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EDITOR'S COMMENT



I'd like to offer a very warm welcome to everyone visiting Glevum Park this afternoon for the visit of Hereford Lads Club. I sincerely hope their players, supporters and officials enjoy their visit to our home (in every respect, bar the result!).

Wednesday evening's fixture at Lydney Town was like a microcosm of our season – we played okay, had some bad spells, struggled to convert good possession and chances into goals, conceded soft goals, missed a penalty and left the game frustrated! It wasn't a bad performance, just another that will show an 'L' in the programme column and means we won't be winning any silverware this season.

Today is another really vital game. Our visitors have been on a poor run of form, but they will be dangerous and I am sure we're in for a tough afternoon. Any points are now vital and if we can just record a handful of victories we now stand a real chance of getting away from the bottom two places in the table. Today's game is one where we need to look at picking points, but our visitors will, no doubt, be feeling the same.

It is Non-League Day 2023 today and it is great to see clubs at our level celebrating the occasion. We've taken the step of reducing admission and inviting our sponsors to join us here today and I am delighted that many of them have been able to take up the invitation. Without their help and support we couldn't run a club of this size. I can only thank them for the financial assistance they afford us. I hope the lads on the pitch can show a little gratitude today and give them a performance to celebrate.

We should be back here on Tuesday, all being well. That has the potential to be a special game for Warren Mann, if he gets in an appearance today and is available in the week. There aren't many players who play 500 games for a single club at this level of football and he will deserve all the celebration we can offer if he finally reaches that milestone.

I'm sure his celebrations will be all the more ecstatic if we can record a victory today.

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

- Neil

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT



Good afternoon and welcome to everyone at Glevum Park today. A warm welcome to our opponents Hereford Lads Club and all their players, management, committee and supporters.

We are also delighted to welcome many club sponsors, who we have invited to join us here today, as without their kind and generous financial support for all of our teams and members alike we wouldn't be the club that we are. It goes without saying as a community football club, with eight adult teams, making football accessible to everyone does not come 'on the cheap' and with ever rising costs for all individuals and businesses, as a club we thank these wonderful people in supporting the club.

We have recently been successful in our bid for a Levelling Up grant through Gloucestershire County Council, which will go towards redeveloping our social club and youth changing rooms site on Tuffley Lane. This bid will be released in the press by Gloucestershire County Council in the coming weeks, but following an application process and interview, we have been awarded £37,500 to add to the Gloucester City s.106 grant of £200,000 we have already been allocated.

We are now requesting that some local construction organisations to tender for the work and have set up a Crowdfunder campaign to support us realise this development. There are posters with QR codes on them within the bar area, and if you feel inclined, you can donate via the QR code. We are aiming to raise £10,000 and commence the work in early May 2023, all being well.

Another great celebration today is it is National Non-League Day to promote the importance of volunteer-led community football. Without a small group of volunteers here at the club, none of this would be at all possible. So huge thanks from me to all the match-day volunteers here at the ground and also the Coaches that work hard with all of our teams, giving up their free time to make training and match days accessible to all, regardless of ability.

On Wednesday evening we travelled to Lydney for a semi-final tie in the GFA Challenge Trophy. Unfortunately, it was not to be our evening, succumbing to a 2-1 defeat. Lydney scored a well worked goal and a goal against the run of play, which turned the tie when it had been 1-1. We had a penalty during a good spell for us to level but did not convert from the spot and our cup run ended as a consequence. Good luck to Lydney Town in the final against Roman Glass.

I hope everyone enjoys the game and hospitality here today and has a safe trip home. Have a great day.

Many thanks,

Dan

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MANAGER'S COMMENT



Good afternoon all. Today we welcome all players officials and supporters of Hereford Lads Club to Glevum Park.

We come into today's game a bit disappointed from the County Cup defeat in midweek, but in good form over the last few weeks.

Hereford are probably safe with their current points tally, although they're on a tricky run of results over the past couple of months, so nothing is certain. That can happen in this league, over the course of a season and we've had our own poor run. Today I have no doubt both teams will be looking for that vital three points.

Goals have been hard to come by all season but with the addition of Mark Pritchett and Luke Merchant we have been much better defensively, and they have been supported by other players stepping up to the mark, meaning we have been much better in our performance and given us an opportunity to get results.

Our home form isn't what it should be, or we would like, and we hope we can continue our recent improvement and a win today. With a bit of luck elsewhere, should results go our way, we could find ourselves out of the bottom two, with the knowledge not too long ago that was a 9-point deficit.

Ultimately, we know all too well we can only impact what we do. That means we need to concentrate our own performances and hope that helps us move away from the bottom.

I hope you have a good afternoon.

Cheers,

Muzzy

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Tuffley Rovers • Club History

The late Donald E Hall founded Tuffley Rovers FC in 1929. The Club's Headquarters were in a former railway carriage, which served as Mr Hall's Boot and Shoe repair shop on the Stroud Road at Tuffley in the City of Gloucester. The Club started its playing life in the North Gloucestershire League. Senior XI Championship honours include that of the North Gloucestershire League and Stroud and District League (4 times) and in 1987/1988 the Club were Champions of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and gained promotion to the Gloucestershire County League.



