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# EDITOR'S COMMENT



A warm welcome to everyone visiting Glevum Park this afternoon, as we host Westfield in the UHlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division. I sincerely hope their players, supporters and officials enjoy their visit to our home (in every respect, bar the result!).

I really want to extend a welcome to Andrew Morris of Westfields, and his fellow committee, because they are a model for how to run a club – welcoming, decent people who have always been very kind and generous hosts when we've visited them. I look forward to my trip to Westfields later this season.

Talking of looking forward to games, I find myself welcoming this game a little more than I might have 8 days ago. Our displays against Corsham Town and Royal Wootton Bassett Town, although ultimately fruitless, were much improved on some of the early New Year games and there was plenty of reason to be proud of the side that we put out on each occasion. The application and effort every player offered was what has been missing on a few occasions this year and usually when we go into the games I'm genuinely hoping to get something out of.

Muzzy and Booner have covered how important it is we start to pick up points, so I won't cover that, but I do want to acknowledge one player in particular. I hope I cause no offence!

Dan Lander might not be the greatest footballer to wear claret and blue but he has been tremendous in the last two games because his heart, level of commitment and outright desire, which is unquestionable. If better players matched him for contribution he might never get near our team, but he has become a vital part of the squad, off the field as well as when he's on it, because he is what a lot of modern youngsters aren't – someone with a desire to make the most of what he has and an individual with a focus on the team, rather than the individual. I haven't heard him moan once and everything is focused on being better and giving more. I have no doubt he won't start every game, with no disrespect intended, but I simply love the contribution he makes to the club and long may that continue.

I still believe we'll escape from the situation we're in, because of people like Dan. Today is a chance to continue to show what we're made of, but there are far bigger days to come. Please get behind the lads and spur them on to better things. Better days will come.

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 and welcome to Glevum Park. A warm welcome to our opponents Westfield today and all their players, management, committee and supporters.

Hopefully we have seen the last of the freezing temperatures and we can now crack on with our fixtures for the remainder of the season. As it stands, we are going to be fighting to retain our place within the Premier Division next season and even though we've shown improvement in the level of grit and determination applied over the last couple of games, we have not picked up a single league point since our win here against Hereford Pegasus back in December.

Whatever the outcome at the end of the season, we are already looking ahead to off-season plans and events. We are hoping to have the building work started on the redevelopment of our social club located on Tuffley Lane.

With our current kit sponsorship packages all coming to an end at the conclusion of this season, we are also now working with a supplier for a new kit design next season and will hopefully be able to share the drafts in the next few weeks or so. With that, we will be working with local companies and contacts on kit sponsorship deals; hopefully persuading some local businesses to become a partner of the club over the next two seasons (and beyond).

I hope everyone enjoys the hospitality here today and wish you all a safe journey home.

Have a great day.

Many thanks,

*Dan*

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# MANAGER'S COMMENT



Good afternoon and welcome to all players officials and supporters of Westfields visiting Glevum Park this afternoon.

A famous manager once said "Football, bloody hell!". Well, I was on the receiving end of that feeling Tuesday night against Wootton Bassett. As deflated as I was after what happened in the last few minutes, the shift the guys put in over the last two games, in particular, was superb and I could not be prouder.

I know we have the players and the determination to lift ourselves from the bottom, where we still sit. We are cut adrift, as it stands, but nothing we cannot claw back, if we keep showing the effort and determination we have been.

If we were 6 points from top of the league with 14 matches to go I would be telling my players we can catch them and win the league, so why not have the same mentality just because we are in a lesser position?

Despite no reward for all our efforts, we did score a great goal and had more goal attempts and corners than in previous weeks and if we continue in that mentality and mindset our luck has to change soon. Once again, or at least from my angle there was another clear cut penalty decision not given, and the one at our end went against us, when I am pretty sure the law is if it hit a part of the body then hand it cannot be deemed deliberate (or, in modern day terms, an "unnatural position") as there was a deflection. Again, this was how it looked from my angle and will stand corrected if I am wrong.

Huge positives were Liam Smith and Sammie Hicks completing 90 mins although they are going to be feeling it for a few days; Ryley Mace who filled in admirably for Warren at left back; but also players playing themselves into a bit of form and taking a chance in response to others' non-availability.

Today we face another top seven team – the third in a week - and all I ask is my players replicate their endeavour and commitment to the cause, along with the ability they showed Tuesday and we will come good eventually.

