

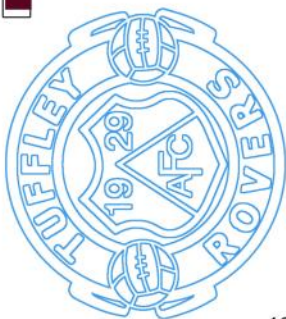


**TUFFLEY ROVERS v
CHELTENHAM
SARACENS**

Tuesday 3 December 2024
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SECOND ROUND

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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 Cheltenham Saracens FC.

Isn't football a frustrating game?!? Last week we hosted Lydney Town and although we finished the game with a convincing 7-3 victory, I felt that we could have won by a far greater margin. In the previous game, against Thornbury Town we recovered to gain a point – which was probably a fair result – but it also felt like a missed opportunity after our fantastic victory over Mangotsfield United in the previous game at Glevum Park.

In between the home games, we played really well for 45 minutes but imploded in the second half and lost 2-1 to high-flying Roman Glass St.George. Then, on Saturday, we started on the back foot against Royal Wootton Bassett Town and for about 20 minutes did well to hold the score at 0-0. For the next 20 minutes we were the better side and should have gone in front just before the 40 minute mark. Seconds later we were reduced to ten-men and within sixty seconds we were 1-0 down. The game went from one we were competitive in, to one we did well to hold to 4-0 by the end of the game. Frustrating, to say the least!

Frustration is the word to use during my time as Secretary, when considering the GFA Challenge Trophy. Two years before I became First XI Secretary (in 2010/11) I watched our lads lose 1-0 to Shortwood United in the final at Almondsbury. Since then we have won just eleven games, across fourteen seasons (the competition had a gap year due to the pandemic). Any reader will see we haven't been particularly successful, although we did reach the semi-final in 2022/23, only to lose to Lydney Town. That was the high point!

Could this be our year? Who knows? What we do know is that tonight's game will be a very difficult one. Despite their league position (currently 15th out of 18 in Division One), they will present a huge challenge tonight. Anyone underestimating them should be reminded of their victory over us here, back in 2021/22, when they left Glevum Park with a 5-2 win.

Here is to a night with a little less frustration.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Tuesday, 3 December 2024

Gloucestershire FA Challenge Trophy, Second Round

Newent Town v Fairford Town

UHSport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Hartpury University v Roman Glass St George

Mangotsfield United v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Pershore Town v Highworth Town

Westfields v Brimscombe & Thrupp

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



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

This fixture tonight is a County Cup fixture and as a club we always, like many others, want to do well and put a good cup run together. Hopefully this is our year where our first team go all the way, but the squad should be under no illusions that tonight's fixture is going to be an easy fixture. Cheltenham Saracens have always proved to be a tricky opponent for us, and tonight I expect to be yet another tough encounter. Our record against them isn't great, which probably reinforces that comment.

The games continue to come thick at fast here at Glevum Park, this being the sixth game in ten days on the pitch which also has another two games on it between this game and Saturday evening. A huge thank you to the staff and volunteers that have been working hard before, during and after the games to ensure the ground is ready, cleaned and providing fantastic hospitality during the games themselves.

The hectic period doesn't end on Saturday and we have a busy fixture list over Christmas and New Year too, so if you are thinking of what games to watch, we have games here on 14th, 21st, 26th Dec and New Year's Day.

If you haven't seen my previous articles, just to confirm that the extension at our community social club has now opened. We've held a few events already and had some great feedback. The 1929 Suite is now available for hire both weekdays and weekends. If anyone has any enquiries or would like to discuss this further, please email gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk.

I hope you enjoy the game and hospitality here this evening 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 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 Cheltenham Saracens.

Tonight we take our minds temporarily away from our league campaign and concentrate on the opportunity in this cup competition and this is one where we want to go as far as we can, so I will be looking to field a strong side.

We have a big-league game on Saturday, when Fairford Town visit, but this won't alter my mind on team selection to much. Being successful in cup competitions has a positive effect, so tonight is almost as important.

This is a good cup tie for both teams; we are confident in our form, despite losing on Saturday, and they have nothing to lose, meaning they can probably come and play with more freedom than they would on a weekly basis in the league.

