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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. Welcome, also, to this afternoon's match officials.

What a great start to the season! Let us not get carried away – two wins do not make a season – but this is the first time in our UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division history (of which this is the 11th season) where we have won our opening two competitive fixtures. To be honest, that probably says more about our past than our present, but we are in the moment and it feels good!! Well done to Muzzy and the entire squad (and management team) for their hard work to date.

Today we welcome a Fairford Town with two league draws and an FA Cup win to their name in their three competitive fixtures in 2025/26 and they are welcome visitors today, as many of the squad, management team and committee are familiar to us and people I like. It is good to welcome them here again today.

It is a slightly different looking Fairford Town who visit (with a slight Royal Wootton Bassett Town twist?), which was one of the most intriguing and unexpected changes over the summer period. To see Sam Collier in anything but Bassett colours will be a little strange, to say the least!

Back to Tuffley Rovers, though! I am not one for celebrating moments (well, just a little) but we've won an opening day league fixture for the first time in years (and played really well in doing so) before securing a first FA Cup win in 5 years. We don't have the most impressive record against Fairford Town but maybe, just maybe today. If not, we know that there are people in the opposition squad who we can share a drink and a few stories with after the game. That is ultimately what football at this level of the game is about.

Of course, my hope is for another good performance and a result that gives all at Tuffley Rovers a continued sense of optimism. Our friends from Fairford Town will be at cross purposes for the 90 minutes ahead of us!

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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Highworth Town v Cribbs FC

Slimbridge v Cirencester Town

Lydney Town v Worcester Raiders

Mangotsfield United v Westfields

Royal Wootton Bassett Town v Cirencester Town

Slimbridge v Hallen

Thornbury Town v Droitwich Spa

Tuffley Rovers v Fairford Town

# FROM THE CHAIRMAN:



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Glevum Park. It is my pleasure to extend a heartfelt welcome to you all - players, supporters, staff, match officials and guests—on this special matchday where we welcome Fairford Town. Whether you are joining us for the first time or have faithfully followed either team through the highs and lows of many seasons, it is great to have you here at Glevum Park.

A huge thankyou to Brian Rossiter, who has very kindly arrived early today to take our official squad photos in our new kit for the 2025/26 season. We are proudly sponsored by Lillywhite Facilities Management and thank them for their support.

No club can thrive without the invaluable support of its volunteers, sponsors, and local businesses. Your generosity and unwavering support has enabled us to grow, to improve our facilities, and to reach new heights. Thank you for standing with us.

To our incredible supporters, both near and far, thank you for your dedication. The out of tune songs you sing (Joe), the flags you wave (Joe) and the drumming we wouldn't change for the world. The encouragement you offer form the very soundtrack of our journey. Your passion does not go unnoticed, and it fuels our determination to make you proud week after week.

We encourage everyone to get involved this season—whether that means volunteering your time, participating in our community club events, or simply continuing to lend your voice from the sideline. You are the heart and soul of everything we do.

We recognise the importance of staying connected in the modern world. We invite you to follow our club on social media and share your experiences with us. Your feedback, stories, and ideas help shape the future of our club, and we are always listening.

Every new season brings fresh hope, some new faces, and the promise of unforgettable moments. Our goals are ambitious, but with your support, they are within reach. We have had a very good start to the season with two wins from two. One league game against Cribbs, and last weekend a very good win against a Southern League team in Hartpury FC. We take a trip to Flackwell Heath in the next round of the Emirates FA Cup on Saturday 16th August. There is a coach at a subsidised rate, so if you are interested in coming along, please speak to Club Secretary, Neil Spiller or myself.

In closing, thank you once again for joining us today. I hope you enjoy the hospitality here at Glevum Park and I wish you a safe journey home.

