

TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

30 August 2025 3:00PM KO UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION



TUFFLEY ROVERS

vs



THORNBURY TOWN



uhlsport



A&R
Light Haulage^{Ltd}

SUPPORTERS OF TUFFLEY ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Offering:

- Flatbed truck pallet service
- Same / next day delivery
 - Courier services
 - 24 hour service
 - Fully insured
- Support for house removals

arlighthaulageltd@yahoo.co.uk
www.arhaulage.net



@a_rhaulage

Rich: 07792188695

Adam: 07969978491

FROM THE EDITOR:



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

What a difference 48 hours can make! Last Saturday 90 minutes of football felt like a pointless, depressing, low reward hobby. By the end of the game on Monday, it felt completely different, a polar opposite and like the best thing since slice bread! Longlevens deservedly beat us in the FA Vase on Saturday but we returned that, with some, on Monday, where we were the better side and claimed three league points.

Today's game will undoubtedly be tough. We've played Thornbury Town eight times in the Hellenic League Premier Division, winning twice, drawing three and losing three times, albeit two defeats came in the first season we both played at this level (2021/22). Our record over the past two seasons has been positive (four points in each season) but Richard Joyce's team will be what they always are – positive, hard-working, highly capable and hugely competitive. We will ignore their potential at our peril.

What I hope is that our learning continues. We've responded effectively to setbacks this season and today will be the next test of our learning and development as a group. I think we're heading in the right direction but one win at Longlevens, or the four wins we have from five league games, is only a small fraction of the ask of us this season. Today we face a side who will test our ambitions for a top-half finish.

We've had a flurry of home games at the start of this season, which has been a challenge for me as our programme editor. Today is the sixth edition of the season and we haven't finished August yet! I'll be glad of the break I have in the coming weeks, as we play at home just once, on 13 September.

Finally, I'd just like to say Happy Birthday to Brian Rossiter (who is so generous in his support of our club and local football) and Sonia Spiller, who both celebrated their birthday last Sunday. I should have remembered last week but the thrill of two El Glosico games in 48 hours was just too much for me!

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

#uptherovers



DREAMSHED *theatre*

Need help with an important presentation?

As well as producing a range of theatrical events for more than twenty years, Dreamshed also offers affordable specialised training for individuals or groups wishing to enhance their confidence in public speaking. Whether it's work-related or an important personal event such as a wedding speech, help is at hand! If required assistance is also available with writing your script.

Bill Cronshaw, Dreamshed's Artistic Director, is an experienced professional actor, director and writer. Contact him on 07771 965985 for more information.

SPONSORS OF TUFFLEY ROVERS 2025/26 SEASON

FIXTURES

Saturday, 30 August 2025

Uhlisport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Cinderford Town v Cirencester Town

Corsham Town v Westfields

Cribbs v Hereford Pegasus

Droitwich Spa v Hallen

Pershore Town v Lydney Town

Roman Glass St George v Longlevens

Tuffley Rovers v Thornbury Town

FROM THE CHAIRMAN:



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Glevum Park for this Hellenic League Premier Division fixture against Thornbury Town. May I first take this opportunity to welcome our visitor's supporters, committee, management and players. I also extend that warm welcome to the match officials who will be facilitating the game this afternoon.

It has been a positive start to the season overall, not just for the first team but across all our teams, with our Reserves and Thirds also underway in their respective leagues. Our Fourths, Ladies and U18s will be starting their competitive campaigns next week too, after a busy pre-season schedule.

I watched the Reserves' midweek win here at Glevum Park and the team showed a lot of promise, defending well and showing real talent in attacking areas, to complete a 2-0 win over last season's Stroud League Division One Runners' Up, Old Richians AFC. It bodes well for the season ahead.

Following our exit from the FA Vase this time last week, the first team bounced back with a league win on Monday against Longlevens at Saw Mills. It was fantastic to see so many supporters coming along to support the lads, in what turned out to be a solid performance and a deserved win after the disappointment two days' previous.

Our opposition today have always performed well against us, and are always a tricky opponent with hard-working and talented players across the park. I expect that to continue today, but our own squad is full of talent and always learning more and more with every game.

I hope everyone enjoys this afternoon's hospitality and have a safe journey home.

Thanks,

- Dan Boon

#uptherovers

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

After a mixed Bank Holiday weekend in terms of results, we finished on a high with a well-deserved victory over local rival Longlevens. Disappointingly, we couldn't take full advantage of our first half domination and we need to be better and a bit more creative in the final third as we lacked an end product when in some very good situations.

However, that said it doesn't take away from the solid start in the league programme with four wins in five games, which is a real positive and we begin today sitting sixth in the Premier Division table.

