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SHORTWOOD UNITED**

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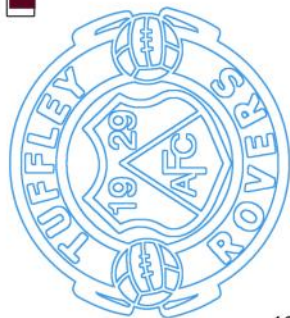
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FROM THE EDITOR



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

We welcome some familiar faces to Glevum Park today, with Marcus Foxwell in the opposition dugout someone who gave incredibly loyal and committed service to our club. I am pleased he is now doing well in management and hope the rest of the season goes well for him and his current club....albeit after this game is settled!

Dominik Kent, Martin Smith and Elliot King are all in the provisional visiting squad and each served the club well when they were with us. Dom, in particular, gave tremendous service to us and is now offering the same commitment to Shortwood United.

Our visitors arrive here off the back of a good season, to date, and will provide a stern test to our ambitions for success in the cup competitions this season.

From our perspective, we put in a really positive performance at Hartpury University just over one week ago, then followed that up with a hard fought win over Westfields here on Saturday, which was much needed after possibly one of the worst Tuffley Rovers displays I have ever witnessed, when we lost 2-1 to Stonehouse Town at their place two weeks ago.

Tonight's game is important for a few reasons. Firstly, it offers an opportunity to extend our season. We are currently scheduled to finish on 8 March and that is, to be frank, quite ridiculous. A win tonight should see another game moved and we can then extend the season, I hope. Secondly, it will mean we've recorded three good performances/results consecutively, which we don't always seem able to do.

I've made representations to the Hellenic League about our fixture situation (albeit one affecting most clubs). We are in the quarter-final of another cup competition and the final would be played in the last week of April, which at the present time would be 7 weeks after our final league game. No-one can think that is a good situation. If (and it is a big IF) we win tonight and ultimately get to two finals it will add five games to our season. I've never wanted to do so well in the cups!

We might need some friendlies in April if we keep progressing....

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Hellenic League, Marsh Challenge Cup (selected ties)

Abingdon United v Longlevens

Bewdley Town v Sporting Club Inkberrow

Thornbury Town v Corsham Town

Westfields v Fairford Town

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Malmesbury Victoria v Roman Glass St George

Worcester Raiders v Hartpury University

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good evening and a warm welcome to Glevum Park. Welcome to all of the players, coaches, committee and supporters of our opponents today from Shortwood United as well as our match day officials for this evening's encounter.

Well, it is third time lucky for this cup encounter this evening after two postponements due to weather conditions. It is always nice to have a short break from league action as we host our good friends from just down the road in the 3rd round of the Marsh Challenge Cup.

On Saturday we welcomed Westfields to Glevum Park in a 10th v 11th place fixture and it was a really competitive game, which we knew would be a close affair and after going into half-time two goals to the better, we ended the game 3-2 winners. We huffed and puffed our way through the second half making it a lot harder than it needed to be, particularly after the visitors had a man sent off. Three well-worked goals by us ultimately secured the points and it was pleasing to see Brad Bevan and Kieran Alder amongst the goals again, with the highlight seeing Oli Barnes opening his account for the club.

After this evening's fixture we welcome Sporting Club Inkberrow here on Saturday, and it would be good to have a great turnout to support the squad in what will be another tricky encounter against one of the teams in the play-off positions.

If you haven't seen my previous articles, just to confirm that the extension at our community social club is now open. The 1929 Suite at our Tuffley Lane site is now available for hire both weekdays and weekends. If anyone has any questions or would like to discuss bookings further, please email gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk.

I hope you enjoy the game and a safe trip 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



Welcome to Glevum Park this evening to all players, management, officials and supporters from Shortwood United FC. Hopefully, despite the recent weather, tonight's game will go ahead!

I'd like to offer a particularly warm welcome to Marcus Foxwell, who is a Tuffley Rovers legend in his own right; he, along with his family, have been associated with Tuffley Rovers for many years.

Our visitors have had a successful campaign, up to this point, and it shows what a good job Marcus has done after taking over the reins last season. I am sure that this evening's game will be very competitive and both teams will want to progress in the competition, as well as build on the progression each has made in the season so far.

With fewer league games left for us, following what can only be described as a top-heavy first half of the season, we are still in two cup competitions, and our league position means we can have a go on all fronts through to the end of the campaign.

