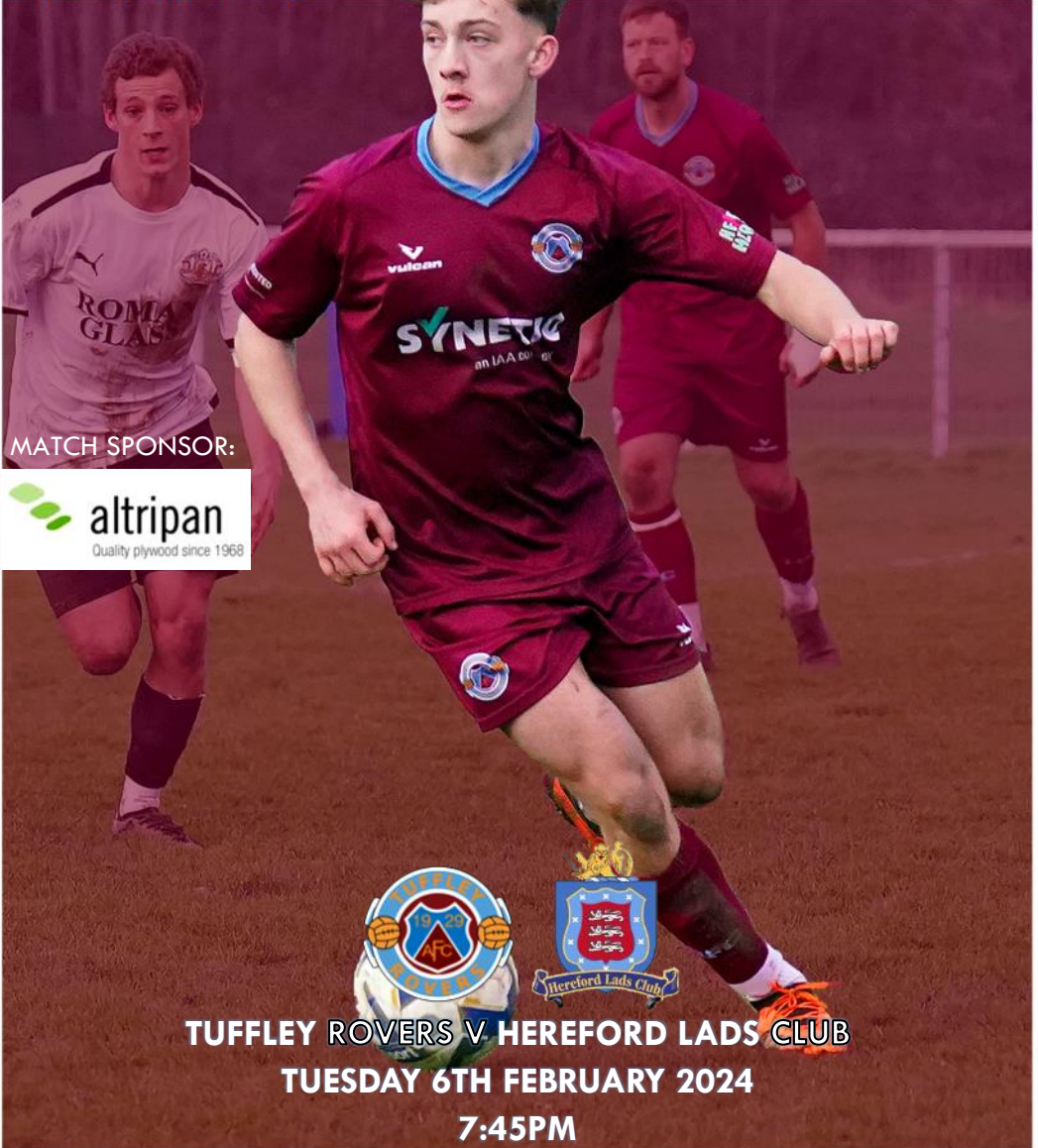


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TUFFLEY ROVERS V HEREFORD LADS CLUB

TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2024

7:45PM

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION





# EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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

We are on a good run of form coming into tonight's game, which is a great thing to be able to say. The performances have deserved the points we've earned, whether it is down to moments of quality or application and effort, particularly in the defensive third of the field. We've been on a bit of a journey with Muzzy as our manager and I think where we are now is a reflection of his commitment to getting it right, at a pace that works for the club, rather than his own good or reputation. To put that in some context, this is his record as our manager (in all competitions) since his first official game on 3 January 2022:

