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FROM THE EDITOR



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

I'll reflect on last season first. A dreadful last day momentarily took the gloss off but a period of reflection tells me that we had a really positive 2025/26 campaign and have plenty to have been proud of over the 10 month of the season. You can reflect on this courtesy of a 2025/26 season review in this edition of the programme.

The good news is that we've retained the majority of our players and added some decent players (and good lads, on the face of it), with Jacob Eakers, Zak Ben Ali, Will Dijahou-Nsangou, Leighton Blacker and Raiyan Ahmed all impressing at points during our pre-season campaign.

For the second consecutive season we had a large crowd here for a pre-season game against Gloucester City, which was a good evening for the club, and although results have been mixed (as have performances) a 5-2 win against Bromyard Town in our last outing, saw us ended on a high. Results aren't the important thing in pre-season, of course.

Today we start our 2026/27 season with the visit of Cirencester Town, who reached the play-offs last season and I am sure they will be looking to achieve at least that, if not win the title, as they go into this new season. In contrast to our squad, they seem to have undergone something of an overhaul since last season, with a number of new players moving in, notably several from Fairford Town.

Talking of which, we travel to Fairford next Tuesday, before we have a really tough looking Emirates FA Cup tie at Swindon Supermarine on Saturday. If we can come away from those initial fixtures with a couple of positive results I am sure that we can look at that as a positive position, with many tough games ahead of us!

As I've said before, the support of our home crowd – and everyone backing us on the road – will be vital this season. Thank you to everyone who is behind us and backing the club. I hope that Muzzy and his squad can deliver results and performances you can be proud of.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

Neil

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Saturday, 1 August 2026

Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Bradford Town v Cinderford Town

Fairford Town v Mangotsfield United

Hallen v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Hereford Pegasus v Cribbs

Longlevens v Pershore Town

Malmesbury Victoria v Westfields

Roman Glass St George v Droitwich Spa

Stourport Swifts v Corsham Town

Thornbury Town v Highworth Town

Tuffley Rovers v Cirencester Town

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Glevum Park for the opening fixture of the 2026–27 Hellenic Premier Division season.

Firstly, a warm welcome to our visitors from Cirencester Town, including their supporters, committee, management team and players. It appears they have enjoyed a strong recruitment campaign over the off-season and, in my view, are one of the frontrunners for the title this season. I would also like to extend a welcome to today's match officials, who will hopefully oversee an entertaining game.

As always, there is a great deal happening behind the scenes between the end of one season and the start of another. Much of this hard work goes unnoticed, so I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who have supported the club in so many ways over the past few months. Everyone is aware that the weather is rarely in a club's favour unless there is an artificial playing surface or an efficient watering system. Clubs invest thousands of pounds each year in maintaining their pitches, and the recent conditions have certainly made that task more difficult. You only need to look at photos and videos from matches across the country to see the impact of the dry spell, with many pitches looking more like beaches than football fields.

We have also seen changes at our own club over the summer, with two new management teams joining our Stroud League squads and several new committee roles being filled. I am confident these changes will bring fresh ideas and help move the club forward. It has been encouraging to see the majority of the first-team squad retained, alongside several new faces joining ahead of the season. I believe we still need another three or four players, but with "silly season" beginning to settle down, I expect supporters will see more signings announced over the coming weeks.

Over the off-season, we have been fortunate to retain the majority of our loyal commercial partners while also welcoming several new ones. Without their support, running a football club becomes even more challenging than it already is, so a huge thank you to each of them.

If you are interested in our corporate packages, details can be found in the bar, alongside information about our new VIP membership package.

I hope you all enjoy the football and hospitality here today, and I wish you a safe journey home.

Thanks,

Dan

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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) and has overseen an improvement in each season since that time, culminating in a 10th place finish at the end of the 2025/26 season.

FROM THE MANAGER



Good afternoon and welcome to all players, management, supporters and today's visitors from Cirencester Town FC.

It seems like only yesterday that last season finished, yet here we are at the start of another campaign – my fifth full season as manager. I can honestly say that, with one thing and another both on and off the pitch, this has been the toughest pre-season I've experienced.