Hopefully we can get back to winning ways and get a positive result which keeps our season going and adding more games in to the New Year programme.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 30 November 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	Hartpury University	20	5	4	1	19	7	9	0	1	28	5	14	4	2	47	12	35	46							
2	Roman Glass St George	19	9	3	1	44	17	4	1	1	14	9	13	4	2	58	26	32	43							
3	Sporting Club Inkberrow	22	6	3	3	19	11	6	3	1	19	8	12	6	4	38	19	19	42							
4	Highworth Town	22	7	3	3	23	16	6	0	3	17	9	13	3	6	40	25	15	42							
5	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	21	9	0	4	35	15	4	1	3	17	15	13	1	7	52	30	22	40							
6	Mangotsfield United	21	2	0	1	4	2	9	7	2	31	12	11	7	3	35	14	21	40							
7	Fairford Town	20	5	3	4	19	18	5	2	1	18	10	10	5	5	37	28	9	35							
8	Corsham Town	22	8	2	4	27	20	3	0	5	13	21	11	2	9	40	41	-1	35							
9	Worcester Raiders	22	3	5	1	14	6	5	5	3	20	16	8	10	4	34	22	12	34							
10	Tuffley Rovers	24	6	2	2	19	11	4	2	8	15	24	10	4	10	34	35	-1	34							
11	Slimbridge	22	5	2	4	35	28	4	2	5	15	26	9	4	9	50	54	-4	31							
12	Pershore Town	20	6	1	3	30	14	3	2	5	17	17	9	3	8	47	31	16	30							
13	Westfields	20	4	2	2	13	6	4	3	5	26	16	8	5	7	39	22	17	29							
14	Hereford Pegasus	23	6	1	3	24	10	2	2	9	13	26	8	3	12	37	36	1	27							
15	Thornbury Town	20	2	1	10	15	27	3	2	2	14	12	5	3	12	29	39	-10	18							
16	Cirencester Town	22	2	3	8	13	28	3	0	6	11	21	5	3	14	24	49	-25	18							
17	Longlevens AFC	22	3	1	7	11	22	0	4	7	11	26	3	5	14	22	48	-26	14							
18	Brimscombe & Thrupp	22	2	2	11	16	53	1	1	5	4	27	3	3	16	20	80	-60	12							
19	Lydney Town	19	1	2	5	9	18	1	1	9	11	45	2	3	14	20	63	-43	9							
20	Malmesbury Victoria	15	0	0	1	0	4	2	2	10	19	44	2	2	11	19	48	-29	8							

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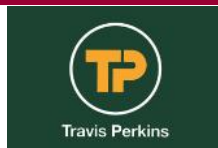
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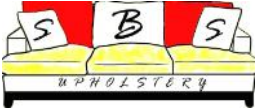


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The Gloucestershire Football Association competition is pre-drawn, meaning clubs can plot their pathway to the final, which is usually held at the Gloucestershire Football HQ at Almondsbury. Last season's winners, Mangotsfield United, took up the offer made to all winners of the Challenge Trophy and elected to play in the Senior Challenge Cup in 2024/25, meaning there will be a different name on the trophy in 2024/25.

GFA CHALLENGE TROPHY 2024/25

Last sixteen

Quarter Finals

Semi Finals

Final

03-Dec-24

Tuffley Rovers

v

Cheltenham Saracens

v

10-Dec-24

Shirehampton

v

Hallen

v

03-Dec-24

Tytherington Rocks

v

AEK Boco

v

10-Dec-24

Avonmouth

v

Cadbury Heath

v

05-Dec-24

Hartpury University

v

Shortwood United

v

10-Dec-24

Slimbridge

v

Longlevens

v

03-Dec-24

Longwell Green Sports

v

Cribbs Reserves

v

03-Dec-24

Newent Town

v

Fairford Town

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 the questions or answers are about cup quarters finals from five different competitions...

1. Which four teams won the quarter-finals at the 1986 FIFA World Cup tournament in Mexico, with England, Spain, Brazil and the hosts exiting at that stage?

2. England's Women won their Euro 2022 quarter-final 2-1 against Spain, with the winner coming in the extra-time. The player who scored the winner is pictured. Can you name her?