Season	P	W	D	L	F	A	Win %
2021/22	17	3	3	11	18	39	17.6%
2022/23	50	14	8	28	69	106	28.0%
2023/24	40	11	10	19	51	66	27.5%

Then look at the last 15 games, which started with a win against Hereford Lads Club on 28 November 2023:

Season	P	W	D	L	F	A	Win %
Last 15 games	15	6	3	11	22	18	40.0%

That looks like progress – we aren't conceding as many goals and have outscored our opponents over the last 15 games, helping us to a win percentage that looks incredibly impressive. The trick for the squad is continuing that ratio (or improving on it) between now and the end of the season.

Tonight's visitors have been tough opposition in our games against them since we first met competitively in 2021/22, although their three wins have all come at home, whilst two of our three wins have been at home (with Kieran Alder's goal at their place securing our first victory at Lads Club in November's cup tie). I'd be happy if we could continue that excellent home record tonight; not least because it will further improve our hopes of climbing the league during the remainder of this season.

Statistics only tell you so much, but it feels like we are heading in the right direction. In Muzzy we trust!

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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## TODAY'S FIXTURES

Uhtsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Cinderford Town v Mangotsfield United

Slimbridge v Hereford Pegasus

Thornbury Town v Longlevens

Wantage Town v Worcester Raiders

# CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Good evening and a very warm welcome to Glevum Park. Welcome to our opponents Hereford Lads Club and their players, coaching staff, committee and supporters.

Since my last programme notes, we have been a terrific run picking up 7 points out of a possible 9, against three play-off contenders in Roman Glass, Highworth and Pershore. Unfortunately, I was unable to make the games against Highworth and Pershore, but it feels when I am not at the games, we pick up more points on the road. Food for thought there for me, I think!!

Those involved in running the club have said, for some time, that this squad is good enough to compete against the teams higher up the league and the last couple of weeks have proven that. We have gone unbeaten in the last four league games and our point against Mangotsfield United now looks like a good point gained, especially with the form they are in, fast becoming another team in contention of a play-off spot. We now need to kick on, starting with tonight's game, and put as many points between us and the teams below us as possible.

We have a bumper programme of games over the course of this week here at Glevum Park - following this evening's game we have an U18's fixture on Thursday night, followed by Dave Cornock's Development Squad hosting Longlevens Reserves in a GFA County Cup quarter-final game, which promises to be a cracking game. As we don't have a first team game that day, it will be a good chance for us to get as many supporters here as possible on Saturday to support the lads in that game.

I hope you enjoy the game and hospitality here this evening and have a safe journey 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 evening and welcome to all players, officials and supporters from Hereford Lads Club to Glevum Park.

We go into tonight's match high on confidence after picking up eight points from four tough games, at the end of a very tough programme in January.

We have had some battling displays and glimpse of quality but Saturday's game we had a mix of it all and were worthy winners. It was a good performance and we were able to give a Hellenic League debut to Harry Victor in goal, who did everything he needed to do, very well, but it said something about the quality of the team performance that he didn't have that much to do. He was protected by a very strong defence in front of him, with the quality filtering right through the team and that, along with quality from the bench when we needed to freshen things up, carried us to victory.

We must make sure we go into tonight's march with the right attitude, as home performances and results need to be better; although it's difficult to compare our home and away form, as we have nearly completed our away games and still have seven to play at home. Hopefully we can get the right result and performance tonight to kick start a winning home run.

The squad is strong and we have been able to rotate a few carrying niggles and the same will happen tonight.

I hope you can enjoy the game.

**- Muzz**

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# HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 3 February 2024

