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EDITOR'S COMMENT



Welcome to everyone visiting Glevum Park this afternoon for the visit of Longlevens. I would like to welcome their players, supporters and officials to our home. Here is hoping everyone in attendance today has had a great Christmas.

What a win on Tuesday evening! A year after Muzzy's appointment, the squad appears to be taking shape and that result has been a long time coming. Speaking to Hereford Pegasus' officials after the game, I heard "how are you in the bottom places?" for about the tenth time this season and the truth is, from my perspective, that we just haven't combined the exhilarating attacking play, hard work, and gutsy defending together on enough occasions.

It has been clear all season, as he suggests in his programme notes, that our manager is shaping a squad, after inheriting a group that weren't producing performances or results for several months, and he's created a good spirit and brought in some terrific players.

Spirit is something that today's visitors always seem to display in abundance. I have no doubt much of that comes from the hard-work and general presence of their leader, Craig Martin. Rival clubs we might be but I admire 'Spider' for his dedication, commitment and hunger for all things Longlevens. We need people like that in local football, who are loyal, genuine and proper football people.

As ever, both squads feature players who have appeared in the opposition colours, although the two captains sum up what a healthy local rivalry should be about. Neither would dream of playing for the other and are loyal to their club colours. Levens' Shaun O'Connor is as much his club's man, as Warren Mann is our own.

Clearly I'll be hoping that the claret & blue side triumphs today but, more than anything, I'd like to see a good game, played in a good spirit, in front of a good crowd. That would be good for football in the city of Gloucester.

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

Wishing you a Happy New Year. Let battle commence...

- Neil

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT



Good afternoon and welcome to everyone at Glevum Park today.

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and now looking forward to a day of football and socialising.

Last Tuesday's win over Hereford Pegasus brought us a much needed three points and I thought we put in a good overall performance. To get a clean sheet also was very much welcome.

I'm sure no doubt at the start of the season, everyone from both clubs looks out for the Tuffley vs Longlevens fixture and only fitting it makes the post-Christmas schedule. We have been fortunate to host this fixture two years on the bounce and we always seem to have a great atmosphere. It offers a chance for a catch up with some familiar and local faces and hopefully a few beers before, during and after the game.

I hope everyone enjoys the game and hospitality here today, and a safe trip home.

Have a great day.

Many thanks,

Dan

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MANAGER'S COMMENT



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to everyone. I hope you have all had a good Christmas. Today we entertain our local rival Longlevens and we welcome all players, officials and supporters to Glevum Park.

Hopefully we will see a bumper crowd for today's game, which is vital for both teams.

As of today I will have been in charge for a year, as I started with the same fixture, on the same date 12 months ago, but I'm hoping for a better result this time round.

It has been an eventful year! After being out of the game for a few years, I was fresh and ready for the challenge; it is not until you are fully involved you know the extent of the challenge ahead. I feel 100% we are in a much better position than when I arrived, although league position does not suggest this, but this was proven the other night when we took off Macca, Wozza and Henry but we were unfazed and went on to win the game. It has been a total rebuild and there are few involved today who were here at this time last year.

Our last outing against Hereford Pegasus was a really good performance, and even better result, with a late winner, topped with a clean sheet, a great outcome and looking back on it thoroughly deserved.

The squad today know how important this game is and it is has nothing to do with the opposition; it is about gaining momentum and going on a run of results which will push us up the table.

I am going to have another difficult afternoon in terms of selection but a problem I prefer to have than not.

Here's hoping you enjoy your afternoon, and we get the result we all want and need.

Wishing you a Happy New Year.

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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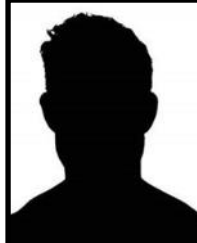
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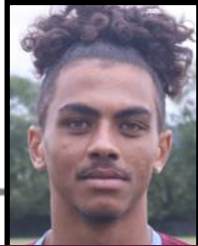


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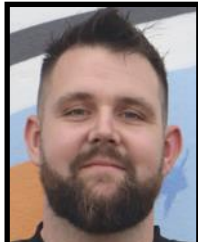
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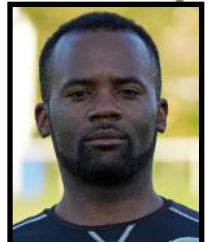
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LONGLEVENS CLUB HISTORY



The Club, in its current format, was founded in 1954. We initially played in the North Gloucestershire League, but currently we operate in the UHL Sport Hellenic League, the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and the Stroud and District League.

