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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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

I'll keep this brief today.

This might be our last home game of 2023 and if it is then I can say it has been another challenging year, on and off the field, but I genuinely think we are making progress as a club, even if results and our league position don't always tell a story to match my positivity!

Thornbury Town's management team and committee probably won't feel so different. We are teams who will probably be in the bottom half of the Hellenic League Premier Division, unless we have an exceptional season, and whilst that will create a rivalry, it will also create a bond of sorts that exists between our clubs. Both have a primary objective to survive; both hope to flourish if we can. We welcome fellow minnows here today and I just hope that we take the points on this occasion. Mark Franklin, Thornbury's secretary, and his group will hope for the same. Both of us will know that three points onto the total would be welcome but not season defining.

Christmas and New Year will pass quickly, I'm sure, and here's hoping 2024 is a good year for all associated to Tuffley Rovers. A good end to 2023 will be welcome, too!

At the time of writing, this might be our last home game before Christmas, and if it is I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous festive season.

Thank you to everyone who has backed the club this year.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil #uptherovers







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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Corsham Town v Worcester Raiders Fairford Town v Cinderford Town Highworth Town v Hereford Lads Club Mangotsfield United v Hereford Pegasus Roman Glass St. George v Longlevens Royal Wootton Bassett Town v Lydney Town Westfields v Wantage Town

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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

Reflecting on our last two league games, it is frustrating that we have squandered two goal leads in both games and gone on to lose those each by a 3-2 scoreline. We need to manage these situations on the field better moving forward if we are going to be a more consistent team in this league. I still believe we are capable of a midtable finish but each defeat makes that harder and harder to achieve this season.

We have bumper schedule ahead of us with this game today followed by Slimbridge visiting us again on Tuesday, before we visit Wantage Town. We then have the Boxing Day fixture against Longlevens, before we are also away at Brimscombe & Thrupp on 30 December. That is December completed and we then host Corsham Town on New Years' Day.

So, plenty of football before the end of the year, and if we can play as I know we can, I hope Tuffley Rovers supporters can enjoy their football over the festive period.

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

Thanks,

- Dan

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TUFFLEY ROVERS CLUB HISTORY



The late Donald E Hall founded Tuffley Rovers FC in 1929. The Club's Headquarters were in a former railway carriage, which served as Mr Hall's Boot and Shoe repair shop on the Stroud Road at Tuffley in the City Of Gloucester. The Club started its playing life in the North Gloucestershire League. Senior XI Championship honours include that of the North Gloucestershire League and Stroud and District League (4 times) and in 1987/1988 the Club were Champions of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and gained promotion to the Gloucestershire County League.

After two seasons of consolidation the Club won the County League Title in 1990/1991, their application to join the Hellenic League was successful and they were accepted into Hellenic Division One. Progress continued as in the 1992/1993 season Rovers were Champions of Division One and also Division One League Cup Winners and after promotion competed in the Premier Division of the Hellenic League from 1993/1994, regularly finishing in the top half of the table. The 1998/1999 season saw Tuffley win the Norman Matthew's Floodlit Cup defeating Carterton Town in the final. Whilst the Club enjoyed this success, the 2nd XI and 3rd XI also gained promotion and championship honours. The 1998/1999 season saw the 2nd XI win the Northern Senior League and reach the finals of both the County Cup and League Cup, unfortunately losing out on both occasions. Promotion, however, was not possible as reserve teams were not allowed at that point to enter the Gloucestershire County League and progress further up the pyramid system.

The Club continued to thrive in the Hellenic League and managed to win the Floodlit Cup again in the 2002/2003 season defeating Brackley Town over two legs in the final. However, the ever-changing ground grading requirements, if the club was to remain in the Hellenic League, and the financial strain these improvements imposed on the Club forced Tuffley Rovers to make the decision to withdraw from the Hellenic League in 2005 and settle for local football in Gloucestershire.

