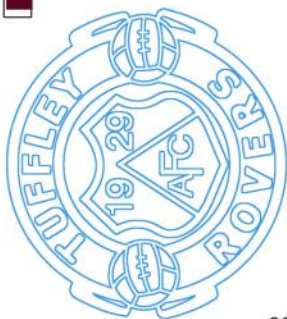




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# FROM THE EDITOR



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

I'm not sure how long it has been since our two clubs have been in the same division, but it is definitely a first league meeting during my time at Tuffley Rovers (2005/06 onwards). Looking at the records available to me, I believe the last league meeting between our two clubs came in the 1995/96 season when we were both in the Hellenic League Premier Division. So, a first meeting in 19 years awaits us today! Please don't anyone ask me what the scores were in that season!!

Overall, things are going relatively well, on and off the pitch. The new hall at our social club on Tuffley Lane has now opened and is already proving popular, with several bookings for parties or other celebrations. On the pitch we've become a much better side, with the 3-3 draw at Highworth Town last week a really great illustration of the strength of our squad and the progress made in the last 12-18 months.

Although our last home game (our 1-1 draw with Malmesbury Victoria) was disappointing, that was another indicator our progress because not only did we manage to fall behind, but we also felt desperately disappointed not to take all three points.

Today's visitors will present a tough challenge. Hopefully we can find the strength, skill and resilient attitude that has been on show in the past couple of weeks, so that there is the opportunity to add to our points total as we head towards the end of the first half of the season.

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)

Ukhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Hartpury University v Corsham Town

Longlevens v Highworth Town

Slimbridge v Malmesbury Victoria

Sporting Club Inkberrow v Pershore Town

Westfields v Brimscombe & Thrupp

Worcester Raiders v Mangotsfield United

The Isuzu FA Vase, First Round

AFC Stoneham v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Bodmin Town v Lydney Town

Fairford Town v East Cowes Victoria

Market Drayton Town v Hereford Pegasus

Torpoint Athletic v Thornbury Town

# FROM THE CHAIRMAN



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

Today's fixture will be as tough as any. What this league has proven this season is that no matter what position any team is in, anyone is capable of beating anyone on the day. I feel this will be a tight game and not a huge amount in it come the final whistle, whatever the league table might tell us before the game.

There was a nice break for the first team squad, with no midweek fixture, and after last Saturday's result against Highworth Town that was probably much needed. To go there with some key players missing through suspension, injury and work commitments is testament to the strength of the whole squad that went there and came back with a point. It was also an indicator as to how well the lads played that some seemed disappointed not to come back with all three points.

That was the only point across all of our teams last weekend, with our Development Squad, 3rds, 4ths, Veterans and Ladies' teams all being defeated by their opposition across Saturday and Sunday. Let's hope this weekend brings many more points across the board!

Away from the football action, our 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](mailto:gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk).

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

Thanks

- 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark Pritchett was then appointed as Player/Manager and took the side to consecutive 10<sup>th</sup> placed finishes, before a 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> place).

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

# FROM THE MANAGER



Good afternoon and welcome to Glevum Park to all players, management, officials and supporters from Cirencester Town FC, a football club with a good pedigree who were not so long ago playing in a higher step than they currently find themselves.

We find ourselves playing Cirencester as they made a decision to accept voluntary relegation at the end of last season, and I'm sure it wasn't taken lightly. They now are rebuilding this season and I'm sure they would have been hoping to be in a healthier league position, but as you find out pretty quickly in the Hellenic League there is rarely an easy fixture, regardless of form or reputation.

We come into this on the back of what was not only a very good result but also a really good performance, scoring three goals away from home against very good opponents in Highworth Town and it possibly could and should have been more.

Scoring a late equaliser after going 3-2 behind in the 84th minute (and letting one on in the first two minutes) showed a lot of belief and character, which has been building in the group as the season has progressed. Last season we went to Highworth hoping to get a point (and delighted to get one); this year I felt during the game we had a genuine belief we could win it.

