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

The games at Glevum Park are coming thick and fast, with today's visit by Lydney followed by the visit of Longlevens next Saturday. Whilst it is great to have regular Hellenic League football at Glevum Park, playing week after week at home when the weather has been so poor of late demands a lot of our ground staff, so I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge their efforts in keeping the pitch in relatively good shape.

Last week we recorded a really good victory over a decent Droitwich Spa side, making it six games unbeaten in all competitions. Muzzy said in his post-match interview on 6 December that the five game unbeaten run at that point was his longest unbeaten period since joining us as manager (he is correct) and you have to go back to 2017 for the last time we went at least six consecutive matches unbeaten, when Mark Pritchett's squad had a terrific run of form against Binfield, Woodley United, Clanfield 85, Oxford City Nomads, Highmoor Ibis and Ascot United.

There was another six game streak in the preceding season (again under Pritch; his first season) and prior to that, in 2014/15, Warren Evans (who will be in the Lydney Town dugout today) took us on an eleven game unbeaten run from 24 January 2015 to 4 April 2015, during a Hellenic League Division One (West) campaign that saw us secure promotion...just ahead of today's opponents on the last day of the season!

I remember the last game of that season, away at Wantage Town Reserves, when Kieran Squires scored the only goal of the game, which was enough to keep us above Lydney and secure promotion. As it was, both clubs joined Longlevens, who won Division One (West) by six points that season, in securing promotion to the level all three teams continue to play at.

Warren, who led the team during that promotion campaign, will not be the only former Rover in the opposition dugout, as Lee Smith also had a spell with us in 2018/19 when he played 9 times, scoring 5 goals, as we recovered from a poor start to that season. Welcome back, both.

Let me also take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. I hope you have a wonderful festive period. I'm just hoping we don't give the opposition any gifts today and make sure we offer a wonderful present to all our wonderful supporters.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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**Saturday, 20 December 2025**

Uhlisport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Highworth Town v Roman Glass St. George

Cinderford Town v Slimbridge

Hereford Pegasus v Cribbs

Longlevens v Pershore Town

Mangotsfield United v Cirencester Town

Royal Wootton Bassett Town v Droitwich Spa

Thornbury Town v Fairford Town

Tuffley Rovers v Lydney Town

Westfields v Corsham Town

Worcester Raiders v Hallen

# **FROM THE CHAIRMAN:**



Good afternoon and welcome to Glevum Park for this Hellenic League fixture against Lydney 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.

A huge thank you to the staff and volunteers that will be working over the Christmas period for the club, as without them, none of this is possible.

Today we will be hoping to continue our unbeaten run in both league and cup competitions. This game will be a tough test and our opponents have had a good run of form themselves of late and have recorded some really impressive results. Those performances and results have meant they have moved up the league and taken the pressure off themselves a little bit. If they continue their good form that means they will be a threat today, with that little less pressure around the need to gain points.

This evening we have our club Christmas night out, so if anyone wishes to join us, we will all be at the social club and 1929 Suite following the game and it would be great to share the evening with our supporters too.

As far as football action is concerned, after today's game we are next in action for the Christmas fixture here on Saturday 27th against Longlevens. It would be good to see a decent crowd here to cheer on the lads in our local derby game.

We currently have a promotion for hiring our 1929 Suite at our other site on Tuffley Lane. For further information, please see me or email [gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk](mailto:gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk).

I hope everyone has a good Christmas, however you choose to celebrate the time and thank you for your continued support of the club.

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 11<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark Pritchett was then appointed as Player/Manager and took the side to consecutive 10<sup>th</sup> placed finishes, before a 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> place).

Mustoe achieved an 18<sup>th</sup> place finish at the end of the 2022/23 season, his first full campaign, before achieving a healthy 14<sup>th</sup> place in 2023/24, with a much improved squad. The 2024/25 season ended with further improvement, as Mustoe's squad finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place.

