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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 Hereford Pegasus. Welcome, also, to this evening's match officials.

In the last edition of our programme, I reflected on a poor last day of the 2025/26 season and the need to retain perspective in light of a heavy defeat, because one swallow does not make a summer and the first hint of trouble does not mean the writing is on the wall. The challenge for us all is to accept the good days and celebrate them, as well as accepting the bad days and find the quickest route to putting them behind us.

Despite the results in our first three games, there were plenty of positives that gave us an opportunity to retain hope and optimism, leading to Saturday's convincing 4-1 win away at Corsham Town. That victory was made all the more impressive by a list of absentees that included Karnell Chambers, Raiyan Ahmed, Theo Browne and Ellis Clifford, along with new signings Will Djiaha-Nsangou and Antonio Pirelli. You can add to that players who have now moved into a 'break glass in case of emergency' mode (Warren Mann, Mark Pritchett and Shayne Anson might be considered examples) who were all unavailable for selection and it makes things all the more remarkable.

An improving trajectory over the past few seasons has largely relied upon a core group of players that have served the club incredibly well. Luke Merchant, Callum McGuirk, Kieran Alder, Corey Warrington, Eli Simpson and the returning Harley Mustoe have all been amongst our more regular players across the last two seasons and into this one, each an important part of a squad that has seen their league position and points total shift in a positive direction in each campaign.

Over the past two games you can most certainly add someone else to that list, albeit with their time at Tuffley Rovers was punctuated by a spell at Stonehouse Town over the second half of last season. Connor Walters' return to the club in the summer might not have attracted much excitement amongst the Rovers' faithful but his form so far and in particular his performances over the past two games have seen him score three times, including two excellent finishes at Corsham, and win Supporters' Man-of-the-Match on both occasions. Hopefully he can continue his Lazarus like return tonight and work with the old, the new and others in claret and blue to help us secure another positive result. We know, for sure, it will take a great team display to secure points from this particular Hereford Pegasus side, after they started the season with three consecutive league victories.

After tonight's game we are off to Bradford Town (on Saturday) and Roman Glass St George (29 August), before we next host a game on Bank Holiday Monday, 31 August, with Longlevens the visitors. We'd love to see you there, backing the lads, for that game.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

Neil

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Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Tuesday, 18 August 2026

Bradford Town v Cirencester Town

Devizes Town v Highworth Town

Fairford Town v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Malmesbury Victoria v Roman Glass St George

Mangotsfield United v Hallen

Stourport Swifts v Longlevens

Thornbury Town v Corsham Town

Tuffley Rovers v Hereford Pegasus

Westfields v Pershore Town

Wednesday, 19 August 2026

Cribbs v Cinderford Town

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good evening and a warm welcome to Glevum Park for this Hellenic League fixtures against Hereford Pegasus. May I first take this opportunity to welcome our opposition's supporters, committee, management and players. An extended welcome to the match officials who will be facilitating this evening's game.

It is great to have a first team fixture back at Glevum Park after a couple of weeks of away fixtures. League games against Fairford and Corsham, as well as our FA Cup game against Swindon Supermarine saw us play three consecutive fixtures on the road, so it is nice to be back here.

We've had a mixed bag of results and performances to start the season, which is expected with new faces coming in and finding their rhythm across the squad. However, overall there is really positive feel about the squad this season. One signing of note is the return to the club of Ryan Williams, who is a very good player and went straight into the starting 11 on Saturday against Corsham. Ryan will offer experience in defence and can hopefully also support some of the younger lads with their own development.

Our Reserves have started their competitive season now and have progressed well in the Reg Davis Memorial Cup and have a quarter-final fixture away at Harrow Hill tomorrow evening.

We are on the road again on Saturday against Bradford Town, who have rejoined the Hellenic League after a couple of seasons in the Western League. It will be nice to go back there after that time away.

I hope everyone enjoys the hospitality and the game here this evening. I wish you a safe journey home.

Thanks,

Dan

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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) and has overseen an improvement in each season since that time, culminating in a 10th place finish at the end of the 2025/26 season.

