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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 Droitwich Spa. Welcome, also, to this afternoon's match officials.

Our visitors arrive at Glevum Park sitting 4th in the table, firmly in the play-off places, after promotion last year. Having seen us play them twice this season I know this is going to be a tough game this afternoon.

The season is slowly but surely drawing to a close. We are a little over one month away from the final league games of the Hellenic League Premier Division season (final day is 18 April) and there is still plenty for all sides to play for. Few sides find themselves marooned in a position of mid-table mediocrity and most have some continuing interest in either a play-off place or securing additional points to take them away from the relegation places.

What Muzzy says in today's feature might be of interest, as he recognises the duty we have to ourselves to pursue the maximum possible number of points, whilst also trying to affect the battle at each end of the table. Most of our remaining games are against teams looking up with hope or looking down with a sense of trepidation.

We have our own interests to look after, too. Whilst we are at risk of slipping down into the centre spaces of the Premier Division table, we will hopefully be motivated by the opportunity to secure our highest finish and best points haul since returning to Step 5 football. Our best, to date, has been a 10th place finish and 50 points, so the opportunity to exceed both 'records' is within our grasp.

Our squad has grown a little smaller over recent weeks, as injuries have taken their toll in addition to a few players deciding to move on, but I know Muzzy sees this in a positive light and as an opportunity to give more game time to people who might feel a little deprived, or to youngsters who are showing potential. With just six games to go, starting today, I suspect some players are looking forward to some summer rest!

One final thing to reflect upon is our award as the Hellenic League Premier Division's Team of the Month for February 2026. Our three wins in the month saw us take a maximum points haul and that included a win over the league leaders, Worcester Raiders. It is a great achievement and the first time we've ever won the award, to the very best of my knowledge. Congratulations to Muzzy, his management team and all the players.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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FIXTURES

Saturday, 14 March 2026

UhlSport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Highworth Town v Corsham Town

Cirencester Town v Longlevens

Corsham Town v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Cribbs FC v Lydney Town

Fairford Town v Hereford Pegasus

Mangotsfield United v Slimbridge

Thornbury Town v Worcester Raiders

Tuffley Rovers v Droitwich Spa

Westfields v Hallen

FROM THE CHAIRMAN:



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Glevum Park for this Hellenic League fixtures against Droitwich Spa.

May I firstly take this opportunity to welcome our opposition's supporters, committee, management and players. An extended welcome to the match officials who will be facilitating this afternoon's game.

It is great to have a first team fixture back at Glevum Park after a couple of weeks of away fixtures, both noticeably against high-flying opposition and today gets no easier for the lads against Droitwich Spa, who themselves are right in the mix as title contenders.

Last week's narrow defeat to league leaders Roman Glass St George brought an end to a very good league run with four consecutive victories against Corsham, Pershore, Westfields and Worcester Raiders. Last weekend, I personally believe we showed Roman Glass too much respect in the first half and that set the tempo in the game for the first hour. Taking nothing away, they have quality all over the field and added two experienced players back to their squad on the morning of the game. However, once we grew into the game we started to cause them problems and might have taken something from the game in the end.

Currently the lads are sat in 7th in the league before today's game and even though teams around us have games in hand, there are no guaranteed wins in this league, so for me I would rather have the points on the board than the games in hand.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the Cheltenham festival this year, with damage limitation to both finances and sore heads if you did make the most of entertainment across the county.

I hope everyone enjoys the hospitality and the game here today and have yourselves 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 all the players, management, officials and supporters from Droitwich Spa FC.

After our four-game winning run came to an end last week, we need to pick ourselves up and go again. We still have a big part to play in how the play-offs and the title race pan out, as we have faced or are due to face all of the current top five within the last month.

Last week we came up against a very good Roman Glass team. In truth, we showed them a little too much respect early on. Watching the game back, we were the dominant side in the final 20–25 minutes, but unfortunately it wasn't enough to get a result and the best team on the day won.

Today we will show Droitwich the respect they deserve, but we need to impose ourselves from the first minute, not the 65th.

We've already had two positive results against today's opponents this season and hopefully that continues this afternoon. We still have targets we want to achieve — the most wins in a season since I arrived as manager and the highest possible position in the table.

With that in mind, we're aiming for 18 more points from our remaining games. That's the maximum available to us, and after coming off a four-game winning run we believe it's something to aim for. That said, we won't be putting undue pressure on the group. What's already happened and what may happen elsewhere is out of our control, so our full focus will be on today and trying to get a positive result.

