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

Whilst my hope had been that this day would take much longer to arrive, I find myself editing this programme in the knowledge that it might never see the light of day! Storm Claudia is on its way and the heavy rainfall will be putting the game at risk. The forecast is for a dry Saturday morning (at the time of writing), so we shall see whether my pessimism is misplaced.

Assuming the game is on (you wouldn't be reading this unless we've passed a Saturday morning pitch inspection!) then we need to see our on-field results improve if it is to be a good afternoon. We are without a win in the last seven games and only have a point away at Hereford Pegasus to celebrate, otherwise it might be seven games without a point.

At the moment we seem to have problems at both ends of the pitch, conceding 16 goals in those seven games (and 24 goals in the last nine) and scoring just five times in seven. Having said that, I've been at each of those fixtures and if I had seen the games without the goals there were some decent performances. Muzzy admits that we've been poor in a couple of the games, which is definitely true, but also reflects on results not necessarily reflecting performances, which I would also say is true. The statistics ultimately tell us we need to score more and concede fewer, which is hardly rocket science, and things could quickly change.

This is a first home game for a while, so maybe a chance to start putting our season back on track, but any Highworth Town team and any side managed by Paul Braithwaite will be a tough opponent. We need to be at our best to give Tuffley Rovers the best chance to get the result that some of our performances have probably deserved.

After today's game we are back in action on Tuesday, when we host Eversley & California Reserves in the Hellenic League Challenge Cup. The weather forecast is better for that game, so hopefully we have two opportunities to record positive results in the next few days. Here is hoping for something to celebrate.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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Saturday, 15 November 2025

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Cinderford Town v Westfields

Cribbs v Cirencester Town

Droitwich Spa v Thornbury Town

Fairford Town v Lydney Town

Hallen v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Hereford Pegasus v Mangotsfield United

Longlevens v Slimbridge

Roman Glass St George v Corsham Town

Tuffley Rovers v Highworth Town

Worcester Raiders v Pershore Town

FROM THE CHAIRMAN:



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

This fixture is the first home game for Muzzy and the squad in over a month and I am hoping it'll bring a change in recent form. The squad has only picked up four points since the beginning of September, which is way off target and below expectations. The playing squad need to pick themselves up soon, and with that start getting points on the board. My last programme notes reflected on us being close to a play-off spot. We now find ourselves closer to the relegation zone than the play-offs and that cannot continue. Hopefully everyone today can get behind the squad and we come away with three points.

On a more positive note, our Reserves are still unbeaten in the league and pushing for promotion, taking their pre-season objective one game at a time. They find themselves three points clear in the Stroud & District League, Division One and hopefully might be able to extend that today.

Our 4th team are also in a good position and sit 3rd in Division 4. Winning their games in hand would see them sit top of the league, which will be a fantastic achievement for the squad.

The newly appointed 3rd team management set-up for this season are doing well, bringing through a good crop of our U18s squad into men's football and they sit mid-table with games in hand of teams above them.

Our Sunday Ladies' team, had a (much needed) overhaul in the summer and have also started the season really well - if their form keeps going the way it is, could be title contenders come the end of the season.

In midweek, our U18s are a very young squad and will benefit next year from this season's experience, we hope. At the time of writing they are mid-table with performances not reflecting some of their results. Plenty of positives to take for the young men, who are learning every game.

Finally, Warren Mann has taken up the manager's position for our Veteran's team this season. Two games in and there are quite a few bets on that he will be sacked by Christmas!! Well done Wazza for taking the hardest job in football on.

We have a promotion on currently for anyone wishing to hire our 1929 Suite at our other site on Tuffley Lane. For further information, please see myself or email gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk. There is a copy of the advert in this edition of the programme for those who might be interested.

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! A warm welcome to all players, management, officials, and supporters from Highworth Town FC.

It feels like quite some time since our last home game after a long run of away fixtures. During that spell, we've seen some encouraging performances that perhaps didn't get the results they deserved, mixed with a few games where we've not been at our best and have conceded some soft goals.

After a positive start to the season, we've just lost our way a little. Although the squad hasn't changed too much, we've lost a bit of depth with Ollie, Pritch, and Joss either struggling to commit or having moved on. We are actively looking to strengthen and add to the group, but it's important that we find the right people who fit the squad long-term — though a short-term option may be needed if nothing suitable becomes available soon.