We've been in a reasonable position with our recruitment, thanks to retaining a strong core of 12 or 13 players from last season. We did lose two players to a higher level, and I'd like to wish both Jorrel and Sam every success. They thoroughly deserve their opportunity.

People often say you should never judge a pre-season by the results, and let's hope that's true in our case. It's been a mixed pre-season for a variety of reasons. We all know holidays are part of this time of year, so full credit must go to the core group of players who have maintained their commitment throughout.

If I'm honest, it's also been frustrating. Tuffley should be a club that players want to join and see as a step up. However, the modern game seems to have created a reluctance among some players to fully commit, with many waiting and hoping that another opportunity comes along. Too many appear comfortable staying in their comfort zone rather than challenging themselves to play at a higher level.

Today's opponents have recruited well, adding some familiar faces from nearby Fairford, along with several other quality additions. I'm sure they'll have promotion ambitions this season, so we're expecting a very tough afternoon.

We have ambitions of our own. Since I've been here, we've improved year on year, and that's something we're determined to continue. We know, though, that this league has become even stronger, with several clubs looking capable of building on last season.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who has already sponsored a player, sponsored a match or supported the club in any way before the season has even begun. Your backing means a huge amount. Whether you're a paying supporter, volunteer, sponsor or someone who simply gives up your time to help the club, your contribution is massively appreciated by myself, the players and everyone at Tuffley Rovers.

Let's hope we can get the season off to a positive start this afternoon and build the foundations for another successful campaign.

Enjoy the game.

Muzzy





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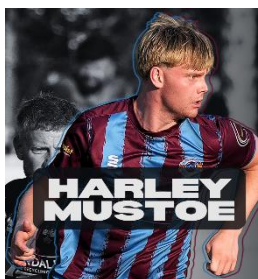
HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Final table 2025/26 season

Overall																						
Home											Away											
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS			
1	Slimbridge	38	14	2	3	48	24	12	1	6	46	27	26	3	9	94	51	43	81			
2	Roman Glass St George	38	15	1	3	48	19	9	4	6	38	32	24	5	9	86	51	35	77			
3	Droitwich Spa	38	14	2	3	50	25	9	5	5	35	32	23	7	8	85	57	28	76			
4	Cirencester Town	38	11	2	6	48	26	10	5	4	35	23	21	7	10	83	49	34	70			
5	Worcester Raiders	38	11	3	5	41	24	10	4	5	32	23	21	7	10	73	47	26	70			
6	Corsham Town	38	11	6	2	32	20	8	1	10	32	32	19	7	12	64	52	12	64			
7	Fairford Town	38	7	8	4	23	18	11	1	7	34	22	18	9	11	57	40	17	63			
8	Cinderford Town	38	9	6	4	41	26	9	2	8	30	28	18	8	12	71	54	17	62			
9	Hereford Pegasus	38	7	2	10	34	40	8	4	7	38	39	15	6	17	72	79	-7	51			
10	Tuffley Rovers	38	10	1	8	37	29	5	5	9	25	40	15	6	17	62	69	-7	51			
11	Longlevens AFC	38	10	2	7	34	20	4	6	9	27	31	14	8	16	61	51	10	50			
12	Highworth Town	38	8	5	6	27	21	5	3	11	22	30	13	8	17	49	51	-2	47			
13	Mangotsfield United	38	7	4	8	30	32	5	7	7	20	26	12	11	15	50	58	-8	47			
14	Westfields	38	8	3	8	35	35	5	3	11	16	40	13	6	19	51	75	-24	45			
15	Hallen	38	8	4	7	34	27	2	7	10	17	34	10	11	17	51	61	-10	41			
16	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	38	7	5	7	28	31	3	4	12	23	46	10	9	19	51	77	-26	39			
17	Thornbury Town	38	3	10	6	24	29	5	3	11	19	37	8	13	17	43	66	-23	37			
18	Pershore Town	38	4	4	11	18	33	5	4	10	20	35	9	8	21	38	68	-30	35			
19	Cribbs	38	3	6	10	22	32	3	6	10	19	41	6	12	20	41	73	-32	30			
20	Lydney Town	38	5	3	11	23	32	1	4	14	15	59	6	7	25	38	91	-53	25			