Enjoy the game. Thank you for your support.

- Muzz

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CLADDING

HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 10 March 2026

Pos	Team	Home											Away											PTS
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	
1	Roman Glass St George	32	12	1	3	41	17	7	3	6	31	28	19	4	9	72	45	27	61					
2	Worcester Raiders	30	11	2	3	39	19	7	2	5	21	17	18	4	8	60	36	24	58					
3	Slimbridge	28	9	2	3	31	20	9	1	4	33	18	18	3	7	64	38	26	57					
4	Droitwich Spa	28	11	1	2	37	18	6	5	3	24	24	17	6	5	61	42	19	57					
5	Corsham Town	28	8	4	2	26	17	8	0	6	24	18	16	4	8	50	35	15	52					
6	Cirencester Town	30	8	2	6	41	24	7	4	3	25	18	15	6	9	66	42	24	51					
7	Tuffley Rovers	32	8	1	7	30	24	5	4	7	24	30	13	5	14	54	54	0	44					
8	Fairford Town	28	4	6	4	16	16	8	0	6	30	20	12	6	10	46	36	10	42					
9	Mangotsfield United	30	7	0	7	21	18	5	6	5	19	18	12	6	12	40	36	4	42					
10	Longlevens AFC	26	9	0	3	28	12	3	4	7	19	25	12	4	10	47	37	10	40					
11	Cinderford Town	28	5	5	3	22	18	6	2	7	24	25	11	7	10	46	43	3	40					
12	Hereford Pegasus	28	6	2	9	32	35	6	1	4	22	20	12	3	13	54	55	-1	39					
13	Highworth Town	28	7	5	4	24	18	3	3	6	13	17	10	8	10	37	35	2	38					
14	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	31	7	4	5	24	23	3	3	9	20	39	10	7	14	44	62	-18	37					
15	Westfields	30	5	3	5	25	24	5	2	10	15	38	10	5	15	40	62	-22	35					
16	Hallen	27	4	3	4	23	18	2	7	7	17	26	6	10	11	40	44	-4	28					
17	Thornbury Town	29	2	8	4	18	21	4	2	9	16	32	6	10	13	34	53	-19	28					
18	Pershore Town	32	3	3	10	13	29	4	3	9	18	33	7	6	19	31	62	-31	27					
19	Lydney Town	32	5	3	9	20	26	1	3	11	13	47	6	6	20	33	73	-40	24					
20	Cribbs	31	1	5	9	14	29	3	5	8	18	32	4	10	17	32	61	-29	22					

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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 play-offs, just because we're moving into that stage of the season...

1. Can you name this player, who holds the record for the most goals in the history of the US MLS Play-Offs, having scored 25 between 2001-2014 and again when he returned in 2016?



2. The first ever play-off in the English Football League took place at the end of the 1986/87 season. Which team beat Leeds United 2-1 in a replay held at Selhurst Park after the two-legged final finished 1-1?

3. The 2001 World Cup Qualifying Play-off between the Republic of Ireland and the Netherlands ended 1-0 to the Irish, with a goal from Jason McAteer separating the sides. Can you name the player, pictured, who was sent-off in the 58th minute of the tie, when the score was still 0-0?



4. Which club became the first to win two English second tier (Second Division / First Division / Championship) play-off finals, with wins in 1990 and 1993, although the first did not result in promotion?

5. Can you name each of the players who scored an extra-time winner to secure promotion for their team to the Premier League via a Championship Play-off Final? Bonus points if you can name the team they helped to promotion and the year.



Quiz Answers: (1) Landon Donovan; (2) Charlton Athletic; (3) Gary Kelly; (4) Swindon Town won in 1990 and 1993 but they missed out on promotion the first time around due to owing to financial irregularities: (5) A - Fabian Defreitas, Bolton Wanderers, 1995; B - Steve Claridge, Leicester City, 1996; C - Kevin Phillips, Crystal Palace, 2013.