With a few players out we shuffled the pack in terms of personnel but had round pegs in round holes, with the exception of left back, and to a man we got a performance all should be proud of. This will mean nothing if we can't back it up this afternoon and continue our good home form. I find myself saying this every other week at the moment but it should be acknowledged how good our home record is and I am confident we can keep this going.

Cirencester have recently picked up their performances and results, so we know we need to be mentally and tactically aware and focused on the job in hand to get the three points we want. If we can achieve that outcome, it will give us a nice tally of points at the mid-part of October, when traditionally we are only just starting to pick up a handful of points.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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# HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 15 October 2024

Pos	Team	Home									Away									Overall		
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A
1	Roman Glass St George	14	7	2	0	32	7	3	1	1	12	8	10	3	1	44	15	29	33			
2	Hartpury University	15	4	3	1	17	6	6	0	1	20	3	10	3	2	37	9	28	33			
3	Fairford Town	14	3	3	1	12	7	5	2	0	17	7	8	5	1	29	14	15	29			
4	Highworth Town	16	5	2	3	14	14	4	0	2	15	7	9	2	5	29	21	8	29			
5	Mangotsfield United	13	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	1	24	9	8	4	1	24	9	15	28			
6	Corsham Town	16	6	1	3	20	14	3	0	3	10	14	9	1	6	30	28	2	28			
7	Worcester Raiders	16	2	4	0	10	2	4	4	2	15	11	6	8	2	25	13	12	26			
8	Sporting Club Inkberrow	15	3	3	3	11	10	4	2	0	12	4	7	5	3	23	14	9	26			
9	Westfields	17	4	1	2	13	6	3	3	4	20	10	7	4	6	33	16	17	25			
10	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	15	5	0	4	21	14	3	1	2	12	11	8	1	6	33	25	8	25			
11	Slimbridge	15	3	2	4	27	25	3	1	2	10	12	6	3	6	37	37	0	21			
12	Hereford Pegasus	16	4	1	3	13	9	2	2	4	8	12	6	3	7	21	21	0	21			
13	Tuffley Rovers	16	4	1	1	9	5	2	2	6	11	18	6	3	7	20	23	-3	21			
14	Pershore Town	15	5	1	3	23	13	0	2	4	7	12	5	3	7	30	25	5	18			
15	Thornbury Town	14	1	1	7	10	20	2	1	2	11	10	3	2	9	21	30	-9	11			
16	Longlevens AFC	16	2	1	5	8	17	0	2	6	7	21	2	3	11	15	38	-23	9			
17	Malmesbury Victoria	10	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	6	15	22	2	2	6	15	22	-7	8			
18	Cirencester Town	15	1	2	6	10	23	1	0	5	7	19	2	2	11	17	42	-25	8			
19	Lydney Town	14	1	1	4	7	11	1	1	6	5	32	2	2	10	12	43	-31	8			
20	Brimmscombe & Thrupp	14	1	1	7	7	37	1	0	4	2	22	2	1	11	9	59	-50	7			

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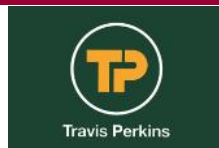
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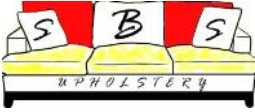


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## CIRENCESTER TOWN – PLAYER PROFILES



### **Sam Ayres - Goalkeeper**

Highly rated goalkeeper who made his Ciren first team debut in 2019 and earned the man of the match award that game. Spells at Malmesbury Victoria and Fairford Town before returned back to the Talent Hire Stadium in the summer.

### **Ronnie Newbury - Goalkeeper**

Highly rated young goalkeeper with a big career ahead of him in non-league football. Brilliant shot stopper and will be pushing Sam Ayres all the way for the number 1 jersey this term.

### **Jonny Aitkenhead- Defender**

Signed from Royal Wootton Bassett. Outstanding in the air and solid on the deck, he brings some much-needed steel to the heart of the Centurions defence. A nuisance at set plays.