Thanks,

- Dan Boon

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# TUFFLEY ROVERS CLUB HISTORY



The late Donald E Hall founded Tuffley Rovers FC in 1929. The Club's Headquarters were in a former railway carriage, which served as Mr Hall's Boot and Shoe repair shop on the Stroud Road at Tuffley in the City Of Gloucester. The Club started its playing life in the North Gloucestershire League. Senior XI Championship honours include that of the North Gloucestershire League and Stroud and District League (4 times) and in 1987/1988 the Club were Champions of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and gained promotion to the Gloucestershire County League.

After two seasons of consolidation the Club won the County League Title in 1990/1991, their application to join the Hellenic League was successful and they were accepted into Hellenic Division One. Progress continued as in the 1992/1993 season Rovers were Champions of Division One and also Division One League Cup Winners and after promotion competed in the Premier Division of the Hellenic League from 1993/1994, regularly finishing in the top half of the table. The 1998/1999 season saw Tuffley win the Norman Matthew's Floodlit Cup defeating Carterton Town in the final. Whilst the Club enjoyed this success, the 2nd XI and 3rd XI also gained promotion and championship honours. The 1998/1999 season saw the 2nd XI win the Northern Senior League and reach the finals of both the County Cup and League Cup, unfortunately losing out on both occasions. Promotion, however, was not possible as reserve teams were not allowed at that point to enter the Gloucestershire County League and progress further up the pyramid system.

The Club continued to thrive in the Hellenic League and managed to win the Floodlit Cup again in the 2002/2003 season defeating Brackley Town over two legs in the final. However, the ever-changing ground grading requirements, if the club was to remain in the Hellenic League, and the financial strain these improvements imposed on the Club forced Tuffley Rovers to make the decision to withdraw from the Hellenic League in 2005 and settle for local football in Gloucestershire.

After a difficult start Rovers were crowned champions of Division 2 of the Northern Senior League in the 2005/2006 season and were promoted to Division 1. After a slow start the team put together a consistent run and managed to claim the Division 1 Title as well as win the GFA Senior Amateur Cup and reach the final of the Reg Davis Memorial League Cup.

A return to the Gloucestershire County League followed and the club finished a very creditable 4th place (2007/8) but the summer of 2008 saw a number of senior players retire. Over the next few seasons, an evolving squad finished 11<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the County League, before the 2012/13 Season marked an improvement for the club. After challenging for league championship honours all season, the club couldn't quite maintain the form to secure the title, finishing second. However, this was enough to gain promotion to the Hellenic League Division One (West) for the 2013/14 season.

On their return to the Hellenic League, The Rovers saw a season that witnessed some turmoil – including the departure of manager, Doug Foxwell – to record a decent sixth place finish and some good cup results. This was followed up with the Runners'-up spot in 2014/15 and promotion back to the Hellenic Premier Division, exactly ten years after they had withdrawn from the League.

The first season saw a struggle against relegation, ultimately resulting in the resignation of Warren Evans as manager, before the club retained their status due to a vacancy in the league, after finishing 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark Pritchett was then appointed as Player/Manager and took the side to consecutive 10<sup>th</sup> placed finishes, before a 15<sup>th</sup> place finish in 2018/19. Two pandemic affected seasons then passed, with Pritchett leaving the club part-way through. Rich Cox took over as Manager for a single season, but resigned midway through 2021/22 after a disastrous run of results. Former Manchester United player Neil Mustoe then took over, steering the club away from danger (finishing in 17<sup>th</sup> place).

Mustoe achieved an 18<sup>th</sup> place finish at the end of the 2022/23 season, his first full campaign, before achieving a healthy 14<sup>th</sup> place in 2023/24, with a much improved squad. The 2024/25 season ended with further improvement, as Mustoe's squad finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place.

# FROM THE MANAGER:



Good afternoon and welcome to Glevum Park. Welcome to all players, management, officials and supporters from Fairford Town.

Our visitors have had a busy summer, adding to the management team and with that a bit of an overhaul of the squad. I have long term history with the management team at Fairford and after today's wish the all the best for the season ahead...until we meet again!