Pos	Team	Home					Away					Overall									
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Worcester City	25	10	3	1	45	10	10	1	0	34	10	20	4	1	79	20	59	64	59	64
2	Corsham Town	29	11	2	2	41	13	8	5	1	23	11	19	7	3	64	24	40	64	40	64
3	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	28	7	3	2	18	13	10	0	6	31	28	17	3	8	49	41	8	54	8	54
4	Slimbridge	29	6	2	6	30	33	9	3	3	34	17	15	5	9	64	50	14	50	14	50
5	Fairford Town	28	5	5	4	18	17	8	4	2	28	13	13	9	6	46	30	16	48	16	48
6	Roman Glass St George	28	7	2	7	26	26	8	0	4	28	15	15	2	11	54	41	13	47	13	47
7	Highworth Town	25	8	2	1	24	8	5	3	6	22	24	13	5	7	46	32	14	44	14	44
8	Mangotsfield United	30	5	4	6	29	31	8	1	6	24	15	13	5	12	53	46	7	44	7	44
9	Pershore Town	28	6	2	7	33	26	6	4	3	30	20	12	6	10	63	46	17	42	17	42
10	Cinderford Town	24	6	0	4	23	18	6	4	4	23	22	12	4	8	46	40	6	40	6	40
11	Worcester Raiders	28	3	3	9	18	29	8	3	2	27	17	11	6	11	45	46	-1	39	-1	39
12	Hereford Pegasus	29	7	2	7	35	35	4	3	6	20	27	11	5	13	55	62	-7	38	-7	38
13	Westfields	28	7	2	5	31	24	3	3	8	20	28	10	5	13	51	52	-1	35	-1	35
14	Tuffley Rovers	29	3	2	7	16	24	6	4	7	22	26	9	6	14	38	50	-12	33	-12	33
15	Hereford Lads Club	29	6	5	5	24	25	1	2	10	11	25	7	7	15	35	50	-15	28	-15	28
16	Longlevens AFC	25	4	2	9	13	29	4	1	5	20	22	8	3	14	33	51	-18	27	-18	27
17	Brimscombe & Thupp	22	3	2	5	14	18	4	3	5	21	28	7	5	10	35	46	-11	26	-11	26
18	Thornbury Town	28	4	2	6	16	24	2	2	12	20	43	6	4	18	36	67	-31	22	-31	22
19	Lydney Town	28	3	1	11	23	40	2	1	10	25	45	5	2	21	48	85	-37	17	-37	17
20	Wantage Town	26	2	1	9	13	32	1	0	13	12	54	3	1	22	25	86	-61	10	-61	10

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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 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 never actually had a game on 6 February, but there have been other fixtures around the date that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on or around this particular day...

## **9 February 2008**

A frenetic start, with two goals in the opening eight minutes of the game between Tuffley Rovers and Highridge United, set the tone for a game as the two sides played out a hugely competitive Gloucestershire County League game.



The visitors opened the scoring as Mitch Kavanagh headed home a free-kick from close range but two minutes later Mark Wallington created, and then converted, a chance for himself to finish off a good move.

Rovers took the lead on 32 minutes, as Adam Hacker got away from his marked to slot past the Highridge 'keeper.

Both sides then wasted good chances before the interval arrived with the hosts holding a 2-1 lead.

Craig Liddell should have scored shortly after the interval, whilst Rovers were denied on numerous occasions by Brimble, in the Highridge goal, who made a series of tremendous saves. He was rewarded on 63 minutes, as Kavanagh scored a second to level the scores.



With fifteen minutes to go, Wallington turned provider, as he crossed into the box, leaving Ollie Everitt to volley the ball home and secure a valuable 3-2 win for the Glevum Park side.

**Squad:** Mark Harris; Robert Cook; Martin Middlecote; Mark Patterson; Stephen Summerell; Gary Cornwall; Adam Hacker; Mark Wallington; Nathan Owen; Ollie Everitt; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Peter Thomas; Patrick Boyd; Ben Surman.

## **7 February 2015**

Former Southampton centre-forward Shayne Bradley scored a late, late winner, on his return from injury, as Tuffley Rovers secured a vital three points at Fairford Town in the UHlsport Hellenic League, Division One (West).

Ashley Davies had a first half goal ruled out due to offside, and claims for a penalty award, half-way through the second period, were waived away despite vociferous appeals.

Kieran Squires then twice produced wonderful defensive blocks to keep Fairford Town out, before Aaron Taylor helped Rovers survive a mini-onslaught that threatened their hopes to secure all the points.



If there were any fears that the game would end in a stalemate, Bradley laid those to rest on 89 minutes, with a goal of genuine quality. Squires launched a long throw that found Warren Mann, whose header onto Bradley, who controlled the ball on his chest, swivelled and volleyed home, into the top corner of the Fairford goal from 15 yards.

**Squad:** Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Ashley Davies; Sam Drew; Courtney Hamilton; Jordan Dowdeswell; Warren Mann; Jordan Fletcher; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Stuart Griffith; Shayne Bradley.

