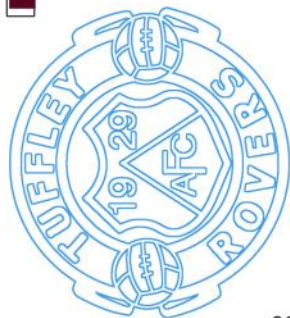




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FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to Glevum Park this evening everyone and welcome to all our visitors, notably the players, management team, committee and supporters of Pershore Town.

As someone once famously said, football is a funny old game. We have been on a terrific run of form in the UHlsport Hellenic League, so I was looking forward to our FA Vase game at Bitton AFC on Saturday but our lads put in a really disappointing performance and we turned a good start, and a lead through Connor Walters' goal, in to a 3-1 defeat to end our participation in this season's competition. Just as I thought we'd perhaps turned a corner, things went awry (typical Tuffley Rovers?).

Tonight, we will play a team who have seemingly turned a corner. Pershore Town had a difficult start to their 2024/25 season but have picked up point recently and come here tonight with three wins in their last four outings, with the only defeat a narrow 1-0 reverse against league leaders Corsham Town, and they've scored fifteen times in the three games either side of that, including a 7-0 win at Lydney Town when they last played (17 September).

That should tell anyone reading this that we are playing a side who will have quality and just a quick look at their squad reveals a plethora of goalscoring options in Danny Janes' squad. That a team sitting 14th in the table has scored 24 league goals in 10 games tells you something about the challenge we face tonight.

Off the field, I received some really sad news on Sunday evening when I heard that one of our regular season ticket holders, Christopher Wood (pictured) has been affected by serious ill-health and is currently in a critical condition in hospital. He is a really good guy, who loves his football, and has continued to watch games all over England and into Europe, despite previous complications with his health. I am hoping that the care and attention he is currently receiving serves him well and he makes a enough of a recovery so that we see him at Glevum Park again in the future. I know many of you will have spent time with Chris and will also wish him well.



Here is hoping that we can restore our health on the pitch and get back to winning ways. That is definitely what Chris would want tonight.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

(a selection of fixtures involving Hellenic League teams)

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Fairford Town v Highworth Town

Hartpury University v Hereford Pegasus

Lydney Town v Longlevens

Malmesbury Victoria v Mangotsfield United

Royal Wootton Bassett Town v Cirencester Town

Slimbridge v Worcester Raiders

Thornbury Town v Corsham Town

Westfields v Sporting Club Inkberrow

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good evening and a very warm welcome to Glevum Park. Welcome to all the players, coaches, committee and supporters of our opponents today, Pershore Town. I'd also like to extend that welcome to today's match day officials.

Pershore have picked up some form over the last few weeks and recorded some big wins against their opposition, so I am certainly expecting this to be a tough game this evening. Unfortunately, on Saturday we exited the FA Vase against Bitton which was a disappointing result and performance. It was nice however that the squad and committee travelled down to the game together, and even though the result wasn't what anyone wanted, the trip back was an opportunity for a bit of team bonding and a few "songs" from players that have joined us this season. We head to Fairford Town on Saturday with a supporters coach which is always an enjoyable day out for everyone.

I am also pleased to say, we will be opening our newly build extension at our social club site and the 1929 Suite is now available for hire both weekdays and weekends. If anyone has any enquiries or would like to discuss further, please email gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk for further details. We are opening the room on Sunday 29th September at 4pm for our members and supporters if anyone would like to have a look around and enjoy a drink.

I hope you enjoy the game and hospitality here this evening and have a safe journey home.

- Dan Boon

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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).

Mustoe achieved an 18th place finish at the end of the 2022/23 season, his first full campaign, before achieving a healthy 14th place in 2023/24, with a much improved squad.

FROM THE MANAGER



Good evening and welcome to Glevum Park to all players, management, officials and supporters from Pershore Town FC.

