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## TUFFLEY ROVERS V STONEHOUSE TOWN

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# EDITOR'S COMMENTS



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

Our tough start to the season has continued and although we seem to have improved the squad, things just don't seem to be clicking at the moment. It hasn't helped that Kieran Alder has yet to kick a ball this season and we lost Jake Rhodes after only a few games. Both are proven attacking players and without them we lack a cutting edge. That having been said, there are green shoots and it was good to see Connor Walters get his first goal of the season on Saturday.

All good things come to those who wait, or so they say, and I'm hoping that will be the case in the not-too-distant future; hopefully tonight! I have no doubt Stonehouse Town will provide a stern test but if we are serious about continuing to be a Premier Division side, this is a game we must be looking to win. That is no disrespect to our visitors, who have a few ex-Rovers in their ranks.

After today we have a few important games for the club, both Home and Away. On Saturday, the Development Squad will host Fairford Town Reserves in Division Two (West) and it would be great to see a few supporters down here to back Dave Cornock's young squad. Then, on Tuesday, I'd love to see a good away support at Lydney Town in what will be a very important league game. That is quickly followed by the Under 18s FA Youth Cup tie at home to Street FC on Wednesday evening.

Once those games are out of the way, we travel to Malmesbury Victoria in the FA Vase, looking for a place in the 1st Round Proper of the competition. We have a coach running to that game, should any spectators want to follow the team.

Please keep the faith. I am confident our fortunes will change soon.

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 fixtures from the Hellenic League programme this evening)

### Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup

Thornbury Town v Tytherington Rocks

Brimscombe & Thrupp v Moreton Rangers

Chipping Sodbury Town v Roman Glass St George

Corsham Town v Devizes Town

Fairford Town v Clanfield 85

Hartpury University v Cinderford Town

Newent Town v Lydney Town

# CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Good evening and a very warm welcome to Glevum Park. Welcome to our opponents Stonehouse Town and all their players, management, committee and supporters.

Focus shifts away from the league and towards this cup fixture this evening. This could be a welcome break and maybe offer an opportunity to refocus within the group, with this coming Saturday a game free weekend for our first team. Maybe a Saturday with a bit of team building/bonding might be what the team could do with. I always like to anticipate, or hope for, a good cup run every season, but tonight will offer a tough test for Muzzy and the whole squad this evening, as Stonehouse Town are usually a very competitive team.

Away from the first team, our Development Squad have had a good start to the season and only a last minute goal conceded against Fairford Town Reserves broke their unbeaten start to the season. We welcome the same opposition here on Saturday, where we will be looking to put right the result from Saturday just gone.

There was a good win in the FA Youth Cup for our U18s against Royal Wotton Bassett Town last week and that is a great achievement for the young players. I know they'll be hoping to have a good run in the competition, as it is a real highlight of the U18 season. Unfortunately, our Ladies team have struggled so far this season, against tough opposition, but with Gemma Paine taking on the management position permanently, they are looking to rebuild the squad and are already attracting new players to the club, which is fantastic news.

Our Stroud League squads (3rds, 4ths and 5ths) have only just started their seasons, with a mixed bag of results, but the 3rds are unbeaten in the league, so far. That we are able to field five full squads every Saturday is a fantastic achievement for the club.

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 evening and welcome to Glevum Park, including all players, officials, and supporters from Stonehouse Town FC.

After Saturday's disappointing result we need to pick ourselves up and look at the positives and put on a performance that I know we are capable of.

Results are not great at the moment, but there is a good team in there somewhere. We looked a little bit open on Saturday, but at the same time looked like getting chances and having efforts on goal, which hasn't always been the case.

We need to share the load around and get more players further up the pitch, without neglecting our defensive duties. Once we get the balance right, and a few fresh faces either coming into the club or back from injury and suspension, I'm sure we will start picking up points.

However, tonight we have a cup game that takes away the pressure of the league but has the added pressure of playing a team below us in the pyramid, who will be looking for a higher division scalp. We need to make our mark early in the game and hopefully get a positive result, so that you can enjoy your evening and the game.

Hope you enjoy the game.

