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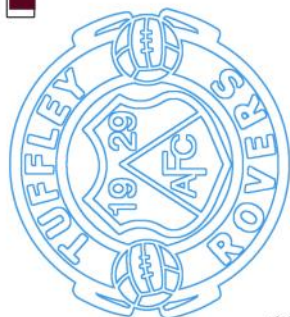
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FROM THE EDITOR



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

Tonight's game is season defining, to some extent. We are currently on course to finish our season on 8 March but a win tonight will extend it by at least a few weeks. Defeat would mean that unless something unforeseen happens we will conclude our league programme in eleven days time against Corsham Town.

If we play like we did at Pershore Town on Saturday then we stand a great chance of advancing to the semi-final of the GFA Challenge Trophy. A performance like those we saw against Shortwood United and Stonehouse Town, who knocked us out of two other cup competitions, will probably see our visitors Hallen advance. I'll hope we replicate our Pershore performance tonight!

I personally hope we can achieve an extension to our season because it is ridiculous to think we will play our final game of 2024/25 on 8 March. Hallen will, however, pose a tough challenge and we must be at our best to secure the victory I crave. We haven't played them since 2021/22, when each side won as a visitor in the two league games, in a season where we narrowly avoided relegation and tonight's visitors saw themselves relegated to Step 6.

Fortunes appear to be very different now, as we are close to securing a top-ten finish in the UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division, whilst Hallen are chasing promotion back to Step 5, currently sitting third in the Jewson Western League Division One.

After tonight we have three league games in 11 days, with Roman Glass St George visiting on Saturday, followed by Brimscombe & Thrupp on Tuesday, then Corsham Town the following Saturday. It would be great to end our season with three good performances, backed by three good crowds. We look forward to seeing you at those games. If we do progress tonight, we will have a further home game against AEK Boco in the semi-final of this competition, meaning Saturday's trip to Pershore was our last away game of 2024/25....unless we get to play at a neutral venue in the final of this competition! Here is hoping...

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Tuesday, 25 February 2025

Gloucestershire FA Challenge Trophy, Quarter Final(s)

Longwell Green Sports v Fairford Town

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Hartpury University v Pershore Town

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

Wednesday, 26 February 2025

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Longlevens 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, Hallen FC. I'd also like to extend that welcome to this evening's match officials.

Unbelievably, on Saturday we played our final league game away from Glevum Park, which sadly I had to miss due to a personal commitment. However, we achieved a great result and performance from the lads who beat an in-form Pershore side, who up until Saturday were in a string position to make the play-offs. That result may well have pushed them too far from that now, although they will have further opportunities to make the grade.

Tonight's encounter will undoubtedly be a very competitive fixture and the team hopefully know only too well this season not to take our league position, when playing a team from a league below, for granted. We've been hurt more this season by teams below us, than those riding high at the summit of our league. If we don't change our mindset against tonight's opposition, we will find ourselves out of the last remaining cup competition. If we beat our opponents tonight, there is a very strong chance of winning this competition, as we will find ourselves in the last four of the Challenge Trophy.

After tonight we find ourselves back here on Saturday, against Roman Glass St George who are also a play-off chasing team, so please come on down to support the lads.

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 Hallen FC.

Over the last seven days we have had incredibly mixed emotions, with the highs and lows of winning and losing from our visits to Malmesbury Victoria last Tuesday and Pershore Town on Saturday.

Performance wise against Malmsbury was okay and I think that our effort to try to win the game we lost it in the final few minutes. On Saturday, away at Pershore Town, we demonstrated everything we are about, as we were strong, organised, disciplined and a threat going forward.

We now need to take the form from Pershore into tonight's game. Recently in cup competitions we haven't got the results we would have hoped for, so this is a chance to put things right.

With only three league games left of the season this is also an opportunity to extend our season, which we would desperately like to do, for as long as possible, and tonight gives us that opportunity.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 22 February 2025