We are looking forward to a tough encounter this evening after two tight games last season in which we came out on top on both occasions.

Pershore have just started to find some momentum, after an indifferent start to the season, but week in week out there seems to be surprising results which make the Hellenic League Premier Division a very interesting competition to be involved in.

We have had a good run in the league only for a disappointing exit from the FA Vase on Saturday. Where chances have been in abundance in our previous three league games we didn't do enough to win on the day, and where we have looked solid defensively as a team, we gave away some sloppy goals.

Hopefully we start a new run tonight with a tough week ahead. I remain confident in my squad and believe we can pick up more valuable points.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 21 September 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	Corsham Town	9	6	1	0	18	6	2	0	0	8	3	8	1	0	26	9	17	25									
2	Roman Glass St George	10	4	2	0	17	6	3	1	0	10	5	7	3	0	27	11	16	24									
3	Hartoury University	11	2	3	1	12	5	4	0	1	12	3	6	3	2	24	8	16	21									
4	Mangotsfield United	10	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	1	18	7	6	3	1	18	7	11	21									
5	Hereford Pegasus	11	4	0	2	13	8	2	1	2	7	7	6	1	4	20	15	5	19									
6	Highworth Town	11	3	1	3	7	10	3	0	1	12	5	6	1	4	19	15	4	19									
7	Westfields	11	3	0	1	8	3	2	3	2	17	7	5	3	3	25	10	15	18									
8	Sporting Club Inkberrow	10	3	2	2	9	7	2	1	0	8	3	5	3	2	17	10	7	18									
9	Fairford Town	8	1	2	0	5	3	3	2	0	12	5	4	4	0	17	8	9	16									
10	Tuffley Rovers	11	3	0	1	6	3	2	1	4	7	10	5	1	5	13	13	0	16									
11	Worcester Raiders	10	1	3	0	4	2	2	2	2	4	5	3	5	2	8	7	1	14									
12	Slimbridge	10	2	1	3	19	15	2	0	2	6	9	4	1	5	25	24	1	13									
13	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	11	2	0	4	10	10	2	1	2	6	8	4	1	6	16	18	-2	13									
14	Pershore Town	10	3	1	2	17	7	0	1	3	5	9	3	2	5	22	16	6	11									
15	Malmesbury Victoria	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	6	14	21	2	1	6	14	21	-7	7									
16	Thornbury Town	10	1	0	5	7	15	1	1	2	8	8	2	1	7	15	23	-8	7									
17	Longlevens AFC	9	2	1	3	6	9	0	0	3	3	10	2	1	6	9	19	-10	7									
18	Cirencester Town	11	1	1	5	7	17	1	0	3	4	12	2	1	8	11	29	-18	7									
19	Lydney Town	10	0	1	2	3	6	1	1	5	4	28	1	2	7	7	34	-27	5									
20	Brimscombe & Thrupp	10	1	0	6	6	33	0	0	3	0	9	1	0	9	6	42	-36	3									

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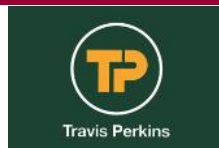
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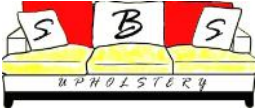


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PREVIOUSLY AGAINST TODAY'S OPPONENTS



We look back at our two previous competitive games against today's opposition since our return to the Hellenic League in 2007, with some details around the key moments, Both games came last year, when Rovers completed the league double over tonight's visitors....

24 October 2023, Hellenic League Premier Division, Tuffley Rovers 2-1 Pershore Town

Jake Rhodes scored a double, as Tuffley Rovers recovered from going a goal behind against newly promoted Pershore Town and took all three points.

Aidan Clark had given the visitors the lead at Glevum Park, with a 40th minute goal, but Rhodes equalised almost on the stroke of half-time to make it 1-1 at the interval, heading home Callum McGuirk's cross from deep.