With all our good play and build up we still got in areas and did not get the end product we were looking for and at the other end, whichever way you look at it, I would say we are too soft on occasion, giving away too many silly fouls and inviting pressure into our box.

As long as we learn from this, and quickly, and keep the squad as competitive as we can, I believe we can get the performances and more importantly the results that we deserve. We should have some players back today to help with this.

I hope you enjoy the game.

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 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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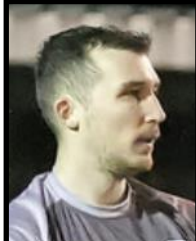


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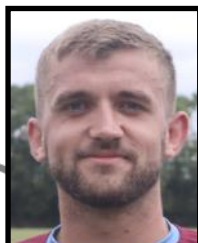


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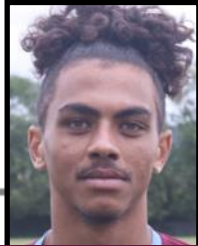


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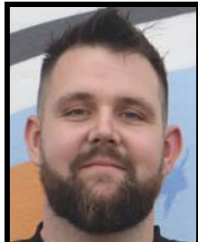


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## WESTFIELDS FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2022-23 – MANAGEMENT, STAFF AND PLAYERS

**PHIL GLOVER – MANAGER** Phil Glover has been with the club for 14 years as a player and guided Westfields under his Captaincy to the First Round Proper of the FA Cup in 2016/2017 and appeared on several television programmes with interviews with the FA Cup. Phil was a dominant centre half and joined Westfields from Hinton Football Club. He proved to be an excellent defender and was promoted to Manager where he has done an excellent job, both on and off the field as a committed Westfields person.

**PAUL WILLETTTS – ASSISTANT MANAGER/HEAD COACH** Paul re-joined Westfields 5 seasons ago after serving the club as a player during his playing days before he left to join the Royal Navy where he has had a marvellous career and played for the Combined Services and the Royal Navy before managing the Royal Navy side itself. Keen, well-motivated FA Coach.

**TONY JAMES – COACH** Tony joined Westfields last season after having a distinguished football league career with Hereford United. He also played for the newly formed Hereford FC team.

**JOE DARLEY – PHYSIOTHERAPIST** Joe joined us 2 seasons ago from Hartpury College where he is a physiotherapist. Joe offers excellent service to the players here, both on match days and on training days.

**SAM RAWLINGS – DEFENDER** Westfields' Player of the Year in season 2018/2019 and a member of the Armed Forces. A prominent member of our FA Cup giantkilling team 6 seasons ago and an excellent player to have within the squad.

**DAN STONEMAN – STRIKER** 30 year old Dan is a Royal Engineer and represents the Combined Services football team. He has now been at Westfields for 8 seasons as a pacey attacking winger and very popular with the crowd.

**JOEL EDWARDS – DEFENDER** Re-joined Westfields 2 seasons ago, having played for the previous 2 seasons with Cardiff Met in the Welsh National League. Also played in the Europa League with Cardiff Met. Formerly with Hereford FC where he led them to many league titles and captained them in the FA Vase Final at Wembley.

**PAUL HURRELL – DEFENDER** – joined Westfields 5 seasons ago from Stourport Swifts where he was a regular first team player. Excellent defender, solid and reliable.

**HARRISON IDDLÉS – MIDFIELD** Harrison joined us 2 seasons ago from Bishop's Cleeve where he was a hard-working midfielder player. Extremely popular with the crowd due to his non-stop performances.

**MATT MACDONALD – MIDFIELD** Matt joined us 2 seasons ago from Cinderford Town and was an excellent member of the side last year and was awarded the Players' Player of the Year.

**IAN HAVARD – GOALKEEPER** Joined Westfields 4 seasons ago after spending time at Ludlow Town, Shawbury United, Shrewsbury Town, Newtown and Bangor City. Experienced goalkeeper, very reliable.

**JOE DAVIES – DEFENDER** Joined us 2 seasons ago from Wellington and proved to be an excellent signing and scored vital goals from set pieces.

**MATT APPERLEY – GOALKEEPER** Joined Westfields last summer from Wellington. Big, tall impressive goalkeeper who played a number of first team games last year.

**MAX COLEY** A youngster who joined us again in the summer of last year and played in a number of pre-season games and looked very impressive. Tall midfielder player. Good passer of the ball.

**SEAN POWELL - DEFENDER** Joined Westfields last season from Buith Wells and looked to have a great season ahead of him but suffered a nasty injury over the Christmas period and was ruled out for the rest of the season. Hopefully now fully recovered ready to play again.

