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FROM THE EDITOR:



Welcome to all our visitors to Glevum Park this evening, notably the players, management team, committee and supporters of Mangotsfield United. Welcome, also, to this evening's match officials.

The games always seem to come around at a relentless pace at this time of the year, with games on Saturday, Tuesday, Saturday, etc.

Although we had a midweek free from football last week, due to Lydney Town's FA Cup replay, meaning we've only played three times whilst other teams have played four times, it just feels like there hasn't been any let-up in the games, to date.

Mind you, who is troubled by a flurry of games if performances and results continue to be so positive?!! Three wins from three is unprecedented at the start of a Hellenic League season and there is a really positive buzz around the club as a consequence.

Tonight's game will be a serious test of our ambitions, as we face a side that Muzzy rightly flags as a potential title contender in Mangotsfield United. This is followed by a trip to Flackwell Heath in the Emirates FA Cup, which will be another really tough game for our young squad, and then a home fixture against Hereford Pegasus, who have started the season fantastically well. Three wins in a row could easily be followed by three defeats on the bounce if we don't sustain our good performances. That is the fine line between success and failure when the competitions we play in are so competitive and each game seems to be against a quality side.

When you are experiencing a positive run and the sweet taste of success that a win offers, the desire is for more and more. I am no different but I just remind myself that winning isn't easy and success only comes with continued hard work and commitment, both on and off the field. Mangotsfield United's aim tonight will be no different to our own and they will offer hard work, commitment and a lot of quality to try and take maximum points. Two teams, with similar aspirations and a will to win should hopefully set up a good contest tonight. Here is hoping we can put in another performance that gives us the best possible chance of success.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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Tuesday, 12 August 2025

UhlSPORT Hellenic League, Premier Division

Cribbs FC v Worcester Raiders

Droitwich Spa v Fairford Town

Pershore Town v Cirencester Town

Slimbridge v Cinderford Town

Thornbury Town v Corsham Town

Tuffley Rovers v Mangotsfield United

Westfields v Longlevens

Wednesday, 13 August 2025

UhlSPORT Hellenic League, Premier Division

Roman Glass St. George v Highworth Town

Royal Wootton Bassett Town v Hallen

FROM THE CHAIRMAN:



Good evening and a warm welcome to Glevum Park for what is our third league game of the 2025-26 season. We entertain Mangotsfield United here this evening, who, like us, are unbeaten so far this season. Welcome to their management, committee, players and supporters. I'd also like to extend that warm welcome to this evening's match officials.

This evening will be a tough encounter against a very good team. You would expect The Mangos to be up there as title contenders, so this will be another test for the lads to see where we are after three good wins so far – hopefully our run of good form can continue for as long as possible.

The Hellenic League Premier Division is a tough competition and I think I could probably include reference to “another tough game” in each edition of my notes! We've done well to collect the wins we have and I hope it is the start of a good run, not one that ends tonight or in the next few games.

We travel to Flackwell Heath on Saturday in the next round of the FA Cup, which promises to be a great trip for the players and supporters travelling together. There are still spaces on the coach for anyone wishing to join us. Speak with me or Neil Spiller if you would like to join us on the road to High Wycombe.

After Saturday's game we are at home to Hereford Pegasus next Tuesday (unless we host an FA Cup replay) and then have a Bank Holiday weekend derby double-header, as we first host Longlevens in the FA Vase, then travel to them 48 hours later in the Premier Division. Starting tonight, those next 5 games have the potential to be significant for our season.

I hope everyone enjoys this evening's hospitality and is looking forward to the season ahead.

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. The 2024/25 season ended with further improvement, as Mustoe's squad finished in 11th place.

FROM THE MANAGER:



Good evening and welcome to Glevum Park. Welcome to all players, management, officials and supporters from Mangotsfield United.

After another win on Saturday, in a different manner to our two our previous games, we know can play but also dig-in when needed. Hopefully the squad will have the confidence going into tonight's game, without being over confident. That is what we need if we are to keep this run going.

If you had told me at the start of the season that we would come into our fourth game of the season having beaten Cribbs, Hartpury and Fairford Town, I am not if I would have believe you, although I know we have a good and improving squad who can help the club to progress.