**- Muzz**

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Up to and including 9 September 2023

| Pos | Team                       | Home |   |   |   |    |    |   |   |   | Away |    |   |   |   |    |    |     |    | Overall | PTS |
|-----|----------------------------|------|---|---|---|----|----|---|---|---|------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|----|---------|-----|
|     |                            | P    | W | D | L | F  | A  | W | D | L | F    | A  | W | D | L | F  | A  | GD  |    |         |     |
| 1   | Corsham Town               | 8    | 3 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 4  | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6    | 4  | 5 | 3 | 0 | 21 | 8  | 13  | 18 |         |     |
| 2   | Worcester Raiders          | 8    | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4  | 2  | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7    | 1  | 5 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 3  | 8   | 17 |         |     |
| 3   | Worcester City             | 7    | 3 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 4  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4    | 0  | 5 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 4  | 12  | 16 |         |     |
| 4   | Slimbridge                 | 8    | 3 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5    | 3  | 5 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 13 | 3   | 16 |         |     |
| 5   | Royal Wootton Bassett Town | 7    | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4  | 1  | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7    | 9  | 5 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 10 | 1   | 15 |         |     |
| 6   | Westfields                 | 7    | 3 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 5  | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4    | 5  | 4 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 10 | 6   | 13 |         |     |
| 7   | Highworth Town             | 7    | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3  | 1  | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7    | 7  | 4 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 8  | 2   | 13 |         |     |
| 8   | Cinderford Town            | 8    | 2 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 6  | 1 | 2 | 1 | 9    | 9  | 3 | 2 | 3 | 19 | 15 | 4   | 11 |         |     |
| 9   | Pershore Town              | 7    | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7  | 6  | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7    | 4  | 3 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 4   | 11 |         |     |
| 10  | Longlevens AFC             | 8    | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7  | 8  | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7    | 10 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 18 | -4  | 11 |         |     |
| 11  | Roman Glass St George      | 7    | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2  | 5  | 3 | 0 | 1 | 13   | 4  | 3 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 9  | 6   | 10 |         |     |
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| 13  | Fairford Town              | 8    | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5  | 6  | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5    | 4  | 2 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 0   | 10 |         |     |
| 14  | Hereford Pegasus           | 8    | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4  | 12 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7    | 6  | 3 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 18 | -7  | 10 |         |     |
| 15  | Mangotsfield United        | 7    | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6  | 5  | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3    | 4  | 2 | 1 | 4 | 9  | 9  | 0   | 7  |         |     |
| 16  | Thornbury Town             | 7    | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9  | 3  | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5    | 18 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 21 | -7  | 7  |         |     |
| 17  | Brimmscombe & Thrupp       | 7    | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7  | 7  | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3    | 5  | 1 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 12 | -2  | 6  |         |     |
| 18  | Lydney Town                | 7    | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5  | 14 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6    | 10 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 24 | -13 | 3  |         |     |
| 19  | Tuffley Rovers             | 7    | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4  | 8  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1    | 7  | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5  | 15 | -10 | 2  |         |     |
| 20  | Wantage Town               | 7    | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0  | 7  | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4    | 16 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 4  | 23 | -19 | 0  |         |     |

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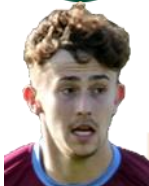


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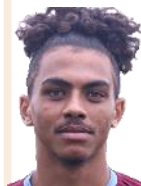


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# Blast from the past...

In a new feature, we today look back on a previous game in the Floodlit Cup. Today we look back to Thornbury Town's visit on 10 September 2019, when Mark Pritchett's side recorded a much needed win....



## BANBURY LITHO HELLENIC LEAGUE FLOODLIT CUP

### TUFFLEY ROVERS 6-1 THORNBURY TOWN

**TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2019**

A week can be a long time in football. Seven days ago Rovers were still seeking to add to their solitary competitive win of the new season (a Hellenic League Challenge Cup victory over Division Two side, Letcombe) but suffered a heavy defeat at Shortwood in the F.A. Vase. Since then Mark Pritchett's men had picked up four points from six, grabbing a narrow midweek win at Shrivenham before holding Windsor to a draw at Glevum Park when, for the second successive home league match, a 1-3 deficit was turned into a 3-3 draw with two late goals.