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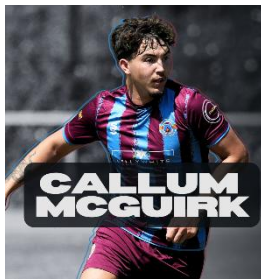




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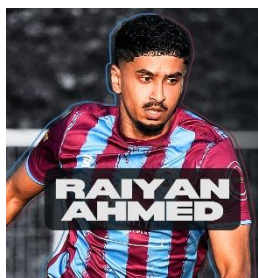
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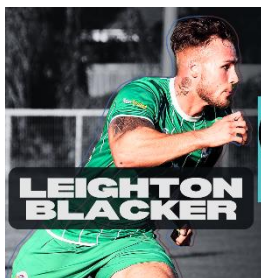
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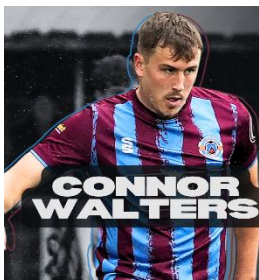
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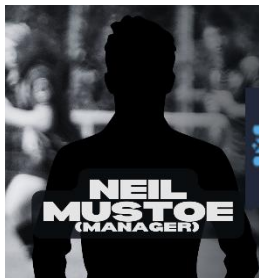
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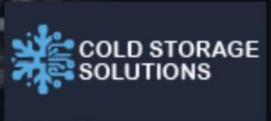
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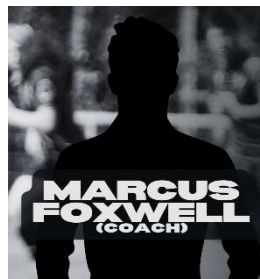
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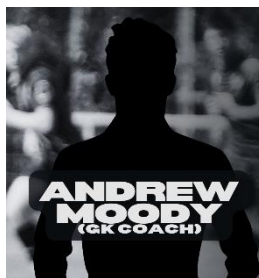
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Half-time Quiz: Break for five

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 season openers!

1. When the Premier League launched on 15 August 1992 there was a surprise defeat for Manchester United, who were beaten by Sheffield United. Who is the player pictured, who scored the first ever Premier League goal on that day?
2. We've just had a World Cup Finals tournament and in 1982 the opening day of the First Division season came shortly after the World Cup in Spain. Which England player, who had made his last international appearance in the tournament made his debut for Second Division Newcastle United on that day?
3. Which former Netherlands international player made his Premier League managerial debut on the opening day of the 2017/18 season but lasted just four league games (and ten weeks) before being sacked by Crystal Palace?
4. Which London club have won more opening day/weekend fixtures since the inception of the Premier League, with 20 wins from a possible 34 games since 1992/93?
5. The players pictured have scored the four fastest opening day, top flight goals since the beginning of the 1971/72 season. Can you name them all and put them in order of the fastest goal(s)? To help you, the goals came after 12 seconds, 13 seconds, 20 seconds and 25 seconds.



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

Quiz answers: Brian Deane; (2) Kevin Keegan; (3) Frank De Boer; (4) Chelsea; (5) The players, in order of the fastest goal are (c) Mark Viduka, (d) Kevin Nolan, (b) Alan Shearer and (a) Frank Worthington.

