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**TUFFLEY ROVERS
V ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT
TOWN**

**SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023
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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to everyone visiting Glevum Park this afternoon for the visit of Royal Wootton Bassett Town. I would like to welcome all their players, supporters and officials to our home.

We come into today's game in need of a victory, having gone nine games without a win since the start of the campaign, but today's game is a tough one to try and get those first three points from. We have played Bassett sixteen times since we returned to the Hellenic League Premier Division and are without a point since October 2019. We have lost our last four league games against them, albeit often by a narrow margin.

All of that doesn't mean a great deal today. History is just that. We need to focus on today and then our future games, because none of the performances in this season to date will be enough to move us up the table. It is what we do today and then in all future games that matters. I always come into our games with a sense of optimism and today is no different. The first few minutes of the game usually determine how quickly my optimism disappears!

Two pieces of good news this week, with our U18s securing a win in the FA Youth Cup (at Royal Wootton Bassett Town, ironically!), thus setting up a home tie with FC Street in the next round; and we also found out that the abandoned game at Worcester Raiders will not have to be replayed, with the 1-1 score at the time of the abandonment standing. That point was hard-earned and well-deserved, and to have replayed the game when there were less than 30 seconds of added time left would have been a travesty in my view. Congratulations to the Hellenic League on making a decision that smacks of pragmatism.

Home games seem to have been infrequent so far this season, but we have another on Tuesday evening, when we welcome Stonehouse Town in the Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup, before two more away games, at Lydney Town on 19 September, and the FA Vase tie at Malmesbury Victoria on 23 September. Hopefully today's game can see us go on a run of form that will take us through the next four games. Here is hoping for a good month.

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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Hereford Pegasus v Fairford Town

Longlevens v Highworth Town

Lydney Town v Mangotsfield United

Pershore Town v Roman Glass St George

Worcester City v Thornbury Town

Worcester Raiders v Wantage Town

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to Glevum Park. Welcome to our opponents Royal Wootton Bassett Town and all of their players, management, committee and supporters.

It has been a strange start to the season where we have picked up a point from both Worcester City and Worcester Raiders, but then against opposition I would like to think we would have picked up points against, we have drawn a blank.

I said in preseason that this will be a very difficult season as the league is very strong this year, but what none of us want is the same scenario we have found ourselves in for the last few seasons - in a relegation battle adding additional pressure on everyone involved.

The squad need to start picking up some points soon, as otherwise we are at serious risk of trying to play catch up. Despite some positive performances we are without a win this season, at least within 90 minutes, and we do need to turn around our form as soon as we can.

Congratulations to our U18s, who visited Royal Wootton Bassett Town on Thursday, in the FA Youth Cup, and returned with a 2-1 win. They will now play Street at Glevum Park in the next round.

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 Royal Wootton Bassett Town.

Today's visitors come here after a midweek defeat against high flying Corsham, which ended an unbeaten start to their season. Their form prior to that game was impressive, so we know we will be in for another tough afternoon.

We also come into the game disappointed with last week's result. It isn't simply that we lost, but we have looked relatively solid this season in our big games. We lost that solidity at Westfields, where we had a 15-minute spell of madness which killed the game early in the second half.

Overall, we have had good moments this season. On paper, before the season started, the opening month looked tough and we have picked up points in places we didn't expect. Unfortunately, we have then underperformed in other games where we might have hoped to collect points. We need to get some consistency in our performances, individually and collectively.

It is quite clear the leagues at all levels seem to be getting stronger, year in year out, and we need to stand up and be counted if we want to be part football at this level. One of the ways we can, or should, compete is to get better home form and make it a place opposition don't want to come to, but in the right way that when they leave, whatever they have got if anything they have earned it and they leave with a positive impression of our club.

Here's to what I expect will probably be a very hot, but hopefully enjoyable afternoon and game. I'm hoping we can get a very much needed three points to get the season up and running.