3. Four FA Cup quarter-finals took place on Saturday, 8 March 1980. Each ended with a one-goal margin enough to secure the win at the first attempt (without a replay). Watford, Ipswich Town, Tottenham Hotspur and Aston Villa all lost out. West Ham United went on to win the trophy, defeating Arsenal in the Final. Who were the other two sides who progressed from the quarter-finals, with Bob Latchford and Terry McDermott scoring the decisive goals for their teams?

4. From which year do the African Nations Championship quarter-final ties come – and (for a bonus point or two) which country was it hosted in and which team went on to be the champions?

<p>Morocco 🇲🇵</p> <p>Moutouali ⚽ 33', 40'</p> <p>Iajour ⚽ 37'</p>	<p>3-4 (a.e.t.)</p> <p>Report ⚽</p>	<p>Nigeria 🇳🇮</p> <p>Uzochukwu ⚽ 49'</p> <p>Ali ⚽ 56'</p> <p>Uzoenyi ⚽ 80'</p> <p>Ibrahim ⚽ 111'</p>
<p>Mali 🇲🇱</p> <p>Sinayoko ⚽ 89'</p>	<p>1-2</p> <p>Report ⚽</p>	<p>Zimbabwe 🇿🇼</p> <p>Sithole ⚽ 11'</p> <p>Mahachi ⚽ 58'</p>
<p>Gabon 🇬🇸</p> <p>Cousin ⚽ 73' (pen.)</p>	<p>1-1 (a.e.t.)</p> <p>Report ⚽</p>	<p>Libya 🇱🇾</p> <p>Omar ⚽ 50'</p>
<p>Penalties</p>		
<p>Engozo'o Avebe 🇬🇸</p> <p>Djessikadié 🇬🇸</p> <p>Cousin 🇬🇸</p> <p>Sokambi 🇬🇸</p>	<p>2-4</p>	<p>Saleh 🇱🇾</p> <p>Ghanofi 🇱🇾</p> <p>Abushnaf 🇱🇾</p> <p>Fadel 🇱🇾</p>
<p>Ghana 🇬🇭</p> <p>Adusei ⚽ 66' (pen.)</p>	<p>1-0</p> <p>Report ⚽</p>	<p>DR Congo 🇷🇸</p>

5. The 2002/03 Champions League produced a memorable quarter-final between Manchester United and Real Madrid. The second leg at Old Trafford saw United win 4-3 but they lost 6-5 on aggregate after losing at the Bernabeu. Which Brazilian player scored a hat-trick in the second leg?

Quiz Answers: (1) Argentina, Belgium, France and West Germany; (2) Georgia Stanway; (3) Everton and Liverpool; (4) It was 2014 in South Africa, with the tournament won by Libya, who had originally been the intended hosts; (5) Ronaldo.



STATISTICS

Statistics 2024/25

Competition

Uhsport 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 Inkerrow		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	0-1	118 -
26/Oct	3pm	Corsham Town		A	1-0	142 K Chambers
02/Nov	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		A	2-0	77 K Chambers, C Walters
05/Nov	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp	GFA	H	5-1	110 H Mustoe (2), C Walters, K Chambers (2, 1 pen)
09/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United		H	1-0	103 C Walters
16/Nov	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A	1-2	60 C Walters
23/Nov	3pm	Thornbury Town		H	2-2	67 K Chambers (2, 1 pen)
26/Nov	7:45pm	Lydney Town		H	7-3	112 C Walters, K Chambers (4, 1 pen), K Alder, O.
30/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A	0-4	119 -
03/Dec	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	GFA	H		
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	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 Inkerrow		H		
22/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town		H		
01/Mar	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A		

TOTAL APPEARANCES

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Karnell Chambers	19	Tyrel Roberts	2
Connor Walters	7	Kieran Alder	2
Brad Bevan	5	Dean Turner	1
Harley Mustoe	3	O.G.	1

	Merchant, Luke	McGuirk, Callum	Clifford, Ellis	Simpson, Elijah	Stevens, Josh	Turner, Dean	Lee, Matt	Alder, Kieran	Chambers, Karnell	Bevan, Bradley	Walters, Connor	Mustoe, Harley	Hicks, Sammie	Smith, Liam	Clinton, Cole	Bourne, Riley	Pritchett, Mark	Mann, Warren	Lander, Daniel	Herbert, Macaulay	Roberts, Tynel	Warrington, Corey	Weaver, George	Mustoe, Neil	Changa, Tawana	Zatorski, Hubert	Creed, Jamie	Hambling, Ollie	Hortland, Robin	Valenti, Gino	MoM	
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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.