STATISTICS 2025/26

Competition										Merchant, Luke
Uhsport 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										
Date	Time	Home	Away	Competition	Score	Att	Scorers			
29/Jul	7:45pm	Cribbs FC	H		2-1	120	H Mustoe, K Chambers			1
02/Aug	3pm	Hartpury FC	FAC	A	2-1	104	C Warrington, O Barnes (pen)			1
09/Aug	3pm	Fairford Town	H		3-1	129	H Mustoe, K Chambers (2)			1
12/Aug	7:45pm	Mangotsfield United	H		1-3	140	K Alder			1
16/Aug	3pm	Flackwell Heath	FAC	A	0-1	210	-			1
19/Aug	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus	H		2-0	136	J Creed (2)			1
23/Aug	3pm	Longlevens	FAV	H	0-2	206	-			1
25/Aug	3pm	Longlevens	A		1-0	310	K Chambers			1
30/Aug	3pm	Thornbury Town	H		1-2	87	M Herbert			1
06/Sep	3pm	Corsham Town	A		0-1	140	-			1
09/Sep	7:45pm	Lydney Town	A		4-1	127	O Barnes (2), P Mason, J Creed			1
13/Sep	3pm	Pershore Town	H		1-2	103	C Walters			1
20/Sep	3pm	Westfields	A		2-7	112	O Barnes (pen), C Warrington			1
27/Sep	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	A		2-1	85	K Chambers, J Creed			1
04/Oct	3pm	Cirencester Town	H		0-2	117	-			1
11/Oct	3pm	Roman Glass St George	H		2-3	103	G Valenti, H Mustoe			1
18/Oct	3pm	Mangotsfield United	A		1-2	230	K Chambers			1
25/Oct	3pm	Hereford Pegasus	A		0-0	121	-			1
28/Oct	7:45pm	Slimbridge	A		0-3	174	-			1
08/Nov	3pm	Cirencester Town	A		0-3	158	-			1
11/Nov	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	GFA	A	2-3	55	H Mustoe, K Alder			1
15/Nov	3pm	Highworth Town	H		2-1	101	B Bevan, K Chambers (pen)			1
18/Nov	7:45pm	Eversty & California Reserves	HLCC	H	H-W	-	-			1
22/Nov	3pm	Fairford Town	A		1-1	120	K Chambers			1
25/Nov	7:45pm	Shortwood United	WLFC	A	3-2	44	G Valenti, C Warrington, C Walters			1
29/Nov	3pm	Droitwich Spa	A		1-1	149	K Alder			1
06/Dec	3pm	Worcester Raiders	H		4-0	90	B Bevan (2), K Alder (2)			1
13/Dec	3pm	Droitwich Spa	HLCC	H	2-1	83	K Alder, K Chambers			1
20/Dec	3pm	Lydney Town	H		3-0	149	C Warrington, H Mustoe, K Chambers (pen)			1
27/Dec	3pm	Longlevens	H		1-2	253	S Kelly			1
2026										
03/Jan	3pm	Thornbury Town	A		3-3	153	O.G., E Clifford, O.G.			1
10/Jan	3pm	Cinderford Town	H		2-2	172	J Sanniola, P Mason			1
17/Jan	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	H		2-3	118	K Chambers, G Valenti			1
20/Jan	7:45pm	Cribbs FC	WLFC	H	3-4	52	P Mason, K Alder (2)			1
24/Jan	2pm	Highworth Town	A		2-3	105	C Warrington, G Valenti			1
31/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town	H		3-2	137	O.G., K Chambers (2)			1
14/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town	A		3-0	75	K Chambers, P Mason, E Simpson			U
21/Feb	3pm	Westfields	H		1-0	115	J Creed			1
28/Feb	3pm	Worcester Raiders	A		3-2	145	S Kelly, H Mustoe (pen), K Alder			1
07/Mar	3pm	Roman Glass St George	A		1-2	67	B Bevan			1
14/Mar	3pm	Droitwich Spa	H							1
24/Mar	7:45pm	Hallen	A							1
04/Apr	3pm	Cribbs FC	A							1
06/Apr	3pm	Slimbridge	H							1
11/Apr	3pm	Hallen	H							1
18/Apr	3pm	Cinderford Town	A							1

TOTAL APPEARANCES	15
STARTS	15
SUBSTITUTE	0
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	1

Goalscorers			
Karnell Chambers	14	Brad Bevan	4
Kieran Alder	9	O.G.	3
Harley Mustoe	6	Connor Walters	2
Corey Warrington	5	Sam Kelly	2
Oli Barnes	4	Jorell Sanniola	1
Jamie Creed	4	Macaulay Herbert	1
Gino Valenti	4	Ellis Clifford	1
Preston Mason	4	Elijah Simpson	1

PLAYER PROFILES 2025/26

Luke Merchant

Goalkeeper

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

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**

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APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Up to and including Saturday, 7 March 2026

(includes selected list of former players)

Another home game, another player potentially making a 100th competitive first team appearance for the club! The last to enter the halls of fame is Karnell Chambers, who will reach that milestone if he appears in today's fixture, becoming the 25th player to do so since our return to Step 7 football in 2007.

