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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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

We are on a good run of form at the moment, but tonight's game will undoubtedly test our sense of potential because Sam Prior consistently produces sides that will be tough to play against, and able to very quickly move up the league table.

They have had a tough season, for many reasons, and although they have a significant backlog of fixtures I would not count against them very quickly climbing the table. In the nicest way, I hope they don't secure any points tonight, but would wish them well for the rest of the season. There are some really good people attached to the club and that makes it easy to wish them well.

We are down to the last six games of the season, with just one game away, at Cinderford Town on Saturday. If we can secure some good results and continue a run of form that has seen us only beaten once in the last eight, who knows what we can achieve? I am better at playing the pessimist, but I am being pleasantly surprised week-by-week, as our current squad continues to achieve some really good results. Long may that continue.

Here is hoping for a positive result today, to help make all the effort feel worthwhile!

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Tuesday

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Cinderford Town v Corsham Town

Mangotsfield United v Highworth Town

Floodlit Cup – Final, First Leg

Worcester City v Roman Glass St. George

Wednesday

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Thornbury Town v Hereford Lads Club

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Good evening and a very warm welcome to Glevum Park. Welcome to all of the players, coaches, committee and supporters of tonight's opponents Brimscombe and Thrupp.

I was unable to attend our game on Friday night but it was good to see another three points in the bag, which Lydney made us work very hard for. That is always a tricky fixture, and one that threatened to be difficult as they had just come into the game off the back of a fantastic result against Fairford Town the week before.

Onto this evening and a very strong opponent in Brimscombe, who it feels are picking up form again, after a difficult spell, and so this could be difficult fixture tonight. This is the latest in their non-stop programme and I feel for the whole club when you look at the fixture congestion and wonder how player welfare can be managed, when it looks like they will be playing every 3-4 days on the run in.

Our next fixture on Saturday takes us to Cinderford and we have organised a coach for the trip being our last away game of the season. If anyone is still interested in joining us, please speak to myself or Neil Spiller about securing a place on the fun bus. Always a great day out and one everyone looks forward to.

I hope you enjoy the game and hospitality here today 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 Brimscombe & Thrupp.

After a narrow win on Friday night, we hope to build on the result, if not the performance because it wasn't by any means a classic, despite securing three valuable points.

What Friday night's game did show was the strength in depth and character of the squad, as we were able to get a result without playing well and could have scored more than the three we got. We were a bit open also, so we need to have a better shape out of possession, as on another night we may have got punished.

Tonight our opponents will provide us with another tough opponent, as most games are at this level and only now and then you get a near perfect performance and this is what we got in the reverse league fixture just after Christmas. We were coming into that game off back-to-back wins, with a last gasp win at Wantage and a commanding second half performance that took us to a result against Longlevens. What we got that afternoon was a 5-star display from back to front only ruined by conceding a late goal.

I have been in the game long enough to know how this feels both ways, and I'm sure Sam and his team will be looking to make their mark on tonight's game, so we need to be right on it from the first whistle to the last. The squad took a bit of battering on Friday so having the extra day to recover hopefully will be of some benefit.

There are six games to go, including this one, and we have five at home, and we have plenty to play for. As I have said in my previous notes, I have set new and ongoing targets for our lads, both individually and for the team as a group, so that we can finish the season strongly. That is our aim.