FROM THE MANAGER



Good evening and welcome to all players, officials and supporters from Hereford Pegasus.

After three away games on the spin, culminating with a great win on Saturday, it is nice to get back at Glevum Park for a home game, albeit a difficult test, as tonight's visitors have got off to a great start and are unbeaten in the league so far.

As with all games in this league a tough evening awaits and we will be looking to back up our win at Corsham Town on Saturday with a result. Pegasus will be organised and have an identity which we will need to combat and at the same time impose our strengths but we should be confident that we can do what is required.

As with every game at the moment, we will have a few out but I'm hoping in the coming weeks we will have everyone available for selection, which will give me plenty to think about.

Looking at the fixture list if you said to me four points from three league games, looking at the opposition we were due to face, I think I would have taken that as a decent return.

Saturday saw us go in front for the fourth game in a row and you could see things starting to gel. Combinations between players are starting to come off and whilst we still have plenty to learn and develop I think technically we are a good team and if we can use these strengths with a hard to beat mentality, hopefully we can progress again this season.

After what was a difficult pre-season things have settled down a bit. I know and the players know we have not turned a corner yet and can't take our minds and focus away from the job in hand. Tonight's game is the next opportunity to show what we are capable of.

Thanks for your support. I hope you enjoy the game.

Muzzy





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Pos	Team	Home										Away										Overall				
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS						
1	Hereford Pegasus	3	2	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	6	2	4	9							
2	Bradford Town	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	6	0	6	6							
3	Cinderford Town	3	1	0	0	5	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	6	3	6								
4	Westfields	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	6							
5	Roman Glass St George	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	6							
6	Tuffley Rovers	3	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	6	3	1	1	1	7	5	2	4							
7	Fairford Town	2	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	1	4							
8	Pershore Town 88	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	2	1	4							
9	Cirencester Town	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	4							
10	Corsham Town	3	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	3	5	-2	4							
11	Malmesbury Victoria	2	1	0	1	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	3	2	3							
12	Thornbury Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3							
13	Hallen	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	5	0	2	1	2	6	-4	2							
14	Mangotsfield United	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1							
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17	Devizes Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0							
18	Cribbs	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0							
19	Droitwich Spa	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	-2	0							
20	Stourport Swifts	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0							
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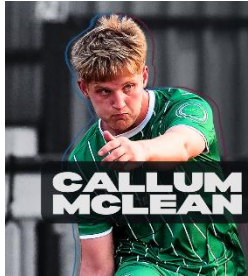


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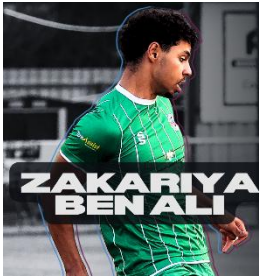


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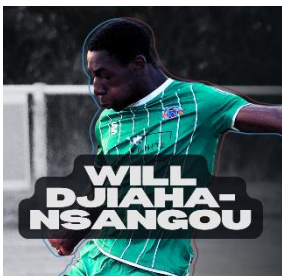


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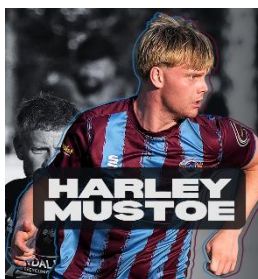