With 53 goals to his name since his debut on 28 November 2023, Karnell has been flying up the goalscoring chart (he's currently in 5th place) and appearance list – and long may that continue!



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	204	50	Lewis, Eddie	5	0
Barnes, Oli	22	9	Lynden, Joss	7	0
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mann, Warren	543	85
Bevan, Bradley	102	15	Mason, Preston	23	4
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Mayo, Ellis	3	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	McLean, Callum	36	0
Chambers, Karnell	99	53	McGuirk, Callum	156	0
Clifford, Ellis	91	1	Merchant, Luke	171	0
Creed, Jamie	39	7	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Mustoe, Harley	70	10
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	Robinson, Anton	5	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Sanniola, Jorell	12	1
Hammond, Alex	10	0	Shyamapant, Joe	1	0
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Simpson, Elijah	66	1
Hoffland, Robin	21	0	Smith, Liam	107	1
Herbert, Macaulay	345	11	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Valenti, Gino	22	5
Hill, Sam	130	9	Venna, Kaelan	3	0
James, Brett	186	64	Wallington, Lee	131	4
James, Richard	125	40	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Jones, Zak	4	0	Walters, Connor	109	19
Kent, Dominik	175	21	Warrington, Corey	72	5
Kaye, Tom	1	0	White, Joel	140	4
Kelly, Sam	22	2	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.

DROITWICH SPA CLUB HISTORY



Droitwich Spa FC were formed in 1985 (originally as a Sunday side) as an open aged team when the then Under 16's Droitwich Spa Boys side had no other junior league to participate in. The club spent its early years in the Worcester Leagues and in 2000 joined the Midland Combination Division 2 after 3 successful seasons at the top of the Worcester Premier League. The first season under the new name saw the club attain a respectable 7th placed mid-table finish.

In their 3rd season (2002-03), the club finished 3rd - narrowly missing out on promotion, however 4 years later the Spa repeated that feat and with the necessary facilities in place were promoted to Division 1. The first team remained in Division 1 for the next 7 seasons, mainly flirting with relegation with an occasional mid-table finish.

In 2004-05 season, Spa reached the Worcestershire Junior Cup Final for the first time in their history, however lost 1-0 to Bewdley Town. In the same season, a Droitwich Spa Reserve team was started- competing in Division 3 of the Midland Combination.

In season 2013-14, after a long yet eventually successful struggle against relegation, the club did the Cup double - winning both the Worcestershire Junior Cup and the Evesham Nursing Cup.

The club has been run and continues to be run today, by a group of volunteers. Without these individuals vital work both on and off the field, the club could not have functioned. Pivotal names in the clubs recent history which will go down in DSFC folklore and to whom a large debt of gratitude is due- include (but is not limited to): Dave and Nick West, Richard Goode, John Williamson, Andrew and Ben Pheasant, Tom Goss, Tom Sanders, Chris Hartshorne, Andy Dyer and Barry Shuck.

The re-structuring of the Leagues saw the Saltmen placed in the Midland Football League Division 2 in 2014-15, where a poor start to the season culminated in Colin Rudge being replaced by the management team of Worcester City legend Mark Owen and Wayne Oliver, who had previously managed at (amongst others) Pershore Town, Malvern Town and Bromyard Town.

When the new managers took over, they found the club at the foot of the table. In a remarkable turnaround, the Saltmen ended the season in their highest ever league position (8th) and points tally (46) and reached the Worcestershire Junior Cup Semi Finals only to be knocked out by local rivals Fairfield Villa.

The decision was taken to dissolve the struggling Reserve side to focus all efforts on the fortunes of the first team and as a result, the Saltmen have achieved their highest ever finish in season 2015/16 - a very creditable 3rd position as well as winning silverware on 2 fronts.