# FROM THE MANAGER:



Good afternoon and welcome to all players, management, officials, and supporters from Lydney Town FC.

We are currently on a good run, six games unbeaten, and we're hoping to keep that momentum going today.

After a tricky start to the season, Lydney have picked up some really important and impressive results, and full credit must go to the management team and players for turning things around.

We welcome Lee Smith, who I've had a long-standing relationship with both on and off the field, and Warren Evans, who has been a big part of Tuffley Rovers' history with numerous spells at the club over the years.

As with every game, we know this will be a tough encounter. The league is extremely close from top to bottom. In recent seasons we've seen teams run away at the top and others fall away at the bottom, but this year I'd say that week after week, on any given day, anyone can pick up a result. Because of that, we'll need to be fully focused on the job and task in hand if we're to get a result today.

Our full focus is on today's game. We can look ahead after that, but we are currently in the middle of a run of home fixtures, which we're hoping to take full advantage of and put some points on the board. We still have aspirations and ambitions we are striving to achieve, and recent team and individual performances show me that the players feel the same way.

Finally, just a side note to all players, officials, supporters, volunteers, sponsors, and everyone involved with Tuffley Rovers — I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Enjoy the game. Thank you for your support.

- Muzz

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# HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 13 December 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	24	9	1	2	33	12	6	3	3	25	20	15	4	5	58	32	26	49
2	Slimbridge	19	8	1	1	26	11	6	1	2	21	8	14	2	3	47	19	28	44
3	Droitwich Spa	21	9	1	1	29	12	4	3	3	17	19	13	4	4	46	31	15	43
4	Corsham Town	20	7	2	2	19	13	5	0	4	16	11	12	2	6	35	24	11	38
5	Cirencester Town	21	6	2	3	31	16	4	3	3	17	15	10	5	6	48	31	17	35
6	Worcester Raiders	19	5	2	2	20	9	5	2	3	15	10	10	4	5	35	19	16	34
7	Longlevens AFC	20	7	0	2	23	9	2	4	5	15	18	9	4	7	38	27	11	31
8	Westfields	20	5	2	3	22	18	4	1	5	13	24	9	3	8	35	42	-7	30
9	Hereford Pegasus	20	4	1	6	22	25	5	1	3	19	17	9	2	9	41	42	-1	29
10	Fairford Town	18	2	6	2	11	11	5	0	3	17	11	7	6	5	28	22	6	27
11	Tuffley Rovers	21	5	0	5	18	15	3	3	5	12	20	8	3	10	30	35	-5	27
12	Mangotsfield United	20	4	0	4	10	8	3	5	4	14	16	7	5	8	24	24	0	26
13	Highworth Town	21	3	4	3	13	12	2	3	6	10	17	5	7	9	23	29	-6	22
14	Pershore Town	20	3	2	5	10	13	3	1	6	12	22	6	3	11	22	35	-13	21
15	Cinderford Town	17	2	4	2	11	10	3	1	5	11	17	5	5	7	22	27	-5	20
16	Ludney Town	21	4	2	6	16	18	1	2	6	11	32	5	4	12	27	50	-23	19
17	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	20	3	3	4	11	16	1	2	7	12	30	4	5	11	23	46	-23	17
18	Hallen	18	3	2	3	18	16	0	4	6	7	19	3	6	9	25	35	-10	15
19	Cribbs	20	1	2	7	12	24	2	4	4	13	18	3	6	11	25	42	-17	15
20	Thornbury Town	20	1	6	3	13	16	2	0	8	7	24	3	6	11	20	40	-20	15

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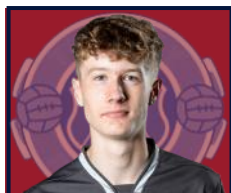
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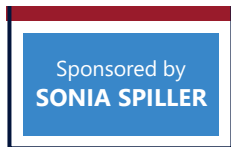
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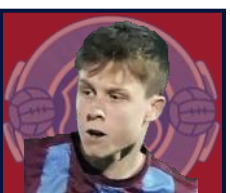
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# HALF-TIME QUIZ: BREAK FOR FIVE



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 Christmas...

1. Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus. Who is the former Premier League and La Liga player pictured who bears the same name?



2. I have played for Bayern Munich in the 1990s, Blackburn Rovers in the 2000s, Manchester City in the 2010s and I was still playing in 2025 in the Paraguayan League, at the age of 43, with over 1,000 club and international appearances and 280 goals. Part of my name is synonymous with Christmas. Who am I?

3. The 1973 Christmas No.1 single was Merry Xmas Everybody by Slade. Lead singer Noddy Holder is a Wolverhampton Wanderers fan. Which other 60s/70s Rock singer (pictured) is also a lifelong supporter of the Molineux club?



4. In 2025 I signed for Dagenham & Redbridge, after a spell at French club Bordeaux, after my career had started at Newcastle United. I made 9 international appearances for England, too, and my surname might get you singing at Christmas. Who am I?

5. Can you name the four football personalities pictured below, whose first letter of their respective surnames (in the order they appear below) will spell out XMAS?



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

**Quiz Answers:** (1) Jesus Navas; (2) Roque Santa Cruz; (3) Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin; (4) Andy Carroll; (5) A - Abel Xavier; B - Oleksiy Mykhaylychenko; C - Arthur Albiston; D - Steve Stone.

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

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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	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	2-1	101	B Bevan, K Chambers (pen)
18/Nov	7:45pm	Eversley & California Reserves	HLCC	H	H-W	-	-
22/Nov	3pm	Fairford Town		A	1-1	120	K Chambers
25/Nov	7:45pm	Shortwood United	WLFC	A	3-2	44	G Valenti, C Warrington, C Walters
29/Nov	3pm	Droitwich Spa		A	1-1	149	K Alder
06/Dec	3pm	Worcester Raiders		H	4-0	90	B Bevan (2), K Alder (2)
13/Dec	3pm	Droitwich Spa	HLCC	H	2-1	83	K Alder, K Chambers
20/Dec	3pm	Lydney Town		H			
27/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		H			
2026							
03/Jan	3pm	Thornbury Town		A			
10/Jan	3pm	Cinderford Town		H			
13/Jan	7:45pm	Cribbs FC	WLFC	H			
17/Jan	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H			
24/Jan	2pm	Highworth Town		A			
31/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town		H			
07/Feb	3pm	Hallen		A			
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	9	Brad Bevan	3
Kieran Alder	6	Connor Walters	2
Oli Barnes	4	Gino Valenti	2
Jamie Creed	4	Macaulay Herbert	1
Harley Mustoe	4	Preston Mason	1
Corey Warrington	3		

TOTAL APPEARANCES

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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.

## **Alex Hammond**

## **Goalkeeper**

Join the club in late-October following a serious injury to Luke Merchant and has been a fantastic replacement. Had previously been with Mangotsfield United and is studying at Hartpury. Is a good all-round keeper, with safe hands, good shot stopping and can play with his feet.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Sam Kelly**

## **Defence**

A cultured, ball playing centre-half who can also play at full-back, who has been a great addition to the squad. Joined from Hartpury after a season at Longlevens in 2024/25. Has impressed since donning the claret and blue this season.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Liam Smith**

## **Midfield**

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

## **Mason Preston**

## **Midfield**

Former Forest Green Rovers Academy player recently signed from Hereford Pegasus. Diminutive figure who already looks to be a great addition. Great feet and good energy!



**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.

**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.

**Jorell Sanniola****Forward**

New signing in December 2025 from Stonehouse Town and looks to be a talented young lad. Tall and quick, he is comfortable on the ball and is a natural wide player, who will be looking for a chance to break into the starting line-up.