After a difficult start Rovers were crowned champions of Division 2 of the Northern Senior League in the 2005/2006 season and were promoted to Division 1. After a slow start the team put together a consistent run and managed to claim the Division 1 Title as well as win the GFA Senior Amateur Cup and reach the final of the Reg Davis Memorial League Cup.

A return to the Gloucestershire County League followed and the club finished a very creditable 4th place (2007/8) but the summer of 2008 saw a number of senior players retire. Over the next few seasons, an evolving squad finished 11th, 3rd, 6th and 3rd in the County League, before the 2012/13 Season marked an improvement for the club. After challenging for league championship honours all season, the club couldn't quite maintain the form to secure the title, finishing second. However, this was enough to gain promotion to the Hellenic League Division One (West) for the 2013/14 season.

On their return to the Hellenic League, The Rovers saw a season that witnessed some turmoil – including the departure of manager, Doug Foxwell – to record a decent sixth place finish and some good cup results. This was followed up with the Runners'-up spot in 2014/15 and promotion back to the Hellenic Premier Division, exactly ten years after they had withdrawn from the League.

The first season saw a struggle against relegation, ultimately resulting in the resignation of Warren Evans as manager, before the club retained their status due to a vacancy in the league, after finishing 17th . Mark Pritchett was then appointed as Player/Manager and took the side to consecutive 10th placed finishes, before a 15th place finish in 2018/19. Two pandemic affected seasons then passed, with Pritchett leaving the club part-way through. Rich Cox took over as Manager for a single season, but resigned midway through 2021/22 after a disastrous run of results. Former Manchester United player Neil Mustoe then took over, steering the club away from danger (finishing in 17th place).

Since the resumption of full-playing activities, Mustoe has had one full campaign, with the club finishing in 18th place and narrowly avoiding relegation from the Hellenic League Premier Division.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Good afternoon and we welcome to all players, officials and supporters from Thornbury Town to Glevum Park in what promises to be a big game for both teams.

After the disappointment of last week's result we hope we can get a result today and pick up some valuable points.

Performances over the last few weeks have not been too bad and we look like creating and scoring goals, with the additions of Brad Bevan and Karnell Chambers. Disappointingly where we were strong defensively it hasn't been the case recently. Having been 2-0 up in two of the last three games and come away with nothing both times is a huge disappointment against two of the top eight sides in the table.

We have a run of games now up to Christmas that we are looking to pick up 6-9 points from, which I believe is possible and given the way we have performed lately this is something achievable. We must take the positives and get the balance right in the team to get the results required.

We will have Pritch available again after suspension, but we are still missing a few with injury who could all start, but we don't want to rush them back as I believe the squad is strong enough and having those players fully fit will add competition when all are available.

We have had success twice already against today's opponents this season so should be confident in getting a result and the 3 points, however no game at this level is easy and we know nothing but our best will be enough.

Fingers crossed for a positive result and I hope you can enjoy the game.

