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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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

We are in uncharted territory in our very recent history. From 12 September onwards we've won more games than we've lost, with just four defeats and five victories. Add to that two cup victories on penalties and a draw against Cinderford Town and it has been a much more positive time than we've perhaps experienced at times over the past few years. In my view, a stability amongst the squad is at the core of the improvement and we've had loads of players reach 50, 100 or more appearances over the past couple of months. That is an indicator that we are retaining players and that helps because the relationships between players takes time to develop, so that the squad has a bond that helps add a little je ne sais quoi, the mystery ingredient that wins games in difficult times and turns defeats into a salvaged draw. We need that because we are often trying to punch above our weight, against teams with bigger budgets, more experienced squads and resources that go beyond what we can offer.

Already this season, we have seen Yesh Lomotey, Callum McGuirk and Liam Smith complete their 50th appearance for the club. Henry Birkett and Kieran Alder have reached 100 appearances and are adding to the number. Today, we see the latest player to reach that milestone, with Luke Merchant bringing up his 100th appearance.

In doing so, Merch will become the first goalkeeper to reach 100 competitive appearances since I started to maintain our modern day records in 2007. Adam Bennett made it to 85; Bruce Perks to 92. There might be other keepers who have made more appearances but our records don't go back beyond the start of 2007/08 and neither Adam or Bruce were in the squad during that season, so Merch might well be the man with the most appearances. I pine for a more complete set of records but they don't exist and I've tried, in vain, to find more information.

So, the scene is set for Merch. He is arguably amongst the best (if not the best) keepers in this league. We are fortunate that he returned to the club and his influence has grown week-on-week, so it was no surprise when Muzzy made him captain earlier this season. He is super competitive but wants to achieve for the club, as well as personally, and our recent form has as much to do with him, his will to win, and fantastic contribution as much as any player. Long may it continue. Congratulations, Merch, and thank you.

Recent results have also been influenced by the return of two of our most potent attacking players in Kieran Alder and Jake Rhodes, another two players returning to the Rovers fold after spells at other clubs, and their impact since recovering from injuries is impressive. If Jake can become the next player to 100 games then I'm confident his goalscoring ability, alongside Kieran's creative industry, will mean results continue and Merch might have a little less to do than he has on occasions this season!!

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







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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Cinderford Town v Thornbury Town

Hereford Lads Club v Wantage Town

Hereford Pegasus v Brimscombe & Thrupp

Longlevens v Corsham Town

Lydney Town v Fairford Town

Pershore Town v Highworth Town

Slimbridge v Worcester Raiders

Westfields v Roman Glass St. George

Worcester City v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to Glevum. Welcome to our opponents Mangotsfield United and their players, management, supporters and committee.

This will be the first team's first fixture since 31st October, due to postponed games, which will either mean the squad is fully refreshed or completely rusty. I guess we will know the answer to that at around 16:50 this evening!!

For all clubs, this is the dreaded part of the season when you are either dealing with a pitch inspection yourselves or waiting on news from the opposition as to whether the seasonal weather will lead to the club secretaries being busy trying to work with the league to rearrange fixtures.

We sadly hit the middle-ground a couple of weeks ago, when we were due host Fairford Town and a late deluge, 20 minutes before kick off, lead to the match official deciding that the pitch was no longer safe to play due to some standing water. With the crowd already in attendance, we asked about a delayed kick-off, but it wasn't to be.

So, as a consequence, we had a decent crowd that had to receive refunds on entry fees, but I am pleased to say that all supporters (home and away) were very empathetic and understanding that the decision/outcome was completely out of our hands. Our volunteers managed the situation extremely well and professionally, so a huge thank you to our small band of loyal staff and volunteers for their efforts.

I hope everyone enjoys the game and hospitality here this afternoon 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 Mangotsfield United.

What had been a relentless set of fixtures since the start of the season ground to a halt and we've ended up with an almost three-week break from league action, due to the weather and cup competitions.

We were hoping to get a run out Tuesday night in the County Cup, but the Stonehouse Town pitch was not playable, so we go into this afternoon's game fresh.