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	30	9	5	1	33	9	12	2	1	36	8	21	7	2	69	17	52	70							
2	Mangotsfield United	35	11	3	3	35	12	9	7	2	31	12	20	10	5	66	24	42	70							
3	Roman Glass St George	31	12	4	2	55	23	8	1	4	27	22	20	5	6	82	45	37	65							
4	Sporting Club Inkerrow	32	8	4	3	25	14	10	5	2	34	16	18	9	5	59	30	29	63							
5	Highworth Town	32	9	4	4	34	20	8	2	5	27	22	17	6	9	61	42	19	57							
6	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	33	10	2	5	44	22	7	3	6	26	29	17	5	11	70	51	19	56							
7	Worcester Raiders	34	8	6	4	39	20	6	6	4	22	18	14	12	8	61	38	23	54							
8	Pershore Town	32	9	2	5	41	22	7	3	6	32	24	16	5	11	73	46	27	53							
9	Fairford Town	32	7	4	5	27	22	7	5	4	28	21	14	9	9	55	43	12	51							
10	Tuffley Rovers	35	7	4	5	23	20	6	4	9	25	31	13	8	14	48	51	-3	47							
11	Corsham Town	32	9	3	6	29	26	4	2	8	22	36	13	5	14	51	62	-11	44							
12	Westfields	32	7	5	3	32	15	4	3	10	29	27	11	8	13	61	42	19	41							
13	Hereford Pegasus	35	8	5	4	35	21	2	4	12	17	37	10	9	16	52	58	-6	39							
14	Slimbridge	32	6	3	7	39	37	4	3	9	19	41	10	6	16	58	78	-20	36							
15	Cirencester Town	33	4	3	11	23	37	6	2	7	24	26	10	5	18	47	63	-16	35							
16	Thornbury Town	31	5	1	12	24	33	5	2	6	22	26	10	3	18	46	59	-13	33							
17	Longlevens AFC	32	3	1	11	14	33	3	5	9	19	35	6	6	20	33	68	-35	24							
18	Lydnet Town	28	4	3	5	21	21	2	1	13	17	60	6	4	18	38	81	-43	22							
19	Brimscombe & Thrupp	35	3	2	14	20	62	1	4	11	11	57	4	6	25	31	119	-88	18							
20	Malmesbury Victoria	24	2	2	3	11	18	2	2	13	19	56	4	4	16	30	74	-44	16							

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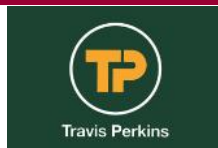
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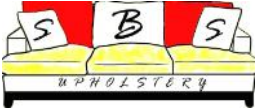


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HALLEN FC HISTORY



The club was formed by members of a new community living at Lawrence Weston on the outskirts of Bristol, which had been developed shortly after World War Two. The club was named Lawrence Weston Athletic and played in the Bristol & District League, and it has moved forward steadily since moving to the village of Hallen in 1979, to conform with League Ground grading. Much of the credit for the progress of this club can be accredited to the late Frank Fairman and his family. His son Francis, and grandson Lee continue the link with the club. In fact Lee played a major part in our fight for survival during the summer of 2015, when the club was in danger of losing its home. So it was no surprise when long serving Chairman Barrie Phillips nominated Lee to take over the chair from himself, at the next AGM. The club became known as Lawrence Weston Hallen when it moved to Moorhouse Lane, joining the Gloucestershire County League in 1982, and under that title were runners up 1987-88, and Champions 1988- 89, after which the club dropped Lawrence Weston from its title to become known as simply Hallen. The club completed the double in 1992-93, when winning the Gloucestershire Challenge Trophy and the League title. Promotion was achieved, joining the Hellenic League Division One, and after further improvements to the facilities (particularly the erection of floodlights and a 200-seater stand), a runner-up position in 1996–97 led to another step up, to the Hellenic League Premier Division. The club had always considered the Western League as its goal, as this League was more familiar with Bristolians than the Hellenic League. Their wish to transfer over was granted at the second time of asking but it was insisted that the club join the First Division for season 2000-01. The club finished fourth in its first season in the Western League and reached the last sixteen of the F.A.Vase losing to Brigg Town 6-5 in extra time. Further progress was made when new manager Gary Damone led the team to the Division One title in Season 2003-4, and fourth place in the Premier Division at the first attempt. The club also reached the final of the GFA Trophy and were denied a place in the first round of the F.A. Cup when losing to Nationwide Conference side Canvey Island in the fourth and final qualifying round. This success saw Southern League side Taunton Town tempt Gary Damone to try his hand at a higher level, which in turn saw Hallen have a dip in form, as players were also tempted away. It is however well known that a high percentage of players are happy to return to Hallen, and for season 2009-10 the club welcomed back Gary Damone as manager and many former players too. The club finished in a disappointing twelfth position in 2009-10, but a crop of long term injuries did not help. The club however were to lift the Western League (Les Phillips) Cup for the first time. The club had experienced a bad start to the 2010-11 season, which saw the departure of manager Gary Damone who chose to take charge of his own town club Wellington. Club stalwart Paul Owen was given the task of steering the team to safety. With just one win prior to taking over in November, he and his assistant John Tierney changed fortunes around and we were safe from relegation with six games left. Paul Owen's first full season as manager saw the club challenging for the title, but a dip in form saw the club slip to fourth. Off the field, the club had ensured promotion would not be denied, had the club won the title by obtaining the ground grading for Southern League football.