Today's opponents are one of the most difficult fixtures I find during each season as Thornbury Town have a style of play built around determination and togetherness, which makes them one of the most difficult teams to play in the league. The games with them are almost always tight affairs and looking at their results this season it looks like they have possibly not got the wins they would like but that they are competitive in every football match they play, which is a credit to the management team and the players.

We will be in good spirits but need to be together from number one to number seventeen if we are to get a result and continue our decent start. We have worked on and spoken about a few things in training that we feel will help us today but you can plan and prepare only so much and not for every scenario.

Hopefully the squad have the same drive and ambition as I and my management team possess, and will realise the opportunity we have to potentially improve on last season's goals and points tallies, then see where it takes us. This will not just happen; it will need to be a week in week out, game by game effort, with the right focus and mentality. It is my job to keep the focus and keep the team fresh with changes pre and mid game, so that the squad remain competitive in each and every game.

On a side note, it was great to see our Reserves get up and running with a great win at Glevum Park in the week, which was pleasing not only because of the result but I witnessed a performance that showcased the potential in the group.

Enjoy the game. Thank you for your support.

- Muzz

#uptherovers



HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 27 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	Slimbridge	6	3	0	0	7	3	2	1	0	8	1	5	1	0	15	4	11	16
2	Droitwich Spa	8	3	0	1	9	8	2	1	1	9	7	5	1	2	18	15	3	16
3	Hereford Pegasus	7	2	0	1	9	7	3	0	1	9	6	5	0	2	18	13	5	15
4	Roman Glass St George	6	3	0	0	9	4	1	2	0	5	3	4	2	0	14	7	7	14
5	Corsham Town	7	2	1	1	5	4	2	0	1	5	2	4	1	2	10	6	4	13
6	Tuffley Rovers	5	3	0	1	8	5	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	1	9	5	4	12
7	Cinderford Town	7	1	2	0	7	4	2	0	2	4	6	3	2	2	11	10	1	11
8	Mangotsfield United	5	2	0	0	5	0	1	1	1	5	5	3	1	1	10	5	5	10
9	Worcester Raiders	4	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	8	3	3	0	1	11	3	8	9
10	Westfields	6	3	0	1	9	6	0	0	2	0	9	3	0	3	9	15	-6	9
11	Fairford Town	6	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	10	7	2	2	2	12	9	3	8
12	Pershore Town	5	2	0	1	4	3	0	1	1	3	5	2	1	2	7	8	-1	7
13	Highworth Town	8	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	6	8	1	4	3	7	10	-3	7
14	Thornbury Town	6	1	2	2	7	8	0	0	1	1	3	1	2	3	8	11	-3	5
15	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	5	1	2	1	3	6	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	2	3	8	-5	5
16	Longlevens AFC	7	1	0	2	6	4	0	1	3	3	7	1	1	5	9	11	-2	4
17	Cribbs	6	0	0	2	0	8	1	1	2	4	7	1	1	4	4	15	-11	4
18	Hallen	6	0	1	1	3	4	0	1	3	4	7	0	2	4	7	11	-4	2
19	Cirencester Town	6	0	0	2	3	6	0	2	2	4	6	0	2	4	7	12	-5	2
20	Lydney Town	6	0	1	3	3	7	0	0	2	2	9	0	1	5	5	16	-11	1

PLAYER SPONSORSHIP 2025

We are grateful to all the companies, supporters and other benevolent i



**LUKE
MERCHANT**



**ROBIN
HOFFLAND**



**CALLUM
McLEAN**



**ELLIS
CLIFFORD**



**JOSS
LYNDEN**



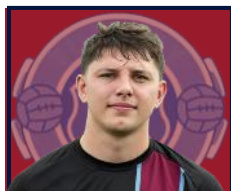
**MARK
PRITCHETT**



**MACAULAY
HERBERT**



**ELIJAH
SIMPSON**



**DANIEL
LANDER**



**HARLEY
MUSTOE**



**WARREN
MANN**



**SAMMIE
HICKS**



5/26

Individuals who have sponsored the first team squad this season.