I hope you can enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 9 March 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	Corsham Town	32	11	3	2	42	14	10	5	1	27	13	21	8	3	69	27	42	71		
2	Worcester City	27	11	3	1	47	11	11	1	0	38	11	22	4	1	85	22	63	70		
3	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	34	10	3	4	26	19	10	1	6	31	28	20	4	10	57	47	10	64		
4	Fairford Town	34	7	5	5	26	24	9	4	4	29	18	16	9	9	55	42	13	57		
5	Highbury Town	29	11	2	1	32	8	6	3	6	24	25	17	5	7	56	33	23	56		
6	Slimbridge	32	6	2	6	30	33	10	4	4	37	21	16	6	10	67	54	13	54		
7	Worcester Raiders	37	5	3	11	23	35	10	5	3	35	22	15	8	14	58	57	1	53		
8	Roman Glass St George	31	8	2	7	29	27	8	0	6	29	18	16	2	13	58	45	13	50		
9	Cinderford Town	29	7	1	4	25	19	8	4	5	29	28	15	5	9	54	47	7	50		
10	Hereford Pegasus	34	8	2	8	39	39	6	4	6	27	29	14	6	14	66	68	-2	48		
11	Mangotsfield United	33	5	6	6	29	31	8	1	7	24	16	13	7	13	53	47	6	46		
12	Pershore Town	30	6	2	9	36	31	6	4	3	30	20	12	6	12	66	51	15	42		
13	Westfields	33	8	2	7	34	29	4	3	9	26	34	12	5	16	60	63	-3	41		
14	Turffrey Rovers	32	4	3	7	21	28	6	4	8	23	28	10	7	15	44	56	-12	37		
15	Brimmscombe & Thrupp	25	5	2	6	18	20	4	3	5	21	28	9	5	11	39	48	-9	32		
16	Longlevens AFC	32	4	2	10	13	32	5	1	10	26	36	9	3	20	39	68	-29	30		
17	Hereford Lads Club	32	6	5	7	26	30	1	2	11	11	26	7	7	18	37	56	-19	28		
18	Thornbury Town	31	5	2	7	18	26	2	2	13	20	44	7	4	20	38	70	-32	25		
19	Lydney Town	33	3	2	11	25	42	4	1	12	32	52	7	3	23	57	94	-37	24		
20	Wantage Town	30	3	1	10	15	33	1	1	14	12	57	4	2	24	27	90	-63	14		

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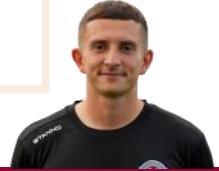
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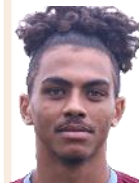


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On (or around) this day in history...



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 played three times on 12 March, and it has been a while since we recorded a 12 March win...

12 March 2013

Tuffley Rovers hosted Frampton United in a midweek Gloucestershire County League fixture and came away with a much needed three points, as they won 3-0 courtesy of goals from Dorian Colling, Richard James and Marcus Foxwell.

It was a first win in three for Rovers, who had seen consecutive draws since their last victory over Thornbury Town three weeks earlier, and extended their lead at the top of the table to five points.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Elliot King; Michael Oakes; Marcus Foxwell; Leone Cornwall; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Richard James; Nathen King; Dorian Colling; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Stuart Griffith; Lee Brinkworth.

12 March 2016

In what could only be summarised as the archetypal 'relegation six-pointer', Tuffley Rovers surrendered tamely against a Bracknell Town side who started the day a point ahead of their hosts, in a game which marked Shayne Bradley's first game in the dugout for a Hellenic League fixture.

Jake Underwood made his debut in goal, as Rovers were forced into several changes following their midweek defeat against Thatcham Town, but made a position start, with Ryan Williams going close early on. That was to prove a false dawn, as Bracknell Town took the lead on 25 minutes, through Adam Cornell, and then completed his hat-trick within seventeen minutes.

The 3-0 half-time score appeared to consign Rovers to defeat, but they started the second period well and Kieran Squires pulled a goal back, but that was the end of the positives for Rovers, as further goals from Cornell, James Suarez and Declan Kirby meant the game finished 6-1 in Town's favour.

Squad: Jake Underwood; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Glenn Gittins; Macaulay Herbert; Mark Wallington; Ryan Williams; Warren Mann; Jordan Fletcher; Carl Cresswell; Brett James. **Subs used:** Mark Ford; Tristan Haswell; Walt Greenwood.

