Shortwood United and Cinderford Town but returned last season for a short period and is now raring to go in 2022/23! Was Neil Mustoe's first signing last season and an incredible coup. Brings class on the ball, a physical presence, leadership and a wonderful work ethic to the squad and his influence will be of huge value to the club. Can also play in midfield.

## 2022/23 PLAYER PROFILES

### **Noah Smerdon**

### **Defence**

A stellar capture by Neil Mustoe, who knew the player from his time at Gloucester City. Made it into the City first-team before he'd turned 18 and courted interest from higher level clubs before signing for Exeter City. Had spells at Tiverton Town and Weston-Super-Mare but injuries restricted his progress. Has signed in an effort to regain fitness, so may not be with us for long, but a hugely impressive signing! Can play on the left-side of the defence or in a holding midfield role.

### **Scott Nicholls**

### **Defence**

A member of our hugely successful 2020/21 FA Youth Cup squad, Scott then secured a scholarship to attend college in the US but returned to the club in December 2021 and made a solid contribution in five appearances, punctuated by a return to the USA, before the end of the season. Tall, athletic and comfortable on the ball will be looking to collect more first team appearances this season.

### **Mason Lewis**

### **Defence**

Recently signed after impressing in pre-season. Capable of playing at centre-back or left-back and can also play further forward in a wide role. Tall, commanding, strong and comfortable on the ball. Will be looking to secure a regular starting berth after spells at Cirencester Town, Lydney Town and Longlevens, amongst others.

### **Luke Hawkins**

### **Midfield**

Joined during pre-season, having previously been at Newent Town, and will be looking to make the step up into Hellenic League Premier Division football this season. Looks to have plenty of pace, combined with an industrious style of play. Could prove to be a good acquisition, particularly as he looks comfortable playing in a wide position.

### **Sammie Hicks**

### **Midfield**

Signed in January to bolster the squad following Neil Mustoe's appointment as manager, on a dual registration agreement with Cinderford Town. Has now committed to the club for 2022/23. A super talented midfielder, now with experience at a higher level and just what we needed after a difficult season. Coming back from a series of injuries that have hampered his progress but a stellar signing, nonetheless.

### **Dominik Kent**

### **Midfield**

About to start his fifth season with the club, Dom was a product of Neil Mustoe's Gloucester City U18 squad and is a talented midfielder, who is good on the ball, industrious and quick across the ground but also incredibly tenacious, whether looking to retain possession or win the ball back. Has often sacrificed his natural attacking instinct to play in a deeper midfield role but still retains a healthy goals per game ratio.

## TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

### **Demilade Yussuf**

### **Midfield**

In this third season with the club, currently captain of our U18s squad and made the leap to Hellenic League Premier Division football last season, at the age of sixteen, and has already collected a healthy number of first team appearances. Strong, athletic and incredibly hard-working, Demi was previously at Cheltenham Town and is a real talent. One to watch in future years.

### **Liam Smith**

### **Midfield**

Another 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 an injury hit campaign in 2021/22. Offers experience and capable of dropping into the back four when needed.

### **Henry Birkett**

### **Midfield**

Now in a third (or fourth!) spell with Rovers, after a fairly nomadic life in Hellenic League & County League football. Has made forty appearances for the first team over 7 years but returned during pre-season with a new maturity - could be the season where he settles down to become the key player that we all believe he can be? Great energy, good passing ability, hard-working & can add goals. An important year ahead.

### **Warren Mann**

### **Midfield**

By far our longest serving player and has now made over 450 appearances at Step 7 and above, which is a record for the club. 'Wazza' may now lack pace in comparison to the winger who started with the club, but is hugely committed and massively experienced. Brings energy, passion and excellent technique; he's constantly involved in every game. Practical joker off the field (and sometimes on it!); usually the opposition support's least favourite player!

