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FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to this afternoon's game at the R B Walters Estate Agents Stadium at Glevum Park.

A welcome to all here today, notably the players, management team, committee and supporters of Pershore Town, as well as this afternoon's match officials.

When you read Dan's article today, you'll see his reference to missing our away games at Rugby Town and Cinderford Town over the past 7 days. Unfortunately, I attended both games and although there were some good moments, we were on the wrong end of some pretty poor results.

Rugby Town were simply a very good side and we were competitive for half an hour before they took the lead and eventually overwhelmed us. On Tuesday, we were at times the authors of our own misfortune (conceding three headers from inside the six-yard box is symptomatic of that in my view) but we were also undone by a really disappointing refereeing performance, as a penalty was awarded for a ball that hit our defender square in the chest and then what looked to be a clear foul went unpunished in the build-up to the second goal.

Whilst two decisions going against us doesn't excuse our young team from criticism, it definitely didn't help. I am not going to labour on this, save to say that we don't seem to be getting the rub of the green this season.

I don't want the rub of the green today, truth be told. I want two teams to go out, trying to win the game and playing a game that is officiated effectively. That has been the case in many games and I definitely don't subscribe to some of the nonsense you see on social media, where clubs and players will say things along the lines of "all Hellenic League referees are rubbish". That simply isn't true.

On Thursday evening, I watched our U18s suffer a narrow defeat against Cirencester Town U18s and it was a competitive game, played out in a good spirit and managed really well by a young referee, James Wilson, who is an excellent official. He's on the Hellenic League list and despite being a very young guy, is already earmarked for promotion, which looks very deserved to me.

So, some bad decisions going against us of late but I continue to believe many of the officials are really good and contribute massively to the success of our games. We sometimes forget that in the heat of the moment.

For now, we will look for a return to form, I hope, by playing to our strengths. Well, Muzzy tells me that is the plan....

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

Neil

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FIXTURES

Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Saturday, 17 October 2026

Bradford Town v Droitwich Spa

Corsham Town v Fairford Town

Cribbs v Westfields

Hereford Pegasus v Highworth Town

Longlevens v Devizes Town

Mangotsfield United v Cirencester Town

Royal Wootton Bassett Town v Hallen

Stourport Swifts v Malmesbury Victoria

Thornbury Town v Cinderford Town

Tuffley Rovers v Pershore Town

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good afternoon and welcome to the R B Walters Estate Agents Stadium at Glevum Park for this Hellenic League fixture.

A warm welcome to our visitors from Pershore Town. I hope the players, management team, committee and supporters had a comfortable journey down the M5. Welcome also to today's officials, who we hope will oversee a competitive fixture.

I haven't been able to travel to our last two games and looking at the scorelines and results, perhaps that was for the best! We can't change what has happened, though, so our focus must now be on moving forward, starting with today's game.

Pershore have made a strong start to the season under their new management team after a difficult campaign last year. I really enjoyed our visit there last season, where we were very well looked after. It's a great set-up with good people, and I look forward to welcoming them today and visiting again later in the season.

Elsewhere, our Reserves are away to Frampton today in what will be a tough test as they look to bounce back from last Saturday. Our Thirds aim to maintain their unbeaten run against Nailsworth Town, who will provide strong opposition following promotion last season. The Fourths host Longlevens 5ths at Kingsway and will be looking to kick-start their season after a challenging few weeks. Tomorrow, our Ladies travel to Lydney Town in the County Cup, hoping to continue their winning streak.

I hope you enjoy today's hospitality and have 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 of both clubs to The R B Walters Estate Agents Stadium at Glevum Park.

In what has been a difficult week result wise we went back to basics in training on Thursday, and had a bit of a reset. For whatever reason the last two games we have been far more open and not quite connected as a group on the pitch.

I was given a lift in training as although all players were disappointed by performance and result on Tuesday, they came to training in good spirits and showed a togetherness that gave me confidence we are a performance or result away in getting back on track. I think the start we made to the season was so good in both performance and results, maybe there was an element of over confidence rather than continuing to do what they had been doing in which brought success.

Picking a team for today's game has been really hard, as non-starters will always feel they have been targeted and to blame, which isn't the case, but you may land on a player long or short term than can just freshen things up. Conceding 13 goals in two games I would be foolish not to change it around for the visit of Pershore.