**RYAN GREEN – EXPERIENCED DEFENDER** Former Welsh International, played for Hereford United and Hereford FC. Very popular player and excellent organiser.

**JOSH HUNT - STRIKER** Our leading goal-scorer last season and winner of the Golden Boot award. Scored over 20 goals, having been signed from Cinderford Town.

**HARRISON SUMMERS – STRIKER** Youngster who won the Young Player of the Year last year. Had a most impressive season, having joined us from Hereford Pegasus.

**MORGAN EVANS – STRIKER** Signed from a Welsh League team. Exciting prospect. Scored goals at Welsh League level last season.

**BEN VINE – ATTACKING FULLBACK** New signing this season. Hopes to do well.

**KYLE CASSELL – STRIKER** Signed this summer from Clacton Town. Scored in a number of pre-season friendlies. Looks an exciting prospect and is an experienced striker.

**ADAM WAKELY** – Another player signed in the summer of this year and can play in the front positions and will be challenging for a First Team place.

**BILLY MURPHY** – former Hereford FC player. Enjoyed a couple of seasons with us in our first years in the Hellenic League. Suffered badly last year with injuries but is back fresh and ready to play again this season.





## HISTORY

Westfields Football Club commence the new 2022/2023 season again in the UHL Hellenic Football League having played last season and finished 7<sup>th</sup> despite having great ambitions to finish in a promotion place.

The 2 previous seasons were previously claimed null and void due to the coronavirus situation but in Westfields' first season in the Hellenic League they were 13 points clear when it was curtailed due to the coronavirus when promotion to the Southern League looked on the cards.

Last season was a slight disappointment, not only in finishing 7<sup>th</sup> in the league table but also FA Cup and FA Vase performances were disappointing and in the Herefordshire County Cup we lost to Hereford FC.

However, we are now ready for the new season and Phil Glover our Manager has been busy with retaining a large group of players from the previous season and Phil himself will be assisted by Paul Willetts our Assistant Manager and Coach Tony James, and once again we are sure that the players and management will be anxious to gain a promotion place.

During the last 56 years Westfields have enjoyed a meteoric rise throughout the West Midland league to the Midland Football League and along the way have finished runners up twice in the Midland Football League and narrowly missed out on promotion to the Southern league South and West having finished runners up to Gresley Rovers and Stratford Town in previous seasons.

Westfields celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season in the 2016/17 with an amazing giant killing run in the FA Cup which saw them go through to the first-round proper before losing to Curzon Ashton following a Match Of The Day game at Allpay Park in the first round proper, which also featured Westfields appearance on Football Focus and prior to that Chief Executive Andy Morris had appeared live on the FA Cup first round draw as a studio panel guest in Manchester.

In fact 2016/17 also saw Westfields celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a celebratory dinner at the Three Counties Hotel Hereford, and Andy Morris was also a guest at the Non-league paper luncheon at Chelsea Football Ground where he was given a lifetime achievement award for 50 years' service as secretary of Westfields Football club.

Other accolades were received during the season as presentations were made by the Herefordshire Football Association, the Midland Football League, Ladbrokes, and the Midlands FA Cup committee to celebrate the tremendous achievements Westfields had enjoyed in their FA Cup run which gave them wins over Stourport Swifts, Tividale, St Ives Town, Highgate United, Walton Casuals and Leiston before they drew Conference North side Curzon Ashton at home and then lost in the replay 3-1.

Westfields have enjoyed tremendous support financially by being sponsored firstly by their ground sponsor Allpay Ltd who for the first 15 years were the shirt sponsors at the club.

This has now been taken on by CJ insurance who have enjoyed fantastic support and coverage in the last 3 seasons during our period in the Hellenic Football League.

We are delighted that CJ Insurance have continued their support to Westfields Football Club again this season and along with Metclad of Nottingham and support from Life Member Ron Marshall who continues to support the club Westfields can go forward with a sound footing.

Westfields are a club geared up for success with a very strong committee which has been well established over many years and with a ground with an E certificate for higher-graded football and a recently re-furbished club room, bar, and dressing rooms.

# HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 8 February 2023

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	28	11	4	0	49	18	10	1	2	31	15	21	5	2	80	33	47	68					
2	Cribbs	25	11	1	1	34	4	9	2	1	18	6	20	3	2	52	10	42	63					
3	Worcester Raiders	25	8	1	2	32	13	8	4	2	37	18	16	5	4	69	31	38	53					
4	Westfields	28	7	4	4	20	14	7	3	3	27	16	14	7	7	47	30	17	49					
5	Corsham Town	20	7	2	0	24	3	6	3	2	22	14	13	5	2	46	17	29	44					
6	Hereford Pegasus	26	10	1	5	36	25	4	0	6	15	24	14	1	11	51	49	2	43					
7	Roman Glass St George	26	5	2	5	23	17	7	4	3	30	15	12	6	8	53	32	21	42					
8	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	25	5	6	3	23	22	6	1	4	16	10	11	7	7	39	32	7	40					
9	Wantage Town	27	3	3	6	16	19	6	3	6	29	26	9	6	12	45	45	0	33					
10	Hereford Lads Club	27	8	0	7	25	31	2	3	7	13	22	10	3	14	38	53	-15	33					
11	Shrivenham	27	4	0	9	17	37	6	3	5	17	29	10	3	14	34	66	-32	33					
12	Fairford Town	28	5	1	8	20	24	4	3	7	22	27	9	4	15	42	51	-9	31					
13	Brimscombe & Thrupp	23	5	2	4	22	14	3	4	5	24	22	8	6	9	46	36	10	30					
14	Longlevens AFC	26	4	4	7	21	26	3	1	7	17	20	7	5	14	38	46	-8	26					
15	Mangotsfield United	24	2	2	7	19	29	5	1	7	19	25	7	3	14	38	54	-16	24					
16	Bradford Town	25	3	2	6	12	17	4	1	9	24	39	7	3	15	36	56	-20	24					
17	Lydney Town	24	3	3	5	15	24	3	3	7	11	32	6	6	12	26	56	-30	24					
18	Chipping Sodbury Town	24	4	5	4	20	24	1	2	8	12	35	5	7	12	32	59	-27	22					
19	Thornbury Town	24	3	1	7	15	20	2	1	10	13	29	5	2	17	28	49	-21	17					
20	Tuffley Rovers	24	2	1	8	15	28	2	2	9	12	34	4	3	17	27	62	-35	15					



# Appearance information

Up to and including Tuesday, 7 February 2023

(includes selected list of former players)

Congratulations to Kian Maher-Goldsmith (pictured), who became our latest debutant on Tuesday evening, as he came off the bench for a first Hellenic League, Premier Division appearance after a good season with the Development Squad.



