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TUFFLEY ROVERS V HIGHWORTH TOWN
SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 2024
3:00PM

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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

This season feels like it is going to last forever! We have rarely had games postponed over the course of this season and last, but the near constant rain seems to have impacted on us, and most clubs at this level. At one point our season was going to end in mid-March and we now find ourselves hoping to finish in mid-April!

I saw someone from a Step 6 Hellenic League club comment in the week about the lost income that accompanies a near constant run of bad weather and we have not been immune from that. It is a tough gig being involved in running a club at any level and I can say, for one, that this season seems to have been as tough as any. This is only our ninth home league game on a Saturday and most of those games have been played in the winter months, when traditionally crowds are slightly lower. That doesn't help with cashflow because clubs at our level depend very much on food and drink sales, as much as gate revenue, and people are less likely to socialise when it is cold and wet, in my experience.

Cold and wet is what it seems to have been for as long as I can remember, and it certainly was like that when we visited Highworth Town back at the end of January. On that occasion we somehow managed to come away with a valuable point from a 0-0 draw, on an evening when we were forced into some valiant and occasionally heroic defending. Our opponents today are a quality side, so we should expect something similar today, even if our squad has improved as the season has gone on.

I wish today's visitors well in their remaining fixtures and they are more than capable of securing promotion through the play-offs, despite the quality of the other sides around them. What I hope for today is, as ever, a good Rovers performance and all being well a point or three!

Today's programme is a little shorter than usual – not least because I'm tired of pulling together articles that no-one ever reads (damn postponements!). Sorry to those who usually test themselves on the quiz or reminisce through the "On or around this day in history" feature. Hopefully normal service will resume next week.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Brimscombe & Thrupp v Pershore Town

Cinderford Town v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Corsham Town v Longlevens

Lydney Town v Roman Glass St George

Wantage Town v Hereford Lads Club

Isuzu FA Vase, Semi-Final First Leg

Worcester City v Great Wakering Rovers

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to Glevum Park. Welcome to our opponents Highworth Town and their players, coaching staff, committee and supporters.

Last Friday our game against Hereford Lads Club succumbed to the wet weather, which we seem to have been going through for a very long time, and it was disappointing as we looked to have the promise if a decent size crowd in attendance. That game is, at the time of writing, hopefully going to be rearranged for Saturday 13th April, which will be our final game of the season.

Looking at today's fixture, they won't come much tougher than Highworth Town - a team very much pushing for a play-off spot and might have had to play three other fixtures this week before arriving here today – instead they've seen a series of postponements that mean they may arrive fresh, but with the joys of a backlog of fixtures which is impacting on them and many other clubs at present.

Regardless of the result today, it now feels that we have a management team and playing squad that is very settled and finding their way. My hope is that we can retain this squad for next season and add some extra quality, so that we are pushing for a top ten finish next season.

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 afternoon and welcome to all players, officials and supporters from Highworth Town to Glevum Park, for what is our penultimate game and home fixture of the 2023/24 season.

Today's opponents are a strong outfit proven by their run in the FA Vase and by maintaining a potential Hellenic League play-off place, alongside a fixture back log that at one point looked endless. I think Highworth are certainties for the play-offs but they still have a lot of games to navigate so we will have to wait and see what starting line-up they come here with today.

One thing for sure is out of all the teams in and amongst it this would be the one team I would least want to play as without other distractions I believe they would have been in and around the top two.

We, though, will try are utmost to keep the league honest and do our best to get something out of the game today. Although, on paper, there is not a lot for us to play for, as it is likely we will finish where we are today even with two wins, the one thing no-one can accuse us of is not giving our maximum in all our games, and internally we know there is plenty to play for and an unbeaten 2024 league unbeaten run at home to maintain.

We have a couple of influential players out through suspension today, in Pritch and Karnell, but this gives an opportunity for others and we can have a look at one or two things should we wish to, as we start to plan for next season. My aim is and hope is that we can maintain the core of the group and add to the squad throughout the summer and hopefully continue the progress we have made in the last 30 months.

