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# EDITOR'S COMMENT



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

We have an unusually early kick-off today and a few people have asked me why this is. There is, for once, a fairly easy explanation! The Hellenic League sent out advice that they would look to reschedule games to 12noon in the event of either England or Wales finishing second in their World Cup group, meaning they would have been playing at 3pm today. In an effort to be proactive – and not leave the arrangements until Wednesday morning – we made contact with Bradford Town and it was agreed that we would move the game to 12noon, in a pre-emptive strike! As it was, England won the group and Wales failed to make second place but we have maintained the earlier kick-off because that is what has been planned and arrangements were already in place.

Both sides come into today's game with their last official game a thrashing at the hands of Malvern Town – both losing by 8 goals! We had hoped to put that behind us, by picking up points in the midweek game at Royal Wootton Bassett Town, but the fog put paid to a promising start and the game ended prematurely after 34 minutes with visibility limited to a few yards.

Bradford Town arrive here with a new manager and, having seen their Twitter feed in perpetual motion, an almost entirely new squad! Who knows what that will mean but I'm hoping we won't be victims of the "new manager bounce" as we were at Mangotsfield United earlier in the season!

Today's visitors came to us twice last season, with very mixed results, and we were comprehensively beaten at their place. So, some inconsistent performances were the hallmark of those initial meetings in the Hellenic League. What wasn't inconsistent was a good rapport between both clubs and we very much look forward to welcoming their travelling support to Glevum Park this afternoon. Bradford's following was arguably the best we saw last season and it created a terrific atmosphere – Joe Cole vs The Bobcats! Here is hoping for a repeat.

The games will come thick and fast at Glevum Park, although the programme we face is a little less challenging for our ground staff than it was at one point. We were due to be at home on Tuesday but that league game has now been replaced by a GFA Challenge Trophy at Almondsbury on Tuesday evening. Fingers crossed some of you will be able to travel to support the team for that 7:30pm kick-off.

For now, I'd settle for a decent result today.

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

- Neil

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# CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT



Good afternoon (possibly good morning!) and a warm welcome to everyone at Glevum Park today, including today's opposition from Bradford Town and their players, management, committee and supporters. A special welcome to Jamie Jordan, as the visitors' new first team manager and his newly appointed coaching team.

We are hoping to avoid the "new manager" bounce that always seems to come our way. Whenever a new manager is appointed by another Hellenic League club, they always seem to play against us in their first game!

It is slightly different for us to have a midday kick off but also nice that it gives everyone more time in the afternoon/evening to relax after the game. We will be showing the Netherlands vs USA here at the ground and also at the social club on Tuffley Lane this afternoon, so if anyone wishes to stay after today's fixture, please feel free to do so, you are more than welcome. We have two areas indoors, in the main bar and also burger bar seating area, as well as the outdoor sheltered seated space.

It feels quite some time since we played our last home game against Meadow Park, so it is great to have football back here at Glevum Park today.

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 Bradford Town.

We go into today's game after a midweek game, at Royal Wootton Bassett Town on Wednesday, which unfortunately was abandoned just before half time. Prior to that we were performing well and looking the better team on the night, which was pleasing after the previous game - we were looking for a reaction to that horrendous result and that is what we got.

We need to take the positivity of Wednesday into today's game, where I come up against another new manager and hopefully this time there is not a new manager bounce which sometimes can happen!

We will as always do our utmost to put on a performance and get the result you and I all want.

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

Cheers,

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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 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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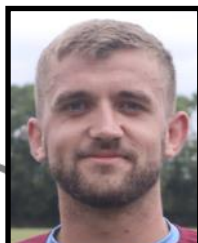


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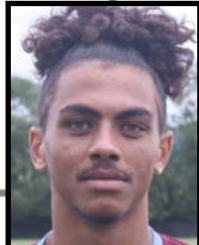
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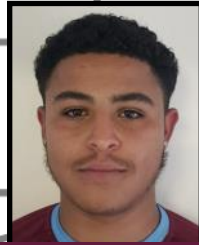




