







TUFFLEY ROVERS V WANTAGE TOWN

SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2023 3:00PM





EY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY. TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUP





SUPPORTERS OF TUFFLEY ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Offering:

- Flatbed truck pallet service
 - Same / next day delivery
 - Courier services
 - 24 hour service
 - Fully insured
- Support for house removals

arlighthaulageltd@yahoo.co.uk www.arhaulage.net



Rich: 07792188695

Adam: 07969978491

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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

A bit of reflection in this edition, rather than anything specific to today's game.

A lot of people have been asking me if I have watched the David Beckham series on Netflix, which I haven't. It isn't to say that I won't watch it at some point but I haven't yet. Apparently, it isn't a bad watch, so may be worth making the time for at some point.

Anyway, why am I referencing that?!? Well, Beckham was renowned for the quality of his free-kicks. Whilst Mark Pritchett isn't necessarily in the same bracket, his excellent strike at Thornbury Town last week was worthy of separating the two sides and brought us a very much needed three points. That was Pritch's fourth goal of the season and he has contributed goals in both our league victories to date.

Pritch is suspended today and it will be interesting to see how we perform without him. He is Mr Consistent and a real leader. Since he rejoined the club, we've definitely become a better side and although our points haul doesn't always reflect it, he has made a very positive difference. Long may he continue to be a part of the set-up at Tuffley Rovers because he is also a very good clubman.

There are others who are becoming increasingly influential in the fortunes of the club, none more so than Luke Merchant, our new captain and probably one of the best keepers in this division. Since he returned to play under Muzzy he has made a real difference, on and off the field. With a relatively young squad – and with youngsters now emerging through our development set-up – we need leaders like Merch and Pritch to help them on their journey.

Players like Tomos Shyamapant, Tyrel Roberts, Connor Walters and future stars, like Dayton Fallows, are young and full of potential but they need those senior players to support them. They are also benefiting from playing regular Hellenic League football, with Dave Cornock's Development Squad now proving a fantastic place for our players to earn their wings ahead of their graduation under Muzzy.

If the youth teams (including our U18s) can become a proper pathway for the younger players, we have every chance of building a strong squad that will be packed full of players who have an association to the club that starts from the age of 6 onwards; but there will always be a need for the older players to lead our youngsters and help their development. We are lucky to have those who offer that contribution at this time. Long may they continue.

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 #uptherovers







All aspects of pitched roofing:

Flat roofing / Lead roofing / Repointing / Fascia and guttering / Velux window installation

Call Matt M: 07952 189 412

SPONSORS OF TUFFLEY ROVERS 2023/24 SEASON

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Brimscombe & Thrupp v Westfields

Corsham Town v Worcester City

Fairford Town v Worcester Raiders

Mangotsfield United v Hereford Lads Club

Roman Glass St. George v Hereford Pegasus

Royal Wootton Bassett Town v Longlevens

Slimbridge v Lydney Town

Thornbury Town v Pershore Town

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Good afternoon to all attending Glevum Park this afternoon. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our opponents Wantage Town and their players, management, supporters and committee.

I feel this game will have more to it today than we might have thought a week or two ago, after we and Wantage Town recorded victories last Saturday, against Westfields and Thornbury respectively.

What the results prove from last weekend, particularly when you add in Lydney's victory too, is that there are zero guarantees in this league and it will be tight come the end of the season at both ends of the league.

It was good to have a midweek break this week and I'm sure the first team lads would have welcomed a few extra days off and are raring to go today....and hopefully kick on with another three points. However, this will not be an easy game and I expect it to be a tight affair until the final whistle.

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

Thanks,

- Dan

#uptherovers





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 Wantage Town.

We return to Glevum Park after last week's much needed victory at Thornbury Town, which had the added value of another clean sheet, but it was also a bittersweet day, as everyone else around us also picked up points!

Today's visitors, Wantage Town, were one of those teams, getting their first win of the season and getting that 'monkey off their back'. With every game that passes someone was going to be that team they beat and, in a sense, that takes a little bit of pressure off both teams this afternoon.

Looking at my squad, the last 6-7 of our games have seen us get some positive results and performances have been better or improving, save the blip at Slimbridge.

Getting a result today will make the season look a lot better and if we were to get the rub of the green with other results, we could sit a couple of points off midway in the league by the end of the afternoon. That would mean we could go into our FA Vase game next week in a positive frame of mind.

As always, I hope you enjoy the game.



