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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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

We will ask to hold a minutes silence tonight to acknowledge the passing of two people connected to the club in the past week. Ken Smith, our groundsman when I first joined the club, passed away just a few days after we lost Rich Purdy, once our first team manager and a player before that, who was a great servant to the club. His father, Mr AW Purdy, was a hugely influential figure at the club and Rich was with us when we opened the AW Purdy stand in his honour back in 2017. Although Rich wasn't often at games in recent years he often sent messages of support or congratulations and it was desperately sad to hear that he had lost his life earlier this week. Both Rich and Ken deserve a moment of silence for us to reflect on their contributions to the club and others like them.

I was also personally very sad to hear that one of our long-standing social club members, Andy Bayliss, had also passed away recently. He was often found at the dart-board in the club and was a lovely guy.

Whilst preparing this note I had cause to remind myself that this activity we support and pursue is, after all, only a game. I found myself incredibly frustrated by the performance at Hereford Lads Club on Saturday but thinking about Andy, Ken, Rich and their families puts things in context. We have good days, we have bad days, and football is important to many...but it is only a game.

I hope we can put in a good display tonight, which is something we managed when Hereford Pegasus visited us last. On that occasion we came away with a great 1-0 victory and we could do with another result like that tonight. It might be a good way to celebrate my 25th Wedding Anniversary tonight. My wife, Sonia, is going out for a meal to celebrate...well, she's cooking meals in the kitchen at tonight's game but why split hairs?

On a serious note, Sonia has been involved in the club for a long time now and although I think we'd both prefer a bit more time away from all things Rovers, it is possibly fitting that we are here tonight. Fitting? Inevitable is probably more accurate! Thank you, Sonia for your commitment and loyalty, both to me and to The Rovers! :)

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to read this and support our humble football programme. I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

(a selection of Emirates FA Cup ties involving local teams and Hellenic League teams)

Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Cinderford Town v Pershore Town

Corsham Town v Highworth Town

Lydney Town v Hereford Lads Club

Mangotsfield United v Thornbury Town

Slimbridge v Roman Glass St George

Tuffley Rovers v Hereford Pegasus

Wantage Town v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Worcester Raiders v Westfields

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Good evening and welcome to Glevum Park I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our opponents Hereford Pegasus and all of their players, management, committee and supporters.

It has been a fairly strange week with us planning travel to go to Aylesbury Vale Dynamos last Tuesday, to be informed late on Monday that the game was being postponed pending an investigation into a potential unregistered player for the opposition.

Now that everyone is probably aware of the charge and outcome, we can reflect on securing a place in the next, which is good news for us, but we know that it is gutting for them. I wouldn't wish that to happen to any club and especially the individual that would have had the oversight of player registrations. This incident alone proves how vital the role of Secretary is at any club.

We are the beneficiaries and must now focus on tonight's game and then our FA Cup game at Evesham United on Saturday.

I was unable to make the game against Hereford Lads Club on Saturday but was bitterly disappointed when I saw the result come through. If we are going to have a good season, then these are the type of games, we simply have to be winning or at the very least coming away with a point. I suspect this will be the toughest Hellenic League Premier Division season that I can certainly recall, so every single point is vital, no matter which end of the table a club is at. We need to remember that going into this evening's game.

I hope everyone enjoys the game and hospitality here tonight and has a safe trip home.

- Dan

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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).

Since the resumption of full-playing activities, Mustoe has had one full campaign, with the club finishing in 18th place and narrowly avoiding relegation from the Hellenic League Premier Division.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Good evening and welcome to Glevum Park for tonight's league encounter and a particular welcome to all players, officials and supporters from Hereford Pegasus.

After the disappointing result at Hereford Lads Club on Saturday, we will hope to put on a better performance tonight, and if we can it will give us a chance to get a result. A first win of the season would be welcome going into the FA Cup tie at Evesham United on Saturday.

Our visitors this evening, Pegasus, have had a mixed bag of results so far, which tends to happen for a lot of teams early in the season when there is no real momentum, and games coming thick and fast.

We are now in a period where the games are almost constant, so I am likely to freshen up the squad again tonight. We have a busy seven days, but we will be fully concentrating on getting us our first win of the season. After a good summer of recruitment we now need to find the formula that clicks and makes us tick consistently, so that we pick up the results we want.

