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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 Fairford Town.

Storm Darragh is threatening today's game against Fairford Town. Only two weeks ago Storm Bert was the threat and had a huge impact on our fixture against Thornbury Town. We barely noticed Storm Conall because we'd played Lydney Town the night before.

Notice a trend? We play "Town" and a storm brews! We also haven't lost when Bert and Conall visited, so is that a good omen? The next UK storm name is Eowyn (now due date predicted) but we play Highworth Town on 21 December, so there is a chance it could be tied into another home game!

Moving away from storms (well, perhaps not, if you were here at the end of the game on Tuesday!) we had a good result midweek, in what wasn't the greatest game, and are now in the quarter-finals of the GFA Challenge Trophy. Another step in the right direction.

Yet again, we welcome back some familiar faces this afternoon. Former players, coaches and a former sponsor. Fairford Town are a great club and we have some great friendships between people at each club. One familiar Fairford face is Mike Tanner, who we must say "Happy Birthday" to, albeit belated, as he celebrated his 80th birthday this week.

On a separate (but related) note, Happy 50th Birthday to our Vice Chair, Dean Brooks. Buy him a Madri if you see him!

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Saturday, 7 December 2024

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Hereford Pegasus v Brimscombe & Thrupp

Lydney Town v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Mangotsfield United v Pershore Town

Sporting Club Inkberrow v Corsham Town

Westfields v Thornbury Town

Worcester Raiders v Cirencester Town

The Isuzu FA Vase, 3rd Round

Hartpury University v Wells City

Roman Glass St George v Highworth 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, Fairford Town. I'd also like to extend that welcome to this afternoon's match officials.

It is always a pleasure to either host Fairford Town, or travel over to them for the annual away fixture, around which have time I usually have many supporters ask when the "fun bus" is going to Fairford, as it is always a good day and hosted superbly.

Last year here at Glevum Park, when the game was first scheduled to be played, we had a torrential downpour about half an hour before kick-off and the referee called the game off 10 minutes before the game was due to start. Today's forecast doesn't look much better, so fingers crossed we don't have any issues this time.

On Tuesday night we advanced through to the quarter-finals of the County Cup with a 2-0 victory over Cheltenham Saracens, which could have been a potential banana skin, but in the end the lads got the job done.

We have a busy Christmas fixture list over Christmas and New Year too, so if you are thinking of what games to watch, we have games here on 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 afternoon 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 afternoon and welcome to Glevum Park to all players, management, officials and supporters from Fairford Town.

I welcome you here today with us hopefully welcoming familiar opposition, in what hopefully is an entertaining game and which brings a positive result for us.

Lately we have seen ourselves involved in games with a lot of chances and goals, but we need to find the right balance again this afternoon and make sure we are defensively switched on, from front to back, and hopefully our quality in the final third will be enough.

Fairford Town are generally 'in' most games and are a strong outfit in this league, which is reflected in their current league position.

Our home form is still in a good place and before the Lydney Town game we had only conceded eight goals at home we were very solid all round.

Today we need to show the mental strength as well as the physical side of things, keeping our discipline and hopefully we can get the result we need which would lift us above today's opponents, which would be a rare thing in the context of recent years.

We managed a draw here last season and I believe that on the day we should have had a second penalty at one-nil up and that might have seen us go on to win, whereas I still find myself without a win against Fairford which is now one of the few teams I haven't seen us beat since I arrived at Tuffley Rovers. My record is improved against most teams over my time and today I want to get this particular monkey off my back and get the teams back and get the three points!

