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UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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

With this being the last edition of the 2023/24 season, it falls upon all of us to recognise the support of various people. Booner and Muzzy have mentioned so many people who deserve plaudits, so I'll concentrate on a few people who've made producing the programme a good deal easier than it might otherwise have been!

Firstly, to Muzzy and Booner, thank you. The first Manager and Chairman who I haven't had to chase constantly for their programme articles – they clearly just see it as part of what they do. That makes life far easier. I am grateful to both for their support in that regard and for their overall contribution to the club.

Most importantly, I thank my wife, Sonia. She deserves credit, not only for her match-day role in the kitchen, but for a massive contribution to the club. The time I spend producing the programme is time taken away from us and I am grateful for her unwavering support. Added to that, the contribution from my daughter, Jess. I send her the material, which she then sets out and turns into what is hopefully seen as a good programme. She also does our social media graphics, which I could never get close to replicating myself.

I'd also like to offer a massive thank you to Brian Rossiter, who supplies me with an endless stream of photographs for the programme and our social media. He is a terrifically kind and humble guy who is generous in his support of local football. I've strived to have a different player on the cover of each programme this season and that has been possible thanks primarily to Brian, but also today thanks to Jamie Brain, who supplied me with the picture of Callum Blackford, who features for the first time.

Thank you, as well, to our generous and supportive sponsors, without whom the costs of football, including the programme would be prohibitive. I am grateful to every single one of them for the backing of the club.

Finally, thank you to every supporter who either reads this online or buys a copy from the turnstiles. Whether you read the programme or not, each supporter at this level is appreciated and I am grateful for your backing of this club. Football isn't the same without a healthy home support to cheer on the team. 2023/24 is at an end (at least for our first team). I hope to see you all again in 2024/25.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home. Until next time....

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Uhtsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Cinderford Town v Wantage Town

Highworth Town v Brimscombe & Thrupp

Slimbridge v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

The Isuzu FA Vase, Semi-Final, Second Leg

Great Wakering Rovers (0) v (1) Worcester City

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to Glevum Park. Today brings our final home to conclude the 2023/24 season for the first team. Firstly, welcome to our visitors today, Hereford Lads Club. I hope that the journey for the players, management, committee and supporters has been hassle free and that everyone enjoys not only the football we have ahead of us, but also the hospitality here today.

This has probably been the most calm I have been going into the end of the season since becoming Football Chairman, with us finishing comfortably in a position where we are not scrapping for league survival. The work on and off the field cannot go unnoticed and the work that Muzzy and his team of Liam, Tim, Alex and Sam have put into this season has been fantastic.

We also seem to have a settled squad now which has a good blend of experience and some youthful prospects coming through from our Development Squad who also have had a fantastic season and will be gutted not to have won Hellenic League Division Two (West), and also our U18s which have produced a few players making appearances within our first team this season. I am hopeful we will retain the majority of this season's squad and hopefully add a few more players in ready for the 2024/25 season.

A huge thank you must go to the small band of volunteers that support us throughout the week and especially on match days. Pat Spiller is always helping in the food hut and kindly provides our half-time hospitality snacks, cakes and drinks for the visiting committee. Keith (Wally) and Chloe Wallington, as well as Pete Gardiner have been ever present manning the turnstiles on game days, come rain or shine they are always greeting visitors with a smile.

Onto our staff that also keep the food flying out the food hut and drinks pouring out of the bar. That is led by Sonia and has meant we are consistently providing a fantastic service to all that attend on game days, so thank you to Sonia, Lewis, Gemma, Robin and Luke.

We have a small, but committed Football Committee group that work tirelessly to keep the business running and the football being played multiple times a week and as all clubs find, committees are getting smaller with even more responsibilities added every year, so all must be commended for their volunteered time and hard work, so thank you Neil, Dean, Will, Keith, Ken, Leah and also to Rhys who has joined us this season to help out with social media on match days.

In a year where we have not had much dry weather, we have not had to call too many games off (but more than we would like!). Our groundsmen have done an excellent job in maintaining the pitch throughout the year and without their expert knowledge and skills, we certainly would not be in a place where the pitch could have had so many games on it week in, week out. Thank you to Tom, Ian and Robin for the continued hard graft that goes in to maintaining the pitch.