## **9 February 2019**

Tuffley Rovers extended their unbeaten UHlsport Hellenic League run to five games, as they returned from Ascot United with a point, albeit with a sense of what might have been, after playing the last half an hour against ten-men.

The hosts took the lead on 48 minutes, as Paul Carter's corner was headed away by Ascot centre-half Chris Ellis and after the giant defender had collected the subsequent loose ball, he ran up-field, before exchanging passes with Dan Price, before delaying his shot sufficiently to roll the ball under Merchant, as he advanced from his goal.



Twelve minutes later, the game turned back in Rovers favour, as Elliott Carey collected a second caution, leaving his side to play out the remainder of the game with ten men.

With twenty minutes remaining, the scores were levelled, as James produced a fantastic pass with the outside of his right foot to steer the ball across the Ascot defensive line and into the path of Kent, who arrived at the back post to guide the ball home, back across goal and into the corner of the net. That proved to be the end of the scoring and the game ended 1-1.

**Squad:** Luke Merchant; Sam Hill; Rhys Davies; Joel White; Macaulay Herbert; Paul Carter; Warren Mann; Tyreece Briscoe; Jake Rhodes; Will Dawes; Brett James. **Subs used:** Kieran Alder; Dominik Kent; Adam Bloomfield.

## **4 February 2020**

Tuffley Rovers progressed in the Banbury Litho Floodlit Cup, earning a place in the last four of the competition, as they defeated Shortwood United 3-0 at Glevum Park, winning a second successive home match by three goals in the process. In doing so, Rovers exacted some degree of revenge on the opponents who had defeated them by five goals in the FA Vase competition five months earlier.



After a fairly even first half, two Tuffley goals in the opening minutes of the second period – from Callum Ebanks and Warren Mann - put the hosts firmly in control and after a third goal was added by Jake Rhodes, just as the match passed an hour's play, and from there the result was never in doubt.

**Squad:** Luke Merchant; Isaac Lawrence; Ben Pricor; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Jake Rhodes; Jack Beardsell; Harri John; Warren Mann; Callum Ebanks; Dominik Kent. **Subs used:** Adam Bloomfield; Antoine Thompson; Joe Shutt.

