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EDITOR'S COMMENT



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

Defeats are possibly like buses. You hope not to have to experience them, but at some stage they inevitably become a part of life!

We've had a few games without a win and it is now only one point in the last five league games, but it also feels like our performances have deserved much better than that. The thumping defeat at Worcester Raiders aside, we could arguably have taken points from all the other games (including Cribbs) but we have mustered a single point against Shirvenham as our only reward. The important thing now, in my opinion, is that the lads remain positive and I am sure points will quickly follow. However, as Muzzy says in his note, this is a league where it appears any team can win against any other, on their day, so we have to make sure we steal points when not playing well and accumulate them when on form.

Today's game will be a tough one, based upon the two games last season, although I thought we were much the better side for half an hour when visiting them last season, so there should be an opportunity if we play well for long enough.

It was good to see Ryan Dobbins get a goal in midweek, because his form has been good but he hasn't turned that into goals. Dan Beasley looked to be a good option alongside him and his pace is a great asset to the squad. With Kieran Alder recovering fitness after a stop/start season elsewhere, it looks like we have some attacking flair to go alongside a usually solid defence.

The pitch is also recovering well, despite the lack of grass in a few places. The last two years have been a real challenge for us, starting with a pitch that resembled a bog, then the installation of a new drainage system...and then a drought that put us ten steps back in the development of the playing surface. There is a little way to go but things are improving day by day after the works undertaken at the start of this season. If the pitch and the results both improve in tandem the future could be very bright!

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

In Muzzy We Trust!

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to everyone at Glevum Park today, including today's opposition Roman Glass and their players, management, committee and supporters.

We are just starting a busy period of home fixtures here at Glevum Park with eight of our next thirteen first team fixtures between today's game and our Christmas local derby on 27th December. A special thanks must go to our small band of volunteers that turn up every game to ensure that we are able to provide the hospitality that we do here. At a time where all football clubs are struggling to operate a sustainable business, as we struggle to meet the ever-increasing bills and battle our way through a cost of living crisis, after coming off the back of a pandemic, all of our clubs have been built around a loyal band of volunteers and sometimes sadly, these heroes get forgotten. We especially wouldn't exist without the hard work of those who selflessly given their time as volunteers, whether in the past or present.

We have a current vacancy on our Football Committee for a Commercial Manager to join the team and help us move forward in working with local businesses and individuals to become partners of the club. We have a very small but loyal group of businesses that continue to sponsor us, but we are always looking to partner with more businesses. If anyone is interested in the role, or knows of someone that might be suitable, please drop me an email at footballchair@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk for an informal discussion about the role and what are plans are moving forward.

On the field things are just not going our way at the moment. We have a good set of players and a management team that are absolutely fantastic, we just need to start building some points and move up the table as things are far too close for our liking at the foot of the table. When I see we have had only two wins in the league this season, it doesn't feel right as we are playing some good football, but we are too often displaying a bit of naivety in games, and that always seem to bite us.

Our match day sponsor today is A&R Light Haulage, who have been a fantastic supporter of Tuffley Rovers for many years, so a massive thankyou to Adam and Rich for their continued support.

I hope you have a great day today and a safe journey home!!

Many thanks,

Dan
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MANAGER'S COMMENT



Good afternoon and welcome to all players, officials and supporters from Roman Glass St George.

We go into today's game disappointed with the result in midweek, a defeat against Fairford Town at Glevum Park. Twice already against them this season we have let in injury time goals which makes the scoreline and defeat look worse than what had actually unfolded in the previous ninety minutes.

What was pleasing was some of our attacking play and we looked more of a threat going forward than we had in the last few games. We have looked very solid at times this season and we need to get the right balance going forward and keeping it tight at the back if results are to improve.

Roman Glass will be another hard test for us and it is difficult to know what sort of game it will be as recent results have proved they can beat anyone in the league but they have also have had some strange results, like a lot of teams in a league which this year looks like anyone can beat anyone on any given day.

I hope we can put in a good performance and get the win we are all craving for and end this mini slump that we've experienced over the last week or two.

