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TUFFLEY ROVERS V LONGLEVENS

MONDAY 28TH AUGUST 2023
3:00PM

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION



EDITOR'S COMMENTS



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

Neither side has had a huge amount of success in the early part of this season, if you judge matters by results alone, but I'm sure Longlevens will have plenty of positive to take from their early games, whilst four draws and three defeats doesn't look great for us, but draws at Worcester City and Worcester Raiders (whether the result stands or not) were huge results.

More disappointing was our performances against Hereford Lads Club and Hereford Pegasus, where we didn't match the high standards from other games, and whilst the outcome was positive on Saturday, the performance at AEK Boko wasn't necessarily what we would have wanted.

Today's game gives us a chance to put all that (both positive and negative) behind us and record a result against a team who seem to consistently perform in these derbies. We need to be better than in the last two outings at home against Longlevens and, as Muzzy reflects, history is over-rated!

After today we face a trip to Westfields on Saturday. If we can come out of this week with four points that would be fantastic. There is much work to be done if that is likely to be a reality. In Muzzy we trust!

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 games involving local teams and other Hellenic League fixtures)

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Brimscombe & Thrupp v Slimbridge

Hereford Pegasus v Pershore Town

Highworth Town v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Lydney Town v Cinderford Town

Mangotsfield United v Corsham Town

Westfields v Hereford Lads Club

Fairford Town v Wantage Town

Thornbury Town v Roman Glass St George

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Good afternoon and a warm Bank Holiday welcome to Glevum Park. Welcome to our opponents Longlevens and all of their players, management, committee and supporters.

It has been a busy seven days for the club, with a trip up to Sixways - and although everyone seems to 'know' the outcome of that game, following the unfortunate incident affecting one of the Worcester Raiders' players on the night. We await a decision from the Hellenic League.

Thankfully, whatever the League's decision as to whether it'll need replaying or not, the player injured is on the road to recovery. Oddly many people seem to know the outcome of the League's decision before either club has even been informed!

On to Saturday and a short trip down the M5 to AEK Boko, which was a nice little set up and a very welcoming club. The game wasn't pretty, far from it but most importantly we've got the job done and move on to the next round, where we will visit Malmesbury Victoria.

Moving to today. So here we are, the first El Glossico fixture of the season. One in which we all look forward to when the fixtures are released and always draws a decent crowd.

Huge thanks must go to this season's sponsors that have supported the club in many different ways and we will look forward to inviting them all to our dedicated sponsors day towards the end of the season.

I hope everyone enjoys the game and hospitality here today 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 afternoon and welcome to Glevum Park, including all players, officials and supporters from Longlevens.

After a terrific mid-week performance against (at the time) top of the table Worcester Raiders, where we got a well-deserved equaliser in injury time, only for the game to be cut short by 45 seconds due to an injury to one of the Raiders players. Thankfully, it looks like it was not as serious as it could have been and the lad should make a full recovery. We are still waiting to see if this result will count, which would add to the great away point we got at Worcester City, alongside advancing in the FA Vase, following our success away at AEK Boco FC on Saturday. We should be feeling buoyant and confident we can get a result today.

Recent history is against us in this fixture. This is something which drives me mad when I hear this said on the TV (in relation to televised games), as I genuinely believe it (history) means nothing; but its a stat that is always highlighted. This will be my third home fixture against Longlevens and I suspect both teams are likely to field a very different starting eleven across each occasion.

From my perspective, our squad has grown and improved, in depth and quality, so hopefully we can get the result which will be a reward for all the hard unseen work on and off the pitch. I'm hoping that by the end of the afternoon Gloucester will be claret and blue!

Hope you enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 26 August 2023

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

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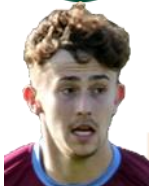


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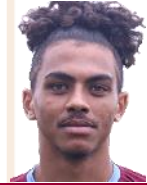


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ON (OR AROUND) THIS DAY IN HISTORY



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 only played twice on 28 August, but we've had plenty of games on the dates either side, so we've selected a few to help reflect on our fortunes on or around this particular date...

29 August 2009

Tuffley Rovers' first half display cost them dearly as they went down 1-0 at home to Yate Town Reserves in the Gloucestershire County League.

Rovers failed to contain Yates's in-form striker Justin Cattle, who gave the home defence a torrid time across the afternoon. It was Cattle who scored the winner, as early as the 11th minute.

Rovers made changes at the break and their second half performance should have earned them at least a point from the game. Peter Thomas had the best chances of the afternoon but was denied a penalty, after he appeared to have been brought down, then saw a great effort draw a miraculous save from the Yate keeper, which meant the visitors took all the points.