Hope you enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Worcester Raiders	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	4	0	2	1	0	4	0	2	1	0	5	0	5	7	
2	Brimscombe & Thrupp	2	1	1	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	3	4	4						
3	Pershore Town	2	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	1	4	4						
4	Cinderford Town	3	1	0	0	5	1	0	1	1	5	7	1	1	1	10	8	2	4						
5	Worcester City	2	1	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	2	2	4						
6	Fairford Town	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	4						
7	Westfields	2	1	1	0	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	5	1	4						
8	Corsham Town	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4						
9	Hereford Lads Club	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	4						
10	Highworth Town	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	4						
11	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	3						
12	Longlevens AFC	3	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	2	3	8	1	0	2	7	11	-4	3						
13	Mangotsfield United	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1						
14	Slimbridge	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1						
15	Tuffley Rovers	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	-2	1						
16	Hereford Pegasus	2	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	-4	1						
17	Thornbury Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
18	Roman Glass St George	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0						
19	Wantage Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	1	1	5	-4	0						
20	Lydney Town	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	9	0	0	2	4	9	-5	0						

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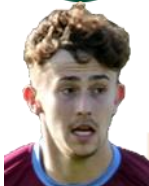


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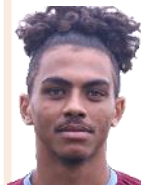


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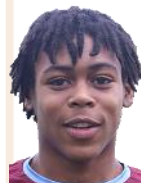
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MATCH REPORT:

THE EMIRATES FA CUP, EXTRA PRELIMINARY ROUND TUFFLEY ROVERS 2-2 AYLESBURY VALE DYNAMOS SATURDAY, 5 AUGUST 2023



Tuffley Rovers and Buckinghamshire side Aylesbury Vale Dynamos will go head-to-head in an FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round replay after they played out an absorbing end-to-end contest at Glevum Park on Saturday afternoon, with both sides looking likely to take the tie at different stages of the game.

Neil Mustoe's side came into the cup tie off the back of a creditable 0-0 draw at promotion favourites Worcester City in midweek, in their first Hellenic League game, whilst the visitors had suffered a 2-0 defeat against Dunstable Town in their opening league fixture.

The Rovers boss was forced into making two changes to the starting line-up, with Luke Merchant and Sam Hill unavailable, so Elliot Jones made a first appearance of the season in goal and Sammie Hicks returned at full-back. Mustoe opted made two other changes, with Ashley Davies and Jake Rhodes coming in for Jack Twyman and Yeshaya Lomotey.

It was Hicks who produced the first decisive moment of the game in the 7th minute. Ashley Davies showed strength and power to muscle his way through two challenges before playing a beautiful through ball to Hicks, who let the ball run onto his right-foot, before hitting the ball first time into the opposite corner of the Aylesbury goal.



That was the start Rovers would have wanted and they had the better of the early possession, but created few chances and Charlie Jones was largely untested in the visiting goal. Similarly, when The Dynamos came forward, Rovers were equal to the challenge and the opposite Jones was also largely a spectator in the hosts' goal.



After 25 minutes the visitors did level, although Rovers might have cause to have felt hard done, as Mark Pritchett was adjudged to have fouled Sam Oluwale and the visiting team were presented with a free-kick approximately 25 yards from goal but in a central position. Jake Baldwin

fully exploited the opportunity, as he stepped up to hammer a shot that swerved a little and left Rovers' Jones grasping at air as it flew past him into the net.

Within two minutes the visitors were awarded a penalty, as Hicks bundled over Tom Cove in the area, but when Abu Khan stepped up to take the spot-kick, the Rovers' keeper redeemed himself by diving to the left and pushing the ball away from goal.

The Dynamos were now in the ascendancy and Rovers were riding a storm of pressure, but they continued to do enough defensively to keep the visiting side at bay, until shortly before the interval. Goalscorer Baldwin combined well with full-back Cove and when the latter found himself in space just outside the Rovers box he swung a teasing cross into the area, just out of the reach of Aaron Pike, but the Aylesbury midfielders lunge seemed enough to distract Jones, who fumbled the ball into the path of Archie Henderson, and the midfielder didn't need a second invitation to poke the ball home from close range, giving his side a lead that they took into the interval.