### **Dave Bampton – Defender**

Signed on the eve of the new season. The former Swindon Town, Tamworth, Swindon Supermarine and more recently Royal Wootton Bassett player is a tough tackling defender who is equally composed on the ball and brings a wealth of experience to the team.

### **Jordan Morris – Defender**

Signed from Forest Green Rovers in 2018 and has been at The Talent Hire Stadium ever since. One of the best left foos in the league, was sorely missed last season due to long term injury problems but back fit and raring to go.

### **Lewis Thorne – Defender**

Versatile defender signed from North Leigh. Comfortable on the ball and can play at either right back or in the centre.

### **Ethan Rose– Midfielder**

Joined from Bishops Cleeve in the Summer having picked up the players player of the year award. The talented midfielder has a great engine, an eye for goal and is a great addition to the squad having impressed in pre-season.

### **Jack Freeman – Midfielder.**

Another player returning to the Centurions after spells at Cinderford Town FC and Brimscombe & Thrupp. He is a quality ball carrier who loves to spray the passes and loves to get forward when the opportunity arises.

### **Jack Horrell – Midfielder**

Returns to the Talent Hire Stadium, having previously played briefly under Charlie Griffin before work commitments took

him away. The talented midfielder has a good football brain and a great array of passing.

### **Finley Bell – Midfielder**

Instant hit with the Centurions fans with his clever feet, endless endeavor and precise passing. Versatile, committed player who has a great array of passing and can unlock any defence.

### **Jayden Stratford - Midfielder**

Jayden rejoin Ciren following a stint at Brimscombe & Thrupp last term. Previously part of our Youth Set up. A great prospect who has a great engine on him. Box to box midfielder who will grab his fair share of goals this season.

### **Oliver Rejak - Midfielder**

Ollie began his career at Swindon Town and came through their Academy ranks before he was released in 2018. He then tried his luck in Spain with La Nucia before returning to England with Swindon Supermarine and spent last season with Highworth Town FC.

### **Jake Allan - Midfielder**

Player who returned to Ciren having played for our Development Team for 2 seasons banging 11 goals in only 33 appearances. Big strong striker, dangerous in the box.

### **Aidan Bennett – Striker**

Aidan has been part of Cirencester Town since he was 6 years old and was one of only 2 players who remained at Ciren from last season following our voluntary relegation. Bags of pace, hardworking and unselfish. Comfortable on either foot with a powerful strike and scorer of some important goals over the years. Over 400 appearances for The Centurions and he is the club captain this season.

### **Bonsa Teshome – Striker**

Quick feet and the ability to deliver a telling cross. Likes to play out on the left and loves to be in the thick of the action.

### **Luca Robinson – Striker**

Bundles of pace and oozes class with the ball at his feet. Likes to run at players and aim for the byline to deliver telling crosses. Dual registration with Gloucester City after an impressive 2023-24 season at The Talent Hire Stadium.

### **Ed Taylor - Striker**

Part of our youth set up and the highly sought after striker is already attracting attention from National League clubs. A bright future ahead of him in the non-league game and more.



# STATISTICS

## Statistics 2024/25

### Competition

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
<b>2024</b>							
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	2-1	108	B Bevan, K Alder
28/Sep	3pm	Fairford Town		A	0-3	88	-
01/Oct	7:45pm	Slimbridge		A	1-2	122	T Roberts
05/Oct	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria		H	1-1	103	H Mustoe
12/Oct	3pm	Highworth Town		A	1-1	103	D Turner, K Chambers, B Bevan
19/Oct	3pm	Cirencester Town		H			
26/Oct	3pm	Corsham Town		A			
02/Nov	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		A			
05/Nov	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp	GFA	H			
09/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United		H			
16/Nov	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A			
23/Nov	3pm	Thornbury Town		H			
26/Nov	7:45pm	Lydney 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			
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<b>2025</b>							
01/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town		H			
04/Jan	3pm	Brimscombe & 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			

### Goalscorers

Karnell Chambers	9	Tyrel Roberts	2
Brad Bevan	5	Kieran Alder	1
Connor Walters	2	Dean Turner	1

### TOTAL APPEARANCES

#### STARTS

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## 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 footballing Romans, Rome and , given The Centurions are our visitors today....**

1. In which year did Roman Abramovich first become the owner of Chelsea Football Club?

2. Can you name this Roman (pictured) who was a striker for Tottenham Hotspur, between 2008 and 2012, scoring 21 Premier League goals in 78 appearances?