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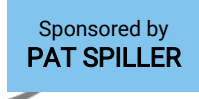
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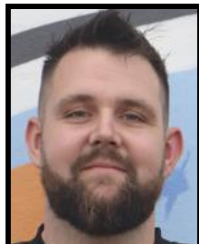
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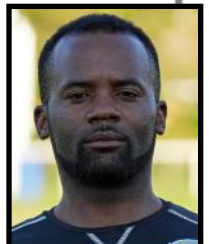
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## **BRADFORD TOWN CLUB HISTORY**

### **The Early Years**

Bradford Town F.C. was founded in 1992 by Les and Pat Stevens, joining Division Two of the Wiltshire League. Home matches were initially played at St Laurence School in Bradford where the pitch was roped off before each game, dugouts were carried to the pitch and the half time tea was made in the boot of a car.

Following a short spell at Trowbridge Town's old Frome Road ground the club came home to Bradford on Avon in 1996 moving into Trowbridge Road. The ground was established in 1912 as the home of rubber works team Spencer Moulton FC and latterly Avon Bradford FC before they folded in the early 1990s, enabling Town to become custodians.

### **Western League status achieved**

Bradford achieved promotion to the Western League in the 2005-06 season under the leadership of Mark Hodkinson after finishing runners up in the Wiltshire League Premier Division. Former founding players Paul Shanley and his assistant Mark Edwards took over at the helm in 2008-09 season which saw a third place league finish and floodlights installed at the ground.

The following season saw the installation of a 100-seat main stand, a 4th place league finish and a creditable 2nd Round appearance in the FA Vase. Town then posted successive 6th, 5th and 4th place league finishes before embarking on a year to remember in 2013-14 when they won the Division One title by 13 points.

### **Progress in the Premier**

The team's first season in the Premier Division concluded with a respectable 8th place finish but it was their exploits in the FA Vase which proved to be the highlight of the campaign. A gate of 621 at Trowbridge Road witnessed a 3-1 victory over Melksham Town in the 4th Round, their sixth scalp of the campaign, before bowing out in the next round. Another 8th place finish was recorded the following year whilst after three victories in the FA Cup the team were edged out 3-2 by Chippenham Town in the 2nd Qualifying Round.



After eight years in charge, the 2016-17 season began with Paul Shanley stepping down, being replaced by ex- Forest Green stalwart Danny Greaves, assisted by former fans favourite Aaron Wilson. After 25 tireless years as Chairman Les Stevens handed over the reins to Mark Hodkinson with Jon Phillips as deputy, both of whom have long standing connections with the club.

An impressive 5th place finish, was bettered in 2017-18 by 4th place after the side just came up short of promotion. This thrilling campaign also saw the club reach the FA Vase 5th Round again. The long trip to Redcar in the next round however proved a bridge too far as Town went down 2-0 to eventual Northern League champions Marske United on a weekend that will live long in the memory of the 100-plus travelling supporters.

### **Changes at the top**

After two excellent seasons Danny Greaves left Bradford for Frome Town. Following Rob Mallet's short reign in the hot-seat in October 2018, former Larkhall Athletic boss Wayne Thorne was appointed manager along with his assistant Pete Maddison. The pair guided Town to a solid 7th place finish. 2019-20 saw a third FA Vase 5th Round appearance but were again eliminated in front of nearly 500 at Trowbridge Road.

The season also saw Mark Hodkinson step down as Chairman with deputy Jon Phillips taking over at the helm. In the league, the team were lying 3rd in March with the best points per game ratio before the coronavirus struck resulting in the abandonment of the league. The management pair subsequently decided to move on with former team captain Lee Davidson appointed as manager and Jamie Lyons as his assistant.

### **Cup winners and a new league**

The 2020-21 league campaign was cut short again due to Covid-19 but saw Town claim their first trophy since 2014. The previous year's Les Phillips League Cup was concluded and culminated with Bradford defeating a much fancied Bridgwater Town side 1-0 at Street FC. It was announced that as part of the FA's league restructuring, Town would play the 2021-22 season in the Hellenic League Premier Division for the first time, posting a creditable 6<sup>th</sup> place finish.

# HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 26 November 2022

Pos	Team	Home										Away										GD	PTS
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A						
1	Cribbs	18	8	1	1	25	4	6	2	0	12	4	14	3	1	37	8	29	45				
2	Malvern Town	18	8	2	0	33	9	6	0	2	17	9	14	2	2	50	18	32	44				
3	Worcester Raiders	18	5	1	1	18	8	6	4	1	31	13	11	5	2	49	21	28	38				
4	Hereford Pegasus	20	8	1	2	27	16	4	0	5	15	23	12	1	7	42	39	3	37				
5	Westfields	19	6	3	2	16	10	3	3	2	12	13	9	6	4	28	23	5	33				
6	Corsham Town	16	6	2	0	22	2	3	3	2	14	11	9	5	2	36	13	23	32				
7	Roman Glass St George	16	2	2	2	13	12	6	2	2	19	7	8	4	4	32	19	13	28				
8	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	18	4	5	1	19	14	3	1	4	13	10	7	6	5	32	24	8	27				
9	Hereford Lads Club	18	6	0	2	16	13	2	3	5	12	18	8	3	7	28	31	-3	27				
10	Wantage Town	20	3	3	3	15	15	4	2	5	20	20	7	5	8	35	35	0	26				
11	Brimscombe & Thrupp	18	4	1	3	17	10	2	4	4	21	20	6	5	7	38	30	8	23				
12	Fairford Town	19	3	1	5	13	15	3	2	5	19	20	6	3	10	32	35	-3	21				
13	Bradford Town	19	3	2	5	12	16	3	1	5	16	22	6	3	10	28	38	-10	21				
14	Strattonham	18	1	0	6	8	23	5	3	3	15	18	6	3	9	23	41	-18	21				
15	Chipping Sodbury Town	17	4	3	3	17	18	0	2	5	6	22	4	5	8	23	40	-17	17				
16	Lydney Town	19	1	3	5	12	23	3	2	5	10	26	4	5	10	22	49	-27	17				
17	Longleaves AFC	20	3	4	6	17	23	0	0	7	7	17	3	4	13	24	40	-16	13				
18	Mangotsfield United	18	1	1	7	13	25	3	0	6	12	20	4	1	13	25	45	-20	13				
19	Tuffley Rovers	16	1	1	5	10	17	2	2	5	11	21	3	3	10	21	38	-17	12				
20	Thornbury Town	17	2	1	6	9	17	1	1	6	8	18	3	2	12	17	35	-18	11				

# Appearance information

Up to and including Tuesday, 22 November 2022

(includes selected list of former players)

Congratulations to Dominik Kent, who made his 150th competitive appearance in our last (completed!) competitive fixture – albeit on a very disappointing night at Malvern Town. This is a wonderful achievement by a player who is still only just 23 years of age, after he made his debut in a 6-1 defeat at Royal Wootton Bassett Town on 4 August 2018, at the age of 18.

Ironically, the appearance that will now be missing from his official list of appearances was at Royal Wootton Bassett, after the midweek game was stopped after 34 minutes. We don't include abandoned fixtures in our official statistics, so Dom missed out on appearance 151, whilst Shayne Bradley will have to wait for his 250th appearance, after his 249th game was scrubbed from our official records.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	87	24	James, Richard	125	40
Anson, Shayne	71	4	John, Harri	42	0
Azubilla, Paul	17	1	Jones, Elliot	18	0
Barry, Jordan	4	0	Kent, Dominik	150	19
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Lander, Daniel	13	0
Beasley, Daniel	10	2	Lewis, Mason	21	3
Bird, Ashley	66	5	Lomotey, Yeshaya	19	2
Birkett, Henry	61	5	Mace, Ryley	4	1
Bradley, Shayne	248	117	Mann, Warren	482	83
Butler, Matt	5	1	McGuirk, Callum	22	0
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	McNally, Laurie	10	0
Davies, Ashley	175	27	Merchant, Luke	60	0
Dobbins, Ryan	61	14	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Driver-Dickerson, George	8	0	Nicholls, Scott	14	0
Evans, David	69	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Fallows, Dayton	1	0	Poole, Bradley	5	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Geddes, Jacob	51	4	Shyamapant, Tomos	10	0
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Smerdon, Noah	4	1
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Smith, Liam	30	1
Haswell, Joey	4	2	Squires, Kieran	78	6
Haswell, Tristan	97	1	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hawkins, Luke	10	0	Walker, Harry	67	6
Herbert, Macaulay	232	8	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	14	0	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	120	8	White, Joel	108	4
Hoffland, Robin	3	0	Wright, Liam	124	3
James, Brett	185	64	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