Hopefully Merch will finally getting his 100th appearance for the club. He should have made that in our last home game but a last minute postponement put paid to it and then Tuesday's postponement denied him another opportunity. Luke/Merch has been a big influence on and off the pitch since his return to the club last season and a huge part in the progress we have made since that time.

After a tricky start last season and several managerial changes Mangoes have settled into the league and will be looking to push on after a steady start. They beat us twice last season, so it will be a good test of our progress to see how we compete today.

We were full of confidence before our last game was called off and I was convinced if it had been on we would have got a result. We will be looking to get out the traps early and set the tone for the game as we look to get three points and move closer to what we think is an achievable position in mid-table.

Here is to an entertaining game, one I hope you enjoy.

- **Muzz** #uptherovers









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Up to and including 14 November 2023

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Meet the Mango's

Glyn Ashton Manager. Has managed the first team in the previous three seasons, albeit not as the full time manager. Last season he stepped back into the helm as other managers departed, He managed about half of the squad through the youth system up to U18's level.

Matt Curry Assistant Manager/Coach. Joined Mangotsfield as part of Glyn Ashton's coaching staff. Last season he worked with both previous managers following the re-appointment of Glyn. Matt remains an important part of the management team with lots of experience at youth level so will get the most out of the younger players within the squad

Matt Doe Coach. Matt combines his first team role with coaching the Under 18's. Matt provides an important link between the youth and the senior sections and has a very promising coaching career ahead of him.

John House Kit Man. Part of the furniture at Mangotsfield. Played for "The field" as a youngster and has helped manage the team years ago. A stalwart of the club who seems to know someone at each and every club we play! A key member of the management team

Jordan Anstey - a versatile player who normally plays at Centre Half but can play as Full Back or in Midfield. Jordan came up through the ranks at Keynsham and was a key player at that club. Jordan's solid performances helped to make the instrumental change of fortunes last season, and as a coach himself can contribute to the team in many other ways

Will Ashton - Son of Manager Glyn and a product of our youth system and attended SGS until 2022. Has spent a large proportion of last season on loan at AEK Boco but was recalled towards the latter half of the season. A versatile left footer who can play at Full Back or in Midfield and has excellent delivery from set plays.

Keane Ashwood - An energetic midfielder who was at Chipping Sodbury last season. Will add extra options to Glyn's line ups.

Liam Atwell- Previously at Bristol Telephones. He took time away from the beloved game to focus on his personal Training career, but has decided to make a comeback to the game with "The Field".

Sam Bainbridge - A robust centre half who has impressed during pre season. A product of our youth setup and has been promoted from our U18s squad.

Harvey Baker – An experienced player at this level who has played for The Field at Southern League level. Despite living locally Harvey has had spells with Chippping Sodbury, Shepton Mallet and more recently Bradford Town.

Luke Bence - A product of our youth system and current SGS student. Luke is a strong and quick centre half who as spent a large proportion of last season on loan at Hallen, but was recalled to the squad by Glyn and played an important role in the team

Matt Binding - Defender who is a sports lecturer at SGS college. Played for "The Field" at Southern League level. Despite his young years he coaches some of our younger player as part of his full time job. Very quick centre half who's good in the air and can play out.

Ali Boyer- has joined us from local "rivals" Cadbury Heath and scored 9 from 16 games in the previous season, where he scored 13 goals last season, previously has played for Cribbs.

Jaydn Crosbie - Another local youngster who was a part of the SGS Football Programme. Talented striker who works tirelessly for the team. He is quick, has a great first touch, is good in the air has now added regular goals to his game. Made his debut with The Field at Southern League level.

Nick Crouchier - after a stint across the pond coaching, nick finds himself bak on home soil and donning the gloves.

Issac Flynn - Another local youngster who has been with the club since the age of 12 and spent two years as part of the SGS Football Programme. A very quick attacking player with a powerful left foot who can play in wide areas as well as central.

Ben Ford - another product of our youth set up and currently part of the Bath College Football Programme where he has regularly been involved with Bath City first team. Can play in either full back positions or in midfield. Has a very promising future ahead.