Having survived an onslaught as the half wore on, Mustoe decided it was time for a change and adjusted his formation for the start of the second period, with Tomos Shyamapant being introduced in an attacking position as a replacement for defender Macaulay Herbert. The improvement was immediate, as Rovers went on the attack and it didn't take long for them to level the scores.



Shyamapant picked up the ball out wide and cut back in, before finding Callum McGuirk in space, who lifted a sumptuous pass over the top of the Aylesbury defence, allowing Connor Walters to fire a shot across goal that Dynamos' keeper Jones could only push into the path of Rhodes, who hammered the ball home from close range.

What followed was a cup tie full of attacking intent from both sides. First, Rovers looked to take the initiative and then the visitors. In truth, by the end Mustoe's side were perhaps the more grateful to take the tie to a replay, as McGuirk cleared off the line, after Jones had blocked a one-on-one and then the keeper made a stunning save to Henderson a second goal with a fingertip save at full stretch deep into injury time.



A replay was probably the fairest result for both sides but equally each could have laid claim to have been worthy victors in a terrific contest. A Tuesday night in Aylesbury would offer an opportunity to determine that outcome.

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 couple of games on 15 August (and a couple on the dates either side) that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on this this particular date...

16 August 2008

Yate Town Reserves thought they had done enough to salvage a point from the Gloucestershire County League fixture with Tuffley Rovers, after equalising with just five minutes remaining.

Pat Boyd gave Rovers the lead, but Yate's Jack Smyth levelled with a super 30 yard drive. The visiting team then took the lead through Ollie Everitt, only for Smyth to level the scores again.

As it was, two late goals, first from Marcus Foxwell and then from Warren Mann ensured Rovers left Yate with a maximum three points from their opening game of the 2008/09 season.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Patrick Boyd; Marcus Foxwell; Martin Middlecote; Ben Surman; Ryan Newport; Lee Wallington; Mark Wallington; Stuart Griffith; Warren Mann; Ollie Everitt. **Subs used:** Daniel Gillespie; Jamie Harper; David Nichols.

15 August 2009

Tuffley Rovers started their 2009/10 Gloucestershire County League season with a 2-0 victory at home to Thornbury Town.

Victor Webb opened the scoring for the home side with a twenty-yard drive on 12 minutes, but Thornbury should have levelled 3 minutes later when James Derosa headed over from close range.

There was then a hold up in the 23rd minute when the Referee collided with a player accidentally and his assistant had to take over for the remainder of the match. It took Rovers until the 84th minute to seal the points when Richard James volleyed home a Chris Lee cross.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Adam Dunsford; Lee Wallington; Martin Middlecote; Richard James; Benjamin Wood; Victor Webb; Warren Mann; Mark Wallington; Nathan Owen; Christopher Lee. **Subs used:** Ashley Davies; Oliver Everitt; Peter Miller.

14 August 2010

Tuffley Rovers opened their Gloucestershire County League season with a resounding 6-0 win at Berkeley Town netting four times in the first forty-five minutes. Richard James scored the first of a hat-trick after just five minutes, followed by a second goal for Rovers three minutes later, with Danny Wallington the scorer. James then netted a second in the 15th minute, followed by Mark Wallington netting the fourth in the 35th minute. Two further goals followed in the second half, the first from James, who completed his hat-trick after 65 minutes and a final goal from Rob Cunningham in the 82nd.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Lee Wallington; Ashley Davies; Martin Middlecote; Richard James; Victor Webb; Mark Wallington, Daniel Wallington; Warren Mann; Mark Ford; Ben Harris. **Subs used:** Ben Clutterbuck; John Sesan; Stuart Toomey.

14 August 2012

Tuffley Rovers secured a second successive victory at the start of their 2012/13 Gloucestershire County League season, returning from Frampton United with a hard fought and incredibly valuable three points. After an opening day win, in another away game at Bristol Academy that ended 4-2, Rovers boss Doug Foxwell stuck with the same starting line-up and it paid dividends, as his side won courtesy of goals from Mark Ford Jnr and Johnny Meadows.

Squad: Mark Harris; Elliot King; Antoine Thompson; Marcus Foxwell; Leone Cornwall; Courtney Hamilton; Jonathan Meadows; Mark Wallington; Warren Mann; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford. **Subs used:** Jordan Cooper; Michael Oakes.