After a really good draw at Hartpury and then a terrific win on Saturday, against Westfields, I'm hoping the lads can put in another good performance this evening.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 1 February 2025

		Home											Away											Overall				
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	A	PTS
1	Hartpury University	27	9	5	1	33	9	10	1	1	30	6	19	6	2	63	15	48	63									
2	Mangotsfield United	31	8	2	3	21	8	9	7	2	31	12	17	9	5	52	20	32	60									
3	Sporting Club Inkborrow	30	7	4	3	23	13	10	4	2	34	16	17	8	5	57	29	28	59									
4	Roman Glass St George	27	11	4	2	52	22	5	1	4	19	19	16	5	6	71	41	30	53									
5	Highworth Town	29	8	3	4	30	19	8	2	4	26	18	16	5	8	56	37	19	53									
6	Pershore Town	29	8	2	4	38	19	7	2	6	31	23	15	4	10	69	42	27	49									
7	Fairford Town	29	7	4	4	26	20	7	3	4	25	18	14	7	8	51	38	13	49									
8	Worcester Raiders	31	6	6	3	31	17	6	6	4	22	18	12	12	7	53	35	18	48									
9	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	30	9	2	5	40	21	5	3	6	22	27	14	5	11	62	48	14	47									
10	Tuffley Rovers	31	7	3	5	23	20	5	3	8	20	26	12	6	13	43	46	-3	42									
11	Corsham Town	29	8	3	6	28	26	4	2	6	20	28	12	5	12	48	54	-6	41									
12	Westfields	29	7	4	2	30	11	4	3	9	28	25	11	7	11	58	36	22	40									
13	Slimbridge	29	6	3	6	39	35	4	3	7	18	35	10	6	13	57	70	-13	36									
14	Hereford Pegasus	33	7	4	4	30	17	2	4	12	17	37	9	8	16	47	54	-7	35									
15	Cirencester Town	30	4	3	9	19	31	5	2	7	21	26	9	5	16	40	57	-17	32									
16	Thornbury Town	27	5	1	11	24	30	4	2	4	20	22	9	3	15	44	52	-8	30									
17	Longlevens AFC	30	3	1	10	14	31	3	5	8	19	31	6	6	18	33	62	-29	24									
18	Lydney Town	25	4	2	5	20	20	2	1	11	14	55	6	3	16	34	75	-41	21									
19	Brimscombe & Thrupp	31	2	2	13	19	60	1	3	10	9	52	3	5	23	28	112	-84	14									
20	Malmesbury Victoria	21	1	1	3	7	16	2	2	12	19	53	3	3	15	26	69	-43	12									

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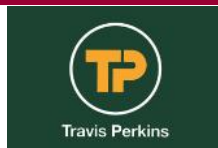
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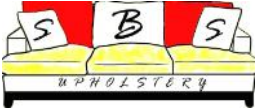


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Half-time quiz: Break for five



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 it is a test of your knowledge in relation to memorable cup goals!

1. Can you name the man, pictured, who is about to net the winner in the 1985 FA Cup Final?



2. Ronnie Radford scored one of the most famous FA Cup goals, as his Hereford United side beat Newcastle United 2-1 in 1972 but who got the second, and decisive, goal in extra-time to win the game for The Bulls?

3. Maradona famously scored the Hand of God goal against England at the 1986 World Cup, before scoring an equally famous individual goal to seal the win for Argentina. What stage of the competition was that game played at?

4. Who is scoring this European Cup Final winning goal in 1979 and for which club, against Malmo in Munich?



5. The Euro 96 finals took place in England and proved to be a memorable tournament. Can you name the three scorers of three important or memorable goals from that tournament?



(A)



(B)



(C)

Quiz Answers: (1) Norman Whiteside; (2) Ricky George; (3) Quarter-Final; (4) Trevor Francis scored the winner against Malmo for Nottingham Forest; (5) a - Karel Poborsky for the Czech Republic against Portugal; b - Stefan Kuntz scores for Germany in the semi-final against England; c - Paul Gascoigne for England against Scotland.

Appearance information

Up to and including Saturday, 1 February 2025
(includes selected list of former players)



Oli Barnes got a first goal in Tuffley Rovers colours on Saturday, ironically against his former club, Westfields. It was a game in which Brad Bevan scored his 10th goal for the club and Kieran Alder scored to take him past Richard James' total of 40 goals, as he netted his 4th of the season and 41st goal in 159 games.

Kieran is now fifth in our modern day records for goals scored, although he'll need a fairly prolific season or two to catch those ahead of him – Mark Ford Jnr (61), Brett James (64), Warren Mann (85) and Shayne Bradley (117).