After two seasons of consolidation the Club won the County League Title in 1990/1991, their application to join the Hellenic League was successful and they were accepted into Hellenic Division One. Progress continued as in the 1992/1993 season Rovers were Champions of Division One and also Division One League Cup Winners and after promotion competed in the Premier Division of the Hellenic League from 1993/1994, regularly finishing in the top half of the table. The 1998/1999 season saw Tuffley win the Norman Matthew's Floodlit Cup defeating Carterton Town in the final. Whilst the Club enjoyed this success, the 2nd XI and 3rd XI also gained promotion and championship honours. The 1998/1999 season saw the 2nd XI win the Northern Senior League and reach the finals of both the County Cup and League Cup, unfortunately losing out on both occasions. Promotion, however, was not possible as reserve teams were not allowed at that point to enter the Gloucestershire County League and progress further up the pyramid system.

The Club continued to thrive in the Hellenic League and managed to win the Floodlit Cup again in the 2002/2003 season defeating Brackley Town over two legs in the final. However, the ever-changing ground grading requirements, if the club was to remain in the Hellenic League, and the financial strain these improvements imposed on the Club forced Tuffley Rovers to make the decision to withdraw from the Hellenic League in 2005 and settle for local football in Gloucestershire.

After a difficult start Rovers were crowned champions of Division 2 of the Northern Senior League in the 2005/2006 season and were promoted to Division 1. After a slow start the team put together a consistent run and managed to claim the Division 1 Title as well as win the GFA Senior Amateur Cup and reach the final of the Reg Davis Memorial League Cup.

A return to the Gloucestershire County League followed and the club finished a very creditable 4th place (2007/8) but the summer of 2008 saw a number of senior players retire. Over the next few seasons, an evolving squad finished 11th, 3rd, 6th and 3rd in the County League, before the 2012/13 Season marked an improvement for the club. After challenging for league championship honours all season, the club couldn't quite maintain the form to secure the title, finishing second. However, this was enough to gain promotion to the Hellenic League Division One (West) for the 2013/14 season.

On their return to the Hellenic League, The Rovers saw a season that witnessed some turmoil – including the departure of manager, Doug Foxwell – to record a decent sixth place finish and some good cup results. This was followed up with the Runners'-up spot in 2014/15 and promotion back to the Hellenic Premier Division, exactly ten years after they had withdrawn from the League.

The first season saw a struggle against relegation, ultimately resulting in the resignation of Warren Evans as manager, before the club retained their status due to a vacancy in the league, after finishing 17th. Mark Pritchett was then appointed as Player/Manager and took the side to consecutive 10th placed finishes, before a 15th place finish in 2018/19.

Two pandemic affected seasons then passed, with Pritchett leaving the club part-way through. Rich Cox took over as Manager for a single season, but resigned midway through 2021/22 after a disastrous run of results. Former Manchester United player Neil Mustoe then took over, steering the club away from danger (finishing in 17th place).

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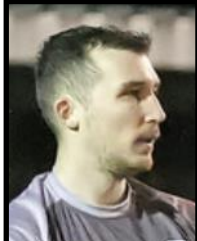


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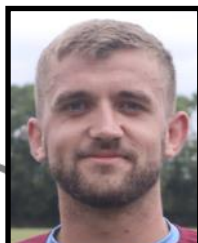


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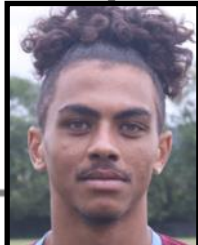


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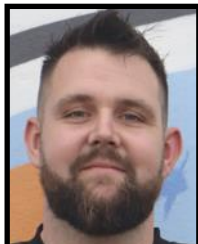


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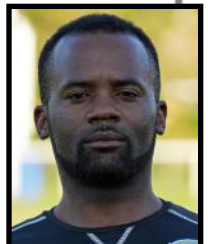


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The View From Our Other Sides



The story of the 2022/23 season, so far...

It has been a tough season for Neil Mustoe's side, who find themselves embroiled in a relegation battle, but we thought we'd use today's programme to take a look at how our other sides have been performing this season.

Development Squad: Dave Cornock has taken on the Hellenic League, Division Two (West) side this season, after working with Craig Darkin during 2021/22 and after rebuilding his squad at the start of the campaign, his side have performed well. Michael Oakes has assisted for most of the season and been a vital part of the business of developing a young group of players.

Tomos Shyamapant has scored a regular supply of goals when not involved in the first team squad, and youngsters like Tyrel Roberts, Kian Maher-Goldsmith, Josh Abbott-Tarrant, James Reynolds and Josh Vallis-Ridler have all had promising campaigns, and will hope to follow Shyamapant and Ryley Mace in becoming first team squad members.

At the time of writing, Cornock's squad sit 6th in the thirteen team league, with nine wins from eighteen games, as they head into their last six games of the season.