In 2011/12, Gloucester City Council created a new football facility and we were fortunate enough to be offered the tenancy, which enabled us to make the step-up to the Gloucestershire County League – our facilities at our Club HQ could not be converted to ‘make the grade’. At this point, we must give great credit to E. G. Carter and Company Limited, our major sponsors, because, without them, we could not have got Saw Mills up to the required standard and I am happy to say that they are still the major force for the improvements that we have subsequently made – so “Thank You” Carters, as they are locally referred to!

We now run six male adult sides, a Ladies side and a Veterans team and we recently expanded to include a Junior Section to cover sides from U8’s to U11’s, which will complement our Youth Section, which bridges all age groups between the Junior and Senior Sections. Last season also saw us introduce a girls’ team and such was the uptake that we now have three and given the England’s Ladies achievements, I imagine we could see another surge in interest.

This will bring us to a total of 31 sides in all and we are recognised as a Two Star FA Accredited Club, the system that has replaced the previously used Charter Standard ‘banner’. Special mention here to Dennis Barnsley who has done so much work in respect of the Youth Section and the Charter Standard and to our Chairman, Mark Cornell and Treasurer Chris Trout for putting in so much work to make the expansion of the Youth Section happen.

We had spent more than forty years trying to reach the Gloucestershire County League, but amazingly, within three years we had passed through it and gained promotion to the UHLSPORT Hellenic League, having won the League in 2013-14 and once again we were indebted to Carters for helping us to upgrade Saw Mills to the required standard.

So, in 2014/15 we started another new phase for the Club, in Division One West of the UHLSPORT Hellenic League and what a start! We won the Division at the first attempt, so after three consecutive titles and two consecutive promotions, we found ourselves in the Premier Division and have consolidated our position in that Division – in fact last season saw us achieve our highest finish to date, but we recognise the difficulties of facing sides

that have a history and an infrastructure that is vastly superior to ours.

One can't leave last season without a reference to a great FA Cup run that culminated in us playing Gloucester City – a dream day out for the Club, because despite being drawn at home, there was no choice but to switch it to their ground and although we eventually lost we gave them a run for their money, made a few 'Bob', but more importantly gave the Club a day that will be forever remembered by all of us who attended the game.

We also helped create a new crowd record of 2,320 at City's recently re-opened ground and that record still holds today. We are extremely lucky that two of our previous Managers - Mark Moore and James French do a lot of work behind the scenes at Saw Mills and Mark is currently looking at what we need to do to upgrade the facility – ideally to a Step 4 standard, or at least close to it. Mark has made a truly remarkable recovery health-wise and it is great to see him operating with his former verve and energy!

Club stalwart and Mark's assistant Craig 'Spider' Martin was the next to step up as Manager, after Mark was forced by ill health to step down and last season, we welcomed Mike Palmer to the Club and he has done some great work, not only with the First Team, but in creating a 'Club Ethos', a Presentation of which has been shared right the way through the Club.

Mike has had a varied experience before joining us – he has coached at Gloucester City, had two years with Green Bay in The States and has also coached at Cheltenham Town, Forest Green Rovers and Tuffley Rovers (U18's and Development) and he already holds the UEFA B certificate and is now working towards his UEFA A – so he brings a wealth of knowledge to the Club and we look forward to a positive mutual experience.

Tim Hall had decided to take a backward step at the end of 2017-18 but was persuaded to 're-join' and will continue this season. We also welcome Matt Sysum to our coaching staff and confident that he has picked up a wealth of experience in his many travels. I guess I should have started these notes by saying how good it was to compete a season, after two 'wash outs' and hopefully, even though the virus has not gone away, we are now capable of carrying on as normal. As ever, apologies to all those people at the Club who deserve a name-check but didn't get one, but given their work at Saw Mills, I must name check Ash Baker (hospitality), Neville Martin (Gate), Sharon and Tara Martin (Refreshment Hut) and our Chairman Mark Cornell and ex-player Paul Walsh (behind the scenes work).



HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 21 December 2022

Pos	Team	Home										Away										Overall				
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS		
1	Malvern Town	22	9	3	0	37	10	8	0	2	24	10	17	3	2	61	20	41	54							
2	Cribbs	20	9	1	1	27	4	7	2	0	15	4	16	3	1	42	8	34	51							
3	Worcester Raiders	20	6	1	1	20	8	7	4	1	34	15	13	5	2	54	23	31	44							
4	Westfields	21	7	3	2	18	10	4	3	2	15	13	11	6	4	33	23	10	39							
5	Hereford Pegasus	22	8	1	3	27	20	4	0	6	15	24	12	1	9	42	44	-2	37							
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	19	2	2	3	13	14	7	2	3	25	10	9	4	6	38	24	14	31							
8	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	19	4	5	1	19	14	4	1	4	14	10	8	6	5	33	24	9	30							
9	Hereford lads Club	21	7	0	3	20	18	2	3	6	12	20	9	3	9	32	38	-6	30							
10	Wantage Town	22	3	3	3	4	15	16	4	3	5	20	20	7	6	9	35	36	-1	27						
11	Bradford Town	20	3	2	5	12	16	4	1	5	21	26	7	3	10	33	42	-9	24							
12	Brimacombe & Thrupp	20	4	1	4	18	13	2	4	5	21	22	6	5	9	39	35	4	23							
13	Fairford Town	21	3	1	7	14	21	3	2	5	19	20	6	3	12	33	41	-8	21							
14	Strivenham	20	1	0	7	8	26	5	3	4	15	21	6	3	11	23	47	-24	21							
15	Lydrey Town	21	2	3	5	14	24	3	2	6	10	28	5	5	11	24	52	-28	20							
16	Longlens AFC	22	4	4	6	20	23	1	0	7	10	18	5	4	13	30	41	-11	19							
17	Mangotsfield United	20	1	1	7	13	25	5	0	6	16	21	6	1	13	29	46	-17	19							
18	Chipping Sodbury Town	18	4	3	4	17	21	0	2	5	6	22	4	5	9	23	43	-20	17							
19	Tuffley Rovers	18	2	1	6	15	22	2	2	5	11	21	4	3	11	26	43	-17	15							
20	Thornbury Town	20	2	1	7	11	20	1	1	8	10	24	3	2	15	21	44	-23	11							



Appearance information

Up to and including Tuesday, 20 December 2022

(includes selected list of former players)



After Shayne Bradley made his 250th competitive appearance for the club last week, you might wonder who is next up to reach a landmark appearance and the answer is that several players (of those who have featured this season) are closing in on those celebrated numbers.

Kieran Alder is ten away from his 100th appearance, and Tristan Haswell's occasional appearances are edging him towards the same total. Kieran Squires is nineteen appearances away from 100, to complete the list of players who might be considered most likely to arrive at that number in this season. Looking further up the appearance chart, Ashley Davies needs twenty-three more games for 200 appearances and Macaulay Herbert seventeen from his 250th. The other significant milestone is for Warren Mann, who is closing in on his 500th appearance for the club and, barring injury or suspension, he's well on course to do that this season.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	90	25	James, Richard	125	40
Anson, Shayne	71	4	John, Harri	42	0
Azubilla, Paul	19	1	Jones, Elliot	18	0
Barry, Jordan	4	0	Kent, Dominik	153	19
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Lander, Daniel	14	0
Beasley, Daniel	11	3	Lewis, Mason	23	3
Bird, Ashley	66	5	Lomotey, Yeshaya	21	3
Birkett, Henry	64	5	Mace, Ryley	4	1
Bradley, Shayne	250	117	Mann, Warren	485	83
Butler, Matt	5	1	McGuirk, Callum	24	0
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	McNally, Laurie	10	0
Davies, Ashley	177	27	Merchant, Luke	61	0
Dobbins, Ryan	64	16	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Driver-Dickerson, George	9	0	Nicholls, Scott	14	0
Evans, David	69	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Fallows, Dayton	1	0	Poole, Bradley	6	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	32	1
Haswell, Joey	6	2	Squires, Kieran	81	7
Haswell, Tristan	98	1	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hawkins, Luke	10	0	Walker, Harry	67	6
Herbert, Macaulay	233	8	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	15	0	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	120	8	White, Joel	108	4
Hoffland, Robin	4	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

