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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 Longlevens. Welcome, also, to this afternoon's match officials.

As you may have read in the week, we aren't at Glevum Park today. Well, we are but now with naming rights secured we will be referring to our home ground as The R B Walters Estate Agents Stadium at Glevum Park. This is a historic and important moment for the club, as we secure a ground sponsorship for the first time and, as with all commercial deals, this brings vital investment into the club at a time when many local businesses and sports clubs are feeling the strain of the economic climate.

We hope that the three-year agreement we have achieved with Russ and Beth at R B Walters Estate Agents will also help the further growth of their award winning business. We will do all we can to help and support them in a way that reflects their help and support for our club. As our press release conveyed in the week – and as Dan alludes to in his programme notes – this felt like the right deal for the club and our sponsor, leading to a name change almost 50 years after we came to make this our home.

Another off the field development that is possibly noteworthy is the addition of two new committee volunteers who are already making a big impact. Alex Butler, or Butts, has moved from a role assisting Muzzy as part of the coaching team to an appointment as our Vice Chairman and he is already making a real difference in securing some additional sponsorship and exploring ways to positively impact our club development. Having someone who is helping with the things that aren't directly related to the playing side is massively important and a huge boost for the club.

Alongside Alex's appointment, another new committee member has found his way from the dugout to the boardroom, as Ritchie Warden begins his role as Deputy Head of Football Development, working alongside Ken Blackburn in looking at our football strategy, coaching philosophy and coordinating the playing side of the club. Ritchie was previously our U18s manager, after a spell as first team assistant manager, and like Butts is already making a real difference.

The growth of any club at our level is dependent on carefully balancing the on-field and off-field efforts, so that there is a solid foundation to support our ambitions. So far, this season has seen some really positive changes, both on and off the field, and we hope that Russ, Beth, Alex and Ritchie are all part of a growing Rovers family that will take us on to bigger and better things.

Today, I'll just settle for a good day on the field. Tomorrow I'll go back to considering our growth off the field.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

Neil

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FIXTURES

Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Tuesday, 31 August 2026

Fairford Town v Cirencester Town

Corsham Town v Bradford Town

Devizes Town v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Droitwich Spa v Stourport Swifts

Malmesbury Victoria v Mangotsfield United

Pershore Town v Cinderford Town

Roman Glass St George v Cribbs

Thornbury Town v Corsham Town

Tuffley Rovers v Longlevens

Westfields v Hereford Pegasus

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the newly re-named R B Walters Estate Agents Stadium at Glevum Park.

Firstly, welcome to the players, management team, committee, and supporters from Longlevens for what has become the traditional August Bank Holiday fixture. An extended welcome also goes to our match officials this afternoon.

I would like to begin by reflecting on the announcement earlier this week regarding our new ground partnership with R B Walters Estate Agents. As Neil Spiller noted in the press release, this is something we have considered for some time, and it was important that any partnership was the right fit for the club. We always wanted a partnership with strong local connections rather than a larger corporate organisation with no ties to either the club or the area. As a local business that has built a connection with the club over recent years, R B Walters felt like the perfect fit from the outset when Russ and Beth approached us about the opportunity. A huge thank you to them both for their support through this partnership.

Turning to on-field matters (and I am writing these notes prior to our game against Roman Glass on Saturday, so circumstances may have changed slightly by the time you read them), we have enjoyed a strong start to the season, with the away win against Bradford Town leaving us second in the league. While no one wins the league in August, the positive start has created a real buzz around the club and lifted spirits considerably.

I must also mention our 3-0 victory over Hereford Pegasus, which was, in my view, the best performance I can remember from any of Muzzy's squads over the years. Everyone at the ground that evening seemed to share that opinion. This league remains as competitive as ever, with any team capable of beating another regardless of league position. I believe that will be even more evident this season, and there does not appear to be a side already destined for relegation based on early results. The standard continues to rise each year, which makes the competition all the more exciting for everyone involved.