15 August 2015

Tuffley Rovers secured a place in the Preliminary Round of The Emirates FA Cup with an emphatic win against fellow Hellenic League Premier Division side Ardley United. Anthony Herrin gave Rovers an early lead, following a defensive error, but were grateful to Macaulay Herbert to retain the advantage, as he cleared Josh Bowden's effort off the line. Stu Griffith then missed a glorious chance to extend the visitors' lead, after great work by Ashley Davies, and Herrin then turned provider as he crossed for Herbert to head home from close range.

Early in the second period Ardley were back in the tie, with Chris Jackson planting a powerful header past Rovers' keeper Aaron Taylor, but Griffith atoned for his early profligacy on 72 minutes to take the tie very much in Rovers' favour, as he followed up on his own shot, after a save from Ardley's keeper, to make it 3-1. The result was sealed in the closing moments, as Warren Mann produced a fantastic run and finish, having collected the ball deep in his own half, to make it 4-1 and take Rovers through to the Preliminary Round and a home tie against Southern League side Bishops Cleeve.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Liam Wright; Marcus Foxwell; Sam Drew; Macaulay Herbert; Stuart Griffith; Jordan Dowdeswell; Warren Mann; Mark Ford; Anthony Herrin; Brett James. **Subs used:** Ryan Williams.

15 August 2017

Tuffley Rovers suffered their first defeat of the 2017/18 season, in comprehensive fashion, as Highworth Town produced an emphatic display of their potential at Glevum Park. The game started fairly evenly and when The Worthians prolific striker, Ashley Edenborough, was forced off with a hamstring strain Rovers might have felt luck was with them, but just five minutes later his replacement, Jake Slocombe, was on-hand to finish off a slick passing move.

On the half hour mark, Warren Mann crossed into Harry Walker but the youngster couldn't get enough power on his header and visiting keeper Gary Aulsberry got down to comfortably hold the ball. It remained 1-0 to the visitors at half-time, with all to play for.

Two minutes after the restart, Highworth's first attack ended with the ball falling to Slocombe on the edge of the Rovers box and he unleashed a rocket of a shot that flew beyond Dave Evans' dive and into the roof of the net. Five minutes later Callum Parsons latched onto a terrific Aysa Corrick pass and drove the ball low into the net, to make it 3-0. In the closing moments, Corrick was again instrumental, producing a sublime pass that left Slocombe with a chance to complete his hat-trick that was simply too good to waste.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Macaulay Herbert; Marcus Foxwell; Jack Overthrow; Joel White; Harry Walker; Warren Mann; Brett James. **Subs used:** Mark Pritchett; Jamie Goodwin; Courtney Hamilton.

Statistics 2023/24

Competition

UHlsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

FAC = FA Cup; FAV = FA Vase; GFA = GFA Challenge Trophy;

BFCC = Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup;

WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

					Att	Scorers
2023						
01/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester City		A	0-0	487 -
05/Aug	3pm	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	FAC	H	2-2	124 S Hicks, J Rhodes
12/Aug	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		A	0-2	108 -
15/Aug	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		H		
19/Aug	3pm	Evesham United	FAC	A		
22/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		A		
26/Aug	3pm	AEK Boco	FAV	A		
28/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		H		
05/Sep	7:45pm	Westfields		A		
08/Sep	7:45pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H		
12/Sep	7:45pm	Stonehouse Town	WLFC	H		
19/Sep	7:45pm	Lydney Town		A		
26/Sep	7:45pm	Cinderford Town		H		
30/Sep	3pm	Slimbridge		A		
03/Oct	7:45pm	Worcester City		H		
07/Oct	3pm	Thornbury Town		A		
14/Oct	3pm	Wantage Town		H		
17/Oct	7:45pm	Pershore Town		H		
20/Oct	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		H		
28/Oct	3pm	Corsham Town		A		
03/Nov	7:45pm	Fairford Town		H		
11/Nov	3pm	Highworth Town		A		
18/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United		H		
25/Nov	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A		
02/Dec	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A		
09/Dec	3pm	Slimbridge		H		
16/Dec	3pm	Thornbury Town		H		
23/Dec	3pm	Wantage Town		A		
27/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		A		
30/Dec	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		A		
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06/Jan	3pm	Fairford Town		A		
13/Jan	3pm	Highworth Town		H		
20/Jan	3pm	Mangotsfield United		A		
27/Jan	3pm	Roman Glass St George		H		
03/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town		A		
10/Feb	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		H		
17/Feb	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		A		
24/Feb	3pm	Worcester Raiders		H		
02/Mar	3pm	Westfields		H		
08/Mar	7:45pm	Lydney Town		H		
16/Mar	3pm	Cinderford Town		A		