UHlsport 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	Nicholls, Scott
2022									
03/Aug	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		A	0-0	143	-	1	2
06/Aug	3pm	Slimbridge	FAC	H	1-2	186	R Mace	1	2
09/Aug	7:45pm	Malvern Town		H	1-3	124	R Dobbins	1	5
13/Aug	3pm	Lydney Town		H	4-0	84	J Beardsell (2), M Lewis (2)	1	2
17/Aug	7:45pm	Fairford Town		A	1-4	90	N Smerdon	1	3
29/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		A	0-0	222	-	1	4
03/Sep	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		A	1-4	50	M Butler	1	4
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	
24/Sep	3pm	Fleet Spurs	FAV	H	1-1*	74	S Bradley	1	
01/Oct	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		A	1-2	60	P Azubilla	1	
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	
15/Oct	3pm	Shrivenham		H	1-1	55	K Squires	1	
19/Oct	3pm	Worcester Raiders		A	0-5	178	-	1	
22/Oct	3pm	Hartpury University	FAV	A	0-1	67	-	1	
25/Oct	7:45pm	Fairford Town		H	2-4	127	R Dobbins, O.G.	1	
29/Oct	3pm	Roman Glass St. George		H	0-5	67	-	1	
01/Nov	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		H	1-2	73	S Bradley		
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		
15/Nov	7:45pm	Hartpury University	GFA	H	3-2	62	R Dobbins, S Bradley (2)		
19/Nov	3pm	Meadow Park	BFCC	H	6-2	45	R Dobbins (3), W Mann (pen), K Alder, Y Lomotey		
22/Nov	7:45pm	Malvern Town	WLFC	A	1-9	104	M Lewis		
30/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A	A-A	83	-		
03/Dec	12noon	Bradford Town		H	4-5	90	O.G., R Dobbins, K Squires, D Beasley		
06/Dec	7:30pm	Almondsbury FC	GFA	A	2-1	37	R Dobbins, Y Lomotey		
20/Dec	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		H	1-0	61	K Alder		
27/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		H					
2023									
02/Jan	3pm	Shrivenham		A					
07/Jan	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H					
10/Jan	7:45pm	Malvern Town	BFCC	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					
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* Tuffley Rovers won 4-2 on penalties

TOTAL APPEARANCES	18	9
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Goalscorers			
Bradley, Shayne	11	Squires, Kieran	2
Dobbins, Ryan	8	Lomotey, Yeshaya	2
Beasley, Daniel	3	O.G.	2
Lewis, Mason	3	Mace, Ryley	1
Alder, Kieran	3	Smerdon, Noah	1
Beardsell, Jack	3	Butler, Matt	1
Haswell, Joey	2	Azubilla, Paul	1
Kent, Dominik	2	Mann, Warren	1

Mann, Warren	Smerdon, Noah	Lander, Dan	Hicks, Sammie	Wright, Liam	Birkett, Henry	Dobbins, Ryan	Beardisell, 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	Davies, 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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Brad Poole

Goalkeeper

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

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 this season has proved a shrewd acquisition. Thunderous tackling, powerful in the air and has a terrific long-throw that could add a dimension to our play.

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 decent 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.

Scott Nicholls

Defence

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

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.

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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.

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.

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 Lomotoy

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 are (sort of) Christmas themed!

1. Can you name the player pictured, who is masquerading as Father Christmas?



2. The Christmas Island team only play against one opponent, namely The Cocos (Keeling) Island. In 2017, one team won both games 1-0 in a two-legged tie. Which team ran out the 2-0 aggregate winners?

3. On 25 December 1965 the last ever Christmas Day fixture in the English Football League took place. The venue is pictured and Blackburn Rovers were the visitors. Which teams were their hosts on that occasion?



4. Which two teams are scheduled to be the first to return to Premier League action after Christmas (and the World Cup), with a 12:30pm kick-off on Boxing Day 2022?