I think it's time to go back to basics and ensure everyone understands that we need to be fully connected as a group. If you're not in the team at the moment, it's either down to tactics or current form — it's not personal. We need 16 players all pushing to be in those 11 starting spots, just as we had earlier in the season. With a young squad, game management can sometimes let us down, but that's part of the learning curve.

My focus now is to get everyone back on track. There are no easy games — especially this season — and every point has to be earned. We're only 6–8 points off sixth place, so any kind of good run will see us climb back into the top half of the table. That's got to be our target as we move through November and into December.

Enjoy the game. Thank you for your support.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 12 November 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	Roman Glass St George	18	7	0	1	24	9	5	3	2	19	15	12	3	3	43	24	19	39
2	Droitwich Spa	17	8	0	1	25	11	3	3	2	13	12	11	3	3	38	23	15	36
3	Slimbridge	15	6	1	1	21	9	5	1	1	18	7	11	2	2	39	16	23	35
4	Worcester Raiders	15	4	1	2	16	7	5	1	2	15	6	9	2	4	31	13	18	29
5	Corsham Town	15	5	2	2	14	12	4	0	2	12	5	9	2	4	26	17	9	29
6	Hereford Pegasus	17	3	1	5	16	21	5	1	2	18	14	8	2	7	34	35	-1	26
7	Westfields	17	4	2	2	18	12	4	0	5	12	23	8	2	7	30	35	-5	26
8	Cirencester Town	16	4	2	3	23	13	2	3	2	10	7	6	5	5	33	20	13	23
9	Longlevens AFC	17	5	0	2	19	7	1	4	5	14	18	6	4	7	33	25	8	22
10	Fairford Town	14	2	4	1	6	5	4	0	3	16	11	6	4	4	22	16	6	22
11	Mangotsfield United	16	4	0	3	10	7	2	4	3	10	12	6	4	6	20	19	1	22
12	Pershore Town	15	3	1	4	10	12	3	1	3	11	16	6	2	7	21	28	-7	20
13	Cinderford Town	15	2	4	2	11	10	3	0	4	9	14	5	4	6	20	24	-4	19
14	Tuffley Rovers	17	3	0	5	12	14	3	1	5	10	18	6	1	10	22	32	-10	19
15	Highworth Town	17	2	3	2	8	7	2	3	5	9	15	4	6	7	17	22	-5	18
16	Cribbs	16	1	2	5	8	18	2	3	3	11	15	3	5	8	19	33	-14	14
17	Thornbury Town	15	1	4	3	11	14	2	0	5	6	13	3	4	8	17	27	-10	13
18	Hallen	14	2	2	2	11	10	0	3	5	5	14	2	5	7	16	24	-8	11
19	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	16	2	3	3	8	12	0	2	6	7	23	2	5	9	15	35	-20	11
20	Ludney Town	16	2	2	6	12	18	0	1	5	3	25	2	3	11	15	43	-28	9

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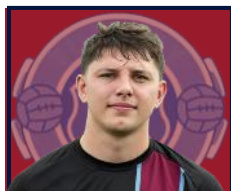
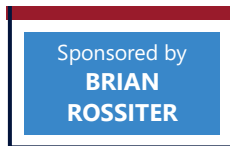
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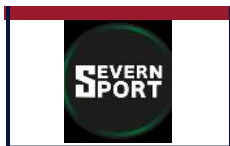
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HALF-TIME QUIZ: BREAK FOR FIVE



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 about rain (given the forecast this week!) or at least something that has a link to rain...

1. Tony Rains is pictured here, celebrating his goal in a famous FA Cup victory back in 1989. Which team was Tony playing for and which club did his side famously knock out of the FA Cup?



2. What is the nationality of former Wolverhampton Wanderers' Academy, Chester and Finn Harps footballer Ryan Rainey?

3. Can you name the former Premier League footballer whose name might have a link to rain from the text below?

"The son of a famous Barcelona and Atletico Madrid player, this goalkeeper began his career at Barcelona, before a successful spell at Villarreal, before moving to the Premier League, making 285 appearances for his first club between 2005 and 2014. During his career he made 36 international appearances for Spain. He later had a spell at Aston Villa (in 2020) and finished his career at Italian side Como in 2025."

4. On 20 September 2025, which EFL Championship fixture was abandoned after 80 minutes at Ewood Park, with the hosts leading 1-0?

5. Can you work out the teams playing the two games pictured below, where heavy rain had made the conditions rather difficult? There is a clue alongside each picture.



This is from a 1969/70 game, with Jimmy Greaves scoring.



This is from the 1970 League Cup Final at Wembley.