3. In Italy, which two clubs play out the Derby della Capitale (Derby of the capital city) or The Rome Derby, as it is otherwise known?

4. On 11 October 1997 England played out a 0-0 draw with Italy in Rome, that secured their qualification for the 1998 World Cup Finals tournament. Who was the manager of the team that played in Rome that night and which two players from the starting line-up (pictured) failed to make the squad for the Finals' tournament?



5. Can you name the four players born in Rome?



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

**Quiz Answers:** (1) 2003; (2) Roman Pavlyuchenko; (3) AS Roma and Lazio; (4) Glenn Hoddle was the manager, with Paul Gascoigne and Ian Wright failing to make the Finals' squad; (5) A is Paulo Di Canio; B is Francesco Totti; C is Alessandro Nesta; and D is Federico Marchetti.

# Appearance information

Up to and including Saturday, 12 October 2024  
(includes selected list of former players)



Our Supporters' Man of the Match award in our last game, against Malmesbury Victoria, went to new signing Tawana Changa, as he put in an impressive display at right-back. That was his first appearance in front of the Rovers faithful and he now has four appearances, with three of them coming in tough away trips.

Tawana made his debut as a substitute at Fairford Town three weeks ago, and then got a first start against Slimbridge in the midweek following that game. He is a student at Hartpury University and hails from Reading. He looks to be confident on the ball and has previously played for English Colleges Football Association, as well as having had trials at Southampton.

Here is hoping this is the start of good things for Tawana at Tuffley Rovers!



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	140	38	Lander, Daniel	47	1
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Lee, Matt	11	0
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Lomotey, Yeshaya	58	8
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Bevan, Bradley	40	6	Mann, Warren	542	85
Birkett, Henry	127	10	McGuirk, Callum	97	0
Bourne, Riley	1	0	Merchant, Luke	131	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Chambers, Karnell	39	22	Mustoe, Harley	13	1
Changa, Tawana	3	0	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Clifford, Ellis	30	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clinton, Cole	3	0	Pritchett, Mark	198	28
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Roberts, Tyrel	22	2
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Evans, David	69	0	Simpson, Elijah	14	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Smith, Liam	88	1
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Stevens, Josh	2	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Turner, Dean	15	0
Hoffland, Robin	9	0	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Herbert, Macaulay	303	10	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hicks, Sammie	66	2	Walters, Connor	62	11
Hill, Sam	130	9	Warrington, Corey	8	0
James, Brett	186	64	Weaver, George	1	0
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	140	4
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.

# HISTORY OF CIRENCESTER TOWN FC



Cirencester Town FC was formed in 1889 and played amateur football in the Cirencester & District League, Cheltenham League and eventually the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League.

In the late '60s Cirencester joined the Gloucester County League, moving from there up to the Hellenic League in 1969. During that time, they had their first national cup run, reaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Proper of the FA Amateur Cup. They won their first major piece of silverware, taking the Hellenic League First Division Championship in 1973-74 to reach the Premier Division. Following a subsequent relegation, the modern phase of development was slowly established, with their Smithsfield ground being improved.

Season 1995-96 was the start of the new era. In partnership with Cirencester College, the club began the groundbreaking Football Academy programme. Developing rapidly, first under Dave Hockaday and, when he moved as Youth Team Manager to Watford FC, followed by Steve Lowndes, the Academy have been National College Champions in '97 and in '98, five times winners of the English Schools FA U19 Colleges Cup since 1998, and British Colleges Trophy Champions 4 times since '97. The youngsters have regularly reached the latter stages of the FA Youth Cup as the last remaining non-league club in that competition and in 2008-09 reached the third round proper before losing to Sunderland at the Stadium of Light. The success of the Academy has had the knock-on effect of providing CTFC with new blood and developing talent.