Statistics 2025/26

Competition

Uhtsport 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	1	2	3	4					
02/Aug	3pm	Hartpur FC	FAC	A	2-1	104	C Warrington, O Barnes (pen)	1	2	3	4					
09/Aug	3pm	Fairford Town		H	3-1	129	H Mustoe, K Chambers (2)	1	12	3	4					
12/Aug	7:45pm	Mangotsfield United		H	1-3	140	K Alder	1	12	3						
16/Aug	3pm	Flackwell Heath	FAC	A	0-1	210	-	1	19	3	4					
19/Aug	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		H	2-0	136	J Creed (2)	1	2	3	4					
23/Aug	3pm	Longlevens	FAV	H	0-2	206	-	1	16	3						
25/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		A	1-0	310	K Chambers	1	2	3	4					
30/Aug	3pm	Thornbury Town		H	1-2	87	M Herbert		2	3	4					
06/Sep	3pm	Corsham Town		A	0-1	140	-	1	2	3	4					
09/Sep	7:45pm	Lydney Town		A	4-1	127	O Barnes (2), P Mason, J Creed	1		3						
13/Sep	3pm	Pershore Town		H	1-2	103	C Walters	1	U	4						
20/Sep	3pm	Westfields		A	2-7	112	O Barnes (pen), C Warrington	1	U	3						
27/Sep	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A	2-1	85	K Chambers, J Creed	1	15	3	4					
04/Oct	3pm	Cirencester Town		H	0-2	117	-	1	2	3	4					
11/Oct	3pm	Roman Glass St George		H	2-3	103	G Valenti, H Mustoe		2	3	16					
18/Oct	3pm	Mangotsfield United		A	1-2	230	K Chambers	1	2	3	4					
25/Oct	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		A	0-0	121	-		2	3	U					
28/Oct	7:45pm	Slimbridge		A	0-3	174	-		2	3						
08/Nov	3pm	Cirencester Town		A	0-3	158	-		2	3	4					
11/Nov	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	GFA	A	2-3	55	H Mustoe, K Alder		2	3						
15/Nov	3pm	Highworth Town		H	2-1	101	B Bevan, K Chambers (pen)		2		3					
18/Nov	7:45pm	Eversley & California Reserves	HLCC	H	H-W	-	-									
22/Nov	3pm	Fairford Town		A	1-1	120	K Chambers		2	U	3					
25/Nov	7:45pm	Shortwood United	WLFC	A	3-2	44	G Valenti, C Warrington, C Walters		2	3						
29/Nov	3pm	Droitwich Spa		A	1-1	149	K Alder		2	16	3					
06/Dec	3pm	Worcester Raiders		H	4-0	90	B Bevan (2), K Alder (2)		2	16	3					
13/Dec	3pm	Droitwich Spa	HLCC	H	2-1	83	K Alder, K Chambers		2	16	3					
20/Dec	3pm	Lydney Town		H	3-0	149	C Warrington, H Mustoe, K Chambers (pen)		2	3	5					
27/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		H	1-2	253	S Kelly		2	U	3					
2026																
03/Jan	3pm	Thornbury Town		A	3-3	153	O.G., E Clifford, O.G.		2	3	5					
10/Jan	3pm	Cinderford Town		H	2-2	172	J Sanniola, P Mason		2	3	5					
17/Jan	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H	2-3	118	K Chambers, G Valenti		2	3	5					
20/Jan	7:45pm	Cribbs FC	WLFC	H	3-4	52	P Mason, K Alder (2)		2	3						
24/Jan	2pm	Highworth Town		A	2-3	105	C Warrington, G Valenti		2	3	4					
31/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town		H	3-2	137	O.G., K Chambers (2)			2	3	4				
14/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town		A	3-0	75	K Chambers, P Mason, E Simpson	U	15	3	4					
21/Feb	3pm	Westfields		H	1-0	115	J Creed		3		4					
28/Feb	3pm	Worcester Raiders		A	3-2	145	S Kelly, H Mustoe (pen), K Alder		3	U	4					
07/Mar	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A	1-2	67	B Bevan		3	17	4					
14/Mar	3pm	Droitwich Spa		H	3-2	141	K Chambers (2), H Mustoe		U	3	4					
24/Mar	7:45pm	Hallen		A	0-3	42	-				3	4				
04/Apr	3pm	Cribbs FC		A	1-1	80	K Chambers			U	3	4				
06/Apr	3pm	Slimbridge		H	2-3	289	H Mustoe, K Chambers			U	3	4				
11/Apr	3pm	Hallen		H	2-0	169	C Warrington, K Chambers		15	3	4					
18/Apr	3pm	Cinderford Town		A	0-6	220	-		14	3	4					

TOTAL APPEARANCES	15	38	40	38
STARTS	15	30	36	35
SUBSTITUTE	0	8	4	1
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	1	5	3	1

Goalscorers

Karnell Chambers	19	Brad Bevan	4
Kieran Alder	9	Connor Walters	2
Harley Mustoe	8	O.G.	3
Corey Warrington	6	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

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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.