**LIAM
SMITH**



**CALLUM
McGUIRK**



**COREY
WARRINGTON**



**KIERAN
ALDER**



**VLAD
YARMOLENKO**



**BRAD
BEVAN**



**CONNOR
WALTERS**



**KARNELL
CHAMBERS**



**OLI
BARNES**



**JAMIE
CREED**



**GINO
VALENTI**



**PRESTON
MASON**

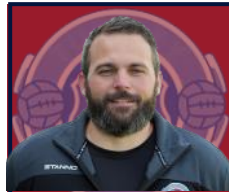




**NEIL
MUSTOE**



**LIAM
O'NEILL**



**MIKE
DE BEAR**



**ALEX
BUTLER**

Sponsored by
**DAVE
GRIFFITHS**

 **altripan**
Quality plywood since 1968



Sponsored by
CHRIS BUTLER





mechanical

Installation

Heating Services (Glos) Limited

www.mihltd.co.uk

We Are Proud to
SPONSOR



Good Luck Tuffley Rovers

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL HVAC SERVICES

Trusted by MOD • NHS • Schools • Colleges • Offices • Factories &
More

- ✓ Design • Installation • Testing • Commissioning
- ✓ Air Source Heat Pumps
- ✓ Gas Heating & Steam Systems
- ✓ Ventilation & Air Conditioning
- ✓ BMS Controls
- ✓ Hot & Cold Water Systems
- ✓ Above Ground Drainage

No project too big or small.

We pride ourselves on high-quality, reliable installations –
every time.

01242 678822



www.mihltd.co.uk

UPCOMING FIXTURES

HOME



VS



VS LONGLEVENS

23.08.2025



@ GLEVUM PARK

03:00 PM

AWAY



VS



VS LONGLEVENS

25.08.2025



@ SAWMILLS
END

03:00 PM

HOME



VS



VS THORBURY
TOWN

30.08.2025



@ GLEVUM PARK

03:00 PM

AWAY



VS



VS CORSHAM
TOWN

06.09.2025



@ SOUTHBANK

03:00 PM

AWAY



VS



VS LYDNEY
TOWN

09.09.2025



@ SWAN ROAD

07:45 PM

HOME



VS



VS PERSHORE
TOWN

13.09.2025



@ GLEVUM PARK

03:00 PM

MATCH-DAY SPONSORS SOUGHT!

DM OR EMAIL TO ADMIN@TUFFLEYROVERSFC.CO.UK FOR
FURTHER INFORMATION

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 Thorn(e) and Berry...

1. Can you name the player pictured with the impressive and iconic hair, who was a commanding presence in the centre of defence for Wolverhampton Wanderers and Stoke City between 1976 and 1990?



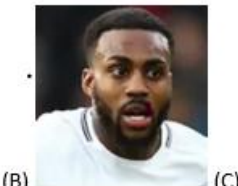
2. Can you name the Thorn who was a member of Wimbledon's 1988 FA Cup Final winning team?

3. Maybe not a name everyone will remember, but definitely one to separate the quiz fanatics from those who just browse. Can you name the former Championship striker from his Wikipedia club history?

Senior career*		
Years	Team	Apps (Gls)
1991–1995	Blackburn Rovers	0 (0)
1994	→ Wigan Athletic (loan)	11 (0)
1995–1997	Swindon Town	77 (27)
1997–2001	Stoke City	158 (65)
2001–2005	Cardiff City	126 (46)
2005–2007	Norwich City	36 (1)
2007–2010	Bradford City	77 (31)
Total		485 (170)
* Club domestic league appearances and goals		

4. Reginald John Berry, aka Johnny Berry, was a member of the Busby Babes and although he survived being involved in the Munich Air Disaster, his career ended due to injuries sustained? He had made 247 appearances for Manchester United. For which country did he earn 4 full international caps?

5. Can you name the three players below to help you also decipher the code that is a well known phrase that might be used to describe "a woman surrounded by two men, highlighting her beauty or virtue in contrast to their less favorable qualities"?



Quiz Answers: (1) George Berry; (2) Andy Thorn; (3) Peter Thorn; (4) He was a full England international; (5) A - George Thorn; B - Danny Rose; C - Andy Thorn; - "a rose between two thorns"

STATISTICS 2025/26

Competition

Uhlsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

FAC = FA Cup; FAV = FA Vase; GFA = GFA Challenge Trophy;