Hope you enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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Pos	Team	Home					Away					Overall							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
1	Corsham Town	7	3	1	0	15	4	2	1	0	5	3	5	2	0	20	7	13	17
2	Worcester Raiders	7	2	1	1	3	2	2	1	0	7	1	4	2	1	10	3	7	14
3	Westfields	6	3	1	0	12	5	1	0	1	2	2	4	1	1	14	7	7	13
4	Worcester City	6	2	1	1	7	4	2	0	0	4	0	4	1	1	11	4	7	13
5	Highworth Town	6	2	0	0	3	1	2	1	1	5	4	4	1	1	8	5	3	13
6	Slimbridge	7	2	1	1	8	8	2	0	1	5	3	4	1	2	13	11	2	13
7	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	6	3	0	0	4	1	1	0	2	5	8	4	0	2	9	9	0	12
8	Pershore Town	6	1	2	0	7	3	2	0	1	7	4	3	2	1	14	7	7	11
9	Fairford Town	7	1	2	1	5	6	1	2	0	4	2	2	4	1	9	8	1	10
10	Hereford Lads Club	7	1	1	0	2	0	1	2	2	5	4	2	3	2	7	4	3	9
11	Cinderford Town	7	1	0	2	8	6	1	2	1	9	9	2	2	3	17	15	2	8
12	Longlevens AFC	7	1	1	1	4	6	1	1	2	7	10	2	2	3	11	16	-5	8
13	Roman Glass St George	6	0	1	2	2	5	2	0	1	10	4	2	1	3	12	9	3	7
14	Thornbury Town	6	2	1	0	9	3	0	0	3	5	13	2	1	3	14	16	-2	7
15	Hereford Pegasus	7	0	1	3	2	11	2	0	1	7	6	2	1	4	9	17	-8	7
16	Brimscombe & Thrupp	6	1	1	2	7	7	0	2	0	3	3	1	3	2	10	10	0	6
17	Mangotsfield United	6	1	0	2	6	5	0	1	2	1	3	1	1	4	7	8	-1	4
18	Lydney Town	6	0	0	3	4	12	1	0	2	6	10	1	0	5	10	22	-12	3
19	Tuffley Rovers	6	0	0	2	3	6	0	2	2	1	7	0	2	4	4	13	-9	2
20	Wantage Town	6	0	0	2	0	7	0	0	4	4	15	0	0	6	4	22	-18	0

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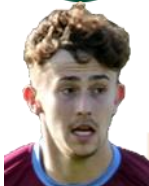


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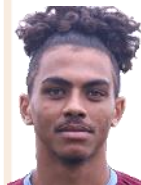


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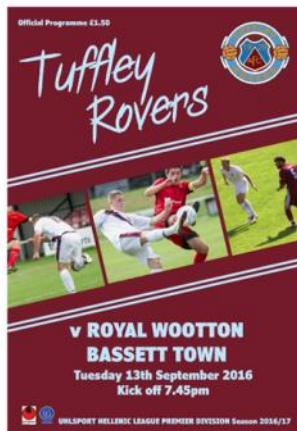
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Blast from the past...

In a new feature, we today look back on a previous game against today's opposition. Today we look back to Royal Wootton Bassett Town's visit on 13 September 2016....

UHSLESPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION	
Tuesday 13th September 2016 Glevum Park, Ascot	
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Ben Tunnicliff	Matt Cheetham
Liam Wright	Sam Bailey
Ashley Davies	Sam Packer
Shayne Bradley	Ali Clouf
Warren Mann	Steve Yearlady
Brett James	Henry Spalding
Goalkeeper	Goalkeeper
Manager - Mark Pritchett	Assistant - Richie Hunter
Assistant - Shayne Anson	Physio - Sam Coleman
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TUFFLEY ROVERS 3-1 ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

13 September 2016

Tuffley Rovers reignited their season as they came out on top in an end-to-end league fixture against Royal Wotton Bassett Town, at Glevum Park on Tuesday evening.

Rovers' Player/Manager Mark Pritchett included himself as an outfield starter for the first time this season and he recalled Shayne Bradley, Sammy Drew and Marcus Foxwell to the starting eleven, following the 6-3 defeat at Ascot United on Saturday.

After two 2-2 draws between the two sides last season, it was not surprising that the game was played in attacking fashion, although neither side excelled early on, and the only chance of note in the opening period came when Brett James fired narrowly wide from 10 yards out.