In the From The Gaffer interview after Saturday's game I spoke about the momentum we started to build in pre-season and how that has continued into the season proper. That, alongside the mentality, improved fitness and desire that we are showing is really pleasing. In my 3 ½ years here we have sought to improve each season, not just in terms of results but also in the way we play. Retaining all but one of the squad from last season was a huge positive given what has happened in the past 3 years.

Tonight's opponent's will be a tough encounter and I expect them to be challenging at the top end of the table come April next year. They are well-drilled and set-up, which is precisely what I expect to see tonight.

For now, we will fully focus on the game tonight and then look forward to our FA cup game on Saturday.

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 11 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	3	2	0	0	9	5	1	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	11	6	5	9
2	Corsham Town	3	2	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	2	3	7
3	Slimbridge	3	2	0	0	5	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	6	4	2	7
4	Droitwich Spa	3	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	7	7	2	0	1	12	7	5	6
5	Mangotsfield United	2	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	5	6
6	Worcester Raiders	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	5	0	5	6
7	Tuffley Rovers	2	2	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	2	3	6
8	Cinderford Town	3	1	1	0	5	2	0	0	1	0	3	1	1	1	5	5	0	4
9	Longlevens AFC	3	1	0	1	6	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	6	5	1	3
10	Thornbury Town	2	1	0	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	3	1	3
11	Westfields	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	0	9	1	0	2	3	10	-7	3
12	Roman Glass St George	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	3	0	2	0	3	3	0	2
13	Highworth Town	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	2	-1	2
14	Fairford Town	3	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	3	0	2	1	3	5	-2	2
15	Cirencester Town	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	4	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1
16	Hallen	3	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	3	0	1	2	3	5	-2	1
17	Pershore Town	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1
18	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	3	-2	1
19	Cribbs	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	6	0	1	2	2	6	-4	1
20	Lydney Town	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	9	0	0	3	2	11	-9	0

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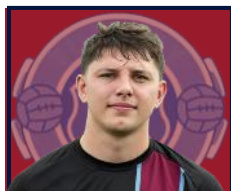
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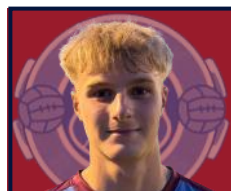
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MANGOTSFIELD UNITED SQUAD 2025/26



ELLIS PARKER

1 GOAL KEEPER

This will mark Ellis's third season with Mangotsfield after leaving Cinderford Town. He has a history of playing for Slimbridge AFC and the Chippenham Town Academy. Moreover, he was once a youth player at Bristol City. Before these experiences, he was a member of the Mangotsfield Juniors U10s and received training at the Bristol Inner City Academy.

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STUART TOVEY

2 RIGHT BACK

Stuart is an experienced defender with a rich background in the Southern League, having played for clubs such as Bristol Manor Farm, Paulton Rovers, Chippenham Town, and Larkhall Athletic. Renowned for his tenacious tackling style, he possesses inherent leadership qualities that will greatly benefit our younger players.



JEFFREY BARIMAH

3 LEFT BACK

This is his second stint at Mansfield United after gaining a short-term professional contract in Sweden. Jeff is a product of Bristol Inner City Academy and the SGS programme and is a talented young player who is strong, quick and good on the ball and has made a significant impact to the squad during the 2024-2025 season.

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AIDAN SANFELICE

4 CENTRE MID

Aidan joins us for his first full season at the club having joined towards the end of last season from local rivals Roman Glass where he made 30 appearances. He has also played for local club Longwell Green. Aidan is a disciplined holding midfielder who has a great knack for being in the right place at the right time and makes the game look easy.



JACOB SPENCE

5 CENTRE BACK

Jacob joins us from Bristol Manor Farm, where he showcased his skills last season. Standing tall, he is a seasoned defender with experience from clubs like Cribbs. Spence has featured for Ashton & Backwell, and Bridgwater United.



AARON PARSONS

6 CENTER BACK

An experienced defender who has competed at the Southern League level, Aaron has represented numerous local clubs, including Yate Town, Larkhall Athletic, Melksham, Swindon Super Marine, and Weston Super Mare, bringing stability to the back line.