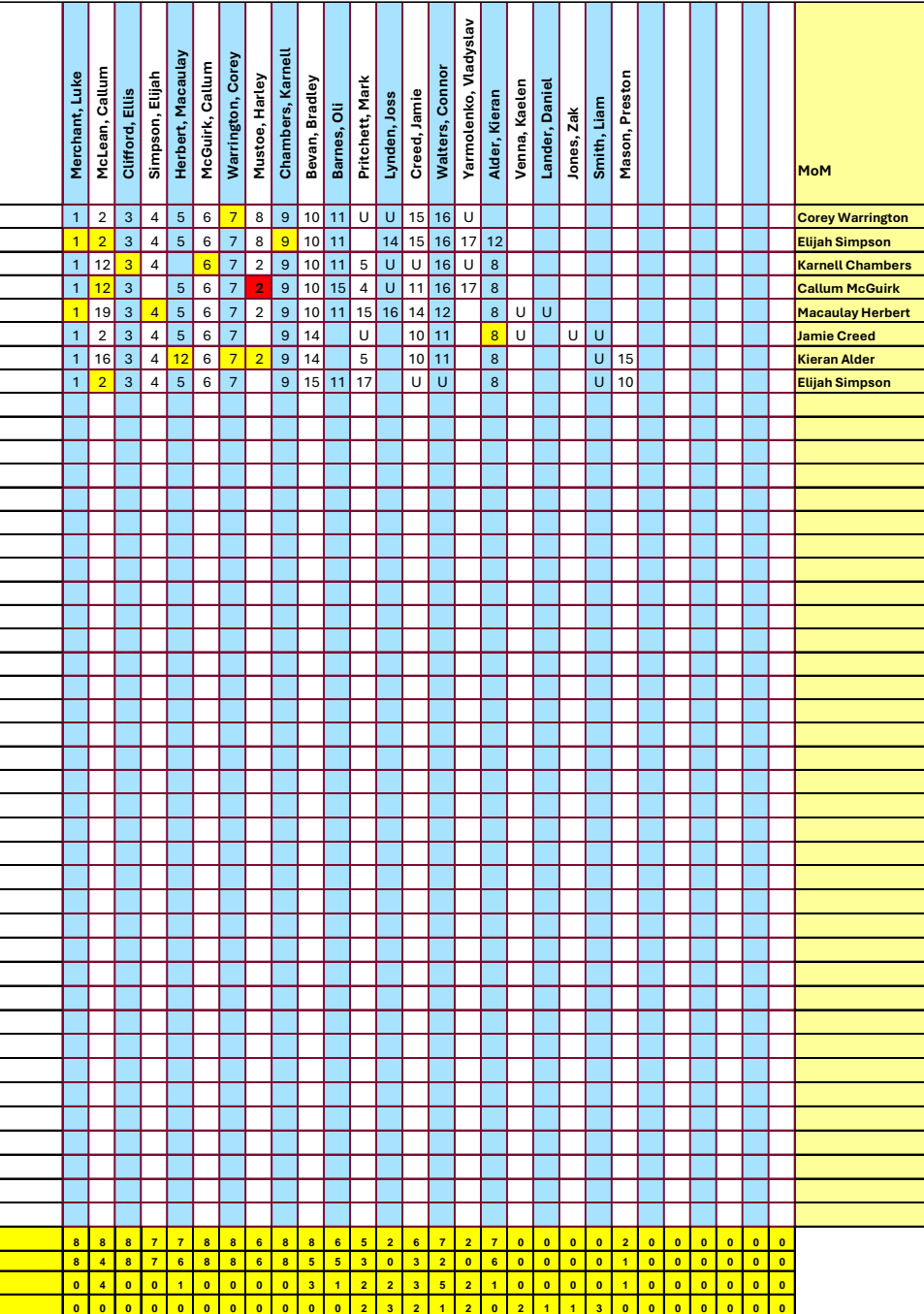
MSCC = Marsh Sports Challenge Cup;

WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

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	1-3	140		K Alder
16/Aug	3pm	Flackwell Heath	FAC	A	0-1	210		-
19/Aug	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		H	2-0	136		J Creed (2)
23/Aug	3pm	Longlevens	FAV	H	0-2	206		-
25/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		A	1-0	310		K Chambers
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				
04/Oct	3pm	Cirencester Town		H				
11/Oct	3pm	Westfields		A				
18/Oct	3pm	Slimbridge		A				
25/Oct	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		A				
04/Nov	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	GFA	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				
11/Apr	3pm	Hallen		H				
18/Apr	3pm	Cinderford Town		A				

TOTAL APPEARANCES
STARTS
SUBSTITUTE
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE

Karnell Chambers	4	Oli Barnes	1
Harley Mustoe	2	Corey Warrington	1
Jamie Creed	2	Kieran Alder	1



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.





altripan

Quality plywood since 1968

Europe's leading and independent importer for quality plywood and panel products.

Altripan UK Ltd offers quality and reliable products at competitive prices, thanks in part of Altripan Europe's proven track record of knowledge and experience built up over more than 40 years.

<http://altripanuk.com>



Severn Signs Ltd

Signmakers & Digital Print Specialist

Call Us: 01452 739156

Office: Unit R2 Innsworth Technology Park, Innsworth, Gloucester, GL3 1DL

Email Us: info@severnsigns.co.uk

Who will you be today?



Show some Respect



Thousands of referees drop out of the game every season due to abuse.