Kian is another very young player who has progressed well and he joined other Development Squad regulars, like Ryley Mace, on the field in our defeat at Royal Wootton Bassett Town. This is exactly the sort of progression we've been looking for since re-introducing our U18s and then Hellenic League Division Two side over the past few years and we're hoping Kian, Ryley and others – like Dayton Fallows who made a debut earlier in the season – can become regular, home-grown first team players in the future.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	93	25	James, Richard	125	40
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Jones, Elliot	19	0
Azubilla, Paul	21	1	Kent, Dominik	160	19
Barry, Jordan	4	0	Lander, Daniel	16	0
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Lewis, Mason	26	3
Beasley, Daniel	18	4	Lomotey, Yeshaya	23	3
Bird, Ashley	66	5	Mace, Ryley	5	1
Birkett, Henry	71	5	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	1	0
Bradley, Shayne	256	117	Mann, Warren	491	83
Butler, Matt	5	1	McGuirk, Callum	30	0
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	McNally, Laurie	10	0
Davies, Ashley	178	27	Merchant, Luke	66	0
Dobbins, Ryan	71	16	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Driver-Dickerson, George	9	0	Nicholls, Scott	14	0
Fallows, Dayton	1	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Poole, Bradley	7	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Pritchett, Mark	134	20
Geddes, Jacob	51	4	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Shyamapant, Tomos	11	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Smerdon, Noah	4	1
Hands, Ben	1	0	Smith, Liam	37	1
Haswell, Joey	11	2	Squires, Kieran	83	7
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hawkins, Luke	13	0	Tomkins, Lyndon	1	0
Herbert, Macaulay	240	8	Walker, Harry	67	6
Hicks, Sammie	20	0	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hill, Sam	120	8	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hoffland, Robin	4	0	White, Joel	108	4
Iddles, Harrison	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	Nicholls, Scott	Mann, Warren	Smerdon, Noah	Lander, Dan
2022														
03/Aug	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		A	0-0	143	-			1	2	3	4	5
06/Aug	3pm	Slimbridge	FAC	H	1-2	186	R Mace			1	2	3	4	5
09/Aug	7:45pm	Malvern Town		H	1-3	124	R Dobbins			1	5	2	6	
13/Aug	3pm	Lydney Town		H	4-0	84	J Beardsell (2), M Lewis (2)			1	2	3	6	5
17/Aug	7:45pm	Fairford Town		A	1-4	90	N Smerdon			1	3	2	4	
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			3
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				U
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				6
22/Oct	3pm	Hartpury University	FAV	A	0-1	67	-			1		12		U
25/Oct	7:45pm	Fairford Town		H	2-4	127	R Dobbins, O.G.			1		11		U
29/Oct	3pm	Roman Glass St. George		H	0-5	67	-			1		3		12
01/Nov	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		H	1-2	73	S Bradley					3		4
05/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United		A	2-4	199	S Bradley, D Beasley				16			5
12/Nov	3pm	Wantage Town		A	4-2	82	S Bradley (3), K Alder						11	5
15/Nov	7:45pm	Hartpury University	GFA	H	3-2	62	R Dobbins, S Bradley (2)						11	3
19/Nov	3pm	Meadow Park	BFCC	H	6-2	45	R Dobbins (3), W Mann (pen), K Alder, Y Lomotey						11	3
22/Nov	7:45pm	Malvern Town	WLFC	A	1-9	104	M Lewis						11	3
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						11	3
06/Dec	7:30pm	Almondsbury FC	GFA	A	2-1	37	R Dobbins, Y Lomotey						3	U
20/Dec	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		H	1-0	61	K Alder						11	
27/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		H	0-4	373	-						11	
2023														
10/Jan	7:45pm	Malvern Town	BFCC	H	0-1	65	-			1		3		
14/Jan	3pm	Roman Glass St. George		A	0-5	79	-					3		
27/Jan	7:45pm	Cribbs FC		A	0-5	90	-					3		U
31/Jan	7:45pm	Shrivenham		A	0-1	68	-					3		U
04/Feb	3pm	Corsham Town		H	0-2	73	-					3		4
07/Feb	7:45pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A	1-2	81	D Beasley							4
11/Feb	3pm	Westfields		H										
18/Feb	3pm	Bradford Town		A										
21/Feb	7:45pm	Cribbs FC	GFA	H										
25/Feb	3pm	Wantage Town		H										
28/Feb	7:45pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		A										
04/Mar	3pm	Thornbury Town		H										
07/Mar	7:45pm	Mangotsfield United		H										
11/Mar	3pm	Westfields		A										
18/Mar	3pm	Lydney Town		A										
21/Mar	7:45pm	Corsham Town		A										
25/Mar	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		H										
28/Mar	7:45pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H										
01/Apr	3pm	Malvern Town		A										
10/Apr	3pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		H										
15/Apr	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		H										

\* Tuffey Rovers won 4-2 on penalties

TOTAL APPEARANCES	19	9	29	4	16
STARTS	19	7	28	4	15
SUBSTITUTE	0	2	1	0	1
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0	0	0	0	6

## Goalscorers

Bradley, Shayne	11	Squires, Kieran	2
Dobbins, Ryan	8	Lomotey, Yeshaya	2
Beasley, Daniel	4	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



## TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

### Brad Poole

### Goalkeeper

Fantastic keeper, who first played under Doug Foxwell in the County League promotion season in 2012/13, after being attached to Cheltenham Town in youth football, but 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.

## 2022/23 PLAYER PROFILES

### 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.

## TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

## 2022/23 PLAYER PROFILES

### 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 a (sort of) reference to our visitors as they are all about compass directions associated to football clubs...

1. Perhaps a tough one to start with. The player pictured had one compass direction as his surname and played around 100 games for a Midlands club featuring one compass direction in their name. Who is he and which club did he play for?



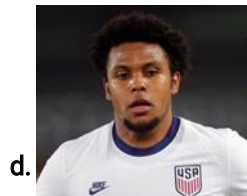
2. Which two current Premier League sides are the only ones with a compass direction at the start of the club name?

3. The kit pictured belonged to a Scottish Lowland League team, who had spent 61 years in the top four tiers of the Scottish Football League System, before relegation in 2017. Their two part name starts with a compass direction we haven't used in the questions so far. Who are they?