Season 2012-13 saw no repeat of a challenge for promotion, but the season was kept alive by reaching the final of the Les Phillips League Cup for a second time. In the final Willand Rovers won 1-0 before a crowd of 400 at Cribbs Friends Life FC. As Paul Owen had already decided to step down at the end of the campaign, it was unfortunate that he could not see his side lift the cup. By mid May the club announced that Hengrove Athletic manager Jamie Hillman was to take over as manager, He had been at the helm for eight years at Hengrove, and had just guided them to the Premier Division as runners up in April. The 2013-14 season under Jamie and his assistant Grantley Dicks, was a mixture of highs and lows. The highs being success in lifting the GFA Trophy for a third time and reaching the fifth round of the FA Vase losing away to West Auckland Town. In contrast we finished the League campaign without a win in fifteen games.

Manager Jamie Hillman announced that he would be leaving, and previous manager Paul Owen agreed to return for the 2014-15 season. By November the League form was yet again cause for concern and Paul decided it would be best to bring in a new face, rather than wait to the end of the season. Steve Winter a former Walsall and Torquay player was appointed with a view, of him settling in, prior to the coming season. He was to resign in December 2015, and long serving player Tom Collett took on the role as player manager assisted by Rayan Wilson for the 2016-17 season. Following another poor run of results, Tom Collett made way for former player Ben Willshire to return as the new manager. Ben guided the club away from relegation, but when fortunes did not change in the next campaign, it was decided his assistant Rob Sage should take over the helm prior to Christmas 2017, with Ben remaining as a player. The resignation of Rob Sage forced the club to seek another manager in February.

Former manager Gary Damone returned as interim manager, whilst the club decided on a replacement from a record number of applicants. The successful candidate being former player Ray Johnstone, who had guided Odd Down to the title in 2016. Ray recruited another former Hallen player Tony Davis as his assistant for the 2018-19 season, unfortunately Tony had to step down during the course of the season. It was a season which saw a more settled side, finishing in twelfth place the best for several years. Further progress was made during the 2019-20 season, with Ray being assisted by Dean Horseman, before it was brought to an abrupt end due to the coronavirus pandemic. Ray's departure early in the season 2020-21, saw Dean takeover as Manager in what turned out to be another pandemic disrupted season. A poor run of results at the start of 2021-22 resulted in Dean and his new Assistant Tony Beecham departing the club. Stuart Jones and his trusty Director of Football Andy Hawkins took over, but unfortunately they could not magic a way out of the situation the team had been left in and we were relegated to step 6, which saw us back in The Western League, due to The FA's lateral movement. Early on in season 2023-24 we saw Stuart step down from the managerial role, and replaced by Karl Baggaley, who added some new faces to the squad and ended the season just outside the play off positions. Hopefully with a few more signings this season we can push even further up the league?





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	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	1-2	77	O Barnes (pen)
08/Feb	3pm	Sporting Club Inkberrow		H	0-0	73	-
11/Feb	7:45pm	Mangotsfield United		A	2-2	129	B Bevan, J Creed (pen)
18/Feb	7:45pm	Malmesbury Victoria		A	1-3	73	J Creed
22/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town		A	2-0	108	K Chambers, C Walters
25/Feb	7:45pm	Hallen	GFA	H			
01/Mar	3pm	Roman Glass St George		H			
04/Mar	7:45pm	Brimcombe & Thrupp		H			
08/Mar	3pm	Corsham Town		H			

TOTAL APPEARANCES

STARTS

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Goalscorers

Karnell Chambers	23	Jamie Creed	2
Brad Bevan	9	Dean Turner	1
Connor Walters	8	Mark Pritchett	1
Kieran Alder	4	Gino Valenti	1
Harley Mustoe	3	Hubert Zatorski	1
Tyrel Roberts	2	O.G.	1
Oli Barnes	2		

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.

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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.

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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Appearance information

Up to and including Saturday, 22 February 2025
(includes selected list of former players)



The last time we played Hallen at Glevum Park was in the 2021/22 season, in what was Neil Mustoe's seventh game in charge of the Rovers first team. We slipped to a 2-1 defeat on that occasion and it probably says something about the changes in our squad since that time (5 February 2022) that only one player likely to feature in tonight's squad who was involved on that day. Can you guess? You might be surprised to hear that Liam Smith is the only survivor, although he was an unused substitute on that occasion.

