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FROM THE EDITOR:



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

Well, football is a funny old game! We went to Westfields two weeks ago and lost 7-2 when we were arguably the better side in-between the two penalty areas, but a host of defensive errors and our profligacy in attack cost us dearly. Then, last Saturday, we went to Royal Wootton Bassett Town and put in a far less convincing performance but won 2-1. Playing well (or badly) clearly means little in terms of results!

Today we host Cirencester Town and will hope for a good performance and a good result. The two things must be linked today because our visitors are a good team, with some quality players, despite their league position. They came to us last season, sitting near the foot of the table, and left with a 1-0 win and although we took all three points from the Corinium Stadium later in the season, that was nothing more than a consolation of sorts.

If we can find our form today, I hope we can add to our points total but be under no illusions that this is going to be a challenge!

Talking of challenges, our Reserves are going well in the Stroud League, Division One with the team currently top of the table. Here is hoping they can sustain that good start to the season, particularly so on Tuesday when they host another title challenger, Abbeymead Rovers, at Glevum Park on Tuesday evening. If you aren't busy, please do come down and support the lads.

For now, we must concentrate on being at our best and hopefully adding another three points to our total. If that doesn't happen, we must only fail despite our best efforts.

Best effort is what we should expect. Sometimes the quality will dip but effort never should. I believe that Muzzy can motivate this group to give their best every week and that will help us on the road to better things. As I often say, with reference to a quote from Frank Dick, a famous Athletics coach, "winning is being better tomorrow than you were today". In Muzzy we trust.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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Corsham Town v Hereford Pegasus

Cribbs v Slimbridge

Droitwich Spa v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Fairford Town v Worcester Raiders

Hallen v Cinderford Town

Highworth Town v Westfields

Lydney Town v Longlevens

Pershore Town v Roman Glass St George

Thornbury Town v Mangotsfield United

Tuffley Rovers v Cirencester Town

FROM THE CHAIRMAN:



Good afternoon and welcome to Glevum Park for this UHlsport Hellenic League fixture against Cirencester Town. May I first take this opportunity to welcome our visitor's supporters, committee, management team and players. An extended warm welcome to the match officials who will be facilitating the game today.

The club had a mixed bag of results across last weekend, but some really positive performances with our Ladies' team ended the weekend, as they picked up a convincing 4-1 victory, their first win under new management and a newly formed squad.

The first team had travelled to Royal Wootton Bassett Town and in a tightly contested game, against a young and energetic opposition, came back with a 2 -1 victory. Our Reserves went top of the Stroud League Division One table with a 4-2 win against Shortwood United Reserves at Glevum Park.

The 3rds exited the County Cup against Dursley Town Reserves who compete a league higher, with Dursley scoring two in the closing moments to take it 3-1. The 4ths went to league leaders Coney Hill, and with a depleted squad, managed to secure a point in a 1-1 draw.

On Sunday, some of the Rovers committee and club members took on the Five Valleys Walk in aid of Meningitis Now, setting off from Stroud Cricket Club and circumnavigating the stunning Cotswold countryside, returning back to Stroud Cricket Club, some 21.3 miles later. Even with the aching joints and feet the following day, it was a great day and really enjoyable to undertake the challenge with friends, whilst raising money for a fantastic cause.

If you are looking for somewhere to host a party or event we currently have a promotion on for anyone wishing to hire our 1929 Suite at our other site on Tuffley Lane. For further information, please see me or email gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk.

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

Thanks,

- Dan Boon

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TUFFLEY ROVERS CLUB HISTORY



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mustoe achieved an 18th place finish at the end of the 2022/23 season, his first full campaign, before achieving a healthy 14th place in 2023/24, with a much improved squad. 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 Cirencester Town.

It was great to get back to winning ways last weekend, at a venue which has in recent years been a difficult place to get a result. We encountered a performance from the home team which defied their league position, where I thought they controlled large parts of the game without causing too much of a threat.

We, however, have played better and lost this season and we need to find some improved consistency in our results and performances. I have great faith in the squad and what we are trying to do - one thing for sure is there are no easy games in this league, as week in and week out there are teams picking up and dropping points.

We know how tough today's game will be and I have huge respect for the Cirencester Town management team and what they have achieved. It will only be a matter of time before they get in a run of results, but hopefully that doesn't start today – hopefully they will find their form going forward after today!