#uptherovers





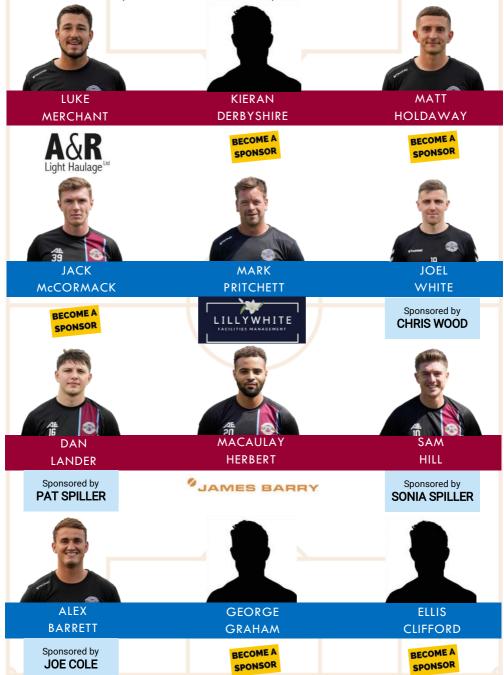
HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

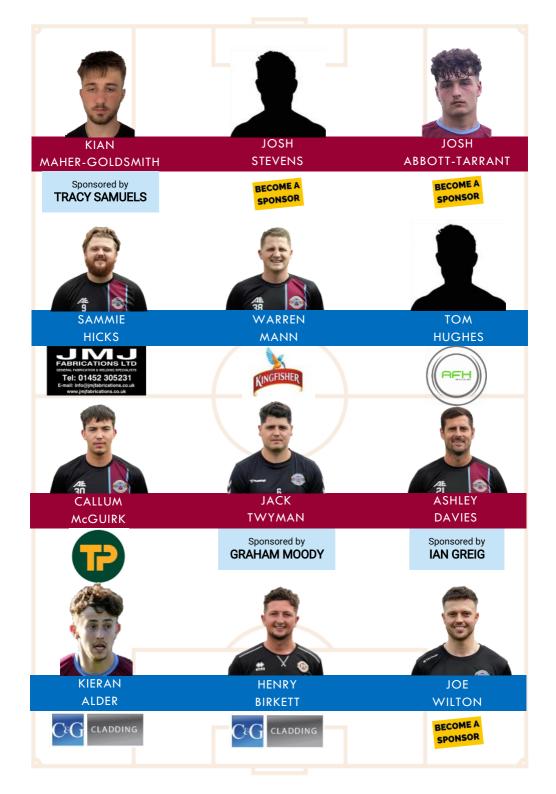
Up to and including 10 October 2023

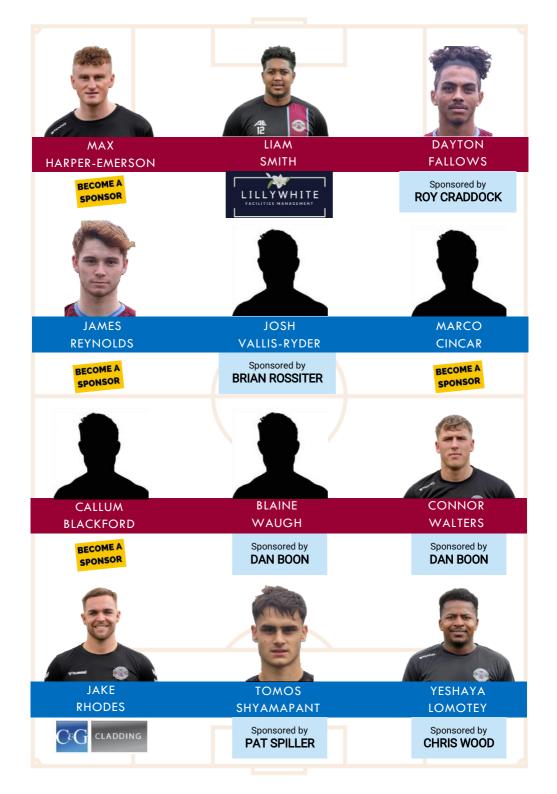
			Home					Away				Ove	Overall					
Pos	Team	٩	M	۵	_	L.	A	N	٥	_	F A	M	۵	۲	L	A	GD	PTS
٦	Worcester City	12	9	-1	-	26	s	4	0	0 12	3	10	-1	-	38	80	30	31
2	Corsham Town	13	S	1	1	24	9	m	m	0	9 5	89	4	1	33	11	22	28
m	Highworth Town	12	ŝ	•	0	10	2	m		3 12	2 12	80	7	m	22	14	80	25
4	Worcester Raiders	13	m	m	2	00	00	m	2	0 1	10 2	9	ŝ	2	18	10	60	23
'n	Slimbridge	13	4	-1	2	16	14	m		2	8	7	2	4	24	20	4	23
9	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	12	m	-	0	9	3	4	0	4 1	15 17	7	1	4	21	20	1	22
7	Pershore Town	12	m	2	2	14	11	m	-	1 12	2 8	9	m	m	26	19	7	21
80	Fairford Town	13	2	m	2	10	11	m	2	1 13	3 5	5	S	m	23	16	7	20
6	Hereford Pegasus	14	m	-	m	11	17	m	-	3 13	3 14	9	2	9	24	31	Ŀ	20
10	Roman Glass St George	11	7	1	m	00	6	s	0	1 15	4	9	1	4	23	13	10	19
Ħ	Cinderford Town	13	m	0	m	15	12	2	m	2 12	2 15	5	e	s	27	27	0	18
12	Mangotsfield United	12	m	0	m	12	12	2	-	3 1	10 8	5	7	9	22	20	2	16
13	Westfields	13	4	-	2	17	12	1	0	5 1	10 15	5	7	2	27	27	0	16
14	Hereford Lads Club	12	2	m	0	7	4	1	2	4	6 10	3	2	4	13	14	÷	14
15	Longlevens AFC	13	2		m	80	12	2	-	4 1	15 19	4	2	7	23	31	ø?	14
16	Brimscombe & Thrupp	12	1	2	2	2	7	2	2	e e	8 13	3	4	S	15	20	ŵ	13
17	Tuffley Rovers	12	0	-1	4	9	12	2	2	e	6 13	2	m	7	12	25	·13	6
18	Lydney Town	13	2	0	7	16	27	1	0	3	7 14	3	0	10	23	41	-18	6
19	Thornbury Town	13	2	7	m	10	7	0	-	9	9 25	2	2	6	19	32	-13	80
20	Wantage Town	12	4	0	4	5	16	0	0	7 5	5 28	1	0	11	10	44	-34	m