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

Cheers,

Muzzy

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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. Over the next few seasons, an evolving squad finished 11th, 3rd, 6th and 3rd 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 17th. Mark Pritchett was then appointed as Player/Manager and took the side to consecutive 10th placed finishes, before a 15th 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 17th place).

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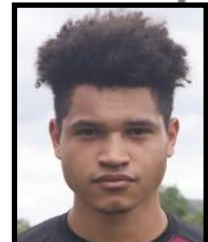
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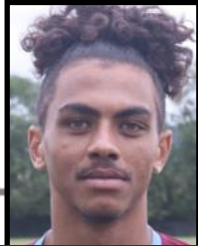


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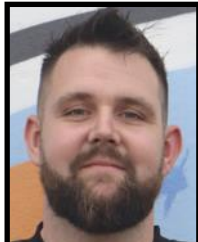


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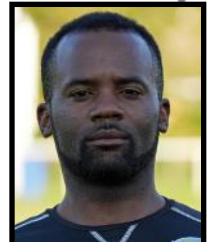
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UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION
TUFFLEY ROVERS 2-4 FAIRFORD TOWN
TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2022
(ATT: 127)

Tuffley Rovers' home form was almost as worrying as it had been in the previous season, with Fairford Town travelling across the county to meet a home team which had only taken four points from the twelve that had been available from their opening four league fixtures at Glevum Park.



Even allowing for the fact that their two home defeats had come against the clubs sitting first and second in the table, the trend of not winning home matches badly needed fixing. Fairford had been beaten in four of their six away fixtures so far and only Hereford Pegasus, Lydney Town, Wantage Town and Chipping Sodbury Town had conceded more goals on their travels, so those statistics might give Rovers some hope that this would be the evening on which their fortunes would change when it came to picking up home points.

Rovers' home woes continued, but Fairford's away figures look a lot better after a stunning second-half comeback in which they turned an interval deficit into a comfortable two-goal victory which moved them into the top half of the table level on 17 points with two other clubs but ahead of them both on goal-difference.

Archie Brennan got the game in motion for Fairford at the kick-off and the visitors were the first to show any attacking intent when full-back Callum Preece's cross from the right flashed across the goalmouth with Ross Langworthy just failing to reach it as he dived forward to try to meet the ball and deflect it into goal. Three minutes later and following a corner on the left the other full-back, Kyle Parker, had a shot which home goalkeeper Elliot Jones saved.

Langworthy had a shot blocked and from a right-wing corner taken by Rowan Doyle a header came in which was blocked and scrambled clear by the Rovers defence.



On twenty minutes Warren Mann was fouled on the left, which caused a yellow card to be shown to the offender (Brennan). Henry Birkett's resulting free-kick was sent towards the far post, where Ryan Dobbins had escaped his marker to deflect the ball into the bottom corner of the net being guarded by Joe Wright.

Although Fairford were seeing more of the ball, Rovers were looking to add to their lead and it nearly happened when Dobbins sent Daniel Beasley away down the right but the shot, although well-hit, was gobbled up by Wright.

Town's Josh Bryan was treated on the pitch after being injured and in the closing minutes of the first half the visitors were given a free-kick on the left mid-way inside their own half after Langworthy had been fouled. It was launched deep into the

Rovers half and resulted in another free-kick being awarded about 35 yards out. As the ball reached the Rovers' six-yard box Jones made a decision to come out and punch the ball to safety, a tactic he employed quite a few times on this cold evening on a pitch which was still showing the after-effects of the heavy rain at the weekend.

Whatever was said at half-time certainly galvanized the visitors because within ten minutes of the re-start they had not only wiped out Tuffley's fragile lead but gone ahead themselves. Brad Bevan and George Peare were the beneficiaries of some lacklustre defending by the hosts. Peare then watched a shot fly over the bar as Fairford started to take control of the game.