Off field, a long planning process led to the development of the Community Club phase led by Chairman Steve Abbley and implemented over 3 years by Business Manager Anna Kocherhan. In summer 2002 Brian Hughes succeeded Ray Baverstock as manager. At the same time the club, having invested the proceeds of the sale of Smithsfield in the Corinium Stadium at Kingshill, moved into their new facility and renamed as "The Centurions". This development was followed in November 2004 by the opening of The Arena, a state-of-the-art full size indoor training facility. We have now been awarded the FA's "Charter Standard Community Club" status and then the 2006 Gloucestershire FA Award for "Charter Standard Community Club of the Year", which was presented to Steve Abbley by Sir Geoff Hurst.

In May 2006, after four highly successful years and having raised expectations at the club, Brian Hughes resigned as First Team Manager to be replaced by Neil Hards. Neil had taken a year out of football after his achievements at Winchester City where they gained "back-to-back" promotions and won the FA Vase in 2004. Unfortunately, despite some good early performances, the team lacked the necessary consistency, and a disastrous run of results after Christmas meant they finished in the relegation places. However, the club was later reprieved from relegation after a number of changes were made to club allocations in the non-league structure due to club mergers and other decisions.



Manager Adi Viveash left the Centurions to take up his role as Chelsea and Brian Hughes was again called upon to take up the hot seat as First Team manager. The 2009 – 10 seasons proved to be a very successful one with the Development Squad winning the league in their first season and the first team gaining promotion via the play offs after two very good away wins, both with late goals.

Manager Brian Hughes managed the club's first season back in the Southern League Premier Division in 2010-2011 and the club finished 13<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, 2011-12 saw the heartbreak of relegation and our first year back in the South & West Division saw us finish 10<sup>th</sup> in the table.

The 2013-2014 season saw the club have its most successful season ever, gaining automatic promotion back to the Southern League Premier by clinching the title on the last day of the season to beat Merthyr Town to the championship. Brian Hughes worked with a small squad which managed to overturn a 9-point deficit and clinched the title by winning the last 7 games of the season whilst everyone else dropped points on the way.

2016-2017 saw changes at the helm after a poor start Brian Hughes was relieved of the manager's job and Charlie Griffin was installed as his replacement. The 2017-2018 saw a brand-new state of the art 3G pitch installed at The Corinium Stadium. After a slow start The Centurions missed out on a play-off spot on goal difference and disappointment was to follow last season after finishing runners up, promotion was denied via the play offs losing to Cinderford Town FC in the semi-final by one goal.

December 2019 saw another change with former North Leigh manager John Brough take the helm replacing Charlie Griffin after a disappointing start to the season. The change nearly had the desired effect as the Centurions climbed the table with a play-off place in sight before the season was sadly cut short due to the current situation, we find ourselves in relating to COVID 19.

The COVID-19 pandemic put paid to two seasons before we returned fully in 2021-2022. After a great league campaign, heartbreak again for the Centurions as we missed out on possible promotion losing in the play-offs again.

From 2020 to 2024 there was something of a new era for Cirencester Town, with the appointment of John Brough. John's first season ended in heartbreak with a loss in the play-offs, and the second season was curtailed due to COVID when the Centurions were league leaders. The last two seasons were extremely difficult after the club were placed in the Central Division, missing out on the play-offs both seasons by one point.

The end of the 2023/24 season saw the club apply for voluntary relegation to the Hellenic League after the decision was taken due to the levels of travel required in the Southern League, ending a 28 year stay in the Southern League. Following the departure of John Brough the club appointed Assistant Manager and ex-player James Mortimer-Jones as manager.



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Harley Mustoe	<b>12</b>	Bonsa Teshome
Hubert Zatorski	<b>14</b>	Craig Graham
Liam Smith	<b>15</b>	Jayden Stratford
Connor Walters	<b>16</b>	Oliver Rejek
Tyrel Roberts	<b>17</b>	Harrison Reeves
Cole Clinton	<b>18</b>	Harley Arnold

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