- **Muzz** #uptherovers





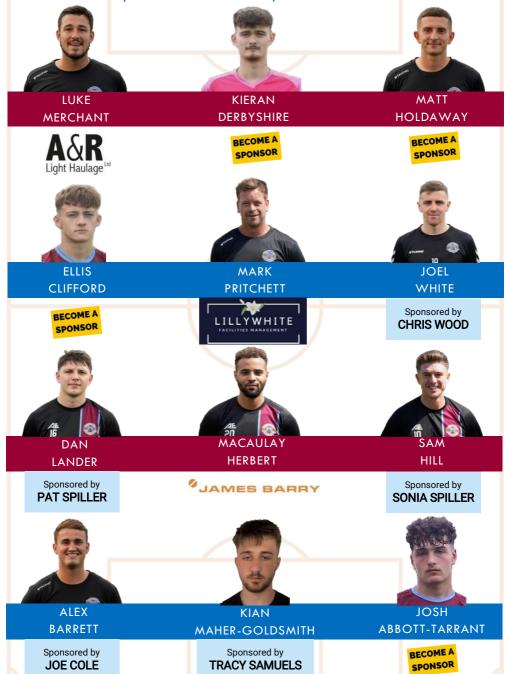
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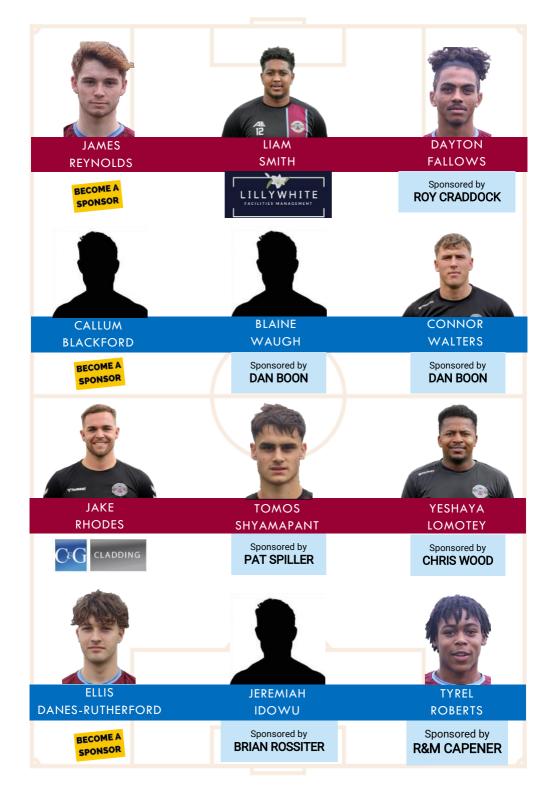
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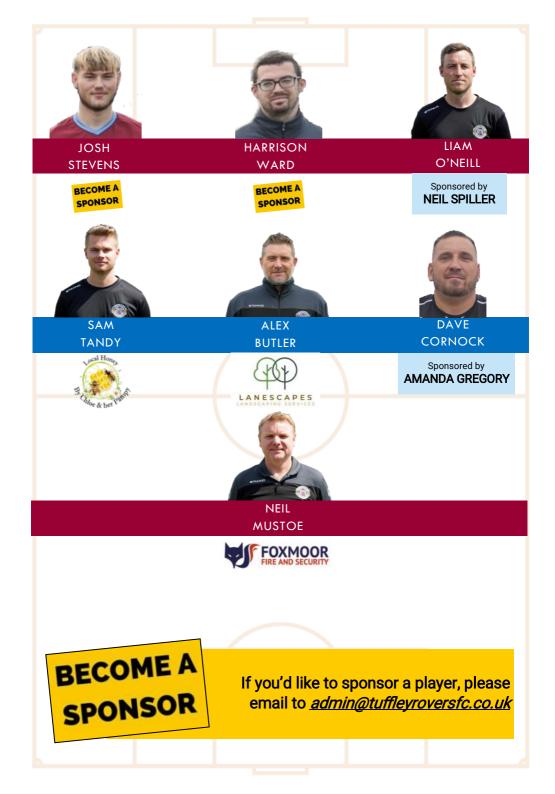
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Luke Merchant

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.

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.

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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

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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!

Statistics 2023/24

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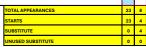
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HALF-TIME QUIZ: BREAK FOR FIVE

Grab a cup of tea and something to eat, then spend the five minutes of your halftime break trying to answer these questions. As ever, there is a theme and in this edition, and we thought we'd look at questions and answers relating to players who are Tuff (well, tough!) or Thorns...

1. One of the most legendary hard men in football was a player who turned out for nine Football League clubs, including Colchester United, Cambridge United and Southend United in a career that saw him given a record-breaking 22 red cards and release his autobiography "Red Card Roy" in 2012. Can you name the tough guy?