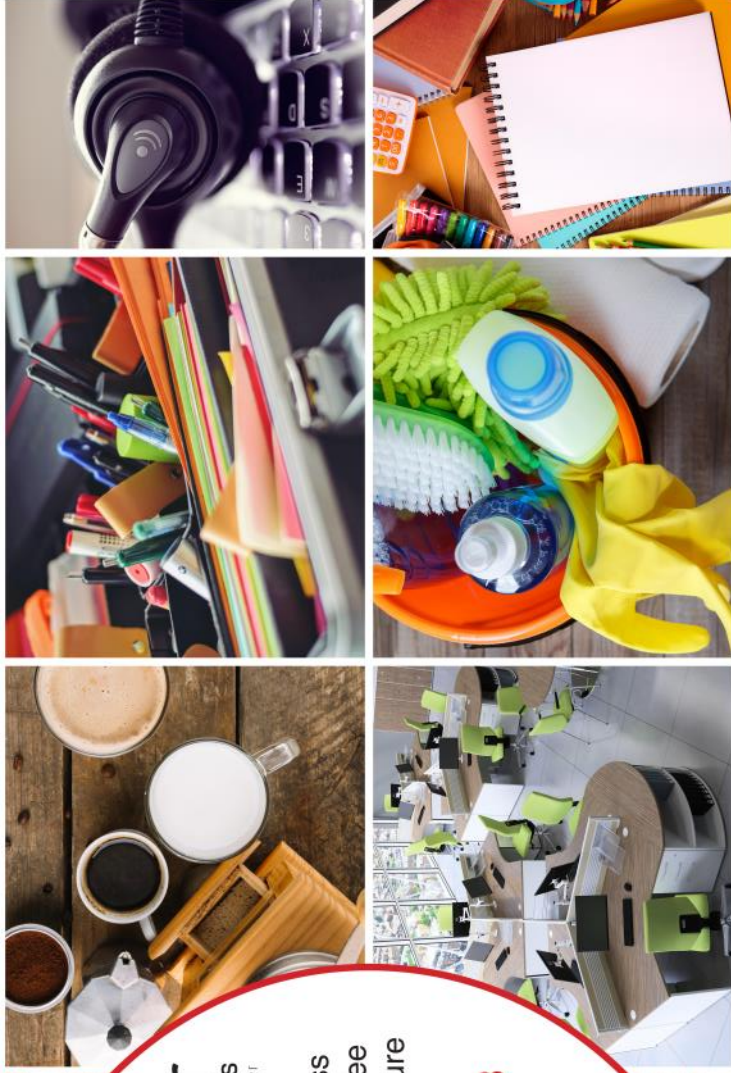
4. The 1964 FA Cup Final featured two teams with compass directions in the names. It finished 3-2 to one direction over another. Which two teams played and who won?

5. Can you name the four players pictured below who have a surname that (at least in part) represents each of the compass directions and put them in the correct North, South, East, West order?



**Quiz Answers:** (1) It is Stacey North, who played for West Bromwich Albion; (2) West Ham United and Southampton; (3) East Stirlingshire; (4) West Ham United beat Preston North End 3-2; (5) The correct order is b, a, c, and d (Jordan Northcott, Keith Southern, Craig Easton and Weston McKenzie).





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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, almost one year ago today, Rovers pushed their opponents all the way but ultimately fell to a single goal defeat, as Josh Hunt's goal proved to be enough for the Herefordshire side to take all three points....

## UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 0-1 WESTFIELDS SATURDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2022

Hereford club Westfields had been storming towards the 2019-20 Hellenic Premier Division title when the season was ended prematurely with them sitting thirteen points clear of Binfield in second place as well as having an enormous goal-difference of +57.

When the following season was also abandoned because of the pandemic The Fields had only played five league games but would probably still have mounted a decent challenge, partly because their home form was so strong.

In 2021-22 they had slipped slightly from the standards they had set two seasons earlier but still arrived in Gloucester in a comfortable mid-table position of eighth having been undefeated in 9 of their 14 away fixtures so far (6 wins and 3 draws). Their long unbeaten home run was actually ended by Rovers back in October but with League-leaders Bishops Cleeve being the only other team to win at allpay.park on Widemarsh Common since then it was clear that the Rovers, with ten home defeats behind them already, would need to put in a stellar performance to achieve a league double over their visitors from one of Gloucestershire's neighbouring counties.

As it was, Westfields reversed the scoreline of the meeting between the two clubs in Hereford in October and condemned their hosts to an eleventh home league defeat of the season. That five of those eleven defeats have been by a single goal shows that the line which separates taking something from a game and nothing from a game is a very thin one. Having said that, this was not a match Rovers deserved to win. Their passing was often sloppy and they failed to create enough openings for their forward players. Indeed, had it not been for the agility and concentration of their goalkeeper, they would have lost by a bigger margin.