Rovers began to assert themselves and full-back Tristan Haswell was a constant threat down the left-hand side of the home side's attack, with his cross, on 20 minutes, almost teeing up Bradley, but his header went wide of Curtis Mears' goal.

Henry Spalding fashioned a chance for himself, only to fire over the top of Dave Evans' goal, a few moments later and after Sam Packer had produced a mazy run deep into Rovers' territory, his cross was almost converted, in a acrobatic fashion, by Town's prolific striker, Steve Robertson.

Spalding then raced clear, only to see his effort stopped by Evans, as the Rovers' keeper raced off his line, and it looked like half-time would arrive without any score.



However, Foxwell, who has been impressive in a new midfield role, whipped in a free-kick which Bradley headed home from four yards, having escaped his marker, to hand Rovers the lead.

The second period started off at a faster pace, with both sides competitive and looking capable of scoring. James once again had the first chance of note, as his powerful effort went narrowly over Mears' goal.

Despite the frenetic nature of the game, neither keeper was troubled but as the visitors started to assert themselves, Rovers buckled and the scores were levelled. Royal Wotton Bassett Town attacked down the right-hand side and when a cross was deflected, the ball span across the box into the path of Robertson, who netted from close range to level matters.

The new rules on kick-offs then came to Rovers' aid, with Foxwell producing a moment of magic, as he quickly restarted the game and struck the ball perfectly from the centre circle, over the head of Mears, who was standing on the penalty spot, and into the top corner of the goal.

Sam Packer then tested the Rovers defence again, only to be denied by a tremendous block tackle from Haswell, as Town threatened to level the scores again, and then the game appeared to turn in Rovers' favour again.

Warren Mann and Bradley combined well to create two chances, whilst Haswell produced another great cross, which Bradley almost volleyed home. Town then came again and Dale Richards' surging run and shot almost caught them out, before Bradley, who was having his best game of the season, almost scored from Ashley Davies knock-back.

Davies went close himself, with five minutes remaining, striking a swerving shot narrowly wide from 20 yards, but the game took a final, and decisive, twist in the home side's favour, with a minute or so remaining, as James was hauled down in the box, allowing Mann to convert another penalty and secure a 3-1 victory for Pritchett's side.



Next up will be an away game against Henley Town on Saturday, before Rovers travel to face Lydney Town in seven days' time, with Rovers currently in fourth place in the Premier Division table.

Rovers' line-up: Dave Evans; Sam Hill, Tristan Haswell; Macaulay Herbert; Marcus Foxwell; Ben Tunnicliff; Warren Mann; Ashley Davies; Shayne Bradley; Mark Pritchett; Brett James. **Subs used:** (none used).

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 played twice on 9 September, and had plenty of games on the dates either side. We've selected a few to reflect our fortunes on or around this particular date ...

8 September 2007

A 4-2 win away from home helped Tuffley Rovers continue their unbeaten start to the season, sending Wotton Rovers to the foot of the Gloucestershire County League table in the process. Ollie Everitt opened the scoring for Rovers, with a penalty after just 5 minutes, before Adam Hacker made it 2-0 after 11 minutes. Alan Williams netted Wotton's first goal after 13 minutes before Hacker struck again on 23 minutes, to make it 3-1.

Williams pulled a goal back for Wotton on the half hour, with another penalty, but a Lee Wallington goal on 60 minutes wrapped the game up in Rovers' favour.

Squad: Scott Rose; Robert Cook; Lee Wallington; Mark Patterson; Stephen Summerell; Mark Wallington; Jamie Harper; Marcus Goodge; Warren Mann; Oliver Everitt; Adam Hacker. **Subs used:** Jon Corbett; Peter Thomas; Martin Middlecote.

10 September 2011

Tuffley Rovers moved into second spot in the Gloucestershire County League with a four goal scoring spree by Ryan Parker being the main feature of a 5-3 victory over Bishops Cleeve Reserves. It was Cleeve who opened the scoring after 18 minutes when Paul Ireland's header grazed the inside of the post on its way in. Within a minute Rovers were level when Shayne Bradley's shot was parried by the keeper but Parker was there to tap the ball home.