Squad: Adam Bennett; James Barton; Adam Dunsford; Marcus Foxwell; Martin Middlecote; Peter Millett; Victor Webb; Marcus Goodge; Warren Mann; Christopher Lee; Peter Thomas. **Subs used:** Stuart Griffith; Ashley Davies; Daniel Billingham.

27 August 2012

Tuffley Rovers moved up to third in the Gloucestershire County League table, after a comprehensive win in their first home fixture of the season, with a 5-1 win over lowly Berkeley Town. The stars of the game were Shayne Bradley, who netted a hat-trick, and Warren Mann, who supplied all the crosses for Bradley and another assist for Jordan Cooper to score.

Rovers ran riot in the early stages of the game, going into a 4-0 lead. First, Cooper headed home the opening goal and Bradley quickly netted the first of his three goals. Two further goals from Bradley followed in the 11th and 16th minutes, meaning the game was all but over before the twenty minute mark.

Berkeley pulled one goal back, just before the interval, as Mike Reece's free-kick totally deceived Rovers keeper Mark Harris. However, Rovers continued to control the game and made it five in the 77th minute when Mark Ford headed home from a corner.

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

29 August 2015

Tuffley Rovers produced a superb performance to seal a place in the 1st Qualifying Round of the Emirates FA Cup, overcoming Southern League club Bishops Cleeve thanks to Ashley Davies' 31st minute goal.

Both sides traded early blows and Elliot Kennedy produced a shot, which Aaron Taylor, in the

Rovers goal, saved comfortably on 10 minutes. Rovers who had a share of the possession, were by no means looking a division apart from their Kayte Lane opponents and they took the lead on 31 minutes, as Davies showed composure as he pounced on a loose ball in the Bishops Cleeve 6 yard box and evaded a challenge, before forcing the ball beyond Sam Gilder in the Cleeve goal.



The second half was a demonstration of attrition, with both sides continuing to share possession, without cresting clear chances, although Herrin produced an effort which struck the Cleeve post on 59 minutes, with Gilder beaten.

Rovers continued to deny Cleeve clear chances and Warren Evans' side held out to secure a memorable victory for the Glevum Park side.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Tristan Haswell; Sam Drew; Callum Preece; Warren Mann; Anthony Herrin; Ashley Davies; Mark Ford; Liam Wright; Brett James. **Subs used:** Ryan Williams; Ed Rimmer; Ryan Dobbins.

28 August 2017

Despite missing four influential players from their line-up, Tuffley Rovers broke their run of poor form against fellow Gloucestershire club, Brimscombe & Thrupp, as they recorded a solid 3-1 win in their Bank Holiday fixture at Glevum Park.

Rovers did take the lead six minutes into the game, when right wing-back Sam Hill latched onto left wing-back Jamie Goodwin's exquisite pass and calmly rolled the ball under the advancing Lewis Skyers and into the net. Rovers extended their lead on 23 minutes and it was the wing-back duo who once again were the architects for the goal, as Goodwin won a tackle out wide, turned inside and produced a cross that evaded Chris Greenhough and landed in Hill's path, who produced a sublime chip that found its way into the net, despite Kyle Pitts' best efforts to keep it out.

Young Cam Williams made it 3-0 with an excellent finish, before what appeared to be an own-goal by Hill, after a save from Dave Evans deflected onto him and into the net made it 3-1 before the final whistle arrived.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Jamie Goodwin; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Marcus Foxwell; Liam Wright; Courtney Hamilton; Shayne Bradley; Joel White; Joshua Bennai. **Subs used:** Alex O'Leary; Cam Williams.

28 August 2021

Tuffley Rovers' indifferent start to the 2021/22 season continued, as a late, late goal saw Shrivenham secure all three points from this Premier Division game. Laurie McNally set-up Rudi McKinnon to make it 1-0, although the goal was ultimately attributed to Shrivenham keeper, James Foster, as the ball hit the post and went into the back of the net off his head.

Jonathan Peachy-Score and Josh McGrory then both scored within the space of two minutes, to make it 2-1 to the hosts. Warren Mann equalised on 51 minutes and the game looked to be heading for a draw, but Peachy-Score netted in injury time to secure all three points for the hosts.

Squad: Callum Brain; Laurie McNally; Joshua Swales; Xander Jones; Harry Morgan; Dominik Kent; Joe Shutt; Dion Ellis-Clark; Aaron Basford; Warren Mann; Rudi McKinnon. **Subs used:** Matt Butler; Liam Smith; Yeshaya Lomotey.