Ladies: After promotion at the end of the 2021/22 season, the Ladies' team found themselves in the highest division of the Gloucestershire Women's County League and although results haven't always gone their way, they have adapted to life at a higher level of football and look to have done enough to avoid relegation at the end of the season.

Ten points have been accumulated, which should be enough for safety and a goal difference of -9 from twelve league games, despite two heavy defeats, tells the story of how close the squad have come to a better set of results. Holly Kay's injury ruled her out for the entire 2022/23 season, meaning Chloe Taylor – who has five goals – is top scorer again. Imogen Maguire and Ella Nasser are near ever-presents.



With five games remaining it looks a big ask to lift the side up the table but Jon Corbett, who took over as manager recently after Vaughan Howell stood down, will be hoping to record some further positive results before the end of the campaign.

Thirds: With Chris Giddy leading the way, supported by a number of experienced players, including Luke Whittam, the Thirds are well on track to push for promotion from Stroud League Division Two come the end of the season.

Rovers currently sit third in the table, with games in hand on second place Taverners, and although Painswick look set to win the league, there appears to be a three-horse race between the Thirds, Taverners and Sharpness Reserves, as the season goes into the last two months.

Whittam is currently leading scorer – joint with Tyrel Roberts, who scored eight when he dropped down from the Development Squad earlier in the season – but other players have weighed in with vital goals. Martin Kent has contributed five but there has been a good share of goals spread across the team.

Veterans Lee and Mark Wallington have added their experience to the side during 2022/23, joining the ever-reliable Paul Smith in steering some of the younger players to improving performances. Promotion is a real possibility if the squad can continue their present run of form into the seven games of the season.

Fourth: Will Cronshaw has confirmed this will be his last as manager of one of our Stroud League sides and although his fourth team look unlikely to win any honours, they have had a good campaign in Division Four.

A haul of thirty points from seventeen games has lifted Cronshaw's charges to the top of their section in the split division, and 45 goals is a healthy return for a side made up of promising young players and older heads.

Ashley Chamberlain has been converted into a goalscoring striker, and has weighed in with 11 goals, whilst Steve Hollingsbee, Casey Brooks and Jimmy Cronshaw have all contributed regularly.

Veterans Iain Buckingham and Paul Gladwin have regularly featured in a squad that also has a number of U18 players, including Cronshaw, Asher Ferguson and Brooks.

With four games left to play Cronshaw will be hoping to sign-off on a good run of results, and there is plenty to be optimistic about for whoever takes over the squad in 2023/24.

Fifths: A side that almost folded at the start of the season, after struggling to find a manager to take on the team, has flourished during the 2022/23 campaign and there remains a realistic chance of some honours come the end of the season.

Darren Ellis and Kevin Schmitz took over the Fifths at the start of the season and, like many of our sides, they are getting good results from a group blending younger and older players.

Paul Bayliss is the oldest member of the squad but this hasn't stopped him recording 16 appearances, and other veterans (Jon Corbett, Mark Patterson and Spike Devlin, amongst others) have added their experience to support the development of youngsters like Louis Blackwell-Booth, Alex McLaren, Josh McLaren and Rayhan Vahed.

At the time of writing the Fifths are sitting fifth in Division Five, with five to play (one for those who love a pattern there, with all the fives!!) and they also have a cup semi-final on 1 April that will mean there is a chance of silverware this season, if they can first overcome Minety Reserves.

U18s: The U18s were another that saw a change to the management team ahead of the 2022/23 season, with Adrian Viner and Jim Hart taking up the reins in a joint-manager position. A good squad has been assembled and although results have been mixed, they almost reached the League Cup Final, only to lose their semi-final at Slimbridge to almost the last kick of the game.

With ten games still to be played (as at 21 March), the season will soon get very busy, but there is a large squad of players to select from and there is every reason to be optimistic that the squad can finish higher than their current position of 8th.

Tomos Shyamapant continues to lead the scoring chart, but Ethan Walters, Dayton Fallows, Corey Blackburn and Aran Ratnanandan, as well as others, have all contributed to a healthy supply of goals.

Defensively, Ellis Clifford and George Graham are players to watch, as is midfielder James Reynolds. Demi Yussuf continues to be a commanding presence in the midfield, too.

With many players only in their first year of Under 18s football, there is plenty to be optimistic about as we end 2022/23 and look forward to 2023/24.

Veterans: Rob Wordley returned as the Veterans' team manager this season but some of the same old problems have dogged the Veterans' side, despite a positive start to the season. Wordley oversaw two wins in the opening two league games, but three consecutive defeats have pushed his side down the table and only five games remain to be played.

Current first team player Shayne Bradley is an ever-present, as are former first teamers Mike Devlin and Ryan Newport. Luke Whittam and Kevin Schmitz have also played in every game, to date, and it is Whittam who leads the scoring, having netted three times so far.

Player availability has been a challenge for Wordley and he has already used 25 different players this season, but he'll be hoping to get a more settled side together and finish the season on a high if possible.

HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 22 March 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	Cibbs	32	13	1	1	40	4	13	3	1	32	10	26	4	2	72	14	58	82									
2	Malvern Town	33	13	4	0	56	18	12	1	3	39	19	25	5	3	95	37	58	80									
3	Worcester Raiders	32	12	1	2	47	15	8	5	4	38	22	20	6	6	85	37	48	66									
4	Corsham Town	28	11	2	1	39	7	8	4	2	29	15	19	6	3	68	22	46	63									
5	Roman Glass St George	33	8	2	6	29	19	10	4	3	42	16	18	6	9	71	35	36	60									
6	Westfields	34	8	5	5	23	16	9	3	4	36	19	17	8	9	59	35	24	59									
7	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	32	8	6	4	33	28	8	1	5	21	14	16	7	9	54	42	12	55									
8	Hereford Pegasus	32	11	1	6	38	28	4	1	9	16	32	15	2	15	54	60	-6	47									
9	Mangotsfield United	33	5	2	9	23	33	8	1	8	28	29	13	3	17	51	62	-11	42									
10	Brimacombe & Thrupp	32	7	3	7	35	26	4	5	6	29	27	11	8	13	64	53	11	41									
11	Wantage Town	33	5	3	8	24	26	6	4	7	32	32	11	7	15	56	58	-2	40									
12	Longlevens AFC	34	4	4	9	22	29	7	1	9	26	25	11	5	18	48	54	-6	38									
13	Fairford Town	34	7	2	8	24	24	4	3	10	23	35	11	5	18	47	59	-12	38									
14	Shrivenham	32	4	1	12	20	47	6	3	6	17	33	10	4	18	37	80	-43	34									
15	Hereford Lads Club	34	8	0	9	25	34	2	3	12	17	34	10	3	21	42	68	-26	33									
16	Thornbury Town	34	6	2	9	26	29	3	2	12	16	38	9	4	21	42	67	-25	31									
17	Lydney Town	30	3	4	7	19	31	5	3	8	18	38	8	7	15	37	69	-32	31									
18	Chipping Sodbury Town	31	4	6	5	22	34	2	2	12	15	54	6	8	17	37	88	-51	26									
19	Bradford Town	32	3	2	9	14	31	4	2	12	27	50	7	4	21	41	81	-40	25									
20	Tuffley Rovers	31	2	3	10	18	40	4	3	9	18	35	6	6	19	36	75	-39	24									

Appearance information

Up to and including Wednesday, 22 March 2023

(includes selected list of former players)



Assuming today's game goes ahead – and nothing is certain after all the rain we've had in the last week or two – Warren Mann will move to 499 recorded competitive first team appearances for Tuffley Rovers, at Step 7 and above, which means he could be making his 500th appearance in our next home game, against Royal Wootton Bassett Town on Tuesday. That is an incredible feat. At the opposite end of the spectrum, congratulation to Kian Maher-Goldsmith who recorded his first start for the club (and third appearance overall) in the midweek cup defeat at Lydney Town.



Someone old, someone new....

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	94	26	James, Richard	125	40
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Jones, Elliot	19	0
Azubilla, Paul	21	1	Kent, Dominik	169	19
Barry, Jordan	4	0	Lander, Daniel	23	1
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Lewis, Mason	27	3
Beasley, Daniel	23	4	Lomotey, Yeshaya	28	7
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mace, Ryley	13	1
Bird, Ashley	66	5	Martin, Jamie	2	0
Birkett, Henry	79	6	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	3	0
Bradley, Shayne	257	117	Mann, Warren	498	83
Butler, Matt	5	1	McGuirk, Callum	36	0
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	McNally, Laurie	10	0
Danes-Rutherford, Ellis	1	0	Merchant, Luke	74	0
Davies, Ashley	181	27	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Dobbins, Ryan	80	16	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Driver-Dickerson, George	9	0	Nicholls, Scott	14	0
Fallows, Dayton	2	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Poole, Bradley	8	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Pritchett, Mark	140	21
Geddes, Jacob	51	4	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Shyamapant, Tomos	18	1
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Smerdon, Noah	4	1
Hands, Ben	1	0	Smith, Liam	41	1
Haswell, Joey	11	2	Squires, Kieran	89	7
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hawkins, Luke	13	0	Tomkins, Lyndon	1	0
Herbert, Macaulay	247	9	Walker, Harry	67	6
Hicks, Sammie	26	0	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hill, Sam	120	8	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hoffland, Robin	4	0	White, Joel	110	4
Iddles, Harrison	10	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