Parker netted his second in the 25th minute when he side footed home a Liam Harding cross, then completed his hat-trick nine minutes later, when Bradley's through ball sent him clear on goal to slot the ball home. Three minutes before the break Rovers took a 4-1 lead when Harding scored from close range. Lloyd Arkel pulled a goal back and Cleeve got another on 70 minutes, from a Paul Sayce header. However, with just two minutes left a neat pass from Richard James allowed Parker in to net his fourth goal to round off the scoring for the afternoon.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Dean Gorman; Lee Wallington; Richard James; Ashley Davies; Liam Harding; Kacey Johnstone; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Ryan Parker; Jonathan Meadows.

Subs used: Marcus Foxwell.

10 September 2013

A brace from Mark Ford and another goal from Warren Mann helped Tuffley Rovers defeat Lydney

Town and advance in the Flying Press Hellenic League Floodlit Cup, as Doug Foxwell's side won 3-1 at Glevum Park.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Matt Minett; Marcus Foxwell; Richard Thwaite; Michael Devlin; Mark Wallington; Sam Drew; Kieran Tracey; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Steve Bick. **Subs used:** Warren Mann; Elliot King.

9 September 2014

Rovers travelled to Hook Norton and will be mightily disappointed with a performance that saw them lose their unbeaten UHlsport Hellenic League, Division One (West) record for the 2014/15 season. After going a goal behind on 13 minutes, Rovers then lost 'keeper Chris Perks to injury, meaning that Marcus Foxwell donned the gloves.

A few minutes before half-time Hooky extended their lead and it stayed that way until the 81st minute, when the home side made it 3-0. Shayne Bradley had wasted a chance to pull a goal back at 2-0, missing a penalty, and then saw a second, injury time spot-kick saved as well, although he was alive to the rebound and scored to make it 3-1 shortly before full-time.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Ashley Davies; Macaulay Herbert; Glenn Gittins; Courtney Hamilton; Warren Mann; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Sam Drew; Steve Bick.

9 September 2017

An 87th minute goal from Charlie Clayton ended Tuffley Rovers' hopes of progress in this year's Buildbase FA Vase at the first hurdle, as Mark Pritchett's side lost 2-1 to Luton based Crawley Green on Saturday. Given a significant number of absent players, Pritchett's bench was made up of himself and two promising 17 year old reserve team players, Cameron Williams and Will Emery, as Rovers named only three substitutes.

Rovers fell behind three minutes before the interval, when Pat Daly produced good work, before unleashing a shot that cannoned back of Dave Evans' goal frame, before falling straight into the path of Lee Hawkes, who smashed the ball into the now unguarded net, from close range.

In a moment of perfect symmetry, Rovers, who had fallen behind three minutes before the break, levelled the scores three minutes after the restart with an excellent goal. Having picked up the ball out wide and evaded two challenges, before slipping the ball out to Sam Hill, Brett James ran on to meet a beautifully measured cross with a header, from six yards out, that flashed beyond Green's keeper Bull before he could react.

Rovers dominated possession thereafter, but Bull denied Williams and then Shayne Bradley, with two great saves, and with just three minutes remaining Clayton latched onto a loose ball wide on the Crawley Green left and with time and space, he produced a terrific low effort that flashed beyond Evans and into the bottom corner, to seize the lead, one they held until the final whistle sounded.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Brett James; Shayne Anson; Macaulay Herbert; Marcus Foxwell; Liam Wright; Courtney Hamilton; Shayne Bradley; Joel White; Alex O'Leary. **Subs used:** Cameron Williams; Will Emery; Mark Pritchett.

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	TBC	T Shyamapant
26/Aug	3pm	AEK Boco	FAV	A	1-1*	69	S Hill
28/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		H	0-2	271	-
02/Sep	3pm	Westfields		A	0-4	102	-
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	Stimbridge		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	Stimbridge		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
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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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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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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 England v Scotland internationals, given their forthcoming fixture on Tuesday – and it is a two page special for this one. We've got a bumper 12 questions today...

1. In which year did the first ever international take place between the England and Scotland international teams and what was the score?

2. The 1977 fixture famously saw a post-match pitch invasion as Scottish celebrated their famous 2-1 win over the Auld Enemy. Which two English based players got the goals for Scotland on that memorable occasion?



3. When was the last time (year) Scotland defeated England in an international match and which player scored the winner? Clue: It was a European Championship Play-off, Second Leg.