TOTAL APPEARANCES
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Goalscorers

Rhodes, Jake	1		
Hicks, Sammie	1		

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Luke Merchant

Goalkeeper

Returned to the club last season, after a Hellenic League Premier Division title winning season at Bishops Cleeve, and was in sensational form. A great shot stopper, commanding presence and accomplished keeper. Should surpass Bruce Perks' record number of appearances for a keeper (at Step 7 and above) this season.

Dan Lander

Defence

Debut in 2022/23 after returning to the club following a spell at Quedgeley Wanderers. A great club man, who gives his all in every game. Offers height, strength and determination at centre-half, He knows his role in the side and rarely lets the team down. A real competitor, who gives his all in every game, and

Ryley Mace

Defence

After time served in the U18s and then Development Squad, made the breakthrough to the first team squad last season. Plenty of potential, whether at full-back or in a more attacking role. Good going forward and comfortable on the ball, an industrious player who will be looking to build on his progress in 2022/23.

Macaulay Herbert

Defence

Now the second longest-serving member of the first team, 'Macca' came through our U18s and is solid and dependable; an excellent defender who has been getting better with every season that passed. Has now made over 250 first team appearances, despite several injuries punctuating each season. If he can stay fit could be the second highest appearance maker in the modern era.

Alex Barrett

Defence

Joined during pre-season 2023/24 and has settled in well, offering an option at left-back. Good defensively, very competitive and carries a threat going into the opposition half. Previously with Shortwood United; now looking to step up into Helleic League, Premier Division football. Impressed during pre-season and hopes are high for the season ahead.

Joel White

Defence

The return of 'Digger' is a massive boost and the former Rovers captain is back playing after a season managing Gloucestershire Northern Senior League, Brockworth Albion. Can play in midfield but has developed into a fantastic centre-half, who is one of the team's leaders and most dependable players.

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Jack McCormack

Defence

Another new signing, who can play at full-back or in the centre of defence. Joined from Mangotsfield United, where he made a handful of appearances in 2022/23. Tall defender, who is confident on the ball and could be a very shrewd acquisition.

Mark Pritchett

Defence

Another player 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/Midfield

Our longest serving player and has now made over 500 appearances for the Rovers first team 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!

Ashley Davies

Defence/Midfield

In his 3rd spell with the club. Has had spells away at Hardwicke, Shortwood United & Cinderford Town but returned in 2021/22! Was Neil Mustoe's 1st signing and an incredible coup. Brings class on the ball, a physical presence, leadership and a wonderful work ethic to the squad - his influence is of huge value to the club.

Sammie Hicks

Defence/Midfield

A wonderful footballer, who finally seems to be overcoming some of the injury challenges that had previously restricted his appearances, both at Cinderford Town and then at Rovers. Talented midfielder, who can also play at the back or in more advanced positions. Could be a vital member of the squad, if he can stay fit.

Dayton Fallows

Midfield

One of a crop of youngsters who could breakthrough this season. Mature beyond his years, he came through the youth section and has shown he is good on the ball and hard-working. This could be a vital season in his development as a future first team player. One to watch in 2023/24 and beyond.

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2023/24 PLAYER PROFILES

Callum McGuirk

Midfield

Signed from Longlevens in 2022, 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. Was originally with the Rovers, where he featured in our U18s squad. His versatility is a big attribute but he'll be keen to secure place in the midfield positions.

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 two injury hit campaigns in 2021/22 and 2022/23. 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. Great energy, good passing ability, hard-working and contribute goals, as well as good delivery from set-pieces. Has become an increasingly influential member of the team and won Manager's Player of the Year in 2022/23.