2. Seen here celebrating a goal for Crystal Palace, but perhaps more famous for being a member of the 1988 Wimbledon FA Cup winning side. Who is he?

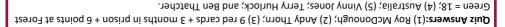
3. Duncan Ferguson, who played for Glasgow Rangers, Everton, Newcastle United and Dundee United before going on to manage Gloucestershire side Forest Green Rovers. He was considered one of football's toughest men and spent time in prison, received a bevvy of red cards and was feared by many. He wasn't quite so successful at FGR. If you add his number of red cards, to his months in prison (the sentence, rather than time served) and points at Forest Green, what number do you get to?

4. Thornbury Athletic football club, whose badge is pictured, are a semiprofessional club who play their domestic football in which country?

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5. Can you name these players who were perhaps better known for their tough play, rather than their footballing prowess?









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HISTORY



It is understood that football has been played in Thornbury from around 1898 and formerly known as Thornbury Sports became Thornbury Town FC in the early 1970's.

1968-69 we became founder members of the Gloucestershire County League and spectator figures in excess of 500 were regularly recorded. In 1971 the club finished third in the Gloucestershire County League and was accepted into the Western League. However, due to difficulties in bringing the facilities up to the leagues required standards were unable to take the next step up. Relegation to the Bristol Premier Combination League unfortunately followed in 1976-77.

The following 20+ years saw Thornbury Town strive to regain their former status, never really threatening to take the Premier Combination title. The only success during these lean years was reaching the final of the GFA Senior Amateur Cup in 1985-86 and 1989-90 unfortunately on both occasions loser's medals were received.

During the late 1990's, the Club maintained its strong focus on developing local talent and this eventually bore fruit in 1999 when the final of the Stroud Charity Cup was reached, losing narrowly to Dursley Town. 2001-02 season saw the management team of Dave Wiffill and Steve Burbage take the reins, which brought instant success winning the Bristol Premier Combination title by 13 points and a return to the Gloucestershire County League. This followed a run of thirteen consecutive league wins a club record, which still stands to this day. The league and cup double eluded the club when they were defeated by Sea Mills in the League Cup Final.

In preparation for the return to County League football the summer of 2002 saw a lot of hard work undertaken on the Mundy facilities with the building of dug-outs, improved drainage and revamping of the dressing rooms. All this work appeared to have been worth while with the club establishing itself back in the Gloucestershire County league with a creditable 7th league position for the next three seasons. Silverware did come our way in 2003-04 when we defeated Taverners on penalties, after a 2-2 draw, to lift the Stroud Charity Cup. The 2003-04 season, also saw the formation of an Under-18's side in order to maintain Youth development within the club and they gained entry to the Gloucester County Youth League.

Following a number of indifferent seasons when relegation back to the Bristol Premier Combination league was only just averted in 2006–07, a new management committee and first team management were appointed. Dave Lippiatt took over as first team manager, coming to the club from Sea Mills Park bringing with him Carl Derosa as his assistant. With an initial three / four year strategy, which came to fruition during the 2009-10 season when after a steady first half to the season a tremendous winning run of ten league games saw the Surridge Gloucestershire County League title won for the first time in the clubs history. 2010 also saw the milestone achievement of the long awaited coming together of the two local football clubs "Thornbury Town FC" and "Thornbury Falcons FC" now under one club management umbrella of Thornbury Town FC without losing the heritage and identity of Thornbury Falcons. This will further enhance the long term development within the local community for junior, youth and senior football.

In the 2010-11 season the final of the Les James Cup Final was reached, which resulted in a penalty shoot-out disappointment against Henbury Town. 2013-14 saw the U18's in their highest league position in the Gloucestershire County Youth League finishing runners-up, which was a tremendous achievement for the team and managers Simon Pirie and Mark Franklin.