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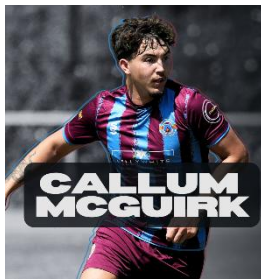
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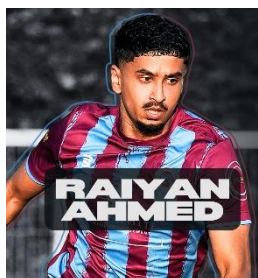
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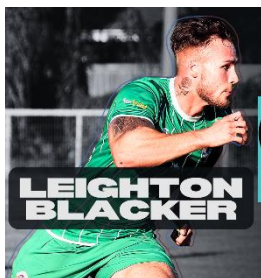
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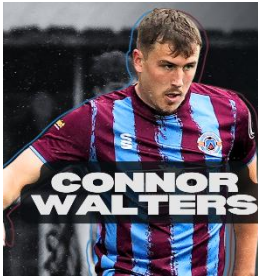
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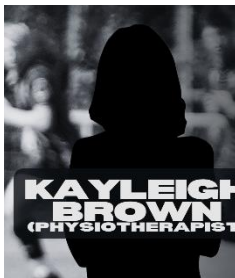
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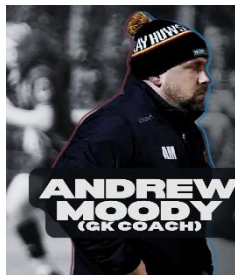
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Grab a cup of tea and something to eat, then spend the five minutes of your half-time break trying to answer these questions. As ever, there is a theme and today all the questions are designed to test your recollection of this summer's World Cup!

1. The stadium pictured was used for the final of the 2026 World Cup Finals tournament. Can you name the stadium and the US state?

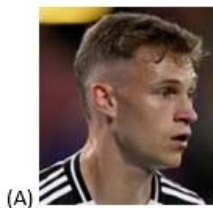


2. What was the total number of matches played at the 2026 World Cup (a record for the World Cup Finals tournament)?

3. Paraguay's Miguel Almirón became the first player to be sent-off for covering his mouth when talking. Who was the only other player (pictured) dismissed for the same offence during the 2026 tournament?



4. Who was the only player to score exactly 5 goals during the 2026 World Cup Finals tournament?
5. The players pictured were the official captains of their countries at the World Cup Finals. Can you name them and their country?



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

Quiz answers: (1) MetLife Stadium, New Jersey; (2) 104; (3) Piero Hincapié of Ecuador; (4) Mikel Oyarzabal (Spain); (5) The players and their countries are (a) Joshua Kimmich, Germany, (b) Achraf Hakimi, Morocco, (c) Kalidou Koulibaly, Senegal, (d) Christian Pulisic, USA.

Statistics 2026/27

Competition

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Att Scorers

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2026										
01/Aug	3pm	Cirencester Town		H	1-2	160	K Alder	1	2	3
04/Aug	7:45pm	Fairford Town		A	2-2	127	T Browne, R Ahmed	1	7	
08/Aug	3pm	Swindon Supermarine	FAC	A	1-3	256	C Walters (pen)	1	11	
15/Aug	3pm	Corsham Town		A	4-1	121	C Walters (2), R Williams, C Warrington	1	11	
18/Aug	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		H						
22/Aug	3pm	Bradford Town		A						
29/Aug	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A						
31/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		H						
05/Sep	3pm	Hallen		H						
12/Sep	3pm	Welton Rovers	FAV2Q	A						
15/Sep	7:45pm	Westfields		A						
19/Sep	3pm	Thornbury Town		A						
29/Sep	7:45pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H						
03/Oct	3pm	Droitwich Spa		H						
10/Oct	3pm	Devizes Town		A						
13/Oct	7:45pm	Cinderford Town		A						
17/Oct	3pm	Pershore Town		H						
20/Oct	7:45pm	Stourport Swifts		A						
24/Oct	3pm	Mangotsfield United		H						
10/Nov	7:45pm	Shortwood United	GFA	H						
14/Nov	3pm	Hallen		A						
21/Nov	3pm	Roman Glass St George		H						
28/Nov	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria		H						
12/Dec	7:45pm	Bradford Town		H						
15/Dec	3pm	Highworth Town		A						
26/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		A						
2027										
02/Jan	3pm	Cribbs FC		H						
09/Jan	3pm	Mangotsfield United		A						
16/Jan	3pm	Stourport Swifts		H						
30/Jan	3pm	Fairford Town		H						
06/Feb	3pm	Cirencester Town		A						
20/Feb	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		A						
27/Feb	3pm	Cinderford Town		H						
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03/Apr	3pm	Pershore Town		A						
10/Apr	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A						
17/Apr	3pm	Devizes Town		H						
24/Apr	3pm	Highworth Town		H						
TOTAL APPEARANCES							4	4	1	
STARTS							4	4	1	
SUBSTITUTE							0	0	0	
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE							0	0		

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Goalscorers	
Connor Walters	3
Kieran Alder	1
Theo Browne	1
Raiyan Ahmed	1
Ryan Williams	1
Corey Warrington	1

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.

