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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Happy New Year! Here is hoping 2024 is a good year for everyone (is that possible?) and especially kind to everyone associated to Tuffley Rovers AFC. Thank you to everyone who backed us, in any way, during 2023.

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

We don't have a great record against Corsham Town and we suffered a defeat when we visited them earlier this season. That having been said, after a poor first half we were very competitive in the second period and that gives me a little hope for today's game. Our visitors are one of the best sides in the division and I am not expecting anything less than a really tough afternoon; the outcome of which will depend on how tough we make it for the opposition, who will definitely provide us with a challenge.

Since I last wrote, we've had some good results and performances (NB: I write before Saturday's trip to Brimscombe, so things might feel better or worse after that!!) and it takes a lot of pressure off everyone if we start to look up, rather than down the league table. At the start of the season we had aspirations for a mid-table finish and I still believe we can achieve that. Games like this one today offer a chance to get a valuable, unanticipated point and hopefully that takes more pressure off the squad and management team. It is the games against other teams at our end of the table, and just above, that we need to win if at all possible.

Off the field, 2024 should see us finish the renovations of our off-site social club and the monkey on our back since 2013 should be gone! Since we purchased the site on Tuffley Lane ten years' ago we've always wanted to extend our offer and this should be the year when it finally happens, all being well.

There are some great people working hard to make this club better. I hope 2024 is a year when patience and commitment is properly rewarded and we can celebrate more than we commiserate.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Cinderford Town v Roman Glass St. George
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Hereford Pegasus v Slimbridge
Lydney Town v Wantage Town

Pershore Town v Brimscombe & Thrupp

Worcester City v Highworth Town

Worcester Raiders v Mangotsfield United

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to Glevum Park. First of all, can I wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope everyone had the chance to enjoy the festive period with friends and loved ones.

Today, I will offer a warm welcome to our opponents Corsham Town and their players, coaching staff, committee and supporters.

I am writing this before our fixture against Brimscombe and Thrupp, which I feel is, barring a Christmas miracle, likely to be postponed due to the weather over the weekend. However, if it does go ahead, then it was a fantastic victory or a very unlucky loss!!:)

Prior to the Brimscombe game we have managed an excellent three points at our local rivals Longlevens, which is long overdue and we won the game convincingly after going a goal behind. Sadly, I couldn't be at the game to see how much it meant.

We played Wantage on the Saturday before and found ourselves two goals behind in only eight minutes. A Jake White goal in the 90th minute meant we left with all three points and a much needed lift in the league. A point the week before against Thornbury in a game that was a ugly to watch, as you could ever imagine has meant we have built some momentum and Muzzy is having to leave players out week in, week out now which is excellent in terms of competition for places.

We know today will be as tough as any challenge we will face against the title chasers and a team that is always very strong. Even a point today will seem like a victory, so fingers crossed for an exciting game of football here.

I hope everyone enjoys the game and hospitality here today and a safe journey 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 a Happy New Year to you all, as we welcome everyone to the first game of 2024 at Glevum Park and we host Corsham Town.

A warm welcome to all their players, officials and supporters who make the journey here today, in what I hope will be an entertaining game and a good start to the New Year.

Boxing Day was unofficially my two-year anniversary as manager and what a way to celebrate it with a well deserved win against our local rivals, Longlevens!!

I write this before our fixture at Brimscombe & Thrupp and I am hoping we will have added to our seven points from our last three games, which has been more pleasing as we have had to come from behind in all three games to get a result.

Corsham Town are always strong and it is always a tough encounter. Without Worcester City in the league this year they would probably have been favourites to win it and I'm sure they will want to put pressure on City and push them all the way. We, however, will want to continue our run and momentum and kick start the New Year in the right way. The squad is strong at the moment and it is difficult to leave players out but competition is good as it brings out the best in you.

I hope you enjoy the game.

- **Muzz** #uptherovers









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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 never played on this particular date, 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...

5 January 2008

Tuffley Rovers moved back into second spot in the Gloucestershire County League with a 2-1 success at Thornbury Town.