The 2014-15 season was a very successful season finishing 4th in the league and winning the Les James Cup for the first time in the Club's history. Andy Davies continued to produce a team of quality which resulted in a third 4th-place in a row in Season 2016-17. 2017-18 saw the club finally succeed in their quest win the Gloucestershire County League. After a lot of work behind the scenes to gain planning permission for the required ground improvements, the club were accepted into the Hellenic League for the first time in our history.

Our first season in the Hellenic League saw us finish a creditable 3rd in Div 1 West and win the Supplementary Cup. 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons were ruled null and void due to the Coronavirus pandemic with the team poised to gain promotion. A restructuring of the football pyramid has placed us in the Hellenic Premier Division. With a management team of Richard Joyce and Gary Kemp in place we look forward to the season ahead and wish all teams the best of luck in their endeavours.



APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Saturday, 9 December 2023 (includes selected list of former players)

We saw home debuts for several players last Saturday as Brad Bevan, Karnell Chambers and Josh Radford all made a first appearance at Glevum Park in our defeat against Slimbridge. In scoring on his home debut, Karnell Chambers followed on the achievement of Manolo Marquez Espada, who also scored on his first home appearance for the club earlier this season.

They are both a long way behind Warren Mann's record for a current squad member – he has 85 goals to his name – although our long-serving player only has one goal to his name in the 2023/24 season, meaning all three players are tied in our goalscoring chart. Top of that chart this season is Connor Walters (pictured celebrating with Wazza), with 8 goals this season, although he took until his fourth home appearance to get a first goal for the club, although he's scored 7 of his 8 at home. The only away goal was at....Slimbridge. A nice connection between those statistics, you might think.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	107	30	Lander, Daniel	42	1
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Lomotey, Yeshaya	57	8
Barrett, Alex	20	0	Mace, Ryley	19	1
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Marquez Espada, Manolo	2	1
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Martin, Jamie	5	2
Bevan, Bradley	3	0	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Birkett, Henry	110	8	Mann, Warren	523	85
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	McGuirk, Callum	64	0
Chambers, Karnell	2	1	Merchant, Luke	103	0
Clifford, Ellis	3	0	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Danes-Rutherford, Ellis	1	0	Payne, Nathan	2	0
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Poole, Bradley	8	0
Fallows, Dayton	5	0	Pritchett, Mark	168	27
Ford, Mark	164	61	Radford, Joshua	2	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Rhodes, Jake	63	21
Griffin, Tyrese	5	0	Roberts, Tyrel	5	0
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Shyamapant, Tomos	44	3
Harper-Emerson, Max	9	0	Smith, Liam	62	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Hoffland, Robin	7	0	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Holdaway, Matt	4	0	Twyman, Jack	19	0
Herbert, Macaulay	276	10	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	47	2	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	127	9	Walters, Connor	27	8
James, Brett	186	64	White, Jake	14	2
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.

On (or around) this day in history...



Current records date back, fairly accurately, to the 2007/08 season and although there are a few gaps stopping us having a full set of data, it gives us the opportunity to include a new programme feature that allows us to reflect on days gone by and fixtures on, or around, today's date.

Since those records began, we've only had one game on 16 December but other fixtures around the date that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on this particular day...

15 December 2007

Henbury recorded just their second win of the season as they secured a 3-2 win over Tuffley Rovers in the Les James League Cup 2nd Round. Rovers made a bright start and were arguably the better side in the first half but their finishing was poor and nine minutes before the interval Henbury took the lead through Aaron Rosser's strike.

The game remained highly competitive but it was the hosts extended their lead on 75 minutes, as substitute Gary Clark created an opening for Pat Mathison to give Henbury a 2-0 lead. Another substitute, Scott Bamford, then scored another to make it 3-0.

Although Mark Wallington and then Lee Wallington both scored in the closing moments, it wasn't enough and Rovers' cup hopes ended as Henbury advanced.