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KYREESE MORRISON

7 WING BACK

Has competed at the Southern League level with Mangotsfield, Cribbs, and Taunton Town. Additionally, he has played for Bath City. Known for his forward play, he excels in both assisting team mates and scoring goals.



JOE PORTON

8 MIDFIELDER

A 23-year-old Welshman is embarking on his third season with "The Mangos," having joined us from Melksham Town. He plays as a central midfielder and was previously registered with Bristol City. He competed for City at both the U18 and U21 levels and represented his country at the U17 level in 2019.

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GEORGE NEILL

9 CENTRE FORWARD

George has played for Mangotsfield at the Southern League level and spent some time with Slimbridge AFC before returning to our team last season. He also played at SGS College, where he achieved numerous awards during his college career.



JAMES WHITE

10 MIDFIELDER

"Jimmer" became part of the team two seasons ago and swiftly established himself as a key player in the starting XI. He is a midfield player with experience at this level of football. His previous clubs include Bristol Manor Farm, Hallen, and Almondsbury.

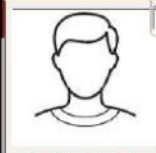
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GEORGE KILICK

22 WINGER

A product of the Bristol Inner city Academy, who joined the Bristol City Academy at the age of 14. A technically gifted player, George has matured on and off the pitch and improved the areas of his game which has aided his progression to the next level. Certainly a player to look out for.



ARRON SWEETE

23 WINGER

Arron joins this season having played the whole of last season for Stoke Gifford in the county league. Arron joins a squad through our connection with SGS college and in preseason has proved himself to be a quick strong dynamic midfielder who shows a lot of enthusiasm and endeavour through his performances. He is definitely a player who will develop with the squad this season and will play an important role in our progress.

MANGOTSFIELD UNITED SQUAD 2025/26



JOSH JENKINS

11 WINGER

Josh joins us from Roman Glass where he has been for the last two seasons. Josh is an attacking player who can score and create goals and has an excellent first touch and control.



ARCHIE MORRIS

12 DEFENDER

Archie is a defender who joined us from Welton Rovers two seasons ago and brings valuable experience to the squad in spite of his young age. Archie is a brilliant player for the squad as he can play in a number of different positions across the back line and in midfield, and is a Born winner



MICHAEL BARRY

14 WINGER

Another member of our team who progressed through the SGS College setup. He joined us from Stoke Gifford in 2023. While he may be the smallest player on the team, he is probably the quickest. Extremely difficult to defend against, he isn't afraid to take on opponents directly, and has an accurate pass.

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MIRCEA ILEA

15 CENTRE BACK

1. Romanian born known as 'Big Mike' is a tall and strong centre back who developed through the SGS college programme. He first joined Mangotsfield in the southern league as an 18 year-old and has also had time at Potton Rovers before returning to Mangotsfield two seasons ago. He is a leader and important member of the squad.



HARRISON KYTE

16 STRIKER

Last season, he played for Clevedon Town after signing from Oldland Abbotonians in July 2024. He began his junior football career at AEK Boco and has also competed in the Western League for Bitton. With substantial experience at this level, he has the talent to break through defenses with his creativity and imagination.



BEN SHEPPARD

17 MIDFIELDER

A robust player who like many of our squad has been with the club for many years through our youth setup. Continually developing Ben has a great passing range and is good in the air. He has become an important member of the squad and has played lot of games since coming into the first team squad at the start of last season.



WILL ASHTON

18 WINGER

Son of manager Glyn Ashton, he missed a significant portion of last season due to injury but is poised to establish himself as a first-choice player for the upcoming season. He has progressed through the Mangotsfield youth program and the local SGS college system.

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COSMO BROWNE

19 MIDFIELDER

A standout young player who showcased his skills for England in the ECFA National Teams for 2024/25, scoring twice for his squad. Cos is a product of our youth development program and has also gained valuable experience at the local SGS College.

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ROMIAH NEVERS

20 STRIKER

An accomplished player recognized for his time with multiple clubs in the Western League, such as AEK Boco and Nailsea & Tickenham. He is a robust forward, adept at playing as a centre-forward, who aims to make runs behind the defense while effectively holding up the ball. He is also well-known for his goal-scoring ability.