We are a bit disappointed the Lydney Town game didn't go ahead in the week as we were hoping to carry on the momentum from our two good wins so far this season. As disappointed as we are, it has also given us time to have a break as the two games have been quite intense for different reasons.

Against Cribbs we were on the front foot and against Hartpury we had long spells without the ball but having a threat on the counterattack.

We will be confident based on our two results but we will have total respect for today's opposition and we know it will be a tough encounter based on previous games over the last few seasons.

Another win today will really go a long way into building the belief in the squad we can be competitive this season.

The games come thick and fast, as we will then host Mangotsfield United here on Tuesday evening, before travelling to Flackwell Heath in the next round of the FA Cup on Saturday. Football is well and truly back!

Enjoy the game and season ahead. Thank you for your support.

- Muzz

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# HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 6 August 2025

		Home					Away					Overall							
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hereford Pegasus	2	1	0	0	5	4	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	7	5	2	6
2	Slimbridge	2	1	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	3	1	4
3	Corsham Town	2	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
4	Droitwich Spa	2	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	4	5	1	0	1	9	5	4	3
5	Longlevens AFC	2	1	0	1	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	3	3	3
6	Worcester Raiders	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
7	Thornbury Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
8	Tuffley Rovers	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
9	Mangetsfild United	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
10	Cinderford Town	2	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
11	Westfields	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	1	3	6	-3	3
12	Fairford Town	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
13	Roman Glass St George	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
14	Hallen	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
15	Highworth Town	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
16	Pershore Town	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1
17	Cirencester Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
18	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
19	Cribbs	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	6	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0
20	Ludney Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	1	1	5	-4	0

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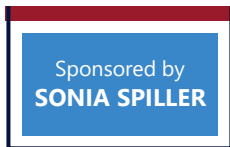
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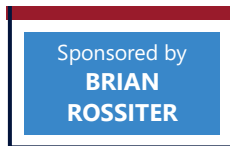
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# ***THAT WAS THE SEASON THAT WAS...***

## **a look back at the 2024/25 season**

It has become customary for our first programme of the new season to devote a couple of pages to reviewing the previous year at The Rovers. Today we look back at 2024/25 – Neil Mustoe's third full campaign at the helm.

### **August 2024**

Rovers started their UHlsport Hellenic League campaign away at newly promoted Sporting Club Inkberrow with a chastening 2-0 defeat on 31 July, before the first Saturday of the season saw them bow out of the Emirates FA Cup with a defeat (3-0) against Kidlington FC. Neil Mustoe's side then clicked into gear at home against Slimbridge, winning 3-0 as a Karnell Chambers brace and a Brad Bevan goal secured a first three points of the season.



A disappointing 2-2 draw away at Lydney Town followed, before a 2-0 defeat away at Worcester Raiders, in what would prove to be a final visit to play The Raiders at Sixways Stadium. A win against Hereford Pegasus the following week eased the pain of that defeat, but two defeats followed, against Hartpury University and Longlevens as the month ended in disappointing fashion.

### **September 2024**

The run of defeats extended into September, as Rovers returned from Westfields on the wrong end of a 2-1 scoreline, but that was the last in a run of disappointing results with victories against Thornbury Town, Royal Wootton Bassett Town and Hereford Pegasus following.



That winning run came to an abrupt halt with a 2-1 defeat away at Bitton in the FA Vase but things got better a few days later as Mustoe's side won at home against Pershore Town. Unfortunately, the month ended with a 3-0 defeat at Fairford Town.

### **October 2024**

October didn't offer any positive change and a defeat away at Slimbridge was followed by a very disappointing home draw against Malmesbury Victoria, who had been on a string of defeats prior to arriving at Glevum Park. Rovers had Harley Mustoe to thank for salvaging a point, as he netted his first goal for the club.