### **Jack Beardsell**

### **Midfield**

Re-joined the club in October 2021 on a transfer from Fairford Town, having previously played for the club thirty-three times, scoring eight goals. A mercurial talent who is capable of producing some high quality moments and, when on form, a healthy supply of goals. Needs to add consistency to his game but could be a big player in 2022/23.

### **Shayne Bradley**

### **Forward**

Could this season see an Indian Summer for the club's leading goalscorer since our return to Step 7 football (and progression since)? 106 goals in 230 appearances were hugely valuable to our progress from County League football and Bradders still possesses the quality that saw him make four Premier League appearances, as well promotion success at Mansfield Town, before injury curtailed his professional career. Last appeared in a Rovers shirt during 2018/19 but now set for a return in 2022/23.

## 2022/23 PLAYER PROFILES

### **Tomos Shyamapant**

### **Forward**

Youngster who has been a consistent goalscorer for both the U18s and Development Squad over the past two seasons. Highly rated and a genuine prospect. Made his debut against Cheltenham Saracens in the GFA Challenge Trophy last season and gained more experience as the season drew to a close. Natural finisher, who will be looking for more opportunities to make an impact this season. One for the future, for sure!

### **Ryan Dobbins**

### **Forward**

Another returning player, who started out at the club's Stroud League sides, before a successful period in the Reserves' squad was followed by a prolific spell at County League side Gala Wilton. Then moved back into Hellenic League football, where he played for Cheltenham Saracens, before a return to Glewum Park this season. Has the potential to contribute goals, but his all-round game has improved immeasurably and he is adept at holding the ball up and bringing his teammates into the game. Good signing for 2022/23.

### **Yeshaya Lomotey**

### **Forward**

Powerful striker who joined in 2021/22 after spells at other local clubs, including Slimbridge and Cinderford Town. Struggled for fitness during his first season but showed his quality on the ball and packs a powerful shot that could be a potent weapon. Will be hoping to stay fit and if he does, will be looking to contribute a regular supply of goals.

### **Matt Butler**

### **Forward**

Joined in 2021/22 season from Winchcombe Town & became a pivotal part of the Development Squad, scoring regularly. Was an occasional selection in our first team, mainly from the bench, but always made a positive impression, with an exceptional work-rate, when selected. Could be another important squad member in 2022/23.

### **Neil Mustoe**

### **Manager**

Appointed as first team manager in January and took the club away from relegation fears to a place of safety. 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.

### **Ritchie Warden**

### **Assistant Manager**

Appointed as Assistant Manager in 2020, when Richard Cox took on the Caretaker Manager role, Ritchie is a UEFA B qualified coach who has experience from working at Cheltenham Town. Stayed on to become Neil Mustoe's assistant after Cox's resignation and is an important part of the management team.



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## 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, following on-loan Harvey Greenslade's incredible debut in this game last year, the questions or answers focus on loan signings....

1. Which Real Madrid and Spain defender made a very successful loan move to Bolton Wanderers in August 2002 before making the move permanent and going on to make almost 200 competitive appearances for the club?

2. Who is the player pictured during a short loan spell at Manchester United in the early-1980s, playing seven times and scoring twice, and which team was he loaned from?