Thornbury took the lead on 10 minutes, from a Pete Fowler header, but Mark Wallington levelled on 20 minutes. The winner came from the penalty spot in the 70th minute after Paul Taylor who had just come on as a sub committed a foul in the area and Ben Surman netted from the spot to give Rovers the points.

Squad: Mark Harris; Lee Wallington; Ben Surman; Robert Cook; Leone Cornwall; Jon Corbett; Mark Wallington; Peter Thomas; Adam Hacker; Ollie Everitt; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Martin Middlecote; Marcus Goodge.

7 January 2012

Tuffley Rovers closed the gap on league leaders, Henbury, as they recorded an excellent 4-2 victory at Glevum Park. Johnny Meadows opened the scoring, before Henbury equalised. Rovers then scored three more – through Dean Gorman, Shayne Bradley and Jivan Bryan-Munroe - before a late Henbury goal reduced the arrears.



Squad: Mark Harris; Dean Gorman; Richard James; Liam Harding; Michael Oakes; Marcus Foxwell; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann; Johnny Meadows; Stuart Griffith. **Subs used**: Jivan Bryan-Munroe; Mark Ford.

5 January 2013

Tuffley Rovers continued to lead the Gloucestershire County League table after a 2-0 victory over Henbury.

Shayne Bradley, who had been suffering from an injury for some time, played through the pain barrier and was rewarded when he opened the scoring for Rovers in the 39th minute from close range.

It was Bradley involved again with the second goal, setting up debutant Nathen King to net in the 61st minute, giving Rovers the perfect start to the New Year.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Elliot King; Antoine Thompson; Marcus Foxwell; Richard James; Leone Cornwall; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Michael Oakes; Shayne Bradley; Nathen King. **Subs used:** Warren Mann; Mark Ford.

7 January 2017

Tuffley Rovers continued their good Hellenic League Premier Division form as they swept aside Brackley Town Saints 5-0 at Glevum Park. Two goals from Warren Mann and a Jamie Goodwin effort made it 3-0 at the interval. Mann completed his hat-trick in the second half, with Goodwin also

getting another to complete the rout.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Marcus Foxwell; Ben Tunnicliff; Jamie Goodwin; Harry Walker; Ryan Dobbins; Liam Wright; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Jake Sloggett; Courtney Hamilton; Ashley Davies.



5 January 2019

Tuffley Rovers earned a valuable point, for the second successive Saturday, as they shared six goals with visitors Holmer Green, in a most enthralling encounter at Glevum Park.

Shayne Bradley scored within 54 seconds of the game starting, but Curtis Stone equalised for the visitors. Bradley's second – a penalty – was quickly followed by a second leveller from Eliot Britton, as the teams traded goals. Dean Powles then gave the visitors the lead for the first time, but Dean Munday's own goal restored parity with half an hour to play. Amazingly, that was the end of the scoring and the game finished 3-3.

Squad: Kane Winman; Luke Payne; Sam Hill; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Tyreece Briscoe; Kieran Alder; Jack Phillips; Shayne Bradley; Ryan Dobbins; Will Dawes. **Subs used**: Warren Mann; Brett James.

4 January 2020

A rare Isaac Lawrence goal proved enough to help Tuffley Rovers advance in the GFA Challenge Trophy, as they defeated Hardwicke 1-0 at Green Lane. It appeared as though the interval would arrive without Rovers' pressure providing a telling moment, but they finally broke down Hardwicke's resistance moments before half-time, when Ben Prictor's cross was palmed down by Tom Kaye, under pressure from Jake Rhodes, and Lawrence smashed the ball home from close range.

Rovers should have extended their lead, as they were camped in their hosts' half during the second period but were restricted to a handful of wayward shots that left Kaye a spectator.

Squad: Luke Merchant; Isaac Lawrence; Ben Prictor; Miles Ferguson; Macaulay Herbert; Jake Rhodes; Harri John; Tyreece Briscoe; Niall Priday; Lewis Bainbridge; Jack Beardsell. **Subs used**: Jeremiah Idowu; Antoine Thompson.

8 January 2022

Seventy-four days, eleven Hellenic League games or after 990 minutes of football, Tuffley Rovers finally recorded a Premier Division victory on Saturday, Neil Mustoe's first as team manager, albeit with the scoreline ultimately not as emphatic as it might have been, or probably should have been, as his team almost wasted a three goal lead, before running out 3-2 winners over Shrivenham.