**Gino Valenti****Forward**

Wide player who joined the club last season and made a handful of first team appearances, before becoming a regular squad member this term. Pacy and good on the ball. A good finisher, who will weigh in with goals when he has the chance.

**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.

**Kayleigh Brown****Physio**

Joined in 2025/26 and a good addition to the first team set-up. Also works with the Cheltenham Town Ladies' squad.

**Andrew Moody****GK Coach**

Another new addition for the 2025/26 season, joining as our goalkeeping coach after previous experience with Shortwood United and other local clubs.

**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.

**Tim Hall****Coach**

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



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# APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Saturday, 13 December 2025

(includes selected list of former players)



A short update this week, to focus on one statistic because our two leading goalscorers this season are both closing in on a half-century of goals, with both on the scoresheet last Saturday.

Kieran Alder's first half goal saw him draw level with Karnell, on 47 goals, but that was a brief moment of parity as our top goalscorer found the net in the second half to take his total to 48.

Who will win the race to 50 goals – we'd love to see them both get there before the end of 2025...although that might be wishful thinking!



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	193	47	Kelly, Sam	11	0
Barnes, Oli	22	9	Lynden, Joss	7	0
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mann, Warren	543	85
Bevan, Bradley	91	14	Mason, Preston	14	1
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Mayo, Ellis	1	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	McLean, Callum	24	0
Chambers, Karnell	87	48	McGuirk, Callum	146	0
Clifford, Ellis	82	0	Merchant, Luke	171	0
Creed, Jamie	31	6	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Mustoe, Harley	59	8
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Pritchett, Mark	223	29
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Sanniola, Jorell	2	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Simpson, Elijah	55	0
Hammond, Alex	8	0	Smith, Liam	107	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Hoffland, Robin	16	0	Valenti, Gino	13	3
Herbert, Macaulay	344	11	Venna, Kaelan	3	0
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hill, Sam	130	9	Wallington, Mark	220	29
James, Brett	186	64	Walters, Connor	109	19
James, Richard	125	40	Warrington, Corey	60	3
Jones, Zak	1	0	White, Joel	140	4
Kent, Dominik	175	21	Wright, Liam	124	3
Kaye, Tom	1	0	Yarmolenko, Vladyslav	2	0
Kelly, Sam	10	0	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.



## Lydney Town FC • Club History

Although Lydney is one of the main towns of the Forest area the Severnsiders have always led a very nomadic existence. With the town very much a Rugby stronghold the football club has always found it difficult to exist and although the club can trace its roots back to 1911 it never has had a sound base. The club competed in the local leagues until 1952 when they were elected to the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League. Unfortunately in 1969 the club folded due to lack of committee. 1971 saw the soccer lovers of the town pulled together and the club re-formed and in 1974 the appointment of Harold Elliott as player/coach saw many players from Lydney Juniors introduced with the resulting effect of promotion to Senior League Division One in 1976. During this period the club switched from Bathurst Park onto the Recreation Ground using the changing facilities at the neighbouring Cricket Club.



In 1979-80 after twice finishing Runners-Up they finally lifted the Senior League Division One Championship. Applications to the County League were unfruitful so the club turned to the Hellenic League, where the club held its own, but after 4 seasons the huge financial burden of the League forced the club to return to the Senior League. A dispute with the Cricket Club saw the club move back onto Bathurst Park and following this Secretary Roger Sansom, who had been elected in 1975 and who is still secretary to this day, investigated the possibility of building a clubhouse on the Recreation Ground. Unfortunately on the pitch the downward spiral continued and the club found itself back in the NGL. The players thankfully stayed together and they bounced back into the Senior League the following season. The ambitious plans to have our own clubhouse were still in the pipeline and a clubhouse was opened on Lydney Recreation Trust in 1990. In 1995 the club did the double by winning Division Two and the Forest Green Supporters Trophy, a feat they repeated in 1996-97.