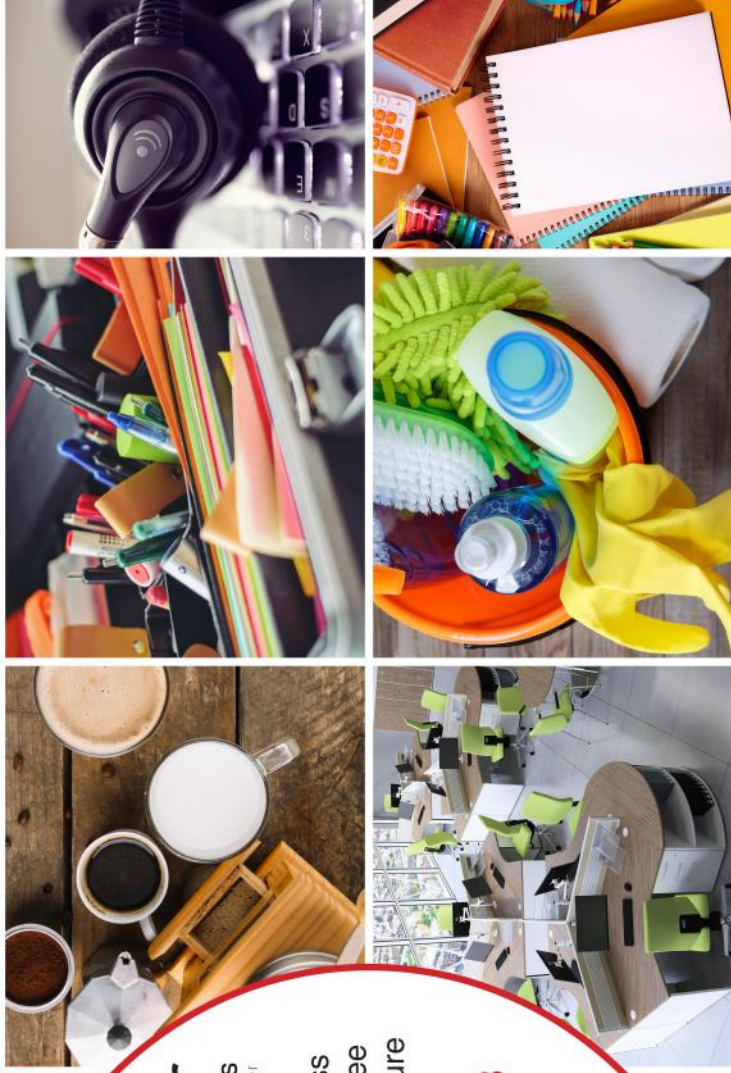
3. Who is the player pictured who scored an impressive 20 goals in a season for Marseille, on loan from Swansea City?

4. Which English player started his professional career with a loan spell at Preston North End in 1995, before having loan spells at AC Milan towards the end of his playing career?

5. The same player, Romelu Lukaku, is pictured here, during two separate loan spells, first at West Bromwich Albion and then at Everton. He played over 30 games at each club on loan from Chelsea, but at which club did he score more Premier League goals?



**Quiz Answers:** (1) Ivan Campo; (2) Garth Crooks was on loan from Tottenham Hotspur; (3) Batfembi Gomis; (4) David Beckham; (5) He scored more at West Brom, where he netted 17 times, as opposed to 15 Premier League goals at Everton.



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Just two months after winning a league fixture 4-0 at their Glevum Park home, Neil Mustoe's Tuffley Rovers squad returned from Lydney Town's Swan Road with a cup victory, by exactly the same margin, and progressed to the last sixteen of the Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup as a consequence.

Mustoe's squad were delayed in arriving in Lydney, following a serious motor vehicle collision on the A48 between Gloucester and their destination, but all sixteen players eventually arrived in good time and he was able to name a much changed line-up following the battling defeat against Cribbs on Saturday. Ashley Davies wasn't available due to work commitments but the Rovers boss was able to call upon the returning Warren Mann – who had missed the Cribbs game due to suspension – and then added Mason Lewis, Kieran Alder and new signing Joey Haswell into the starting eleven, with Shayne Bradley and Callum McGuirk moving to the bench.

The hosts also fielded a much changed line-up, including a number of fringe and reserve team players in their line-up, with several players either rested, injured or otherwise not available.

With the dynamic Alder, on his first start since signing from Worcester City, influential in the opening stages and linking up well with Dominik Kent and Henry Birkett in midfield, Rovers immediately went on the front foot and sustained an intensity in their performance for much of a largely one-sided first half. That it took them the best part of twelve minutes for the opening goal to come was, on the face of it, something of a surprise.