A stunning 3-3 draw at Highworth Town followed, with Brad Bevan getting the equaliser in the final attack of the game, but further disappointment came in the next game, as struggling Cirencester Town secured a 1-0 victory.

There was a positive end to the month as Karnell Chambers' 10<sup>th</sup> goal of the season helped Rovers to a first win against Corsham Town, as Mustoe's side won 1-0.

### **November 2024**

The opening days of November offered back-to-back games against Brimscombe & Thrupp, with a 2-0 win in the league being followed by a 5-1 victory in the GFA Challenge Trophy. By now, Connor Walters was on an excellent run of form and his third goal in successive games helped secure a 1-0 win over Mangotsfield United at Glevum Park.

A narrow 2-1 defeat against high flying Roman Glass St George followed but the positive trend in November quickly returned as a 2-2 draw against Thornbury Town was followed by a 7-3 win over Lydney Town, with Chambers scoring four times and taking his goal tally to 19 for the season by the end of November.

Unfortunately, a 4-0 defeat at Royal Wootton Bassett Town on 30 November, with Tawana Changa sent-off in the first half, offered a disappointing end to a largely positive month.

## **December 2024**

December started with a 2-0 win over Cheltenham Saracens in the GFA Challenge Trophy, with first goals for the club from both Gino Valenit and Hubert Zatorski, then a creditable 1-1 draw against a strong Fairford Town side, with Chambers' 20<sup>th</sup> of the season rescuing a point.



The Christmas week brought no cheer, however, as a defeat against Highworth Town as followed by an incredibly disappointing defeat against Longlevens on Boxing Day.

A 28 December victory away at Cirencester Town (3-0) didn't repair the damage completely but did mean Mustoe's side ended 2024 on a high thanks to goals from Mark Pritchett, Kieran Alder and Brad Bevan.

## **January 2025**

January ended well, as Rovers came from 2-0 down to secure a point away at Champions Elect Hartpury University, courtesy of goals from Bevan and Chambers, but a weather affected programme saw only two other games played – a 1-0 defeat at Glevum Park against Worcester Raiders and a 2-1 reverse away at Hellenic League Division One side Stonehouse Town in the Floodlit Cup.

## **February 2025**

February was another mixed month, starting with a creditable win at home against Westfields, before a hugely disappointing exit from the Marsh Sports Challenge Cup against Shortwood United. A hard fought draw at home against Sporting Club Inkberrow was a positive turn and was followed by a midweek draw (2-2) away at Mangotsfield United, with Jamie Creed scoring his first goal for the club.

Bottom club Malmesbury Victoria then took a deserved three points as they won 3-1 against Mustoe's charges, before an excellent win away at Pershore Town secured another three points as Mustoe's side found themselves in mid-table and in unfamiliar territory!

The month ended disappointingly as a woeful performance saw Hallen win a GFA Challenge Trophy quarter-final 3-0.

## **March 2025**



The month of March saw just two games played, including a 3-0 win against Brimscombe & Thrupp, but that result was sandwiched between defeat against Roman Glass St George and a final day defeat against Corsham Town on 1 April, as the visitors scored three times in very quick succession, denying Rovers 10<sup>th</sup> place in the table, meaning Mustoe's finished in a creditable 11<sup>th</sup> place in the league.