We look forward to this afternoon and hope to put on a performance and result we all want.

Enjoy the game. Thank you for your support.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 27 September 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	Droitwich Spa	13	6	0	1	19	9	3	2	1	12	9	9	2	2	31	18	13	29
2	Roman Glass St George	12	5	0	0	16	5	3	3	1	12	10	8	3	1	28	15	13	27
3	Slimbridge	10	4	1	1	17	9	3	1	0	12	2	7	2	1	29	11	18	23
4	Worcester Raiders	9	3	1	0	9	1	4	0	1	11	3	7	1	1	20	4	16	22
5	Westfields	12	4	1	2	17	11	3	0	2	10	14	7	1	4	27	25	2	22
6	Corsham Town	11	3	1	2	8	8	3	0	2	9	5	6	1	4	17	13	4	19
7	Hereford Pegasus	12	2	0	4	13	16	4	1	1	15	11	6	1	5	28	27	1	19
8	Cinderford Town	11	2	3	1	10	8	3	0	2	6	7	5	3	3	16	15	1	18
9	Tuffley Rovers	11	3	0	3	10	9	3	0	2	9	10	6	0	5	19	19	0	18
10	Mangotsfield United	10	3	0	1	6	1	2	2	2	7	7	5	2	3	13	8	5	17
11	Longlevens AFC	12	4	0	2	16	6	1	1	4	6	9	5	1	6	22	15	7	16
12	Pershore Town	10	3	0	2	8	7	2	1	2	8	12	5	1	4	16	19	-3	16
13	Fairford Town	9	0	3	1	2	4	3	0	2	14	9	3	3	3	16	13	3	12
14	Crancester Town	11	1	1	3	10	12	1	3	2	8	7	2	4	5	18	19	-1	10
15	Highworth Town	13	1	2	2	3	6	1	2	5	6	13	2	4	7	9	19	-10	10
16	Thornbury Town	11	1	3	3	9	12	1	0	3	4	9	2	3	6	13	21	-8	9
17	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	11	2	2	3	7	11	0	0	4	2	12	2	2	7	9	23	-14	8
18	Cribbs	11	0	1	3	2	11	1	3	3	8	13	1	4	6	10	24	-14	7
19	Lydney Town	11	1	1	5	8	13	0	0	4	2	18	1	1	9	10	31	-21	4
20	Hallen	10	0	1	2	3	6	0	2	5	4	13	0	3	7	7	19	-12	3

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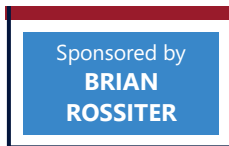
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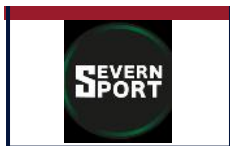
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HALF-TIME QUIZ: BREAK FOR FIVE



Grab a cup of tea and something to eat, then spend the five minutes of your half-time break trying to answer these questions. As ever, there is a theme and today it is all about own goals, for no reason other than we chose that...

1. Can you name the player (pictured) whose own goal against USA in the group stages of the 1994 World Cup Finals ultimately contributed to his country, Colombia, exiting at the earliest possible stage?



2. Which player holds the record for own goals in the Premier League era, having scored in his own net 10 times, whilst also jointly holding the record for the most red cards (8) in the Premier League?

3. In 2006, a 'classic' own goal was scored during a fixture between Bury and Darlington, as a player tried to clear the ball over his own head, only to put it into his face and then into his own goal. Can you name the Bury player responsible for this famous OG (pictured)?



4. Which player scored an own goal in the 1981 FA Cup Final, having scored at the right end too, meaning the game finished 1-1 and went to a replay?

5. Can you name each of the three players pictured, each of whom have scored a classic own goal in modern football for Manchester City, Liverpool and Sunderland, respectively? Search the internet for the goals if you don't remember them!



(A)



(B)



(C)

Quiz Answers: (1) Andrés Escobar; (2) Richard Dunne; (3) Chris Brass; (4) Tommy Hutchison; (5) A – Jamie Carragher; B – Fabio Cannavaro; C – Santiago Vergini.