HELLENIC LEAGUE SPONSORSHIP

We are grateful to all the companies, supporters and other benevolent individuals who have sponsored the first team squad this season.









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 14 October, 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...

13 October 2007

Tuffley Rovers tumbled to a 3-0 defeat at home at the hands of AXA, who slipped to fifth in the Gloucestershire County League table, having started the day with an opportunity to go to the top of the table.

The visitors took the lead after 25 minutes, with Tom Blyth knocking in a cross from the right and then ten minutes later Blyth headed home a second to give them a 2-0 lead at the interval.

A third goal from Craig Timbrell, midway through the second half, sealed the game for Axa, who moved to within three points of their hosts, with eight games played during the season.

Squad: Scott Rose; Robert Cook; Lee Wallington; Martin Middlecote; Mark Patterson; Stephen Summerell; Jon Corbett; Ben Surman; Adam Hacker; Stivelle Cooper; Oliver Everitt. **Subs used**: Peter Thomas; Lee Hill.

15 October 2013

Tuffley Rovers made it seven consecutive wins in all competitions, as they cruised to a 6-1 Gloucestershire FA Challenge Trophy victory over Frampton United at Glevum Park.

Mark Ford netted a hat-trick, alongside goals from Richard Thwaite, debutant Adam Gurney, and a penalty from Shayne Bradley. The win took Rovers through to the next round, where they will face another County League outfit, Patchway Town, and ensured Doug Foxwell's side continued a fine run of form during their first season back in the Uhlsport Hellenic League.

Squad: Chris Perks; Matt Minett; Antoine Thompson; Richard Thwaite; Michael Devlin; Steve Bick; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Marcus Foxwell; Adam Gurney; Shaun Smith.

14 October 2015

Striker Mark Ford scored five times, a modern day record in a competitive fixture, as Warren Evans' Tuffley Rovers side progressed in the GFA Challenge Trophy, courtesy of a 6-1 victory at Yate Town Reserves.

Defender Glenn Gittins completed the scoring on the evening, in what was Rovers' biggest win of the season, to date.



Rovers had led 4-1 at the interval against County League opposition who put up a much better fight in the second period, although Rovers continued to play the better football and secured a place in the next round of the competition, with Ford the star on the evening.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Callum Preece; Glenn Gittins; Warren Mann; Brett James; Ashley Davies; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Niall Morgan. Subs used: Walt Greenwood; Macaulay Herbert; Tristan Haswell.

14 October 2017

Tuffley Rovers were held to a draw on Saturday by nine man Abingdon United, as their indifferent Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division form continued. Rovers started brightly, stringing together some well-paced passing moves, on an excellent surface, and looked capable of testing their hosts.

The hosts took the lead on 21 minutes, as James Organ's close range header beat debutant keeper, Peter 'Buster' Davies, from close range to give Abingdon the lead, but they were reduced to ten-men shortly before the interval, when Adam French was sent-off.