Jakob Glover - Goalkeeper who made his debut for Mangotsfield's first team at just 16 years old. Has been involved with Mangotsfield United Youth set up since the age of 4 and is a Mango through and through. Also had two years as part of the SGS Football Programme. Has now made the number one jersey his own.

Jake Hicks - A member of our U18s squad, who has shown a positive attitude, and maturity for his age, a useful player to have available when required in central defence.

Kerem Karakus - A strong and powerful striker with an eye for goal and great technique. Has played for our U18's and remains part of the SGS Football Programme. Currently gaining more experience with Stoke Gifford but has a big future with Mangotsfield.

Kyrese Morrison – A quick and strong player who can play at full back, wing back or on the wing. Currently part of the SGS Football Programme. Played for The Field in the Southern League and has had spells with Bath City and Highworth Town this season before returning to Mangotsfield in December

Rohan Nelson - 18 year old who was released by Bristol City at the end of last season after spending 4 years with their youth academy. He looked a very promising signing but unfortunately broke his leg in a pre season friendly, but will hopefully be available before the end of the season.

Jack Nunn - A promising youngster and versatile midfielder. The youngest member of the squad who has broken through the ranks and continues his development

Josh Pandolfino - A versaitle attacking player who has made the switch from Chipping Sodbury this season.

Harley Purnell - In his second spell at Mangotsfield, previously playing for the Mangos in 2011/12 making 34 appearances. The 33 year old central midfielder brings a wealth of experience to the club and as our captain is helping our younger players develop

Owen Ridler - Although one of our younger players "Rids" has been with the club the longest joining at the age of 4! A versatile player who operates mainly in central midfield, but can play a variety of the positions. Great close control and passing range and pops up with the odd goal or two!

Ben Shepherd - Played for our U18s squad last season and is making the step up to senior football. A robust forward who enjoys a physical battle

Louis Short - Yet another product of our successful youth setup. Had a brief spell at Odd Down last season, but back in the Maroon and Sky blue now.

Kai Stenner - young defender who has played for local clubs AEK Boco and for Bristol Manor Farm at both youth and Southern League level.

Billy Taylor - Goalkeeper who was recently joined us from Toolstation outfit Bishops Sutton. Made his Field debut at Cossham Street against Longlevens. Will be looking to make the number one jersey his own.

Ashton Trott - young goalkeeper who has been with the club since the age of 8. A capable shot stopper who gained experience at Wick FC last season.

Stuart Tovey - joined us from Bristol Manor Farm last season. A very experienced defender who has spent much of his career playing in the Southern League with Bristol Manor Farm, Paulton Rovers, Chippenham Town & Larkhall Athletic. A tough tackling defender and natural leader who helps guide our younger players.

Tom Warren in his mid 30's, very experienced centre back. Has a wealth of knowledge at this level and higher. Was player coach at Larkhall Athletic last season. Tom originally played for the Mango's back in the 2005/06 season before returning for three seasons ten years later. Has also played for Yate Town, Bridwater Town, Melksham Town to name just a few.

James White - Joins us this season from Ashton & Backwell, "Jimmer" looks a real good addition in the centre of the park





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 programme feature that allows us to reflect on days gone by and fixtures on, or around, today's date.

Since those records began, we've only played once on 18 November, but have had plenty of games on the dates either side. We've selected a few to reflect our fortunes on or around this particular date...

20 November 2010

Tuffley Rovers capitalised on Ellwood's dismal run of form to record a 3-0 win on the road in the Gloucestershire County League.

Rovers' hero was Richard James, who netted all three goals for the visiting side. The first was from the penalty spot in the 44th minute and after the visitors had been reduced to ten-men, James scored twice, in the 66th and 80th minutes, to ensure his side returned to Gloucester with all three points, in a return to form after two consecutive defeats.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Kyle Kennedy; Lee Wallington; Ashley Davies; Peter Thomas; Mark Wallington; Daniel Wallington; Richard James; Mark Ford; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Patrick Boyd; Liam Harding; Ryan Newport.

19 November 2011

In the local derby Tuffley Rovers snatched all three points in the 70th minute when Shane Bradley was brought down in the box and then netted the resulting penalty away against Longlevens, putting the Glevum Park outfit back on track after consecutive defeats.