STATISTICS 2025/26

Competition

Uhlsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

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

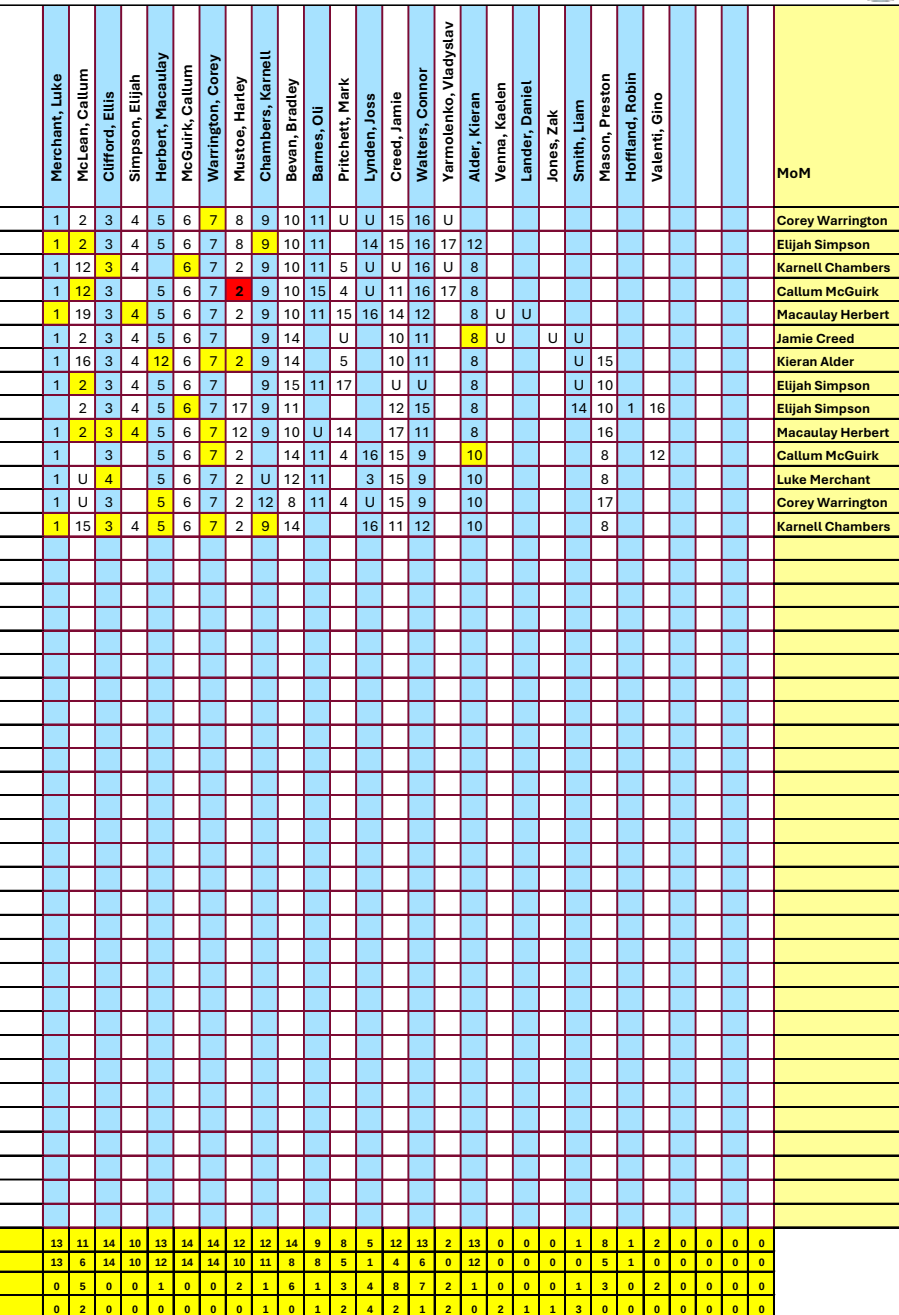
MSCC = Marsh Sports Challenge Cup;

WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

						Att	Scorers
2025							
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	1-2	87	M Herbert
06/Sep	3pm	Corsham Town		A	0-1	140	-
09/Sep	7:45pm	Lydney Town		A	4-1	127	O Barnes (2), P Mason, J Creed
13/Sep	3pm	Pershore Town		H	1-2	103	C Walters
20/Sep	3pm	Westfields		A	2-7	112	O Barnes (pen), C Warrington
27/Sep	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A	2-1	85	K Chambers, J Creed
04/Oct	3pm	Cirencester Town		H			
11/Oct	3pm	Roman Glass St George		H			
18/Oct	3pm	Mangotsfield United		A			
25/Oct	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		A			
28/Oct	7:45pm	Slimbridge		A			
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06/Dec	3pm	Worcester Raiders		H			
13/Dec	3pm	Pershore Town		A			
20/Dec	3pm	Lydney Town		H			
27/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		H			
2026							
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			

Karnell Chambers	5	Kieran Alder	1
Oli Barnes	4	Connor Walters	1
Jamie Creed	4	Macaulay Herbert	1
Harley Mustoe	2	Preston Mason	1
Corey Warrington	2		

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PLAYER PROFILES 2025/26

Luke Merchant

Goalkeeper

Club captain who returned to the club in the 2022/23 season, after a Hellenic League Premier Division title winning season at Bishops Cleeve. A great shot stopper, commanding presence and accomplished keeper. Holds the club record for Hellenic League appearances as a keeper.

Robin Hoffland

Goalkeeper

A long-serving player, despite his age, who acts as a capable back-up to Luke Merchant in goal, whenever needed. Has played for the club's 1sts, 2nds, 3rds, 4ths and 5ths, as well as the U18s and always gives his all. Reliable, in a word.

Macaulay Herbert

Defence

Our second longest-serving member of the squad. 'Macca' came through our U18s and is solid and dependable; an excellent defender who has been getting better with every season that passed. Has made over 300 first team appearances, despite several injuries punctuating each season.

Callum McLean

Defence

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

Elijah Simpson

Defence

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

Daniel Lander

Defence

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

Mark Pritchett

Defence

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

Ellis Clifford

Defence

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

Sammie Hicks

Defence/Midfield

Now in his fifth season at the club, after spells at Gloucester City and Cinderford Town. Injuries have hampered his progress but he remains a reliable and very versatile member of the squad, capable of filling in at full-back, in midfield or in the No.10 role.

Harley Mustoe

Defence/Midfield

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

Callum McGuirk

Defence/Midfield

Signed from Longlevens in 2022, where he'd largely been used at full-back, he is a hard-working midfielder, who looks comfortable on the ball. Played academy football during his earlier years, including a spell at Bristol City. Has become a vital part of the squad.

Corey Warrington

Midfield

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

Warren Mann

Midfield

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

Liam Smith

Midfield

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

Kieran Alder**Midfield/Forward**

Returned to the club in 2022/23, after spells with Cinderford, Bishops Cleeve and Worcester City; and overcame injuries to return to his best. Gifted No.10, whose work rate is as noticeable as his work on the ball - a creative player. Previously with Neil Mustoe's U18s at Gloucester City reunited at Rovers.

Karnell Chambers**Forward**

Experienced at a higher level, this is a player who Neil Mustoe was delighted to sign in November 2023. Previously at Gloucester City, Hungerford Town, North Leigh, as well as a spell overseas, and is a goalscorer equally at home wide or in the middle. Finished 24/25 as top scorer for the Firsts with over 20 goals.

Oliver Barnes**Forward**

Signed from Westfields in December 2024, a prolific goalscorer at Hellenic League level and will offer a different option in attack. Previously with Brimscombe & Thrupp, Oli had time out due to injury over the past two seasons, but is now looking sharp as we move into 2025/36.

Vlad Yarmolenko**Forward**

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

Connor Walters**Forward**

Wide player who joined from Gala Wilton in 2023/24. Strong and full of trickery, he had a fantastic start to his first season and contributed goals, as well as being a threat to opposition defences. Has an eye for goal, although will hope to improve his goals per game ratio this season.

Brad Bevan**Forward**

Signed from Fairford Town in 2023/24. Incredibly hardworking, tenacious, a real team player. Runs all day and although not a prolific goalscorer has been a good signing, who regularly contributes a goal. Can play wide or down the centre and is a clever player who has become a vital part of the squad.

Jamie Creed**Forward**

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

Neil Mustoe**Manager**

Appointed as Manager in January 2022, took the club away from relegation fears in 2021/22, before successfully battling against relegation in 2022/23. Spent many years as a professional at Manchester United, Wigan Athletic, Cambridge United, Stevenage and Yeovil Town, before over 350 appearances for Gloucester City. Previous coaching experience with City before a spell away from the game until his appointment with The Rovers.