Kieran Alder was an influential figure in Rovers attacks and it was from his corner that Rovers were given an opportunity to restore parity. Joel White met a ball swung to the back post and when Warren Mann's shot, from four yards, was blocked on the line, referee Mr Barry determined a handball by Kyle Moss and Abingdon United were reduced to nine men. Mann stepped up to convert from the spot and made it 1-1 in the process.

If Rovers hoped to seize on the two player advantage, that soon changed when Brett James was dismissed, for a second and needless yellow card, and then Mann headed over from close range in the dying moments of the game, meaning the game ended all square and with the points shared.

Squad: Peter Davies; Shayne Anson; Liam Wright; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Danny Wallington; Brett James; Joel White; Ashley Bird; Kieran Alder; Warren Mann. Subs used: Shayne Bradley; Chris Manners.

16 October 2021

In a match played at Evesham United's Jubilee Stadium, due to the ongoing pitch works at Cleeve's Kayte Lane home, the temporary hosts and their visitors played at out an entertaining game that had much to offer, despite the lack of goals on the day.

The game started with Bishops Cleeve firm favourites, sitting second in the Premier Division table and seven game unbeaten run in the league, against a Rovers squad that had been beaten 9-1 at Hereford Lads Club only seven days previous.

In what proved to be a surprisingly even encounter, Rovers had the best chance of the first half, as Dom Kent broke through the Bishops Cleeve defence and although Sam

Gilder made a good block tackle, the ball went out to Denness -Barrett, who struck the ball well from 35 yards, as he aimed for the unguarded net, but his shot was possibly struck to well and kept rising until it cannoned away off the Cleeve crossbar.

Rovers' young keeper Jack Copland then took centre stage in the second period, producing some stunning goalkeeping as

Cleeve ramped up the pressure. Saves from Annear and substitute Elliot Kennedy set the tone, but the Rovers stopper consistently came under pressure as the hosts launched a series of attacks that required him to intervene and also launched in a plethora of huge throw-ins and crosses that tested the entire Rovers defensive unit, but ultimately ended with Copland intervening to quell Cleeve hopes.

When the match official called time on the game, Rovers had somehow held on for a valuable point and a completely surprising one at that, given Cleeve's title ambitions and form coming into the game.



Squad: Jack Copland; Archie Woodall; Lewis Bainbridge; Jacob Geddes; Joel White; Dominik Kent; Joe Shutt; Joshua Aldridge; Brennan Denness-Barrett; Aaron Basford; Liam Smith. **Subs used:** Liam Wright; Dion Ellis-Clark; Yeshaya Lomotey.

Statistics 2023/24

Competition

Uhlsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

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

BFCC = Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup;

WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

2023 7:45pm Worcester City A 0-0 487 01/Aug 05/Aug 3pm Aylesbury Vale Dynamos FAC н 2-2 124 S Hicks, J Rhodes 0-2 12/Aug А 108 3pm Hereford Lads Club 15/Aug 7:45pm Hereford Pegasus н 3-4 103 J Rhodes, M Pritchett, T Shyamapant 19/Aug 3pm Evesham United FAC А 0-2 247 22/Aug 7:45pm Worcester Raiders А 1-1 твс T Shyamapant 1_1* 26/Aug 3pm AEK Boco FAV А 69 S Hill 28/Aug 3pm Longlevens н 0-2 271 02/Sep 3pm Westfields А 0-4 102 3pm Royal Wootton Bassett Town н 1-2 74 09/Sep C Walters 12/Sep 7:45pm Stonehouse Town WLFC н 5-1 108 C Walters (3), W Mann, M Marquez-Espada 19/Sep 7:45pm Lydney Town А 3-2 87 M Pritchett (2), J Martin Malmesbury Victoria FAV 0-0** 108 23/Sep 3pm А 26/Sep 7:45pm Cinderford Town н 0-0 157 30/Sep 3pm Slimbridge А 1-4 128 C Walters н 7:45pm Worcester City 2-4 224 H Birkett, Jake White 03/Oct 07/Oct 3pm Thornbury Town A 1-0 98 M Pritchett 14/Oct н 3pm Wantage Town 21/Oct 3pm Blackfield & Langley FAV А 24/Oct 7:45pm Pershore Town н 28/Oct 3nm Corsham Town Δ 31/Oct 7:45pm Thornbury Town WLFC н н 03/Nov 7:45pm Fairford Town 11/Nov 3pm Highworth Town А 7:45pm Stonehouse Town GFA 14/Nov н 18/Nov 3pm Mangotsfield United н 21/Nov 7:45pm Brimscombe & Thrupp н 25/Nov 3pm Roman Glass St George Δ 02/Dec 3pm Royal Wootton Bassett Town A 09/Dec 3pm Slimbridge н 16/Dec 3pm Thornbury Town н Wantage Town 23/Dec 3nm Δ 27/Dec 3pm А Longlevens 30/Dec 3pm Brimscombe & Thrupp А 2024 3pm Corsham Town н 01/Jan 06/Jan 3pm Fairford Town A 13/Jan 3pm Highworth Town н 20/lan 3pm Mangotsfield United A 27/lan 3pm Roman Glass St George н 03/Feb 3pm Pershore Town А 10/Feb 3pm Hereford Lads Club н 17/Feb 3pm Hereford Pegasus A 24/Feb 3pm Worcester Raiders н 02/Mar 3pm Westfields н 08/Mar 7:45pm Lydney Town н 16/Mar 3pm Cinderford Town A