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	159	41	Lee, Matt	11	0
Barnes, Oli	7	1	Mann, Warren	543	85
Bevan, Bradley	57	10	McGuirk, Callum	110	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Merchant, Luke	148	0
Bourne, Riley	2	0	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Mustoe, Harley	29	3
Chambers, Karnell	57	36	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Changa, Tawana	11	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clifford, Ellis	48	0	Pritchett, Mark	209	29
Clinton, Cole	4	0	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Creed, Jamie	1	0	Roberts, Tyrel	32	2
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Simpson, Elijah	30	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Smith, Liam	101	1
Ford, Mark	164	61	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Stevens, Josh	3	0
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Turner, Dean	28	1
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Valenti, Gino	1	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hoffland, Robin	12	0	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Herbert, Macaulay	314	10	Walters, Connor	77	16
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Warrington, Corey	26	0
Hill, Sam	130	9	Weaver, George	1	0
James, Brett	186	64	Weyman, Logan	1	0
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	140	4
Kent, Dominik	175	21	Wright, Liam	124	3
Lander, Daniel	50	1	Zatorski, Hubert	6	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.



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 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	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.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	1-1	126	K Chambers
21/Dec	3pm	Highworth Town		H	0-3	84	-
26/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		H	0-2	313	-
28/Dec	3pm	Cirencester Town		A	3-0	181	M Pritchett, K Alder, B Bevan
2025							
18/Jan	3pm	Worcester Raiders		H	0-1	83	-
21/Jan	7:45pm	Stonehouse Town	WLFC	A	1-2	62	K Chambers (pen)
25/Jan	3pm	Hartpury University		A	2-2	54	B Bevan, K Chambers (pen)
01/Feb	3pm	Westfields		H	3-2	89	B Bevan, K Alder, O Barnes
04/Feb	7:45pm	Shortwood United	MSCC		H		
08/Feb	3pm	Sporting Club Inkberrow			H		
11/Feb	7:45pm	Mangotsfield United			A		
18/Feb	7:45pm	Malmesbury Victoria			A		
22/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town			A		
25/Feb	7:45pm	Hallen	GFA		H		
01/Mar	3pm	Roman Glass St George			H		
04/Mar	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp			H		
08/Mar	3pm	Corsham Town			H		

Goalscorers

Karnell Chambers	22	Mark Pritchett	1
Brad Bevan	8	Dean Turner	1
Connor Walters	7	Oli Barnes	1
Kieran Alder	4	Gino Valenti	1
Harley Mustoe	3	Hubert Zatorski	1
Tyrel Roberts	2	O.G.	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.

Tawana Changa

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.

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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.

Oliver Barnes

Forward

Signed from Westfields in December 2024, a prolific goalscorer at Hellenic League level and will offer a different option in attack. Previously with Brimscombe & Thrupp, Oli has had time out due to injury over the past two seasons, but is now working his way back to full fitness. Great signing.

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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SHORTWOOD UNITED HISTORY



Shortwood United Football Club was formed in 1900 and since then have played at 4 different grounds, Nailsworth Playing Field, Table Land, Wallow Green and finally at our current ground, Meadowbank.

The club has been at Meadowbank since 1972, and includes an all weather training area opened by the late Ted Croker. Gradual improvements over the years culminated in a major enhancement in 2009 to meet ground grading criteria for any future promotions.

League football was commenced in the Stroud League where following continued success during the 1970s promotion was gained to the Northern Senior and then the Gloucestershire County League. Promotion to the Hellenic league was achieved in 1981 only to be relegated in our first season but finishing runners up the following year ensured promotion straight back. In 1983 we won the Hellenic Division One Cup and GFA Trophy and in the following year won the Hellenic League. It was a further six years until success was realised again when the treble of League winners, GFA Trophy and Stroud Charity Cup was completed.

The 2007/08 season started a resurgence in Shortwood's fortunes in finishing 5th in the league and winning the Supplementary Cup, defeating Ardley 4-2 in the final. The subsequent season pushed our success even further when following a good run in the FA Cup and semi finalists in the League Cup, we pressed the eventual Champions Hungerford to the final day of the season where we lost out on goal difference after amassing 99 pts and scoring 99 goals. Shortwood's fine form continued into the next season when they again finished second in the league to Almondsbury, and runners up in the GFA Trophy again to Almondsbury, had good FA Cup and Vase runs and reached the final of the Floodlit cup. Having lost the away leg 3-0 to Reading Town they produced one of the most exciting comebacks and entertaining matches ever seen at Meadowbank where the score remained at 0-0 till the 67th minute when the deadlock was broken and Shortwood ran out 5-0 winners (AET).

Shortwood's league campaign in 2011 was a disappointment by their own high standards, but more silverware was added in the shape of the GFA Trophy after a 1-0 win over Tuffley Rovers in the final.

2011-12 season, however, was pivotal in the Club's history! Not only did they reach the quarter final of the FA Vase, they also reached the final of the Hellenic League Floodlit Cup and the GFA Trophy Final. Most important was their league position where they finished 2nd by 1 point behind Oxford City Nomads. With Nomad's not applying for promotion, and with Shortwood filling all the relevant criteria, they were promoted to the Southern League for the first time in their history!