Callum McLean

Defence

Impressed at right-back upon signing for the 2025/26 season but has also shown promise playing a central defender, too. Defends well, ultra competitive and comfortable on the ball. Could be an important part of the squad in the 2026/27 season.

Zak Ben Ali

Defence

Right-back who joined the club in the summer. Very comfortable on the ball and likes to get forward. Also an option to play in the midfield.

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.

Dan Lander

Defence

A player who has not held down a regular place in the starting line-up but has been a constant presence in Neil Mustoe's squad for several seasons. Reliable and powerful centre-half.

Will Dijaha-Nsangou

Defence

Young defender who has joined from Slimbridge U18s and made some impressive performances in pre-season. Big, strong and calm on the ball. Looks to be a good signing, with the potential to develop. A genuine prospect.

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 100 appearances at left-back, with an occasional appearance as a centre-back. An improving and emerging talent, developing all the time.

2026/27 PLAYER PROFILES

Mark Pritchett

Defence

A veteran who is now confined to the occasional appearance but shows the class of a player who 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.

Zak Jones

Defence/Midfield

Joined the club after making his Hellenic League debut at Brimscombe & Thrupp and excelled for the U18s. Versatile, good on the ball and has played Academy football. Became a regular squad member during 2025/26 so could this be his breakthrough year? Most likely to be an option at right-back but can also play higher up the field.

Harley Mustoe

Defence/Midfield

Had gained experience playing County League football for Hardwicke and then 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 or centre-back, looking equally comfortable and very accomplished. Young Player of the Year 2024/25 and Players' Player of the Year 2025/26.

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, usually sitting just in front of the back four. Played academy football during his earlier years, including a spell at Bristol City. Has become a vital part of the squad. Offers leadership in the heart of the team.

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 who has attracted plenty of attention from other clubs. Added goals to his game during 2025/26 and is emerging as a key part of the Rovers side, whether in a central role or wide.

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Preston Mason

Midfield

Former Forest Green Rovers Academy player signed from Hereford Pegasus early in the 2025/26 season. Diminutive figure who has been a great addition. Great feet and good energy and usually pops up with an occasional goal!

Warren Mann

Midfield

Our longest serving player with almost 550 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. Is returning to the first team squad this season after missing much of 25/26 after surgery on a serious injury.

Jacob Eakers

Midfield

New signing for 2026/27, joining from Brimscombe & Thrupp, after spells at Stonehouse Town and Gala Wilton. Will add a physical presence but is also good on the ball and has an eye for goal. Capable of playing in other roles if needed, his versatility will be welcome.

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, who is also a regular goalscorer. Previously with Neil Mustoe's U18s at Gloucester City reunited at Rovers. Our Vice Captain and a vital member of the squad.

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.

Leighton Blacker

Forward

New signing and a quick, powerful forward, capable of playing in a central role or out wide.

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He has previous Hellenic League experience, including spells at Slimbridge and Fairford Town. A great addition to our attacking line-up.

Connor Walters

Forward

Returning to the club for 2026/27 after a spell away at Stonehouse Town. A popular player who usually features out wide and is strong, quick footed and full of trickery. A welcome returnee who has played over 100 times for the club.

Raiyan Ahmed

Forward

A new signing and a great addition to the squad. Lightning face, skilful and an eye for goal. Has previous experience with Slimbridge, Westfields and Pershore Town and will offer a genuine attacking threat.

Neil Mustoe

Manager

Appointed as Manager in January 2022 and has overseen consistent improvement. Spent many years as a professional at Manchester United, Wigan Athletic, Cambridge United, Stevenage and Yeovil Town, before over 350 appearances for Gloucester City. A character in the dugout!