Bristol Rovers' work experience player, Harvey Greenslade scored twice on his debut, including a goal in the first 60 seconds, and might have had a hat-trick but his second-half spot-kick was saved. Dominik Kent made it 3-0, with 19 minutes to go, and Rovers looked to be cruising to victory, but late goals from Tim Cook and Ash Taylor made for a tense finish, before the final whistle ended Rovers' wait for victory.

Squad: Jack Copland; Will Ramsey; Liam Wright; Jacob Geddes; Joel White; Ashley Davies; Joshua Aldridge; Dominik Kent; Ashley Bird; Lewis Bainbridge; Harvey Greenslade. **Subs used:** Joe Shutt; Jack Beardsell; Sam Mendes.

Statistics 2023/24

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^{***}Tuffley Rovers won 5-4 on penalties

Goalscorers			
Walters, Connor	9	Hicks, Sammie	1
Rhodes, Jake	5	Marquez Espada, Minolo	1
Pritchett, Mark	4	Mann, Warren	1
Alder, Kieran	4	Martin, Jamie	1
Chambers, Karnell	4	Birkett, Henry	1
White, Jake	4	Lomotey, Yeshaya	1
Shyamapant, Tomos	2	Radford, Joshua	1

^{*}Tuffley Rovers won 4-1 on penalties

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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.

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.

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.

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 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.

Tyrese Griffin Defence

Recently signed from Hartpury University. Leftsided player who is comfortable on the ball and works hard for the team. Can play further forward.

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Dan Lander Defence

Debut in 2022/23 after returning to the club following a spell at Quedgeley Wanderers. A good club man, who gives his all in every game. Offers height, strength and determination at centre-half, Knows his role in the side and rarely lets the team down. A real competitor, who gives his all.

Sam Hill Defence

A full-back who returned to the club this season, after living in Dubai in recent years. Has now made over 130 appearances for the club and offers intelligence and leadership amongst other attributes. Not a frequent goalscorer but offers a good option from set-pieces and is comfortable on the ball, as well as hardworking, meaning he can't offer an option higher up the pitch.

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!

Max Harper-Emerson Defence/Midfield

Joined in 2023 - 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 injury problems behind him and challenge for a regular place in the side.

Jake White Midfield

Signed from Longlevens, where he had a short spell after time at Roman Glass St. George and Weston-Super-Mare. Offers more of an attacking option than several of his rivals for the place in the middle of the park and is a regular goalscorer.

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.

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been used at full-back, he is a hard-working

secure place in the midfield positions.

midfielder, who looks comfortable on the ball.

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Callum McGuirk

Midfield

Signed from Longlevens in 2022, where he'd largely 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

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.

Jack Twyman

Midfield

'Twy' has played at a good level, with plenty of Southern League experience at Slimbridge and Yate Town. Calm on the ball, creative, destructive...has all the qualities of a top midfielder.

Joshua Radford

Forward

Another recent signing from Hartpury University who is a pacy wide player who has previously been at Tiverton Town. Likely to create and convert goals if his early performances are a sign of things to come.

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. Quick, strong and full of trickery, this mercurial talent could be a really fantastic addition to the Rovers squad. A goalscoring threat but also works hard for the team.

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.

Karnell Chambers

Forward

Experienced at a higher level, this is a player who Neil Mustoe was delighted to sign in November 2023. Has previously been at Gloucester City, Hungerford Town, North Leigh, as well as a spell overseas, and is a goalscorer equally at home wide or in the middle.

Brad Bevan

Forward

Recent signing from Fairford Town. Incredibly hardworking and tenacious, a real team player. Runs all day and although he isn't a prolific goalscorer is already looking like an excellent signing. Can play wide or down the centre.

Neil Mustoe

Manager

Appointed as Manager in January 2022, took the club away from relegation fears in 2021/22, before successfully battling against relegation in 2022/23. Spent many years as a professional at Manchester United, Wigan Athletic, Cambridge United, Stevenage and Yeovil Town, before over 350 appearances for Gloucester City. Previous coaching experience with City before a spell away from the game until his appointment with The Rovers.