Our Reserves have also started the season well and will face Wickwar Wanderers in the Reg Davis Memorial Cup semi-final at Saw Mills on Wednesday evening, with a 7:30pm kick-off. At the same time, our U18s will be in FA Youth Cup action away to Thornbury Town, giving committee members and supporters a difficult choice of which match to attend. I am sure everyone will join me in wishing both teams every success in their respective cup ties.

I hope everyone enjoys the game 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, officials and supporters from Longlevens.

Historically this has not been a fixture where Tuffley Rovers has had much success and I was told over the weekend that the Boxing Day game here in 2016 was our last victory against Longlevens in a home fixture!

The law of averages means this has to change at some point but we can't rely on averages like that and have to do all the right things we have already been doing this season, that have helped us to earn our ten points so far from our first six games. What we have done thus far is work hard and we have to replicate that, so that we earn anything we get today, rather than rely on chance or averages. Hopefully we will get a bumper crowd here today and a game of football you can enjoy.

Having had two games over the weekend and a busy season, to date, we will have a few fresh faces added to the side today, especially after we picked up a few more knocks on Saturday to add to our current injuries. None of the injuries appear to be major and all being well those players will be back soon and help give the team and squad a bit more depth, which we can use to push on with our season's ambitions.

Thanks for your support. I hope you enjoy the game.

Muzzy





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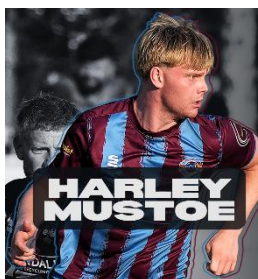
HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 29 August 2026

		Home						Away						Overall					
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Westfields	5	2	0	0	7	0	2	0	1	6	6	4	0	1	13	6	7	12
2	Roman Glass St George	4	3	0	0	6	1	1	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	8	1	7	12
3	Hereford Pegasus	5	3	0	0	7	3	1	0	1	1	3	4	0	1	8	6	2	12
4	Cinderford Town	6	1	2	0	8	4	2	0	1	5	5	3	2	1	13	9	4	11
5	Tuffley Rovers	6	1	0	1	4	2	2	1	1	8	7	3	1	2	12	9	3	10
6	Corsham Town	6	1	1	1	5	5	2	0	1	6	7	3	1	2	11	12	-1	10
7	Thornbury Town	4	2	0	0	6	1	1	0	1	2	6	3	0	1	8	7	1	9
8	Cirencester Town	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	6	3	2	2	0	6	3	3	8
9	Mangotsfield United	4	2	0	0	6	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	6	2	4	7
10	Pershore Town 88	4	2	0	0	7	2	0	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	8	5	3	7
11	Fairford Town	4	2	1	1	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	5	5	0	7
12	Bradford Town	5	1	0	2	2	3	1	0	1	6	4	2	0	3	8	7	1	6
13	Malmesbury Victoria	5	2	0	2	9	7	0	0	1	1	4	2	0	3	10	11	-1	6
14	Stourport Swifts	4	1	1	1	5	3	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	2	6	6	0	4
15	Devizes Town	3	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	2	5	5	0	3
16	Highworth Town	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	11	0	2	3	5	11	-6	2
17	Longlevens	5	0	2	2	3	6	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	3	3	9	-6	2
18	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	5	0	0	2	1	6	0	2	1	2	3	0	2	3	3	9	-6	2
19	Hallen	5	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	2	12	0	2	3	3	13	-10	2
20	Droitwich Spa	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	3	-2	1
21	Cribbs	4	0	0	1	3	4	0	1	2	3	5	0	1	3	6	9	-3	1