A dull opening period, in which very little happened, was followed by a second half that saw both sides create numerous opportunities, although most were wasted as Bradley's goal proved decisive. Liam Harding missed a great opportunity for the visitors whilst Ryan Dunn and Ryan Hughes missed good chances for the home side.

Squad: Mark Harris; Marcus Foxwell; Callum Preece; Richard James; Kacey Johnstone; Liam Harding; Courtney Hamilton; Michael Oakes; Mark Wallington; Warren Mann; Shayne Bradley. **Subs used:** Lee Wallington; Dean Gorman; Jonathan Meadows.

18 November 2017

Tuffley Rovers extended their unbeaten league run to six games, despite a below par performance against an Ascot United side who started and finished the day bottom of the Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division table.

Both sides showed plenty of attacking intent,

in increasingly difficult conditions due to heavy rainfall, but an absence of real chances meant that the half-time interval arrived with the scoreline unchanged.

Josh Dillon opened the scoring for the hosts, before they were reduced to ten-men with seven minutes remaining, and the Mark Pritchett's side took full advantage of the extra man, as they pressed hard for an equaliser which came courtesy of a goal from veteran Shayne Bradley in the dying moment of the game.

Squad: Eric Edge; Sam Hill; Shayne Anson; Joel White; Macaulay Herbert; Courtney Hamilton; Brett James; Kieran Alder; Shayne Bradley; Ashley Bird; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Danny Wallington; Cam Williams; Mark Pritchett.

20 November 2018

A midweek outing to Oxfordshire side Abingdon United proved to be a frustrating evening for a depleted Tuffley Rovers side, as they returned with a point when they might have taken all three. A spate of injuries, illness and work commitments deprived Mark Pritchett of several players, with Lee Smith, Dominik Kent and Brett James notable absentees from the squad.

Nathan Baker opened the scoring for the hosts, on the stroke of half-time, but Samuel Dodoo and then Henry Birkett scored in the space of fifteen second-half minutes to give Rovers the lead, before a mix-up between Joel White and Kane Winman gifted Graham Edney a late equaliser to leave the score at 2-2.

Squad: Kane Winman; Liam Thomas; Sam Hill; Joel White; Henry Birkett; Luke Payne; Kieran Alder; Jack Phillips; Ryan Dobbins; Paul Carter; Samuel Dodoo. **Subs used:** Harry Walker.

16 November 2019

Tuffley Rovers travelled to High Wycombe to take on one of the strugglers in the Hellenic League Premier Division and returned with a vital three points, as they defeated Holmer Green 4-3.

The hosts took the lead through Lewis Workman, after Adam Bloomfield had wasted a great chance to put



Rovers in front, and they doubled their lead when Denis Pepelimarski curled home a beautiful free-kick.

Two quick goals, from Kieran Alder and then Macaulay Herbert, got Rovers back on level terms and Alder then made it 3-2 from a direct free-kick.



Paw Kotwica equalised for the hosts and it looked like the game could go either way, but Ross Langworthy scored with nine minutes remaining to ensure Rovers travelled home with all three points.

Squad: Freddie Lapworth; Harri John; Ben Prictor; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Tyreece Briscoe; Kieran Alder; Dominik Kent; Adam Bloomfield; Ross Langworthy; Jack Beardsell. **Subs used:** Warren Mann: Jake Rhodes: Jeremiah Idowu.

Statistics 2023/24

Competition

Uhlsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

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

MSCC = Marsh Sports Challenge Cup;

WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

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01/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester City		Α	0-0	487	-
05/Aug	3pm	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	FAC	Н	2-2	124	S Hicks, J Rhodes
12/Aug	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		Α	0-2	108	-
15/Aug	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		Н	3-4	103	J Rhodes, M Pritchett, T Shyamapant
19/Aug	3pm	Evesham United	FAC	Α	0-2	247	-
22/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		Α	1-1	TBC	T Shyamapant
26/Aug	3pm	AEK Boco	FAV	Α	1-1*	69	SHill
28/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		Н	0-2	271	-
02/Sep	3pm	Westfields		Α	0-4	102	-
09/Sep	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		Н	1-2	74	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		Α	3-2	87	M Pritchett (2), J Martin
23/Sep	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria	FAV	Α	0-0**	108	-
26/Sep	7:45pm	Cinderford Town		Н	0-0	157	-
30/Sep	3pm	Slimbridge		Α	1-4	128	C Walters
03/Oct	7:45pm	Worcester City		Н	2-4	224	H Birkett, Jake White
07/Oct	3pm	Thornbury Town		А	1-0	98	M Pritchett
14/Oct	3pm	Wantage Town		Н	3-2	67	K Alder, C Walters, J Rhodes
21/Oct	3pm	Brockenhurst	FAV	Α	0-3	166	-
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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

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

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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

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

Midfield

Dayton Fallows

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.

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

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 Forward

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 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, given it is Luke Merchant's 100th appearance (or should be) today, we look at questions and answers relating to keepers making appearance milestones...

- 1. Which legendary goalkeeper made his 1,000th competitive Football League game on 22 December 1996, having made his debut in 1966?
- 2. The goalkeeper pictured holds a record for the most goals scored by a goalkeeper during his career, with a staggering 129 goals in 1,209 appearances. Who is he?



- 3. Gianluigi Buffon holds the record for the most international caps for a goalkeeper, having made 176 appearances for Italy between October 1997 and March 2018. Unofficial records actually put Mohamed Al-Deayea ahead of him, whilst official records have Al-Deayea on 173. For which country did Al-Deayea make his international appearances?
- 4. The three highest value transfer fees paid for goalkeepers all involved Premier League clubs. Which three keepers (all currently attached to Premier League clubs) were involved in the big money deals and, for a bonus point, can you name them in order (highest to lowest) of transfer fee value?
- 5. Three goalkeepers jointly hold the record for the International Federation of Football History Statistics (IFFHS) award for the World's Best Goalkeeper, each having won it five times. They are Gianluigi Buffon, Manuel Neuer and Iker Casillas. Behind them aree three keepers pictured who've won it three times. Can you name them all?



Our Club History



The 2023/24 season will be Mangotsfield's second season playing at step 5 following 22 seasons as a Southern League club, which includes the voided2019/20 and 20/21 seasons. After thirteen season'sin the "Pitchin In" Southern Football League DivisionOne South previously finishing 9th in 2009/10, 3rdin 2010/11, (but losing the play-off semi-final, 1-3 to Frome Town), 14th in 2011/12, 13th in 2012/13, 11th in 2013/14, 10th in 2014/15, 14th in 2015/16, 8th in 2016/17, & 16th in both 2017/18 and 2018/19, following the 2 year "Covid gap" Mangotsfield finished 18th (out of 19 teams) in 2021/22 and were automatically relegated into the Hellenic League Premier Division.

There has been football in the village since 1888 and four years later, Mangotsfield FC became a founder member of the Bristol & District League (later to become the Western Football League in 1895) but the club folded after 10 years. From 1898 until the 1950s, Mangotsfield FC was disbanded and subsequently reformed on several occasions. In January 1951, the parent club dispensed with the Reserve X1 for financial reasons leaving many local players without a team to play for. These players decided to form a new club in the village and at the start of the 1951–52 season, the newly established Mangotsfield United FC was entered into the Bristol & District League, Division VII. They achieved five successive promotions and gained entry to the Bristol & District Premier Combination in 1957. The club remained there until 1972–73, when it was accepted in to the Western League.

The Club became established in the Western League during the 1970's and despite being relegated to the first division in 1981-82, "The Field", as they were affectionately known, bounced straight back the following season and under the guidance of the charismatic Ralph Miller, who as Chairman, undertook the task of improving the ground and its facilities, became a force in the Premier, mainly featuring in the leading positions.