					Att	Scorers		Jones, Elliot	Scott	Nicholls, Mann	Warren
<b>2022</b>											
03/Aug	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A	0-0	143	-		1	2	3	
06/Aug	3pm	Slimbridge	FAC	H	1-2	186	R Mace	1	2	3	
09/Aug	7:45pm	Malvern Town	H	1-3	124	R Dobbins		1	5	2	
13/Aug	3pm	Lydney Town	H	4-0	84	J Beardsell (2), M Lewis (2)		1	2	3	
17/Aug	7:45pm	Fairford Town	A	1-4	90	N Smerdon		1	3	2	
29/Aug	3pm	Longlevens	A	0-0	222	-		1	4	3	
03/Sep	3pm	Hereford Pegasus	A	1-4	50	M Butler		1	4	2	
13/Sep	7:45pm	Newent Town	WLFC	H	2-1	65	S Bradley (2)		1	16	
17/Sep	3pm	Thornbury Town	A	2-0	47	J Beardsell, D Kent		1	3		
24/Sep	3pm	Fleet Spurs	FAV	H	1-1*	74	S Bradley		1	3	
01/Oct	3pm	Hereford Lads Club	A	1-2	60	P Azubilla		1	3		
08/Oct	3pm	Cribbs FC	H	1-2	64	S Bradley		1			
11/Oct	7:45pm	Lydney Town	WLFC	A	4-0	77	J Haswell (2), D Kent, D Beasley		1	3	
15/Oct	3pm	Shrivenham	H	1-1	55	K Squires		1	2		
19/Oct	3pm	Worcester Raiders	A	0-5	178	-		1			
22/Oct	3pm	Hartpury University	FAV	A	0-1	67	-		1	12	
25/Oct	7:45pm	Fairford Town	H	2-4	127	R Dobbins, O.G.		1	1	11	
29/Oct	3pm	Roman Glass St. George	H	0-5	67	-		1	3		
01/Nov	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders	H	1-2	73	S Bradley				3	
05/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United	A	2-4	199	S Bradley, D Beasley				16	
12/Nov	3pm	Wantage Town	A	4-2	82	S Bradley (3), K Alder				11	
15/Nov	7:45pm	Hartpury University	GFA	H	3-2	62	R Dobbins, S Bradley (2)				11
19/Nov	3pm	Meadow Park	BFCC	H	6-2	45	R Dobbins (3), W Mann (pen), K Alder, Y Lomotey			11	
22/Nov	7:45pm	Malvern Town	WLFC	A	1-9	104	M Lewis			11	
30/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	A	A-A	83	-					
03/Dec	12noon	Bradford Town	H								
06/Dec	7:30pm	Almondsbury FC	GFA	A							
10/Dec	3pm	Wantage Town	H								
13/Dec	7:45pm	Corsham Town	A								
17/Dec	3pm	Chipping Sodbury Town	H								
20/Dec	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus	H								
27/Dec	3pm	Longlevens	H								
<b>2023</b>											
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								
08/Feb	7:45pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	A								
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	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H								

\* Tuffley Rovers won 4-2 on penalties

TOTAL APPEARANCES	18	9	20
STARTS	18	7	15
SUBSTITUTE	0	2	1
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0	0	0

Bradley, Shayne	11	Mace, Ryley	1
Dobbins, Ryan	6	Smerdon, Noah	1
Beardsell, Jack	3	Butler, Matt	1
Lewis, Mason	3	Azubilla, Paul	1
Kent, Dominik	2	Squires, Kieran	1
Haswell, Joey	2	O.G.	1
Beasley, Daniel	2	Lomotey, Yeshaya	1
Alder, Kieran	2	Mann, Warren	1



Smerdon, Noah	Lander, Dan	Hicks, Sammie	Wright, Liam	Birkett, Henry	Dobbins, Ryan	Beardsell, Jack	Kent, Dominik	Lewis, Mason	Yussuf, Demilade	Bradley, Shayne	Squires, Kieran	Lomotey, Yeshaya	McGuirk, Callum	Hawkins, Luke	Mace, Ryley	Barry, Jordan	Azubilla, Paul	Butler, Matthew	Herbert, Macaulay	Smith, Liam	Driver-Dickerson, George	Shyamapant, Tomos	Davis, Ashley	Alder, Kieran	Beasley, Daniel	Haswell, Joey	Fallows, Dayton	Merchant, Luke	Poole, Bradley	Hoffland, Robin	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	Mustoe, Neil	MoM
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## TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

### 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.



## TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

## 2022/23 PLAYER PROFILES

### 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 relate to big defeats, after both teams experienced pretty awful defeats against Malvern Town recently!