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 6 December 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
1	Hartpury University	21	6	4	1	20	7	9	0	1	28	5	15	4	2	48	12	36	49					
2	Roman Glass St George	20	9	3	1	44	17	4	1	2	14	10	13	4	3	58	27	31	43					
3	Mangotsfield United	22	3	0	1	7	2	9	7	2	31	12	12	7	3	38	14	24	43					
4	Highbury Town	23	7	3	3	23	16	6	1	3	19	11	13	4	6	42	27	15	43					
5	Sporting Club Inkberrow	22	6	3	3	19	11	6	3	1	19	8	12	6	4	38	19	19	42					
6	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	22	9	0	4	35	15	4	1	4	17	18	13	1	8	52	33	19	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	Pershore Town	21	6	2	3	32	16	3	2	5	17	17	9	4	8	49	33	16	31					
12	Slimbridge	23	5	2	5	37	31	4	2	5	15	26	9	4	10	52	57	-5	31					
13	Westfields	21	4	3	2	15	8	4	3	5	26	16	8	6	7	41	24	17	30					
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	23	3	1	7	11	22	1	4	7	14	28	4	5	14	25	50	-25	17					
18	Brimscombe & Thrupp	23	2	2	11	16	53	1	2	5	6	29	3	4	16	22	82	-60	13					
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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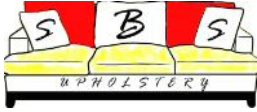


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Fairford Town History

Fairford Town Football Club was formed in 1891 and for many years played in the Cirencester & District League against local teams with varying degrees of success.

After the second world war the club joined the Swindon & District League, winning the Premier Division in both 1964/65 and 1968/69, also winning the Advertiser Cup in the same years, and in 1962/63 won the Gloucestershire Junior Cup.

Success in the Swindon & District League was followed by election to the Hellenic League in 1970, only missing promotion from the first division on goal average at the first attempt, the club were also beaten finalists in that year's division one Challenge Cup.

The following year, 1971/72 saw Fairford win the Hellenic first division and division one Challenge Shield, whilst the reserve side won the Gloucestershire County Minor Cup, the Advertiser Cup and finished runners-up in the Swindon & District Division One.

The successful run continued and Town were the beaten finalists of 1972/73 in the Premier Division Cup, only to be relegated back to Division One in 1973/74.

Fairford Town were again promoted in 1975/76 and steady progress led to the Premier Division Runners-up in 1978/79 and 1979/80, also winning the Premier Division Cup in 1978/79.

The Club were winners of the Gloucestershire Challenge Trophy in 1979/80 and 1998/99 and Runners-up in 1982/83 and 1994/95.

The most recent league success has been Premier Division Runners-up in season 1994/95 following a similar position in Season 1990/91. The Club has also achieved numerous wins in the Arthur Shipway Cup and Fairford Hospital Cup.

The 2016/17 season saw the club secure a return to the UHlsport Hellenic Premier Division after a five-year absence, winning the Division One West title with 75 points.

In recent years the club has grown on and off the pitch. The first team are now established and challenging in the UHlsport Hellenic Premier Division with a Reserves side also competing in Hellenic Division 2 South. 2020 also saw the creation of Fairford Town Academy with teams running from under 12s through to under 18s. We aim to place the football club within the heart of the local community and are keen to continue to grow and achieve our goal of promotion to the Southern Football League for the first time in the club's history.

The 2023/24 saw the first team just fall away in the final weeks of the season to finish eighth whilst the reserves tasted success in winning Hellenic Division 2 West for the first time. The club also saw an under 18 side competing in the FA Youth Cup for the first time in our history and finishing 6th in their inaugural season in the South West Counties League.

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 and answers are about first goals, after Gino Valenti and Hubert Zatorski scored their first goals for the first team on Tuesday evening....

1. Which England goalkeeper scored his first and only career goal for Tottenham Hotspur on 17 March 2017, as he saw his huge upfield kick bounce over Watford's Ben Foster and into the goal?



2. Who is pictured here, about to score their first goal for England, in what proved to be their only full-cap, against Andorra in March 2007?

3. Mo Salah has scored 168 Premier League goals for Liverpool, to date, but for which club did he score his first ever Premier League goal in 2014?