Jack Twyman

Midfield

A new signing and one that could be a real coup! Injuries have taken their toll over the years, but 'Twy' has played at a good level, with plenty of Southern League experience at Slimbridge and Yate Town. Has been managing at County League Hardwicke over the past couple of seasons but we're now hoping some of his injury problems are behind him and he can make a successful return to playing. Calm on the ball, creative, destructive...has all the qualities of a top midfielder.

Connor Walters

Forward

Wide player who joined from Gala Wilton in the summer and made a really positive immediately. Quick, strong and full of trickery, this mercurial talent could be a really fantastic addition to the Rovers squad. A goalscoring threat who will be looking to tie down a regular starting place.

Tomos Shyamapant

Forward

Youngster who has been a consistent goalscorer for both the U18s and Development Squad over the past three seasons. Highly rated and a genuine prospect. Natural finisher, who will be looking to build on a run in the first team last season.

Jake Rhodes

Forward

In his 2nd spell with the club, having signed in the summer, following spells with Bishops Cleeve (another title winner!) and Shortwood United. An all-round centre-forward who can hold the ball up, create chances for others, and is good finisher. Very strong in the air, so will add a new dimension to Rovers' attack.

Kieran Alder

Forward

Returned to the club last season, after spells with Cinderford Town, Bishops Cleeve and Worcester City, but another player who suffered with injury. Now on the road to recovery. A gifted No.10, whose work rate is as noticeable as his talent on the ball. Our most creative player. Previously part of Neil Mustoe's U18s side at Gloucester City and now reunited with him at Rovers.

Blaine Waugh

Forward

Another member of Bishops Cleeve's Hellenic League title winning side, Blaine has signed on a dual registration basis from Cleeve and could be a great additional to the squad. Capable of playing in deeper positions – another versatile player.

Yeshaya Lomotey

Forward

Powerful striker who joined in 2021/22 after spells at other local clubs, including Slimbridge and Cinderford Town. Offers quality on the ball and packs a powerful shot that is 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 Manager in January 2022, took the club away from relegation fears in 2021/22, before successfully battling against relegation in 2022/23. 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.

Liam O'Neill

Assistant Manager

Appointed as Assistant Manager in 2023, after a spell as Manager at Frampton United. Liam is still in the formative stage of his coaching journey but will offer great support to Muzzy.

Sam Tandy

Physio

New for 2023/24 and son of legendary Gloucester City physio Ade Tandy. Can play as a keeper!



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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 in this edition we look at Women's World Cup football as England prepare for a semi-final tie tomorrow...

1. Who were the first official winners of the Women's FIFA World Cup in 1991?

2. Pictured is Formiga (aka Miraildes Maciel Mota) who holds the record for appearing in the most Women's World Cup Finals tournaments. Her first appearance came in the 1995 finals in Sweden. How many different tournaments did Formiga appear in?



3. When did England last fail to qualify for the finals tournament of the Women's World Cup?

4. The United States have won the World Cup four times; a win ratio of 50% prior to the 2023 tournament. Three other countries have won the competition. Who are they?

5. The three players pictured scored, in the order of their pictures, the first ever World Cup Finals goal for England, the first goal in a knockout fixtures for England, and the most recent goal (up to and including 12 August 2023) for England. Can you name them?



Quiz Answers: (1) United States of America; (2) Seven tournaments, from 1995 to 2019; (3) England have failed to qualify three times – in 1991, 1999 and most recently in 2003; (4) Norway won in 1995, Germany in 2003 and 2007, and Japan in 2011; (5) Gillian Coultard, Jill Scott, and Alessia Russo.

THAT WAS THE SEASON THAT WAS...a look back at the 2022/23 season

It has become customary for our first programme of the new season to devote a couple of pages to reviewing the previous year at The Rovers. Today we look back at 2022/23 – Neil Mustoe's first full campaign at the helm.

August 2022



After his appointment as manager of Tuffley Rovers in January 2022, Neil Mustoe started his first full campaign at the helm and after a difficult pre-season period, which had seen him largely rebuilding the squad, he handed debuts to Elliot Jones, Noah Smerdon and Dan Lander in a hard-fought 0-0 draw away at Brimscombe & Thrupp.

Just a few days later Rovers took a lead in the Emirates FA Cup tie with Southern League side Slimbridge, as Ryley Mace netted, but late goals from former Rover Jacob Geddes and a stunning winner from Marley Thomas condemned Mustoe's team to a 2-1 defeat.