4. Who is the England player pictured celebrating his first goal for England, with his first touch in international football, as his team defeated Scotland 3-2 in a friendly that took place in 2013?



5. On 15 April 1961 England defeated Scotland 9-3 in a British Home Championship tie at Wembley Stadium. Which future England manager opened the scoring with a ninth minute goal for England and which legendary centre-forward scored a hat-trick for Walter Winterbottom's side?

Quiz continued on next page >>>

6. All of the Scotland internationals pictured (some past; some present) were born outside Scotland, who are they and which is the odd one out?



7. In May 1985 Scotland recorded a 1-0 win over England at Hampden Park. Who got the Scotland goal on that occasion?

8. Look at the match detail pictured below, from a game played on 15 April - but in which year?

England 2		Scotland 3	
Manager: Alf Ramsey		Manager: Bobby Brown	
Goals:		Goals:	
Geoff Hurst	84	Denis Law	28
Jack Charlton	88	Bobby Lennox	78
		Jim McCalliog	87

9. The last time the two countries met, it was 18 June 2021 and the line-ups are pictured (right). What was the score in this game?



10. Who is the England player who celebrated his first international goal, on debut, against Scotland 27 May 1989, in what proved to be the last ever Home Nations / Rous Cup match between the two teams?

11. The two international sides have played 115 fixtures against each other, including friendlies and competitive games. Which country leads, in terms of victories, with 48 games won and 41 lost?

12. Can you name the England goalscorer in the image?



Quiz Answers: (1) 1872 and it finished 0-0; (2) Gordon McQueen and Kenny Dalglish; (3) Don Hutchison who scored the winner, in a 1-0 victory, on 17 November 1999; (4) Ricky Lambert; (5) Bobby Robson opened the scoring, and Jimmy Greaves scored a hat-trick; (6) a. Liam Cooper / b. Scott McTominay / c. Che Adams / d. Lyndon Dykes / e. Nigel Quashie / f. Jordan Rhodes. It is Lyndon Dykes who is the odd man out, as he was born in Australia, whilst all the others were born in England; (7) Richard Gough; (8) 1967 – England's first defeat in 20 games and the first since winning the World Cup; (9) 0-0 in the European Championship Finals, Group Stage; (10) Steve Bull; (11) England; (12) Paul Scholes.

CLUB HISTORY



Situated six miles from Swindon, Wootton Bassett Town Football Club was first established in 1882, making the club one of the oldest in Wiltshire. The club's early achievements came in the Wiltshire Senior Cup, making the final in both 1902-3 and 1903-4, although losing both. The club folded for a period pre-World War 1 before reforming in the Calne & District League when it began playing at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground which had been donated by a local dignitary for sporting activities within the town and opened in 1930.

Early successes included winning the Calne & District League in the 1930-31 Season, having finished runners-up the previous season, and then again in 1934-35. Following a move up to the Wiltshire League Division 2 promotion was earned again the following season and the team then remained in the top division in the county until the outbreak of war. After the war Wootton Bassett Town F.C. recommenced in the County League with limited success until 1958-59 when they won their first Wiltshire League title. In 1987-88 the Wiltshire League Division 1 title was won, elevating the club into the Hellenic League, where they have remained ever since. The club finally won the Wiltshire Senior Cup in 1998-99 and repeated this achievement in 2000-01. The club have had three spells in the Hellenic Premier and the current spell in the topflight commenced after gaining promotion back in 2012-13. The highest finish so far was 10th spot in Season 2018-19 in Sam Collier's first full season in charge.

Since the onset of the new millennium the club has expanded significantly, with the establishment of a thriving Youth Section, a very successful Ladies Section and a Veteran's Section. The club now operates 28 teams from under 7s upwards. All now play their games at the relocated Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, which opened in the summer of 2015 and with the Royal title now included within the name, Royal Wootton Bassett Town continues to thrive as a key part of the community of Royal Wootton Bassett. This growth led to the club being awarded Charter Standard Development Club status by the Football Association in 2008 before this was upgraded to Community Club status a year later, the first club in Wiltshire to achieve this. International ties have also been established with Dutch amateur side FC 's-Gravenzande who sides from the club's Youth Section visit each year, although currently stopped due to Covid.