Statistics 2023/24

Competition

Uhtsport 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	3-4	103	J Rhodes, M Pritchett, T Shyamapant
19/Aug	3pm	Evesham United	FAC	A	0-2	247	-
22/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		A	1-1	A-A	T Shyamapant
26/Aug	3pm	AEK Boco	FAV	A	1-1*	69	S Hill
28/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		H			
02/Sep	3pm	Westfields		A			
09/Sep	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H			
12/Sep	7:45pm	Stonehouse Town	WLFC	H			
19/Sep	7:45pm	Lydney Town		A			
23/Sep	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria	FAV	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			
20/Oct	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		H			
24/Oct	7:45pm	Pershore Town		H			
28/Oct	3pm	Corsham Town		A			
03/Nov	7:45pm	Fairford Town		H			
11/Nov	3pm	Highworth Town		A			
14/Nov	7:45pm	Stonehouse Town	GFA	H			
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			
2024							
01/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town		H			
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
STARTS
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Goalscorers

Rhodes, Jake	2	Hicks, Sammie	1
Shyamapant, Tomos	2	Pritchett, Mark	1
Hill, Sam	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 Hellenic 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.

2023/24 PLAYER PROFILES

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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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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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 in this edition we look at past fixtures between Rovers and Longlevens...

1. Rovers were promoted from the Gloucestershire County League at the end of the 2012/13 season, although Longlevens were Champions that year. When Rovers beat Levens on 6 May 2013, which player scored a hat-trick, giving him a record of 8 goals in four appearances during that season?

2. Three players in this picture have made first team appearances for both Rovers and Levens. Can you name them?



3. Since joining the Hellenic League each team has completed a league double (winning both league fixtures) over the other in the El Glosico encounter. Which team was last to complete this feat and in which season?

4. In the 2018/19 season the two clubs had four competitive fixtures against each other (two in the Hellenic League and two in the FA Vase) in 32 days! What was the aggregate score across all those games?

5. Can you name the five players pictured, who have played for both clubs?



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)




















(e)

Quiz Answers:(1)Dorian Colling; (2) Callum McGuirk, Charlie Holliday and Kieran Squires; (3) Turfley Rovers in 2016/17, after Longlevens had recorded a double in 2015/16; (4) It was 4-4, after Longlevens won 2-1, followed by a 3-1 win for Rovers, then a 0-0 draw, before a 1-0 win for Longlevens; (5) a- Jake Underwood, b – Kieran Squires, c – Jack Overthrow, d – Kane Winman, e - Rudi Mckinnon



LONGLEVENS AFC – PLAYER PROFILES

	<p>Mateusz Wieczorek Matt's first season at the club. Matt has already won the Hellenic title so will bring great experience to the team. A fantastic shot stopper and offers brilliant distribution with his feet.</p>
	<p>Kane Winman Kane has been at the club for four seasons, beside making saves and being a very good shot stopper, Kane's footwork and passing has improved and has become increasingly important to the team.</p>
	<p>James Barnett James' sixth season with the club. James' impeccable timing and experience has been an asset for the team with his defensive qualities. James' communication with his teammates and taking a lead at defensive duties has been very influential on the team.</p>
	<p>Jack Beardsell Jack's first full season with the club. Jack signed as an attacking midfielder who supports the forward players with his passing and crossing into threatening areas to create goal scoring opportunities. Jack in recent weeks has been playing more in an attacking full back role and has shown his versatility with his outstanding performances.</p>
	<p>Luke Hitchman Luke's second season at the club, Luke has been a brilliant signing for the club and has improved throughout the season. Luke has been dominant with his performances, winning his physical battles and making last ditch tackles. A real leader at the back and has played an integral part of Longlevens moving forward</p>
	<p>Ollie Long Ollie's eighth season with the club, "Mr Reliable" Ollie is a modern-day centre back who loves to get on the ball with breaking lines with passes. Ollie can also come further forwards dribbling into midfield. A fantastic leader on and off the pitch.</p>
	<p>Austin Parker Austin joined halfway through the season last year so this will be his first full season with the club. Austin is a young talented defender who likes to get forward and support the attack but also is fantastic at his defensive duties winning his one-on-one duels. A young defender with a bright future ahead of him.</p>
	<p>Luke Troke Luke's third season with the club, a full back who likes to join in the attack and create chances for the attacking players. Luke is a great threat in one-on-one situations, able to push the ball past an opponent and beat them before crossing.</p>
	<p>Fin Brown Fin returned to the club last season, Fin is a midfield player who always gives 100% and he is always full of energy. Fin has a great passing range and a brilliant delivery from set-pieces. A real unselfish footballer who puts the team first.</p>
	<p>Luke Finch Luke second season with the club, Luke is a midfield player who always gives a 100 per cent. Fantastic at breaking up play and bringing other players into the game.</p>