Player Sponsorships 2026/27

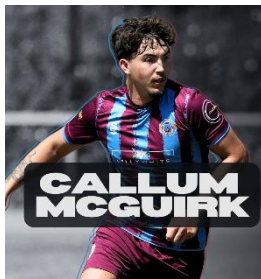




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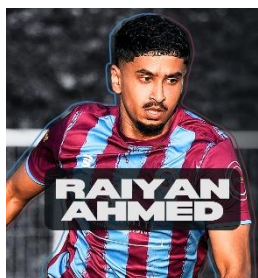
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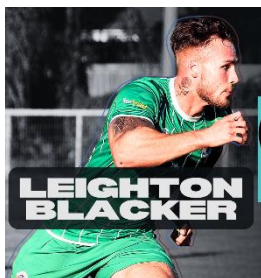
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Half-time Quiz: Break for five

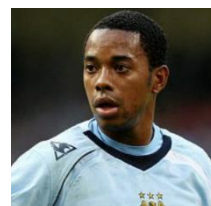
Grab a cup of tea and something to eat, then spend the five minutes of your half-time break trying to answer these questions. As ever, there is a theme and today all the questions are about famous football transfers, given that deadline day is almost upon us in the professional game!

1. We'll start with a transfer that didn't happen. Who is the man pictured who appeared at Queens Park Rangers' ground on deadline day in January 2013 only to find out that his move from West Bromwich Albion was not going ahead?



2. Which current Premier League player set the record for a deadline day transfer involving an English club when he moved from Benfica to Chelsea in January 2023 for £107M?

3. When Robinho (pictured) completed a deadline day transfer to Manchester City on deadline day in 2008, how much did he cost City (£) and from which club did he transfer?



4. According to FootballTransfers.com the highest level of spend by Premier League clubs in a summer transfer window was in 2025. How much was spent in total during the window, to the nearest billion £s?
5. The first ever modern day transfer window was introduced for the 2002/03 season and all four of the players pictured below moved clubs during the window. Can you name each of the players? Give yourself a bonus point or two if you can remember which clubs they moved between.



(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

Quiz answers: (1) Peter Odemwingie; (2) Enzo Fernandez; (3) £32.5M from Real Madrid; (4) The total was £3.14BN, so the correct answer is £3BN; (5) (a) El Hadji Diouf, Lens to Liverpool; (b) Ronny Johnsen, Manchester United to Aston Villa; (c) Lee Bowyer, Leeds United to West Ham United; (d) George Boateng, Aston Villa to Middlesbrough.

Statistics 2026/27

Competition

Uhlsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

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

HLCC = Hellenic League Challenge Cup:

WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

Att	Scorers
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2026

01/Aug	3pm	Cirencester Town	H	1-2	160	K Alder	1	2	3
04/Aug	7:45pm	Fairford Town	A	2-2	127	T Browne, R Ahmed	1	7	
08/Aug	3pm	Swindon Supermarine	FAC	A	1-3	256	C Walters (pen)	1	11
15/Aug	3pm	Corsham Town	A	4-1	121	C Walters (2), R Williams, C Warrington	1	11	
18/Aug	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus	H	3-0	121	P Mason, C Walters, L Blacker	1	11	
22/Aug	3pm	Bradford Town	A	1-0	153	L Blacker	1	11	
29/Aug	3pm	Roman Glass St George	A	1-4	85	P Mason		11	
31/Aug	3pm	Longlevens	H						
05/Sep	3pm	Hallen	H						
12/Sep	3pm	Welton Rovers	FAV2Q	A					
15/Sep	7:45pm	Westfields	A						
19/Sep	3pm	Thornbury Town	A						
29/Sep	7:45pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	H						
03/Oct	3pm	Droitwich Spa	H						
10/Oct	3pm	Devizes Town	A						
13/Oct	7:45pm	Cinderford Town	A						
17/Oct	3pm	Pershore Town	H						
20/Oct	7:45pm	Stourport Swifts	A						
24/Oct	3pm	Mangotsfield United	H						
10/Nov	7:45pm	Shortwood United	GFA	H					
14/Nov	3pm	Hallen	A						
21/Nov	3pm	Roman Glass St George	H						
28/Nov	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria	H						
12/Dec	7:45pm	Bradford Town	H						
15/Dec	3pm	Highworth Town	A						
26/Dec	3pm	Longlevens	A						
2027									
02/Jan	3pm	Cribbs FC	H						
09/Jan	3pm	Mangotsfield United	A						
16/Jan	3pm	Stourport Swifts	H						
30/Jan	3pm	Fairford Town	H						
06/Feb	3pm	Cirencester Town	A						
20/Feb	3pm	Hereford Pegasus	A						
27/Feb	3pm	Cinderford Town	H						
02/Mar	7:45pm	Malmesbury Victoria	A						
06/Mar	3pm	Corsham Town	H						
09/Mar	7:45pm	Westfields	H						
13/Mar	3pm	Droitwich Spa	A						
20/Mar	3pm	Cribbs FC	A						
29/Mar	3pm	Thornbury Town	H						
03/Apr	3pm	Pershore Town	A						
10/Apr	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	A						
17/Apr	3pm	Devizes Town	H						
24/Apr	3pm	Highworth Town	H						
TOTAL APPEARANCES							6	7	1
STARTS							6	7	1
SUBSTITUTE							0	0	0
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE							0	0	0