Rovers got the game under way by kicking towards the open end of the ground with Joel White replacing Jacob Geddes as captain, the latter having been named in Evesham United's match-day squad for their home match against Highworth Town on the same afternoon.



Jack Copland had to be alert to grab the ball following an early Westfields free-kick and a few minutes later he bravely dived to take the ball off Jamie Bird's feet as the forward closed in on goal. It wouldn't be the only interaction between these two players in the first half.

Down at the other end Rovers won two corners in quick succession on the left but couldn't create anything from them.

With twelve minutes gone Joe Shutt had a shot which Matt Apperley saved and within seconds Westfields had turned defence into attack with a devastating break down the right-hand side. A long ball forward saw Harry Summers outpace Warren Mann and when the cross came in Josh Hunt dived forward to head the ball firmly into Tuffley's net.

A few minutes after the goal Westfields won a free-kick on the right and several players confronted each other angrily with Liam Wright (for Rovers) and Hunt (for Westfields) each being shown a yellow card. Westfield's Bird took the kick which Copland acrobatically tipped over his crossbar for a corner.



The visitors continued to search for a second goal. Harrison Iddles, the Fields' best player on this cold and windy afternoon, fed Bird but the shot went high over the frame of the goal. Bird's next effort was on target but Copland again leapt to prevent a goal at the expense of a corner-kick.



In the closing minutes of the first half Keanu Cooper went down injured in the Tuffley half but was able to continue after treatment. When Rovers won a corner on the right just before the interval, White jumped to meet Josh Aldridge's flag-kick but could only head the ball wide of the goal. So Westfields went in at the interval one goal to the good.

Aldridge, Aaron Basford and Jack Beardsell combined well early in the second period but there was no end product, a familiar story to the hosts' afternoon in front of goal which doesn't only typify this match; only 17 goals scored in 17 home league games is clearly not good enough to be picking up points regularly.

Wright, already on a yellow card, appeared to catch Hunt on the head with his boot but survived appeals to the referee by some of the Westfields players that this was worthy of another card which would have ended the Tuffley defender's afternoon. Rovers immediately took off Joe Shutt with Ashley Bird coming on to replace him.

With twenty minutes left Warren Mann was cautioned when Westfields won a free-kick on the right, but it was a visiting player who was next to incur the referee's wrath with Bird being sent to the sin-bin for ten minutes for dissent. By the time he came back on, Copland at full stretch diving smartly to his left had denied Hunt a second goal.



Rovers brought on Liam Smith for Dominik Kent and Westfields used up valuable seconds by bringing on Ruslan Zakhardav as the clock ticked round to ninety minutes. Shortly after Mr. Butler's whistle drew the proceedings to a close. The club from Hereford deserved their victory but Rovers will still be looking nervously over their shoulders wondering and maybe worrying just how many points they might be able to glean from their final six matches of the league season.

# FORTHCOMING FIRST XI GAMES



18 February 2023, 3:00pm  
v Bradford Town  
Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Div.

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21 February 2023, 7:45pm  
v Cribbs  
GFA Challenge Trophy tie

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25 February 2023, 3:00pm  
v Wantage Town  
Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Div.

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28 February 2023, 7:45pm  
v Chipping Sodbury Town  
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v Thornbury Town  
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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 haven't actually played a competitive fixture on 11 February but we have selected a few from around the date to reflect on our fortunes during this time of the year...

## 9 February 2008

A frenetic start, with two goals in the opening eight minutes of the game between Tuffley Rovers and Highridge United, set the tone for a game as the two sides played out a hugely competitive Gloucestershire County League game.



The visitors opened the scoring as Mitch Kavanagh headed home a free-kick from close range but two minutes later Mark Wallington created, and then converted, a chance for himself to finish off a good move.

Rovers took the lead on 32 minutes, as Adam Hacker got away from his marked to slot past the Highridge keeper. Both sides then wasted good chances before the interval arrived with the hosts holding a 2-1 lead.

Craig Liddell should have scored shortly after the interval, whilst Rovers were denied on numerous occasions by Brimble, in the Highridge goal, who made a series of tremendous saves. He was rewarded on 63 minutes, as Kavanagh scored a second to level the scores.