12 March 2022

With both teams having all but secured their place in the Hellenic League Premier Division for another season, Tuffley Rovers played out a rather disappointing fixture against fellow Gloucestershire club Lydney Town, and the visitors ran out as winners as Matthew Board's early goal proved enough to separate the two teams and allowing Lydney to take all three points against a youthful Rovers line-up that included four of the club's U18s players in their starting eleven, with a fifth player making a substitute appearance in the second half.

Squad: Jack Copland; Demilade Yussuf; Harri John; Jacob Geddes; Joel White; Liam Smith; Jack Beardsell; Dominik Kent; Jack Beardsell; Tomos Shyamapant; Ashley Bird. **Subs used:** Joshua Aldridge; Tomas Williment; Yeshaya Lomotey.

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 tonight, as this is Race Week, we have questions and answers related to races (or things along those lines!)

1. According to the official Premier League website, who was judged to have been the fastest player in England's top-flight with a top speed of 37.31km/h in a match?

2. In 1992 this footballer outsprinted all others, to win the Rumbelows Sprint Contest for footballers at the 1992 League Cup Final. Who is he?



3. The last title race in the English Football League before the Premier League started in 1992/93 saw Leeds United pip Manchester United for the title, as Howard Wilkinson's side took the title, but who finished third?

4. Who is the former England player pictured, who won 46 caps for England, between 1972 and 1977, before retiring from the game in 1986 and going on to work as a race horse trainer, with the West Ilsley Stables his base?

5. Who are the footballers pictured, whose names have, in order, shared the surname (or got very close!) to the winning jockey in the 2020-2022 Cheltenham Gold Cup races, and (for D) the surname of the trainer in 2023?



Quiz Answers: (1) Kyle Walker; (2) John Williams; (3) Sheffield Wednesday; (4) Mick Channon; (5) a – Andy Townsend (2020 winner Paul Townsend, which is nearly the same!); (b) Alan Kennedy (Jack Kennedy, 2021); (c) Clayton Blackmore (Rachael Blackmore, 2022); d – Hayden Mullins (Willie Mullins, trainer in 2023).

Statistics 2023/24

Competition

Uhtsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

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

MSC = 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	4
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		3	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	Brimscombe & 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	Brimscombe & 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
17/Feb	3pm	Hereford Pegasus	A	1-2	73	H Birkett	1				4
24/Feb	3pm	Worcester Raiders	H	2-2	113	K Chambers (2)				3	4
08/Mar	7:45pm	Lydney Town	H	3-2	132	K Alder (2), J Rhodes				3	4
12/Mar	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H								
16/Mar	3pm	Cinderford Town	A								
19/Mar	7:45pm	Westfields	H								
23/Mar	3pm	Fairford Town	H								
29/Mar	3pm	Hereford Lads Club	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	35	11	28	35
STARTS	35	6	27	34
SUBSTITUTE	0	5	1	1
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0	2	2	2

Goalscorers

Walters, Connor	9	Mann, Warren	1
Chambers, Karnell	9	Martin, Jamie	1
Alder, Kieran	9	Lomotey, Yeshaya	1
Rhodes, Jake	7	Hicks, Sammie	1
White, Jake	5	Radford, Joshua	1
Pritchett, Mark	4	Hill, Sam	1
Birkett, Henry	3	Bevan, Brad	1
Shyamapant, Tomos	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.

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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, 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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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 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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APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Friday, 8 March 2024

(includes selected list of former players)

Kieran Alder scored a brace in Friday evening's fixture against Lydney Town, taking him to 36 goals in total, but also 9 for this season, making him joint top goalscorer with Connor Walters and Karnell Chambers, and meaning all three players are within touching distance of double-figures for the season.