	
Goalscorers	
Connor Walters	4
Leighton Blacker	2
Preston Mason	2
Kieran Alder	1
Theo Browne	1
Raiyan Ahmed	1
Ryan Williams	1
Corey Warrington	1

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Luke Merchant

Goalkeeper

Club captain who returned to the club in the 2022/23 season, after a 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. An important part of the squad this season.

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.

Eddie Lewis

Defence

Joined on a short-term dual registration from Malvern Town last season, having come through the Cheltenham Town Academy and had previous spells with other local clubs, including Lydney Town. A terrific option at right-back, having re-joined this season, offering attacking and defensive capability.

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.

Ryan Williams

Defence

Signed from Slimbridge, adding a powerful presence and calmness on the ball to the Rovers defence. Previously with Rovers as a wide player in the mid-2010s before converting to a central defender during a spells in Wales.

2026/27 PLAYER PROFILES

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.

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. 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 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.

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.

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.

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2026/27 PLAYER PROFILES

Callum McGuirk **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.

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! Has become an increasingly important part of the squad.

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.

Antonio Pirelli **Midfield**

Recent signing from Stonehouse Town, capable of playing anywhere down the left-hand side of the pitch. Good feet, rapid and has already shown glimpses of his talent. Looks to be a great signing based upon early performances.

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; a goalscorer at home wide or in the middle. Finished 24/25 as top scorer with over 20 goals.

Leighton Blacker **Forward**

New signing and a quick, powerful forward, capable of playing in a central role or out wide. 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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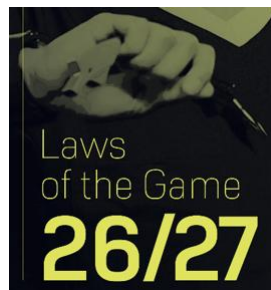
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IT IS THE LAW! A summary of changes for the 2026/27

If you watched the FIFA World Cup tournament over the summer and any of the games at Step 5 this season, you might have noticed some changes to the Laws of the Game but you might not have noticed them all, so we thought we'd include a brief summary of them for you this evening.

Note: This is a summary – the full changes can be viewed at [TheFA.com /football-rules-governance/lawsandrules/laws/football-11-11/law-changes-explained](https://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/lawsandrules/laws/football-11-11/law-changes-explained).



Substitutions

The substituted player must now leave the field within 10 seconds and at the nearest point to the boundary lines of the pitch, unless they are under 18 years of age, in which case they should leave via the technical area. Failure to leave within the 10 second limit could mean that the substitute due to enter play may be prevented from doing so for 1 minute.

There are some exceptions that can be applied by the referee (e.g. a player's injury clearly prevents them from leaving the field within that time) but the general amendment is that players have 10 seconds to leave the field of play.