Liam O'Neill

Assistant Manager

Appointed as Assistant Manager in 2023, after a spell as Manager at Frampton United. Offers great support to Muzzy and is an important presence in the first team set-up.

Kayleigh Brown

Physio

Joined in 2025/26 and a good addition to the first team set-up, proving a popular member of the management team.

Andrew Moody

GK Coach

Joined in the 2025/26 season as our goalkeeping coach after previous experience with Shortwood United and other local clubs.

Marcus Foxwell

Coach

With over 300 first team appearances, Marcus has returned to the club as our U18s manager this season but will hold a dual role as first team coach, too. A Rovers legend!

Tim Hall

Coach

Formerly with Muzzy at Gloucester City U18s, Tim brings valuable experience and insightful analysis to the coaching team.



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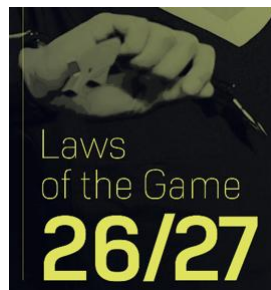
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IT IS THE LAW! A summary of changes for the 2026/27

If you watched the FIFA World Cup tournament over the summer and any of the games at Step 5 this season, you might have noticed some changes to the Laws of the Game but you might not have noticed them all, so we thought we'd include a brief summary of them for you this evening.

Note: This is a summary – the full changes can be viewed at [TheFA.com /football-rules-governance/lawsandrules/laws/football-11-11/law-changes-explained](https://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/lawsandrules/laws/football-11-11/law-changes-explained).



Substitutions

The substituted player must now leave the field within 10 seconds and at the nearest point to the boundary lines of the pitch, unless they are under 18 years of age, in which case they should leave via the technical area. Failure to leave within the 10 second limit could mean that the substitute due to enter play may be prevented from doing so for 1 minute.

There are some exceptions that can be applied by the referee (e.g. a player's injury clearly prevents them from leaving the field within that time) but the general amendment is that players have 10 seconds to leave the field of play.

Off field treatment and assessment

An outfield player is required to leave the field of play for one minute after the restart in the event of (i) play is stopped because the player has an actual or suspected injury; (ii) the referee has signalled for the medical staff to enter the field of play; or (iii) the referee has asked the player if they require on-field medical attention and the player has requested it.

If the injured player is substituted then this does not have to be delayed and the minute does not apply where there is a formal break in play (e.g. half-time). There are also some exceptions that can be applied, including where the injury involves a goalkeeper, where the player is injured as the result of a physical offence for which the opponent is cautioned or sent off, and when a penalty kick has been awarded and the injured player will be the kicker.

Throw-in and goal-kick protocol

When the referee determines that a throw-in/goal-kick is being deliberately delayed by the team taking the restart they may start a five-second countdown and if the ball is not in play at the end of the five second period they will award a throw-in to the opposing team (in the case of a throw-in being delayed) or a corner kick to the opposing team on the side of the field closest to where the goal-kick was to be taken.

Delay can include slowly retrieving the ball, taking up an incorrect position for a throw-in or putting the ball in an incorrect position for a goal-kick, not just the time taken once the player is ready (in a conventional sense).

Previously against today's opposition



Since Hereford Pegasus were promoted to the UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division at the start of the 2022/23 season, we have met them 8 times (all league games) and prior to today Rovers have won 4 of the games, Pegasus 3 and there was a single draw, 0-0, in our last meeting at Old School Lane on **25 October 2025**.

The first meeting between the clubs, on **3 September 2022** ended with a crushing 4-1 defeat for Rovers, as then hosts Hereford Pegasus produced an emphatic display, including a hat-trick for Cawley Cox, with Matt Butler's late goal nothing more than a consolation for Neil Mustoe's side.

Later that season, on **20 December 2022** in the game at Glevum Park, a late, late Kieran Alder goal – a beautiful lob over the advancing Hereford Pegasus keeper – was all it took to separate the teams as Rovers ran out 1-0 winners.