The uhlSport Hellenic League operate a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy toward Inappropriate Language & Behaviour

TheFA.com/Respect

Respect



HIRE OUR VENUE



The
1929 Suite

Tuffley Rovers Football Club are pleased to be able to offer our new facilities at our Tuffley Lane site to hire for all types of events.

Available for:

- Birthday parties
- Christenings
- Wakes
- Community groups
- Daytime / evening clubs (Weekdays)
- Corporate events
- Coffee mornings

Newly built in 2024 our new facility comes with a private garden area and bar that can accommodate events up to 80 guests.

📍 Tuffley Rovers AFC, Tuffley Lane,
Gloucester, GL4 0NX

🌐 <http://www.tuffleyroversfc.co.uk>

Contact us: 07565 342311
gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk



APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Monday, 25 August 2025
(includes selected list of former players)

There was another debutant over the course of the last weekend, as our new signing Preston Mason (transferred from Hereford Pegasus) – pictured – made a substitute appearance against Longlevens in the FA Vase, before starting and playing a key role in our victory over our local rivals at Sawmills on Monday.

Preston became the fourth player to make a first appearance for the club this season, following Joss Lynden, Vlad Yarmolenko and Callum McLean. The last player in that list has appeared in each competitive game so far this season, playing consistently well at right-back and impressing many of the Rovers faithful.

Vlad has since moved onto Brimscombe & Thrupp, meaning his count will remain at 2 appearances for the time being, but Preston, Joss and Callum have shown plenty of potential and we're delighted to have them with us this season.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	175	42	Lynden, Joss	2	0
Barnes, Oli	18	6	Mann, Warren	543	85
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mason, Preston	2	0
Bevan, Bradley	74	11	McLean, Callum	8	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	McGuirk, Callum	127	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Merchant, Luke	164	0
Chambers, Karnell	72	43	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Clifford, Ellis	65	0	Mustoe, Harley	42	6
Creed, Jamie	14	4	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Pritchett, Mark	219	29
Ford, Mark	164	61	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Roberts, Tyrel	32	2
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Simpson, Elijah	43	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	327	10	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	130	9	Walters, Connor	93	17
James, Brett	186	64	Warrington, Corey	43	1
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	140	4
Kent, Dominik	175	21	Wright, Liam	124	3
Lander, Daniel	51	1	Yarmolenko, Vladyslav	2	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.

THORNBURY TOWN CLUB HISTORY

It is understood that football has been played in Thornbury from around 1898 and formerly known as Thornbury Sports became Thornbury Town FC in the early 1970's.



1968-69 we became founder members of the Gloucestershire County League and spectator figures in excess of 500 were regularly recorded. In 1971 the club finished third in the Gloucestershire County League and was accepted into the Western League. However, due to difficulties in bringing the facilities up to the leagues required standards were unable to take the next step up. Relegation to the Bristol Premier Combination League unfortunately followed in 1976-77.

The following 20+ years saw Thornbury Town strive to regain their former status, never really threatening to take the Premier Combination title. The only success during these lean years was reaching the final of the GFA Senior Amateur Cup in 1985-86 and 1989-90 unfortunately on both occasions loser's medals were received.

During the late 1990's, the Club maintained its strong focus on developing local talent and this eventually bore fruit in 1999 when the final of the Stroud Charity Cup was reached, losing narrowly to Dursley Town. 2001-02 season saw the management team of Dave Wiffill and Steve Burbage take the reins, which brought instant success winning the Bristol Premier Combination title by 13 points and a return to the Gloucestershire County League. This followed a run of thirteen consecutive league wins a club record, which still stands to this day. The league and cup double eluded the club when they were defeated by Sea Mills in the League Cup Final.

In preparation for the return to County League football the summer of 2002 saw a lot of hard work undertaken on the Mundy facilities with the building of dug-outs, improved drainage and revamping of the dressing rooms. All this work appeared to have been worth while with the club establishing itself back in the Gloucestershire County league with a creditable 7th league position for the next three seasons. Silverware did come our way in 2003-04 when we defeated Taverners on penalties, after a 2-2 draw, to lift the Stroud Charity Cup. The 2003-04 season, also saw the formation of an Under-18's side in order to maintain Youth development within the club and they gained entry to the Gloucester County Youth League.