Numerous changes were made during the third quarter of the match. For Rovers, Paul Azubilla's evening ended when he was escorted off after being injured and Dominik Kent came on to replace him. Shayne Bradley came on for Luke Hawkins not long after. The changes made by Fairford were more productive with Jay Simpson and Danny Gudger coming on for Doyle and Peare. Shortly before those changes were made, Beasley missed a great chance to equalise when he headed Warren Mann's cross narrowly wide.

Home pressure was mounting, however. Beasley escaped his marker and made a strong run down the Fairford right-hand side. His fierce cross was slashed into his own net by the unfortunate Parker. There were fifteen minutes left and there was hope that the hosts could amass some points.



Mason Lewis came on for Dobbins and was almost immediately through on goal, only to be scythed down by goalkeeper Wright, who was relieved to see that a flag had been raised by the assistant referee for offside.

A few minutes later and Fairford were ahead again. Gudger raced away down the right and caused chaos by sending a firm cross into the middle, which forced Jones to make a good stop but the ball ran kindly for ex-Rover Langworthy and he prodded the ball into an unguarded part of the net.

Rovers nearly hit back quickly but Wright denied Beasley at the expense of a corner.

In added-time Town's victory was sealed when Gudger was again the creator down the right and this time his cross was steered home by his fellow-substitute Simpson.

Fairford deserved to win this match because they were unlucky to be behind at the interval but really upped their game after it. Substitutions can be crucial and Town's were more successful in that both Gudger and Simpson were key to their team's turnaround in the closing stages of the match.

Rovers have two more home matches in the coming days. With this latest defeat they badly need to start picking up points again very quickly.

HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 26 October 2022

Pos	Team	Home										Away										GD	PTS
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A						
1	Cibbs	14	8	1	0	25	3	3	2	0	7	3	11	3	0	32	6	26	36				
2	Malvern Town	14	6	2	0	18	7	4	0	2	14	8	10	2	2	32	15	17	32				
3	Westfields	14	5	2	1	12	6	3	2	1	11	7	8	4	2	23	13	10	28				
4	Hereford Pegasus	15	5	1	2	18	13	4	0	3	11	17	9	1	5	29	30	-1	28				
5	Worcester Raiders	12	4	1	0	14	6	3	3	1	17	8	7	4	1	31	14	17	25				
6	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	14	4	2	1	14	9	3	1	3	11	7	7	3	4	25	16	9	24				
7	Corsham Town	12	4	2	0	11	1	2	2	2	12	10	6	4	2	23	11	12	22				
8	Bradford Town	13	2	2	2	8	8	3	1	3	14	11	5	3	5	22	19	3	18				
9	Roman Glass St George	10	2	1	1	10	8	3	1	2	10	5	5	2	3	20	13	7	17				
10	Fairford Town	14	3	1	3	13	11	2	1	4	13	14	5	2	7	26	25	1	17				
11	Wantage Town	14	2	1	2	8	8	3	1	5	14	17	5	2	7	22	25	-3	17				
12	Hereford Lads Club	14	4	0	2	10	9	1	2	5	9	16	5	2	7	19	25	-6	17				
13	Shrivenham	12	0	0	4	2	12	4	3	1	10	11	4	3	5	12	23	-11	15				
14	Chipping Sodbury Town	13	3	3	1	13	8	0	2	4	6	19	3	5	5	19	27	-8	14				
15	Lydney Town	14	1	2	4	8	18	2	2	3	7	16	3	4	7	15	34	-19	13				
16	Brinscombe & Thrupp	12	2	1	3	8	8	1	2	3	7	11	3	3	6	15	19	-4	12				
17	Mangotsfield United	14	0	1	6	7	18	3	0	4	9	9	3	1	10	16	27	-11	10				
18	Tuffley Rovers	12	1	1	3	9	10	1	2	4	5	15	2	3	7	14	25	-11	9				
19	Longlevens AFC	14	2	3	5	13	20	0	0	4	4	9	2	3	9	17	29	-12	9				
20	Thornbury Town	13	0	1	6	3	15	1	1	4	7	11	1	2	10	10	26	-16	5				

Appearance information

Up to and including Tuesday, 25 October 2022

(includes selected list of former players)



Ryan Dobbins' goal against Fairford Town in midweek saw him make it into double figures for the club in competitive fixtures and he became the seventh player in the current first team squad to record ten goals or more. He's a little behind Shayne Bradley's 110 goals but if he plays for as long as Shayne has, who knows what he can achieve!