The next meeting, on **15 August 2023**, saw a thriller played out at Glevum Park. Another Cawley Cox hat-trick, scored in a 15 minute spell from the 17th to 32nd minutes, proved to be Rovers' downfall and although Jake Rhodes pulled a goal back on 74 minutes, the game looked over after 80 minutes when Ollie Desborough made it 4-1 to the visitors. Remarkably, a Mark Pritchett strike on 87 minutes was quickly followed by a Tomos Shyamapant header on 90 minutes and Rovers looked in with a chance of a sensational comeback, but time ran out and Pegasus left with all three points courtesy of a 4-3 victory.



Pegasus completed a league double over Rovers later that season when, on **17 February 2024**, they covered from a 1-0 half-time deficit after Henry Birkett scored for Rovers, to win 2-1 as Jamie Price's equaliser was followed by Matt James' 88th minute winner.

It was Rovers' turn to complete a league double in the 2024/25 season, as Connor Walters and Tyrel Roberts both scored in a 2-1 win at Glevum Park on **17 August 2024** before a Karnell Chambers goal was enough to separate the two teams when they met again at Old School Lane on **16 September 2024**.

August has proved to be the most likely month for the two teams to meet and a **19 August 2025** meeting was another game in Rovers' favour, as a Jamie Creed brace took Rovers to victory at Glevum Park. When the teams met again, at Hereford Pegasus, on **25 October 2025**, Rovers were indebted to Tom Kaye, an emergency call-up to play in goal, who put in a sensational, man-of-the match display to keep the score at 0-0, secure a valuable point on the day and extend Rovers' unbeaten run against Hereford Pegasus to four games.

Head to Head record:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tuffley Rovers	8	4	1	3	11	11	13
Hereford Pegasus	8	3	1	4	11	11	10

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CLUB HISTORY



In 1955 when Noel Watkin oversaw the Herefordshire County Boys team. There was a great team bond, so when the school fixtures were finished, the team asked if they could stay together and Pegasus Juniors came into being, taking the name from the famous amateur side of the era. It was inevitable that players would move on to higher grades of football and many did that with distinction.

Pegasus Juniors original members Jack Perks and Bob Pasley remained, they proudly gained membership into the Hellenic League in 1978 and established a clubhouse in Hereford. In 2005 Pegasus Juniors opened their new ground at Old School Lane with funding from The Football Foundation, Football Association local trusts and directors. The facilities have continually been improved since with grant funded work in 2013 replacing the perimeter fence, upgrading the car park and extending the clubhouse. 2019 saw our biggest project to date, with the installation of a state-of-the-art artificial turf pitch along with upgraded LED floodlights.

In 2010 the club decided to move its first team to the West Midland (Regional) League for season 2011/12 as the Hellenic League was, at the time veering, in an easterly direction. The highlight during our eight seasons in the West Midlands was undoubtedly finishing as runners up with 100 points in a high scoring season. More recently an exodus of senior players led to a very young team finding themselves at the wrong end of the table. Joint Managers Mick Panniers and Dave Cadwallader came together in the dugout to lead the team as we came back 'home' to the uhlspport Hellenic League for 2019/20 in Division One West. Following two Covid curtailed seasons, Mick stepped away from management with a move 'upstairs' in a Director of Football role. 'Caddy' along with Mark Hibbard were then appointed as Joint Managers for the 2021/22 season. Having finished 4th in Hellenic League Division 1 at the end of the 2021/22 season we took part in the first ever Play Offs at Step 6. In the semi final we travelled to Clanfield, winning 4-0 and setting up a Play Off Final against Worcester Raiders at Sixways Stadium. Scoring within the first 20 seconds of the final set us on our way to a memorable night, going on to win the game 3-0. The final whistle signalled jubilant scenes throughout the team and travelling support. We had secured promotion back to Step 5 and a place in the Hellenic Premier Division for the 2022/23 season. In addition to the Promotion, it will also meant a return to the F.A Cup for the first time in seven years. Our first season back in the Premier Division was a creditable one achieving an 8th place finish. Last season we finished 14th and during the summer changes in the management team has resulted in Jamie Pitman becoming manager.