I hope you can enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 3 April 2024

Pos	Team	Home											Away											Overall
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
1	Worcester City	32	12	3	1	54	11	15	1	0	49	16	27	4	1	103	27	76	85					
2	Corsham Town	35	12	3	2	43	14	11	6	1	30	14	23	9	3	73	28	45	78					
3	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	36	11	3	5	31	21	10	1	6	31	28	21	4	11	62	49	13	67					
4	Slimbridge	36	8	3	6	41	38	11	4	4	38	21	19	7	10	79	59	20	64					
5	Highworth Town	33	12	2	1	34	9	6	5	7	26	28	18	7	8	60	37	23	61					
6	Fairford Town	38	8	5	6	28	27	9	5	5	31	22	17	10	11	59	49	10	61					
7	Cinderford Town	33	9	2	4	31	22	9	4	5	31	29	18	6	9	62	51	11	60					
8	Hereford Pegasus	38	8	2	9	40	41	8	5	6	37	32	16	7	15	77	73	4	55					
9	Roman Glass St George	35	8	2	8	29	30	9	0	8	34	30	17	2	16	63	60	3	53					
10	Worcester Raiders	37	5	3	11	23	35	10	5	3	35	22	15	8	14	58	57	1	53					
11	Pershore Town	35	6	3	9	37	32	8	5	4	38	25	14	8	13	75	57	18	50					
12	Westfields	37	10	2	7	38	29	4	4	10	29	38	14	6	17	67	67	0	48					
13	Mangotsfield United	35	5	7	7	32	36	8	1	7	24	16	13	8	14	56	52	4	47					
14	Tuffley Rovers	36	5	5	7	27	31	6	4	9	25	31	11	9	16	52	62	-10	42					
15	Brimmscombe & Thrupp	32	5	3	8	23	32	4	4	8	24	42	9	7	16	47	74	-27	34					
16	Hereford Lads Club	35	6	5	8	28	34	2	2	12	13	27	8	7	20	41	61	-20	31					
17	Longlevens AFC	35	4	2	12	13	35	5	2	10	29	39	9	4	22	42	74	-32	31					
18	Thornbury Town	36	5	3	9	20	31	3	2	14	22	45	8	5	23	42	76	-34	29					
19	Lydney Town	35	3	3	11	26	43	4	1	13	32	55	7	4	24	58	98	-40	25					
20	Wantage Town	35	4	1	13	19	40	2	1	14	13	57	6	2	27	32	97	-65	20					

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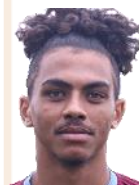


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Competition							Merchant, Luke	Hill, Sam	Mann, Warren	Pritchett, Mark
Uhlsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated										
FAC = FA Cup; FAV = FA Vase; GFA = GFA Challenge Trophy;										
MSCC = Marsh Sports Challenge Cup;										
WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup							Att	Scorers		
2023										
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	U 4
26/Aug	3pm	AEK Boco	FAV	A	1-1*	69	S Hill	1	2	7 4
28/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		H	0-2	271	-	1	17	14 4
02/Sep	3pm	Westfields		A	0-4	102	-			2 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 4
19/Sep	7:45pm	Lydney Town		A	3-2	87	M Pritchett (2), J Martin	1	2	4 4
23/Sep	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria	FAV	A	0-0**	108	-	1		4 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 4
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 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	3 4
25/Nov	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A	2-3	55	Jake White, K Alder	1		4 4
28/Nov	7:45pm	Hereford Lads Club	MCC	A	1-0	48	K Alder	1		4 4
09/Dec	3pm	Slimbridge		H	2-3	112	K Chambers, C Walters	1	16	2 4
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 4
23/Dec	3pm	Wantage Town		A	3-2	168	K Chambers, J White (2)	1	2	4 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 4
31/Jan	7:45pm	Highworth Town		A	0-0	96	-	1		4 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 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	3-0	63	K Chambers (2), B Bevan			3 4
16/Mar	3pm	Cinderford Town		A	2-3	130	M Pritchett, J Radford			2 4
19/Mar	7:45pm	Westfields		H	2-2	85	K Chambers (2)			2 4
23/Mar	3pm	Fairford Town		H	1-1	145	K Chambers (pen)			2 4
06/Apr	3pm	Highworth Town		H						
13/Apr	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		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