Callum McLean

Defence

Impressed at right-back upon signing for the 2025/26 season but has also shown promise playing a central defender, too. Defends well, ultra competitive and comfortable on the ball. Could be an important part of the squad in the 2026/27 season.

Zak Ben Ali

Defence

Right-back who joined the club in the summer. Very comfortable on the ball and likes to get forward. Also an option to play in the midfield.

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.

Dan Lander

Defence

A player who has not held down a regular place in the starting line-up but has been a constant presence in Neil Mustoe's squad for several seasons. Reliable and powerful centre-half.

Will Dijaha-Nsangou

Defence

Young defender who has joined from Slimbridge U18s and made some impressive performances in pre-season. Big, strong and calm on the ball. Looks to be a good signing, with the potential to develop. A genuine prospect.

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 100 appearances at left-back, with an occasional appearance as a centre-back. An improving and emerging talent, developing all the time.

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Mark Pritchett

Defence

A veteran who is now confined to the occasional appearance but shows the class of a player who 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.

Zak Jones

Defence/Midfield

Joined the club after making his Hellenic League debut at Brimscombe & Thrupp and excelled for the U18s. Versatile, good on the ball and has played Academy football. Became a regular squad member during 2025/26 so could this be his breakthrough year? Most likely to be an option at right-back but can also play higher up the field.

Harley Mustoe

Defence/Midfield

Had gained experience playing County League football for Hardwicke and then 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 or centre-back, looking equally comfortable and very accomplished. Young Player of the Year 2024/25 and Players' Player of the Year 2025/26.

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, usually sitting just in front of the back four. Played academy football during his earlier years, including a spell at Bristol City. Has become a vital part of the squad. Offers leadership in the heart of the team.

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 who has attracted plenty of attention from other clubs. Added goals to his game during 2025/26 and is emerging as a key part of the Rovers side, whether in a central role or wide.

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Preston Mason

Midfield

Former Forest Green Rovers Academy player signed from Hereford Pegasus early in the 2025/26 season. Diminutive figure who has been a great addition. Great feet and good energy and usually pops up with an occasional goal!

Warren Mann

Midfield

Our longest serving player with almost 550 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. Is returning to the first team squad this season after missing much of 25/26 after surgery on a serious injury.

Jacob Eakers

Midfield

New signing for 2026/27, joining from Brimscombe & Thrupp, after spells at Stonehouse Town and Gala Wilton. Will add a physical presence but is also good on the ball and has an eye for goal. Capable of playing in other roles if needed, his versatility will be welcome.

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, who is also a regular goalscorer. Previously with Neil Mustoe's U18s at Gloucester City reunited at Rovers. Our Vice Captain and a vital member of the squad.

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.

Leighton Blacker

Forward

New signing and a quick, powerful forward, capable of playing in a central role or out wide.

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He has previous Hellenic League experience, including spells at Slimbridge and Fairford Town. A great addition to our attacking line-up.

Connor Walters

Forward

Returning to the club for 2026/27 after a spell away at Stonehouse Town. A popular player who usually features out wide and is strong, quick footed and full of trickery. A welcome returnee who has played over 100 times for the club.

Raiyan Ahmed

Forward

A new signing and a great addition to the squad. Lightning face, skilful and an eye for goal. Has previous experience with Slimbridge, Westfields and Pershore Town and will offer a genuine attacking threat.

Neil Mustoe

Manager

Appointed as Manager in January 2022 and has overseen consistent improvement. Spent many years as a professional at Manchester United, Wigan Athletic, Cambridge United, Stevenage and Yeovil Town, before over 350 appearances for Gloucester City. A character in the dugout!

Liam O'Neill

Assistant Manager

Appointed as Assistant Manager in 2023, after a spell as Manager at Frampton United. 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, proving a popular member of the management team.