5. Can you name the three former footballers dressed as Father Christmas?



(a)

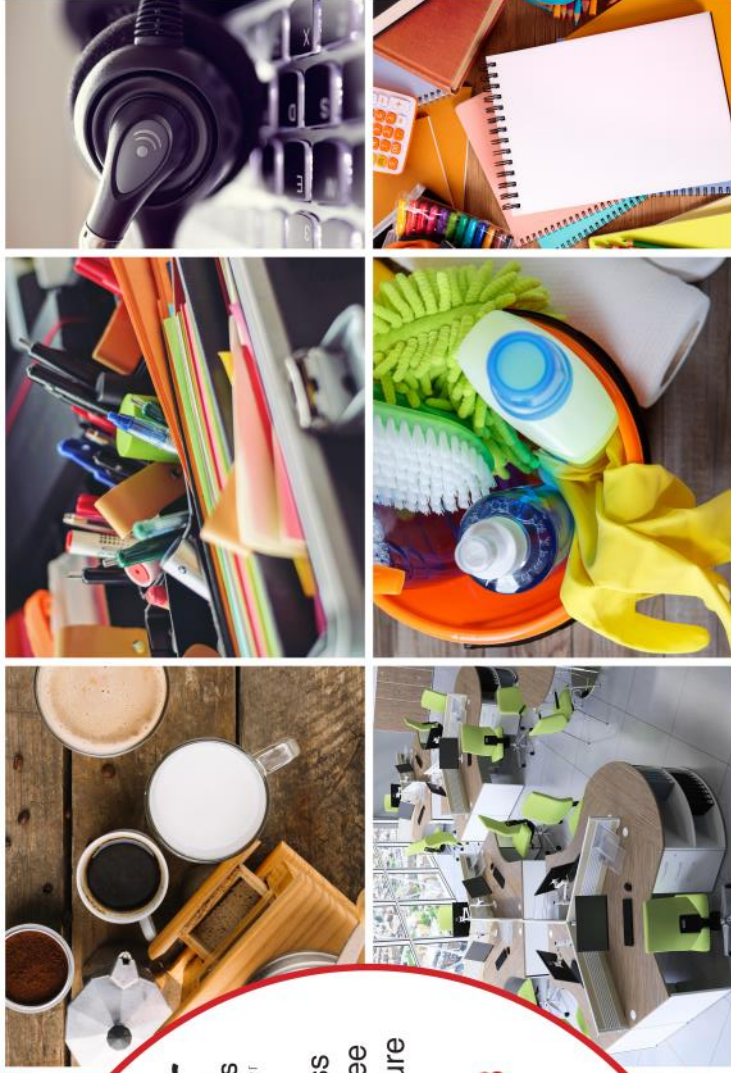


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Quiz Answers: (1) Gareth Bale; (2) It was the Christmas Island squad that triumphed on both occasions; (3) Blackpool; (4) Brentford & Tottenham Hotspur; (5) (a) Kevin Keegan / (b) Steve Bull / (c) Tony Adams.



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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 or around 27 December that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on this this particular date...

27 December 2008

A woeful performance at home to Yate Town Reserves saw Tuffley Rovers crash to a 4-0 defeat in the Gloucestershire County League, for the second consecutive game. Rovers had a great chance to equalise, when it was 1-0, but Stu Griffith's penalty was weak and easily saved. The visitors then won with ten men, after their keeper was sent-off at 2-0, scoring twice as Rovers chased the game.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Robert Cook; Dan Gillespie; Ben Surman; Stuart Griffith; Richard Stevenson; Martin Middlecote; Mark Wallington; Christopher Lee; Patrick Boyd; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Marcus Foxwell; Peter Thomas.

26 December 2013

Youngster Junior Mbika made a spectacular first start for Tuffley Rovers, scoring the winning goal in a Boxing Day victory away at Shortwood United Reserves in the UHlsport Hellenic League, Division One (West), after Shayne Bradley had go the first in a 2-1 victory.

Squad: Chris Perks; Matt Minett; Lee Brinkworth; Mike Devlin; Richard Thwaite; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Tracey; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann; Jordan Fletcher; Junior Mbika. **Subs used:** Courtney Hamilton; Steve Bick.