Liam O'Neill

Assistant Manager

Appointed as Assistant Manager in 2023, after a spell as Manager at Frampton United. Liam is still in the formative stage of his coaching journey but will offer great support to Muzzy.

Sam Tandy

Physio

New for 2023/24 and son of legendary Gloucester City physio Ade Tandy. Can play as a keeper!



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HALF-TIME QUIZ: BREAK FOR FIVE

Grab a cup of tea and something to eat, then spend the five minutes of your half-time break trying to answer these questions. As ever, there is a theme and in this edition we look at questions and answers relating to New Years' Day football and New Years' Day related facts...

- 1. On New Years' Day in 1983, which English World Cup winning player left Southampton and moved to Bristol Rovers on a free transfer?
- 2. On 1 January 1990 a Division Two fixture at Newcastle United ended 4-1 to the visitors, with the man pictured scoring all four goals for his club. Can you name him and the club he was playing for on that day?



- 3. Which two English clubs share the record for the biggest points lead in the English Premier League on New Years' Day and, for a bonus point, what was the number of points that separated each of them from their nearest challenger?
- 4. Which player was Knighted in the New Years' Honours list of 1965, whilst still playing at Stoke City, one month short of his 50th birthday?
- 5. Can you name the six players who were all born on 1 January and can you put them into chronological order by date of birth (oldest to most recent)?



Quiz Answers:(1) Alan Ball; (2) Steve Bull; (3) Manchester City held a 14 point lead on 1 January 2018, which matched Manchester United's achievement on 1 January 1994; (4) Sir Stanley Matthews; (5) a – Jack Wilshere, 1992 / b – Lilian Thuram, 1972 / c – Abdoulaye Docoure, 1993 / d – Davor Suker, 1968 / (e) Roberto Rivelino, 1946 / (f) Tony Currie, 1950 – meaning the correct order is e, f, d, b, a, c.





CLUB HISTORY

The earliest record found of Corsham Football Club is 1878 with the club becoming affiliated to the Football Association in 1893. Over the years, the team has often been referred to as the Quarrymen due to the high level of quarrying in and around Corsham.

In March 1894, the first Wiltshire Football League was formed with the original member clubs being Bradford, Calne, Chippenham, Corsham, Southbroom (Devizes), Melksham, Trowbridge Town, and Warminster. At the end of the 1894/95 season Corsham would be the inaugural champions, winning the league on goal average over Southbroom, helped by an emphatic 17 - 1 win over Calne in their final game. Promotion was achieved to the Western League at the end of the 1997/98 season after winning the county league by goal difference from Devizes Town Reserves.

Ground improvements continued under the chairmanship of Colin Hudd, floodlights were installed in 2001, a 112 spectator stand erected and hard standing laid around the pitch perimeter.

2006/07 season saw Corsham Town winning the Western League Premier Division, which was hotly contested by many teams, including Bridgwater Town and Frome Town. The club also added a third successive Wiltshire Senior Cup victory, again over local rivals Melksham Town.

Due to the Covid pandemic the 2019/20 season was declared null and void by the Football Association on 26th March 2020. The 2020/21 season saw Keiran Baggs becoming the new manager with Gary Higdon as his assistant. Unfortunately, after 10 league games the 2020/21 was curtailed by the FA due to the Covid pandemic. Despite the last two seasons being affected by Covid, the FA went ahead with planned restructuring of the Non-League Pyramid. The results from 2019/20 & 2021/21 were combined and this meant that Corsham Town were promoted.

The 2021/22 season Finished in a very creditable 5th position in the Hellenic League Premier Division and reaching the final of the Wiltshire Premier Shield Cup played at the County Ground against Swindon Supermarine. Last season the club reached the semi-final of the FA Vase, with visitors Ascot Utd winning 4 - 5 on penalties after the full-time score was 2 - 2 in front of a club record breaking 1,736 spectators. A very respectful 3rd place finish in the league was also achieved.

APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Tuesday, 26 December 2023 (includes selected list of former players)

If our 30 December game at Brimscombe & Thrupp goes ahead (which, at the time of writing is looking unlikely, given the weather!) these figures will be a little out of date (only a little!) and it could be an opportunity for Tomos Shyamapant's 50th first team appearance today. However, nothing there can be guaranteed, so we will focus instead on congratulating Kieran Alder who is now 7th on our goalscoring list for the period from 2007 onwards, after he moved to 31 competitive goals on Tuesday at Longlevens.



Kieran had overtaken Mark Wallington, to achieve 7th place, when he scored the winner at Hereford Lads Club and is now just one behind Marcus Foxwell, who scored 32 times between 2007 and 2018. Time is definitely on Kieran's side if he wants to make his way further up the list – here's hoping that the goals continue to flow for our playmaker!

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	109	31	Lander, Daniel	43	1
Alleyne, Jasper	1	0	Lomotey, Yeshaya	58	8
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Mace, Ryley	19	1
Barrett, Alex	24	0	Marquez Espada, Manolo	2	1
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Martin, Jamie	5	2
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Bevan, Bradley	6	0	Mann, Warren	525	85
Birkett, Henry	112	8	McGuirk, Callum	68	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Merchant, Luke	106	0
Chambers, Karnell	6	4	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Clifford, Ellis	3	0	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	Payne, Nathan	2	0
Danes-Rutherford, Ellis	1	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Poole, Bradley	8	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Pritchett, Mark	171	27
Fallows, Dayton	5	0	Radford, Joshua	5	1
Ford, Mark	164	61	Rhodes, Jake	63	21
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Roberts, Tyrel	5	0
Griffin, Tyrese	7	0	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Shyamapant, Tomos	48	3
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Smith, Liam	64	1
Harper-Emerson, Max	9	0	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hoffland, Robin	7	0	Twyman, Jack	21	0
Holdaway, Matt	4	0	Victor, Harry	1	0
Herbert, Macaulay	279	10	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	48	2	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	129	9	Walters, Connor	31	9
James, Brett	186	64	White, Jake	16	4
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	123	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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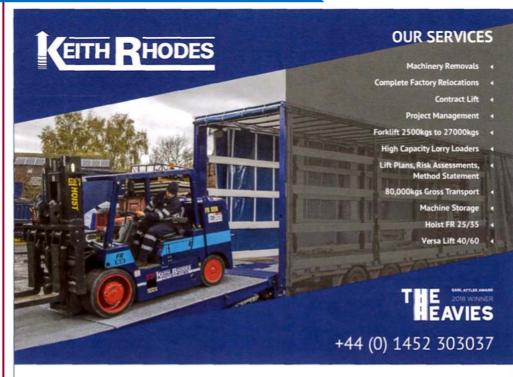
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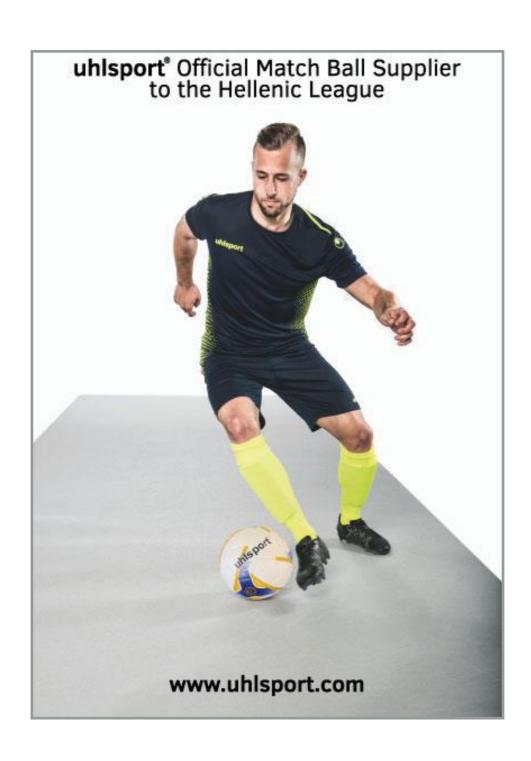


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Neil Mustoe Liam O'Neill

Sam Hill

Joshua Radford

Yeshaya Lomotey

Jack Twyman

Ellis Clifford

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

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