Today we are looking forward to a home game as I believe we have had a tough run of away games over the first two months, with another one this Tuesday coming, and a home game is just what we need just now.

As said in previous note, technically this is the best squad I have had and we just need to find that Tuffley grit that we have had over the last few seasons and at the start of this, where we have been organised and hard to beat and then play our football. We are trying to evolve the team and the style sometimes has to take a few bumps in the road, especially when we bring in new players or more forward thinking players the work rate and discipline is vitally important individually but more importantly to the group,

Today I am looking for a response and it is not only the result, it is a performance from the whole group, whether they are in the starting eleven and play 90 minutes or off the bench for 90 seconds we are a team. I would also take three points over the performance but we have to see a change in mindset from the last two performances and more so if we go a goal down.

I also said in my post match interview Tuesday night that these are good players, my players, and I trust them to turn this mini blip around, hopefully today is the day.

I hope you enjoy the game. Thank you for your continued support.

Muzzy





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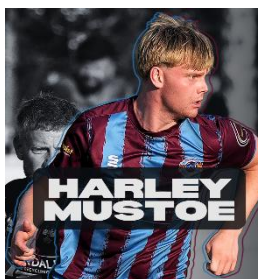
HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 13 October 2026

Overall																			
Home							Away												
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Roman Glass St George	13	6	1	0	15	3	4	0	2	8	4	10	1	2	23	7	16	31
2	Hereford Pegasus	13	7	1	0	18	5	1	1	3	1	7	8	2	3	19	12	7	26
3	Westfields	14	4	0	4	12	13	4	0	2	12	11	8	0	6	24	24	0	24
4	Cinderford Town	14	3	4	0	20	7	3	1	3	10	11	6	5	3	30	18	12	23
5	Thornbury Town	13	4	1	2	13	8	3	1	2	7	11	7	2	4	20	19	1	23
6	Devizes Town	10	5	1	0	12	4	2	0	2	4	3	7	1	2	16	7	9	22
7	Highworth Town	12	2	0	1	4	5	4	2	3	18	13	6	2	4	22	18	4	20
8	Stourport Swifts	13	3	1	3	13	10	3	1	2	13	13	6	2	5	26	23	3	20
9	Pershore Town 88	13	3	1	3	11	8	3	1	2	12	12	6	2	5	23	20	3	20
10	Fairford Town	14	2	2	3	7	11	3	2	2	10	7	5	4	5	17	18	-1	19
11	Longlevens	12	3	3	2	10	8	2	0	2	6	6	5	3	4	16	14	2	18
12	Mangotsfield United	11	3	1	0	10	3	2	1	4	3	9	5	2	4	13	12	1	17
13	Tuffley Rovers	13	3	1	2	12	6	2	1	4	9	17	5	2	6	21	23	-2	17
14	Corsham Town	14	3	1	4	14	13	2	1	3	8	16	5	2	7	22	29	-7	17
15	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	15	2	1	4	6	11	2	3	3	8	10	4	4	7	14	21	-7	16
16	Droitwich Spa	12	4	1	2	21	9	0	2	3	2	7	4	3	5	23	16	7	15
17	Gloucester Town	9	0	2	1	1	3	4	1	1	13	6	4	3	2	14	9	5	15
18	Bradford Town	14	2	0	4	5	10	2	0	6	11	17	4	0	10	16	27	-11	12
19	Hallen	14	1	1	5	6	11	2	2	3	8	15	3	3	8	14	26	-12	12
20	Malmesbury Victoria	14	2	0	6	14	18	1	1	4	5	13	3	1	10	19	31	-12	10
21	Cribbs	13	0	0	4	6	12	1	2	6	10	22	1	2	10	16	34	-18	5

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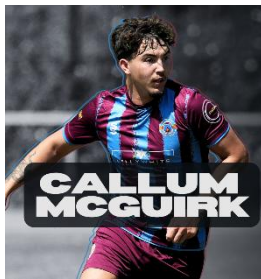




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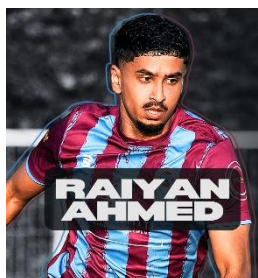
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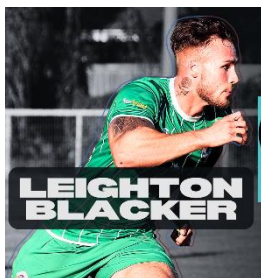
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Half-time Quiz: Break for five

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 all the questions or answers focus on big margins of defeat, after we've put a particularly disappointing week behind us!