Finally, and by no means least, to all the supporters that turn up to all our games regardless of weather, I hope this season has been one that has been more enjoyable. Our attendance numbers are very marginally down this year, but we have been hampered by very few home games being played on Saturdays this season. I hope we will get a more favourable set of fixtures for the 2024/25 season and we will see you all very soon.

Thanks again and I hope you enjoy the game, the 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 Hereford Lads Club to Glevum Park. This will be their second visit to Glevum Park in a few weeks, due to the original fixture being postponed at half-time, which was unfortunate for us, as we were in a commanding position, leading 3-0 at the time.

Today's game is our final game of what in general has been a successful season, so I am hoping we can continue our good run of form today and remain undefeated at home since 1 January.

We know this will be a totally different game to the last visit and we cannot afford to be complacent in our approach. I'm confident we won't be, as the teams mentality is in a good place currently and we want to win our last game of the season.

The guys should be in high spirits, with the win last week against play-off hopefuls Highworth Town. We started that game with a few absentees, but we were solid and in control for large parts of the game, although had to weather a mini storm in the first half, playing against the wind, and I'm sure the guys will be ready and focused to do the job in hand. being Grand National weekend we do not want to fall at the final hurdle!

Moving away from the game I would like to take the opportunity to thank my team and my management team. Thank you to Liam, Butts, Tim and Sam Tandy (as well as Ade Tandy) for all their help and support throughout the season, week-in-week-out there has been that continuity and all have played a role in what I believe has been a successful season on the pitch, where a win today would take us up to 48 points, which I believe was good enough for a ninth place position last season! If anything, that proves how much harder the league has been this season and possibly for the first time in many years we have a chance to finish above all three of Longlevens, Brimscombe, and Lydney.

I would also like to thank the Committee for their support, specifically Dan Boon, Neil Spiller, Ken Blackburn and Dean Brooks. They help us to have a better on-field experience and they suffer some tougher times off the field, in the many roles they take up and it hasn't gone unnoticed by myself, the team management or the players.

Special thanks to Sonia Spiller for the match-day hospitality and everything she does to help the overall experience. She does numerous other jobs that go under the radar for many.

I also wouldn't want to forget all the volunteers who help week in week out on a match day, who also help to make this club very special. Pat Spiller, who makes the best cake in the Hellenic League as well as helping in the hospitality on match-days; Pete Gardiner, Chloe and Keith Wallington, for covering the turnstiles for our games (generating much needed revenue) and to all that make this club what it is. Thank you.

Coming soon we have our annual youth tournament and the support and help from people connected to the club would be welcome. Everyone involved in the past has made it a huge success over the last few years and it is an opportunity for the whole club to come together for a few days at least.

I hope you can enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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Up to and including 11 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	GD	PTS			
1	Worcester City	33	12	3	1	54	11	16	1	0	50	16	28	4	1	104	27	77	88									
2	Corsham Town	37	13	4	2	50	17	11	6	1	30	14	24	10	3	80	31	49	82									
3	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	37	11	3	5	31	21	11	1	6	32	28	22	4	11	63	49	14	70									
4	Highworth Town	36	14	2	1	41	10	6	5	8	26	30	20	7	9	67	40	27	67									
5	Slimbridge	37	8	4	6	42	39	11	4	4	38	21	19	8	10	80	60	20	65									
6	Fairford Town	38	8	5	6	28	27	9	5	5	31	22	17	10	11	59	49	10	61									
7	Cinderford Town	35	9	2	5	31	23	9	4	6	31	32	18	6	11	62	55	7	60									
8	Roman Glass St George	37	9	2	8	34	30	10	0	8	36	31	19	2	16	70	61	9	59									
9	Hereford Pegasus	38	8	2	9	40	41	8	5	6	37	32	16	7	15	77	73	4	55									
10	Worcester Raiders	37	5	3	11	23	35	10	5	3	35	22	15	8	14	58	57	1	53									
11	Pershore Town	37	6	3	9	37	32	8	5	6	41	33	14	8	15	78	65	13	50									
12	Westfields	38	10	2	7	38	29	4	5	10	30	39	14	7	17	68	68	0	49									
13	Mangotsfield United	36	5	7	7	32	36	8	2	7	25	17	13	9	14	57	53	4	48									
14	Tuffley Rovers	37	6	5	7	29	31	6	4	9	25	31	12	9	16	54	62	-8	45									
15	Brimmscombe & Thrupp	35	6	3	8	27	34	4	4	10	26	49	10	7	18	53	83	-30	37									
16	Longlevens AFC	37	4	3	12	14	36	5	3	10	31	41	9	6	22	45	77	-32	33									
17	Hereford Lads Club	36	6	5	8	28	34	2	2	13	14	29	8	7	21	42	63	-21	31									
18	Thornbury Town	37	5	3	10	20	32	3	2	14	22	45	8	5	24	42	77	-35	29									
19	Lydneij Town	37	4	3	12	29	46	4	1	13	32	55	8	4	25	61	101	-40	28									
20	Wantage Town	37	5	1	13	21	41	2	1	15	13	62	7	2	28	34	103	-69	23									