RUDY HILL

21 DEFENDER

Rudy is a strong and disciplined defender that is equally comfortable playing wingback and also getting forward into attacking areas to create and score goals. He is a product of our youth system and has stepped up to this level of football having played for Stoke Gifford in the county league last season becoming one of their most important players



OLLY WARD

26 MIDFIELDER

Wardy is another product of our successful Youth Development Programme. He's gained valuable experience recently with Welton Rovers since returning from a serious injury.

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	3-1	129	H Mustoe, K Chambers (2)
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			
09/Sep	7:45pm	Lydney Town		A			
13/Sep	3pm	Pershore Town		H			
27/Sep	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A			
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11/Oct	3pm	Westfields		A			
18/Oct	3pm	Slimbridge		A			
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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			
11/Apr	3pm	Hallen		H			
18/Apr	3pm	Cinderford Town		A			

Goalscorers

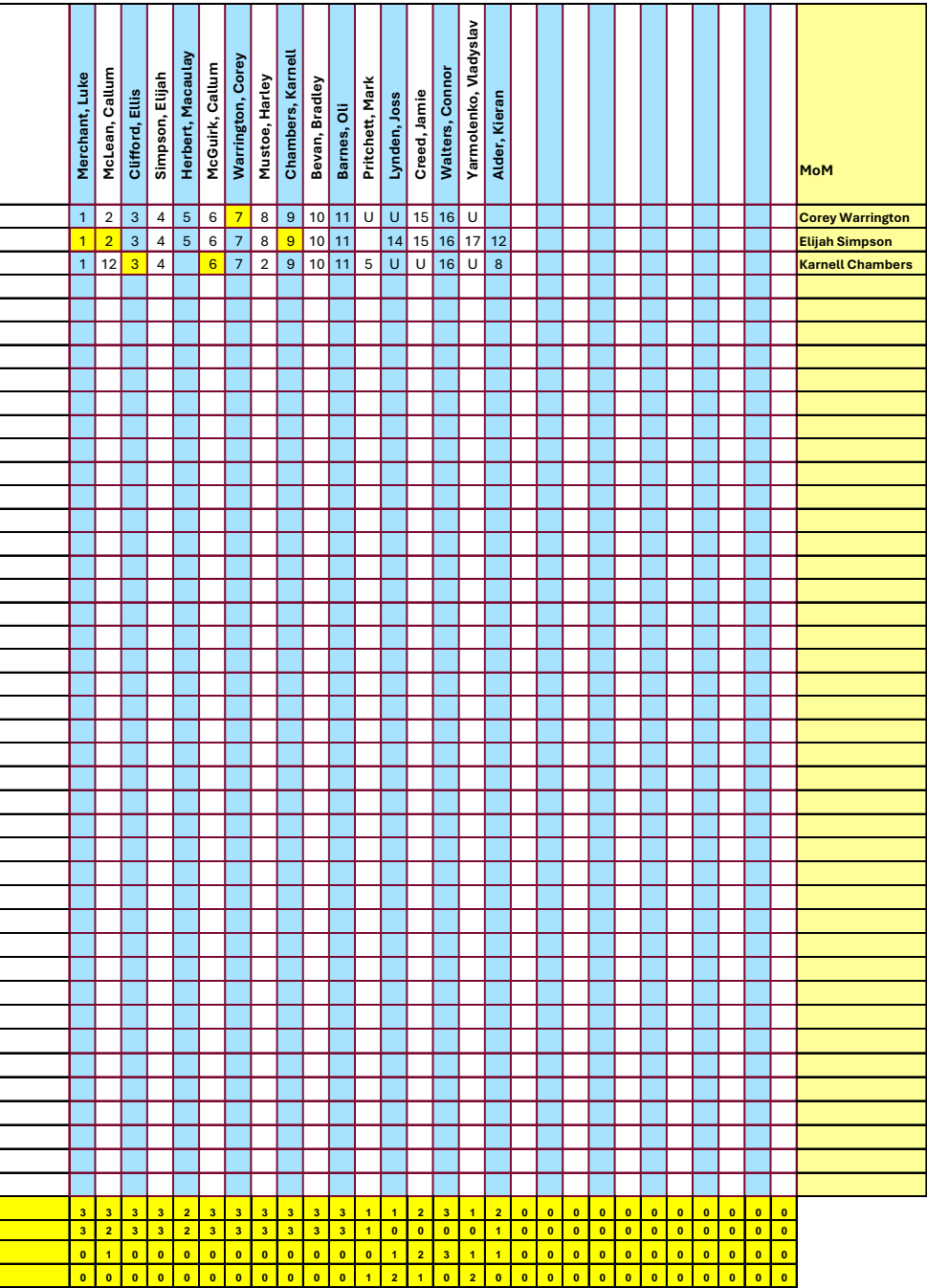
Karnell Chambers	3	Oli Barnes	1
Harley Mustoe	2	Corey Warrington	1