In 25/26 Jamie Pitman took the manager's position and guided the time to League Challenge Cup winners and 9th Place in the league. This season, 26/27, he has handed the position to Martin Longworth who previously managed Hartpury to successive promotions to Step 4.

THAT WAS THE SEASON THAT WAS...

a look back at the 2025/26 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 2025/26 – Neil Mustoe's fourth full campaign at the helm.

July / August 2025

The final Tuesday of July saw Rovers host Cribbs FC, who had been relegated from the Southern League the previous season, and Neil Mustoe's side got off to a fantastic start, as goals from Harley Mustoe and Karnell Chambers took them to a 2-1 win.



That was followed up, four days later with an Emirates FA Cup win over a team promoted into the Southern League, with a 2-1 win away at Hartpury FC, with Oli Barnes getting the decisive goal.

By 9 August it was three consecutive wins, with a 2-1 victory at home against Fairford Town but the momentum quickly reversed, as consecutive defeats at home to Mangotsfield United and away to Flackwell Heath in the FA Cup followed.

Mustoe's side did then recover their poise, as Jamie Creed scored twice in a win at home against Hereford Pegasus, although that was followed by the disappointment of an Isuzu FA Vase defeat at home against Longlevens. Two days later, Rovers travelled to Longlevens and won their Premier Division game 1-0 courtesy of a Karnell Chambers goal.

The month then ended in disappointment as Thornbury Town left Glevum Park with all three points in a 2-1 defeat.

September 2025

The first game of September brought a narrow defeat away at Corsham Town, although a 4-1 win against Lydney Town brought solace quickly. Consecutive league defeats then followed, as Pershore Town and Westfields took their chances – the Herefordshire club thumping Mustoe's side 7-2 at Allpay Park on 20 September. There was a positive end to the month, with a 2-1 win away at Royal Wootton Bassett Town; Creed and Chambers the scorers on the day.



October 2025

October offered initial disappointment, with a 2-0 home defeat against Cirencester Town and it got worse with consecutive defeats against Roman Glass St George and Mangotsfield United.

A creditable 0-0 draw at Hereford Pegasus followed, with debutant keeper Tom Kaye putting in a man-of-the-match performance, but a midweek defeat at Slimbridge dampened the mood.

November 2025

On 8 November Rovers suffered a 3-0 loss at Cirencester Town and then conceded 3 goals again in a 3-2 defeat away at Cheltenham Saracens in the Gloucestershire FA Challenge Trophy, a game played out in horrendous weather.

The middle of the month saw positive change in momentum, as Rovers won 2-1 at home against Highworth Town and then only denied a win away at Fairford Town by a late equaliser for the hosts from the penalty spot.



With the month ending with a Floodlit Cup win away at Shortwood United and a 1-1 draw at high-flying Droitwich Spa, November had been a positive month after a poor start.

December 2025

December brought three excellent results – wins against Worcester Raiders, Droitwich Spa (in the Hellenic League Challenge Cup) and Lydney Town – but the month (and year) ended on a low point, as Longlevens continued their excellent run of results against Rovers, leaving Glevum Park with a 2-1 win in the 27 December fixture.



January 2026

The New Year started with two creditable draws (3-3 v Thornbury Town and 2-2 v Cinderford Town) before a disappointing 3-2 defeat against Royal Wootton Bassett Town at Glevum Park. Worse was to follow as another cup fixture played out in a gale force wind and torrential rain ended with Rovers succumbing to a Floodlit Cup defeat against league strugglers Cribbs FC, who left with a 4-3 win.



A 3-2 reverse against Highworth Town, who scored a 95th minute winner, was then followed by a 3-2 win against Corsham Town on 31 January 2026, with an own goal and a brace from Karnell Chambers ultimately securing the points for Rovers.