Andrew Moody

GK Coach

Joined in the 2025/26 season as our goalkeeping coach after previous experience with Shortwood United and other local clubs.

Marcus Foxwell

Coach

With over 300 first team appearances, Marcus has returned to the club as our U18s manager this season but will hold a dual role as first team coach, too. A Rovers legend!

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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Player Profiles

Connor Johns - Goalkeeper

Arguably one of the leagues' best goalkeepers and one of the first signings over the summer. The former Highworth and Fairford keeper is a great shot stopper who commands his area, and Marshalls his defence. A superb addition to the squad.

Ed Scott- Defender

Highly rated Centre back. Signed from Bishops Cleeve and impressed the Ciren Faithful with displays at the heart of the Centurions defense. Big, Strong, pacey and good on the ball. Another brilliant season at The Talent Hire Stadium last term

Adam Corcoran- Defender

Corks returns to the Talent Hire Stadium having come through our Academy system under the leadership of Steve Lwondes. After a few first team appearances in the Southern League, Adam played at Wootton Bassett and more recently Fairford Town FC. A big, strong commanding centre back who is equally as good on the deck with a great range of passing from out the back.

Elliot Keightley- Defender

His second season in the Cotswolds after previously playing at Worcester City FC. The former Hartpury student had a great season last term and can play anywhere across the back four. The tough tackling defender is an asset to the team and has had a great preseason.

Aidan Bennett - Midfielder/Striker

Mr Cirencester and Mr versatile. Comfortable on either foot with a powerful strike and scorer of some important goals over the years. Already over 500 appearances for The Centurions and entering his 15th season for the club. Can play any position and has played every position apart from in Goal.

Henry Birkett- Midfielder

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

Jack Horrell - Midfielder

Instrumental in midfield and totally reliable. The talented midfielder has a good football brain and a great array of passing and his experience in the middle of the park

Joe Turley- Midfielder

150 games for the Centurions and was a key player in our Southern League years. Hard working, never loses the ball and is instrumental in the middle of the park. The talented midfielder has a great engine and never stops working. Selfless for the team and covers every blade of grass.

Finley Bell - Midfielder

Rejoins Centurions after a brief spell with Melksham Town FC and Fairford Town last season. Very tricky and skilful player who can unlock defenses with a fantastic array of passing.

Jonty Welch – Midfielder

The former FGR and Slimbridge man had an impressive first season last term. A key figure in helping us reach the playoffs and chipped in with some important goals. Tenacious appetite and great ability on the ball, a key player for the Centurions.

Jayden Stratford – Midfielder/Striker

A big season ahead for this fantastic young talent. injury riddled last few seasons but the talent Jayden possesses can turn a game with his quick feet and pace - beats defenders with ease and has bright future ahead of him in the game.

Jamol Dare – Midfielder

Impressed during pre-season and signed on the dotted line after some brilliant displays. Formerly playing for Stonehouse Town last season. Exceptional pace, tricky and skilful winger

Harlie Price – Striker

Last seasons top scorer with an impressive 38 goals in 38 games wearing the famous red and black. A huge influence in our charge towards the playoffs last term, not only with his goals, but his link up plays and all-round game.

Sol Pryce - Striker

After 2 attempts to sign Sol last season, Jonah finally got his man. The big, strong, pacey frontman is a big signing for the Centurions, and he is a proven goals scorer at this level. Previously with Fairford Town FC

Rhys Wells – Striker

Joined halfway through last season and after some impressive displays, it's great to see the left footed midfielder stay with Ciren. Skilful and can unlock any defence with a single pass.

Management Team

James Mortimer-Jones- Manager

Jonah returns after injury ruled him out of last season. Jonah has a great knowledge of the game and will be looking to go one better this term after last season's play off disappointment. He has been busy throughout the summer assembling and strengthening the squad.

Sam Farr – Assistant Manager

Former CTFC player who graduated through our Academy. A great player in his day having played for our Development team and first team before making the step into the management game. A highly respected and liked leader who knows everyone! Sam will be a great asset to Jonah and Tom this season.