Rovers created plenty of chances in the opening stages of the second half but failed to add to their score, Rhodes going closest to scoring on the hour, only to see his well struck shot go narrowly wide of the Pershore Town goal.

It was Rhodes, who was starting a game for the first time since mid-August, who sealed the win for Rovers, forcing the ball home in the 71st minute to make it 2-1. That was a scoreline that Rovers were able to preserve, despite late pressure from Lewis Marston's visiting side and that secured a third consecutive league win for Neil Mustoe's Rovers squad.

3 February 2024, Hellenic League Premier Division, Pershore Town 0-2 Tuffley Rovers

Tuffley Rovers returned from Pershore Town with a two goal victory and all three points, as goals from Jake White and Jake Rhodes proved enough to seal a league double over their hosts.

White gave Rovers a 19th minute lead, as he pounced onto the loose ball after a deflection took the ball away from the Pershore defence and into his path, before finishing smartly. That proved to be the only goal in a first period that saw both sides looking to attack, although debutant goalkeeper Harry Victor made a great stop to keep Pershore goalless and Karnell Chambers had an effort cleared off the line.

The second half was a competitive affair but Rovers missed several good opportunities to extend their lead, which made it a tense affair, until Kieran Alder presented Rhodes with a late opportunity, although he might have scored himself, as the Pershore keeper made a great save, but he kept the opportunity alive and lifted a cross into the striker's path and that needed no second invitation as it was despatched with a diving header to make it 2-0.



Pershore Town 2024/25 Pen Pics



Goalkeepers



Ryan Young

Josh Reed-Jones

Scott Loader

Defenders



Ben Johns

Miles Ferguson

Sacha Everard

Sean Cooke

Lewis Strafford

Cian Hodson

Wil Beach

Jake Bloomer

Midfielders



Jake Donnelly

Nathan Benson

Scott Hammond

Steve Webb

Jordan Jones

Ben Tilbury

Attackers



Aidan Clark

Alemi Obey-Gm

Bailey Fuller

Dylan Parker



James Baldwin

Jamie Clarke

Petar Tonchev

Zaq Hussain



Harlie Price



STATISTICS

Statistics 2024/25

Competition

Uthsport 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
2024							
31/Jul	7:45pm	Sporting Club Inkberrow		A	0-2	190	-
03/Aug	3pm	Kidlington FC	FAC	H	0-3	141	-
06/Aug	7:45pm	Slimbridge		H	3-0	210	K Chambers (2), B Bevan
10/Aug	3pm	Lydney Town		A	2-2	107	B Bevan, K Chambers
13/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		A	0-2	186	-
17/Aug	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		H	2-1	105	C Walters, T Roberts
20/Aug	7:45pm	Hartpury University		H	0-2	136	-
26/Aug	1pm	Longlevens		A	0-1	267	-
03/Sep	7:45pm	Westfields		A	1-2	138	K Chambers
07/Sep	3pm	Thornbury Town		A	3-1	91	K Chambers (2), B Bevan
14/Sep	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H	1-0	104	K Chambers
16/Sep	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		A	1-0	135	K Chambers
21/Sep	3pm	Bitton AFC	FAV	A	1-3	60	C Walters
24/Sep	7:45pm	Pershore Town		H			
28/Sep	3pm	Fairford Town		A			
01/Oct	7:45pm	Slimbridge		A			
05/Oct	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria		H			
08/Oct	7:45pm	Lydney Town		H			
12/Oct	3pm	Highworth Town		A			
19/Oct	3pm	Cirencester Town		H			
26/Oct	3pm	Corsham Town		A			
02/Nov	3pm	Brimmscombe & Thrupp		A			
05/Nov	7:45pm	Brimmscombe & Thrupp	GFA	H			
09/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United		H			
16/Nov	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A			
23/Nov	3pm	Thornbury Town		H			
30/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A			
07/Dec	3pm	Fairford Town		H			
14/Dec	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria		A			
21/Dec	3pm	Highworth Town		H			
26/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		H			
28/Dec	3pm	Cirencester Town		A			
2025							
01/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town		H			
04/Jan	3pm	Brimmscombe & Thrupp		H			
11/Jan	3pm	Mangotsfield United		A			
18/Jan	3pm	Worcester Raiders		H			
25/Jan	3pm	Hartpury University		A			
01/Feb	3pm	Westfields		H			
08/Feb	3pm	Sporting Club Inkberrow		H			
22/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town		H			
01/Mar	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A			