The last time we had three players score double-figures in a single season was 2017/18, when the three highest goalscorers in our modern history, Shayne Bradley, Warren Mann and Brett James (pictured), scored 12, 12 and 13 respectively. Those three had all hit double-digits in 2016/17 and James' scoring feats saw him hit 59 in four seasons, with 10 or more in each campaign.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	120	36	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	17	1	Mann, Warren	533	85
Birkett, Henry	123	10	McGuirk, Callum	78	0
Blackford, Callum	1	0	Merchant, Luke	115	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Chambers, Karnell	17	9	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Clifford, Ellis	8	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	182	27
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Radford, Joshua	13	1
Fallows, Dayton	5	0	Rhodes, Jake	72	23
Ford, Mark	164	61	Roberts, Tyrel	5	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Griffin, Tyrese	7	0	Shyamapant, Tomos	53	3
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Smith, Liam	70	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	4	0
Holdaway, Matt	4	0	Walker, Harry	67	6
Herbert, Macaulay	288	10	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	53	2	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	130	9	Walters, Connor	40	9
James, Brett	186	64	White, Jake	26	5
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	134	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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When the Gloucestershire County League was first formed in 1968/9, Brimscombe – affectionately known as "The Lilywhites", were again founder members, along with other local sides Forest Green Rovers and Stonehouse Town. In 1973/4 The Lilywhites, amid some controversy, found themselves back in the Senior League, just failing by one vote to secure a place in the Hellenic League.

It was at this time the Club experienced a difficult period and in the late 1970's Brimscombe and Thrupp amalgamated to secure both Club's futures. The Club hit a purple patch in the 1980's and won the Senior League Division One and Two and the County Cup all in the space of three seasons, eventually being promoted back to the County League and finishing 4th in 1987. There then followed many years of varying fortunes for the club including relegation to the lower leagues. However, in 2008 there were major changes to the Club Committee and the Football Management which immediately brought a successful period for the club.

In season 2008/9 the First Eleven managed by Phil Baker were Runners-up to Longlevens and were promoted once again into the County League for the third time in its History.

In 2011 Brimscombe & Thrupp F.C. won the Gloucestershire County League for the first time and gained promotion to the Hellenic League under Phil Baker. Since promotion major redevelopments of the ground have taken place including an extension to the clubhouse and the installation of floodlights.

Season 2012/13 saw Brimscombe & Thrupp F.C. win the UHlsport Hellenic League Division 1 West and gain acceptance into the Premier League. More ground improvements were undertaken which included a new 100 standing/100 seating stand and further walkways around the pitch.

Season 2013/14 saw Brimscombe & Thrupp F.C. playing in the highest league in the clubs history, the ground improvements were complete with the new stand finished and other improvements made. The club experienced its first ever F.A. Vase football and were quite successful reaching the first round proper. The season was also made memorable with the First XI winning three cup finals – those being the Stroud & District Charity Cup, the Hellenic League Flying Press Floodlit Cup and the Hellenic League Supplementary Cup.

Season 2014/15 was another historic occasion with the side playing in the F.A. Cup for the first time in its history.

The club continued to go from strength to strength during season 2015/16 and saw the team end in fifth position, its highest league finish in its history. The upgrade of the club continues with works being carried out as required by Step 5 football.

2016/17 was another great season for the club when we appeared in three cup semi finals and saw the club have their best FA cup to date, eventually losing in the third qualifying round at Weymouth.

Season 2017/18 saw Brimscombe & Thrupp win the GFA Trophy for the first time in its history and finish sixth place in the League.

Season 2018/19 saw us reach our highest league position in the clubs history, however, second place was not enough to see us gain promotion.

Season 2019/20 was virtually wiped out by the Covid pandemic which affected all levels of football throughout the country this continued into season 2020/21 which also had restrictions put on us.

Season 2021/22 gave us a season with Covid restrictions which in most cases were lifted, it was in this season we once again made the GFA Cup final, however, disappointingly lost, but once again we finished the season in a creditable ninth place.

Season 2022/23 again saw us finish in 9th place.





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