Off field treatment and assessment

An outfield player is required to leave the field of play for one minute after the restart in the event of (i) play is stopped because the player has an actual or suspected injury; (ii) the referee has signalled for the medical staff to enter the field of play; or (iii) the referee has asked the player if they require on-field medical attention and the player has requested it.

If the injured player is substituted then this does not have to be delayed and the minute does not apply where there is a formal break in play (e.g. half-time). There are also some exceptions that can be applied, including where the injury involves a goalkeeper, where the player is injured as the result of a physical offence for which the opponent is cautioned or sent off, and when a penalty kick has been awarded and the injured player will be the kicker.

Throw-in and goal-kick protocol

When the referee determines that a throw-in/goal-kick is being deliberately delayed by the team taking the restart they may start a five-second countdown and if the ball is not in play at the end of the five second period they will award a throw-in to the opposing team (in the case of a throw-in being delayed) or a corner kick to the opposing team on the side of the field closest to where the goal-kick was to be taken.

Delay can include slowly retrieving the ball, taking up an incorrect position for a throw-in or putting the ball in an incorrect position for a goal-kick, not just the time taken once the player is ready (in a conventional sense).

LONGLEVENS **CLUB HISTORY**



The Club, in its current format, was founded in 1954. We initially played in the North Gloucestershire League, but currently we operate in the uhsport Hellenic League, the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and the Stroud and District League. Our ladies team operate in the Gloucestershire County Women's League.

In 2011-12, Gloucester City Council created a new football facility and we were fortunate enough to be offered the tenancy, which enabled us to make the step-up to the Gloucestershire County League as our facilities at our Club HQ could not be converted to 'make the grade'. At this point, we must give great credit to E. G. Carter and Company Limited, our major sponsors, because, without them, we could not have got Saw Mills up to the required standard.

In recent years the Club has expanded massively, and we now run five male adult sides, a Ladies side and a Veterans team, our Junior Section covers sides from U8s to U11s, from where players transfer into our Youth Sections to give us continuous cover from U8s through to Veterans. Two seasons ago, we introduced a girls' team and this section continues to expand.

We are recognised as a Two Star FA Accredited Club, the system that has replaced the previously used Charter Standard 'banner'. A special mention here to Dennis Barnsley who has done so much work in respect of the Youth Section, to our Chairman Mark Cornell and Treasurer Chris Trout for putting in so much work to make the expansion of the Junior/Youth Sections happen.

We had spent more than forty years trying to reach the Gloucestershire County League, but amazingly, within three years we had passed through it and gained promotion to the uhsport Hellenic League, having won the County League in 2013-14 and once again we were indebted to E. G. Carter and Company Limited for helping us upgrade Saw Mills to the required standard.

In 2014/15 we started another new phase for the Club, in Division One West of the uhsport Hellenic League and what a start! We won the Division at the first attempt, so after three consecutive titles and two consecutive promotions, we found ourselves in the Hellenic Premier Division and have

consolidated our position in that Division, which is no mean feat given that the majority of sides we play have a history and an infrastructure that is superior to ours.

In the 2021-22 season, we had our best ever experience in the FA Cup that culminated in us playing Gloucester City – a dream day out for the Club which will live long in the memory – but the past two seasons we were brought back to earth with exits from the FA Cup in the extra preliminary round.

The 2023-24 season saw a 16th place finish however the club did have the best FA Vase run reaching the second round after victories against Keynsham Town, Shortwood United and then a 430 mile round trip to Helston Athletic.

During the 2024-25 season, the club completed considerable upgrades to the ground at Saw Mills to comply with the new FA Stadium Accreditation scheme. This included a new 50-seater standard, covered terrace and fencing around the ground.

After 4 seasons at the helm, both Michael Palmer and Craig “Spider” Martin stepped down as co-managers having secured our Hellenic League Premier Division status on the last day of the 2024-25 season. Buster Davies and Pete Boyle were appointed as new managers for the 2025-26 season.