The following Tuesday Ryan Dobbins got his first of the season, inside a minute, to give Rovers a lead against title hopefuls Malvern Town, but the visitors eventually ran out 3-1 victors but a better result was to follow as the final home game of August saw Jack Beardsell and Mason Lewis both score doubles in a 4-0 win over Lydney Town. That win was followed by a 4-1 defeat at Fairford Town, before a 0-0 draw at Longlevens...albeit one where Rovers had a legitimate goal ruled out after Lewis' shot hit the bar and was deemed (incorrectly) not to have crossed the line.



September 2022

September started badly, with a crushing 4-1 defeat away at newly promoted Hereford Pegasus, but that was followed by wins at Newent Town in the Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup and a 2-0 win at Thornbury Town in the league. In a month short on action due to renovation work on the Glevum Park pitch, Rovers played one further game, in the FA Vase against Fleet Spurs, and triumphed 4-2 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in normal time, with substitute Shayne Bradley grabbing a late equaliser.

October 2022

October started with two consecutive 2-1 league defeats, at Hereford Lads Club then home to Cribbs FC, before another 4-0 win over Lydney Town in the Floodlit Cup, with Joey Haswell scoring a brace on his debut. Kieran Squires header then secured a point in a 1-1 draw against Shrivensham at Glevum Park, before four consecutive defeats to conclude the month. Defeats in the Premier Division against Worcester Raiders, Fairford Town and Roman Glass St George, were either side of a disappointing exit from the FA Vase, as Mustoe's squad lost 1-0 away at Hellenic League Division One side Hartpury University.



November 2022

The opening days of November saw an incredibly unfortunate 2-1 defeat at home to Worcester Raiders followed by a very disappointing 4-2 loss away at Mangotsfield United. Things improved as the month progressed, though.

First, Shayne Bradley scored a first half hattrick away at Wantage Town (before being sent-off) in a 4-2 win and that was followed by two positive results in the GFA Challenge Trophy and Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup, courtesy of wins against Hartpury University and Meadow Park, respectively.

That was the end of the positivity as the month ended with a complete capitulation away at Malvern Town in the Floodlit Cup, as Rovers lost 9-1, and although there was an improved performance in the next game at Royal Wootton Bassett Town, the game was abandoned shortly before the interval, with the score at 1-1.

December 2022

December started with a real game for the neutral, as Rovers came from a 3-0 half-time deficit to level at 4-4 against Bradford Town, before the visitors scored a late winner, to take all three points. A cup win away at Almonsbury Town (in the GFA Challenge Trophy) followed, with three vital league points in the next game, as Kieran Alder scored a 90th minute winner to defeat Hereford Pegasus 1-0.

Rovers went into the 27 December game at home to Longlevens full of optimism but injuries to Ashley Davies and then Alder, when the score was 0-0, saw a much changed line-up crumble to a 4-0 defeat in the face of an excellent performance from the visitors and it may have been worse had keeper Brad Poole not been in fantastic form in goal for Rovers.



January 2022

A third meeting of the season against Malvern Town saw Rovers exit the Challenge Cup via a narrow 1-0 defeat, as a Mark Pritchett own goal proved the difference between the teams.

Two consecutive 5-0 victories, away at Roman Glass and Cribbs, followed and the full set of defeats was completed for January, as the final outing ended in a 1-0 defeat away at Shrivenham, albeit on an evening where Rovers could arguably claim to have been denied two clear penalties.

February 2022



Another two defeats opened the month of February, as Mustoe's squad lost at Corsham Town and Royal Wootton Bassett, and another humiliating and chastening loss followed as they conceded seven, without reply, at home to Westfields.

Things improved for the remainder of the month as a 4-0 win at Bradford Town was followed by another victory on penalties, in the GFA Challenge Trophy against Cribbs, then a 1-1 draw at home to Wantage Town.

March 2022

The first game of March ended in a 2-0 home defeat against Mangotsfield United, before Mustoe's relegation threatened side pulled off an incredible 1-0 win away at Westfields, with Dan Lander bundling a winner home from close range. Luke Merchant saved a penalty to preserve the clean sheet and secure a vital three points.