In 2003-04 Manager Peter Elliott, who along with Roger Sansom are the longest serving members of the club with 50 plus years service, guided the club to the Final of the League Cup and the Senior Amateur Cup but in 2004 due to work commitments Peter decided to step down. The club turned to Stuart Liddington to take the helm and with Peter being persuaded to assist him they forged a very successful partnership. The addition of Pete Macklin from Cinderford Town, Danny Clarke ex-Oxford United, Matthew Timmins from Whitecroft and the return of Mark Saunders from Australia gave the club a real boost. Pete, Danny and 'Matty' provided the missing link in the goal scoring department scoring over 70 goals between them, Danny leading the way with 32 goals. The Senior League title was secured with 4 games to go and they did the double by lifting the Senior Amateur Cup. The season was complete with the news of acceptance into the County League a prize denied to them some 25 years ago. The clubs County League campaign started in unconvincing fashion with only 4 points from 3 home games but a 20 game unbeaten run saw the club take over as league leaders at the start of 2006, a position they held for the remainder of the season. Scoring goals was very much the key to winning as 87 goals proved, 'Matty' Timmins finishing the leagues leading goal scorer with 28 goals. This success was beyond the clubs wildest dreams and gave the club the opportunity of a return to the Hellenic League after 22 years. A steady start saw the club 12 points behind the leaders in October but a 6 game winning streak at the end of the year saw the club take over as leaders at the start of January. The critical game came in mid-April with fellow title contenders Trowbridge Town visiting 'The Rec'. In front of a crowd of 305 goals from Danny Clarke and Mark Crabbe secured victory and a 5 point cushion. With 3 games to go the Title was won at Malmesbury when Danny Bishop came off the subs bench to score 2 late goals and give the club an unprecedented 3rd title in as many seasons. The squad had certainly exceeded all expectations and can quite easily be classed as the best in the clubs history. Ambitious plans for the required improvements to gain promotion were put forward and accepted by the League allowing the club to play at the highest level in its history.

A steady start was overshadowed by events off the pitch when despite gaining planning permission for erection of floodlights the club became embroiled in a sea of red tape with their landlords. To continue playing in the Premier Division an agreement was reached to use Cinderford Town and Harrow Hill for home games. Despite these off the pitch issues an unbeaten league run of 11 games placed them in the top half of the table. Despite finishing in 10th position the club were unable to satisfy the April deadline imposed by the league and were forced to be relegated back into Division One (West).

With relegation came the inevitable loss of players who wished to play at a higher level of football and the club decided to pin its future hopes on the youth of the town. Mark Lee, who had joined the club from County League side Ellwood, took on the role of Player/Manager. In 2014-15 they finished runners up to Tytherington Rocks but despite finishing in a promotion position ground development had not been completed by the March 31st deadline and a further season in Division One followed. Determined that such a situation would not happen again further development work followed to ensure the necessary G grading but disappointingly after all the clubs efforts the club finished in third spot which would not necessarily ensure promotion. As luck would have it circumstances led to the club being offered a place in the Premier Division which they readily accepted but this again meant further development was needed to obtain an F Grading and this was attained in 2016 with the installation of a 2<sup>nd</sup> stand. In 2016-17 silverware came the clubs way via the Floodlit Trophy beating Flackwell Heath on penalties after the game finished 3-3. In 2019 Manager Mark Lee decided to step down after 8 years in charge and the clubs search for a new manager started. The club turned to ex-Town forward Richard Kear. Lydney born Richard had been at Cheltenham Town as a youth player but on his release he played on the Non League circuit before rejoining the club from Westfields in 2013. Family commitments saw Richard step down at the end of season 2020-21.