# Statistics 2023/24

## Competition

UHSport 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

2023		Att	Scorers	Merchant, Luke	Hill, Sam	Mann, Warren	Pritchett, Mark				
01/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester City	A	0-0	487	-	1	2	3	4	
05/Aug	3pm	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	FAC	H	2-2	124	S Hicks, J Rhodes	-	-	3	4
12/Aug	3pm	Hereford Lads Club	A	0-2	108	-	1	-	3	4	
15/Aug	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus	H	3-4	103	J Rhodes, M Pritchett, T Shyamapant	1	-	11	4	
19/Aug	3pm	Evesham United	FAC	A	0-2	247	-	1	2	U	4
22/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders	A	1-1	TBC	T Shyamapant	1	15	-	-	4
26/Aug	3pm	AEK Boco	FAV	A	1-1*	69	S Hill	1	2	7	U
28/Aug	3pm	Longlevens	H	0-2	271	-	1	17	14	-	4
02/Sep	3pm	Westfields	A	0-4	102	-	-	-	-	-	4
09/Sep	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	H	1-2	74	C Walters	1	-	2	-	4
12/Sep	7:45pm	Stonehouse Town	WLFC	H	5-1	108	C Walters (3), W Mann, M Marquez-Espada	1	-	2	U
19/Sep	7:45pm	Lydney Town	A	3-2	87	M Pritchett (2), J Martin	1	-	2	-	4
23/Sep	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria	FAV	A	0-0**	108	-	1	-	-	4
26/Sep	7:45pm	Cinderford Town	H	0-0	157	-	1	-	2	-	4
30/Sep	3pm	Slimbridge	A	1-4	128	C Walters	1	-	2	-	4
03/Oct	7:45pm	Worcester City	H	2-4	224	H Birkett, Jake White	1	2	10	-	4
07/Oct	3pm	Thornbury Town	A	1-0	98	M Pritchett	1	-	2	-	4
14/Oct	3pm	Wantage Town	H	3-2	67	K Alder, C Walters, J Rhodes	1	-	2	-	-
21/Oct	3pm	Brockenhurst	FAV	A	0-3	166	-	1	-	2	-
24/Oct	7:45pm	Pershore Town	H	2-1	72	J Rhodes (2)	1	-	-	-	4
28/Oct	3pm	Corsham Town	A	0-2	162	-	1	-	3	-	4
31/Oct	7:45pm	Thornbury Town	WLFC	H	2-2***	68	C Walters, Y Lomotey	-	-	-	-
18/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United	H	0-3	89	-	1	-	2	-	4
21/Nov	7:45pm	Stonehouse Town	GFA	A	0-1	90	-	12	-	-	4
25/Nov	3pm	Roman Glass St George	A	2-3	55	Jake White, K Alder	1	-	-	-	4
28/Nov	7:45pm	Hereford Lads Club	MCC	A	1-0	48	K Alder	1	-	-	4
09/Dec	3pm	Slimbridge	H	2-3	112	K Chambers, C Walters	1	16	-	-	2
16/Dec	3pm	Thornbury Town	H	1-1	71	K Chambers	1	2	3	-	4
19/Dec	7:45pm	Slimbridge	WLFC	H	1-2	81	J Radford	-	-	-	U
23/Dec	3pm	Wantage Town	A	3-2	168	K Chambers, J White (2)	1	2	-	-	4
26/Dec	3pm	Longlevens	A	3-1	227	C Walters, K Chambers (pen), K Alder	1	U	2	-	4
30/Dec	3pm	Brimcombe & Thrupp	A	5-1	112	K Chambers (3, pen), K Alder, H Birkett	1	12	2	-	4
2024											
01/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town	H	0-1	125	-	1	U	3	-	14
06/Jan	3pm	Fairford Town	A	0-2	83	-	1	-	3	-	4
09/Jan	7:45pm	Brimcombe & Thrupp	MCC	H	1-2	51	B Bevan	1	-	-	-
16/Jan	7:45pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	A	0-1	78	-	1	-	8	-	4
20/Jan	3pm	Mangotsfield United	A	1-1	174	K Alder	1	-	2	-	4
27/Jan	3pm	Roman Glass St. George	H	2-1	78	O.G., K Alder	1	-	-	-	4
31/Jan	7:45pm	Highworth Town	A	0-0	96	-	1	-	-	-	4
03/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town	A	2-0	91	J White, J Rhodes	-	-	3	-	4
06/Feb	7:45pm	Hereford Lads Club	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17/Feb	3pm	Hereford Pegasus	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24/Feb	3pm	Worcester Raiders	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
02/Mar	3pm	Westfields	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
08/Mar	7:45pm	Lydney Town	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12/Mar	7:45pm	Brimcombe & Thrupp	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16/Mar	3pm	Cinderford Town	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23/Mar	3pm	Fairford Town	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
06/Apr	3pm	Highworth Town	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\*Tuffley Rovers won 4-1 on penalties

\*\* Tuffley Rovers won 4-3 on penalties

\*\*\*Tuffley Rovers won 5-4 on penalties

TOTAL APPEARANCES	32	11	26	30
STARTS	32	6	25	29
SUBSTITUTE	0	5	1	1
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0	2	2	2

## Goalscorers

Walters, Connor	9	Mann, Warren	1
Chambers, Karnell	7	Martin, Jamie	1
Alder, Kieran	7	Lomotey, Yeshaya	1
Rhodes, Jake	6	Hicks, Sammie	1
White, Jake	5	Radford, Joshua	1
Pritchett, Mark	4	Hill, Sam	1
Shyamapant, Tomos	2	Bevan, Brad	1
Birkett, Henry	2	O.G.	1
Marquez Espada, Minolo	1		





## TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

### Luke Merchant

### Goalkeeper

Returned to the club last season, after a Hellenic League Premier Division title winning season at Bishops Cleeve, and was in sensational form. A great shot stopper, commanding presence and accomplished keeper. Should surpass Bruce Perks' record number of appearances for a keeper (at Step 7 and above) this season.

### 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 Hellenic 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 pre-season in 2021/22. Now back at the club his father had great success at, offering a no nonsense, uncompromising, good old-fashioned performance in every game, whilst also offering a threat in the opposition box.

### Tyrese Griffin

### Defence

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

## 2023/24 PLAYER PROFILES

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 4<sup>th</sup>!) spell with Rovers, after a fairly nomadic life in Hellenic League & County League football. Great energy, good passing ability, hard-working and contribute goals, as well as good delivery from set-pieces. Has become an increasingly influential member of the team and won Manager's Player of the Year in 2022/23.

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## 2023/24 PLAYER PROFILES

### **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.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, and today we thought we'd look at questions and answers relating to Lads....