	<p>Charlie Holliday Charlie has returned to the club this season after being at university last year. Charlie is a direct winger with huge potential. A constant threat with his ability to beat defenders one on one. Charlie also has an eye for goal and has been prolific in his performances for Longlevens.</p>
	<p>Harrison Iddles Harrison's first season at the club. Harrison is a great addition to the team, and we are excited to have him with us this season. A midfielder who has great experience in this league and fantastic endurance levels that he has shown in pre-season already. Harrison likes to play high up the pitch and bring forward players into the game with his link up play.</p>
	<p>Lee Llewelyn Lee's first full season with us, a player who joined us last season and had a big impact on the team. Has a great passing range and can also break down play very well.</p>
	<p>Shaun O'Connor Shaun's 11th season with the club, a midfield player who can play a 4, 8 or a number 10. For many seasons a player who finds space, create chances, and supports attackers. Shaun has been a fantastic leader for Longlevens and a club legend in the making.</p>
	<p>Joe Westrip Joe's third season with the club, Joe signed from University of Gloucester. Joe is a very composed midfielder with a great range of passing. A great strength of Joe's is ball retention, dictating play for the team.</p>
	<p>Cam Williams Cam's fourth season with the club, Cam is an attacking midfield player with fantastic technical ability. A midfielder who likes to get on the ball and who breaks the lines with his link up play with the forwards. Cam has a great eye for goal and let's not forget that famous goal against Gloucester City.</p>
	<p>Brad Martin Brad's 13th season with the club with a few spells away. Not only is Brad a constant threat in front of goal with a wide range of finishing ability but has fantastic technical ability and draws his teams' mates into play. Brad's commitment to his teammates has been nothing but exceptional on and off the field.</p>
	<p>Josh Mason Josh joined the club last season from FGR. Josh is a young talented forward with bags of potential. Josh is a skilful forward who can play out wide and in central areas too. A clinical finisher who loves to score goals.</p>
	<p>Shiyak Sutherland Shiyak is a young player who came through the under 18s. Shiyak is a very exciting forward who just seems to get better each year. A tricky forward who has now started adding goals to his game. Shiyak is a player who always has a smile on his face and has a bright future ahead of him.</p>
	Tommy Callinan
	Lucas Price
	Jordan Bryan
	Jacob Nutting
	Jordan Alderman
	Luke Kavanagh

APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Saturday, 26 August 2023
(includes selected list of former players)

There is often a debate as to whether appearances in abandoned games count in official records. I, for one, do not usually include them but for the moment I have retained the appearances made in the abandoned fixture at Worcester Raiders on 22 August 2023, given that we had completed 97 minutes of action, which is highly unusual in an abandoned match. Will we await the Hellenic League's decision on that game but hope that the result – and Tomos Shyamapant's excellent late equaliser – will be allowed to stand.

If that game does remain in the history books and he appears, Macaulay Herbert will overtake Shayne Bradley and move into third place in the all-time appearance list for Tuffley Rovers since modern records began. That is some achievement from a player who has had his share of injuries during his time with The Rovers. Well done, Macca, whether it comes today or in a future game.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	95	27	Mace, Ryley	19	1
Barrett, Alex	4	0	Martin, Jamie	3	1
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mann, Warren	509	84
Birkett, Henry	93	7	McCormack, Jack	0	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	McGuirk, Callum	47	0
Danes-Rutherford, Ellis	1	0	Merchant, Luke	86	0
Davies, Ashley	187	27	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Fallows, Dayton	3	0	Payne, Nathan	2	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Poole, Bradley	8	0
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Pritchett, Mark	152	24
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Rhodes, Jake	58	18
Harper-Emerson, Max	2	0	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Shyamapant, Tomos	27	3
Holdaway, Matt	4	0	Smith, Liam	45	1
Herbert, Macaulay	260	10	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Hicks, Sammie	36	2	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hill, Sam	124	9	Twyman, Jack	6	0
James, Brett	185	64	Wallington, Lee	131	4
James, Richard	125	40	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Jones, Elliot	21	0	Walters, Connor	7	0
Kent, Dominik	175	21	White, Joel	117	4
Lander, Daniel	31	1	Wilton, Joe	2	0
Lomotey, Yeshaya	41	7	Wright, Liam	124	3

*Currently includes appearances in abandoned fixture at Worcester Raiders on 22 August 2023

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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Warren Mann

Tomos Shyamapant

Matt Holdaway

Sam Hill

Jake Rhodes

Kieran Alder

Sammie Hicks

Jack McCormack

Dan Lander

Liam Smith

Jamie Martin

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LONGLEVENS

Red shirts, Black shorts; Black socks (GK: Yellow).

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Luke Hitchman

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Cam Williams

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