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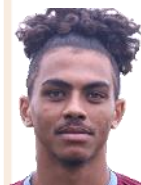


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On (or around) this day in history...



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 13 April and there have been other fixtures around the date that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on or around this particular day...

14 April 2010

Tuffley Rovers returned from a midweek trip to Hanham Athletic with a much needed 3-0 victory, as they continued to battle their way through a backlog of fixtures in the Gloucestershire County League.

After playing just three times between mid-December and the end of February, this was Rovers' ninth game in 40 days, but it was the first of ten in the next 31 days, and as they looked to get through 18 games in relatively quick succession, the ease of the win against Hanham was probably what was needed.

Goals from Richard James, Mark Pritchett and Patrick Boyd, without reply, were enough to secure three points and kept alive hopes of a promotion opportunity.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Adam Dunsford; Lee Wallington; Richard James; Leone Cornwall; Ashley Davies; Victor Webb; Mark Pritchett; Daniel Wallington; Edward Weyman; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Marcus Foxwell; Mark Wallington; Patrick Boyd.

11 April 2015

Tuffley Rovers' Hellenic League Division One (West) promotion campaign took a further twist, following their defeat against champions elect, Longlevens, on Bank Holiday Monday, as they drew 2-2 away at mid-table Clanfield FC, a result that saw them overtaken by Lydney Town in the table, with two games remaining.



Jordan Dowdeswell gave Rovers the lead on 27 minutes, with a good finish from the edge of the box, before the hosts equalised on 34 minutes, through Adam Smith. The hosts then took the lead shortly before the interval through Matt Cheetham.

Just after the hour mark Brett James made it 2-2, with his seventeenth goal of the season, and it looked like Rovers might breath a little hope into their title challenge, but they were unable to convert a host of chances that change their way, meaning the title went to Longlevens and Rovers needed to make up a point on promotion challengers Lydney in their final two games.



Squad: Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Stuart Griffith; Macaulay Herbert; Sam Drew; Ashley Davies; Jordan Dowdeswell; Warren Mann; Kieran Tracey; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Steve Bick.

13 April 2017

Goals from Ryan Dobbins and Warren Mann secured a memorable Supplementary Cup win for Tuffley Rovers, as they defeated Hellenic League Champions Thame United 2-0 in an enthralling tie at Glevum Park. Dobbins gave Rovers on 19 minutes, before Mann scored just before half-time to make it 2-0.

Squad: Dave Evans; Jack Overthrow; Tristan Haswell; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Courtney Hamilton; Jamie Goodwin; Jake Burns; Shayne Bradley; Harry Walker; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Ryan Dobbins.

13 April 2019

Tuffley Rovers slumped to a disappointing 3-0 reverse at home against Shrivenham, two weeks after a sensational win against Binfield had all but secured their Hellenic League Premier Division status for another season.