Following a number of indifferent seasons when relegation back to the Bristol Premier Combination league was only just averted in 2006-07, a new management committee and first team management were appointed. Dave Lippiatt took over as first team manager, coming to the club from Sea Mills Park bringing with him Carl Derosa as his assistant. With an initial three / four year strategy, which came to fruition during the 2009-10 season when after a steady first half to the season a tremendous winning run of ten league games saw the Surridge Gloucestershire County League title won for the first time in the clubs history. 2010 also saw the milestone achievement of the long awaited coming together of the two local football clubs "Thornbury Town FC" and "Thornbury Falcons FC" now under one club management umbrella of Thornbury Town FC without losing the heritage and identity of Thornbury Falcons. This will further enhance the long term development within the local community for junior, youth and senior football.

In the 2010-11 season the final of the Les James Cup Final was reached, which resulted in a penalty shoot-out disappointment against Henbury Town. 2013-14 saw the U18's in their highest league position in the Gloucestershire County Youth League finishing runners-up, which was a tremendous achievement for the team and managers Simon Pirie and Mark Franklin.

The 2014-15 season was a very successful season finishing 4th in the league and winning the Les James Cup for the first time in the Club's history. Andy Davies continued to produce a team of quality which resulted in a third 4th-place in a row in Season 2016-17. 2017-18 saw the club finally succeed in their quest win the Gloucestershire County League. After a lot of work behind the scenes to gain planning permission for the required ground improvements, the club were accepted into the Hellenic League for the first time in our history.

Our first season in the Hellenic League saw us finish a creditable 3rd in Div 1 West and win the Supplementary Cup. 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons were ruled null and void due to the Coronavirus pandemic with the team poised to gain promotion. A restructuring of the football pyramid saw the club placed us in the Hellenic Premier Division, where they are now competing for a fourth season. With a management team of Richard Joyce and newly appointed assistant Tim Wilkins in place they look forward to the season ahead and wish all teams the best of luck in their endeavours.

BLACKBURN HAS SPOKEN...

a word from our Head of Football Development



With the new season up and running for most of our teams, I thought it would be good to advise our supporters of the changes made during the close season and take a look at all our teams around the club.

The first team are the flagship of the club, and rightly so. However, the backbone of the club is its Reserves and youth teams. This is where a clear pathway is created for fringe players and young players coming through our youth set-up. Muzzy, his staff and players have got off to a flyer in the league winning four out of five games. Performing well in the league is the bread and butter of the season; ask any manager, and without a doubt this is the strongest squad and start Muzzy has had because the Hellenic League is strong, with a number of teams paying out good money as they test their ambitions for promotion, which is hard to compete withbut compete we will! Good luck this afternoon, lads!

Following the demise of the Development Squad due to lack of games last season, we sought to form a new reserve team in the close season and they have taken their place in Stroud League Division One. With two new coaches, in Antoine Thompson and Spike Devlin, we have guys with massive experience and with good contacts. They got off to a great start on Wednesday evening, beating last seasons runners-up, Old Richians, in the league 2-0, which attracted a good crowd, and was very entertaining. Hopefully they can make it back to back wins today when they travel to Wotton Rovers.

The Thirds are also now coached by two experienced coaches, as Ashley Chamberlain and Matt Clow lead the side and though they lost their first league game last week, away to a strong Minety team, I have no doubt they'll have a good season, hopefully starting today with a win against Cam Bulldogs (Away).

As with last season, the Fourths are managed by the two "old stagers" at the club, Darren Ellis and Kev Schmitz, as they have been in charge now for a few seasons. Sometimes their job is not the easiest of tasks, with player availability occasionally a struggle and players moving up the ladder. Lets hope they can have a settled squad going forward this season and do well.

When i came to the club in 2018 after 19 years at Gloucester City, the Under 18s were bought under the umbrella of the main club, having previously been run by our youth section. The first couple of seasons bought success in getting to the FA Youth Cup First Round Proper for the first time in the clubs history, and reaching a league cup final. A number of managers and players have come and gone since, for various reasons, but this is the second season for Ritchie Warden, Matt Clow and Paul Smith (two of whom played U18s football for me at Gloucester City!) and they are joined by Gemma Paine, who has stepped up to help after previously guiding the U16s to success. Now after training hard, with a few friendly games, they now get to play their first game this coming Thursday, at home v Fairford Town in the FA Youth Cup, which is a great occasion. Anyone who has played in this competition will tell you how special it is, so good luck lads.

With a number of both past and present U18s now playing for the senior teams, i would like to think we have indeed created a clear pathway for youngsters; not all will go on to play for the first team, but as long as they enjoy playing for Tuffley Rovers at any level, that will be job done!!