Liam O'Neill**Assistant Manager**

Appointed as Assistant Manager in 2023, after a spell as Manager at Frampton United. Still in the formative stage of his coaching journey but offers great support to Muzzy and is an important presence in the first team set-up.

Mike De-Bear**Physio**

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

Alex Butler**Coach**

Joined in 2023/24 after previous experience in local football. Mr Reliable and a really positive influence in the dressing room on match-days.





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APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Saturday, 27 September 2025
(includes selected list of former players)

Jamie Creed scored our winning goal at Royal Wootton Bassett Town last weekend, meaning the 17 year old striker now has 6 goals in Rovers colours in just 20 games. A decent start for a youngster finding his way at this level.

Another player who came to us as a younger player, Connor Walters, could be making his 100th appearance today, if he starts or appears from the bench. That will be a great achievement for a player still only 21 years of age, who has scored 18 times in Rovers colours. We'll cover that in more details in our next edition, should Connor reach the milestone.

Depending upon selection today, Corey Warrington could also reach a milestone, as he is set to make a 50th appearance for the club. A near ever-present since his debut, Corey has become a vital member of the squad, with some stellar performance over the past 12 months.

Well done, all! #uptherovers



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	181	42	Lynden, Joss	5	0
Barnes, Oli	21	9	Mann, Warren	543	85
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mason, Preston	8	1
Bevan, Bradley	80	11	McLean, Callum	11	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	McGuirk, Callum	133	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Merchant, Luke	169	0
Chambers, Karnell	76	44	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Clifford, Ellis	71	0	Mustoe, Harley	48	6
Creed, Jamie	20	6	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Pritchett, Mark	222	29
Ford, Mark	164	61	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Roberts, Tyrel	32	2
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Simpson, Elijah	46	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Smith, Liam	107	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Hoffland, Robin	14	0	Valenti, Gino	5	1
Herbert, Macaulay	333	11	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	130	9	Walters, Connor	99	18
James, Brett	186	64	Warrington, Corey	49	2
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.

CIRENCESTER TOWN CLUB HISTORY



Cirencester Town FC was formed in 1889 and played amateur football in the Cirencester & District League, Cheltenham League and eventually the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League.

In the late '60s Cirencester joined the Gloucester County League, moving from there up to the Hellenic League in 1969. During that time, they had their first national cup run, reaching the 2nd round proper of the FA Amateur Cup. They won their first major piece of silverware, taking the Hellenic First Division Championship in 1973-74 to reach the Premier Division. Following a subsequent relegation, the modern phase of development was slowly established, with their Smithfield ground being improved.

Season 1995-96 was the start of the new era. In partnership with Cirencester College, the club began the groundbreaking Football Academy programme. Developing rapidly, first under Dave Hockaday and when he moved as Youth Team Manager to Watford FC, followed by Steve Lowndes, the Academy have been National College Champions in '97 and in '98, five times winners of the English Schools FA U19 Colleges Cup since 1998, and British Colleges Trophy Champions 4 times since '97.

Off field, a long planning process led to the development of the Community Club phase led by Chairman Steve Abbley and implemented over 3 years by Business Manager Anna Kocherhan. In summer 2002 Brian Hughes succeeded Ray Baverstock as manager. At the same time the club, having invested the proceeds of the sale of Smithsfield in the Corinium Stadium at Kingshill, moved into their new facility and renamed as "The Centurions". This development was followed in November 2004 by the opening of The Arena, a state-of-the-art full size indoor training facility. We have now been awarded the FA's "Charter Standard Community Club" status and this summer we received the 2006 Gloucestershire FA Award for "Charter Standard Community Club of the Year", which was presented to Steve Abbley by Sir Geoff Hurst.

In May 2006, after four highly successful years and having raised expectations at the club, Brian Hughes resigned as First Team Manager to be replaced by Neil Hards. Neil had taken a year out of football after his achievements at Winchester City where they gained "back-to-back" promotions and won the FA Vase in 2004. Unfortunately, despite some good early performances, the team lacked the necessary consistency, and a disastrous run of results after Christmas meant they finished in the relegation places. However, the club was later reprieved from relegation after a number of changes were made to club allocations in the non-league structure due to club mergers and other decisions.