# STATISTICS 2025/26

Competition

Uhtsport 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

2025							Att	Scorers
29/Jul	7:45pm	Cribbs FC		H	2-1	120		H Mustoe, K Chambers
02/Aug	3pm	Hartpury FC	FAC	A	2-1	104		C Warrington, O Barnes (pen)
09/Aug	3pm	Fairford Town		H				
12/Aug	7:45pm	Mangotsfield United		H				
16/Aug	3pm	Flackwell Heath	FAC	A				
19/Aug	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		H				
23/Aug	3pm	Longlevens	FAV	H				
25/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		A				
30/Aug	3pm	Thornbury Town		H				
06/Sep	3pm	Corsham Town		A				
13/Sep	3pm	Pershore Town		H				
27/Sep	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A				
04/Oct	3pm	Cirencester Town		H				
11/Oct	3pm	Westfields		A				
18/Oct	3pm	Slimbridge		A				
25/Oct	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		A				
08/Nov	3pm	Cribbs FC		A				
15/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United		A				
22/Nov	3pm	Fairford Town		A				
29/Nov	3pm	Droitwich Spa		A				
06/Dec	3pm	Worcester Raiders		H				
13/Dec	3pm	Pershore Town		A				
20/Dec	3pm	Lydney Town		A				
27/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		H				
2026								
03/Jan	3pm	Roman Glass St George		H				
10/Jan	3pm	Cinderford Town		H				
17/Jan	3pm	Thornbury Town		A				
24/Jan	3pm	Highworth Town		A				
31/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town		H				
07/Feb	3pm	Hallen		A				
14/Feb	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H				
21/Feb	3pm	Westfields		H				
28/Feb	3pm	Worcester Raiders		A				
07/Mar	3pm	Cirencester Town		A				
14/Mar	3pm	Droitwich Spa		H				
28/Mar	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A				
04/Apr	3pm	Highworth Town		H				
06/Apr	3pm	Slimbridge		H				
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Goalscorers

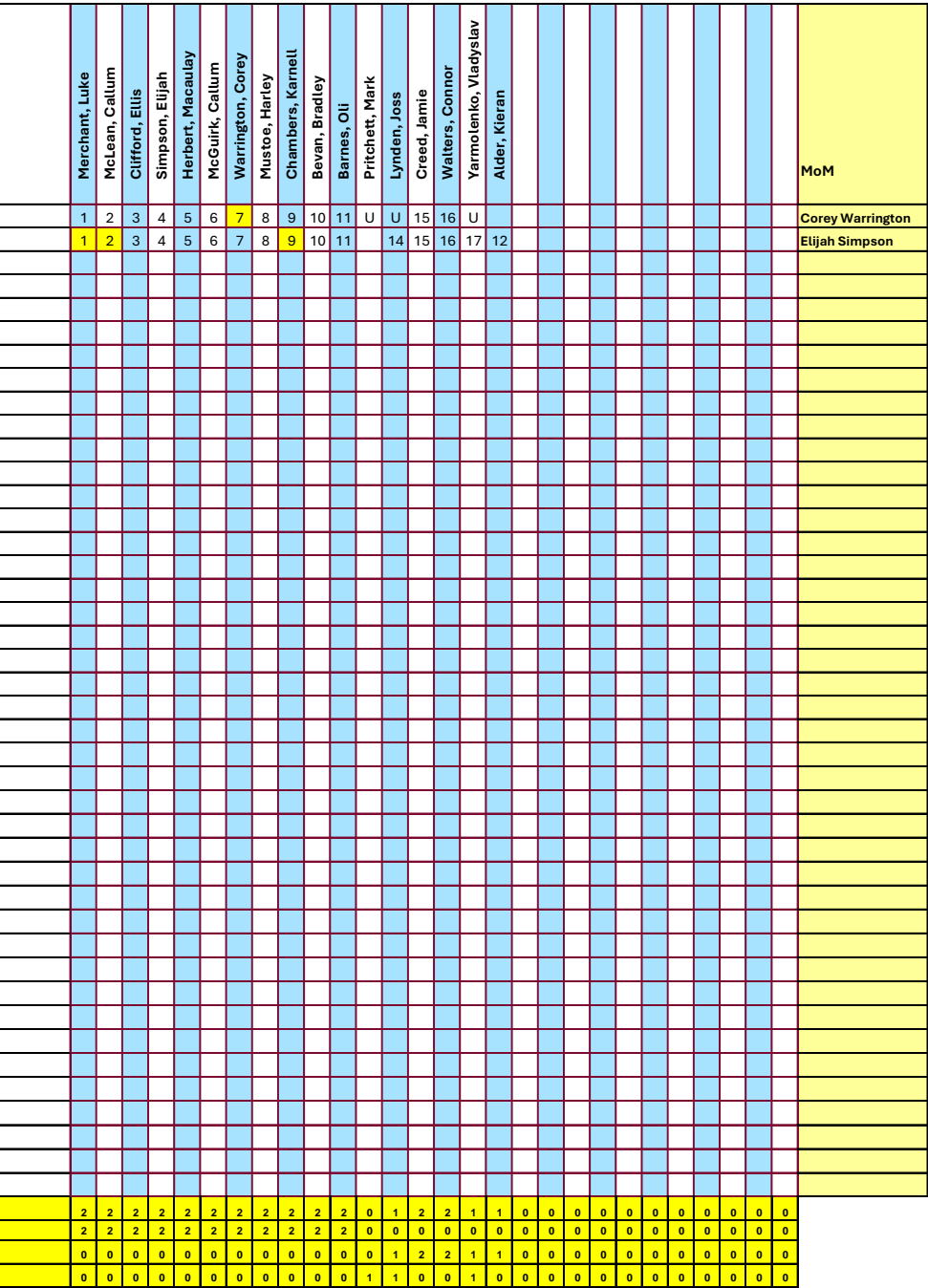
Karnell Chambers	1	Harley Mustoe	1
Oli Barnes	1	Corey Warrington	1