Shayne is still regularly adding to his record goal tally but is also now fast approaching a different milestone, as he's just seven appearances away from 250 competitive games for the club. Dom Kent is six away from 150, so I'm wondering who might reach their milestone first!?! Here's hoping they continue to be with us for the foreseeable future.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	81	22	Jones, Elliot	17	0
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Kent, Dominik	144	19
Azubilla, Paul	11	1	Lander, Daniel	6	0
Barry, Jordan	3	0	Lewis, Mason	15	2
Beardsell, Jack	70	13	Lomotey, Yeshaya	17	1
Beasley, Daniel	4	1	Mace, Ryley	4	1
Birkett, Henry	57	5	Mann, Warren	476	82
Bradley, Shayne	243	110	McGuirk, Callum	16	0
Butler, Matt	5	1	McNally, Laurie	10	0
Davies, Ashley	173	27	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Dobbins, Ryan	54	10	Nicholls, Scott	13	0
Driver-Dickerson, George	3	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	3	2	Smith, Liam	28	1
Haswell, Tristan	97	1	Squires, Kieran	74	6
Hawkins, Luke	6	0	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Herbert, Macaulay	231	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

UHlsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

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

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						Att	Scorers
2022							
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	1-1	55	K Squires
19/Oct	3pm	Worcester Raiders		A	0-5	178	-
22/Oct	3pm	Hartpury University	FAV	A	0-1	67	-
25/Oct	7:45pm	Fairford Town		H	2-4	127	R Dobbins, O.G.
29/Oct	3pm	Roman Glass St. George		H			
01/Nov	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		H			
05/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United		A			
08/Nov	7:45pm	Meadow Park	BFCC	H			
12/Nov	3pm	Wantage Town		A			
15/Nov	7:45pm	Hartpury University	GFA	H			
19/Nov	3pm	Corsham Town		A			
22/Nov	7:45pm	Malvern Town	WLFC	A			
25/Nov	7:45pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		H			
29/Nov	7:45pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A			
03/Dec	3pm	Bradford Town		H			
06/Dec	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		H			
10/Dec	3pm	Wantage Town		H			
27/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		H			
2023							
02/Jan	3pm	Shrivenham		A			
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			
04/Feb	3pm	Corsham Town		H			
11/Feb	3pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		A			
18/Feb	3pm	Bradford Town		A			
04/Mar	3pm	Thornbury Town		H			
11/Mar	3pm	Westfields		A			
18/Mar	3pm	Lydney Town		A			
25/Mar	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		H			
01/Apr	3pm	Malvern Town		A			
07/Apr	3pm	Westfields		H			
10/Apr	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		H			

* Tuffley Rovers won 4-2 on penalties

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Goalscorers

Bradley, Shayne	4	Mace, Ryley	1
Beardsell, Jack	3	Smerdon, Noah	1
Lewis, Mason	2	Butler, Matt	1
Kent, Dominik	2	Azubilla, Paul	1
Haswell, Joey	2	Beasley, Daniel	1
Dobbins, Ryan	2	Squires, Kieran	1
		O.G.	1

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Elliot Jones

Goalkeeper

Signed on a dual registration from Gloucester City, where is a highly rated member of the U19s squad, Elliot joined on the eve of the season and made a solid start in the early season games. Calm, commanding, offers good distribution and has been a good addition to the squad. An exciting prospect who we hope to see regularly in the side this 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

New signing, but a familiar surname for those who remember his father's spell playing at the club. Signed from Slimbridge, where he'd played U18s football; looking for progression to first team football. Naturally a full-back, who looks confident on the ball; tenacious off it. A talented cricketer, too.