TOTAL APPEARANCES
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UNUSED SUBSTITUTE

Goalscorers

Chambers, Karnell	8	Connor Walters	2
Bevan, Brad	3	Tyrel Roberts	1

TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

Luke Merchant

Goalkeeper

Club captain who returned to the club in the 2022/23 season, after a Hellenic League Premier Division title winning season at Bishops Cleeve. A great shot stopper, commanding presence and accomplished keeper. Holds the club record for Hellenic League appearances as a keeper.

Robin Hoffland

Goalkeeper

Now a long-serving player, despite his age, who acts as a capable back-up to Luke Merchant in goal, whenever needed. Has played for the club's 1sts, 2nds, 3rds, 4ths and 5ths, as well as the U18s and always gives his all. Reliable, in a word.

Macaulay Herbert

Defence

Begins this season as our longest-serving member of the squad. 'Macca' came through our U18s and is solid and dependable; an excellent defender who has been getting better with every season that passed. Has made over 290 first team appearances, despite several injuries punctuating each season. On course to reach 300 appearances this season.

Josh Stevens

Defence

Development Squad player of the season in 2023/24; broke into the first team squad during pre-season, putting in some excellent performances in central defence. Tall, strong in the air, solid in the tackle and capable in possession, this could be the season when he steps up into first team football.

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. A real competitor.

Elijah Simpson

Defence

Player under Neil Mustoe at Gloucester City U18s and recently signed from Brimscombe & Thrupp and a great addition to the squad. Comfortable on the ball when in possession, shows a turn of pace, and good defensively. A key signing for this season.

Ellis Clifford

Defence

Came through the U18s squad, after joining from Gloucester City's youth set-up. Made a breakthrough last season and amassed 14 appearances at left-back. Very promising youngster who will be looking to be a regular in 2024/25.

2024/25 PLAYER PROFILES

Mark Pritchett

Defence

Tasted Hellenic League title winning success at Bishops Cleeve. Previously at Rovers as Player/Manager before stepping away from the role in 2021/22. Offers a no nonsense, uncompromising, good old-fashioned performance in every game, and a threat in the opposition box.

Sammie Hicks

Defence/Midfield

Now in his fourth season at the club, after spells at Gloucester City and Cinderford Town. Injuries have hampered his progress but he remains a reliable and very versatile member of the squad, capable of filling in at full-back, in midfield or in the No.10 role.

Harley Mustoe

Defence/Midfield

A member of this season's U18s squad after joining the squad late in 2023/24, Harley has gained experience playing County League football for Harwicke. Most comfortable in midfield but has played at full-back and looked very accomplished.

Callum McGuirk

Defence/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.

Liam Smith

Midfield

Has 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 three injury hit campaigns. Offers experience and capable of dropping into the back four when needed.

Cole Clinton

Midfield

New signing from Hartpury University. A diminutive figure, who is deceptively strong and has looked to be a good signing based on pre-season performances. Good on the ball and hard working, has the quality to improve our midfield.

Dean Turner

Midfield

Another new signing and a great addition to the Rovers fold. Southern League experience with Slimbridge and then spent several seasons at Brimscombe & Thrupp. Combative, communicative, hard-working, great positionally and a leader. Just what we needed to add to our midfield!

TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

2024/25 PLAYER PROFILES

Kieran Alder

Midfield/Forward

Returned to the club in 2022/23, after spells with Cinderford, Bishops Cleeve and Worcester City; and overcame injuries to return to his best. 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.