Our Club History (Continued)

In 1991, the club, managed by Harold Jarman and assisted by Terry Rowles, achieved regional glory by taking the (then) Great Mills League Premier Division title, ahead of runners-up Torrington. Disappointingly, they were denied promotion to the Southern League as the ground failed to meet the grading requirements and there followed several lean seasons as the team disbanded. Under newly-elected Chairman Richard Davis, however, off the pitch, things were improving. Terry Rowles returned to manage the club himself in 1995 and kept them in the spotlight by consistently finishing in the top three/four in the Great Mills/Screwfix League and an appearance in the FA Vase semi-final (losing to Clitheroe), but their ambitions of promotion and Southern League football were always thwarted by the continual success of Taunton and Tiverton Town. It was considered very important to establish a sound working base, improve ground facilities and secure a long-term tenure on their Cossham Street ground. In earlier years, the Roger Pullin / Richard Davis partnership had seen many improvements take place, with the installation of Conference-style floodlights and at the end of the 2003/04 season, the Cossham Street end of the ground was covered, together with new toilet blocks and social club improvements. Ex player Andy Black returned to the club as Manager in 1999and guided the club to promotion to the Dr. Martens Southern League and three successful campaigns. The 2003/04 campaign did not go too well and just before Christmas, Black was replaced by Martyn Grimshaw. Towards the end of the campaign, Nigel Webb came in as his Assistant, but the club could only finish in 13th place, which was not high enough for the planned restructuring of the Pyramid.

The Management duo made promotion their priority in 2004/05 and the club headed the table for most of the campaign, eventually taking the Division One West title with a 21 match unbeaten run. After 28 seasons at Western League level, the club had spent just five campaigns at Southern League level before reaching the Premier Division. In April/May 2005, Roger Pullin left the club and Mike Richardson took over as Chairman, with a new Board.

Our Club History



As detailed at the start of this article Mangotsfield enjoyed life in the Southern League finishing most season's around mid table, but have struggled financially during the last few years. Sometimes now referred to as "The Mangos", the 2020/21 campaign, started with Glyn Ashton, at the helm. He had previously been in charge of the U18s Floodlit Youth side, but took over as temporary Manager in 2019/20, after the sudden departure of Manager Ollie Price, and bought in almost his entire U18s squad. Glyn Ashton returned to his role of managing the U18/Reserve team for the 2021/22 season as Ray Johnston, along with assistant Terry Moore, took over the first team management role but Glyn returned to the hot seat following the departure of Ray and Terry following some disappointing performances and results. The club, however, were unable to "avoid the drop" finishing in 18th place in a league of 19 teams.

The summer of 2021/22 has been a busy one for the club as Chairman Mike Richardson has been replaced by Steve Brown, a new committee has been formed, and with a new commercial team in place the club are about to enter an exciting new era in it's history

At the start of last season a new management team, headed by John Allen, previously of Tool Station outfit Keynsham Town, took charge with a mix of experienced players, that John bought in, along with the young players already at Mangotsfield. Unfortunately results didn't go as well as expected as the players struggled to "gel", so Glyn Ashton stepped into the lead role yet again. The team were in 18th place just before Christmas but eventually finished in 11th place and won the Wiseman Lighting Cup in the process. Mangotsfield will play in the Hellenic Premier Division for the 2023/24 season and will be looking to improve on the mid table finish last season and are hopeful for some major ground improvements for next season.





APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Tuesday, 31 October 2023 (includes selected list of former players)



Last season we signed Callum McGuirk and he managed to rack up 40 appearances during the course of the 2022/23 campaign, playing 40 out of 51 competitive games, although 16 of his appearances came from the substitutes bench. This season, Cal has already made 13 starts, and played 19 times in total, becoming an increasingly influential part of the squad, whether in midfield or defence. Interestingly (and notable, given his OG in midweek!) he has yet to score a competitive goal in 59 appearances, which makes him the outfield player with the highest number of games without a goal in our modern history. He did get one during the 2023/24 preseason but has yet to find the net in a competitive game. If you want a link to today's game, the player with the most appearances for a single goal recorded is in the opposition squad, as Tristan Haswell played 99 times for his one and only Tuffley Rovers goal (at Abingdon United in a 3-1 win).

We'll cover this separately, elsewhere in today's programme, but we do have another milestone to report on today, with Luke Merchant making his 100th competitive appearance (all being well), which is another tremendous achievement. Congratulations, Merch – what a man!