The 2025-26 season was a successful one for Buster and Pete’s first season. A solid 11th place finish in the league campaign was topped off with winning the Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup beating Hungerford Town U23s in the final. We were awarded the September and December uhsport Hellenic League Premier Division Team of the Month. At one point we were touching the play-off places however a heavy fixture schedule towards the end of the season due to the poor winter weather and our cup runs ultimately led to us tailing off and taking 11th spot.

For the 2026-27 season, Buster and Pete continue at the helm. Further ground improvements have been made over the summer to help with pitch drainage. We also have replaced our old metal halide floodlights with new LED ones.

Previously against today's opposition



Since both Longlevens and Rovers' promotion to the UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division for the start of the 2015/16 season, we have met them a total of XX times in all competitions. Prior to today's game Rovers have won x of the games, Longlevens x and x draws.

The first meeting between the clubs at this level, on **3 November 2015** ended in a 2-1 defeat for Rovers, with Ashley Davies scoring for Warren Evans' side at Sawmills. Later that same season, in the reverse fixture at Glevum Park on **15 March 2016**, the visitors won by the same scoreline, with Brett James the Rovers scorer in that defeat.

The first meeting of the 2016/17 season saw Rovers gain a modicum of revenge for the results in the previous season, as they triumphed 3-0 in a midweek game at Sawmills on **27 September 2016**, courtesy of goals from Davies, James and former Longlevens man Jack Overthrow. On **Boxing Day 2016** Rovers completed a league double over their visitors, with Warren Mann's goal the difference between the two teams.

During the next season (2017/18) there were three meetings between the two clubs, with a draw in the league game at Sawmills on **26 August 2017**, followed by Longlevens winning two games in four days, first as hosts in the Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup on **7 October 2017** (2-1) and then as visitors to Glevum Park on **10 October 2017** (1-0).

The 2018/19 saw an increase in the number of games played, as the two sides met twice in the Premier Division, as well as twice in the FA Vase, with all the games played out in little over a month. Warren Mann's penalty wasn't enough to help Rovers avoid a 2-1 defeat in a midweek game at Glevum Park on **14 August 2018** but Mark Pritchett's men gained revenge in the reverse league fixture on **5 September 2018**, as Paul Carter, Ashley Bird and Jake Rhodes scored in a 3-1 win at Sawmills.

Fate determined that the two sides would be drawn to play in the FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round that season, with the original tie finishing 0-0 on the evening of **14 September 2018** at Sawmills, Longlevens having been reduced to 9 men at one stage, before Rovers lost 1-0 in the replayed tie at Glevum Park on **18 September 2018**.

When the Covid-19 Pandemic ended the 2019/20 seson early, the two sides had met just once that season and Longlevens recorded another win, as goals from Dom Kent and Ross Langworthy weren't enough in a 3-2 defeat at Levens on **21 August 2019**.

Another disrupted season followed, with no league games between the sides, although they were drawn in the same group in the extended Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup, with the sides recording a win apiece. Jacob Geddes' goal proved the difference when the teams met at Sawmills on **21 April 2020** (1-0), before goals from Joe Shutt and James Sunley proved insufficient as Longlevens recorded a 3-2 win at Glevum Park on **24 April 2020**.

As far as League football was concerned, normal service was resumed for the 2020/21 season, with the teams meeting twice. On **30 August 2021** the teams played out a 2-2 draw at Sawmills, Dion Ellis-Clark and Aaron Basford netting for Rovers. Then, on **27 December 2021** Longlevens continued their excellent run of form at Glevum Park, winning 1-0 in front of a crowd of 331.

Another August Bank Holiday fixture at Sawmills on **29 August 2022** ended in a 0-0 stalemate early in the 2022/23 season and that was followed by Longlevens mauling Rovers in a 4-0 win played at Glevum Park on **27 December 2022**, this time played out in front of a crowd of 373.



The 2023/24 season saw Rovers host on **28 August 2023** and their awful run at Glevum Park with a 2-0 defeat on Bank Holiday Monday, before they recorded a 3-1 win at Sawmills on **27 December 2023**, courtesy of goals from Connor Walters, Karnell Chambers and Kieran Alder.