TOTAL APPEARANCES

STARTS

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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, 9 August 2025
(includes selected list of former players)

On Saturday, for the first time this season, we were without Macaulay Herbert as a player, meaning we were deprived of 322 appearances worth of experience, alongside Warren Mann's long-term absence depriving us of a player who has made 543 appearances at first team level (Step 7 and above). That is 875 combined appearances if you don't want to work it out for yourself!

I remember writing once previously about how few appearances were shared by the rest of our squad, but how times have changed. Against Fairford Town the starting line-up boasted 944 appearances between them, with three players having made over 150 appearances. Only Oli Barnes, Corey Warrington, Harley Mustoe, and Eli Simpson started the game with fewer than 50 appearances under their belts. That is the stability that Muzzy refers to in his notes and interviews, which is helping improve both our togetherness and our fortunes.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	170	41	Lynden, Joss	1	0
Barnes, Oli	15	6	Mann, Warren	543	85
Bevan, Bradley	69	11	McLean, Callum	3	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	McGuirk, Callum	122	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Merchant, Luke	159	0
Chambers, Karnell	67	42	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Clifford, Ellis	60	0	Mustoe, Harley	39	6
Creed, Jamie	10	2	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Pritchett, Mark	215	29
Ford, Mark	164	61	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Roberts, Tyrel	32	2
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Simpson, Elijah	39	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	89	17
James, Brett	186	64	Warrington, Corey	38	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.

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A BRIEF HISTORY



The 2025/26 season will mark Mangotsfield's fourth year competing at step 5, following a total of 22 seasons as a Southern League club, which includes the annulled 2019/20 and 20/21 seasons. After spending thirteen seasons in the "Pitchin In" Southern Football League Division One South, the club previously achieved a 9th place finish in 2009/10, 3rd in 2010/11 (though they lost the play-off semi-final 1-3 to Frome Town), 14th in 2011/12, 13th in 2012/13, 11th in 2013/14, 10th in 2014/15, 14th in 2015/16, 8th in 2016/17, and 16th in both 2017/18 and 2018/19. After the two-year "Covid gap", Mangotsfield ended the 2021/22 season in 18th place (out of 19 teams) and were automatically relegated to the Hellenic League Premier Division.

Football has been played in the village since 1888, and four years later, Mangotsfield FC became a founding member of the Bristol & District League (which later evolved into the Western Football League in 1895), but the club ceased operations after a decade. From 1898 until the 1950s, Mangotsfield FC was disbanded and reformed multiple times. In January 1951, the parent club eliminated the Reserve XI for financial reasons, leaving many local players without a team. These players chose to establish a new club in the village, and at the beginning of the 1951-52 season, the newly formed Mangotsfield United FC was entered into the Bristol & District League, Division VII. They achieved five consecutive promotions and gained entry to the Bristol & District Premier Combination in 1957.

The club remained in that league until the 1972-73 season when it was accepted into the Western League. During the 1970s, the club became established in the Western League, and despite being relegated to the first division in 1981-82, "The Field," as they were affectionately known, quickly bounced back the following season. Under the leadership of the charismatic Ralph Miller, who served as Chairman and took on the responsibility of enhancing the ground and its facilities, the club became a formidable presence in the Premier, frequently competing for top positions.