Our squad that day was: 1. Jack Copland; 2. Liam Wright; 3. Warren Mann; 4. Jacob Geddes; 5. Joel White; 6. Dominik Kent; 7. Joe Shutt; 8. Ashley Davies; 9. Harvey Greenslade; 10. Aaron Basford; 11. Ashley Bird; 12. Jack Beardsell; 14. Lewis Bainbridge; 15. Joshua Aldridge. Subs not used: Liam Smith; Sammie Hicks.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	164	41	Lee, Matt	11	0
Barnes, Oli	9	2	Mann, Warren	543	85
Bevan, Bradley	62	11	McGuirk, Callum	115	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Merchant, Luke	153	0
Bourne, Riley	2	0	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Mustoe, Harley	32	3
Chambers, Karnell	60	37	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Changa, Tawana	12	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clifford, Ellis	53	0	Pritchett, Mark	212	29
Clinton, Cole	4	0	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Creed, Jamie	4	2	Roberts, Tyrel	32	2
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Simpson, Elijah	33	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Smith, Liam	104	1
Ford, Mark	164	61	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Stevens, Josh	3	0
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Turner, Dean	33	1
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Valenti, Gino	3	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hoffland, Robin	12	0	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Herbert, Macaulay	317	10	Walters, Connor	82	17
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Warrington, Corey	31	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.

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GFA CHALLENGE TROPHY 2024/25

Last sixteen

Tuffley Rovers

03-Dec-24

v

Cheltenham Saracens

v

Shirehampton

v

Hallen

v

Tytherington Rocks

03-Dec-24

v

AEK Boco

v

Avonmouth

v

Cadbury Heath

v

Hartbury University

11-Dec-24

v

Shortwood United

v

Slimbridge

v

Longlevens

v

Longwell Green Sports

03-Dec-24

v

Cribbs Reserves

v

Newent Town

03-Dec-24

v

Fairford Town

Quarter Finals

25-Feb-25

Tuffley Rovers

v

Cheltenham Saracens

v

Shirehampton

v

Tytherington Rocks

18-Feb-25

AEK Boco

v

Avonmouth

v

Cadbury Heath

18-Feb-25

Hartbury University

Shortwood United

v

Slimbridge

v

Longlevens

v

Longwell Green Sports

25-Feb-25

Longwell Green Sports

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Newent Town

Fairford Town

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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 the questions or answers are about old acquaintances....

1. David Moyes renewed acquaintances with Manchester United at the weekend, leading an Everton team against The Red Devils for the first time since he left The Toffees to become Sir Alex Ferguson's successor at Old Trafford. He only lasted one season at United. Which season was it?

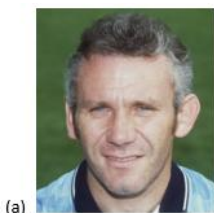
2. Can you name the manager pictured here, celebrating winning the Premier League title for his club in 1995 at the home of his former club?



3. Which German international renewed his relationship with Tottenham Hotspur in 1998, having had a hugely successful first spell with the club after joining in 1994 before leaving to play for Bayern Munich?

4. Vincent Kompany left Manchester City in 2019 to take up a role as Player/Manager of his first ever professional club in Belgium. Which club was it that gave Kompany his first chance in club management?

5. Below are pictures of three former players who had spells as the first team manager / head coach at a club they had previously played for. Can you name each and the club where they first achieved the feat of managing a club they had previously played for?



(a)



(b)



(c)

Quiz Answers: (1) 2013/14; (2) Kenny Dalglish; (3) Jurgen Klinsmann; (4) Anderlecht; (5) a - Peter Reid, Manchester City / b - Bobby Robson, Fulham / c - Roberto Di Matteo, Chelsea.



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Elijah Simpson	4	Sid Partridge
Macaulay Herbert	5	Jordan Greenwood
Dean Turner	6	Harry Barter
Callum McGuirk	7	Lewis Saunders
Kieran Alder	8	Cory Thomas-Barker ©
Karnell Chambers	9	Harry Goldspink
Brad Bevan	10	Jack Askins
Corey Warrington	11	Jack Jones
Tawana Changa	12	Harrison Fairman
Connor Walters	14	Scott Cousins
Oliver Barnes	15	Tom Smallman
Jamie Creed	16	Jack Sheppard-Cozens
Liam Smith	17	Will Bolshaw
Leo Rose	18	Noah Blundell
Daniel Lander	19	Patryk Kosciolek
Robin Hoffland	20	Jamarni Langlais

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

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

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Liam O'Neill	ASST. MANAGER	Jason Goodfield
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