In Season 2020-21 the club had good cup runs in both the FA Cup and the FA Vase, as well as the Hellenic League end of season cup competition. In the FA Cup the club equalled their best performance in the prestigious competition, reaching the 2nd Qualifying Round, losing narrowly to a late winner against National League South side Oxford City. The club also equalled their best showing in the FA Vase making it through to the Second Round. In the Bluefin Insurance Cup competition, they safely progressed from the group stages and then won two knockout games to reach the semi-final but just fell short against eventual winners Kiddlington, going down 2-1 in the semi.

Whilst doing well in the cup competitions the side never really got going in the league. It was a similar story last season with the best form again being shown in the cups with Royal Wootton Bassett Town reaching the 3rd Round of the FA Vase for the first time in the club's history, eventually losing a tight game to Hamworthy who were to go on to reach the semi-final. Season 2022-23 saw Sam Collier in charge of the First Team for his fifth season with a new assistant in the shape of experienced striker Alan Griffin. It would prove to be a successful season with the team achieving their highest ever position in Non-League football, finishing in fifth place in the Premier Division. The management duo return for another season looking to build on that success last season.

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN PLAYER PROFILES

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Tom Moore

A great young attacking midfielder who in his first season with Bassett Town, having scored the first goal in the game, he possesses great pace, a willingness to take players on and is an excellent crosser. He has been a regular in the team since joining from an area club in the summer of 2015 having scored 3 goals in 11 appearances. Most notably he scored the 2022-23 season's only goal and made a strong impression, scoring 2 goals in 11 appearances.



Bailey Gallagher

Graduate of Bassett's youth section. Highly skilled attacking midfielder who can play on either side of the pitch. He has been a regular in the team since joining from an area club in the summer of 2015 having scored 3 goals in 11 appearances. Most notably he scored the 2022-23 season's only goal and made a strong impression, scoring 2 goals in 11 appearances.



Matt Jones

Dynamic, versatile player, now in his 2nd season with Bassett. Primarily an attacking midfielder, but can play in defence as well. He has been a regular in the team since joining from an area club in the summer of 2015 having scored 3 goals in 11 appearances. Most notably he scored the 2022-23 season's only goal and made a strong impression, scoring 2 goals in 11 appearances.



George Statten

Returning to the club this year after being away at university. Statten is a talented player who is a product of Bassett's youth section. Possessing great pace and a great left foot, he is a versatile player who can play in defence as well as in attack. He has been a regular in the team since joining from an area club in the summer of 2015 having scored 3 goals in 11 appearances. Most notably he scored the 2022-23 season's only goal and made a strong impression, scoring 2 goals in 11 appearances.



Tommy O'Neilridge

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Ryan Walkers

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Sam Packer

Confident midfielder with the ability to change the outcome of a game. He plays Bassett having moved back to the UK after a period abroad. A tenacious player with superb movement, an eye for a pass and a willingness to take opponents on, he is capable of turning the game around. He has been a regular in the team since joining from an area club in the summer of 2015 having scored 3 goals in 11 appearances. Most notably he scored the 2022-23 season's only goal and made a strong impression, scoring 2 goals in 11 appearances.



Connor Waldron

Waldron is a well-travelled forward with professional experience who joins Bassett this season. A player who has come through the ranks at Swinton in the Premier League, he has been a regular in the team since joining from an area club in the summer of 2015 having scored 3 goals in 11 appearances. Most notably he scored the 2022-23 season's only goal and made a strong impression, scoring 2 goals in 11 appearances.



Alan Griffin

A high quality forward man who enjoyed a distinguished playing career in non-league football. Now entering his 2nd season as Bassett's assistant manager. Initially joined for the 2021-22 season as a player, scoring 16 goals in 32 appearances before joining the coaching staff. He has been a regular in the team since joining from an area club in the summer of 2015 having scored 3 goals in 11 appearances. Most notably he scored the 2022-23 season's only goal and made a strong impression, scoring 2 goals in 11 appearances.