Squad: Mark Harris; Robert Cook; Leone Cornwall; Mark Patterson; Martin Middlecote; Peter Thomas; Marcus Goodge; Mark Wallington; Patrick Boyd; Ollie Everitt; Warren Mann. **Subs used**: Lee Wallington; Jon Corbett.

17 December 2016

Tuffley Rovers put in an impressive performance at high-flying Thatcham Town on Saturday, securing an excellent 2-2 draw in the process. First half goals from Ashley Davies and Shayne Bradley gave Rovers a two goal lead but a penalty from Shane Cooper -Clark early in the second half, then a fantastic finish from Lewis Brownhill made it 2-2 moments later. Both sides pressed for a win but Rovers held out for a valuable point, despite Mark Pritchett's red-card late in the game seeing them reduced to ten-men.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Macaulay Herbert; Marcus Foxwell; Jamie Goodwin; Ashley Davies; Shayne Bradley; Liam Wright; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Gareth Jones; Harry Walker; Mark Pritchett.

16 December 2017

Thatcham Town underlined their Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division title credentials, with an emphatic display of clinical finishing that blew away Mark Pritchett's side at Glevum Park on Saturday, in a match that saw 14 cautions issued, seven to each side, with two players dismissed.

Rovers started brightly but trailed 3-0 by the time the interval came, and the visitors added four more goals in the second half, during which both sides were reduced to tenmen, to give them a comprehensive, if not slightly flattering 7-0 victory.

Squad: Kane Winman; Sam Hill; Marcus Foxwell; Shayne Anson; Joel White; Courtney Hamilton; Brett James; Kieran Alder; Shayne Bradley; Ashley Bird; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Macaulay Herbert; Alex O'Leary.

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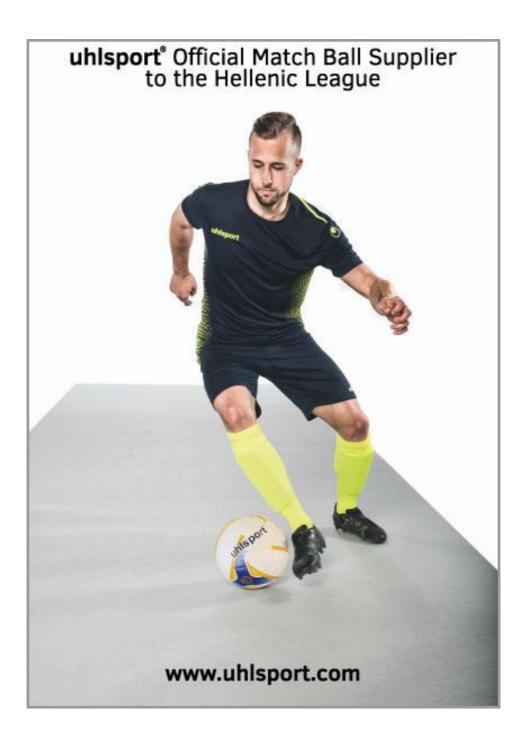


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Luke Merchant ©	1	Adam Clark
Warren Mann	2	Joe Guest
Alex Barrett	3	Matt Toghill
Mark Pritchett	4	Nathan Sage ©
Macaulay Herbert	5	Shomali Sengor
Callum McGuirk	6	Fraser Moss
Jake White	7	James Brock
Henry Birkett	8	Luke Franklin
Connor Walters	9	Harry Brock
Karnell Chambers	10	Stan Wyatt
Bradley Bevan	11	Joe McLaughlin
Tyrese Griffin	12	Harry Walton
Jack Twyman	14	Tom Sage
Joshua Radford	15	Rich Lee
Daniel Lander	16	Luke Garbacz
Liam Smith	17	Dan Parry
Joel White	18	Ollie Rawnsley
Sam Hill	19	Tom Webb
Ellis Clifford	20	Marcus Wormwell
Yeshaya Lomotey	21	Bailey Croome
Tomos Shyamapant	22	Mackenzie Welsh
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