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EDITOR'S COMMENT



A warm welcome to everyone visiting Glevum Park this evening, as we host Thornbury Town 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!).

We need to 'do a Thornbury'. Richard Joyce's side have won five of their last nine games, to lift themselves away from the threat of relegation, after a poor first half of the season. Our results have improved over the last few games and we can only hope that we can continue that form today and, in turn, emulate our visitors' efforts to move into a position of relative safety.

Muzzy and Booner have both referred to last Saturday's draw as two points lost and I share that sentiment. We were the better team for much of the 90 minutes but – and it isn't the first time I've said this during the season – we didn't quite have that killer instinct needed to secure three points.

Today is a day when we need to change that trend, but I believe we will have to play exceptionally well to get the result that I, and many of those reading this, will crave. I have faith and I hope you do, too.

After tonight's game we host Mangotsfield United at Glevum Park on Tuesday evening. That will be another vital game if we are to avoid the spectre of relegation. In Muzzy we trust....

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 evening and a warm welcome to Glevum Park.

Tonight we welcome our opponents Thornbury Town to Glevum Park, who have been on an impressive run of late, picking up a fantastic result last Saturday against high-flying Malvern Town. A warm welcome to their players, management, committee and supporters who have made the short trip up the M5/A38.

We are in a relegation battle this season, which I feel may go down to the last couple of games and I personally believe it will be a three-way shootout between us, Chipping Sodbury and Bradford Town. I genuinely hope that I am wrong, and we get ourselves out of this battle, removing the pressure that accompanies this sort of situation.

Before last Saturday's game against Wantage Town, there was a real belief that we would get three points. By half-time I would have taken a point and at full-time, it was a relief that we at least picked up a point. There was also disappointment in the fact that was one of the games that we targeted to pick up the full three points.

With eleven league games left of the season, we need to be targeting a minimum of twenty more points to see us safe, otherwise there is a genuine prospect that we will be playing Division One football next season.

More positively, we have a semi-final to look forward to after a good, spirited performance against Cribbs last week, with our opponents Lydney Town being confirmed following their victory over Bourton Rovers on Tuesday night.

We have a Saturday off this week, but tomorrow our Development Squad have a derby against local rivals Longlevens, at Saw Mills, so if you would like another football fix, come on over and support Dave Cornock and the lads.

It is always nice to have a Friday night game under the lights here at Glevum Park,

so please enjoy the hospitality on offer and have a safe trip home.

Many thanks,

Dan

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MANAGER'S COMMENT



Good evening and welcome to all players officials and supporters of Thornbury Town visiting Glevum Park.

After a good week (or eight days!) when we played three games, and went undefeated - scoring five and conceding one - we should be going into tonight's game with a bit of confidence and momentum.

Saturday's draw was nothing more than we deserved but it didn't feel like it at the time, as we knew a win would help in our battle to stay up and on reflection it was two points dropped.

Tonight, is going to be a tough evening with Thornbury also getting a fantastic result last Saturday and backing it up with another win on Tuesday night. They have had the type of run recently that we hope to have, building on our recent results and growing confidence amongst the group.

A win for us tonight would open it up at the bottom, putting pressure on those sides with Saturday fixtures, and we will be doing our very best to make this happen.

Thank you for your continued support. 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 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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Thornbury Town FC Club History



It is understood that football has been played in Thornbury from around 1898 and formerly known as Thornbury Sports became Thornbury Town FC in the early 1970's.

1968-69 we became founder members of the Gloucestershire County League and spectator figures in excess of 500 were regularly recorded. In 1971 the club finished third in the Gloucestershire County League and was accepted into the Western League. However, due to difficulties in bringing the facilities up to the leagues required standards were unable to take the next step up. Relegation to the Bristol Premier Combination League unfortunately followed in 1976-77. The following 20+ years saw Thornbury Town strive to regain their former status, never really threatening to take the Premier Combination title. The only success during these lean years was reaching the final of the GFA Senior Amateur Cup in 1985-86 and 1989-90 unfortunately on both occasions loser's medals were received.