Corey Warrington

Midfield

Signed during pre-season after excelling at Northern Senior League side Tredworth Tigers during 2023/24. A highly energetic midfielder who likes to get on the ball; he's ambitious and could be an excellent addition to the squad for 2024/25, although an injury in pre-season could limit his immediate progress.

Matt Lee

Midfield

A new signing for 2024/25 who will play in midfield or an attacking role and looks to be a good addition to the squad. Hard-working and comfortable on the ball, has previous Hellenic League experience with Cinderford Town and Lydney Town.

Tyrel Roberts

Forward

Another player to come through from the U18s and then through the Development Squad, Ty is an old-fashioned centre-forward who never gives the opposing defence a break and has been a regular scorer in his time in the club's junior sides. Another player for whom this could prove to be their breakthrough season.

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. Finished 2023/24 as top goalscorer for the first team and added the sort of threat that Rovers have needed.

Yeshaya Lomotey

Forward

Powerful striker who joined in 2021/22 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 contribute more goals to secure a regular place in the side.

Brad Bevan

Forward

Signed from Fairford Town last season. Incredibly hardworking, tenacious, a real team player. Runs all day and although not a prolific goalscorer has been a good signing. Can play wide or down the centre.

Connor Walters

Forward

Wide player who joined from Gala Wilton in 2023/24. Strong and full of trickery, he had a fantastic start to his first season and contributed goals, as well as being a threat to opposition defences. Works hard for the team.

Riley Bourne

Forward

Under 18s player who graduated from our U16s last season. Quick, skilful, with an eye for goal, age is no impediment for this confident lad.

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. Still in the formative stage of his coaching journey but offers great support to Muzzy and is an important presence in the first team set-up.

Mike De-Bear

Physio

New for 2024/25 and a great signing off the pitch. Has experience working at EFL clubs and is already making a great impression.

Alex Butler

Coach

Joined in 2023/24 after previous experience in local football. Mr Reliable and a really positive influence in the dressing room on match-days.

Tim Hall

Coach

Previously been at Longlevens. Knew Muzzy and Ken Blackburn from his time with Gloucester City and is a great character. A keen cyclist, who also has an interest in classic cars.



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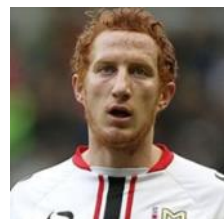
Half-time quiz: Break for five



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 today we focus on longevity, in recognition of Macaulay Herbert reaching 300 appearances for the club....

1. Fred Everiss holds the record for the longest managerial reign in the Football League, having managed the same club for over 45 years from 1902-1948 and taking his side to the Football League Division One title in 1919/20. Which club did Fred manage for so long?

2. Can you name the player pictured who made his debut for Wimbledon in 2002/03, then remained during the transition to Milton Keynes Dons and is still playing for the club, amassing a total of 941 games in 23 seasons?



3. Which player holds the record for the most Premier League appearances for four clubs, between 2 May 1998 and 24 February 2018?

4. Can you name the football ground pictured and home to a current English Championship club which is believed to be the oldest ground in England where league football is still being played regularly?



5. Can you name the four players pictured below, who all played their entire professional football career at one club and each had a very long career in the game?



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Quiz Answers: (1) West Bromwich Albion; (2) Dean Lewington; (3) Gareth Barry; (4) Bramall Lane, home to Sheffield United is the ground, where United played for the first time in 1889 but where football has been played since 1862; (5) A is Matt Lettissier; B is Ryan Giggs; C is Tony Hibbert; and D is Paolo Maldini!