With his squad threadbare due to injuries and suspensions, Mustoe had to make his first Rovers appearance, as a substitute, in the 1-1 draw at Lydney Town, before their cup hopes ended at the same venue a week later, Warren Mann missing a late penalty opportunity in a 2-1 defeat.

A 4-0 win at home to Hereford Lads Club proved a huge boost in Rovers' hopes of survival and although two 3-1 defeats followed, at Wootton Bassett and Malvern Town, performances were much improved. The Bassett game was Warren Mann's 500th competitive first team appearance at Step 7 and above.



April 2022



Mustoe's side all but secured safety as they thumped bottom of the table Chipping Sodbury Town 4-0 at Glevum Park and although defeats at home to Brimscombe & Thrupp and away at Corsham Town followed, other results meant Rovers travelled to Chipping Sodbury on the last day of the season knowing they only had to avoid a double-figure defeat to be safe. Dom Kent's goal in the final ten minutes proved to be enough to secure a 1-0 win and Rovers had secured a ninth consecutive season of Step 5 football.

APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Saturday, 12 August 2023
(includes selected list of former players)

Congratulations to Nathan Payne and Matt Holdaway who made their debuts in our defeat at Hereford Lads Club on Saturday. Huge congratulations, too, to Mark Pritchett if he appears tonight, as it will be his 150th competitive appearance for the Tuffley Rovers First XI. He becomes the eleventh player to reach 150 appearances since we rejoined Step 7 in 2007/08.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	95	27	Mace, Ryley	19	1
Barrett, Alex	0	0	Martin, Jamie	3	1
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mann, Warren	507	84
Birkett, Henry	89	7	McCormack, Jack	0	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	McGuirk, Callum	43	0
Danes-Rutherford, Ellis	1	0	Merchant, Luke	82	0
Davies, Ashley	185	27	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Fallows, Dayton	3	0	Payne, Nathan	1	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Poole, Bradley	8	0
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Pritchett, Mark	149	23
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Rhodes, Jake	57	17
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Shyamapant, Tomos	23	1
Holdaway, Matt	1	0	Smith, Liam	45	1
Herbert, Macaulay	256	10	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Hicks, Sammie	35	2	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hill, Sam	121	8	Twyman, Jack	3	0
James, Brett	185	64	Wallington, Lee	131	4
James, Richard	125	40	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Jones, Elliot	21	0	Walters, Connor	3	0
Kent, Dominik	175	21	White, Joel	114	4
Lander, Daniel	30	1	Wilton, Joe	2	0
Lomotey, Yeshaya	37	7	Wright, Liam	124	3

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.



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In 2005 Pegasus Juniors opened their new ground at Old School Lane with funding from The Football Foundation, Football Association local trusts and directors. The facilities have continually been improved since with grant funded work in 2013 replacing the perimeter fence, upgrading the car park and extending the clubhouse. 2019 saw our biggest project to date, with the installation of a state-of-the-art artificial turf pitch along with upgraded LED floodlights.

In 2010 the club decided to move its first team to the West Midlands (Regional) League for season 2011/12 as the Hellenic League was, at the time veering, in an easterly direction. The highlight during our eight seasons in the West Midlands was undoubtedly finishing as runners up with 100 points in a high scoring season. More recently an exodus of senior players led to a very young team finding themselves at the wrong end of the table.

Joint Managers Mick Panniers and Dave Cadwallader came together in the dugout to lead the team as we came back 'home' to the whilsport Hellenic League for 2019/20 in Division One West. Following two Covid curtailed seasons, Mick stepped away from management with a move 'upstairs' in a Director of Football role. 'Caddy' along with Mark Hibbard were then appointed as Joint Managers for the 2021/22 season.

Having finished 4th in Hellenic League Division 1 at the end of the 2021/22 season we took part in the first ever Play Offs at Step 6. In the semi-final we travelled to Cianfield, winning 4-0 and setting up a Play Off Final against Worcester Raiders at Sixways Stadium. Scoring within the first

20 seconds of the final set us on our way to a memorable night, going on to win the game 3-0. The final whistle signalled jubilant scenes throughout the team and travelling support. We had secured promotion back to Step 5 and a place in the Hellenic Premier Division for the 2022/23 season. In addition to the Promotion, it will also meant a return to the F.A Cup for the first time in seven years. Our first season back in the Premier Division was a creditable one achieving an 8th place finish.



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