1. There have been five instances of teams scoring nine times in Premier League history. Manchester United have done it twice, 9-0 against both Ipswich Town and Southampton, whilst Liverpool (v Bournemouth) and Leicester City (also against Southampton) have matched that score. Who was the other team to score nine, who did they beat and what was the final score?

2. When Mario Balotelli displayed this icon shirt during a win for Manchester City over Manchester United in October 2011 he'd scored the opening two goals in a thumping win for the blue side of Manchester. What was the score on that occasion?



3. The 2014 World Cup didn't end well for Brazil, as the host nation were thumped 7-1 in the semi-final of the competition. Which country defeated them and which Chelsea player scored twice for the winning team?

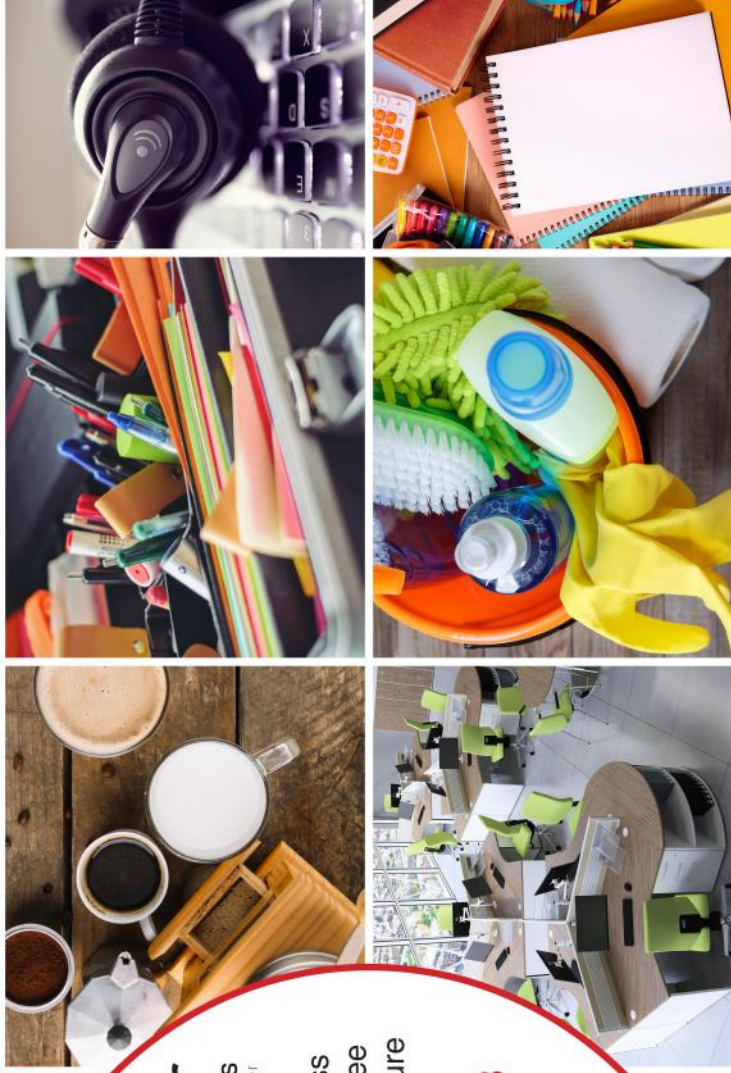


4. The highest scoring game in Premier League history finished 7-4 to Portsmouth over Reading. Which Zimbabwean international scored a hat-trick in that fixture?

5. Preston North End hold the record for the highest score in English League history, defeating Hyde FC in 1887. What was the score on that occasion?