Paul Azubilla

Defence

Joined from local side Gloucester Athletic this season, after requesting a trial in the summer. Impressed in the pre-season 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 tall in the air. He's also sensible in possession and knows his role in the side.

Ryley Mace

Defence

After time served in the U18s and then Development Squad has started to feature in the first team. Plenty of potential, whether at full-back or in a more attacking role.

Macaulay Herbert

Defence

Now the second longest-serving member of the first team, 'Macca' came through our U18s and is a solid, dependable; an excellent defender who has been getting better with every season that passed. Has now made over 200 first team appearances but has only recently returned following a lengthy absence with a serious shoulder injury.

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Ashley Davies

Defence

In his 3rd spell with the club. Has had spells away at Hardwicke, Shortwood United & Cinderford Town but returned briefly last and now raring to go in 2022/23! Was Neil Mustoe's 1st signing last season; an incredible coup. Brings class on the ball, a physical presence, leadership and a wonderful work ethic to the squad - his influence will be of huge value to the club.

Warren Mann

Midfield

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; usually the opposition support's least favourite player!

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.

Callum McGuirk

Midfield

Signed from Longlevens, where he'd largely been used at full-back, he is a hard-working midfielder, who looks comfortable on the ball. Previously spent time at Rovers, where he featured in our U18s squad. Will look to make an impact in 2022/23 but his versatility could also be an important asset.

Mason Lewis

Midfield

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.

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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.

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.

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.

Kieran Alder

Midfield

Recently returned to the club after spells with Cinderford Town, Bishops Cleeve and Worcester City. A gifted No.10, whose work rate is as noticeable as his talent on the ball. Scored once in every four games during his previous spell with the club and scored eight league goals for Cleeve in their title winning season in 2021/22. Previously part of Neil Mustoe's U18s side at Gloucester City and now reunited with him at Rovers.

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.

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 Glevum 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.

Dan Beasley

Forward

Recent signing from Westfields, who already looks to be a great acquisition. Strong, holds the ball up well, has an electric turn of pace and shows plenty of composure in front of goal.

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.

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!

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.



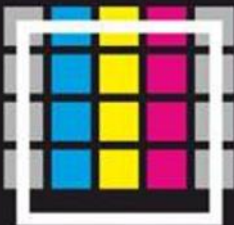
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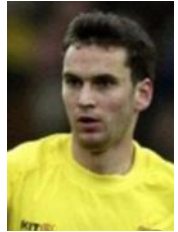


Half-time quiz: Break for five

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 the questions or answers cover a Saint, glass, a George and the Romans....amongst other things!

1. Roman Abramovich is no longer than the owner of Chelsea Football Club, having relinquished control in 2021. However, he took over the club in July 2003 and oversaw an incredibly successful era. Looking back, who was the manager at the time he took over the club?

2. Can you name this player, who played 109 times for Aberdeen, before spells with Newcastle United, Watford, Hibernian and Dunfermline Athletic?



3. Juan Roman Riquelme was an Argentinian player who was initially tipped to take over the mantle of Diego Maradona in his national team. He never quite reached the dizzy heights predicted but did play for three of the biggest clubs in the world, and amassed 51 caps for his country, before ending his career with a short stint at Argentinos Juniors. The club badges for his three clubs are pictured. Which three clubs did he spend most of his career at?