To replace Richard the club regained the services of previous manager Stuart Liddington but a set of indifferent results saw the club turn to Reserve Team Manager James Morse who instilled a new found confidence in the players and staved off any relegation fears. Despite languishing near the bottom of the table last season relegation was avoided with the club finishing 16<sup>th</sup>. Despite league struggles the club enjoyed 2 tremendous cup runs reaching the GFA Challenge Trophy Final losing out to 2 late goals against Roman Glass St. George. The club also reached the Bluefin Hellenic League Final but again missed out after coming up against a strong Pershore Town who had also lifted the Division One title. With the club unable to compete financially with the top teams in the league the club has turned to the Youth in the town with several promising youngsters coming through the club. 2023-24 saw an indifferent season finishing in 19<sup>th</sup> place but were saved from relegation by the knowledge that the FA were restructuring the NLS and that only 1 club was to be relegated. After 3 seasons of struggles James Morse stepped down and the search began for a new Manager.

Several candidates came to the fore but the club decided to go, for the first time for 40 plus years, outside the local area by appointing Danny Elliott as Manager for the 2024-25 season who joined the club with excellent credentials being a UEFA A Licence qualified coach with Newport County Academy. Sadly after a string of poor results Danny decided to step down and the club were once again in search of a new manager. Long serving goalkeeper Richard Thomas and Captain Jordi Sheen stepped in as Interim Joint Managers while interviews were conducted and the club were indebted to them for their efforts. At the end of October the club announced the appointment of, ex-Gloucester City stalwart, Lee Smith & Adam Dix as the new Management team with Warren Evans as coach. Their introduction to the club saw many changes and an influx of new faces. Although there were hiccups along the way Lee and his team ensured the club maintained their Premier Division status and look forward to a 11<sup>th</sup> season at Step 5. Manager Lee Smith has added the experienced Sean McKeon, who had joined the club as a player, to the management team after the departure of Adam Dix, and with further new faces being added to the playing squad the club is looking forward to the 2025/26 season.

# 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 20 December which we've reviewed alongside a host of games around this date to reflect on our fortunes over the years....

## 22 December 2007

Ben Surman scored twice to help Tuffley Rovers returned from their Gloucestershire County League fixture against Patchway Town with all three points. Rovers took the lead on 21 minutes, as Surman hammered home a well-struck shot, before he made it two with a penalty kick just one minute into the second period.

Mark Palmer's superb free-kick pulled the score back to 2-1 on 62 minutes but in time added on at the end of the second period Marcus Goodge netted a third for Rovers, taking them to second place in the league table.

**Squad:** Mark Harris; Ben Surman; Lee Wallington; Robert Cook; Leone Cornwall; Mark Patterson; Jon Corbett; Mark Wallington; Peter Thomas; Patrick Boyd; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Steve Hickey; Marcus Goodge.

## 20 December 2011

Goals from Warren Mann and Stuart Griffith proved enough to earn Tuffley Rovers a valuable three points in the Gloucestershire County League, as they saw off the threat of visitors Pathway Town at Glevum Park, courtesy of a 2-0 win which took Rovers to second in the table, two points behind Henbury, with Cribbs Friends Life in close pursuit of the top two.

**Squad:** Mark Harris; Lee Wallington; Callum Preece; Richard James; Stuart Griffith; Courtney Hamilton; Paul Carter; Jonathan Meadows; Marcus Foxwell; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Jivan Bryan-Munroe.

## 21 December 2013



Marcus Foxwell's goal proved to be decisive, as Tuffley Rovers picked up a first win in four games, courtesy of a 1-0 win away at Old Woodstock Town in this UHlsport Hellenic League, Division One (West) fixture.

**Squad:** Mark Harris; Matt Minett; Antoine Thompson; Richard Thwaite; Michael Devlin; Marcus Foxwell; Mark Wallington; Kieran Tracey; Ashley Davies; Jordan Fletcher; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Lee Brinkworth; Junior Mbika.

## 20 December 2014

Tuffley Rovers' good form continued, although they had to be grateful to Stuart Griffith for a goal that earned them a point away at Shortwood United Reserves in this Division One (West) contest.