Quiz Answers: (1) Sutton United knocked out Coventry City; (2) Irish; (3) It is Pepe Reina; (4) Blackburn Rovers v Ipswich Town; (5) A – Manchester City v West Ham United; B – Manchester City v West Bromwich Albion.

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	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	0-2	117	-	
11/Oct	3pm	Roman Glass St George		H	2-3	103		G Valenti, H Mustoe
18/Oct	3pm	Mangotsfield United		A	1-2	230		K Chambers
25/Oct	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		A	0-0	121	-	
28/Oct	7:45pm	Slimbridge		A	0-3	174	-	
08/Nov	3pm	Cirencester Town		A	0-3	158	-	
11/Nov	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	GFA	A	2-3	55		H Mustoe, K Alder
15/Nov	3pm	Highworth Town		H				
18/Nov	7:45pm	Eversley & California Reserves	HLCC	H				
22/Nov	3pm	Fairford Town		A				
25/Nov	7:45pm	Shortwood United	WLFC	A				
29/Nov	3pm	Droitwich Spa		A				
06/Dec	3pm	Worcester Raiders		H				
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	2pm	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				
14/Mar	3pm	Droitwich Spa		H				
21/Mar	3pm	Pershore Town		A				
28/Mar	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A				
04/Apr	3pm	Cribbs FC		A				
06/Apr	3pm	Slimbridge		H				
11/Apr	3pm	Hallen		H				
18/Apr	3pm	Cinderford Town		A				

Goalscorers

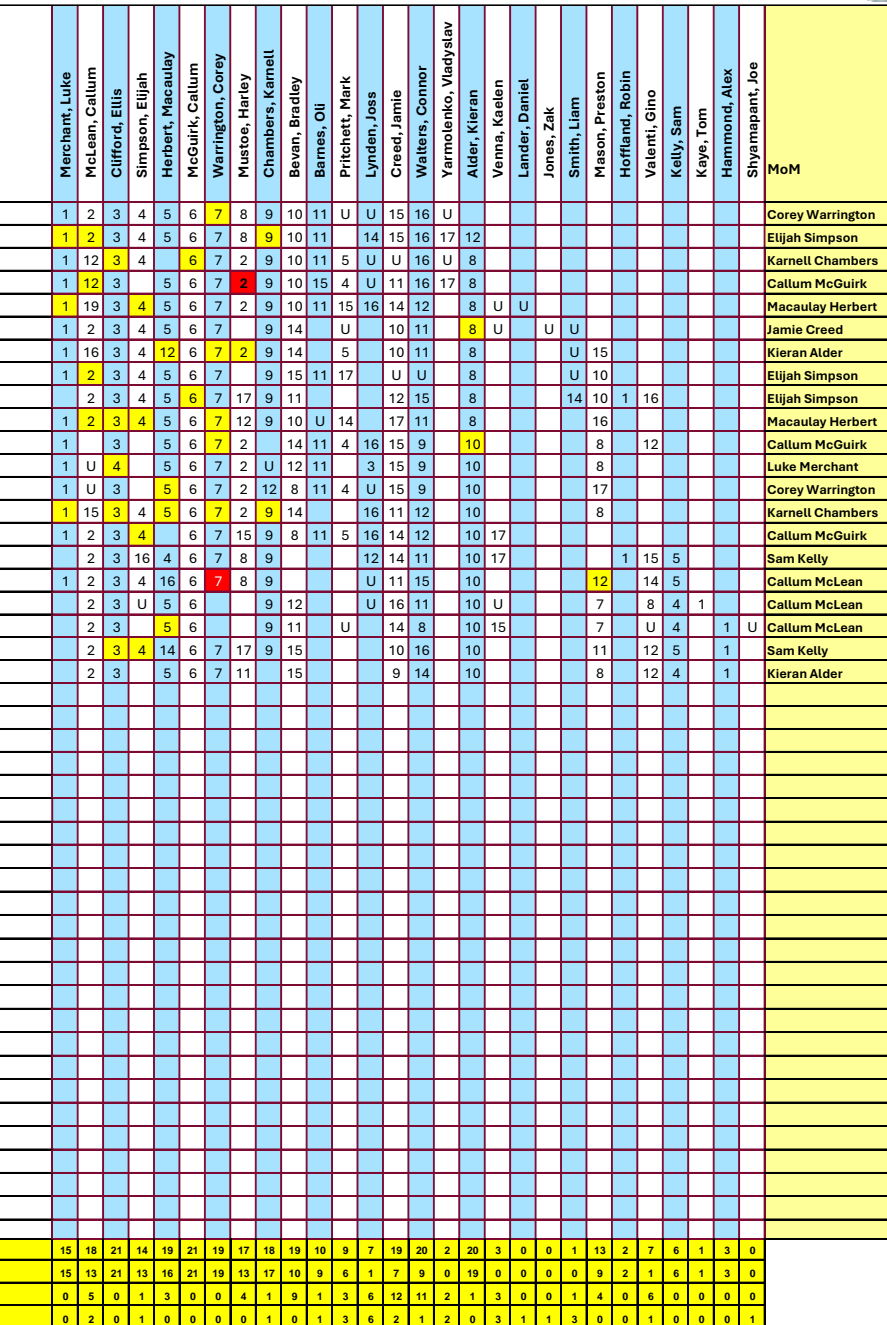
Karnell Chambers	6	Kieran Alder	2
Barnes, Oli	4	Connor Walters	1
Jamie Creed	4	Macaulay Herbert	1
Harley Mustoe	4	Preston Mason	1
Corey Warrington	2	Gino Valenti	1