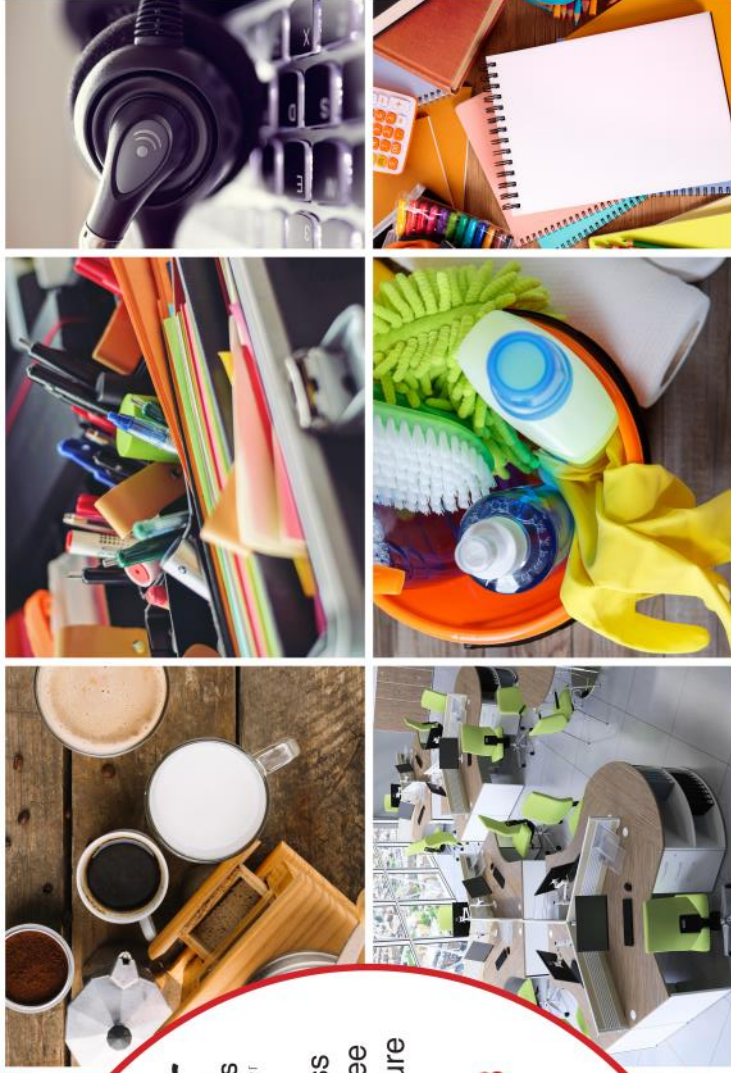


4. Can you name the George who appeared for England in the 1966 World Cup Final?

5. Can you name this famous 'Saint', who managed Southampton to a 1976 FA Cup Final win?



Quiz Answers: (1) Claudio Ranieri; (2) Stephen Glass; (3) Boca Juniors / Barcelona / Villarreal; (4) George Cohen; (5) Lawrie McMenemy.



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Current records date back, fairly accurately, to the 2007/08 season and although there are a few gaps stopping us having a full set of data, it gives us the opportunity to include a new programme feature that allows us to reflect on days gone by and fixtures on, or around, today's date.

Since those records began, we've had a few games on 27 October (and a couple on the dates either side) that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on this this particular date...

27 October 2007

A Rob Cook goal wasn't enough to save Tuffley Rovers from a third defeat consecutive defeat in the Gloucestershire County League, as they came away from Highridge United on the wrong end of a 3-1 defeat. The hosts took the lead on twelve minutes, with a Mitch Kavanagh strike, but Cook levelled two minutes after the break for Rovers.

Despite parity at half-time, Mickey Adams restored United's lead on sixty-three minutes and Dean Maggs rounded the scoring off six minutes later.

Squad: Scott Rose; Lee Wallington; Leone Cornwall; Mark Patterson; Stephen Summerell; Robert Cook; Marcus Goodge; Mark Wallington; Peter Thomas; Patrick Boyd; Adam Hacker. **Subs used:** Warren Mann; Ben Surman.

27 October 2012



On a bitterly cold day at Hanham Athletic, with a very strong wind inhibiting both teams, Tuffley Rovers and their hosts played out a dour affair where the conditions were almost the winner. The home side defended well but lacked any penetration up front, which was borne out by the fact that they only managed two attempts on goal in the ninety minutes.

League leaders Tuffley Rovers did have the better of the possession but also failed to break through a very stubborn home defence until the thirty-seventh minute when Warren Mann got in behind the defensive line and was free down the right, before pulling the ball back to the edge of the box where Mark Ford struck a first time effort that took a slight deflection off a Hanham defender and into the net.