In 1991, the club, under the management of Harold Jarman and with the assistance of Terry Rowles, celebrated regional success by winning the (then) Great Mills League Premier Division title, finishing ahead of the runner-up, Torrington. Unfortunately, they were unable to gain promotion to the Southern League due to their ground not meeting the necessary grading standards, leading to several challenging seasons that resulted in the disbandment of the team.

However, with the election of Richard Davis as Chairman, improvements began to take shape off the pitch. In 1995, Terry Rowles returned to take over the management of the club and kept them in the public eye by consistently achieving top three or four finishes in the Great Mills/Screwfix League, along with a notable appearance in the FA Vase semi-final, where they were defeated by Clitheroe. Nevertheless, their aspirations for promotion and participation in Southern League football were persistently hindered by the ongoing successes of Taunton and Tiverton Town. It was deemed crucial to establish a solid operational foundation, enhance ground facilities, and secure a long-term lease on their Cossham Street ground.

A BRIEF HISTORY CONTINUED

In earlier years, the partnership between Roger Pullin and Richard Davis witnessed numerous enhancements, including the installation of Conference-style floodlights. By the conclusion of the 2003/04 season, the Cossham Street end of the ground was covered, alongside the addition of new toilet facilities and improvements to the social club. Former player Andy Black returned to the club as Manager in 1999, leading the team to promotion to the Dr. Martens Southern League and achieving three successful campaigns. However, the 2003/04 season did not unfold favorably, and just prior to Christmas, Black was succeeded by Martyn Grimshaw. Towards the end of the season, Nigel Webb joined as his Assistant, but the club could only secure a 13th place finish, which fell short of the expectations for the planned restructuring of the Pyramid.

The management duo prioritized promotion in the 2004/05 season, and the club led the table for the majority of the campaign, ultimately claiming the Division One West title with an impressive 21-match unbeaten streak. After 28 seasons at the Western League level, the club had only spent five seasons at the Southern League level before advancing to the Premier Division. In April/May 2005, Roger Pullin departed from the club, and Mike Richardson assumed the role of Chairman with a new Board.

Now sometimes referred to as 'The Mangos', the 2020/21 season commenced with Glyn Ashton at the helm. He had previously managed the U18s Floodlit Youth team but took on the role of temporary Manager in 2019/20 following the unexpected exit of Manager Ollie Price, bringing in nearly his entire U18s squad. Glyn resumed his position managing the U18/Reserves team at the start of the 2021/22 season, while Ray Johnston, along with assistant Terry Moore, took over the first team management responsibilities. However, Glyn returned to the managerial position after the departure of Ray and Terry due to some disappointing performances and results. The club regrettably could not "avoid the drop," concluding the season in 18th position out of 19 teams.

During the summer of 2022, Chairman Mike Richardson was succeeded by Steve Brown, a new committee was established, and with a fresh commercial team in place, the club embarked on an exhilarating new chapter in its history.

In the 2022/23 season, Glyn Ashton resumed his managerial role after a brief tenure by John Allen and Josh Bruton. "The Field" ultimately secured an 11th place finish in the Hellenic Premier Division during their inaugural season at that level, triumphing in the Hellenic League Floodlit Cup on their first attempt. In the 2023/24 season, the anticipated improvement in league standing was not realized as the team finished in 13th place; however, they achieved further cup success by winning the Gloucester Challenge Trophy.

After several years of diligent efforts behind the scenes, planning permission for a 3G pitch at Cossham Street was finally approved. With deep appreciation to the Hellenic League, last season, "The Field" played all of their away matches (with the exception of one) during the first half of the season while construction was underway, and all their home games on the new 3G pitch at Cossham Street in the latter half of the season. The team finished the league in fourth place but fell short of promotion, losing to Sporting Inkberrow in the playoff semi-finals.

N (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 three games on 12 August which we've reviewed and we've also selected another game from around this date to reflect on our fortunes over the years.