Visitors Thornbury Town play in Division One of the Hellenic League West, where they finished a very creditable third in 2018-19 with only Cheltenham Saracens and Easington Sports above them.

It was the hosts who cruised their way through to the next round of the Floodlit Cup after a commanding first-half performance which brought four goals without reply. Two more goals were added in the second period with only a penalty-kick bringing visitors Thornbury any reward from what turned out to be a chastening evening for them. Rovers, playing towards the open end, started positively and nearly went ahead in the opening moments when Jack Beardsell's good work on the right led to a square pass which Dominik Kent dragged narrowly wide of the Thornbury goal.

There was an early break in play when the visitors' captain Toby Bennett went down injured and when play resumed an enormous kick by Scot MacLeod was chased deep into the Tuffley half by Craig Lancaster but Macaulay Herbert snuffed out the danger. Thornbury's next attack was nearly profitable; two quick passes from Lancaster and Jim Brock left Asher Budd in space, with only Alex Avenell to beat, but he wasted the opportunity by shooting into the side-netting.

Rovers heeded this warning and were soon ahead themselves. Ross Langworthy chased a ball down the right channel and regained possession after briefly losing control of the ball. As he moved inside he saw Jack Beardsell in space and threaded the ball through to him. Beardsell took one

touch, looked up and hammered a scorching drive into the top corner well out of MacLeod's reach. The early lead was doubled only three minutes later. Rovers won a corner on the right which Paul Carter floated in with his usual dead-ball accuracy and Beardsell rose unchallenged to plant a firm header into the back of the net.

Thornbury were being pulled apart on both flanks and it wasn't a surprise that the opening two goals were quickly followed by two more. Both were crosses headed into goal by Langworthy thanks to sublime deliveries from Ben Prictor on the left and Beardsell on the right. Langworthy, in a rich run of scoring form, nearly had a first-half hat-trick when he ran from halfway and cut inside a defender but hit his shot over the bar.

A nasty clash of heads between Beardsell and Thornbury's Ollie Rawnsley led to both players being treated on the pitch and the referee called for a short water-break while that was happening. When play resumed Rovers continued to press forward with Jeremiah Idowu having a shot turned away for a corner and Kent again shooting narrowly wide.

The Thornbury players looked shell-shocked as they headed for the dressing-rooms at half-time but there was little respite for them after the second half started, at which point they brought on Luke Franklin and he would soon be joined by Dan Bright. MacLeod was having a very busy evening and reacted brilliantly to save Kent's follow-up after initially saving from Langworthy. But the next significant action came at the other end when referee Alan Robinson awarded Thornbury a penalty-kick as Prictor, played into trouble by Jack Phillips' pass across the area, felled an opposition player as he attempted to clear. Lancaster didn't hang about and buried the spot-kick straight down the middle leaving Avenell knowing that he would probably have saved if he hadn't moved slightly out of the way.

Rovers' four-goal lead was soon restored, however. Beardsell received the ball on the left following a corner on the right, spotted Mark Pritchett in space and played the ball carefully towards his central-defender. Pritchett's control was perfect and he turned and lashed the ball left-footed into the net before MacLeod had properly sensed the danger.

In the wake of Tuffley's fifth goal the hosts brought on Lewis Bainbridge for Idowu and, shortly afterwards, Jake Rhodes for Kent. But it was the final substitute who made the next telling contribution. Within seconds after coming on, for Beardsell, seventeen-year-old Niall Priday was in a perfect position to steer Bainbridge's pass into the net after a quite wonderful run by the provider from wide on the right. This was an evening when Tuffley's defence was never seriously tested. The central-defensive pairing of Pritchett and Herbert have certainly had more difficult matches but to their sides both full-backs, Isaac Lawrence and Prictor, played with composure and maturity with the latter in particular nearly always available to help create meaningful attacks down the left in the second half.