Att

Scorers

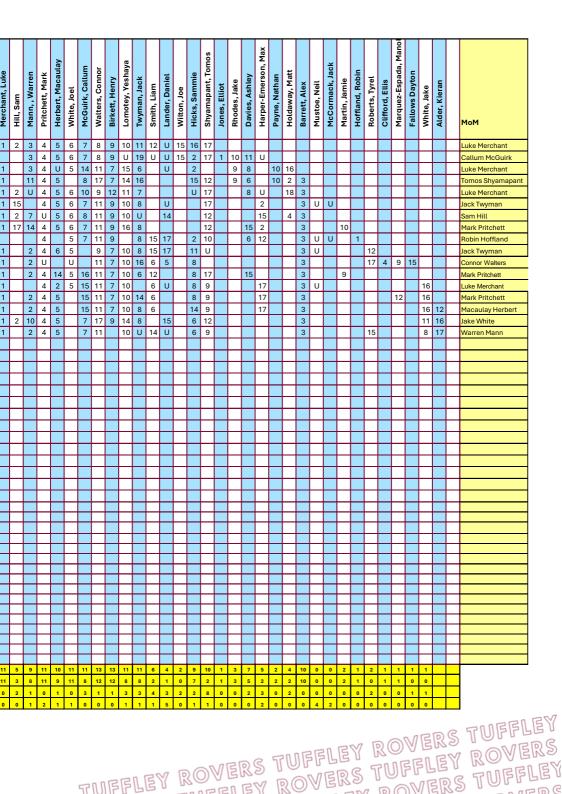
*Tuffley Rovers won 4-1 on penalties

** Tuffley Rovers won 4-3 on penalties

Goalscorers

000.000.010			
Walters, Connor	5	Hicks, Sammie	1
Pritchett, Mark	3	Hill, Sam	1
Rhodes, Jake	2	Martin, Jamie	1
Shyamapant, Tomos	2	Marquez-Espada, Manolo	1
Mann, Warren	1		





TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

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

Macaulay Herbert Defence

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

Alex Barrett

Defence

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

Joel White

Defence

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

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 preseason in 2021/22. Now back at the club his father

2023/24 PLAYER PROFILES

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.

Max Harper-Emerson

Defence/Midfield

Another new signing, who can play at full-back or in midfield. Has been with a number of clubs in Gloucestershire, including Slimbridge and Shortwood United. An industrious player with a turn of speed who will hopefully put some injury problems behind him and challenge for a regular place in the side.

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

TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

playing. Calm on the ball, creative, destructive...has all the qualities of a top midfielder.

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.

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, hardworking 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.

Jake White

Midfield

Recent signing from Longlevens, where he had a short spell after time at Roman Glass St. George and Weston-Super-Mare. Will be looking to add some creativity and composure in the middle of midfield – a more attacking option than several of his rivals for the place in the middle of the park.

Tomos Shyamapant

Forward

Has been a consistent goalscorer for both the U18s and Development Squad over 3 seasons. Highly rated; a genuine prospect. Natural finisher, looking to build on a run in the first team last season.

2023/24 PLAYER PROFILES

Kieran Alder

Forward

Returned to the club in 2022/23, after spells with Cinderford, Bishops Cleeve and Worcester City; recently hampered by injuries. Gifted No.10, whose work rate is as noticeable as his work on the ball - a creative player. Previously with Neil Mustoe's U18s at Gloucester City reunited at Rovers.

Connor Walters

Forward

Forward

Forward

Manager

Wide player who joined from Gala Wilton in the summer and made a really positive impression. 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.

Jake Rhodes

In his 2nd spell with the club, having signed in the summer, following spells with Bishops Cleeve 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.

Yeshaya Lomotey

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

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!

EY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY. TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUF



Europe's leading and independent importer for quality plywood and panel products.

Altripan UK Ltd offers quality and reliable products at competitive prices, thanks in part of Altripan Europe's proven track record of knowledge and experience built up over more than 40 years.

http://altripanuk.com



Signmakers & Digital Print Specialist

Call Us: 01452 739156

Office: Unit R2 Innsworth Technology Park, Innsworth, Gloucester, GL3 1DL

Email Us: info@severnsigns.co.uk

Who will you be today?