27 December 2014

Goals from Ashley Davies and Jordan Dowdeswell secured a 2-1 win for Tuffley Rovers over local rivals Longlevens at Saw Mills, in a game played out in front of a crowd of 166.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Macaulay Herbert; Glenn Gittins; Ashley Davies; Jordan Dowdeswell; Stuart Griffith; Jordan Fletcher; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Warren Mann; Courtney Hamilton; Steve Bick.

26 December 2016

Ten-man Tuffley Rovers secured a valuable three points, as a Warren Mann goal proved the difference as Tuffley Rovers secured a 1-0 Boxing Day win over Longlevens at Glevum Park, in front of a crowd of 149. Rovers handed debuts to Kane Winman in goal and Jake Burns in midfield, whilst their injury hit squad also featured a rare start for young striker Ryan Dobbins. Liam Wright's sending-off reduced Rovers numbers but they held out to win the game.

Squad: Kane Winman; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Macaulay Herbert; Marcus Foxwell; Jamie Goodwin; Jake Burns; Ryan Dobbins; Liam Wright; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Ben Tunnicliff; Harry Walker; Jack Overthrow.



26 December 2017

Sam Blackie's 36th minute goal proved decisive, in a close fought encounter, as Brimscombe & Thrupp secured a win against fellow Gloucestershire side, Tuffley Rovers, in a Boxing Day clash at The Meadow.

Both sides showed plenty of attacking spirit, but Rovers' threadbare squad - shorn of Shayne Bradley, Shayne Anson and Warren Mann, who were all suspended – couldn't find a way through a committed Brimscombe & Thrupp defence, and all they defended well, backed up by a solid performance by keeper Dave Evans, the hosts managed to take all three points courtesy of Blackie's strike, after good work from Harrison Reeves.



Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Joel White; Macaulay Herbert; Courtney Hamilton; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Alder; Mark Ford; Ashley Bird; Michael Oakes; Brett James. **Subs used:** Mark Pritchett.

26 December 2019



Tuffley Rovers visited fellow Gloucestershire side, Brimscombe & Thrupp for this Boxing Day tie and the two sides played out a seven-goal thriller that ebbed and flowed throughout.

Jack Smith scored early-on, to give the hosts the lead, before Johan Flo and then James Campbell took Brimscombe into a 3-0 lead after just 20 minutes.

Although Jake Rhodes' header reduced the arrears, Flo scored again to make it 4-1, before Dom Kent produced a good finish to make it 4-2. Joe Shutt scored ten minutes into the second half and Rovers looked set to secure a valuable point, but Tyreece Briscoe smashed the spot-kick against the bar and Sam Prior's side held out for a 4-3 win.

Squad: Luke Merchant; Harri John; Ben Pricor; Isaac Lawrence; Macaulay Herbert; Jake Rhodes; Joe Shutt; Tyreece Briscoe; Warren Mann; Dominik Kent; Jack Beardsell. **Subs used:** Miles Ferguson; Niall Priday; Adam Bloomfield.

27 December 2021

Shaun O'Connor's deflected effort past Jack Copland proved to be decisive, as Longlevens left Glevum Park with a 1-0 victory in front of a bumper Christmas crowd of 331.

With Neil Mustoe linking up with the Rovers squad for the first time, after the departure of Rich Cox the previous week, Rovers put in a solid effort but were ultimately undone when O'Connor's effort from just outside the box took a huge deflection off Scott Nicholls and found the net, with Copland already committed to the opposite side of his goal.

Warren Mann was sent-off late on, as Rovers extended their losing sequence to eleven games.

Squad: Jack Copland; Liam Wright; Warren Mann; Joshua Aldridge; Jacob Geddes; Scott Nicholls; Lucas Price; Demilade Yussuf; Jamal Lawrence; Dominik Kent; Lewis Bainbridge. **Subs used:** Aaron Basford; Jack Beardsell; Ashley Bird.

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The last time we hosted today's visitors in a Premier Division fixture at Glevum Park on this day in 2021, we suffered a narrow defeat, as Neil Mustoe joined caretaker manager, Ritchie Warden, in the dugout for the first time...

UHSLPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 0-1 LONGLEVENS MONDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2021

A solitary goal from visiting Longlevens captain Shaun O'Connor decided this local affair in front of a bumper Bank Holiday crowd of over three hundred. Rovers are still firing blanks in front of goal but this was a much more compact performance than the one against Corsham nine days earlier and should give the newly-appointed management team of Neil Mustoe and Ritchie Warden enough encouraging signs to work on in the New Year even though the team desperately needs to be picking up points again very quickly because if it does not it can expect to be caught and overtaken by the three clubs immediately below them in the table.