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Anson, Shayne	71	4	Lomotey, Yeshaya	55	8
Barrett, Alex	17	0	Mace, Ryley	19	1
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Marquez Espada, Manolo	2	1
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Martin, Jamie	5	2
Birkett, Henry	105	8	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Mann, Warren	520	85
Clifford, Ellis	2	0	McGuirk, Callum	59	0
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	Merchant, Luke	99	0
Danes-Rutherford, Ellis	1	0	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Payne, Nathan	2	0
Evans, David	69	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Fallows, Dayton	5	0	Poole, Bradley	8	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Pritchett, Mark	164	27
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Rhodes, Jake	62	21
Griffin, Tyrese	2	0	Roberts, Tyrel	5	0
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Shyamapant, Tomos	40	3
Harper-Emerson, Max	9	0	Smith, Liam	57	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Hoffland, Robin	6	0	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Holdaway, Matt	4	0	Twyman, Jack	19	0
Herbert, Macaulay	272	10	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	47	2	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	126	9	Walters, Connor	22	7
James, Brett	185	64	White, Jake	9	1
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	122	4
Jones, Elliot	21	0	Wilton, Joe	2	0
Kent, Dominik	175	21	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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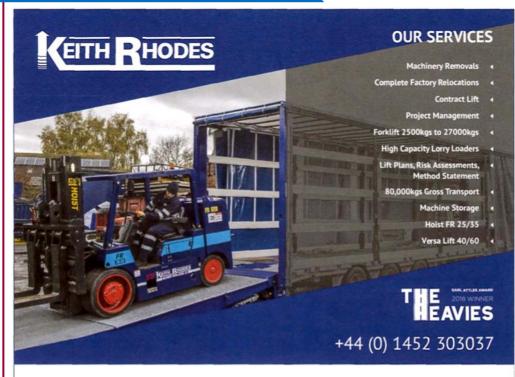
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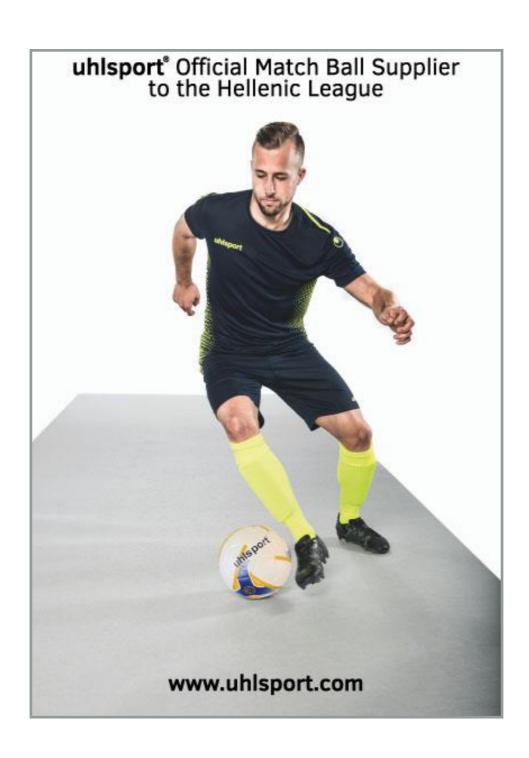
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Jakob Glover

Stuart Tovey

Luke Bence

Jake Hicks

Jordan Anstey

Harley Purnell

Kyrese Morrison

Josh Pandolfino

Jaydn Crosbie

Marcus Kelly

Ali Boyer

Yellow shirts, Blue shorts; Yellow socks (GK:

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

Luke Merchant © 1
Warren Mann 2

Tyrese Griffin

Mark Pritchett

Macaulay Herbert

Henry Birkett

Callum McGuirk

Jake White Kieran Alder

Jake Rhodes

Liam Smith

Connor Walters

Tomos Shyamapant

Jack Twyman

Daniel Lander

Alex Barrett
Ellis Clifford

Sammie Hicks

Yeshaya Lomotey

Sam Tandy (Physio) Alex Butler (Coach) Tim Hall (Coach)

Neil Mustoe

Liam O'Neill

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Kai Stenner

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Glyn Ashton

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