Tom Speers – 1st Team Coach

Tom managed at Slimbridge briefly during the 2022-23 season and is one of the most sought-after coaches around with experience in the UK but also abroad having coached in Australia. A highly rated coach with bags of experience and attention to detail is second to none.

Mike Alexander – GK Coach

Big Mike joined recently and is a brilliant coach. A great keeper in his playing days, but now one of the best GK coaches around and another great acquisition to the club.

CIRENCESTER TOWN

CLUB HISTORY



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2026-2027 A successful season saw the Centurions finish 4th in the league and a semi final loss in the play offs to Droitwich Spa ended the campaign.



THAT WAS THE SEASON THAT WAS...

a look back at the 2025/26 season



It has become customary for our first programme of the new season to devote a couple of pages to reviewing the previous year at The Rovers. Today we look back at 2025/26 – Neil Mustoe's fourth full campaign at the helm.

July / August 2025

The final Tuesday of July saw Rovers host Cribbs FC, who had been relegated from the Southern League the previous season, and Neil Mustoe's side got off to a fantastic start, as goals from Harley Mustoe and Karnell Chambers took them to a 2-1 win.



That was followed up, four days later with an Emirates FA Cup win over a team promoted into the Southern League, with a 2-1 win away at Hartpury FC, with Oli Barnes getting the decisive goal.

By 9 August it was three consecutive wins, with a 2-1 victory at home against Fairford Town but the momentum quickly reversed, as consecutive defeats at home to Mangotsfield United and away to Flackwell Heath in the FA Cup followed.

Mustoe's side did then recover their poise, as Jamie Creed scored twice in a win at home against Hereford Pegasus, although that was followed by the disappointment of an Isuzu FA Vase defeat at home against Longlevens. Two days later, Rovers travelled to Longlevens and won their Premier Division game 1-0 courtesy of a Karnell Chambers goal.

The month then ended in disappointment as Thornbury Town left Glevum Park with all three points in a 2-1 defeat.

September 2025

The first game of September brought a narrow defeat away at Corsham Town, although a 4-1 win against Lydney Town brought solace quickly. Consecutive league defeats then followed, as Pershore Town and Westfields took their chances – the Herefordshire club thumping Mustoe's side 7-2 at Allpay Park on 20 September. There was a positive end to the month, with a 2-1 win away at Royal Wootton Bassett Town; Creed and Chambers the scorers on the day.



October 2025

October offered initial disappointment, with a 2-0 home defeat against Cirencester Town and it got worse with consecutive defeats against Roman Glass St George and Mangotsfield United.

A creditable 0-0 draw at Hereford Pegasus followed, with debutant keeper Tom Kaye putting in a man-of-the-match performance, but a midweek defeat at Slimbridge dampened the mood.

November 2025

On 8 November Rovers suffered a 3-0 loss at Cirencester Town and then conceded 3 goals again in a 3-2 defeat away at Cheltenham Saracens in the Gloucestershire FA Challenge Trophy, a game played out in horrendous weather.

The middle of the month saw positive change in momentum, as Rovers won 2-1 at home against Highworth Town and then only denied a win away at Fairford Town by a late equaliser for the hosts from the penalty spot.



With the month ending with a Floodlit Cup win away at Shortwood United and a 1-1 draw at high-flying Droitwich Spa, November had been a positive month after a poor start.

December 2025

December brought three excellent results – wins against Worcester Raiders, Droitwich Spa (in the Hellenic League Challenge Cup) and Lydney Town – but the month (and year) ended on a low point, as Longlevens continued their excellent run of results against Rovers, leaving Glevum Park with a 2-1 win in the 27 December fixture.



January 2026

The New Year started with two creditable draws (3-3 v Thornbury Town and 2-2 v Cinderford Town) before a disappointing 3-2 defeat against Royal Wootton Bassett Town at Glevum Park. Worse was to follow as another cup fixture played out in a gale force wind and torrential rain ended with Rovers succumbing to a Floodlit Cup defeat against league strugglers Cribbs FC, who left with a 4-3 win.



A 3-2 reverse against Highworth Town, who scored a 95th minute winner, was then followed by a 3-2 win against Corsham Town on 31 January 2026, with an own goal and a brace from Karnell Chambers ultimately securing the points for Rovers.