The recalled Lewis had been a threat in the initial Rovers attacks and he turned provider, after a patient build-up, as he used an impressive burst of pace to beat his marker, before cross to the far corner of the Lydney Town six-yard box, where debutant Haswell was on-hand

to fire a low shot that took a deflection before going into the far corner of Rich Thomas' goal.

Kieran Squires might have done better to convert Birkett's corner shortly after, before Haswell raced through on goal only to be denied by a good low save from Thomas; although, in truth, Haswell may have been better advised to fire into the opposite side of the goal, with the Lydney stopper committed to the right-hand side of his goal.

Alder then had two chances, both missing the hosts' goal by inches, before Lewis once again became the catalyst for Haswell to add to Rovers' lead.

The tall winger once again beat his man with a combination of pace and power,



before a low cross went to the back post and the new signing met the ball sufficiently well enough to force the ball back across goal and into the corner of Thomas' net, so that it was 2-0, with 39 minutes played and Rovers looking dominant.

Lewis almost had a goal himself, as excellent work from the luckless Dobbins, whose performances are more deserving of the goals his effort might normally be rewarded with, saw him sent through on goal, only for an onrushing Thomas to get in the way and force the ball out for a corner.

Almost immediately before the interval it was 3-0. Haswell beautifully controlled a ball struck from deep into his area of the pitch, before swinging the ball low across the six-yard area, where the unmarked Kent was on hand to lift the ball over Thomas and into the roof of the Lydney net.



Rovers might have hoped to make the victory more emphatic but James Morse's side showed far more resilience during the second period, disrupting the fluency Rovers had shown in the first half and although they didn't look likely to force their way back into the tie, there were moments when they had the visiting defence working hard to keep them at bay.

Intermittent substitutions – with five permitted for each side – further disrupted the flow of the game and there was little to excite the visiting support, who had feasted on an excellent Rovers display during the opening 45 minutes.

Clear chances were limited but Elliot Jones was arguably the busier of the two keepers in the second half and he produced a sublime stop to keep out Liam Sheppard's volleyed effort after 75 minutes. That ultimately contributed to a deserved clean sheet for a No.1 who is on target to set a Hellenic League record for the Tuffley side, if he can maintain his current ratio for the rest of the season.



As it was, for all of Lydney's energy in the second period they were made to pay for their inability to beat Jones, and Rovers finished the night in style when Beasley received the ball just inside the hosts' half, turned his man and sprinted clear before calmly placing a shot under Thomas and

making it 4-0 on the night, with Rovers sustaining an interest in at least four cup competitions for as a consequence of this result.





## 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 recruited the management duo of Robin Broadbank and Daniel Broadbank for the 2021-22 season and will now look to push on further in their second season with the squad.



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## Previously against today's opposition at Glevum Park

The last time we hosted today's visitors in a competitive fixture at Glevum Park back in January, we saw a debut for Bristol Rovers loanee Harvey Greenslade that inspired Rovers to a much needed victory....

### **UHLSPORT 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 Shrevenham 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 Shrevenham 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 Shrivensham, 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 Shrivensham 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 Shrivensham 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 Shrivensham 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, Shrivensham 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.





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Ryan Dobbins	<b>9</b>	Mani Roper
Kieran Alder	<b>10</b>	Zac Skinner
Mason Lewis	<b>11</b>	Fabian Stanislas
Daniel Lander	<b>12</b>	Tim Cook
Shayne Bradley	<b>14</b>	Jack Rockett
Jack Beardsell	<b>15</b>	Danny Hale
Callum McGuirk	<b>16</b>	Sean McKeon
Daniel Beasley	<b>17</b>	Chris Jackson
Joey Haswell	<b>18</b>	Adam Bright
Yeshaya Lomotey	<b>19</b>	Josh Elms

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Robin Broadbank

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**Asst. Manager**

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Craig Darkin (Coach)

Jonathan Himple (GK Coach)

Craig Bright (Physio)

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