4. San Marino's Filippo Berardi scored in his country's 3-1 defeat to Kazakhstan on 16 November 2019 (see picture), which was his first goal for his country, but also his country's first goal for how long (in months)?



5. The players pictured below scored the first (and sometimes only) goal in an FA Cup Final in the 1990s. Who are they and can you put them in the correct order of the year they got their goal?



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Quiz Answers: (1) Paul Rideout; (2) Paul Robinson; (3) David Nugent; (4) It was their first goal for 26 months, as they hadn't netted since a 5-1 defeat against Azerbaijan in September 2017; (5) In order - A, Stuart Pearce, 1991 / C, Paul Rideout, 1995 / D - Robert Di Matteo, 1997 / B, Marc Overmars, 1998.



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
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	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	Brimcombe & Thrupp		A	2-0	77	K Chambers, C Walters
05/Nov	7:45pm	Brimcombe & 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.G.
30/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A	0-4	119	-
03/Dec	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	GFA	H	2-0	73	G Valenti, H Zatorski
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	Brimcombe & Thrupp		H			
11/Jan	3pm	Shortwood United	MSCC	H			
18/Jan	3pm	Worcester Raiders		H			
21/Jan	7:45pm	Stonehouse Town	WLFC	A			
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		H			
TBC	TBC	Mangotsfield United		A			

Goalscorers

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

TOTAL APPEARANCES

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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.

2024/25 PLAYER PROFILES

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.

TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

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 Tuesday, 3 December 2024
(includes selected list of former players)



We saw another milestone reached on Tuesday evening, as Karnell Chambers brought up his 50th appearance for the club; a statistic made all the more impressive when you look at his goal tally (33) and that he only made his first appearance on 28 November 2023. He has played in 50 of our 52 fixtures since joining The Rovers, missing one cup due to non-availability and one league game due to suspension.

He should be joined on reaching 50 appearance today when Brad Bevan will reach that milestone if he features in the game today, ironically against the team he left to join Tuffley Rovers.

Well done to both players; thank you for your service to the club. #uptherovers



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	151	39	Lee, Matt	11	0
Bevan, Bradley	49	7	Mann, Warren	542	85
Birkett, Henry	127	10	McGuirk, Callum	102	0
Bourne, Riley	2	0	Merchant, Luke	140	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Chambers, Karnell	50	33	Mustoe, Harley	23	3
Changa, Tawana	10	0	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Clifford, Ellis	41	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clinton, Cole	4	0	Pritchett, Mark	205	28
Creed, Jamie	1	0	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Roberts, Tyrel	30	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	Valenti, Gino	1	1
Hoffland, Robin	12	0	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Herbert, Macaulay	307	10	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Walters, Connor	71	16
Hill, Sam	130	9	Warrington, Corey	18	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
Lander, Daniel	48	1	Zatorski, Hubert	5	1

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.

Fairford Town FC – Pen Pictures

Jamie Reid – 36 years old. Became manager of Fairford in May 2022 following 4 years as assistant to Jody Bevan. As a player Jamie was a no-nonsense midfielder where he was a regular for many years at Gloucester City, Cirencester Town and Mangotsfield Utd. A succession of knee injuries forced a premature end to his playing days.

Sam Farr – Assistant Manager. Possibly the nicest man in football. Sam made his name as a player primarily with the Cirencester Town Development before moving to Fairford in 2019 initially as a player and then as manager of the reserve team. Promoted to assistant manager following Jamie Reid's appointment in 2022.

Lee Randall – Coach. Rands has now been with the club for 7 years having previously been with Gloucester City and Redditch. Very popular member of staff who seems to know somebody everywhere he goes!

Rich Cox – Coach. This is Coxy's third season at the club. His day job is at Cheltenham Town and he brings that professional attitude to his coaching at Fairford.