Tawana Chang **Defence**
Recent addition to the squad, after signing from Hartpury University, and an attacking full-back. Deceptively quick but very comfortable on the ball. Previously had trials for Southampton and played for the English Colleges Association.

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.

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.

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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.

Ollie Hambling **Defence**
Young defender who has progressed well with our U18s and recently made the step-up into the first team squad, albeit as an unused substitute. He is seen as a good prospect. Definitely one for the future!

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. Now holding down a regular first team spot. 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.

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.

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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!

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.

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. Previously 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 23/24 as top scorer for the first team; added the threat that Rovers have needed.

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 contribute more goals to secure a regular place in the side.

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.

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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, who regularly contributes a goal. Can play wide or down the centre.

Jamie Creed

Forward

Signed on a dual registration basis from County League side Gala Wilton, a bit of an old fashioned striker – tall, good with his back to goal and already a regular goalscorer. Still only 17 (and only just!) he is attached to Gloucester City, too.

Hubert Zatorski

Forward

Recent signing, joining from Newent Town, making a late debut in the entertaining 3-3 draw with Highworth Town. Looking to make a mark at Step 5 after starting at Kidderminster Harriers, before spells at Worcester Raiders and Bewdley Town.

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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Appearance information

Up to and including Saturday, 30 November 2024
(includes selected list of former players)



Another game, another milestone! On Saturday, Kieran Alder reached 150 competitive appearances for Tuffley Rovers, during his second spell with the club. A debut in the 2017/18 season, against Longlevens on 10 October 2017, was part of a spell encompassing 76 appearances and 22 goals, before he moved to Cinderford Town, ahead of a successful spell at Bishops Cleeve, where he was a Hellenic League title winner.

Since returning to the club, Kieran has amassed another 74 appearances, scoring 17 goals, taking him to 12th place in the all-time appearance list since our return to Step 7 in 2007.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	150	39	Lander, Daniel	47	1
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Lee, Matt	11	0
Bevan, Bradley	48	7	Mann, Warren	542	85
Birkett, Henry	127	10	McGuirk, Callum	101	0
Bourne, Riley	2	0	Merchant, Luke	139	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Chambers, Karnell	49	33	Mustoe, Harley	22	3
Changa, Tawana	9	0	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Clifford, Ellis	40	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clinton, Cole	4	0	Pritchett, Mark	204	28
Creed, Jamie	1	0	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Roberts, Tyrel	29	2
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Simpson, Elijah	22	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Smith, Liam	94	1
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Stevens, Josh	2	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Turner, Dean	23	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hoffland, Robin	12	0	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Herbert, Macaulay	306	10	Walters, Connor	71	16
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Warrington, Corey	17	0
Hill, Sam	130	9	Weaver, George	1	0
James, Brett	186	64	White, Joel	140	4
James, Richard	125	40	Wright, Liam	124	3
Kent, Dominik	175	21	Zatorski, Hubert	4	0

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.