TOTAL APPEARANCES

STARTS

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PLAYER PROFILES 2025/26

Luke Merchant

Goalkeeper

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

Robin Hoffland

Goalkeeper

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

Macaulay Herbert

Defence

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

Callum McLean

Defence

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

Elijah Simpson

Defence

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

Daniel Lander

Defence

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

Mark Pritchett

Defence

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

Ellis Clifford

Defence

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

Sammie Hicks

Defence/Midfield

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

Harley Mustoe

Defence/Midfield

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

Callum McGuirk

Defence/Midfield

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

Corey Warrington

Midfield

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

Warren Mann

Midfield

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

Liam Smith

Midfield

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

Kieran Alder**Midfield/Forward**

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

Karnell Chambers**Forward**

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

Oliver Barnes**Forward**

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

Vlad Yarmolenko**Forward**

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

Connor Walters**Forward**

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

Brad Bevan**Forward**

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

Jamie Creed**Forward**

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

Neil Mustoe**Manager**

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

Liam O'Neill**Assistant Manager**

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

Mike De-Bear**Physio**

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

Alex Butler**Coach**

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



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APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Tuesday, 11 November 2025

(includes selected list of former players)

No significant milestones to report since the last edition of our programme on 11 October 2025 (yes, it has been a month since our last home fixture!) unless you include Sam Kelly's debut on that occasion and then debuts for Tom Kaye and Alex Hammond since. We also saw a first appearance in the first team squad for U18s player Joe Shyamapant at Slimbridge, although he was an unused substitute on that occasion.

There are some players closing in on milestones with Kieran Alder's goal on Tuesday, in our defeat at Cheltenham Saracens, edging him closer to 50 first team goals (currently 43) and Karnell Chambers just ahead of him on 45.

In terms of appearances, Kieran (pictured) is just twelve away from 200 first team appearances, whilst Macaulay Herbert is one closer to 350. Callum McGuirk is then just ten away from making it to 150 appearances.

We did have some players making their 50th appearance over the past few weeks, which is a milestone of itself, with Harley Mustoe and Eli Simpson the latest to do so.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	188	43	Lynden, Joss	7	0
Barnes, Oli	22	9	Mann, Warren	543	85
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mason, Preston	13	1
Bevan, Bradley	85	11	McLean, Callum	18	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	McGuirk, Callum	140	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Merchant, Luke	171	0
Chambers, Karnell	82	45	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Clifford, Ellis	78	0	Mustoe, Harley	53	8
Creed, Jamie	27	6	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Pritchett, Mark	223	29
Ford, Mark	164	61	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Roberts, Tyrel	32	2
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Simpson, Elijah	50	0
Hammond, Alex	3	0	Smith, Liam	107	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Hoffland, Robin	15	0	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Herbert, Macaulay	339	11	Valenti, Gino	10	2
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Venna, Kaelan	3	0
Hill, Sam	130	9	Wallington, Lee	131	4
James, Brett	186	64	Wallington, Mark	220	29
James, Richard	125	40	Walters, Connor	106	18
Kent, Dominik	175	21	Warrington, Corey	54	2
Kaye, Tom	1	0	White, Joel	140	4
Kelly, Sam	6	0	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.

Highworth Town FC History



Highworth Town Football Club was formed in 1893. We joined the Cirencester & District League, and it took us some time to record our first honours, until 1909-10 in fact, when we won both the Swindon Junior Cup and the local Advertiser Cup, a cup we captured again in 1912-13.