In 2016/17, the club went one better, winning the Midland Football League Division 2 for the first time in its history ahead of Paget Rangers & Alvis Sporting. However, the club were deducted 3 points a month after the season had finished after a lengthy investigation & appeal process for "fielding an ineligible player". The deduction was ironically just enough to send the Saltmen out of the promotion places by 1 point and consign them to another season in Division 2.

The club moved away from their home at KGPF due to proposed re-developments at the ground, and will continue to play home games at Walshes Meadow in Stourport

In 2017/18, the club finished in 3rd position in the Midland Football League Division 2, runners-up in the Worcestershire Junior Cup and made a first foray in to the FA Vase - eventually losing out in the 2nd Qualifying Round at Shifnal Town after extra time. The Saltmen also saw 3 red cards in a bad tempered tie and finished the game with only 8 players!

In 2018/19, the club competed in the West Midlands Regional League for the first time after moving across from the MFL and finished 3rd in Division 1, achieving a new Record Points Tally for the club in a Season of 69 and also a New Record League Goals Tally for a Season of 107. To add to this the Club also achieved a New Record win for the club with a 10-0 victory at Bustleholme in January. Victory in the WFA Junior Cup finished the season in the best possible way

The 2019/20 Season will officially go down as the Season that never was due to the Coronavirus Pandemic which brought the Season to a premature end in March and the Season then deemed Null and Void. Up until this point however the Season has been another very memorable one for Spa, we had a run in the FA Vase that saw us get to the 2nd Round Proper where we were narrowly beaten by a late goal at Lye Town and when things were halted in March, Spa were sitting 13 points clear at the top of WMRL Division One and had also secured a place in the Semi-Finals of the Division One League Cup

The 2020/21 was once again one that never happened due to Covid. Spa only played 7 games before things were brought to a halt again. However Droitwich Spa did go through a Managerial change just as the Season was about to be brought to an abrupt and very premature end. Mark Owen resigned from his position as Manager and the club replaced him with a Spa 'Legend'. Long Serving Player, former Captain and Assistant Manager Andrew Crowther was appointed as Manager but would end up having to wait several months for his first game in charge

The 2021/22 Season will be remembered as the greatest so far in Droitwich Spa's history. This was the Season that after 4 years away saw our New Ground start to be built, it was something the club had waited many years for and the Season was full of excitement as we watched the ground being built bit by bit. To top that off this is also the Season that saw Spa win the West Midland League and after several seasons of getting close finally gain Promotion into Step 6.

Season 2022/23 saw Spa play at Step 6 for the first time ever and also move back Home to Droitwich in their newly built stadium and they set new club records. Highest ever League Placing of 4th in MFL Division One which meant a place in the Play-Offs where after winning the Play-Off Semi-Final on penalties, Spa then lost the Play-Off Final in the couple of minutes. Droitwich also reached the Semi-Final of the Worcestershire Senior Cup which is a memorable effort as it's the 1st time Spa have been in the higher ranked Competition.

The 2023/24 Season ended with another Promotion Play-Off Final defeat for Spa as this time we lost out via a Penalty Shoot Out after another Season that after a difficult start ultimately saw much more highs than lows including another run in the Worcestershire Senior Cup which saw Spa reach the Quarter Finals.

The 2024/25 Season saw Spa have their most successful season yet as they won the Hellenic League Division One League Title and achieved promotion into Step 5 for the first time in the clubs history. Spa also had their longest run in the FA Vase reaching Round 3. 2025/26 will see Spa make history as a club as they will compete in Step 5 of the pyramid and also for the first time ever will have a place in the FA Cup.

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 previous games on 14 March, so we've included those in this review alongside other games around the date, to reflect on our fortunes over the years....

14 March 2009

Tuffley Rovers visited DRG Stapleton, who they had defeated 10-0 in the reverse tie four months earlier, but it was the hosts who came out on top, enabling them to move off the bottom of the table for the first time during the 2008/09 season with a 3 – 2 win.

In the 44th minute a Ricky Bishop free-kick was slotted home by Clinton Wilson to give the home side the lead and they went 2–0 up in the 59th minute when Wilson won a 50/50 challenge with the Tuffley keeper and the ball running loose to substitute Conrad Mignott to fire home from 25 yards.

Rovers hit back with two goals in two minutes, both from Chris Lee, the first after 67 minutes when he turned in a cross from the right, then two minutes later when he was put clear to slot past the keeper.