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					Att	Scorers	Jones, Elliot	Nicholls, Scott	Mann, Warren	Smerdon, Noah	Lander, Dan	Hicks, Sarmma			
2022															
03/Aug	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		A	0-0	143	-	1	2	3	4	5	6		
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	7		
13/Aug	3pm	Lydney Town		H	4-0	84	J Beardsell (2), M Lewis (2)	1	2	3	6	5	10		
17/Aug	7:45pm	Fairford Town		A	1-4	90	N Smerdon	1	3	2	4	10			
29/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		A	0-0	222	-	1	4	3			6		
03/Sep	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		A	1-4	50	M Butler	1	4	2			6		
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				6		
24/Sep	3pm	Fleet Spurs	FAV	H	1-1*	74	S Bradley	1	3				6		
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	6
19/Nov	3pm	Meadow Park	BFCC	H	6-2	45	R Dobbins (3), W Mann (pen), K Alder, Y Lomotey						11	3	U
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	7
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					12	
14/Jan	3pm	Roman Glass St. George		A	0-5	79	-						3		17
27/Jan	7:45pm	Cribbs FC		A	0-5	90	-						3	U	7
31/Jan	7:45pm	Shrivenham		A	0-1	68	-						3	U	12
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	8
11/Feb	3pm	Westfields		H	0-7	77	-							4	
18/Feb	3pm	Bradford Town		A	4-0	111	K Alder, M Herbert, M Pritchett, T Shyamapant						8	16	2
21/Feb	7:45pm	Cribbs FC	GFA	H	0-0**	63	-						8	4	
25/Feb	3pm	Wantage Town		H	1-1	52	Y Lomotey						8	U	2
03/Mar	7:45pm	Thornbury Town		H	2-2	102	Y Lomotey, H Birkett						3	15	2
07/Mar	7:45pm	Mangotsfield United		H	0-2	72	-						2	14	
11/Mar	3pm	Westfields		A	1-0	102	D Lander							6	2
14/Mar	3pm	Lydney Town		A	1-1	77	Y Lomotey						7	5	2
22/Mar	7:45pm	Lydney Town	GFA	A	1-2	107	Y Lomotey						14	2	
25/Mar	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		H											
28/Mar	7:45pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H											
01/Apr	3pm	Malvern Town		A											
04/Apr	7:45pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		A											
10/Apr	3pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		H											
14/Apr	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		H											
18/Apr	7:45pm	Corsham Town		A											

* Tuffley Rovers won 4-2 on penalties

** Tuffley Rovers won 7-6 on penalties

TOTAL APPEARANCES	19	9	36	4	23	21
STARTS	19	7	34	4	19	16
SUBSTITUTE	0	2	2	0	4	3
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0	0	0	0	7	1

Goalscorers

Player	Goals	Player	Goals
Bradley, Shayne	11	Mace, Ryley	1
Dobbins, Ryan	8	Smerdon, Noah	1
Lomotey, Yeshaya	6	Butler, Matt	1
Alder, Kieran	4	Azubilla, Paul	1
Beasley, Daniel	4	Mann, Warren	1
Lewis, Mason	3	Herbert, Macaulay	1
Beardsell, Jack	3	Pritchett, Mark	1
Haswell, Joey	2	Shyamapant, Tomos	1
Squires, Kieran	2	Birkett, Henry	1
Kent, Dominik	2	Lander, Daniel	1
O.G.	2		



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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.

Luke Merchant

Goalkeeper

Back at the club after a Hellenic League Premier Division title winning season at Bishops Cleeve. A great shot stopper, commanding presence and accomplished keeper, who is a fantastic addition to the squad after leaving at the end of the 2020/21 season. Now less than thirty appearances away from surpassing Bruce Perks' record number of appearances for a keeper at Step 7 and above.

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. A real competitor, who gives his all in every game.

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. Good going forward, comfortable on the ball and industrious player, who has a bright future if he can continue his progress in the next 12-18 months.

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. Closing in on 250 competitive appearances for the club.

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.

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Mark Pritchett

Defence

Another player to have returned to the club this season, and another who tasted Hellenic League title winning success at Bishops Cleeve during his time away. Previously at Rovers as Player/Manager before stepping away from the role during pre-season in 2021/22. Now back at the club his father had great success at, offering a no nonsense, uncompromising, good old-fashioned performance in every game, whilst also offering a threat in the opposition box.

Warren Mann

Defence

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!

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

Kian Maher-Goldsmith

Defence

Young defender, who has recently graduated to the first team squad and made his competitive debut at Royal Wotton Bassett Town. A good old-fashioned centre-back, who is brave, competitive and tough-tackling, but also sensible on the ball. A natural leader, who has captained the Development Squad regularly this season.

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.



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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. Played academy football during his earlier years, including a spell at Bristol City. 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.

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.

Henry Birkett

Midfield

Now in a 3rd (or 4th) spell with Rovers, after a fairly nomadic life in Hellenic League & County League football. Made forty appearances for the first team over 7 years but returned during pre-season - could this 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.

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 spell in the Reserves', followed by a prolific spell at County League side Gala Wilton. Moved back into Hellenic League football, playing 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; he is adept at holding the ball up and bringing his team-mates into the game.

Harrison Iddles

Midfield

Livewire in the midfield, who offers a non-stop, high energy performance every time he appears in the team. Signed from Westfields at the end of 2022 and already a regular, who you're as likely to see tackling in our box as he is to be the furthest player forward in an attack. Was previously part of the highly successful U18s squad that Neil Mustoe and Ken Blackburn managed at Gloucester City.