After winning the Cirencester & District League Division Two in 1931-32, we moved to the Swindon & District League, where we completed the Third Division championship and Swindon Junior Cup double in 1933-34.

The 1950s saw us make a dramatic rise through the local football ranks. We won the Swindon & District League Third Division title again in 1954-55 and then the Division Two title the following season. One more season was needed to clinch the Division One title, and also the Wilts Junior Cup. We then went on to win the Premier Division title in 1957-58, along with the Faringdon Thursday Memorial Cup, and the following season we were the Premier Division champions again, also winning the Swindon Advertiser Cup.

We continued to dominate the Swindon & District Premier Division in the 1960s, winning four successive titles from 1960-61 and another hat-trick from 1965-66 to 1967-68, making seven titles in eight seasons. We reached the final of the Wilts Senior Cup for the first time in 1962-63 and won it the following season.

There was a switch to the Wilts Combination League, where we finished as runners-up in Division Two in 1970-71. 1972-73 saw another Wilts Senior Cup victory and all this success prompted us to join the Hellenic League. We achieved our first honours in 1988-89, winning the First Division Challenge Cup and reached the final of the Wilts Senior Cup yet again.

We finally achieved Premier Division status in 1993-94 gaining promotion after finishing third in Division One. Since then, we have been winners of the Wilts Senior Cup in 1995-96, 1997-98, 2008-09 and again in 2014-15, winners of the Hellenic Challenge Cup in 2011-12, winners of the Hellenic Supplementary Cup in 1998-99 and runners up in 2003-04, runners-up in the Premier Division in 1999-00 and winners of the premiership title in 2004-05.

In more recent history, which reached the semi-final of the FA Vase in 2014-15 where we were knocked out by eventual winners North Shields in a closely fought two-legged tie. This season also saw us pick up the Wilts Senior Cup.

In the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons we were runners-up in the Wilts Senior Cup to Swindon Supermarine and Chippenham Town respectively, both of which played at higher levels than us.

Also in the 2017-18 season, we saw promotion to the Southern League Division 1 South as we finished as the best third placed team across the whole country. This means we were now playing the highest level of football the club had seen.

The 2022-23 season saw the FA move us laterally into the Southern League Division 1 Central which meant a difficult season with the extra travelling time/distance, and we finished in 17th place, leading to a play-off against Malvern Town, a team that finished 2nd at step 5, which we unfortunately lost resulting in relegation back to the Hellenic.

A management change was made for the 2023-24 campaign with Paul Braitwaite and his backroom staff replaced the outgoing Gareth Davies and his backroom team. It was a successful first year in charge for Braithwaite as we made it to the FA Cup 2nd round qualifying where we hosted National League side Weymouth FC in a game where we gave them a good run for their money but ultimately lost 3-1. He also led the team to the quarter-final of the FA Vase where on another day the result could have been very different.

League wise, we finished 3rd in the Hellenic Premier Division but unfortunately lost the play-off semi-final to Royal Wootton Bassett Town – it was just a step too far at the end of a very hard and long season that ended with us playing 7 games in the final two weeks!

2024-25 saw another successful league season, finishing in 4th place and only just missing out on promotion after losing 1-0 to SC Inkberrow in the Hellenic League play-off final.


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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 this programme feature that allows us to reflect on days gone by and fixtures on, or around, today's date.

Since those records began, we've had three games on 15 November which we've reviewed to reflect on our fortunes over the years, alongside a couple of games on or around this date.

15 November 2008

Tuffley Rovers recorded an emphatic victory over DRG Stapleton in the Gloucestershire County League, despite not taking the lead until the 40th minute. Goals from Peter Thomas (3), Stu Griffith (2), Lee Wallington (2), Warren Mann, Rob Cook and Martin Middlecote took Rovers to a 10-0 victory. The game started as a fairly even contest but once Thomas had opened the scoring, the floodgates opened, with Rovers 3-0 by the time the interval arrived!

The second period was a procession, with seven goals added, as Rovers recorded well from two consecutive defeats.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Marcus Foxwell; Lee Wallington; Jamie Harper; Martin Middlecote; Philip Crabb; Robert Cook; Stuart Griffith; Mark Wallington; Peter Thomas; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Daniel Gillespie; Christopher Lee; Richard Stevenson.