**Quiz Answers:** (1) Tottenham Hotspur beat Wigan Athletic 9-1 in 2009; (2) It finished 6-1 to Manchester City; (3) Germany won 7-1 and Andre Schurrle scored twice; (4) Benjamin Mwariu; (5) It finished 26-0.



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# On (or around) this day in history...



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

Since those records began, we've had a few games on 19 November (and a couple on the dates either side) that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on this this particular date..

## 21 November 2009

After four games without a victory, Tuffley Rovers produced an emphatic response as they hammered home seven goals without response to defeat Patchway Town 7-0 in the Gloucestershire County League.

Warren Mann and Christopher Lee bagged a brace apiece, whilst Richard James, Marcus Goodge and an OG rounded off the scoring as the Glevum Park faithful were treated to a much improved performance.

**Squad:** Adam Bennett; James Barton; Adam Dunsford; Lee Wallington; Richard James; Victor Webb; Ashley Davies; Mark Wallington; Marcus Goodge; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Stuart Griffith; Christopher Lee; Patrick Boyd.

## 20 November 2010

Tuffley Rovers capitalised on Ellwood's dismal run of form to record a 3-0 win on the road in the Gloucestershire County League.

Rovers' hero was Richard James, who netted all three goals for the visiting side. The first was from the penalty spot in the 44th minute and after the visitors had been reduced to ten-men, James scored twice, in the 66<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> minutes, to ensure his side returned to Gloucester with all three points, in a return to form after two consecutive defeats.

**Squad:** Adam Bennett; Kyle Kennedy; Lee Wallington; Ashley Davies; Peter Thomas; Mark Wallington; Daniel Wallington; Richard James; Mark Ford; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Patrick Boyd; Liam Harding; Ryan Newport.

## 19 November 2011

In the local derby Tuffley Rovers snatched all three points in the 70th minute when Shane Bradley was brought down in the box and then netted the resulting penalty away against Longlevens, putting the Glevum Park outfit back on track after consecutive defeats.

A dull opening period, in which very little happened, was followed by a second half that saw both sides create numerous opportunities, although most were wasted as Bradley's goal proved decisive. Liam Harding missed a great opportunity for the visitors whilst Ryan Dunn and Ryan Hughes missed good chances for the home side.

**Squad:** Mark Harris; Marcus Foxwell; Callum Preece; Richard James; Kacey Johnstone; Liam Harding; Courtney Hamilton; Michael Oakes; Mark Wallington; Warren Mann; Shayne Bradley. **Subs used:** Lee Wallington; Dean Gorman; Jonathan Meadows.

## 21 November 2015

Tuffley Rovers produced one of the most impressive results of their season, as they returned from their journey to seventh placed Highmoor Ibis with all three points, to boost their campaign to retain a place in the Hellenic League Premier Division.

Twenty minutes into the game Brett James gave Rovers the lead and he should have extended the lead on 55 minutes, before adding his and Tuffley's second on 72 minutes. Mark Ford added the third, ten minutes from time, as Warren Evans' side ran out comfortable 3-0 winners.

**Squad:** Phil Clarke; Walt Greenwood; Tristan Haswell; Callum Preece; Glenn Gittins; Marcus Foxwell; Brett James; Liam Wright; Jordan Fletcher; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Macaulay Herbert; Anthony Herrin; Dean Bernard.

## 20 November 2018

A midweek outing to Oxfordshire side Abingdon United proved to be a frustrating evening for a depleted Tuffley Rovers side, as they returned with a point when they might have taken all three. A spate of injuries, illness and work commitments deprived Mark Pritchett of several players, with Lee Smith, Dominik Kent and Brett James notable absentees from the squad.

Nathan Baker opened the scoring for the hosts, on the stroke of half-time, but Samuel Dodoo and then Henry Birkett scored in the space of fifteen second-half minutes to give Rovers the lead, before a mix-up between Joel White and Kane Winman gifted Graham Edney a late equaliser to leave the score at 2-2.

**Squad:** Kane Winman; Liam Thomas; Sam Hill; Joel White; Henry Birkett; Luke Payne; Kieran Alder; Jack Phillips; Ryan Dobbins; Paul Carter; Samuel Dodoo. **Subs used:** Harry Walker.