It would be very remiss of me not to mention the Ladies' team, who are now under new leadership in Jade Johnson Manley and Lydia Neale, who are two very experienced players, having played for Stonehouse, Forest Green Rovers, Swindon, Hartpury, Millwall Ladies, Arsenal, and Gloucester City Ladies between them over many years - not a bad CV for our new coaches! The last few seasons has not been easy for our Ladies' squad, with managers and players coming and going, but i would like to think there will now be some stability going forward and this fresh start will help form a nucleus of players who want to play for Tuffley Rovers. For now, new players are more than welcome and i wish the team the very best of luck.

It is great that we have a well-established Veterans team, which i am now too old to play for unfortunately! Judging by the content of their WhatsApp group they have good fun!! I must try and get to watch a game soon and wish them good fortune for the season ahead.

With the new training facilities now available locally at Blackbridge for all our teams, we also have an opportunity to organise a Walking Football session on Tuesdays, which will be open to all abilities. If you're interested please get in touch with me - we hope to start on 8 Sept, around 11am, and the facilities at Blackbridge will offer us the opportunity to have refreshments and socialise after the game. If interested, why not try it out?!!

Yours in sport,

Ken Blackburn

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 four games on 30 August which we've reviewed to reflect on our fortunes over the years, plus one other game from around this date...

30 August 2008

Tuffley Rovers early season winning run in the Gloucestershire County League came to an end as they were defeated 2-0 at home to Bishops Cleeve Reserves and the hosts only had themselves to blame as they missed a succession of chances in the first half. Most notably, Kyle Kennedy missed a penalty shooting wide of the target.

Rovers were made to pay and Cleeve opened the scoring in the 52nd minute when James Vercesi read a long ball upfield and nipped in to slot the ball home. The second came from a poor goal kick, with the ball being sent out to the left and the cross being hammered home by Jody Taylor.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Jamie Harper; Lee Wallington; Marcus Foxwell; Rob Cook; Peter Thomas; Warren Mann; Martin Middlecote; Mark Wallington; Patrick Boyd; Kyle Kennedy. **Subs used:** Mark Harris; Jon Corbett; Ollie Everitt.

30 August 2010

Tuffley Rovers entertained Thornbury Town in the Gloucestershire County League game at Glevum Park in a game that saw two missed penalties and two sending-offs, before concluding with a 2-1 scoreline in favour of the home side.

Town opened the scoring in the 1st minute, as a cross from the right saw Rovers' keeper Chris Perks scrambling for the ball colliding with his own defender dropping it right at the feet of Tom Webb who struck the ball into the back of the net. The hosts drew level in the 7th minutes as Dan Wallington finished an incisive pass from Warren Mann to make it 1-1.



A 35th minute penalty for Wallington, after Mark Ford was brought down, should have given Rovers the lead but Thornbury's Alex Lippiatt pulled off a terrific full length save to keep the ball out.

After an end-to-end start to the second half, but no further goals, Rovers took the lead in the 74th minute when a free-kick on the edge of the box was pushed away by Lippiatt but Richard James was on hand to knock the ball home from six yards.

Three minutes later Tuffley's Ben Harris, who had come on as a sub for the home side got himself sent off for a foul off the ball. Then, in the 85th minute Warren Mann broke down the left got into the box and was then brought down by Rikki Lippiatt, who was the last defender and was sent-off. Richard James was nominated to take the penalty kick, but once again Alex Lippiatt dived the right way to bring off his second spot kick save of the afternoon, although Rovers held out to record a 2-1 win.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Marcus Foxwell; Lee Wallington; Martin Middlecote; Neil Griffiths; Richard James; Ashley Davies; Rob Cunningham; Daniel Wallington; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Ben Harris; Ben Clutterbuck; Liam Harding.

30 August 2014

Tuffley Rovers recorded a third win in four league games at the start of their Hellenic League, Division One (West) season, as they defeated visitors New College Swindon 3-1 at Glevum

Park.

In a tightly contested game Rovers ultimately ran out winners courtesy of a brace from Shayne Bradley and a third from Mark Ford, to make it 10 points from a possible 12.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Marcus Foxwell; Glenn Gittins; Ashley Davies; Macaulay Herbert; Stuart Griffith; Elliot King; Warren Mann; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Courtney Hamilton; Steve Bick; Kieran Squires.

29 August 2015



Tuffley Rovers produced a superb performance to seal a place in the 1st Qualifying Round of the Emirates FA Cup, overcoming Southern League club Bishops Cleeve thanks to Ashley Davies' 31st minute goal.

Both sides traded early blows and Elliot Kennedy produced a shot, which Aaron Taylor, in the Rovers goal, saved comfortably on 10 minutes. Rovers who had a share of the possession, were by no means looking a division apart from their Kayte Lane opponents and they took the lead on 31 minutes, as Davies showed composure as he pounced on a loose ball in the Bishops Cleeve 6 yard box and evaded a challenge, before forcing the ball beyond Sam Gilder in the Cleeve goal.