Matches between the two Gloucester clubs in this division tend to be quite tight affairs without many goals and this match continued that trend. There were several former Rovers players in the Longlevens squad and although that sort of familiarity can lead to rather feisty confrontations that wasn't really evident until the closing stages when Rovers had a player sent off for a pretty wild challenge.

Tuffley kicked off playing down the slope but both teams won early corners. The 'Levens corner was taken by Luke Troke and the ball certainly moved in the air and was drifting inside the far post when Jack Copland grabbed it to make a clean catch.

Eight minutes had passed before there was a sniff of a chance. Brad Martin got his head to a free-kick taken by Troke on the left but when the ball reached Will Emery he could only drive his shot wide of Copland's left-hand post.

Five minutes later Jamal Lawrence found himself in the clear when a long ball forward reached him but he was being put under pressure by a defender and maybe got his shot away a little earlier than he needed to, an effort which was comfortably saved by Ellis Parker.



Midway through the first half Warren Mann fouled Dave Merrick as Longlevens built up a move on the right. Troke's free-kick drifted over everyone in the penalty-area before smacking against the far post; this led to an almighty scramble as defenders tried to clear the ball but instead led to Merrick getting a shot away which was deflected for a corner.



Just after the half-hour mark the visitors took the lead. O'Connor moved menacingly forward into the final third of the pitch and exchanged passes with Martin before driving in a right-footed shot which was deflected off debutant Scott Nicholls and out of Copland's reach and ended up in the far corner.



There was a flurry of activity soon after the goal as Longlevens threatened to increase their lead. Ex-Rover Rudi McKinnon fired in a ferocious shot from the left which was screaming into the far corner until Copland flew through the air and somehow diverted the ball onto his crossbar and away from immediate danger. Two minutes later Martin passed to Emery on the right and the cross was met by Cameron Williams who could not get over the ball properly and headed it over the crossbar.

Just before the interval Rovers had two decent opportunities to equalise. Lewis Bainbridge ran from deep inside his own half down the left and hurdled a couple of attempted tackles while still retaining possession of the ball before getting in a tame shot which Parker dealt with comfortably. Then Nicholls moved up when Rovers were awarded a free-kick on the right but he could only head Josh Aldridge's cross wide of the goal. So 'Levens held on to take their narrow lead into the half-time break.


The visitors moved forward with purpose early in the second half and this led to two corners, the second of which was headed wide by Williams. Rovers won a corner themselves shortly afterwards and Aldridge's flag-kick led to a fierce drive from Nicholls which Parker acrobatically turned aside.



Rovers' shortcomings in front of goal were well documented and they again failed to create enough decent opportunities for themselves even though their big centre-forward Lawrence worked hard for little reward. Lucas Price had an effort that should have drawn the scores level, but Parker made another superb save to keep his side in front.

Both teams made substitutions as the match entered its final third. Warren Mann was brought down heavily and limped away but Rovers had made their three changes by then so the Tuffley veteran had to see out the match. The same fate befell Ethan Dunbar for the visitors.

Time was nearly up when Mann flew into a challenge on O'Connor for which referee Mitchell Terry pulled a red card out of his pocket. Rovers had to play with a man less for what little time remained but Longlevens remained composed and disciplined and continued to work hard to protect their narrow lead with the three points earned moving them level on points with Westbury United in eighth place although they have played three matches more than the Wiltshire club.



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Warren Mann ©	3
Ashley Davies	4
Macaulay Herbert	5
Dominik Kent	6
Henry Birkett	7
Kieran Alder	8
Shayne Bradley	9
Joey Haswell	10
Ryan Dobbins	11
Kieran Squires	12
Liam Smith	14
Yeshaya Lomotey	15
Sammie Hicks	16
Daniel Lander	17
Tomos Shyamapant	18
Mason Lewis	19
Luke Hawkins	20
Daniel Beasley	21

Neil Mustoe

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Ritchie Warden

Asst. Manager

Ade Tandy (Physio)

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