Chambers, Karnell	14	Radford, Joshua	2
Walters, Connor	9	Martin, Jamie	1
Alder, Kieran	9	Lomotey, Yeshaya	1
Rhodes, Jake	7	Hicks, Sammie	1
White, Jake	5	Mann, Warren	1
Pritchett, Mark	5	Hill, Sam	1
Birkett, Henry	3	Marquez Espada, Minolo	1
Shyamapant, Tomos	2	O.G.	1
Bevan, Brad	2		

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 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.

TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

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 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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HIGHWORTH TOWN HISTORY

Highworth Town Football Club was formed in 1893. We joined the Cirencester & District league and it took us some time to record our first honours, until 1909-10 in fact, when we won both the Swindon Junior cup and the local advertiser cup, a cup we captured again in 1912-13.

After winning the Cirencester & District league division two championship in 1931-32, we moved to the Swindon & District league, where we completed the third division championship and Swindon junior cup double in 1933-34.

The 1950s saw us make a dramatic rise through the local football ranks. We won the Swindon & District league third division title again in 1954-55 and then the division two title the following season. One more season was needed to clinch the division one title and also the Wilts junior cup. We then went on to win the premier division title in 1957-58, along with the Faringdon Thursday memorial cup and the following season we were the premier division champions again, also winning the advertiser cup.

We continued to dominate the Swindon & District premier division in the 1960s, winning four successive titles from 1960-61 and another hat-trick from 1965-66 to 1967-68, making seven titles in eight seasons. We reached the final of the Wilts senior cup for the first time in 1962-63 and won it the following season.

There was a switch to the Wilts combination league, where we finished as runners-up in division two in 1970-71. 1972-73 saw another Wilts senior cup victory and all this success prompted us to join the Hellenic league. We achieved our first honours in 1988-89, winning the first division challenge cup and reached the final of the Wilts senior cup yet again.

We finally achieved premier division status in 1993-94 gaining promotion after finishing third in division one. Since then we have been winners of the Wilts senior cup in 1995-96, 1997-98, 2008-09 and again in 2014-15, winners of the Hellenic challenge cup in 2011-12, winners of the Hellenic supplementary cup in 1998-99 and runners up in 2003-04, runners-up in the premier division in 1999-00 and winners of the premierships title in 2004-05.

In more recent history, which reached the semi-final of the FA vase in 2014-15 where we were knocked out by eventual winners North Shields in a closely fought two-legged tie. This season also saw us pick up the Wilts Senior Cup.

In the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons we were runners-up in the Wilts Senior Cup to Swindon Supermarine and Chippenham Town respectively, both of which played at higher levels than us. Also in the 2017-18 season we saw promotion to the southern league division 1 south as we finished as the best third placed team across the whole country. This means we are now playing the highest level of football the club has seen.

The 2022-23 season saw us move laterally into the southern league division 1 central due to the re-shuffling of the league.

After a difficult season with the circumstances dealt to us, such as the extra travelling time/distance, we finished 17th as we just weren't good enough. 17th was a relegation play-off spot which meant we had to play against a team that finished 2nd at step 5. Our opponent was Malvern Town who trounced us 4-1.

This means we are back in the Hellenic League for the 2023-24 campaign with a management change. Paul Braitwaite and his backroom staff replace the outgoing Gareth Davies and his backroom team.





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Macaulay Herbert	4	Leon Morrison
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Callum McGuirk	6	Matthew Cheetham ©
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