THUG

CHI/A

Show some Respect

Thousands of referees drop out of the game every season due to abuse.

The uhlsport Hellenic League operate a ZERO TOLERANCE policy toward Inappropriate Language & Behaviour

TheFA.com/Respect

LOUDMOUTH



DIVER



Your's Truly Creations & Gifts

A family run business, making and creating all things personalised. We cover all celebrations throughout the year and make sentimental gifts for all occasions. We also cover uniforms, school leavers uniform, accessories and so much more. We thrive to make all our customers happy, and we have all the gifts to make sure your receivers

> are also just as happy. We are the home of all 'things' personalised! For any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact us.

> > ⑦ @ Truly Creations
> > ③ @ TrulyCreations

Yourstrulycreationsandgifts@outlook.com





HALF-TIME QUIZ: BREAK FOR FIVE

Grab a cup of tea and something to eat, then spend the five minutes of your halftime break trying to answer these questions. As ever, there is a theme and in this edition we look at goalscoring defenders, after Pritch's rich vein of form in front of goal in recent weeks...

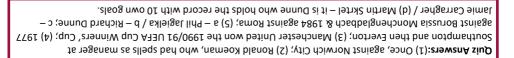
1. Fernando Hierro, who spent much of his career at Real Madrid, before ending his playing days at Bolton Wanderers, scored 164 goals in 810 games across club and international football. Of those, 127 goals came in 610 games at Real. How many times did Hierro score for Bolton?

2. The man pictured here scored a total of 238 goals in his club career, also adding 14 in 78 full international appearances. He has also managed in the Premier League since retiring. Who is he and which two clubs did he have spells at between 2014 and 2017?

3. In the 1990/91 season Steve Bruce scored nineteen time in fifty appearances as a centre-back for Manchester United. Which trophy did United win that season, albeit Bruce was denied a goal in the final, when Mark Hughes tapped home his goal bound header from close range?

4. The man pictured here was another defender who liked a penalty kick! Phil Neal played in Liverpool's European Cup wins in 1977, 1978, 1981 and 1984. He scored penalties in two of those finals – which?

5. The four players pictured below had (prior to the 2023/24 season) scored the most own goals in Premier League history. Can you name them? For a bonus point, which one holds the record, with 10 own goals?



(a)





EY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY. TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUF.



YOUR LOCAL TIMBER & BUILDERS

> BUILDING MATERIALS > INSULATION > CIVILS & DRAINAGE

DLUS

> LANDSCAPING & FENCING > DOORS & IRONMONGERY + CARDE IN HERE



> RIGID KITCHENS > BUILT TO LAST > FREE DESIGN SERVICE

ALL YOU NEED UNDER ONE ROOF

IIA

GLOUCESTER BRANCH Ashville Industrial Estate, Ashville Road, GL2 5EU T: 01452 528411 E: gloucester@travisperkins.co.uk

DOING WHAT MATTERS FOR THE TRADE

WANTAGE TOWN FC - CLUB HISTORY

Wantage Town FC (the 'Freds') can trace its roots back to 1877, but the established date of 1892 has long been given as the first time the club affiliated to the Berks & Bucks FA. They flitted between the Reading Temperance, Swindon & District, North Berks and Reading & District Leagues prior to the First World War, and the first silverware came in 1903-04 with winning the Swindon Advertiser Cup, a feat repeated in 1907-08 as well as becoming Swindon League Champions and the League Cup winners.

After the 1st World War, the Freds briefly played in the North Berks League, winning the North Berks Cup in 1920 and 1921 and the Championship in 1921-22. After a brief period playing in the Reading & District League with no success they then re-entered the Swindon & District League, winning the Division 2 title in 1931-32, and Division 1 in 1933-34. The Fifties was the most successful period for the Club, winning the S&DL Division 1 in 1952-53 (without losing a game) and the Premier Division in 1955-56, while in 1954-55, the Fred's won no fewer than five cup competitions, including the Berks & Bucks Intermediate Cup.

Since joining the Hellenic League in 1956, the Fred's have spent most of their seasons in the Premier Division, winning promotion from Division 1 on six occasions - as runners-up in 1969-70, 1987-88, 1991-92 (where they set a club record of 32 games unbeaten) and 1995-96, and as Champions in 1980-81 and 2003-4. The Reading Senior Cup was won for the first time in 1982-83.

Season 2003/2004 was one of the Fred's most successful. The First Team won Division One East to regain its position in the Premier Division of the Hellenic, and the Reserves finished top of their league, also winning promotion. In 2010-11, the Fred's won the Premier division title, but they were not promoted to the Southern League due to ground grading criteria not being achieved. In the 2012-2013 season, the club achieved the Southern League Ground grading, but finished runners-up to a very strong Marlow side, and again missed out on promotion.