During the late 1990's, the Club maintained its strong focus on developing local talent and this eventually bore fruit in 1999 when the final of the Stroud Charity Cup was reached, losing narrowly to Dursley Town. 2001-02 season saw the management team of Dave Wiffill and Steve Burbage take the reins, which brought instant success winning the Bristol Premier Combination title by 13 points and a return to the Gloucestershire County League. This followed a run of thirteen consecutive league wins a club record, which still stands to this day. The league and cup double eluded the club when they were defeated by Sea Mills in the League Cup Final.

In preparation for the return to County League football the summer of 2002 saw a lot of hard work undertaken on the Mundy facilities with the building of dug-outs, improved drainage and revamping of the dressing rooms. All this work appeared to have been worth while with the club establishing itself back in the Gloucestershire County league with a creditable 7th league position for the next three seasons. Silverware did come our way in 2003-04 when we defeated Taverners on penalties, after a 2-2 draw, to lift the Stroud Charity Cup. The 2003-04 season, also saw the formation of an Under-18's side in order to maintain Youth development within the club and they gained entry to the Gloucester County Youth League.

Following a number of indifferent seasons when relegation back to the Bristol Premier Combination league was only just averted in 2006–07, a new management committee and first team management were appointed. Dave Lippiatt took over as first team manager, coming to the club from Sea Mills Park bringing with him Carl Derosa as his assistant. With an initial three / four year strategy, which came to fruition during the 2009-10 season when after a steady first half to the season a tremendous winning run of ten league games saw the Surridge Gloucestershire County League title won for the first time in the clubs history. 2010 also saw the milestone achievement of the long awaited coming together of the two local football clubs "Thornbury Town FC" and "Thornbury Falcons FC" now under one club management umbrella of Thornbury Town FC without losing the heritage and identity of Thornbury Falcons. This will further enhance the long term development within the local community for junior, youth and senior football.

In the 2010-11 season the final of the Les James Cup Final was reached, which resulted in a penalty shootout disappointment against Henbury Town. 2013-14 saw the U18's in their highest league position in the Gloucestershire County Youth League finishing runners-up, which was a tremendous achievement for the team and managers Simon Pirie and Mark Franklin.

The 2014-15 season was a very successful season finishing 4th in the league and winning the Les James Cup for the first time in the Club's history. Andy Davies continued to produce a team of quality which resulted in a third 4th-place in a row in Season 2016-17. 2017-18 saw the club finally succeed in their quest win the Gloucestershire County League. After a lot of work behind the scenes to gain planning permission for the required ground improvements, the club were accepted into the Hellenic League for the first time in our history.

Our first season in the Hellenic League saw us finish a creditable 3rd in Div 1 West and win the Supplementary Cup. 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons were ruled null and void due to the Coronavirus pandemic with the team poised to gain promotion. A restructuring of the football pyramid has placed us in the Hellenic Premier Division. With a new management team and Richard Joyce in place we look forward to the season ahead and wish all teams the best of luck in their endeavours.

Player Profiles

Brandon Benjamin - a goal scoring midfielder who previously represented Odd Down

James Brock - a long-serving member of the squad who is excellent with the ball at his feet in midfield

Luke Franklin - long-serving midfielder who has helped the club climb up the pyramid

Zak Meadows - powerful central midfielder previously at Bristol Telephones and Oldland Abbotonians

Harvey Pritchard - a powerful forward who joined the club in the summer of 2022

Nathan Sage - a defender who has progressed through the age groups to make over 300 first team appearances

Jack Sheppard-Cozens - now in his second spell with the club after re-joining from Bitton having started at Yeovil Town

Harry Walton - composed central midfielder who can name Cribbs and Clevedon Town among his former clubs

Mackenzie Welsh - a young goalkeeper previously at Bath City who was a regular at Thornbury last season

Stanley Wyatt - 16-year-old midfielder who was previously at West Bromwich Albion and Aston Villa's development centre Toby Bennett - a central midfielder with an excellent passing range and good engine

Harry Brock - talented attacking player who has been a long-term servant but started this season with Larkhall Athletic