So, Rovers won their first home match of 2018-19 at the fourth attempt. A year earlier that first home victory didn't come until the eighth game so at least that awful statistic was not threatened with a repeat. With twelve goals scored in their last three matches Tuffley again proved that they have plenty of options in attack. Defensively they looked pretty solid too although not as tested as they are likely to be in most league games. Thornbury will have learned much from this evening as well. The scoreline does not flatter them because it was one-way traffic for most of the evening, but they kept their heads up and worked hard and, even in defeat, showed encouraging signs which ought to help them in the weeks ahead.

**Rovers' line-up:** Alex Avenell; Lewis Bainbridge; Mark Pritchett; Declan Earwaker; Macaulay Herbert; Tyreece Briscoe; Dominik Kent; Jack Beardsell; Brett James; Ross Langworthy. **Subs used:** Jeremiah Idowu; Adam Bloomfield. **Sub unused:** Harry Clapton.

# Statistics 2023/24

## Competition

Uhsport 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 | 1-2  | 74  | C Walters                           |
| 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 |      |     |                                     |

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## Goalscorers

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| Shyamapant, Tomos | 2 | Pritchett, Mark | 1 |
| Hill, Sam         | 1 | Walters, Connor | 1 |

| Merchant, Luke | Hill, Sam | Mann, Warren | Pritchett, Mark | Herbert, Macaulay | White, Joel | McGuirk, Callum | Walters, Connor | Birkett, Henry | Lomotey, Yeshaya | Twyman, Jack | Smith, Liam | Lander, Daniel | Wilton, Joe | Hicks, Sammie | Shyamapant, Tomos | Jones, Elliot | Rhodes, Jake | Davies, Ashley | Harper-Emerson, Max | Payne, Nathan | Holdaway, Matt | Barrett, Alex | Mustoe, Neil | McCormack, Jack | Martin, Jamie | Hoffland, Robin | Roberts, Tyrel | MoM              |
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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.

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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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### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 4<sup>th</sup>!) 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: <b>Alf Ramsey</b> |    | Manager: <b>Bobby Brown</b> |    |
| <b>Goals:</b>              |    | <b>Goals:</b>               |    |
| 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.

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Stonehouse Town Football Club, popularly known as the 'Magpies' because of their Black and White striped strip, starts at the Youth level, from 4 years old all the way through to under 16s, as well as girls' age groups at u12s, 14s & 16 and Adults. Notwithstanding the youth section, the highly popular senior part of the club runs a 1st team in the Hellenic League Division 1 West, plus three teams across the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and Stroud Leagues, whilst not forgetting the Veterans side playing monthly and featuring several Magpies' stalwarts.

Founded in 1898, the Magpies play at the stadium at Oldends Lane, Stonehouse, which was opened by legendary England International Billy Wright on 25th August 1949 in a friendly against Cheltenham Town, and features the Mike Smith Stand, dedicated to our long-serving Secretary Mike 'Spike' Smith.

During the Club's heydays in the 1950s and 1960s, the Club regularly hosted attendances of over 1,000 spectators, and the record attendance for the Ground is 5,500 for a game against Gloucester City on 29th September 1951 in the FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round.

The Club's record Receipts for a single game was at the same game, when we received £272/8s/9d, worth £8,502 in today's money, although 6000 attended the 1962 Stonehouse Invitation XI v the All-Stars Showbiz XI, which featured a range of (then!) huge celebrities such as Jimmy Young and Pete Murray!

We were the first ever winners of the Gloucestershire County League in 1968/9 season, but it took almost 30 years to re-enter the League after relegation in the early 80s. Promotion in 2014/5 was achieved via the Runners Up slot in Gloucestershire Northern Senior League Division 1, under Haydn Murray's stewardship, whereupon we were looking forward to cementing our place back in the County League, or even beyond. Season 2014/5 was also when we won a cup double via the Senior Amateur County Cup (1st time since 1976) and the Premier Section of Stroud Charity Cup, as well as reaching the Reg Davis Cup Final, where we lost 3-2 to Newent Town FC.

After a number of seasons finishing in the Top 4 in the Glos. County League, Season 2018/19 saw us finish in 3rd place once again, but that was enough to secure much-coveted promotion to the Hellenic League Div. 1 West for the first time. This season, the 1<sup>st</sup> Team have a new management team in place, consisting of Craig Robinson (1<sup>st</sup> Team Manager), Jason Radford (Assistant), Nick Reiger (Assistant) and Arron Jenkins (Physiotherapist), whom we wish all the very best.