1. Which famous Lads' Club side were one of the first junior clubs for Busby Bade Eddie Colman, but also offered their famous Greater Manchester Club for other recreational activity and was famously used by The Hollies' singer Allan Clarke?

2. Tyrese Campbell (pictured) made his Premier League debut for Stoke City in 2018, thereby becoming the twelfth lad to follow in his father's footsteps by making a Premier League appearance. Who is his father?



3. As a follow-on from Q2, who was the first lad to follow in his father's footsteps by appearing as a goalkeeper in a Premier League fixture?

4. For which Women's Super League club does Welsh international Hayley Ladd (pictured) currently play?



5. In the 1973 hit comedy series, Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads?, one episode (No Hiding Place) saw the two lead characters desperately trying to avoid the score in an England game. Who were England's scheduled opponents and what were the names of the actors (pictured) who played the two lead characters?



**Quiz Answers:** (1) Salford Lads Club; (2) Kevin Campbell; (3) Kasper Schmeichel; (4) Manchester United; (5) England were due to play Bulgaria but the game was postponed. The actors were Rodney Bewes and James Bolam.



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# HEREFORD LADS CLUB

## HISTORY

Herford Lads Club was established in 1925 as a sports club for the under-privileged, initially focused on boxing and gymnastics.

Cricket and football teams were added at a later date. An adult team was later formed and became members of the Herefordshire League.

The club won the Division One title in 2002–03, earning promotion to the Premier Division, then in 2010–11 the club were Premier Division runners-up, and were promoted to Division Two of the West Midlands (Regional) League.

They were Division Two runners-up in their first season in the league, and after finishing third in 2012–13, the club were promoted to Division One.

Herford Lads Club were Division One runners-up in 2015–16, but were denied promotion as they were unable to meet the ground grading criteria.

The following season the club reached the final of the Herefordshire County Challenge Cup, in which they lost 3–0 to Hereford FC.

The club were also Division One champions and were promoted to the Premier Division. They were finalists in the Herefordshire County Challenge Cup again in 2017–18, losing 6–0 to Hereford FC.

At the end of the 2018–19 season the club were transferred to Division One West of the Hellenic League. In 2021 they were promoted to the Premier Division based on their results in the abandoned 2019–20 and 2020–21 seasons.

# APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Saturday, 3 February 2024

(includes selected list of former players)



Since the last edition of our programme we've been able to add another player to our appearance list, with Callum Blackford making his debut away at Highworth Town last Wednesday. Congratulations, Callum and may it be the first of many! On Saturday, Sammie Hicks made his 50th competitive first team appearance, which was great to see. Sammie has had some rotten luck with injuries over the past few seasons, so making it to fifty games is really great for him and for us. Well done, Sammie – now for 100!! Finally, also on Saturday, we saw a Hellenic

League debut for Harry Victor, who stepped in when Merch was unable to play due to injury. He didn't have the busiest of afternoons but was solid against everything that came his way and kept a clean sheet, which is a great way for a keeper to mark their first league start. Well done, Harry!



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	117	34	Lander, Daniel	44	1
Alleyne, Jasper	1	0	Lomotey, Yeshaya	58	8
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Mace, Ryley	19	1
Barrett, Alex	26	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	15	1	Mann, Warren	531	85
Birkett, Henry	120	9	McGuirk, Callum	76	0
Blackford, Callum	1	0	Merchant, Luke	114	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Chambers, Karnell	14	7	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Clifford, Ellis	7	0	Payne, Nathan	2	0
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Danes-Rutherford, Ellis	2	0	Poole, Bradley	8	0
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Pritchett, Mark	179	27
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Radford, Joshua	11	1
Fallows, Dayton	5	0	Rhodes, Jake	69	22
Ford, Mark	164	61	Roberts, Tyrel	5	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Griffin, Tyrese	7	0	Shyapant, Tomos	51	3
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Smith, Liam	68	1
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Harper-Emerson, Max	9	0	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Twyman, Jack	23	0
Hoffland, Robin	7	0	Victor, Harry	2	0
Holdaway, Matt	4	0	Walker, Harry	67	6
Herbert, Macaulay	285	10	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	50	2	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	130	9	Walters, Connor	37	9
James, Brett	186	64	White, Jake	23	5
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	131	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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# HEREFORD LADS CLUB

Yellow shirts, Yellow shorts; Yellow socks (GK: Red & Black).

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