Hanham had a great chance to level on fifty-nine minutes, when a corner from the right was well met by Jack Tottle but his header went over the bar. Further chances were to come Rovers' way, but Mark Wallington and James Cox spurned their opportunities to extend the winning margin.

Squad: Chris Perks; Marcus Foxwell; Elliot King; Antoine Thompson; Leone Cornwall; Glenn Gittins; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Mark Ford; Warren Mann; Richard James. **Subs used:** Jimmy Cox.

28 October 2017

Tuffley Rovers finally recorded a long overdue victory, after five games without a win and only one three-point haul in their last nine UHlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division games, as a Shayne Bradley goal proved enough to enable them to move above their opposition, into twelfth place in the division.

Rovers were grateful to keeper Eric Edge early on, as he did well to hold onto a Jake Nicholls free kick, with the Woodley skipper tried to bend his effort into the bottom corner of the net.

Despite the scare, Rovers deservedly took the lead three minutes later, as Bradley produced a guided header beyond Reed and in beyond the far post, on 17 minutes, from another excellent cross from Mann. That ultimately proved to be the decisive moment and Woodley's frustrations eventually spilled over, after Mann was penalised for a foul on Barley that saw both players fall to the floor, before the visiting defender leapt to his feet to viciously kick the prostrate Rovers player and was instantly dismissed from the field of play!

Squad: Eric Edge; Sam Hill; Liam Wright; Joel White; Macaulay Herbert; Danny Wallington; Brett James; Kieran Alder; Shayne Bradley; Ashley Bird; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Mark Ford; Will Emery.

27 October 2018

Despite playing against ten men for twenty-five minutes, Tuffley Rovers contrived to lose against bottom of the table Shrivenham, on Saturday, extending their run of defeats to four games in the process. Rovers took a deserved lead on fifty minutes, as Lee Smith held off his marker, before spinning the ball into the path of Dom Kent, who bent a shot around Lawrence, who had got caught in no-man's land, after he started to rush out to meet Smith's pass. Danny Hale was then dismissed after picking up two yellow cards for fairly crude challenges and it appeared that the game was their for the taking.

Petrie equalised for the hosts with fourteen minutes to play and the same player found himself through on goal in the closing moments of the game, only to be felled by Luke Merchant and a penalty award followed. Merchant looked to have done what was needed, as he saved Josh Morse's spot-kick, but the ball fell loose to substitute Sean McKeown, who smashed the rebound home from close range and Rovers lost for a fourth game in a row.

Squad: Luke Merchant; Sam Hill; Harry Walker; Mark Pritchett; Henry Birkett; Joel White; Ryan Dobbins; Lee Smith; Kieran Alder; Paul Carter; Dominik Kent. **Subs used:** Liam Thomas; Jake Rhodes.

26 October 2021

Tuffley Rovers produced a display full of resilience, tenacity and opportunism to record a memorable win away at Westfields; a side who hadn't previously lost a home Hellenic League side since joining the competition at the start of the 2019/20 season.

Goalkeeper Jack Copland kept Rovers in the game with some excellent saves and handling during the first period and although Westfields dominated possession and held a territorial advantage throughout the second period, to the extent that the half was akin to a siege on their goal, the game was to take a decisive twist on 85 minutes, as Rich Cox's side produced the decisive moment in the game.

After successfully defending a succession of set-pieces, Rovers broke and Jamal Lawrence latched onto substitute Sam Mendes' through ball, used all his experience to hold off a challenge and then hammered a rising shot beyond Ian Havard and into the roof of the Westfields net to secure a memorable win for Rovers in the dying moments.



Squad: Jack Copland; Archie Woodall; Warren Mann; Jacob Geddes; Joel White; Dominik Kent; Joe Shutt; Joshua Aldridge; Jamal Lawrence; Aaron Basford; Brennan Denness-Barrett. **Subs used:** Liam Wright; Liam Smith; Sam Mendes.

ROMAN GLASS ST GEORGE CLUB HISTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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UHSLEPORT 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 Shrivvenham had been three days earlier.

Manager Neil Mustoe kept faith with the team which had started against Shrivv 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.





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