Manager Adi Viveash left the Centurions to take up his role as Chelsea and Brian

Hughes was again called upon to take up the hot seat as First Team manager. The 2009 – 10 seasons proved to be a very successful one with the Development squad winning the league in their first season and the first team gaining promotion via the play offs after 2 very good away wins both with late goals.

Manager Brian Hughes managed the clubs first season back in the Premier Division in 2010-2011 and the club finished 13th. Unfortunately, 2011-12 saw the heartbreak of relegation and our first year back in the South & West division saw us finish 10th in the table.

2013-2014 saw the club have its most successful season ever gaining automatic promotion back to the Southern League Premier by clinching the title on the last day of the season to beat Merthyr Town to the championship. Brian Hughes worked with a small squad which managed to overturn a 9-point deficit and clinched the title last term by winning the last 7 games of the season whilst everyone else dropped points on the way.

2016-2017 saw changes at the helm after a poor start Brian Hughes was relieved of the manager's job and Charlie Griffin was installed as his replacement. The 2017-2018 saw a brand-new state of the art 3G pitch installed at The Corinium Stadium. After a slow start The Centurions missed out on a playoff spot on goal difference and disappointment was to follow last season after finishing runners up, promotion was denied via the play offs losing to Cinderford Town FC in the semi-final by 1 goal.

December 2019 saw another change with former North Leigh manager John Brough take the helm replacing Charlie Griffin after a disappointing start to the season. The change nearly had the desired effect as the Centurions climbed the table with a play off place in sight before the season was sadly cut short due to the current situation, we find ourselves in relating to COVID 19.

2020-2024 was a new era for Ciren with the appointment of John Brough. John's first season ended in heartbreak with a loss in the playoffs, season 2 was curtailed due to COVID when the Centurions were league leaders. The last 2 seasons were extremely difficult after we were placed in the Central division, missing out on the playoffs both seasons by 1 point.

2024-2025 voluntary relegation to the Hellenic league was taken due to the levels of travel required in the Southern League, we ended our 28-year stay. Following the departure of John Brough, we appointed assistant manager and ex player James Mortimer-Jones who finished a respectable 15th in the league after starting pre season with only 2 players from the previous season. Jonah rebuilt the side and reaped the rewards of his hard work by winning the Wiseman Lighting Cup final in his first full season in charge.





Player Profiles

Ronnie Newbury - Goalkeeper

Into his second full season after taking over as the number 1 spot after 6 games last term. Highly rated young goalkeeper with a big career ahead of him in non-league football. Brilliant Shot Stopper and getting better

Ed Scott- Defender

Signed from Bishops Cleeve and impressed the Ciren Faithful with displays at the heart of the Centurions defence. Big, Strong, pacey and good on the ball. A brilliant first season at The Talent Hire Stadium last term

Kyle Pitts- Defender

Returned to The Talent Hire Stadium in January 2025 and he commanded a starting place from the outset. A star performer in the last 4 months of the season leading at the heart of the defence and it was no coincidence our form improved with arrival.

Elliot Keightley- Defender

Joins the Centurions after 2 successful seasons with Worcester City FC. The former Hartpury student had a brief spell under old manager John Brough and is a great addition to the squad. The experienced tough tackling defender will bolster the defence this season.

Jordan Morris – Defender

Signed from Forest Green Rovers in 2018 and has been at The Talent Hire Stadium ever since. One of the best lefts foots in the league and managed 30 league games last season after a long-term injury. A key player for the Centurions down the left with bags of experience.

Fraser Bell – Defender

Talented full back and younger brother of midfielder Fin. Joined Ciren from Forest Green Rovers on loan at the tail end of last season and slotted in to the full back position straight away. An impressive pre season has season the youngster join permanently.

Ethan Rose- Midfielder

Last seasons young player of the year. The talented midfielder has a great engine and never stops working. Selfless for the team and covers every blade of grass and contributes with a few goals.

Jack Freeman – Midfielder

A quality ball carrier who loves to spray the passes and loves to get forward when the opportunity arises and has plenty of goals in the locker.

Jack Horrell – Midfielder

One of last season stand out players after rejoining Ciren from Worcester Raiders. The talented midfielder has a good football brain and a great array of passing and his leadership on the pitch was second to none last term.