February 2026

By the end of February Rovers had secured a team of the month award (Hellenic League Premier Division) courtesy of three wins from three, with Pershore Town (3-0), Westfields (1-0) and Worcester Raiders (3-2) the victims of some excellent displays by the team in claret and blue. Interestingly, the three wins featured seven different goalscorers from seven goals scored.

March 2026

The month of March saw two games played, with sharply contrasting displays and results. The trip to title challengers Roman Glass St George ended with a very disappointing 2-1 defeat but if there was ever a suitable riposte Rovers delivered it with a tremendous 3-2 home win over another promotion hopeful, Droitwich Spa, courtesy of another Chambers brace and a goal from Harley Mustoe.

April 2026

The final four games of the season came in April 2026 and a dreadful second half performance saw Rovers drop two points at relegation threatened Cribbs FC, after they had led 1-0, then put in a hardworking but ultimately vain effort at home against Slimbridge, who secured the league title with a 3-2 win as Rovers conceded another late, late goal to go down by a single goal margin.



When Hallen visited for the final home game of 2025/26, Rovers were the better side in a 2-0 win, but the month and the season ended in real disappointment as a final day thumping at Cinderford Town took some of the gloss of what should really have been a season of celebration, as Mustoe's squad ended the season with the best points haul and best league position since he came to the helm.

That was the season that was 2025/26.





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Up to and including the end of the 2025/26 season (includes selected list of former players)

Another season where stability has been the order of pre-season and although we're delighted to add players like Jacob Eakers, Will Dijaha-Nsangou, Zak Ben Ali, Leighton Blacker and Raiyan Ahmed to the fold, it is equally gratifying to see so many players stay with us...and someone like Connor Walters returning to Glevum Park.

Clubs can sometimes seem a little obsessed about announcing new signings but we have learnt over the past few years that stability is the path to improvement. We start this season having 11 players who have played 75 times or more for The Rovers returning to our squad for 2026/27, with several on course to reach milestone appearances in the coming months. Even Warren Mann (pictured on the day of his 500th appearance) is back for more!



Here's to another season of progress and plenty of milestones to celebrate along the way, I hope.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	210	50	Mason, Preston	27	4
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mayo, Ellis	3	0
Bevan, Bradley	107	15	McLean, Callum	38	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	McGuirk, Callum	162	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Merchant, Luke	171	0
Chambers, Karnell	105	58	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Clifford, Ellis	97	1	Mustoe, Harley	76	12
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Pritchett, Mark	224	29
Ford, Mark	164	61	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Sanniola, Jorell	18	1
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Simpson, Elijah	72	1
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Smith, Liam	107	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Herbert, Macaulay	345	11	Tyler, Deshay	1	0
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	78	6
Lander, Daniel	51	1	White, Joel	140	4
Mann, Warren	544	85	Wright, Liam	124	3

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.



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Jacob Eakers	2	Elliott Keightley
Ellis Clifford	3	Aiden Bennett
Callum McLean	4	Ed Scott
Elijah Simpson	5	Adam Corcoran
Callum McGuirk	6	Jack Horrell
Corey Warrington	7	Fin Bell
Kieran Alder	8	Joe Turley
Leighton Blacker	9	Harlie Price
Preston Mason	10	Sol Pryce
Raiyan Ahmed	11	Jayden Stratford
Connor Walters	12	Jamol Dare
Zak Ben Ali	14	Rhys Wells
Mark Pritchett	15	Henry Birkett
Zak Jones	16	Dan Hill
Will Dijaha-Nsangou	17	Jonty Welch
Harley Mustoe	18	Charlie McCrae
Karnell Chambers	19	Ben Lodge
Neil Mustoe	Manager	James Mortimer-Jones
Liam O'Neill	Assistant Manager	Sam Farr
Kayleigh Brown (Physio)	Other Occupants	Tom Speers (Coach)
Marcus Foxwell (Coach)		Mike Alexander (GK Coach)
Andrew Moody (GK Coach)		
Tim Hall (Coach)		
Matt Pearce (Analyst)		

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