The second half was a demonstration of attrition, with both sides continuing to share possession, without cresting clear chances, although Herrin produced an effort which struck the Cleeve post on 59 minutes, with Gilder beaten.

Rovers continued to deny Cleeve clear chances and Warren Evans' side held out to secure a memorable victory for the Glevum Park side.



Squad: Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Tristan Haswell; Sam Drew; Callum Preece; Warren Mann; Anthony Herrin; Ashley Davies; Mark Ford; Liam Wright; Brett James. **Subs used:** Ryan Williams; Ed Rimmer; Ryan Dobbins.

30 August 2021

Tuffley Rovers' fairly wretched start to the 2012/22 Hellenic League Premier Division season was put temporarily on-hold as they came away from Sawmills End with a 2-2 draw against local rivals Longlevens, with Rich Cox's depleted side more than matching their hosts on the day.

The hosts had taken a lead through Brad Martin but Rovers' efforts in a competitive first half were not in vain and Dion Ellis-Clark scored an excellent equaliser, with a shot from the edge of the box, almost on the interval.

Dave Merrick gave Longlevens the lead after 55 minutes but Aaron Basford produced another good finish, just seven minutes later, to level the scores at 2-2.

Rovers then survived a series of injuries, culminating in centre-midfielder Liam Smith being deployed as a centre-back for the last 20 minutes, but they held out to secure a vital point and their first of the season, after the fourth game.

Squad: Callum Brain; Joe Shutt; Warren Mann; Liam Smith; Joshua Swales; Laurie McNally; Dion Ellis-Clark; Dominik Kent; Matt Butler; Harry Morgan; Aaron Basford. **Subs used:** Tomos Shyamapant; Demilade Yussuf.

The foundations of sucess.

With quality in every detail.

Established in 2009, JB Construction 1 Ltd. is one of the fastest growing Civil Engineering and Groundworks contractors in the UK.

From our head office located in the West Midlands, we undertake projects throughout the UK. Thanks to a customer focused approach, our experienced and dedicated team have built our strong reputation by working closely with our clients to safely deliver high quality, value-engineered projects, on time.

jbconstruction1.co.uk





Sole retail partner to the Hellenic League
In Partnership With uhlsport

We offer free
Club Web Shops

COMPETITIVE DEALS
WIDE RANGE OF
OFFERINGS

- MATCH KIT
- TRAINING KIT
- OFF-FIELD
- ACCESSORIES
- BALLS & EQUIPMENT



www.batemanssports.co.uk
kevin@batemanssports.co.uk
01453 764320
2 KENDRICK STREET, STROUD,
GLOS, GL5 1AB

**We are proud suppliers to the
Uhsport Hellenic League
and welcome the chance to help
out any associated clubs with quality trophies,
medals, cups, plaques, glass, engraving and more!**

Call us for more details.



**Allsports
Trophies
Limited**

www.allsportstrophies.com

**Unit G3, Eastern Zone,
Kingston Bagpuize Business Park,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX13 5FE
e-mail: chris@allsportstrophies.com**

Tel: 01865736028

**uhlsport® Official Match Ball Supplier
to the Hellenic League**



www.uhlsport.com

Luke Merchant ©	1	Adam Clark
Callum McLean	2	Ashley Fowler
Ellis Clifford	3	Nathan Sage ©
Elijah Simpson	4	Louis Singfield
Macaulay Herbert	5	Joe McLaughlin
Callum McGuirk	6	Josh Oliver
Corey Warrington	7	Sam Moseley
Kieran Alder	8	Callum Chalmers
Karnell Chambers	9	Harry Brock
Preston Mason	10	Will Fowler
Brad Bevan	11	Tom Warren
Connor Walters	12	Tom Manley
Oli Barnes	14	Connor Parkhill
Mark Pritchett	15	Fraser Morgan
Joss Lynden	16	Cam Drew
Gino Valenti	17	Ash Ozua
Jamie Creed	18	George Baker
Liam Smith	19	Zak Kempster
Harley Mustoe	20	Connor Parkhill
Robin Hoffland	21	Mackenzie Welsh

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

Blue shirts; Blue shorts; Blue socks (GK: Green)

Neil Mustoe	MANAGER	Richard Joyce
Liam O'Neill	ASST. MANAGER	Tim Wilkins
Mike De-Bear (Physio) Alex Butler (Coach) Tim Hall (Coach)	OTHER OCCUPANTS	Debbie Brock (Physio)

OFFICIALS		
Rob Herrett	Matthew Dickinson	Gordon Varley