With the August Bank Holiday / Christmas meetings now firmly set in the Hellenic League calendar, the two sides started 2024/25 with a **26 August 2024** meet at Sawmills and Longlevens once again triumphed 1-0. If Rovers' manager Neil Mustoe had hoped for improvement in the return meeting he was to be disappointed, as the visitors triumphed 2-0, with another crowd in excess of 300 in attendance at Glevum Park on **26 December 2024**.

2025/26 saw an FA Vase meeting at Glevum Park on **23 August 2025**, Longlevens winning 2-0, before a **25 August 2025** meeting at Sawmills in the Hellenic League ended 1-0 to Mustoe's side, with Karnell Chambers scoring the only goal of the game. The final meeting prior to today's game then took place at Glevum Park on **27 December 2025** and although Sam Kelly gave Rovers the lead, the visitors took all three points, after recovering to win 2-1.



Head to Head record:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Lge Pts
Tuffley Rovers	25	6	4	15	24	35	18
Longlevens	25	15	4	6	35	24	36



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We saw two players make their competitive first team debut in our defeat at Roman Glass St George on Saturday, with Alex Kovacevic deputising for Luke Merchant in goal and Will Djiaha-Nsangou (pictured) making an appearance in the centre of our defence in the second half.



Interestingly (well, it is for me!), despite a perception that we've had a very settled squad over the past couple of years, Alex became our ninth debutant of the 2026/27 season and Will our tenth. They follow Raiyan Ahmed, Joe Amankwah, Zak Ben Ali, Leighton Blacker, Theo Browne, Jacob Eakers, Antonio Pirelli and Ollie Samuels in making their first appearance for the first team this season.

Of those who have made a debut this season, Leighton Blacker and Jacob Eakers are ever presents after joining us in the summer, with Leighton, Theo and Raiyan all scoring their first goals for the club.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Ahmed, Raiyan	3	1	Kovacevic, Alexander	1	0
Alder, Kieran	215	51	Lander, Daniel	52	1
Amankwah, Joe	1	0	Lewis, Eddie	16	0
Anson, Shayne	72	4	Mann, Warren	544	85
Ben Ali, Zakariya	4	0	Mason, Preston	34	6
Bennett, Adam	85	0	McLean, Callum	45	0
Bevan, Bradley	107	15	McGuirk, Callum	169	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Merchant, Luke	177	0
Blacker, Leighton	7	2	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Mustoe, Harley	80	12
Browne, Theo	2	1	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Chambers, Karnell	105	58	Pirelli, Antonio	4	0
Clifford, Ellis	98	1	Pritchett, Mark	225	29
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Djiaha-Nsangou, Will	1	0	Samuels, Ollie	1	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Simpson, Elijah	78	1
Eakers, Jacob	7	0	Smith, Liam	107	1
Ford, Mark	164	61	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Tyler, Deshay	1	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Venna, Kaelan	3	0
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Herbert, Macaulay	345	11	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	130	9	Walters, Connor	116	23
James, Brett	186	64	Warrington, Corey	85	7
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	140	4
Jones, Zak	7	0	Williams, Ryan	26	2
Kent, Dominik	175	21	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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Kieran Alder	8	Cam Williams
Connor Walters	9	Fin Gwillim
Preston Mason	10	Lewis Rose
Jacob Eakers	11	Alex Knight
Leighton Blacker	12	Tom Spencer
Ryan Willams	14	Lewis Driscoll
Zak Ben Ali	15	Lewis Vye
Zak Jones	16	Alex Parsons
Will Dijaha-Nsangou	17	Theo Bevan
Joe Amankwah	18	Jay Wells
Raiyan Ahmed	19	Gino Valenti
Theo Browne	20	Harrison Reeves
Karnell Chambers	21	Shaun O'Connor
Neil Mustoe	Manager	Buster Davies / Peter Boyle
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