The 2012-13 season was again a successful one. Following a disappointing early exit from the FA cup the club had a good run in the FA Trophy including a magnificent away victory at premier league side Weymouth on the way. In their first season in the Southern League they finished a creditable eighth position.

The 2013-14 season saw Shortwood progress further in the FA Cup than ever before! Early wins over Egham and Aylesbury put them up against Conference South outfit Dorchester and a 1-0 away win, and a further 1-0 win at Didcot put them into uncharted waters of the fourth qualifying round where they drew Conference side Aldershot at Meadowbank. A late, but deserved, equaliser gave them a replay and a heroic 2-1 win sparked wild celebrations. A home draw pitted Shortwood against League 1 side Port Vale in front of a record crowd of 1,247 plus a live television audience courtesy of BT Sport. Shortwood bowed out – but with the plaudits their cup run earned ringing in their ears.

The league season was also highly successful with a sixth placed finish, one point outside the play-off positions.

2014-15 failed to reach the heights of the previous season with many players moving on to higher things but for most of the season a play-off place looked possible until a decline in form towards the end of the season resulted in an 11th place finish.

2015 -16 continued Shortwood's continued stability in the Southern League as they finished the season 7th in the table with 78 points and the end of the season saw the end of an era as joint Manager John Evans retired after 20 seasons involvement with Shortwood – and the club moved forward with Alex Sykes now in sole charge.

2016-17 was a strange season with the Wood exiting the FA Cup and the FA Trophy at the first hurdle and showing inconsistent league form but despite that they managed to finish a more than respectable 9th.

Paul 'Des' Meredith took over the management reins at the start of season 2017-18.

In 2017 -18 the club had an excellent run in the FA Trophy and produced some excellent results in the league interspersed with some heavy defeats but this was only to be expected with a very young side – but throughout the year they strived to play football the Shortwood way. After Christmas Shortwood faced a difficult dilemma. The ever increasing demands of the FA around ground gradings and the loss of their major sponsor left the club with no choice but to resign from the Southern League and they applied to the FA to be placed in the Toolstation Western League and they were successful in that application. Des Meredith did not feel that he could carry on with a complete rebuild of the side and departed and the club moved on with Jason Scrivens and Joey Tustain taking the helm. They did a tremendous job getting a squad together in next to no time in almost impossible circumstances.

Shortwood finished bottom of the Toolstation Premier in 2018-19 and we were relegated and moved to the Hellenic Div 1 West, but the future is more optimistic than for a very long time. Shortwood's two youth sides enjoyed an incredibly successful season and with the reintroduction of a Development side for season 2019 / 20 the club was building and giving young local players a complete chance to progress. Mat Blythe was added as joint manager with Jason Scrivens, and Simon Blythe was added as 1st team Coach. While Chris Hicks and Shane Mathews took the reins of the Development side.

The COVID pandemic saw the cancellation of the season 2019 20 in March 2020 with the first team lying in a healthy 4th place in the league and the development team beginning to show some late form. During the enforced break Mat Blythe became sole first team manager, while Jason Scrivens took the reins of the now Shortwood Reserves side with Will Dunn coming as Coach. Season 20-21 was also curtailed and hardly ever got going. Shortwood retained most of last season's squad and added a few exciting additions. They also strengthened the Management team with Neil Long coming in as number two and Josh Loveridge as 1st Team Coach. Rich Cullimore took the reins as Reserve team manager. With the club also starting an Under 18 side in the floodlit league Jason Scrivens moved up as Director of Football overseeing the whole club. In 21-22 Wood never fulfilled their potential and towards the end of the season Wood made the decision to replace the first team management and Ian Soule came in with a wealth of experience behind him and Lewis Fogg came in as his number two.

With Ian and Foggy departing at the end of season 22 – 23 the club wasted no time in appointing Dan Gillespie, Matt Tunley, Andrew Moody and Marcus Foxwell. They recruited well and retained skipper Joe Tryner and Wood faithful Fin Byrnes. The club appointed Will Dunn, Matt Fanstone and Tim Butler to run the Reserves plying their trade in the Stroud League Division 1. This was a positive step with the Reserves playing more locally giving an opportunity for younger players to cut their teeth in adult football. Last but not least the club appointed Toby Colliver and Ollie Elliott from last season's U18's to run this year's U18's. When Dan Gillespie left unexpectedly to take up a place at Supermarine the club moved quickly to promote from within with Marcus Foxwell taking the manager role. Matt Tunley left at the end of the 23-24 season to take up a position with Ledbury Town.

So on to the current 24-25 season Foxy and Moodz are leading the first team in their Hellenic Division 1 campaign, Matt Fanstone has taken on the role as Manager of the Reserves and Bayley Evanson has joined the U18s coaching team with continuity being the key to success as the club moves forward into this season.





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