Joe Guest - long serving defender who has achieved two promotions with the club

Aaron Nash – forward player signed on dual-registration from Dursley Town, who has previously been at Slimbridge, Brimscombe & Thrupp and Berkeley Town

Ollie Rawnsley - reliable central defender who was previously at Berkeley Town

Alex Shaw - a 19-year-old centre back previously at Swindon Supermarine and Slimbridge

Jack Smith - 17-year-old midfielder on a dual-registration from Southern League side Slimbridge

Tom Webb - a very capable defender who likes to also get forward with good delivery

Marcus Wormwell - a wide midfielder who works hard and looks to deliver quality into the box

HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

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Appearance information

Up to and including Saturday, 25 February 2023 (includes selected list of former players)

We've got quite a few players who are within touching distance of appearances milestones at the moment. If it wasn't for injury we'd probably see Kieran Alder reaching 100 appearances before the end of the season (although that does remain a possibility if he can return in the coming weeks), whilst Macaulay Herbert and Warren Mann are both within six appearances of their 250th and 500th, respectively, assuming they can each get in the requisite number of games before the end of 2022/23. Liam Smith is next in line, requiring nine appearances to get to 50 for the club in competitive games.

With at least twelve games to go before the season ends, will they all reach those landmark numbers?

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Alder, Kieran	94	26	James, Brett	185	64
Anson, Shayne	71	4	James, Richard	125	40
Azubilla, Paul	21	1	Jones, Elliot	19	0
Barry, Jordan	4	0	Kent, Dominik	164	19
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Lander, Daniel	19	0
Beasley, Daniel	20	4	Lewis, Mason	27	3
Bird, Ashley	66	5	Lomotey, Yeshaya	24	3
Birkett, Henry	75	5	Mace, Ryley	9	1
Bradley, Shayne	257	117	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	1	0
Butler, Matt	5	1	Mann, Warren	494	83
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	McGuirk, Callum	33	0
Danes-Rutherford, Ellis	1	0	McNally, Laurie	10	0
Davies, Ashley	180	27	Merchant, Luke	69	0
Dobbins, Ryan	75	16	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Driver-Dickerson, George	9	0	Nicholls, Scott	14	0
Evans, David	69	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Fallows, Dayton	2	0	Poole, Bradley	8	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Pritchett, Mark	136	21
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Geddes, Jacob	51	4	Shyamapant, Tomos	15	1
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Smerdon, Noah	4	1
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Smith, Liam	41	1
Hands, Ben	1	0	Squires, Kieran	85	7
Haswell, Joey	11	2	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Tomkins, Lyndon	1	0
Hawkins, Luke	13	0	Walker, Harry	67	6
Herbert, Macaulay	244	9	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	22	0	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	120	8	White, Joel	108	4
Hoffland, Robin	4	0	Wright, Liam	124	3
Iddles, Harrison	6	0	Yussuf, Demilade	13	0

NB: The figures are correct for all league competitions from season 2007/08, when Tuffley Rovers returned to the County League (Step 7) and include all competitive games since the start of the 2013/14 season. There are some gaps in the information relating to cup games prior to the start of the 2013/14 campaign. This period is currently subject to a thorough review and there may be some variation to statistics in due course

Statistics 2022/23

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Alder, Kieran	4	Butler, Matt	1
Beardsell, Jack	3	Azubilla, Paul	1
Lewis, Mason	3	Mann, Warren	1
Lomotey, Yeshaya	3	Herbert, Macaulay	1
Haswell, Joey	2	Pritchett, Mark	1
Squires, Kieran	2	Shyamapant, Tomos	1
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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 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 Lomotey Forward

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

Dan Beasley Forward

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

Shayne Bradley Forward

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

Tomos Shyamapant Forward

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

Neil Mustoe Manager

Appointed as first team manager in January and took the club away from relegation fears to a place of safety. Spent many years as a professional at Manchester United, Wigan Athletic, Cambridge United, Stevenage and Yeovil Town, before over 350 appearances for Gloucester City. Previous coaching experience with City before a spell away from the game until his appointment with The Rovers.