16 November 2013

Goals from Jordan Fletcher, Steve Bick and Mark Ford proved enough to carry Tuffley Rovers to a much needed win away at Malmesbury Victoria as Doug Foxwell's side recovered from two consecutive Hellenic League defeats, returning from Wiltshire with all three points.

Fletcher netted his first Rovers goal, on his first start after signing from Brimscombe & Thrupp, before Bick and Ford rounded off the scoring.

Squad: Chris Perks; Matt Minett; Marcus Foxwell; Ashley Davies; Steve Bick; Richard Thwaite; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Jordan Fletcher; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Elliot King; Shayne Bradley; Macaulay Herbert.

15 November 2014

Shayne Bradley scored in a fourth consecutive game for Tuffley Rovers, with the Gloucester side returning from a trip to Purton with a much needed point!

Rovers hadn't played a Hellenic League fixture since 18 October, although they had experienced varying fortunes from the three cup ties that had preceded their return to league action.

Bradley's tenth goal of the season (in all competitions) was enough to earn a point, as Rovers continued to build on a positive start to the season that made them one of the favourites for a promotion spot.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Courtney Hamilton; Kieran Squires; Ashley Davies; Glenn Gittins; Stuart Griffith; Jordan Dowdeswell; Brett James; Warren Mann; Shayne Bradley; Steve Bick. **Subs used:** Macaulay Herbert.

16 November 2019

Tuffley Rovers travelled to High Wycombe to take on one of the strugglers in the Hellenic League Premier Division and returned with a vital three points, as they defeated Holmer Green 4-3.



The hosts took the lead through Lewis Workman, after Adam Bloomfield had wasted a great chance to put Rovers in front, and they doubled their lead when Denis Pepelimarski curled home a beautiful free-kick.

Two quick goals, from Kieran Alder and then Macaulay Herbert, got Rovers back on level terms and Alder then made it 3-2 from a direct free-kick.



Paw Kotwica equalised for the hosts and it looked like the game could go either way, but Ross Langworthy scored with nine minutes remaining to ensure Rovers travelled home with all three points.

Squad: Freddie Lapworth; Harri John; Ben Pricor; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Tyreece Briscoe; Kieran Alder; Dominik Kent; Adam Bloomfield; Ross Langworthy; Jack Beardsell. **Subs used:** Warren Mann; Jake Rhodes; Jeremiah Idowu.

15 November 2022



A little under one month after their visitors had celebrated a 1-0 victory of Rovers in the FA Vase, Neil Mustoe's side secured a cup victory, as his team overcame the challenge of Hartpury University, 3-2, to progress in the GFA Challenge Trophy.

Rovers came into the game off the back of a 4-2 Hellenic League victory at Wantage Town the previous Saturday, where Shayne Bradley had scored a first half hat-trick before being sent-off early in the second period. It was Bradley who was to be centre-stage again on this occasion, as he scored twice in his final game before the suspension incurred at Wantage would take effect.

Bradley netted a brace, to add to Ryan Dobbins' early goal, as Rovers saw off a valiant effort by a young Hartpury squad, although Rovers were indebted to an excellent goalkeeping performance from stand-in keeper Robin Hoffland, who took the Supporters' Man-of-the-Match award, after defying a late Hartpury effort to take the game to penalties.



Rovers progressed to the next round of the competition, whilst Hartpury University would be looking to push forward their campaign for promotion to the UHlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division.

Squad: Robin Hoffland; Luke Hawkins; Dan Lander; Kieran Squires; George Driver-Dickerson; Sammie Hicks; Henry Birkett; Yeshaya Lomotey; Ryan Dobbins; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Callum McGuirk; Liam Smith; Mason Lewis.

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	Elijah Simpson	3	Liam Haines
	Sam Kelly	4	Dan Comer
	Macaulay Herbert	5	Leon Morrison
	Callum McGuirk	6	Bailey Gallagher
	Corey Warrington	7	Elias Youssef
	Harley Mustoe	8	Ben Dodd
	Karnell Chambers	9	Ollie Stevenson
	Kieran Alder ©	10	Rhys Wells
	Preston Mason	11	Edji Mbunga
	Brad Bevan	12	Conor Britchford-Stanley
	Kaelan Venna	14	James Griffiths
	Connor Walters	15	Xavi Diaz-Butcher
	Joe Shyamapant	16	Harvey Scholes
	Gino Valenti	17	Idris Thomas-Jones
	Jamie Creed	18	Will Davidson
	Liam Smith	19	Ethan Murchwa
	Ellis Clifford	20	Jordan Murray
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