In 2013-2014, the Fred's won the uhlsport Hellenic Premier title again, and this time with the appropriate ground grading in place, saw promotion to Division One (South and West) of the Southern League. The Fred's remained in the Southern League for 3 years, before seeing relegation back to the Hellenic League at the end of the 2016-17 season. In 2018-19, the Fred's won the uhlsport Hellenic Premier title for the third time and regained their place in the Southern League, this time in the Division 1 Central section. The Reading Senior Cup was won for a further two times, in 2017-18 and 2018-19.

The following two seasons at the higher level were not completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but they finished bottom at the end of 2021-22 and were relegated back to the Hellenic.

Throughout the years the Club has worked to upgrade the facilities at Alfredian Park. Purchased outright for the princely sum of £500 in 1922; floodlights were introduced in 1996 and new stands in 2012. The club merged with the junior section to become one entity in 2020, and re-introduced a Women's team in 2015, meaning football is now offered from U7s through to adults for players of both genders. The club has a long lease on St Mary's field behind the club, use of the adjacent school field, and another site at Tugwell to accommodate the growing number of teams.



APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Saturday, 7 October 2023 (includes selected list of former players)



We have players approaching or reaching appearance milestones in recent or imminent games, and last Saturday was no different, as Yeshaya Lomotey made his 50th first team appearance in a competitive game for Tuffley Rovers. Congratulations, Yesh, on achieving that distinction and here is hoping you can net another stunner today (if involved) following your effort against Wantage Town here last year!

If Kieran Alder appears today – we hope so, after his excellent cameo at Thornbury Town last weekend – he will move to 99 competitive appearances, and he will hopefully be quickly followed by Luke Merchant, who we should see making a 96th competitive appearance today.

After several seasons where we've seen significant turnover of players, it is great to have so many of our squad reaching these milestones....although it is hard to imagine many catching up with Warren Mann, who will probably make his 518th appearance today!

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	98	27	Lomotey, Yeshaya	50	7
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Mace, Ryley	19	1
Barrett, Alex	14	0	Marquez Espada, Manolo	2	1
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Martin, Jamie	5	2
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Birkett, Henry	102	8	Mann, Warren	517	85
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	McGuirk, Callum	55	0
Clifford, Ellis	1	0	Merchant, Luke	95	0
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Danes-Rutherford, Ellis	1	0	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Payne, Nathan	2	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Fallows, Dayton	4	0	Poole, Bradley	8	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Pritchett, Mark	161	27
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Rhodes, Jake	58	18
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Roberts, Tyrel	3	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Harper-Emerson, Max	7	0	Shyamapant, Tomos	35	3
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Smith, Liam	53	1
Hoffland, Robin	5	0	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Holdaway, Matt	4	0	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Herbert, Macaulay	268	10	Twyman, Jack	14	0
Hicks, Sammie	45	2	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hill, Sam	126	9	Wallington, Mark	220	29
James, Brett	185	64	Walters, Connor	17	5
James, Richard	125	40	White, Jake	5	1
Jones, Elliot	21	0	White, Joel	122	4
Kent, Dominik	175	21	Wilton, Joe	2	0
Lander, Daniel	35	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.

LEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS T





Precision Subcontract Engineers

Brabow is a family run precision engineering business with more than 48 years experience. Brabow has established, over this time, a national reputation for providing the highest quality service yet maintaining that important friendly and personal touch.

With Quality of Product & Business being our main concern, we have the Quality Management System in place to ISO 9001 - 2008.

Today, employing 24 highly skilled staff and using latest machining technology, many of the machines being computer controlled the company has gone from strength to strength.

Machining prototypes & Batch Production on the latest CNC vertical/horizontal machining centres and CNC lathes is at the heart of our business.



www.brabow.co.uk

Brabow Engineering Co Ltd, Lower Tuffley Lane, Gloucester. GL2 5DT. Tel. 01452 520674 / 01452 410247 sales@brabow.co.uk



Need help with an important presentation?

As well as producing a range of theatrical events for more than twenty years, Dreamshed also offers affordable specialised training for individuals or groups wishing to enhance their confidence in public speaking. Whether it's work-related or an important personal event such as a wedding speech, help is at hand! If required assistance is also available with writing your script.

Bill Cronshaw, Dreamshed's Artistic Director, is an experienced professional actor, director and writer. Contact him on 07771 965985 for more information.