1. Can you name the man, pictured, who holds the record for the most individual goals in a competitive England international fixture, having scored all 5 in a 5-0 win over Cyprus on 16 April 1975?



2. What is the largest winning margin ever recorded in an international soccer match?

3. The club badge on the right of this question is associated to the highest ever winning margin in a domestic football match, as AS Adema beat SO l'Emyrne on 31 October 2002. What was the score which features in the Guinness Book of World Records?



4. Can you name the opposition on each occasion where a team has won a Premier League game 9-0 (the record margin), with Manchester United twice the winners, alongside victories for Liverpool and Leicester City, too?
5. Please see the squad pictures below. In which competition do they jointly hold the largest winning margin in the final, with a 5 goal margin the shared feat?



(A)



(B)



(C)

Quiz answers: (1) Malcolm MacDonald; (2) Australia defeated American Samoa 31-0 on 11 April 2001; (3) 149-0; (4) Manchester United defeated Ipswich Town and Southampton by that margin, whilst Leicester City also conquered Southampton and Liverpool thumped Bournemouth; (b) It is the Scottish Cup, with Renton winning by 5 goals in 1888, before Celtic twice achieved the winning margin in 1955 and 2018.

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

							Merchant, Luke	Eakers, Jacob	Clifford, Ellis	Simpson, Elijah	McLean, Callum
2026											
01/Aug	3pm	Cirencester Town	H	1-2	160	K Alder	1	2	3	4	5
04/Aug	7:45pm	Fairford Town	A	2-2	127	T Browne, R Ahmed	1	7		14	2
08/Aug	3pm	Swindon Supermarine	FAC	A	1-3	256	C Walters (pen)	1	11		5
15/Aug	3pm	Corsham Town	A	4-1	121	C Walters (2), R Williams, C Warrington	1	11		12	3
18/Aug	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus	H	3-0	121	P Mason, C Walters, L Blacker	1	11			3
22/Aug	3pm	Bradford Town	A	1-0	153	L Blacker	1	11		17	3
29/Aug	3pm	Roman Glass St George	A	1-4	85	P Mason			11		4
31/Aug	3pm	Longlevens	H	2-0	331	C Walters (2)	1	8	U	12	3
05/Sep	3pm	Hallen	H	0-1	108	-	1	8	15	5	3
12/Sep	3pm	Welton Rovers	FAV2Q	A	5-1	52	H Mustoe (2), C Walters (2), J Sanniola	1	15	5	12
15/Sep	7:45pm	Westfields	A	0-1	103	-		10	3		4
19/Sep	3pm	Thornbury Town	A	0-1	142	-	1	10	3	15	4
29/Sep	7:45pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	H	2-2	101	H Mustoe, J Eakers		14	3	16	4
03/Oct	3pm	Cribbs FC	H	4-1	123	H Mustoe, P Mason, O.G., C Walters (pen)		8	3	5	4
10/Oct	3pm	Rugby Town	FAV1P	A	0-6	264	-		16	3	5
13/Oct	7:45pm	Cinderford Town	A	1-7	155	E Simpson		11	3	5	2
17/Oct	3pm	Pershore Town	H								
20/Oct	7:45pm	Stourport Swifts	A								
24/Oct	3pm	Mangotsfield United	H								
31/Oct	3pm	Hereford Pegasus	A								
07/Nov	3pm	Chipping Sodbury Town	HLCC	A							
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								
08/Dec	7:45pm	Droitwich Spa	H								
12/Dec	3pm	Bradford Town	H								
19/Dec	3pm	Highworth Town	A								
26/Dec	3pm	Longlevens	A								
2027											
09/Jan	3pm	Mangotsfield United	A								
16/Jan	3pm	Stourport Swifts	H								
23/Jan	3pm	Devizes Town	H								
30/Jan	3pm	Fairford Town	H								
06/Feb	3pm	Cirencester Town	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							10	16	9	14	16
STARTS							10	13	8	7	16
SUBSTITUTE							0	3	1	7	0
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE							0	0	1	0	0

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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.