It took the visiting side, who arrived at Glevum Park as the Premier Division's form side, half an hour to break Rovers' resistance, as Antonio Gerrish finished from close range, and it was quickly 2-0, as Nathan Blackford netted from the penalty spot after Macaulay Herbert was adjudged to have fouled Gerrish.

Gerrish then hit the bar, almost on the stroke of half-time, as Rovers found themselves very much second fiddle in this contest, and in a second half that was more evenly contested, it took another moment of quality from the same player to make it 3-0, as Gerrish scored a terrific effort to seal the result for Shrivenham.

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

13 April 2021

Tuffley Rovers played their first competitive fixture in a little under 6 months, as a second consecutive season played under the spectre of the Covid-19 pandemic saw teams playing in a hastily convened Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup competition, after the league season had been terminated in October 2020.

Rovers visited Bishops Cleeve in the first game in the group stage of the competition and they succumbed to a 4-0 defeat, a loss made all the more painful by seeing former Rovers players Jake Rhodes and Mark Pritchett on the scoresheet for the visiting team.

Cleeve had led 3-0 at the interval and scored their fourth within two minutes of the re-start, before Rovers showed some spirit, so that the scoreline was no more emphatic by the end of the evening.

Squad: Luke Merchant; Isaac Lawrence; Jacob Geddes; Macaulay Herbert; Miles Ferguson; Dominik Kent; Henry Birkett; Sam Mendes; Joe Shutt; Warren Mann; Adam Bloomfield. **Subs used:** Brett James; Rudi McKinnon; Will Higgins; Lewis Bainbridge; Ben Hailwood.

Statistics 2023/24

Competition

Uhtsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

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

MSCC = Marsh Sports Challenge Cup;

WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

		Att	Scorers	Merchant, Luke	Hill, Sam	Mann, Warren	Pritchett, Mark	Herbert, Macaulay			
2023											
01/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester City	A	0-0	487	-	1	2	3	4	5
05/Aug	3pm	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	FAC	H	2-2	124	S Hicks, J Rhodes				
12/Aug	3pm	Hereford Lads Club	A	0-2	108	-	1		3	4	U
15/Aug	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus	H	3-4	103	J Rhodes, M Pritchett, T Shyamapant	1	11	4	5	
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	5
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	5
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	6
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		14
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	5	
30/Sep	3pm	Slimbridge	A	1-4	128	C Walters	1	2	4	5	
03/Oct	7:45pm	Worcester City	H	2-4	224	H Birkett, Jake White	1	2	10	4	5
07/Oct	3pm	Thornbury Town	A	1-0	98	M Pritchett	1	2	4	5	
14/Oct	3pm	Wantage Town	H	3-2	67	K Alder, C Walters, J Rhodes	1	2	5		
21/Oct	3pm	Brockenhurst	FAV	A	0-3	166	-	1	2	4	5
24/Oct	7:45pm	Pershore Town	H	2-1	72	J Rhodes (2)	1			4	5
28/Oct	3pm	Corsham Town	A	0-2	162	-	1	3	4	5	
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	5	
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	5
28/Nov	7:45pm	Hereford Lads Club	MCC	A	1-0	48	K Alder	1		4	5
09/Dec	3pm	Slimbridge	H	2-3	112	K Chambers, C Walters	1	16	2	5	
16/Dec	3pm	Thornbury Town	H	1-1	71	K Chambers	1	2	3	4	5
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	5	
26/Dec	3pm	Longlevens	A	3-1	227	C Walters, K Chambers (pen), K Alder	1	U	2	4	5
30/Dec	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A	5-1	112	K Chambers (3, pen), K Alder, H Birkett	1	12	2	4	U
2024											
01/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town	H	0-1	125	-	1	U	3	14	5
06/Jan	3pm	Fairford Town	A	0-2	83	-	1	3	4	2	
09/Jan	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp	MCC	H	1-2	51	B Bevan	1			5
16/Jan	7:45pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	A	0-1	78	-	1	8	4	2	
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	U
31/Jan	7:45pm	Highworth Town	A	0-0	96	-	1			4	6
03/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town	A	2-0	91	J White, J Rhodes			3	4	5
17/Feb	3pm	Hereford Pegasus	A	1-2	73	H Birkett	1			4	16
24/Feb	3pm	Worcester Raiders	H	2-2	113	K Chambers (2)			3	4	5
08/Mar	7:45pm	Lydney Town	H	3-2	132	K Alder (2), J Rhodes			3	4	5
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	2-0	102	J Rhodes, K Alder				9	4
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	34	40	35
STARTS	35	6	33	39	33
SUBSTITUTE	0	5	1	1	2
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0	2	2	2	4