Sam Collier (Manager)

Bassett manager since taking the role in January 2018. In 2018-19, his first full season in charge, he led the team to a 2nd place finish in the Wiltshire League Premier Division. He has also set records in national cup competitions under his ownership, with Collier taking the team to the 2nd round in both 2021-22 and 2022-23. This is Collier's 2nd job in Wiltshire, having previously worked for the club as a player and then as a manager. He has been a regular in the team since joining from an area club in the summer of 2015 having scored 3 goals in 11 appearances. Most notably he scored the 2022-23 season's only goal and made a strong impression, scoring 2 goals in 11 appearances.



Lee Beavis (Coach)

Beavis is a new addition to join Bassett's Men's First Team management team for the 2024-25 season under then-manager Phil Blake. He also played for Doncaster, Town, Colter Town, Melkham Town and Malmesbury Victoria among others.

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Ethan Price

Graduate of Bassett's youth section. Highly skilled attacking midfielder who can play on either side of the pitch. He has been a regular in the team since joining from an area club in the summer of 2015 having scored 3 goals in 11 appearances. Most notably he scored the 2022-23 season's only goal and made a strong impression, scoring 2 goals in 11 appearances.



Hello Lovell (Photography)

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APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Saturday, 2 September 2023

(includes selected list of former players)



Congratulations to Maccaulay Herbert, who has moved up to third place in our all-time first team appearance list (well, the list since 2007!) after he made his 261st competitive appearance against Westfields last weekend.



Macca surpasses Shayne Bradley's 260 appearances, which is another incredible achievement from one of our longest serving players. Our centre-half actually

made his 200th appearance as long ago as 11 January 2020, but a pandemic and then a serious shoulder injury meant that the next 61 appearances spanned a little over 3 ½ years!

Since his debut in February 2012, at sixteen years of age, Macca has been a regular in the side and he now only needs 42 more appearances to second place in the list. Starting today, hopefully...

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	95	27	Lomotey, Yeshaya	42	7
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Mace, Ryley	19	1
Barrett, Alex	6	0	Martin, Jamie	4	1
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mann, Warren	510	84
Birkett, Henry	95	7	McCormack, Jack	0	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	McGuirk, Callum	49	0
Danes-Rutherford, Ellis	1	0	Merchant, Luke	87	0
Davies, Ashley	189	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	154	24
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Rhodes, Jake	58	18
Harper-Emerson, Max	4	0	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Shyamapant, Tomos	29	3
Hoffland, Robin	5	0	Smith, Liam	46	1
Holdaway, Matt	4	0	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Herbert, Maccaulay	261	10	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hicks, Sammie	37	2	Twyman, Jack	8	0
Hill, Sam	125	9	Wallington, Lee	131	4
James, Brett	185	64	Wallington, Mark	220	29
James, Richard	125	40	Walters, Connor	9	0
Jones, Elliot	21	0	White, Joel	119	4
Kent, Dominik	175	21	Wilton, Joe	2	0
Lander, Daniel	32	1	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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TUFFLEY ROVERS



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

Luke Merchant ©

Max Harper-Emerson

Alex Barrett

Mark Pritchett

Macaulay Herbert

Joel White

Callum McGuirk

Jack Twyman

Henry Birkett

Connor Walters

Tomos Shyamapant

Liam Smith

Warren Mann

Yeshaya Lomotey

Matt Holdaway

Sam Hill

Jake Rhodes

Kieran Alder

Sammie Hicks

Jack McCormack

Dan Lander

Ashley Davies

Jamie Martin

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ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN

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

Harry Pickering

Jowan Partridge

Louis Spalding

David Bampton

Adam Corcoran ©

Jack Hobson McVeigh

Chris Taylor

Owain Wheeler

Matthew Jones

Connor Waldon

Bailey Gallagher

Tommy Ouldrige

Sam Case

Sam Packer

Tom Moore

Scott Chilcott

Alan Griffin

Harry Walters

Toby Thorp

Flynn Walters

Josh Timbrell

Kai Robinson

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Neil Mustoe

Manager

Sam Collier

Liam O'Neill

Asst. Manager

Alan Griffin

Sam Tandy (Physio)

Other Occupants

Lee Beavis (Coach)

Alex Butler (Coach / Kit Man)

Kara Gregory (Physio)

Officials: Luke Hinchcliffe; Radu Negrescu; Dan Crowley.