Appearance information

Up to and including Saturday, 21 September 2024
(includes selected list of former players)



At the weekend (and slightly later than predicted in the last edition of this programme!) Macaulay Herbert moved into third place in our (at least modern day) all-time list, as he brought up a 300th competitive first team appearance. He made his debut away at Ellwood on 25 February 2012, aged just 16 years of age, and although he only clocked up ten appearances in his first three seasons, he is now in his 14th season with the club and become a mainstay of the Rovers line-up. Only Warren Mann and Mark Pritchett of the current squad made their debut before Macca, and only Wazza has a longer period of continuous service.



At the other end of the spectrum, several players made it to the mini-milestone of ten competitive appearances since our last programme article, with Dean Turner, Matt Lee, Harley Mustoe and Eli Simpson although reaching that mark in our last three games.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	136	37	Lee, Matt	10	0
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Lomotey, Yeshaya	58	8
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mann, Warren	542	85
Bevan, Bradley	36	5	McGuirk, Callum	93	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Merchant, Luke	127	0
Bourne, Riley	1	0	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Mustoe, Harley	10	0
Chambers, Karnell	35	22	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Clifford, Ellis	26	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clinton, Cole	3	0	Pritchett, Mark	195	28
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Roberts, Tyrel	18	1
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Ford, Mark	164	61	Simpson, Elijah	11	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Smith, Liam	84	1
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Stevens, Josh	2	0
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hoffland, Robin	9	0	Turner, Dean	12	0
Herbert, Macaulay	300	10	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	63	2	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	130	9	Walters, Connor	58	11
James, Brett	186	64	Warrington, Corey	4	0
James, Richard	125	40	Weaver, George	1	0
Kent, Dominik	175	21	White, Joel	140	4
Lander, Daniel	47	1	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.

PERSHORE TOWN CLUB HISTORY



Pershore Town Football Club was formed on the back of three local clubs; Pershore United, Pershore Rec. Rovers and a junior club, Pershore Bullets, getting together to form a club that could play in a better standard of football and to improve the facilities at King George IV Playing Fields.

The new club, Pershore Town 88 FC, joined the Midland Football Combination in 1989, initially in Division Two, where they were champions at the first attempt with just four league defeats all season to their record - finishing eleven points clear under the guidance of the club's first manager, John Judge.

The following season, in Midland Combination Division One, Pershore Town would finish third with seventeen wins from twenty eight games. The club was promoted by the League Management Committee to the Premier Division for the 1991/92 season.

Ahead of the 1991/92 season, John Judge stood down from the managerial role and Colin Shephard was appointed First Team Manager. Off the field, the clubs commitment to improving facilities remained true; a new function room "Abbey Suite" that was able to cater for 120 people was built, whilst a 140 all seater stand was also added to the Kings George IV Playing Field.

It took until the 1993/94 season where the club were crowned champions with twenty five wins in forty two games, a 2 - 1 away win over Meir KA on the last day of the season, capturing the league title. The same season, Pershore Town recorded their best run in the FA Cup, entering for the first time, by reaching the fourth qualifying round, beating Racing Club Warwick, Northampton Spencer, Pelsall Villa and Atherstone United before Yeading proved one step to far. [2] [2]

The Atherstone United fixture will live long in the history of the football club, a victory in front of the BBC cameras and a then club record attendance of 730. The club were also previewed on both the BBC's "Road To Wembley" and on Central News. Following the league win, Pershore Town would become one of the founder members of the Midland Football Alliance - the top ten teams from both the Midland Combination Premier Division and the West Midland Premier League created this league.

A bottom placed finish during the 1996/97 season, but no relegation, was backed up by finishing second from bottom the following two seasons. In 1998, Pershore Town added another club to it's merger with Worcester Athletic absorbed. Worcester themselves had an impressive record in a brief stay in the Midland Combination, winning the Premier Division during the 1997/98 season.