The club were also delighted to announce its main club sponsor, Ben's Takeaway, as the new stadium rights owners since Season 2020/21, as recognition for their continued support of our club. We look forward to welcoming you to The Ben's Takeaway Stadium, home of the Magpies, Stonehouse Town F.C.



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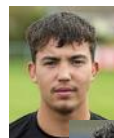
Up to and including Saturday, 9 September 2023

(includes selected list of former players)



With Macaulay Herbert now firmly positioned as our third highest appearance maker in modern day records, having surpassed Shayne Bradley's 260 appearances in the past couple of weeks, we can now look to further significant milestones in the coming weeks, all being well.

Henry Birkett is on the cusp of making 100 competitive first team appearances, needing just four more games to make that total. Callum McGuirk is one appearance away from 50 games first team games, which is a milestone that Liam Smith is also closing in on, with 47 appearances prior to tonight's game.



The other milestone on the horizon is slightly different. Luke Merchant is now just five appearances away from surpassing Chris (Bruce) Perks' record for a goalkeeper in the modern era, and just twelve away from a century of appearances.



Good servants, all of them. Here's hoping they all make it to their individual milestones...and to many more!

| Name                    | Apps | Goals | Name                  | Apps | Goals |
|-------------------------|------|-------|-----------------------|------|-------|
| Alder, Kieran           | 95   | 27    | Lomotey, Yeshaya      | 43   | 7     |
| Anson, Shayne           | 71   | 4     | Mace, Ryley           | 19   | 1     |
| Barrett, Alex           | 7    | 0     | Martin, Jamie         | 4    | 1     |
| Beardsell, Jack         | 72   | 13    | Maher-Goldsmith, Kian | 4    | 0     |
| Bennett, Adam           | 85   | 0     | Mann, Warren          | 511  | 84    |
| Birkett, Henry          | 96   | 7     | McGuirk, Callum       | 49   | 0     |
| Bradley, Shayne         | 260  | 117   | Merchant, Luke        | 88   | 0     |
| Danes-Rutherford, Ellis | 1    | 0     | Middlecote, Martin    | 88   | 2     |
| Davies, Ashley          | 189  | 27    | Mustoe, Neil          | 1    | 0     |
| Dobbins, Ryan           | 87   | 18    | Payne, Nathan         | 2    | 0     |
| Fallows, Dayton         | 3    | 0     | Perks, Christopher    | 92   | 0     |
| Ford, Mark              | 164  | 61    | Poole, Bradley        | 8    | 0     |
| Foxwell, Marcus         | 302  | 32    | Pritchett, Mark       | 155  | 24    |
| Griffith, Stuart        | 129  | 22    | Rhodes, Jake          | 58   | 18    |
| Hamilton, Courtney      | 178  | 6     | Roberts, Tyrel        | 1    | 0     |
| Harper-Emerson, Max     | 4    | 0     | Shutt, Joe            | 72   | 15    |
| Haswell, Tristan        | 99   | 1     | Shyamapant, Tomos     | 29   | 3     |
| Hoffland, Robin         | 5    | 0     | Smith, Liam           | 47   | 1     |
| Holdaway, Matt          | 4    | 0     | Squires, Kieran       | 90   | 7     |
| Herbert, Macaulay       | 262  | 10    | Thomas, Peter         | 79   | 15    |
| Hicks, Sammie           | 38   | 2     | Twyman, Jack          | 9    | 0     |
| Hill, Sam               | 125  | 9     | Wallington, Lee       | 131  | 4     |
| James, Brett            | 185  | 64    | Wallington, Mark      | 220  | 29    |
| James, Richard          | 125  | 40    | Walters, Connor       | 10   | 1     |
| Jones, Elliot           | 21   | 0     | White, Joel           | 120  | 4     |
| Kent, Dominik           | 175  | 21    | Wilton, Joe           | 2    | 0     |
| Lander, Daniel          | 33   | 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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