Ritchie Warden Assistant Manager

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



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Half-time quiz: Break for five

Grab a cup of tea and something to eat, then spend the five minutes of your half-time break trying to answer these questions. As ever, there is a theme and today the questions or answers are all about relegation great escapes – because we need to complete one!

- 1. Hopefully an easy one to start with! Which club pulled off a great escape in 2004/05, becoming the first Premier League club to avoid relegation after being bottom of the league at Christmas?
- 2. Can you name the goalkeeper, pictured, who scored the last minute goal that kept Carlisle United in the Football League at the end of the 1998/99 season?



- 3. In 2016/17 Michael Flynn was appointed as manager of Newport County, who were fighting to avoid relegation from the Football League. They needed seven wins from their last twelve games, which they achieved with an 89th minute winner in their final league game of the season at their home. What is the name of Newport County's home ground?
- 4. The 2014/15 season saw Nigel Pearson manage Leicester City and help them avoid relegation from the Premier League, with seven wins from their last nine games. Pearson was eventually sacked and replaced by Claudio Ranieri. In which season did Leicester go on to win the Premier League title?
- 5. Which German club are pictured celebrating their escape from relegation (from the Bundesliga) at the end of the 2019/20 season, after losing thirteen of their first fifteen games?





Previously against today's opposition at Glevum Park

The last time we hosted today's visitors in a Premier Division fixture at Glevum Park in November 2021, the visitors completed a 2021/22 league double over The Rovers...

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 1-3 THORNBURY TOWN SATURDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2021



For the fourth successive home league match Rovers would face an opponent moved into the Hellenic League's Premier Division as a result of a big restructuring of non-League football in the summer.

The two clubs did meet on the opening day of the season in August when Jamal Lawrence's late goal was only a consolation for Tuffley in a narrow 2-1 defeat. Thornbury, like some of the other newcomers to this division, have found it tough going at times, especially in away fixtures, but if there is a form pointer they did get an excellent draw a week before coming to Gloucester at the Hereford Lads Club, an opponent Rovers also played away quite recently with a very different outcome. Rovers' main concern would be playing well enough to not suffer a third league defeat in the last seven days.

With both teams losing in midweek it was inevitable that one would be happier whatever the result was in this match; and it was the visitors who left the field with smiling faces after a 3-1 victory on a cold and windy afternoon which was as every bit as comfortable as the score-line suggests.

Rovers named Dominik Kent as captain in the absence of Jacob Geddes. Although Dom might well become a regular skipper in the future, it became clear during the afternoon that Tuffley missed Jacob's leadership as well as his defensive and organisational gualities.

It was Rovers who made the more confident start with Sam Mendes and Liam Wright having shots saved in the opening minutes as well as Brennan Denness-Bassett blazing an early effort over the crossbar. Thornbury did not have a significant effort on goal until the 10th minute when Luke Franklin's effort comfortably cleared the crossbar at the dressing-rooms end of the ground.

Rovers were forced to make an early change when Liam Wright went down in a heap after 15 minutes near his own penalty-area and was unable to continue after treatment so was immediately substituted by Jack Beardsell.

Town won several corners in the first half and from one of them Toby Bennett's flagkick from the right sailed past the far post where Tom Bradley was waiting to plant a firm header, possibly slightly deflected, past Jack Copland in the home goal. Only two minutes later Bradley connected with another right-wing corner but could only head the ball up in the air, after which it was cleared.

Rovers' cause was not helped when Aaron Basford raced towards the right corner chasing a loose ball and one of his boots connected with a Thornbury defender. After several players confronted each other referee Roger Smith took Basford to one side and pulled a red card out of his pocket before showing it to the Tuffley forward, who walked disconsolately towards the changing-rooms as play resumed. The Thornbury defender who had been so angry received a yellow card. It did look like an unnecessarily reckless challenge so the official probably took the right action but it left Rovers not only chasing the game but chasing it a man down with more than half the match still to play.

Pressure from Thornbury increased as they sensed the opportunity to make their numerical advantage count as half-time approached. Sure enough a second goal did come before the half-time whistle blew; Craig Lancastle worked hard to cross the ball from the right but it was slightly over-hit; Brandon Benjamin retrieved the ball and when his shot was pushed out by Copland Jacob Farthing was there to prod the loose ball into an unquarded net.