EY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUFFLEY ROVERS TUP



OUR SERVICES

- Machinery Removals 4
- Complete Factory Relocations 4
 - Contract Lift 4
 - Project Management
- Forklift 2500kgs to 27000kgs 4
 - High Capacity Lorry Loaders
 - Lift Plans, Risk Assessments, Method Statement
 - 80,000kgs Gross Transport
 - Machine Storage
 - Hoist FR 25/35
 - Versa Lift 40/60

+44 (0) 1452 303037

Keith Rhodes Machinery Installations Limited has been operating for over 20 years; the business has grown into a well-established and respected company in the South Wes\of England. We are based on the outskirts of Gloucester just 5 minutes away from the MS and 35 minutes from the M4.







We provide a wide range of services to large and medium sized UK based industrial businesses for any items that they may need installing, moving or removing. We are capable of managing complete factory or plant moves with speed and precision techniques gained from many years of experience and also from working alongside specific machine tool engineers.

enquiries@keith-rhodes.co.uk

www.keith-rhodes.co.uk



GREAT PRODUCTS. GREAT PRICES. UNBELIEVABLE SERVICE.









www.batemanssports.co.uk kevin@batemanssports.co.uk 01453 764320

PROUD PARTNERS WITH uhlsport[®] Hellenic League







my**Club**insurance

For amateur and semi-professional sports clubs

To make sure you are appropriately covered, our my**Club**insurance policy can be built around your particular needs. Whether you require stand-alone liability cover or full buildings and contents protection, the policy can be adapted to suit.

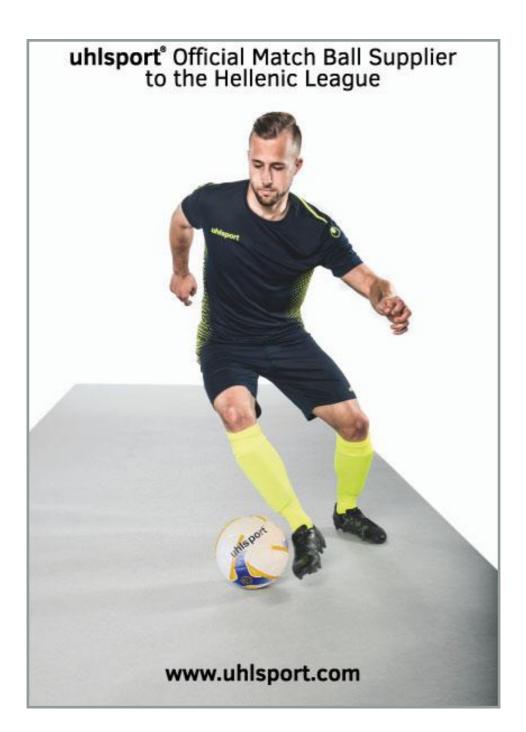


0345 872 5060 myclub@bluefinsport.co.uk | bluefinsport.co.uk/myclub

0023-0918

Bluehn Sport II is a bracking name of Marshi Ltd. Marshi Ltd Ia authorisaid and legalasiad by the Financial Conduct Authority. Registered in England and Weles Number 1507274. Registered Office 11 Tower Flace West, Tower Flace, London ECSR 158J.





TUFFLEY ROVERS	🔊 v 🤃	WANTAGE TOWN
Claret & Blue shirts; Claret shorts; Claret & White socks (GK: Grey).		Green & White shirts, Green shorts; Green & White socks (GK: Pink).
Luke Merchant ©	1	Tommy Rees
Warren Mann	2	Matthew Goodman
Alex Barrett	3	Ashley Fowler
Jack Twyman	4	Nelson Ero
Macaulay Herbert	5	Will Edwards
Sammie Hicks	6	George Walters
Callum McGuirk	7	Isaac Davies
Jake White	8	Owain Wheeler
Tomos Shyamapant	9	Kyle Chester
Kieran Alder	10	Alfie Tomlin
Connor Walters	11	Charles Knight
Max Harper-Emerson	12	Leoche Malonga
Yeshaya Lomotey	14	Denzel Tengwana
Ashley Davies	15	Elliot Emm
Tyrel Roberts	16	Isaac Davies
Ellis Clifford	17	Kyle Downey
Jake Rhodes	18	Tyler Blackford
Henry Birkett	19	Luke Ballard
Mark Pritchett	20	Lewis Hutchinson
Daniel Lander	21	Ashley Marsh
Sam Hill	22	Scott Taylor
Joel White	23	Cameron Sanchez
Dayton Fallows	24	Darren McAlistair
Neil Mustoe	Manager	Dan Barry
Liam O'Neill	Asst. Manager	Josh Newton / Chris Hurley
Sam Tandy (Physio) Alex Butler (Coach)	Other Occupant	s Mattie Clark (Coach); Daniel Smith (Coach); Mark Timbrell (Physio)

Officials: Nathan Charles; Nigel Rees; Dean Bell