With fifteen minutes to go, Wallington turned provider, as he crossed into the box, leaving Ollie Everitt to volley the ball home and secure a valuable 3-2 win for the Glevum Park side.

**Squad:** Mark Harris; Robert Cook; Martin Middlecote; Mark Patterson; Stephen Summerell; Gary Cornwall; Adam Hacker; Mark Wallington; Nathan Owen; Ollie Everitt; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Peter Thomas; Patrick Boyd; Ben Surman.

## 13 February 2010

Tuffley Rovers and Henbury share a point each in the Gloucestershire County League.

Henbury, whose recent form had improved tremendously, took the lead in the 33rd minute with an Eddie Howells strike and held on until the 75th minute when Tuffley equalised from the penalty spot Victor Webb netting from 12 yards.

**Squad:** Adam Bennett; Robert Cook; Lee Wallington; Leone Cornwall; Martin Middlecote; Richard James; Victor Webb; Warren Mann; Mark Wallington; Mark Ford; Stuart Griffith. **Subs used:** Marcus Goodge; Daniel Wallington; Edward Weyman.



## 7 February 2015

Former Southampton centre-forward Shayne Bradley scored a late, late winner, on his return from injury, as Tuffley Rovers secured a vital three points at Fairford Town in the UHlsport Hellenic League, Division One (West).

Ashley Davies had a first half goal ruled out due to offside, and claims for a penalty award, half-way through the second period, were waived away despite vociferous appeals.

Kieran Squires then twice produced wonderful defensive blocks to keep Fairford Town out, before Aaron Taylor helped Rovers survive a mini-onslaught that threatened their hopes to secure all the points.

If there were any fears that the game would end in a stalemate, Bradley laid those to rest on 89 minutes, with a goal of genuine quality. Squires launched a long throw that found Warren Mann, whose header onto Bradley, who controlled the ball on his chest, swivelled and volleyed home, into the top corner of the Fairford goal from 15 yards.

**Squad:** Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Ashley Davies; Sam Drew; Courtney Hamilton; Jordan Dowdeswell; Warren Mann; Jordan Fletcher; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Stuart Griffith; Shayne Bradley.



## 9 February 2019

Tuffley Rovers extended their unbeaten UHlsport Hellenic League run to five games, as they returned from Ascot United with a point, albeit with a sense of what might have been, after playing the last half an hour against ten-men.


The hosts took the lead on 48 minutes, as Paul Carter's corner was headed away by Ascot centre-half Chris Ellis and after the giant defender had collected the subsequent loose ball, he ran up-field, before exchanging passes with Dan Price, before delaying his shot sufficiently to roll the ball under Merchant, as he advanced from his goal.

Twelve minutes later, the game turned back in Rovers favour, as Elliott Carey collected a second caution, leaving his side to play out the remainder of the game with ten men.

With twenty minutes remaining, the scores were levelled, as James produced a fantastic pass with the outside of his right foot to steer the ball across the Ascot defensive line and into the path of Kent, who arrived at the back post to guide the ball home, back across goal and into the corner of the net. That proved to be the end of the scoring and the game ended 1-1.



**Squad:** Luke Merchant; Sam Hill; Rhys Davies; Joel White; Macaulay Herbert; Paul Carter; Warren Mann; Tyreece Briscoe; Jake Rhodes; Will Dawes; Brett James. **Subs used:** Kieran Alder; Dominik Kent; Adam Bloomfield.



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# TUFFLEY ROVERS

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

Luke Merchant	<b>1</b>
Callum McGuirk	<b>2</b>
Ryley Mace	<b>3</b>
Daniel Lander	<b>4</b>
Macaulay Herbert ©	<b>5</b>
Liam Smith	<b>6</b>
Henry Birkett	<b>7</b>
Sammie Hicks	<b>8</b>
Daniel Beasley	<b>9</b>
Shayne Bradley	<b>10</b>
Dominik Kent	<b>11</b>
Kieran Alder	<b>12</b>
Mason Lewis	<b>14</b>
Tomos Shyamapant	<b>15</b>
Kian Maher-Goldsmith	<b>16</b>
Ryan Dobbins	<b>17</b>
Harrison Iddles	<b>18</b>
Yeshaya Lomotey	<b>19</b>
Ashley Davies	<b>20</b>
Mark Pritchett	<b>21</b>

Neil Mustoe **Manager**

Ritchie Warden **Asst. Manager**

Ashleigh Watson (Physio) **Other Occupants**  
Dave Cornock (Coach)

# WESTFIELDS

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



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Joe Davies
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