Dan Beasley

Forward

Signing from Westfields, who 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. Injuries have stunted his progress since joining the club but another player with huge potential, if he can stay fit and get a regular run of games.

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 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!

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.

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.

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 England internationals (given that it is the weekend of the International Break!)

1. David Beckham was famously sent-off against Argentina at the 1998 World Cup Finals tournament (pictured), becoming the fifth player to be sent-off for England in international football. Can you name the four players sent-off playing for England before Beckham's red card?



2. Which former Brighton & Hove Albion, Tottenham Hotspur and QPR player was awarded two international caps for England in 2010/2011 and would be the last in line if you put the surnames of all players capped in internationals in alphabetical order (A-Z)?

3. In 1989 Terry Butcher famously sustained a head injury and ended an international (a World Cup Qualifying tie) covered in blood. Who was that game against and, for a bonus point, what was the score?

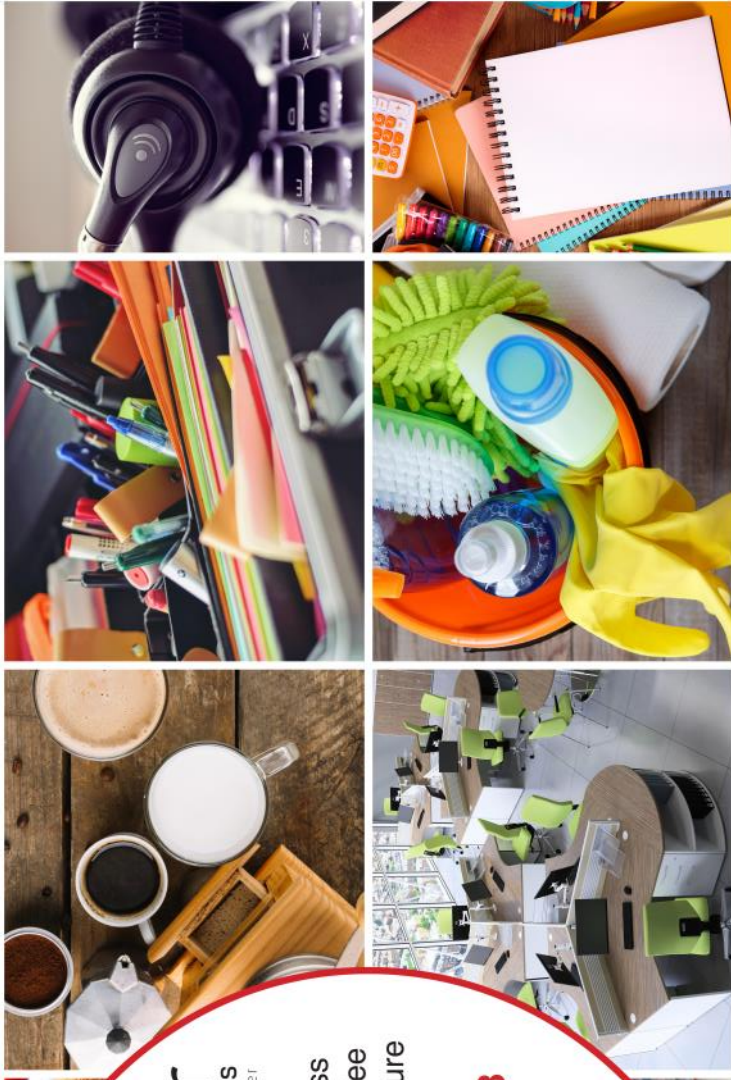


4. What international statistic do David Nugent, Danny Wallace, Francis Jeffers, Paul Goddard, Bill Nicholson and Tony Kay all have in common from their very short England careers?

5. Can you put these five England internationals in order of their total caps – highest to lowest?



Quiz Answers:(1) In order – Alan Mullery, Alan Ball, Trevor Cherry and Ray Wilkins. (2) Bobby Zamora. (3) It was a 0-0 draw with Sweden. (4) They all scored a goal in their only international appearance. (5) (c) Gordon Banks (73) / (b) Tony Adams (66) / (e) Ray Wilson (63) / (a) Jake Livermore (7) / (d) Chris Powell (5).



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ON (OR AROUND) THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

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

Since those records began, we've had a few games on or around 25 March that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on this this particular date...

22 March 2008

A Ben Surman penalty, in the 60th minute, proved enough to help Tuffley Rovers move into third place in the Gloucestershire County League table, and close the gap on leaders' Hardwicke, who lost for only the second time in the 2007/08 season. Hardwicke had plenty of chances in the first half, hitting the crossbar on two occasions, but Rovers were the side up for the game and sealed the three points courtesy of Surman's second-half penalty kick.

Squad: Mark Harris; Ben Surman; Robert Cook; Stephen Summerell; Jon Corbett; Mark Patterson; Gary Cornwall; Mark Wallington; Adam Hacker; Nathan Owen; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Michael Oakes; Marcus Foxwell, Peter Thomas.