TOTAL APPEARANCES

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# PLAYER PROFILES 2025/26

## **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**

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**

Our second 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 300 first team appearances, despite several injuries punctuating each season.

## **Callum McLean**

## **Defence**

New signing, who has impressed at right-back in pre-season and could prove to be a great addition to the squad. Tough tackling and comfortable on the ball. Came through the U18s at local rivals Longlevens.

## **Elijah Simpson**

## **Defence**

Player under Neil Mustoe at Gloucester City U18s and joined from Brimscombe & Thrupp for 2024/25. Comfortable on the ball when in possession, shows a turn of pace, and good defensively. One of the leaders in the squad.

## **Daniel Lander**

## **Defence**

Rarely a regular starter but a player who gives his all when selected and never lets his manager down. Now has over 50 first team appearances to his name and is a solid, dependable member of the squad.

## **Mark Pritchett**

## **Defence**

Tasted Hellenic League title success at Bishops Cleeve. Previously at Rovers as Player / Manager before stepping away from the role in 21/22. Offers a no nonsense, old-fashioned approach in each game and is a threat in the opposition box.

## **Ellis Clifford**

## **Defence**

Came through the U18s squad, after joining from Gloucester City's youth set-up. Made a breakthrough in 2023/24 and has now amassed almost 60 appearances at left-back. An improving and emerging talent.

## **Sammie Hicks**

## **Defence/Midfield**

Now in his fifth 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**

Has gained experience playing County League football for Hardwicke and has held down a regular first team spot after making his debut as a substitute in our first game of 2024/25. Most comfortable in midfield but has played at full-back and looked very accomplished. Young Player of the Year 2024/25.

## **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. Has become a vital part of the squad.

## **Corey Warrington**

## **Midfield**

Signed at the start of 2024/25 after excelling at Northern Senior League side Tredworth Tigers during 2023/24. A highly energetic midfielder who likes to get on the ball and is well regarded in local football. A real talent.

## **Warren Mann**

## **Midfield**

Our longest serving player with 543 competitive games at Step 7 and above over a 20 year period. The player opposition players, officials and supporters love to hate! Has played in all positions over the last few seasons and happy to play wherever needed.

## **Liam Smith**

## **Midfield**

Has Southern League experience. Calm in possession and possesses a good passing range, although injuries have limited his progress.



**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.

**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 24/25 as top scorer for the Firsts with over 20 goals.

**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 had time out due to injury over the past two seasons, but is now looking sharp as we move into 2025/36.