Olly Begley – Sports Therapist. Since joining the club Olly has become a fantastic asset to the club. The best

Ben Mitchell – Goalkeeper – 32 years old. Ben is the club's longest serving player having been with the club for excess of 10 years. A top-class goalkeeper who improves year on year.

Harrison Ellis – Goalkeeper – Returns to the club this year following a couple of years away. Another top goalkeeper that we are lucky to have on our books.

Cameron Thomson – Defender – At just 20 years of age, Cam joined the club in late 2022 from Bradford Town and quickly impressed with his defensive attributes and played well beyond his years. Awarded Young Player of the Year for 2022/23

Tristan Haswell – 27-year-old full back who has previously played for Gloucester City, Tuffley Rovers, Bishops Cleeve and Cinderford Town. Tris was an ever-present last season and is an integral part of the squad.

Luke Hitchman – Centre Back who has joined the club during the summer from Longlevens. A strong and commanding defender who has always impressed in his displays against us.

Will Davidson – 24-year-old centre back who has joined the club last season following spells at Highworth Town and Royal Wootton Bassett. Will has quickly impressed with his strength and athleticism at the heart of the defence.

Ellis McSharry – Defender – 24-year-old tough tackling midfielder in his second season at the club having joined from Chipping Sodbury

Henry Birkett – Midfielder – Another new signing for the 2024/25 season. Henry joins us from Tuffley Rovers where he often wore the captain's armband.

Harrison Edwards – Midfielder – Another returning for the 2024/25 season having plied his trade previously with Highworth Town. A box-to-box midfielder with the ability to run with the ball and have an eye for goal.

Danny Way – Last season's player of the year. 29 years old signing from Bourton Rovers for the 2023/24 season. A midfielder of some pedigree having previously represented Dorchester Ton and Weymouth.

Tom Chamberlain – An incredibly talented midfielder who at just 22 years old has the potential to play several levels higher. Was on the books of Cheltenham Town for over 10 years and made his debut in the first team at 17.

Jamal Lawrence – Striker – Jamal joined Fairford in 2022 having previously been on the books of Cheltenham Town, Oxford City, Hungerford Town, Gloucester City and Worcester City. Now captain, Jamal notched 25 goals from 42 appearances last season.

Joe Shutt – Shutt notched 14 goals last season and impresses everybody not just with his skill but also his work rate. Joined the club in 2023 from Slimbridge.

Ben Lodge – Lodgey is real fans favourite when on form with his trickery and quick feet. Has previously played for Highworth Town and Wantage Town

Charlie McCrae – Charlie has joined the club permanently this year having spent part of last season with us on loan from Cirencester Town

Leighton Blacker – Powerful forward who was awarded young player of the year last season in our title winning reserve side. Burst on to the first team scene with a memorable late equalizer at Worcester City last season.

Charlie Holliday – New signing Charlie joins us after finishing University and returning to Gloucestershire. Charlie represented Step 4 side Anstey Nomads last season.



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	Ellis Clifford	3	Tristan Haswell	
	Macaulay Herbert	4	Danny Way	
	Elijah Simpson	5	Luke Hitchman	
	Dean Turner	6	Joah Hall	
	Corey Warrington	7	Ben Lodge	
	Kieran Alder	8	Harrison Edwards	
	Karnell Chambers	9	Jamal Lawrence ©	
	Oliver Barnes	10	Charlie McCrae	
	Brad Bevan	11	Charlie Holliday	
	Jamie Martin	12	Joe Shutt	
	Hubert Zatorski	14	Tom Chamberlain	
	Joshua Stevens	15	Leighton Blacker	
	Mark Pritchett	16	Oliver Bradbury	
	Tyrel Roberts	17	Callum Preece	
	Callum McGuirk	18	Henry Birkett	
	Daniel Lander	19	Sam Rawlings	
	Jamie Creed	20	Harrison Edwards	
	Connor Walters	21	Will Davidson	
	Robin Hoffland	22	Ben Mitchell	

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

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

Neil Mustoe

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