26 March 2011

Bishops Cleeve Reserves hosted Tuffley Rovers in the Gloucestershire County League, and it was the visitors who went home with the three points, securing a 2-1 win, despite being reduced to ten men following Lee Wallington's dismissal. Joe Mogg had given the home side the lead in the 60th minute but two goals in the space of two minutes won the game for Rovers. Richard James netted the first in the 72nd minute and Mark Wallington got the winner two minutes later.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Ashley Davies; Lee Wallington; Richard James; Richard Workman; Liam Harding; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Scott Jones; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Joshua Flounders.

21 March 2015

Courtney Hamilton scored what proved to be the ultimately decisive goal, on his first league start since 7 February, as Tuffley Rovers survived a second-half scare against Hellenic League Division One (West) bottom side Letcombe, to record a sixth successive league win and all but secure a top three finish, closing the gap on league leaders Longlevens and second placed Lydney Town in the process.



Young keeper Nick Sheppard was given a first team debut, with Aaron Taylor injured, and Rovers took an early lead through Warren Mann as they started well. When Brett James made it 2-0 and then Hamilton added a third before the interval, it looked to be a good afternoon for Warren Evans' side.

Dan Hoskin pulled a goal back straight after the interval, and then Tom Stone scored on 71 minutes, to set-up a nervy finish. Rovers held out and kept their promotion hopes very much alive.

Squad: Nick Sheppard; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Macaulay Herbert; Sam Drew; Courtney Hamilton; Warren Mann; Stuart Griffith; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Jordan Dowdeswell.

26 March 2016



Caretaker Player/Manager, Shayne Bradley, guided his Tuffley Rovers side to their first Hellenic League Premier Division win since 30 January 2016, scoring what proved to be the decisive goal from five, as his relegation threatened team brought home a vital three points against bottom of the table Wokingham & Emmbrook.

Both sides shared possession and whilst Aaron Taylor, in the Rovers goal, had to produce a smart stop early on to keep the scores level, Glenn Gittins, Bradley and Davies all went close to opening the score for the Tuffley side. As confidence grew, it was Rovers who opened the scoring, on 16 minutes, when the in-form Jordan Fletcher scored his fifteenth of the season, and his ninth goal in his last ten appearances, when he pounced on a loose ball and scored past Sean Woodward, in the Wokingham goal, from close range.

The game was finely balanced and both sides mustered a series of half-chances, without either keeper being particularly troubled, until the last ten minutes of the first period, when Rovers struck twice in quick succession. First, Mark Wallington was fortunate to find himself with the opportunity to tap the ball home from close range and then, moments later, Bradley headed home, from a Warren Mann corner, despite a desperate attempted clearance that almost kept the ball out.



Two second-half goals from the visitors made for a nervy finish but Bradley's goal proved decisive and secured a vital three points for the Glevum Park side.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Macaulay Herbert; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Bradley; Kieran Squires; Glenn Gittins; Ashley Davies; Mark Wallington; Jordan Fletcher; Brett James; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Liam Wright; Ryan Williams.

25 March 2017

Tuffley Rovers looked on course to record a league double over high-flying Flackwell Heath, until they conceded two late, late goals to succumb to defeat at Wilks Park.

Regular keeper Dave Evans was unavailable, at short notice, so Player/Manager Mark Pritchett was forced to don the gloves. Despite playing into a strong breeze in the first half, Rovers started the game well and after having marginal territorial advantage, they took a deserved lead, on 12 minutes, as full-back Sam Hill took advantage of a free-kick award, 20 yards out, to bend the ball around the Flackwell Heath wall and into the bottom corner of Thomas Mason's goal, to make it 1-0.

Sheridan Campbell equalised for the hosts, before Ben Tunnicliff restored Rovers' advantage just before the interval. That looked to be enough for Pritchett's side but a late twist, with goals from Dan Rapley and Joe Blount, secured all three points for the hosts.

Squad: Mark Pritchett; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Macaulay Herbert; Shayne Anson; Ben Tunnicliff; Jamie Goodwin; Courtney Hamilton; Warren Mann; Jake Burns; Cam Williams. **Subs used:** Ryan Williams; Tommy Callinan Jnr.

HISTORY



Hereford Lads Club was established in 1925 as a sports club for the under-privileged, initially focused on boxing and gymnastics.

Cricket and football teams were added at a later date. An adult team was later formed and became members of the Herefordshire League.

The club won the Division One title in 2002–03, earning promotion to the Premier Division, then in 2010–11 the club were Premier Division runners-up, and were promoted to Division Two of the West Midlands (Regional) League.

They were Division Two runners-up in their first season in the league, and after finishing third in 2012–13, the club were promoted to Division One.

Hereford Lads Club were Division One runners-up in 2015–16, but were denied promotion as they were unable to meet the ground grading criteria.

The following season the club reached the final of the Herefordshire County Challenge Cup, in which they lost 3–0 to Hereford FC.

The club were also Division One champions and were promoted to the Premier Division. They were finalists in the Herefordshire County Challenge Cup again in 2017–18, losing 6–0 to Hereford FC.