**Vlad Yarmolenko****Forward**

Ukrainian who joins from Brimscombe & Thrupp, having previously been at Longlevens. A little raw but has pace to burn and could be a great signing. Has impressed during pre-season.

**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. Has an eye for goal, although will hope to improve his goals per game ratio this season.

**Brad Bevan****Forward**

Signed from Fairford Town in 2023/24. 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 and is a clever player who has become a vital part of the squad.

**Jamie Creed****Forward**

Signed on a dual registration basis from County League side Gala Wilton last season, he is an old fashioned striker – tall, good with his back to goal and already a regular goalscorer. Still only 17, he is attached to Gloucester City, too, and has the potential to be a star in the future.

**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**

Joined in 2024/25 and a great signing off the pitch. Has experience working at EFL clubs and is a fantastic member of the backroom staff.

**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.





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# APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Saturday, 2 August 2025  
(includes selected list of former players)

Just two games into the 2025/26 season and we've already seen three debutants, with Callum McLean (pictured) featuring in both competitive fixtures, before Joss Lynden and Vlad Yarmolenko made their first appearances as substitutes in Saturday's FA Cup win.

There are some former Rovers in the opposition changing room today, although perhaps fewer than we have seen previously. Jamie Reid played Hellenic League football under Mark Pritchett's time as manager, whilst Henry Birkett will be known to everyone, having played for Rovers as recently as 2023/24 before moving to Cinder Lane. Henry made 127 appearances during his four spells in the first team squad, including 41 in his final season in claret and blue.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	169	41	Lynden, Joss	1	0
Barnes, Oli	14	6	Mann, Warren	543	85
Bevan, Bradley	68	11	McLean, Callum	2	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	McGuirk, Callum	121	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Merchant, Luke	158	0
Chambers, Karnell	66	40	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Clifford, Ellis	59	0	Mustoe, Harley	38	5
Creed, Jamie	10	2	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Pritchett, Mark	214	29
Ford, Mark	164	61	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Roberts, Tyrel	32	2
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Simpson, Elijah	38	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Smith, Liam	106	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Hoffland, Robin	13	0	Valenti, Gino	3	1
Herbert, Macaulay	322	10	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	130	9	Walters, Connor	88	17
James, Brett	186	64	Warrington, Corey	37	1
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	140	4
Kent, Dominik	175	21	Wright, Liam	124	3
Lander, Daniel	51	1	Yarmolenko, Vladyslav	1	0

NB: The figures are correct for all league competitions from season 2007/08, when Tuffley Rovers returned to the County League (Step 7) and include all competitive games since the start of the 2013/14 season. There are some gaps in the information relating to cup games prior to the start of the 2013/14 campaign. This period is currently subject to a thorough review and there may be some variation to statistics in due course.



# **FAIRFORD TOWN CLUB**

## **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, 1998/99 and 2024/25 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.

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The 2024/25 season saw the club win the Gloucestershire FA Senior Amateur Cup and also saw the Under 18s win the prestigious Southwest Counties Youth League.

# (OR AROUND) THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

Current records date back, fairly accurately, to the 2007/08 season and although there are a few gaps stopping us having a full set of data, it gives us the opportunity to include a new programme feature that allows us to reflect on days gone by and fixtures on, or around, today's date.

Since those records began, we've had just one game on 9 August which we've reviewed and we've also selected a couple on the dates either side to reflect on our fortunes on this particular date...

## **10 August 2013**

Following promotion at the end of the 2012/13 season, Tuffley Rovers' first foray back into Hellenic League football ended with an entertaining 3-3 draw at home against North Leigh United. Goals from Marcus Foxwell (pen), Dion Lee and Steve Bick proved enough to secure a first Hellenic League point since 2005 for Doug Foxwell's side.