Finley Bell – Midfielder

Last seasons player of the year and supporters player of the year. A fantastic first season at The Talent Hire Stadium which included 7 goals and was instrumental in our Wiseman Cup Victory. The Fast, pacey and tricky midfielder has a number of clubs currently chasing his services.

Harrison Reeves – Midfielder

Another match winner in the midfield. The tricky winger has a superb first season in red and black with more to come this year. 10 goals in only 29 games and hopefully more of the same to come. Exciting to watch on the ball and beats defenders with ease..

Jonty Welch – Midfielder

A key signing this summer. Manager Jonah was keen to get the skillful and combative midfielder in. The former FGR and Slimbridge man has impressed over pre season with his hard work, tenacious appetite and great ability on the ball during pre season and will be a key player for the Centurions.

Jayden Stratford – Midfielder/Striker

An injury riddled season last term. We got to see glimpses of the talent Jayden possesses. An exciting attacking midfielder has bags of pace, quick feet and beats defenders with ease. A big season ahead and important player for the Centurions.

Bonsa Teshome – Striker

Quick feet and the ability to deliver a telling cross. Likes to play out on the left and loves to be in the thick of the action.

Harley Arnold– Striker

Skillful and pacey striker who has come through our junior ranks. An impressive first season in senior football and will be looking to kick on this term. The Hartpury student has bags of goals in him and is an important member of the squad.

Aidan Bennett – Striker

Mr Cirencester. The Captain of the team led us to the Wiseman Cup victory last season and is a club legend. Comfortable on either foot with a powerful strike and scorer of some important goals over the years. Nearing 500 appearances for The Centurions. Can play any position and has played every position apart from in Goal.

Harlie Price – Striker

Star signing and a great acquisition for the Centurions. The former Brimscombe & Thrupp, Bishops Cleeve frontman signed in the summer having scored 19 goals last season for Pershore Town FC. The versatile front man has great hold up play and links up with the midfield to create

Ross Gabriel - Striker

The Forest of Dean based striker has been with the Centurions now for the last 5 seasons and is an integral part of the team. Despite injury problems last season the big striker managed to fire us to Cup victory with 7 goals in 4 games including 2 in the Wiseman Cup final

George Peare – Striker

Joins from Royal Wootton Bassett FC. Another player who rejoins the Centurions. A broken shoulder put paid to his football last season but has returned to full fitness and will score goals

Management Team

James Mortimer-Jones- Manager

Jonah has taken over the reins following the departure of John Brough in the summer for his first managerial role. The former Ciren player is no stranger to the dugout having been the assistant manager for the last 6 seasons and the club legend is eager to impress in the number 1 role

Tom Speers – 1st Team Coach

Tom managed at Slimbridge briefly during the 2022-23 season and is one of the most sought-after coaches around with experience in the UK but also abroad having coached in Australia. A great addition to James Mortimer-Jones management team.

Nick Peare – 1st Team Coach

Former CTFC player who has played Southern League throughout his career joins as 1st team coach. His experience and knowledge as a player will be priceless to the team.

Kevin Sawyer – GK Coach

Big Kev needs no introduction having been one of non-league's best goalkeepers around in a playing career that saw him play for the likes of Salisbury City FC, Leamington FC, Gloucester City and of course, Cirencester town FC where he started out as a 17-year-old at our football Academy back in 1997.



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Corey Warrington	7
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Oli Barnes	9
Preston Mason	10
Karnell Chambers	11
Brad Bevan	12
Callum McLean	14
Mark Pritchett	15
Joss Lynden	16
Gino Valenti	17
Jamie Creed	18
Liam Smith	19
Connor Walters	20
Robin Hoffland	21

Ronnie Newbery
Fraser Bell
Aidan Bennett ©
Ed Scott
Kyle Pitts
Jonty Welch
Fin Bell
Ethan Rose
Harlie Price
Jack Freeman
Jordan Morris
Alfonso Dias
Harley Arnold
Titchener
Jack Lewis
Jack Horrell
Theo Jeremy
Finley Bell
Harrison Reeves
Kevin Sawyer



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

Red & Black shirts; Black shorts; Red socks (GK: Green)

Neil Mustoe	MANAGER	James Mortimer-Jones
Liam O'Neill	ASST. MANAGER	
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