Goalscorers

Chambers, Karnell	14	Radford, Joshua	2
Alder, Kieran	10	Martin, Jamie	1
Walters, Connor	9	Lomotey, Yeshaya	1
Rhodes, Jake	8	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		

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Luke Merchant

Goalkeeper

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

Joel White

Defence

The return of 'Digger' is a massive boost and the former Rovers captain is back playing after a season managing Gloucestershire Northern Senior League, Brockworth Albion. Can play in midfield but has developed into a fantastic centre-half, who is one of the team's leaders and most dependable players.

Macaulay Herbert

Defence

Now the second longest-serving member of the first team, 'Macca' came through our U18s and is solid and dependable; an excellent defender who has been getting better with every season that passed. Has now made over 250 first team appearances, despite several injuries punctuating each season. If he can stay fit could be the second highest appearance maker in the modern era.

Alex Barrett

Defence

Joined during pre-season 2023/24 and has settled in well, offering an option at left-back. Good defensively, very competitive and carries a threat going into the opposition half. Previously with Shortwood United; now looking to step up into 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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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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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.



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, 6 April 2024
(includes selected list of former players)



So, we reach the end of another season! 2023/24 is one in which:

- Seventeen players made their competitive first team debut for Tuffley Rovers and six players scored their first goal(s) for the club
- One player passed 150 appearances; three players passed 100 appearances; and five players passed 50 appearances
- Before today, 40 players had made at least one appearance, either in the starting line-up or as a substitute in a competitive fixture
- Warren Mann continues to lead our all-time appearance list. He has now made 538 appearances for the club – he also got the most cautions this season!

Thank you to every player who has represented the club this season. Thank you to those players who have reached a milestone that shows their loyalty and commitment to the club. Here is to 2024/25.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	125	37	Lander, Daniel	47	1
Alleyne, Jasper	2	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	6	2
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Bevan, Bradley	22	2	Mann, Warren	538	85
Birkett, Henry	126	10	McGuirk, Callum	79	0
Blackford, Callum	2	0	Merchant, Luke	115	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Chambers, Karnell	21	14	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Clifford, Ellis	13	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	186	28
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Radford, Joshua	17	2
Fallows, Dayton	5	0	Rhodes, Jake	74	24
Ford, Mark	164	61	Roberts, Tyrel	8	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Griffin, Tyrese	7	0	Shyamapant, Tomos	54	3
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Smith, Liam	74	1
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Harper-Emerson, Max	9	0	Thomas, Billy	3	0
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hoffland, Robin	9	0	Twyman, Jack	23	0
Holdaway, Matt	4	0	Victor, Harry	4	0
Herbert, Macaulay	289	10	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	56	2	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	130	9	Walters, Connor	44	9
James, Brett	186	64	White, Jake	30	5
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	139	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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Claret & Blue shirts; Claret shorts; Claret & White socks (GK: Green).

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

Billy Thomas

1

Ross Grimshaw

Callum McGuirk

2

Cameron Marsh

Ellis Clifford

3

Sam Plane

Macaulay Herbert

4

Jamie Cuthbertson ©

Joel White

5

Jack McCormack

Henry Birkett ©

6

Sam Griffiths

Jake White

7

Florjet Vucaj

Callum Blackford

8

Tom Dawson

Bradley Bevan

9

Isaac Powell

Jake Rhodes

10

James Hancocks

Karnell Chambers

11

Levi Ellis

Tyrel Roberts

12

Saul Thomas

Daniel Lander

14

Rory Thompson

Connor Walters

15

Arwyn Walby

Liam Smith

16

Oliver Guinane

Harry Victor

17

Caden Allport

Neil Mustoe

Manager

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Liam O'Neill

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