14 August 2010

Tuffley Rovers opened their 2010/11 Gloucestershire County League season with a resounding 6-0 win at Berkeley Town netting 4 times in the first 45 minutes. Richard James scored the first of a hat-trick on the day after 5 minutes, followed by a second three minutes later from Danny Wallington. James netted his second on 15 minutes, with Mark Wallington netting the fourth on 35 minutes. Two further goals in the second half from Richard James after 65 minutes and a final goal from Rob Cunningham in the 82nd minute capped a brilliant start for Rovers.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Ashley Davies; Martin Middlecote; Lee Wallington; Richard James; Victor Webb; Mark Wallington; Daniel Wallington; Warren Mann; Mark Ford; Ben Harris. **Subs used:** Ben Clutterbuck; John Sesan; Stuart Toomey.

12 August 2014

In their second season in the Hellenic League Division One (West), Tuffley Rovers got off to a dream start as Warren Evans' side recorded an emphatic 4-0 win over opening day visitors Fairford Town at Glevum Park, with goals from Brett James (2), Shayne Bradley and Marcus Foxwell. 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.

12 August 2017

In a game featuring two former Premier League strikers, it was Rovers' Shayne Bradley who scored the decisive goal as Rovers took all three Hellenic League Premier Division points against Windsor FC, featuring former Fulham striker Barry Hayles.

Both defences were on top in the early stages of the game and although there were chances for both teams that trend continued deep into the second half before Bradley, who had started the game as a substitute, made the vital contribution in the 86th minute, latching onto a long clearance to run clear of the visiting defence and slot home past the advancing keeper. Hayles had the opportunity to salvage a point for Windsor deep into injury time, only for Rovers' Macaulay Herbert to produce a tremendous saving block and ensure Mark Pritchett's side secured a first league win of the season.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Macaulay Herbert; Ben Tunnicliff; Jack Overthrow; Marcus Foxwell; Brett James; Joel White; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Mark Ford; Harry Walker; Shayne Bradley.

12 August 2023

In their third game of the 2023/24 season Tuffley Rovers slipped to a first competitive defeat, following a hugely disappointing performance away at Hereford Lads Club. Rovers never really got started and fell behind on 20 minutes when James Hancocks opened the scoring, before Kieran Dovey sealed the points for the hosts with 15 minutes remaining.

Squad: Luke Merchant; Sammie Hicks; Warren Mann; Mark Pritchett; Joel White; Jack Twyman; Henry Birkett; Ashley Davies; Jake Rhodes; Nathan Payne; Connor Walters. **Subs used:** Callum McGuirk; Yeshaya Lomotey; Matt Holdaway.

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 teams in claret and blue (given the visitors' first choice colours)...

1. In this picture, which club who would normally play in claret and blue is winning which trophy in which year? 1 point for each correct answer!



2. Officially playing in a blue and garnet top (but it is claret and blue, isn't it?), which team played without a sponsor on their shirt until 2006 when they allowed their tops to be adorned by a charitable organisation, before finally signing their first commercial shirt sponsorship in 2011?

3. Who is the England International pictured playing for a team in claret and blue? For the bonus point, can you name the team?



4. Which claret and blue team won the FA Cup with Frank Lampard in their side, beating Arsenal 1-0 in the Final?

5. Can you name the three claret and blue clubs from the badges pictured below?



Quiz Answers: (1) It is Aston Villa winning the 1982 European Cup; (2) Barcelona; (3) England cricketer Ian Botham was playing for Scunthorpe United; (4) It was Frank Lampard Snr in 1980 with West Ham United; (5) Tranzonspur, Turkey; Weymouth United, England; and Cobh Ramblers, Ireland.

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Harley Mustoe	8	Joe Porton
Karnell Chambers	9	George Neill
Brad Bevan	10	James White
Oli Barnes	11	Harrison Kyte
Connor Walters	12	Kyrese Morrison
Vladyslav Yarmolenko	14	George Killick
Mark Pritchett	15	Michael Barry
Joss Lynden	16	Ben Shepherd
Jamie Creed	17	Romiah Nevers
Kieran Alder	18	Will Ashton
Liam Smith	19	Aaron Parsons
Daniel Lander	20	Sam Pashen
Robin Hoffland	21	Stuart Tovey

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

Yellow shirts; Yellow shorts; Yellow socks (GK: Pink)

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