February 2026

By the end of February Rovers had secured a team of the month award (Hellenic League Premier Division) courtesy of three wins from three, with Pershore Town (3-0), Westfields (1-0) and Worcester Raiders (3-2) the victims of some excellent displays by the team in claret and blue. Interestingly, the three wins featured seven different goalscorers from seven goals scored.

March 2026

The month of March saw two games played, with sharply contrasting displays and results. The trip to title challengers Roman Glass St George ended with a very disappointing 2-1 defeat but if there was ever a suitable riposte Rovers delivered it with a tremendous 3-2 home win over another promotion hopeful, Droitwich Spa, courtesy of another Chambers brace and a goal from Harley Mustoe.

April 2026

The final four games of the season came in April 2026 and a dreadful second half performance saw Rovers drop two points at relegation threatened Cribbs FC, after they had led 1-0, then put in a hardworking but ultimately vain effort at home against Slimbridge, who secured the league title with a 3-2 win as Rovers conceded another late, late goal to go down by a single goal margin.



When Hallen visited for the final home game of 2025/26, Rovers were the better side in a 2-0 win, but the month and the season ended in real disappointment as a final day thumping at Cinderford Town took some of the gloss of what should really have been a season of celebration, as Mustoe's squad ended the season with the best points haul and best league position since he came to the helm.

That was the season that was 2025/26.





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We had an interesting occurrence on Saturday, when Ryan Williams made his second debut for the club, having transferred across the city from Longlevens. The second debut wasn't the matter of interest, by the way!

Ryan's appearance against Corsham Town came 3,340 days after his last appearance for the Rovers first team, on 25 March 2017 at Flackwell Heath in the UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division. I suspect that might be a record for the longest period between appearances, although I haven't yet checked the records fully. Add to this that Ryan scored and you have an even longer gap to measure, with 3,773 days between his goal on the last day of the 2015/16 season away at Kidlington FC and our third goal on Saturday.

The goal was Ryan's second first team strike and also puts him ahead of brother Cam, who scored just once for the club in 29 appearances across 2016/17 to 2018/19.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Ahmed, Raiyan	2	1	Lewis, Eddie	13	0
Alder, Kieran	214	51	Mann, Warren	544	85
Amankwah, Joe	1	0	Mason, Preston	31	4
Anson, Shayne	72	4	Mayo, Ellis	3	0
Ben Ali, Zakariya	2	0	McLean, Callum	42	0
Bennett, Adam	85	0	McGuirk, Callum	166	0
Bevan, Bradley	107	15	Merchant, Luke	175	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Blacker, Leighton	4	0	Mustoe, Harley	77	12
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Browne, Theo	2	1	Pirelli, Antonio	1	0
Chambers, Karnell	105	58	Pritchett, Mark	225	29
Clifford, Ellis	98	1	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Samuels, Ollie	1	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Eakers, Jacob	4	0	Simpson, Elijah	76	1
Ford, Mark	164	61	Smith, Liam	107	1
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Tyler, Deshay	1	0
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Venna, Kaelan	3	0
Herbert, Macaulay	345	11	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hill, Sam	130	9	Wallington, Mark	220	29
James, Brett	186	64	Walters, Connor	113	22
James, Richard	125	40	Warrington, Corey	82	7
Jones, Zak	6	0	White, Joel	140	4
Kent, Dominik	175	21	Williams, Ryan	24	2
Lander, Daniel	52	1	Wright, Liam	124	3

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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Corey Warrington	7	Jaxon Hundt
Kieran Alder	8	Jack Calvillo-Howes
Connor Walters	9	Soyam Sherchan
Preston Mason	10	Harrison Summers
Jacob Eakers	11	Carlos Moreira
Leighton Blacker	12	Matt James
Zak Ben Ali	14	Ossie Owen
Zak Ben Ali	15	Jamie Price
Zak Jones	16	Rafi Wilkinson
Will Dijaha-Nsangou	17	Sam Griffiths
Elijah Simpson	18	Harry Pitman
Raiyan Ahmed	19	Lewis Fletcher
Theo Browne	20	Callum Maddy
Karnell Chambers	21	Matt Apperley
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