Cheltenham Saracens Player Profiles 2024/25

Dan Brabham	Goalkeeper	Commanding goalkeeper and an excellent shot stopper who will bring great experience to the squad having spent time at Yate Town and Brimscombe amongst others
Ben Tunnicliff	Defence	Experienced centre back who reads the game so well and is a big threat in both penalty boxes at set pieces. His 2 nd season back with the club following a spell at Shortwood United
Louis Peyton	Defence	All action full back with a great engine. Will lead by example and another now in his 2 nd season with the club. Can count Shortwood United and Quedgley Wanderers amongst his former teams.
Tom Hoskins	Defence	A no nonsense defender who great experience to the squad and will be a constant threat in opposition boxes from set pieces.
Coby Handley	Defence	Attacking full back, Coby returns to us having had a year playing local football after he welcomed his first child last year. Great delivery from set pieces.
Alfie Taylor	Defence	New recruit this season. Alfie played his football previously for Meadow Park. Ball playing defender who can also operate in other positions.
Lewis Hitchman	Defence	Big, strong centre back who can dominate both aerially and on the floor. Last season was disrupted by injury so will be looking to make an impact this season.
Jay Wells	Defence	A current member of our U18's squad but firmly established himself in the 1 st team squad last season. Can operate at centre back or left back.
Josh Comerford	Defence	Josh is a tenacious, ball playing fullback who is now in his 2 nd season with the club.
Declan O'shea	Midfield	Product of our youth system and last season U18's captain, Dec has a very solid all-round game and will only get better with experience.
Harvey Fereday	Midfield	Harvey is another new addition this season. Having spent the last couple of years in the Solihull Moors academy system he will be looking to make the step up in to mens football.
Archie Alder	Midfield	Archie is a talented, young, box to box midfielder. Great on the ball but as equally adept at his defensive work, he will be looking to establish himself in the side having joined very late last season from Bishops Cleeve.
Callum Debonis	Midfield	Joining us from Smiths Barometrics, Callum brings great experience, leadership and quality to the squad. He spent a short time with Bishops Cleeve last season in the Southern League so he will be looking to make his mark for us.
Lewis Newell	Midfield	Midfielder with a superb range of passing. Now in his 3 rd season with the club, Lewis brings a composure and quite leadership to the squad.
Henry Miles	Midfield	Talented young attacking midfielder who is this seasons U18's captain. Made appearances for the 1 st team last season so will be looking to push on this year.
Kia Mahon	Attacker	Kai rejoins this season having played for Fairford Town last year. Lots of quality and on his day can be almost unplayable. Also adds good experience to the side having played at a higher level.
Paul Holmes	Attacker	Club captain and our most experienced player, great at bringing others into play and is a constant goal threat.
Stuart Midwinter	Attacker	Regular goal scorer and terrific work rate are Stu's hallmarks, and this season will be no different. An absolute nightmare for opposition defenders
Fin Rankin	Attacker	Fin has lightning quick pace and has developed an eye for goal. Another one who is part of our current U18's squad
James Barnes-Wills	Attacker	James has blistering pace as well as ferocious tenacity. A goal scorer as well, he will be looking to make his mark on the season having suffered an injury hit campaign last year.

Manager – Ryan Betteridge

Coaches – Beckem Foley, Marcus Finch & Chris Pates

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In 1986 the club were elected to the Hellenic League and stayed in Division 1 until they were promoted to the Premier Division in 1999/2000 with the second team also winning the Reserve Section that same year. After two years in the Premier the team were relegated back to Division 1 in 2001/2002.

In 2015/2016 the club narrowly missed out on winning the Division 1 title but secured promotion to the Premier Division by finishing second, however the club decided to remain in Division 1. The club has now a strong base to move forward with three senior teams on Saturdays and junior teams aged between 6-14.

Honours

- GFA Primary Challenge Cup Winner 1971/1972
- Minor Charity Cup Winner 1990/1991
- Cheltenham League Division 5 Winner 1990/1991
- GFA Senior Amateur Cup Winner 1991/1992
- Hellenic League Division 1 Winner 1999/2000
- Hellenic League Reserve Section Winner 1999/2000
- Cheltenham League Division 4 Winners 2009/2010
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Ellis Clifford	3	Coby Handley
Mark Pritchett	4	Jay Wells
Elijah Simpson	5	Alfie Taylor
Dean Turner	6	Tom Hoskins
Corey Warrington	7	Kai Mahon
Kieran Alder	8	Archie Alder
Karnell Chambers	9	Lucas Price
Brad Bevan	10	Stuart Midwinter
Connor Walters	11	Paul Holmes ©
Tawana Changa	12	James Barnes-Wills
Hubert Zatorski	14	Joshua Comerford
Joshua Stevens	15	Lewis Newell
Macaulay Herbert	16	Harvey Fereday
Tyrel Roberts	17	Callum Debonis
Callum McGuirk	18	Lewis Hitchman
Daniel Lander	19	Ben Tunnicliff
Jamie Creed	20	Louis Peyton
Sammie Hicks	21	Henry Miles
Robin Hoffland	22	Daniel Brabham

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

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

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