At the end of the 2018–19 season the club were transferred to Division One West of the Hellenic League. In 2021 they were promoted to the Premier Division based on their results in the abandoned 2019–20 and 2020–21 seasons.

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The last time we hosted today's visitors in a Premier Division fixture at Glevum Park we recorded a second victory in six games under Neil Mustoe as manager, with Jacob Geddes, Warren Mann and Joe Shutt on the scoresheet in what would prove to be a vital three points...

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 3-1 HEREFORD LADS CLUB SATURDAY, 29 JANUARY 2022



The Gloucester club's hopes of moving away from serious trouble at the wrong end of the table had been boosted by taking four points out of six from Shrivenham and Bishops Cleeve in their previous two home league fixtures, but the Lads Club arrived in Tuffley with fourteen more points than their hosts from the same number of matches. Added to this, the Hereford club had the memory of inflicting Rovers' worst defeat of the season by winning 9-1 at their own ground back in October.

The visitors had adapted well to life in the Hellenic League's top division but, interestingly, had yet to draw an away game having five wins and eight defeats from their thirteen matches on the road so far. Rovers had lost nine out of fourteen at their Glevum Park home and could not really afford to let the number of home defeats reach double figures because they knew that they could still be caught by the division's bottom two clubs, Calne Town and Hallen.

Rovers avenged the calamitous afternoon they had endured at Hereford in October but on a cold and blustery afternoon in Gloucester there was never any chance of a repeat of the goal-fest of the Autumn. Tuffley won only their 4th home league match of the season but it was enough to lift them into 16th place above the Towns of both Lydney and Chipping Sodbury. By contrast, the Hereford Lads continued their odd statistic of not having drawn an away match in the League this season, this being their ninth away defeat to go with their five victories.

The hosts kicked off playing towards the open end and that seemed to be a good tactic because home goalkeeper Jack Copland was able to get enormous distance on his goal-kicks and clearances. So, most of the early action was in the Hereford half and this included a yellow card for a Hereford defender for a horrible lunge on Harvey Greenslade as Rovers' number nine made progress down the left channel. When Sammie Hicks drove the resulting free-kick into a dangerous area visiting 'keeper Steve Bell had to be alert to palm the ball out of danger.

Near the quarter-hour mark referee Simeon Stoodley fell over near the centre-circle with no player near him and really ought to have had a word with himself about 'simulation'! Ten minutes later James Cuthbertson and Henry Dyde exchanged passes as they attacked Rovers' right-hand side and this resulted in a close-range header by Tom Dawson which Copland grabbed confidently.

With 25 minutes gone Luke Wright cut in from the right and tried a left-footed shot which saw Bell scramble across his goal-line to clutch the ball by a post. Despite these moments, chances at both ends were few and far between in an opening half which could be described as uncompromising. With half-time approaching the Lads won a free-kick on the left and when Adam Newbury swung the ball across to the far post Copland tipped it away for Hereford's first corner of the match. Dyde's corner was blocked only for Levi Ellis to blast the loose ball high over the crossbar.

Whatever was said by both coaches during the interval made an immediate difference. Joshua Aldridge replaced Sammie Hicks at the start of the second half and, just as in the first half, Rovers had the better of the early exchanges. There was certainly more bite in the tackling and Ashley Davies was carded for fouling Ellis.

Finally, the breakthrough came in the 56th minute. Rovers won a corner on the left which Aldridge swung over to the far post and when the ball was headed back across goal by Joel White, Tuffley skipper Jacob Geddes had a simple downward header from close in to give his team the lead. This was quickly followed by a Davies shot which went wide before Hereford brought on Glenn Segust for Will Loughman.



It is said that a team is never more vulnerable than when it has just scored. To confirm that, the Lads drew level with a sensational goal as Olly Price cut in from the left and hit a screamer into the far corner.

A few weeks ago some Rovers' heads might have dropped at conceding a goal like that but not now. As the second half reached its midway point, a clear foul in the box by the visiting goalkeeper on Ashley Bird saw a penalty awarded, for which Warren Mann took responsibility and he blasted the spot-kick fiercely to

Bell's right with the goalkeeper diving the other way.


Hereford brought on Florian Stanesco for Ellis and Rovers responded by replacing Bird with Basford and, in the closing minutes, Kent with Smith.

A home win was sealed when a low shot from Greenslade was parried away by a falling Bell and Shutt, following up, had an easy tap-in to give Rovers a two-goal cushion which they held on to fairly comfortably as the clock ticked down the final minutes.

Rovers thought they had made it 4-1 but Dominik Kent's tap-in was disallowed for a foul on Bell by Ashley Davies as Joe Shutt's crisp cross came in from the left touchline.

As the final whistle blew you could hear the screams of delight from the home players. They knew how important these points were. The Lads from Hereford were a big and strong team all over the pitch and although the first half was not pretty, and even they lost a lot of battles in the second half, Rovers' neat passing and good positional play was a far cry from that shown during the dreadful eight-match losing run at home between the end of October and the middle of January.





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Kian Maher-Goldsmith	12
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