**Squad:** Brad Poole; Marcus Foxwell; Antoine Thompson; Leone Cornwall; Michael Devlin; Steve Bick; Courtney Hamilton; Stuart Griffith; Dion Lee; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Ben Newman; Johnny Meadows.

## **12 August 2014**

Tuffley Rovers started their 2014/15 season with a comprehensive victory over Fairford Town, as goals from Brett James (2), Shayne Bradley and Marcus Foxwell guided Warren Evans' team to a convincing 4-0 win at Glevum Park.

James' two goals came on his competitive debut for Rovers after he had signed during the summer following Evans' appointment as manager.

**Squad:** Harvey Rivers; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Ashley Davies; Macaulay Herbert; Sam Drew; Courtney Hamilton; Warren Mann; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Stuart Griffith; Ryan Williams.

## **8 August 2021**

Tuffley Rovers recorded a first FA Cup win in almost four years, as Aaron Basford's first goal for the club proved the difference in a five goal thriller at Windsor's Stag Meadow.

Charlie Jagers' goal had given Windsor a lead that they held until the interval, before Josh Swales' fortuitous goals levelled the scores on 56 minutes. Parity did not last long before Eric Sowolona restored Windsor's lead but Dom Kent again equalised in the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute. Less than four minutes later substitute Joe Shutt set-up Aaron Basford to give Rovers the lead, one they held until the final whistle sounded, setting up a tie with Flackwell Heath in the next round of the competition.

**Squad:** Adam Clark; Xander Jones; Joshua Swales; Jacob Geddes; Macaulay Herbert; Dion Ellis-Clark; Liam Wright; Dominik Kent; Aaron Basford; Sam Mendes; Lucas Price. **Subs used:** Lewis Bainbridge; Joe Shutt; Rudi McKinnon.

## **9 August 2022**

Heavily fancied to make a title challenge, Malvern Town showed their potential as they recovered from falling behind within 60 seconds to take all three points in this UHlsport Hellenic League fixture. When Jack Beardsell's cross was met by Ryan Dobbins precision header in the first minute of this game, Neil Mustoe's side might have thought this would be their night, but the visitors netted three times, through Harry Clark (2) and Dave Reynolds to secure the win.

**Squad:** Elliot Jones; Warren Mann; Ryley Mace; Kieran Squires; Scott Nicholls; Dan Lander; Sammie Hicks; Henry Birkett; Ryan Dobbins; Jack Beardsell; Dominik Kent. **Subs used:** Callum McGuirk; Macaulay Herbert; Mason Lewis; Shayne Bradley; Yeshaya Lomotey.

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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 all about joint managers, given the change in the visitors' dugout over the close season!

1. Can you name this double act who guided Coventry City to winning the 1987 FA Cup Final as joint managers?



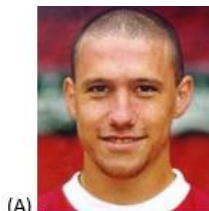
2. When Steve Gritt was appointed as joint first team manager at Charlton Athletic in 1991, who was appointed as his co-manager before taking the reins alone and guiding The Addicks to the Premier League?

3. In 1991/92 Terry Venables relinquished his role as manager of Tottenham Hotspur and was replaced by Peter Shreeves, who didn't last long, before being replaced by a management duo (pictured) who were eventually moved on to make room for Ossie Ardiles. Who are the duo?



4. Which former Derby County and England defensive pairing had much less success in their joint management roles at Bolton Wanderers in 1995?

5. In 1998 probably the most famous of joint managers came together as Gerard Houllier linked up with Roy Evans. Evans quit within four months, with Liverpool 8th in the Premier League table. The duo signed three players during the summer of 1998. Can you name them?



**Quiz Answers:** (1) George Curtis & John Sillit; (2) Alan Curbishley; (3) Doug Livmore and Ray Clemence; (4) Colin Todd and Roy McFarland; (5) Sean Dundee; Steve Staunton; and Vegard Heggem.

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