**Squad:** Chris Perks; Matt Minett; Kieran Squires; Macaulay Herbert; Marcus Foxwell; Ashley Davies; Jordan Dowdeswell; Stuart Griffith; Jordan Fletcher; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Steve Bick; Warren Mann.



## 17 December 2016

A 2-2 draw at high-flying Thatcham Town kept Tuffley Rovers' hopes of a top ten finish in



the Uhlsport Hellenic League very much alive, as goals from Ashley Davies and Shayne Bradley secured a vital point. Rovers had led 2-0 before the hosts recovered. Player/Manager Mark Pritchett was then shown a red-card for a robust challenge on the half-way line.

**Squad:** Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Macaulay Herbert; Marcus Foxwell; Jamie Goodwin; Ashley Davies; Shayne Bradley; Liam Wright; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Gareth Jones; Harry Walker; Mark Pritchett.

## **18 December 2021**

Corsham completed a Hellenic League double over Tuffley Rovers and in so doing extended the Gloucester club's alarming losing run into double figures. In truth Town's victory was as comfortable as those achieved by most recent visitors to Glevum Park in the Hellenic League's top division.



Baldwin Igbinobaro's goal after just two minutes set the visitors on their way and in the final minute of the first half Tuffley's afternoon went from bad to worse when Gary Higdon was bundled over by Jacob Geddes and Matt Morris blasted the spot-kick high past Jack Copland's right-hand side.

In the final minute Town were awarded a free-kick on the left. The ball was swung in by Chris Allen and seemed to be touched into his own net by a back-pedaling Copland. Whoever got the final touch was irrelevant really because it just put a bit of gloss on Town's victory and condemned Tuffley to a sixth successive home defeat in the League, in what proved to be manager Rich Cox's final game at the helm.

**Squad:** Jack Copland; Will Ramsey; Liam Wright; Jacob Geddes; Tom Spencer; Demilade Yussuf; Joe Shutt; Dominik Kent; Jamal Lawrence; Aaron Basford; Lewis Bainbridge. **Subs used:** Lucas Price; Jack Beardsell; Jerzy Marszalek.

## **20 December 2022**

A 90<sup>th</sup> minute goal – an exquisite chip – from Kieran Alder saw Tuffley Rovers earn a vital 3 points from their Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture against Hereford Pegasus at Glevum Park.

In a tight contest under the floodlights it was Rovers, who saw Brad Poole recalled in goal due to Luke Merchant's absence through injury, who started the better but this was an incredibly even game and it was no surprise that a single moment of genuine quality would decide the destination of the three points.

With the game almost over, Rovers moved the ball across their back-line before left-back Tristan Haswell launched an excellent long pass over the Pegasus defence and Alder ran through to lift the shot over the advancing keeper and into the net, sending the Rovers faithful into rapture.

**Squad:** Brad Poole; Paul Azubilla; Tristan Haswell; Ashley Davies; Macaulay Herbert; Dominik Kent; Henry Birkett; Kieran Alder; Joey Haswell; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Ryan Dobbins; Callum McGuirk; Kieran Squires.



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Ellis Clifford	3	Joss Lynden
Sam Kelly	4	Fisayo Adeogun
Elijah Simpson	5	Oliwier Fusiek
Callum McGuirk	6	Frankie Johnson ©
Corey Warrington	7	Ethan Vaughan
Harley Mustoe	8	Junior Kposowa
Karnell Chambers	9	Morgan Ewing
Kieran Alder ©	10	Declan Morley-Lyne
Jamie Creed	11	O'Rian Reid
Jorell Sanniola	12	Jordi Sheen
Zak Jones	14	Hubert Zatorski
Gino Valenti	15	Aaron Jenkins
Mark Pritchett	16	Keelan Maguire-Hamblett
Ellis Mayo	17	Lee Smith
Macaulay Herbert	18	Zac Pinchard
Preston Mason	19	Shaun Warren
Robin Hoffland	20	Angel Gonzalez
Luke Merchant	21	Sean McKeon

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