Tuffley almost took the lead when Mark Wallington's 40 yard drive rattled the DRG post, but it was DRG who snatched the winner in the 85th minute, when the Tuffley defence failed to clear their lines and Mignott poked the ball over the keeper into the net.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Martin Middlecote; Lee Wallington; Daniel Gillespie; Patrick Boyd; Mark Wallington; Stuart Griffith; Warren Mann; Richard Stevenson; Robert Cook; Robbie Foran. **Subs used:** Marcus Foxwell; Christopher Lee.

13 March 2010

Tuffley Rovers followed up their 4-0 success over Taverners in midweek, with a 2-0 win at Berkeley Town in the Gloucestershire County League.

The visitors opened the scoring two minutes before the break, when Eddie Weyman forced the ball home from close range following a corner. In the 58th minute Weyman was on target again as he drove the ball in from just inside the box.

Rovers should have made it 3-0 on 65 minutes from the penalty spot, but Victor Webb missed for the second time in a week and the game ended without any further score.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Marcus Foxwell; Lee Wallington; Ashley Davies; Richard James; Mark Wallington; Leone Cornwall; Warren Mann; Victor Webb; Daniel Wallington; Edward Weyman. **Subs used:** Ollie Everitt; Stuart Griffith; Mark Ford.

15 March 2011

In a game under floodlights at Glevum Park Tuffley Rovers ran out 4-3 winners against Hanham Athletic, as goals from Neil Griffiths, Scott Jones and two from Richard James secured the points by the odd goal in seven.

The game came a week after Rovers' triumph in their County Cup semi-final against Lydney Town and was the perfect recovery form a 3-1 defeat on their last Gloucestershire County League outing against Yate Town Reserves.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Marcus Foxwell; Mark Pritchett; Richard James; Neil Griffiths; Martin Middlecote; Jon Corbett; Kyle Kennedy; Scott Jones; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Lee Wallington; Jamie Harper; Ben Surman.

12 March 2013

Tuffley Rovers hosted Frampton United in a midweek Gloucestershire County League fixture and came away with a much needed three points, as they won 3-0 courtesy of goals from Dorian Colling, Richard James and Marcus Foxwell.

It was a first win in three for Rovers, who had seen consecutive draws since their last victory over Thornbury Town three weeks earlier, and extended their lead at the top of the table to five points.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Elliot King; Michael Oakes; Marcus Foxwell; Leone Cornwall; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Richard James; Nathen King; Dorian Colling; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Stuart Griffith; Lee Brinkworth.

14 March 2015

Marcus Foxwell scored a penalty, and the only goal of the game, to help Tuffley Rovers secure all three points at home to Tytherington Rocks, making it thirteen league games unbeaten in the process, as Warren Evans' side kept up their push for promotion from the UHSPORT Hellenic League Division One (West).

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Ashley Davies; Sam Drew; Stuart Griffith; Jordan Dowdeswell; Warren Mann; Shayne Bradley; Jordan Fletcher; Brett James. **Subs used:** Mark Ford; Courtney Hamilton; Kieran Tracey.

14 March 2023

Lydney Town scored a late, late equaliser from the penalty spot to deny Tuffley Rovers all three points under the floodlights at the Lydney Recreation Ground.

Rovers took a depleted, injury hit squad to Lydney three days after a fantastic victory at Westfields, where Dan Lander had scored the winner in a 1-0 victory, and Yesh Lomotey's first half goal, a header from a recycled corner kick, gave Rovers the lead on 12 minutes.

Neil Mustoe's side battled hard - with the patched-up side defending heroically - but almost constant Lydney pressure eventually saw the hosts equalise. By the time Dan Lander was adjudged to have handled the ball off the Rovers line, resulting in his dismissal (a stark contrast to his exploits a few days earlier), Mustoe himself had entered the fray in a midfield role but a penalty for Town that was despatched by Lucas Vaughan made it 1-1.

Squad: Luke Merchant; Sammie Hicks; Ryley Mace; Kieran Squires; Dan Lander; Mark Pritchett; Warren Mann; Dominik Kent; Ryan Dobbins; Yeshaya Lomotey; Daniel Beasley. **Subs used:** Callum McGuirk; Kian Maher-Goldsmith; Neil Mustoe.

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Jamie Creed	10
Brad Bevan	11
Joe Shyamapant	12
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Ellis Mayo	19
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