With less than ten minutes of the second period played Thornbury were out of sight when Farthing burst into Tuffley's penalty-area to drive the ball firmly past Copland. Rovers brought on Harry Morgan for Sam Mendes and, a bit later, Lucas Price for Lewis Bainbridge but the white shirts of the visitors continued to look dangerous and they had a fourth goal disallowed for a marginal offside.

For the second Saturday in a row a Tuffley player went down injured with all three substitutions having already been made. A week ago it had been Archie Woodall; today it was Laurie McNally who had to play on.

As time ran out there was suddenly a flurry of attacking activity from the hosts. Denness-Barrett was fouled as he made his way into the Thornbury box from the Town's Ollie Rawnsley needed right. treatment for a facial injury before the freekick could be taken. The kick was halfcleared to Woodall, who improvised brilliantly with a cheeky back-heel which was going wide until the scorer of Town's opening goal, Bradley, unluckily deflected the ball into his own net.



A minute later Rovers won a free-kick in a central position on the edge of Thornbury's box but the kick only led to a corner not a serious goalscoring opportunity. For Rovers this late attacking intent was, sadly, too little too late.

So a league double over Rovers for Thornbury, who are now in 17th place only two points behind the Gloucester club. Rovers have followed a home win with two home defeats and with two more home fixtures coming up in quick succession it is vital that they kick the losing habit as quickly as possible to avoid being dragged into the uncomfortable territory below them.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES FIRST XI



7 March 2023, 7:45pm Tuffley Rovers v Mangotsfield United Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division





11 March 2023, 3pm Westfields v Tuffley Rovers Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division





14 March 2023, 7:45pm Lydney Town v Tuffley Rovers Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division





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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 have played only one competitive fixture on 3 March, so we've highlighted that, as well as selecting a few from around the date to reflect on our fortunes during this time of the year...

1 March 2008

Tuffley Rovers returned from Ellwood without a point, despite several great opportunities to win the game. Peter Thomas went close after 6 minutes, before Ollie Everitt should have put the visitors ahead on 13 minutes but shot wide from



just 6 yards. Mark Wallington was then denied by a wonderful save from Alex Goode, as Rovers pressed.

Daryl Addis, Alan Williams and Matt Foxwell all then had chances for Ellwood but were as profligate as their visitors and the game went into the interval at 0-0.



The winning goal came in the 57th minute, when Adam Stradling moved up for a free kick and headed the ball into the far corner from just inside the box leaving Rovers' keeper Mark Harris stranded. Pat Boyd then missed a great chance to level scores, with ten minutes remaining, but Goode was once again

equal to his effort.

Squad: Mark Harris; Robert Cook; Mark Patterson; Stephen Summerell; Ben Surman; Jon Corbett; Gary Cornwall; Mark Wallington; Peter Thomas; Oliver Everitt; Warren Mann. **Subs used.** Patrick Boyd; Adam Hacker.

6 March 2010

Tuffley Rovers kept up their hopes of challenging for the Gloucestershire County League title, as they record a 3-0 home victory over DRG Stapleton.

Marcus Foxwell opened the scoring for the home side after 12 minutes when he fired the ball into the roof of the net from 8 yards. After 26 minutes it was 2-0, as Ashley Davies headed home a Warren Mann cross. Rovers then went 3-0 up just before the break, when a free-kick from Marcus Foxwell was brilliantly headed home by Richard James from the edge of the box.

That proved to be the end of the scoring, as Rovers recorded a second consecutive league win, after three games without a win prior to that.

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

3 March 2012

Tuffley Rovers cemented their position at the top of the Gloucestershire County League table after a 4-0 win over local rivals Longlevens, as the hosts put in a dominant performance.

The home side went ahead on 30 minutes, when Shayne Bradley scored from the penalty spot, after Mark Wallington had been brought down in the box.

Six minutes later they went 2-0 up, after Warren Mann seized on a mistake by the visitors keeper to score into the roof of the net. With the interval almost upon them, Rovers scored a third as Shayne Bradley turned in the box and drove the ball home through the legs of the keeper.