Pershore's stay in the Midland Alliance would come to an end following the 1999/00 season however, finishing bottom of twenty two teams with just seven wins from forty two games and conceding one hundred and three goals. After several managerial changes over a six year period, the club were relegated back to the Midland Combination Premier. [2] [2]

Whilst the league was a constant struggle for Pershore Town, during the 2013/14 season the

club did win the Worcester Royal Infirmary Cup, beating Malvern Town 2 - 1. Phil Marsh converted from the penalty spot whilst veteran substitute Richard Congrave scored the winner.

By the 2014/15 season, the Midland Alliance and Midland Combination had merged to create the Midland Football League, Pershore were placed in Division One. After a poor start to the campaign, a managerial change brought about a better style of football and results began to improve. By March, the team had won MFL March Team of the Month and eventually went on to finish in its highest position for several years.

A disappointing start to the following season would again see a managerial change, with former Wolves and Hereford United player Quentin Townsend taking charge.

Ahead of the 2018/19 season, Pershore Town were moved from the Midland Football League and joined the West Midlands (Regional) League Premier Division, finishing 14th in their first season before the next two were abandoned for COVID-19. A league move wasn't the only change at Pershore Town, former Malvern Town manager Les Jones was appointed First Team Manager along with Derek Doyle as his Assistant Manager.

Les stood down from his role as First Team Manager during the 2020/21 season, Stewart Watkins was his replacement whilst Les took on the role as Director of Football. By December 2020, Neil Parton, former Worcester City Reserve Team manager, was challenged with the role of pushing Pershore Town forwards.

With the league restructure, Pershore Town were moved from the West Midlands Regional League to the Hellenic League ahead of the 2021/22 season. During the 2021/22 season and following a poor start, Neil was replaced in November with former Pershore Town player, Danny Janes. Janes joined the club from fellow Hellenic League side, FC Stratford - a club he had taken to the top of the league before returning to the Community Stadium.

With a turn in fortunes following the appointment, the club secured a cup treble during the 2021/22 season, including the Worcestershire Senior Cup beating two Step Three sides in Bromsgrove Sporting and Redditch United along the way. The following season saw more success with Pershore Town crowned Hellenic League Division One Champions and also securing the Hellenic League Challenge Cup, defeating Premier Division Champions, Cribbs, in the Semi Final.

Prior to the season ending, Dany Janes announced he would be stepping away from Football for twelve months whilst he looked to focus on his career in teaching. Lewis Marston was appointed manager ahead of the 2023/24 Hellenic League Season, the club's return to Step 5, whilst big shoes to fill Lewis guided The Plums to their highest ever finish at Step 5.

The Club opted for a change in management however following a poor second half of the season with Pershore struggling for wins. Danny Janes was announced as Lewis' replacement for the 2024/25 Season whilst Steve Webb took interim charge of the final game of the 2023/24 Season.





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	Elijah Simpson	2	William Beach			
	Ellis Clifford	3	Sean Cooke			
	Mark Pritchett	4	Kirk Layton ©			
	Macaulay Herbert	5	Luke Carsley			
	Dean Turner	6	Sacha Everard			
	Callum McGuirk	7	Bailey Fuller			
	Kieran Alder	8	Jack Cresswell			
	Karnell Chambers	9	Aidan Clark			
	Brad Bevan	10	Harlie Price			
	Connor Walters	11	Devonn O'Sullivan			
	Matt Lee	12	Taylor Eades			
	Sammie Hicks	14	Jake Donnelly			
	Harley Mustoe	15	Ben Tilbury			
	Liam Smith	16	James Baldwin			
	Josh Stevens	17	Zaq Hussain			
	Cole Clinton	18	James Clarke			
	Tyrel Roberts	19	Cameron Monteith			
	Warren Mann	20	Jake Bloomer			
	Corey Warrington	21	Reece Day			

Claret & Blue shirts; Claret shorts; Claret & White socks (GK: Grey).

Blue shirts; Blue shorts; Blue socks (GK: Yellow).

Neil Mustoe

MANAGER

Danny Janes

Liam O'Neill

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Tim Hall (Coach)

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James Rushton (Coach)
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