## 19 November 2019



Promotion chasing Westfields handed Tuffley Rovers a footballing lesson, as they recorded a thumping 5-1 victory at AllPay Park, with Sam Hill's late goal no more than a consolation for the visiting team, who had been on a run of just one defeat in six games before their first competitive visit to Herefordshire.

Aidan Thomas scored a hat-trick for the hosts, with Craig Jones and Richard Greaves adding further goals, as Westfields led 5-0 after just 63 minutes, and only an excellent performance from Luke Merchant helped keep the score down.

**Squad:** Luke Merchant; Isaac Lawrence; Sam Hill; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Tyreece Briscoe; Dominik Kent; Jack Beardsell; Ross Langworthy; Ollie Price; Niall Priday. **Subs used:** Adam Bloomfield; Ashley Bird; Joe Shutt.





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# *Forthcoming Fixtures at Glevum Park*

Thursday, 8 December 2022 :

**U18s v Shortwood United, 7:30pm, Cheltenham Floodlit Youth League**

Saturday, 10 December 2022 :

**First XI v Wantage Town, 3pm, UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division**

Thursday, 15 December 2022 :

**U18s v Hereford Pegasus, 7:30pm, Cheltenham Floodlit Youth League**

Saturday, 17 December 2022 :

**First XI v Chipping Sodbury Town, 3pm, UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division**

Tuesday, 20 December 2022 :

**First XI v Hereford Pegasus, 7:45pm, UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division**

Tuesday, 27 December 2022 :

**First XI v Longlevens, 3pm, UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division**

Wednesday, 28 December 2022 :

**Development Squad v Evesham United Development, UHlsport Hellenic League, Division Two (West)**



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## Previously against today's opposition at Glevum Park

The last time we hosted today's visitors in a Premier Division fixture at Glevum Park in October 2021, we recorded a first home win of the season, as Joe Shutt's header sealed a memorable 1-0 win...

### **UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 1-0 BRADFORD TOWN SATURDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2021**

After fifteen games, spread over almost 20 months, since 25 January 2020, Tuffley Rovers kept a clean sheet in an UHlsport Hellenic League fixture, in what will undoubtedly be remembered as a performance of two halves, both equally impressive. The first saw a performance full of attacking intent and intensity; the second a fine defensive effort, with a counter-attacking threat.

This game, a first home league fixture since 29 September 2020, saw the visit of Bradford Town, who are new to the Hellenic League this season and came into the fixture with five wins in their opening eight league games, including a crushing 5-1 win over Calne Town in midweek. Rovers were in decent form themselves, having lost just once in six games, although that had been in their last league outing at Brimscombe & Thrupp which ended in a 5-1 reverse.

There were two changes to the starting line-up for Rich Cox's side, with Josh Aldridge (ineligible for the FA Vase game a week earlier) recalled and a returning Rover, Tristan Haswell, included after signing on a dual registration basis from Cinderford Town as he recovers from injury.

Both sides started the game on the front-foot, looking to attack at every opportunity, but early chances were at a premium. Joe Shutt hit a 10<sup>th</sup> minute shot that took a deflection before going narrowly over Chris Humphries' bar but there was little other notable incident in the early moments, despite the offensive intentions.

In the 16<sup>th</sup> minute Humphries was forced into making the first save of the game, as Lewis Bainbridge showed excellent footwork to dance past several challenges before driving a low shot that the tall Town keeper managed to push away from his goal with an outstretched palm.

Four minutes later, Town had a chance of their own, as a long ball upfield found Harvey Baker, who put a clever backheel into the path of Charlie Walton, who in turn played a square ball to George Box but the normally prolific striker blasted high over under pressure from the recovering Jacob Geddes.

The game continued at a pace, with Rovers showing an intensity that had been missing from some of their early season performances, with the pacy trio of Lucas Price, Shutt and Bainbridge testing the Bradford Town defence at every opportunity. The visitors looked solid in defence and ready to exploit any opportunity to launch an attack on the Rovers goal.

Rovers' keeper Adam Clark had been largely untroubled in the opening half an hour but he was called into action for the first in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute, as he got down quickly to keep out Baker's effort, after Box had fizzed a low cross into the six-yard box.