Kacey Johnstone made it 4-0 after 67 minutes, when he headed home a Warren Mann cross. In the 78th minute Tuffley took the opportunity to give a home debut to 16 year old Jordan Cooper, who is a prolific goal-scorer in their youth team.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Marcus Foxwell; Lee Wallington; Dean Gorman; Richard James; Kacey Johnstone; Mark Wallington; Jonathan Meadows; Warren Mann; Shayne Bradley; Courtney Hamilton. **Subs used**. Jordan Cooper; Mark Ford; Liam Harding.

5 March 2016

In what proved to be Warren Evans' final game as Tuffley Rovers' manager, his team showed the defence vulnerability that has become a regular feature of recent performances, as they surrendered a two goal half-time advantage to succumb to another defeat in the Hellenic League Premier Division.



Rovers started brightly and took a very early lead, after just two minutes on this occasion, when Brett James and Jordan Fletcher exchanged passes, before the latter rolled the ball into the path of the on-rushing Warren Mann, who slotted the ball low into





After twelve minutes Rovers, who were visibly buoyed by the confidence that came with Mann's goal, extended their advantage, as Fletcher managed to get his head to Kieran Squires' long throw and divert the ball past Charlie Lusty in the Binfield goal.

Josh Howell scored after 50 minutes, to bring Binfield back

into the game, before Liam Ferdinand levelled the scores and then scored a late, late winner to secure the comeback and keep all three points in Berkshire.

Squad: Phil Clarke; Harry Walker; Kieran Squires; Callum Preece; Macaulay Herbert; Marcus Foxwell; Ryan Dobbins; Warren Mann; Jordan Fletcher; Liam Wright; Brett James. **Subs used:** Ryan Williams; Tristan Haswell; Walt Greenwood.



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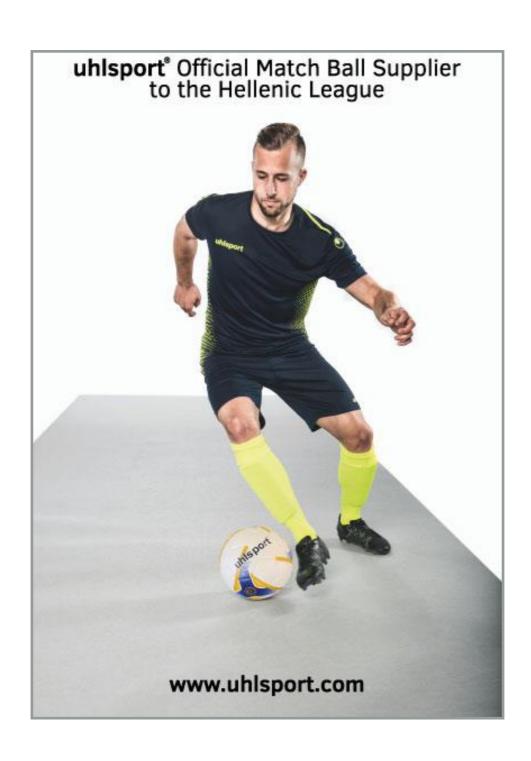
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White shirts; White shorts: White socks (GK: Yellow).

Luke Merchant 1 Mackenzie Welsh

Sammie Hicks 2 Joe Guest

Ryley Mace **3** Marcus Wormwell

Mark Pritchett 4 Nathan Sage ©

Macaulay Herbert 5 Ollie Rawnsley

Harrison Iddles 6 Brandon Benjamin

Henry Birkett **7** Luke Franklin

Warren Mann © 8 Jack Sheppard-Cozens

Ryan Dobbins 9 Harry Brock

Dominik Kent **10** Rhys Hodgson

Tomos Shyamapant 11 James Brock

Daniel Lander 12 Toby Bennett

Callum McGuirk 14 Zak Meadows

Liam Smith 15 Aaron Nash

Kieran Squires 16 Harvey Pritchard

Ashley Davies 17 Alex Shaw

Shayne Bradley 18 Jack Smith

Yeshaya Lomotey **19** Harry Walton

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