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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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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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PERSHORE TOWN CLUB HISTORY



Pershore Town Football Club '88 is a proud community football club based in the historic market town of Pershore, Worcestershire. Competing in the Hellenic League, the club has built a reputation for ambition, resilience and a strong commitment to local football over more than three decades.

The club was formed in 1988 following the merger of three established local sides: Pershore United, Pershore Recreation Rovers and youth club Pershore Bullets. The merger created a single club capable of providing opportunities for players from junior to senior level while strengthening football within the town.

Pershore Town joined the Midland Football Combination in 1989, entering Division Two. Success came immediately as the club won the Division Two Championship at the first attempt, securing promotion in its inaugural season. The momentum continued with a second successive promotion, taking the club into the Midland Combination Premier Division. The early 1990s proved to be a golden period in the club's history. During the 1993–94 season, Pershore Town were crowned Midland Combination Premier Division Champions and established themselves among the leading non-league clubs in the Midlands. The same season saw the club enjoy its most memorable FA Cup campaign, progressing to the Fourth Qualifying Round and attracting national attention along the way. Victories over Racing Club Warwick, Northampton Spencer, Pelsall Villa and Atherstone United earned the club a home tie against Yeading, with the match receiving BBC coverage before Pershore eventually bowed out 3–1. Following their championship-winning campaign, Pershore Town became founder members of the newly formed Midland Football Alliance. The club competed at this higher level for six seasons, recording their best-ever league finish of 14th place in the 1995–96 season. During this period, the club also achieved its best FA Vase performance, reaching the Third Round Proper. In 1998, Pershore Town strengthened their position within local football through the absorption of Worcester Athletico, expanding the club's player base and community reach.

After six seasons in the Midland Football Alliance, the club returned to the Midland Combination Premier Division, where they remained a competitive force for many years. Throughout this period, Pershore Town continued to invest in grassroots football, youth development and community engagement, ensuring a sustainable future for the club. A new era of success began in the early 2020s. In the 2021–22 season, Pershore Town lifted the Worcestershire Senior Invitation Cup, defeating Worcester City on penalties following a thrilling 1–1 draw in the final. The victory represented one of the club's finest achievements and highlighted the progress being made both on and off the field. The following season became one of the most successful campaigns in the club's history.

Pershore Town were crowned Hellenic League Division One Champions in 2022–23, securing promotion back to Step 5 football. The title-winning side dominated the division, scoring goals freely throughout the campaign and earning widespread recognition across non-league football. To complete a remarkable season, The Plums also lifted the Hellenic League Challenge Cup, securing a memorable league and cup double.

Today, Pershore Town Football Club '88 remains at the heart of the local community. Supported by dedicated volunteers, loyal sponsors and passionate supporters, the club continues to build on its proud history while looking forward to an exciting future.

The 1993–94 FA Cup run remains one of the proudest chapters in Pershore Town's history, taking the club to within one match of the First Round Proper and bringing national attention to football in the town.

Pershore Town Honours

Midland Football Combination Division Two Champions – 1989–90

Midland Football Combination Premier Division Champions – 1993–94

Hellenic League Division One Champions – 2022–23

Worcestershire Senior Invitation Cup Winners – 2021–22

Hellenic League Challenge Cup Winners – 2022–23

Club Records

Best League Performance: 14th Place, Midland Football Alliance (1995–96)

Best FA Cup Performance: Fourth Qualifying Round (1993–94)

Best FA Vase Performance: Third Round Proper (1995–96)





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In terms of modern history (since our current club records were created in 2007), we have met today's visitors Pershore Town a total of 6 times, made up entirely of UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division games.

The first during this period took place on **24 October 2023**, when Rovers ran out 2-1 winners, courtesy of a Jake Rhodes brace in a midweek fixture at Glevum Park. Later that season the second meeting between the two clubs, a **3 February 2024** contest at Pershore, also ended in favour of Neil Mustoe's side (2-0), with Jake Rhodes' late goal enough to earn all three points, after Jake White had given Rovers a first-half lead.

When the 2024/25 season arrived, Rovers once again hosted Pershore Town in a midweek game at Glevum Park and, once again, they ran out winners with a 2-1 win the result as Brad Bevan and Kieran Alder found the net for the hosts on **24 September 2024**. On that occasion Rovers were indebted to keeper Luke Merchant for their victory, as he put in a stellar performance to keep a good Pershore team at bay.