With half-time fast approaching, Aldridge started the move with a superb ball inside the Town full-back, Luke Burman, and when Bainbridge struck the ball beyond Humphries, but cannoned away off the upright. The ball then found its way to Aaron Basford, who struck a superb low

shot, which Humphries did well to keep out but the ball spun into the path of Bainbridge again and he put it into the unguarded net. Unfortunately, although Rovers thought they had the lead, Bainbridge had been in a position narrowly behind the Town keeper and with only the covering full-back Dawley on the line, was correctly adjudged to be in an offside position and the goal was disallowed.

There was the last clear chance of the half and the interval arrived without score but in a game that provided plenty of entertainment for the neutral.

Rovers started the second period with the same intent as had been demonstrated in the first period and took the lead ten minutes into the half. Liam Wright and Dom Kent combined to win back possession, before Shutt played an excellent pass out to Price, who opened up his body, swung the ball back into the box and into the path of the diminutive Shutt, who arrived unmarked to head the ball beyond Humphries and into the net from 10 yards out.



The hosts' performance wasn't all about attacking endeavour and the back three of Wright, Geddes and Haswell were in commanding form, snuffing out attacks and bravely winning a succession of headers and tackles to keep the increasing threat from Town away from Clark's goal.

Humphries, who had been a solid presence in the visiting goal, then picked up a back injury in a clash with Bainbridge and it looked like he may have to withdraw from the game but with no replacement keeper on the bench, he was able to continue after several minutes of treatment.

Town did then make a change, as Tyson Pollard came on for Dawley, and he was to prove a significant influence in the way the game developed, instrumental in much of the visiting side's play after entering the fray, almost scoring within two minutes of his introduction, only to see his volleyed effort go narrowly wide.

The intensity had shifted for Rovers and they were now producing some excellent defending, supported by Clark, who came to the fore making a good save from Box, who fired a low shot that the Tuffley keeper forced over the bar with an outstretched foot.

Bainbridge then had to be withdrawn from action, after picking up an injury, and he was replaced by Brennan Denness-Barrett. Shortly after Liam Smith and Yeshaya Lomotey were introduced for Basford and Price.

As time began to run out, the visitors continued to attack and Clark had to make a smart stop from Walton, before the same player headed against Warren Mann and onto the Rovers bar from the resultant corner. Seconds later, following the subsequent corner, Clark made another good stop to deny Town again.



Geddes was showing how crucial he was to the hosts, after returning from injury seven days previously, and made a series of well-timed defensive blocks as the game drew nearer to a close and Clark, who had won back his place following a recent injury to Jack Copland, made another great stop in the closing moments to deny them an equaliser.



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## TUFFLEY ROVERS

Claret & Blue shirts; Claret shorts; Claret & White socks (GK: Blue).

Luke Merchant	<b>1</b>
Warren Mann ©	<b>2</b>
Paul Azubilla	<b>3</b>
Callum McGuirk	<b>4</b>
Daniel Lander	<b>5</b>
Dominik Kent	<b>6</b>
Henry Birkett	<b>7</b>
Dan Beasley	<b>8</b>
Ryan Dobbins	<b>9</b>
Kieran Alder	<b>10</b>
Mason Lewis	<b>11</b>
Macaulay Herbert	<b>12</b>
Shayne Bradley	<b>14</b>
Kieran Squires	<b>15</b>
Liam Smith	<b>16</b>
Ashley Davies	<b>17</b>
Luke Hawkins	<b>18</b>
Yeshaya Lomotey	<b>19</b>
Tomos Shyamapant	<b>20</b>
Brad Poole	<b>21</b>
George Driver-Dickerson	<b>22</b>

Neil Mustoe

**Manager**

Ritchie Warden

**Asst. Manager**

Ashleigh Watson (Physio)

**Other Occupants**

## BRADFORD TOWN

Yellow shirts; Blue shorts; Yellow socks (GK: Green).

Kieran Perrin
Rich Dawley
Ashley Fowler
Cameron Thomson
Mal Nicholls
Will Taylor
Ruben Marques
Harvey Baker
Josh Timbrell
Malachi Benjamin
Jack Pearson-Brown
Bevan Cross
Jasper Jones
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