Later in the same season our boys from Glevum Park replicated their results from the 2023/24 season by completing a league double, with a 2-0 win at Pershore, courtesy of goals from Karnell Chambers and Connor Walters on **22 February 2025**.

On **13 September 2025** there was first Saturday visit for Pershore Town to Glevum Park and they secured a first win, as the visitors recovered from conceding Connor Walters' goal to triumph 2-1.



The most recent meeting between the two teams then came on **14 February 2026** when the visiting Rovers returned to winning ways, with Karnell Chambers capitalising on an early defensive error to make it 1-0, before second half goals from Preston Mason and Elijah Simpson took the game away from the hosts and saw Rovers run out 3-0 winners.

Head to Head record:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Lge Pts
Tuffley Rovers	6	5	0	1	12	4	15
Pershore Town	6	1	0	5	4	12	3



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Appearance Information

**Up to and including 13 October 2026
(includes selected list of former players)**

We have seen twelve debutants appear for the first team during the 2026 /27 season, to date, but one stands out from the crowd, as he has featured in all sixteen competitive fixtures and that is Jacob Eakers, who joined us this season after previous spells at Brimscombe & Thrupp, Stonehouse Town and Gala Wilton. He has managed to score a first goal for the club, with a wonder strike to salvage a point against Royal Wootton Bassett Town on 29 September.



Jacob isn't the only ever present but he is in a select club, as there is only one other player to match his feat this season, with Callum McLean also featuring in every game. Callum has had an excellent season and won our September Player of the Month award. He also passed 50 first team appearances and now appears to be a fixture in Muzzy's squad, having joined the club last season.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Ahmed, Raiyan	3	1	Kent, Dominik	175	21
Alder, Kieran	220	51	Kovacevic, Alexander	1	0
Allen-Ezequiel, Jerry	1	0	Lander, Daniel	52	1
Amankwah, Joe	2	0	Lewis, Eddie	24	0
Anson, Shayne	72	4	Mann, Warren	544	85
Ben Ali, Zakariya	6	0	Mason, Preston	42	7
Bennett, Adam	85	0	McLean, Callum	54	0
Bevan, Bradley	107	15	McGuirk, Callum	176	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Merchant, Luke	181	0
Blacker, Leighton	11	2	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Mustoe, Harley	88	16
Browne, Theo	6	1	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Chambers, Karnell	105	58	Pirelli, Antonio	13	0
Clifford, Ellis	106	1	Pritchett, Mark	225	29
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Samuels, Ollie	1	0
Djiaha-Nsangou, Will	2	0	Sanniola, Jorell	23	2
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Seager, Charlie	3	0
Eakers, Jacob	16	1	Simpson, Elijah	86	2
Ford, Mark	164	61	Smith, Liam	107	1
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Squires, Kieran	90	7
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	123	28
James, Brett	186	64	Warrington, Corey	91	7
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	140	4
Jones, Zak	14	0	Williams, Ryan	31	2
Kaye, Tom	3	0	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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Eddie Lewis	2	Cian Hodson
Ellis Clifford	3	Ben Cook
Ryan Williams	4	Kian Hamer
Callum McLean	5	Joe Waterfield ©
Harley Mustoe	6	Jay Saunston
Corey Warrington	7	Jake Williams
Preston Mason	8	Dawid Peplinski
Connor Walters	9	Jamie Lucas
Kieran Alder ©	10	Dylan Hart
Jacob Eakers	11	Daniel Purvin
Leighton Blacker	12	James Batchelor
Elijah Simpson	14	Callum Harper
Callum McGuirk	15	Ethan Thompson
Zak Jones	16	Cameron Watts
Will Dijaha-Nsangou	17	Ben Cowlshaw
Jorell Sanniola	18	Kyle Stenson
Jacob Rodgers	19	Josh Reed-Jones
Theo Browne	20	Daniel Baldwin
Luke Merchant	21	Matt Nutt
Neil Mustoe	Manager	Adam Parker
Liam O'Neill	Assistant Manager	George Caines
Kayleigh Brown (Physio)	Other Occupants	Luke Handley (Coach)
Marcus Foxwell (Coach)		Rosie Teague (Physio)
Andrew Moody (GK Coach)		Reece J Parkes (GK Coach)
Tim Hall (Coach)		Callum Chandler (Coach)
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