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# EDITOR'S COMMENT



I'd like to offer a warm welcome to everyone visiting Glevum Park this evening for the visit of Royal Wootton Bassett Town. I sincerely hope their players, supporters and officials enjoy their visit to our home (in every respect, bar the result!).

Muzzy and Booner have offered their thoughts on Saturday's win and our general direction of travel, so I'll focus on a single matter; well, a single person – Warren Mann. Wazza is due to make his 500<sup>th</sup> appearance in tonight's fixture and that is an incredible achievement, not just due to the number of games he's racked up, but also the fact that they have been for the same club. His total appearances for the club far exceeds this total, which represents all his appearances since we returned to Step 7 for the 2007/08 season.

Prior to that, Warren had played for two seasons as our Reserves became our first team, after the withdrawal of our first team from the Hellenic League in 2005, having got into the Northern Senior League side aged 17.

Except for a short spell at Bishops Cleeve, at the start of the 2011/12, he has been here at Rovers since. Prior to tonight he's played at least 499 competitive fixtures, possibly more, but before I started to keep records there was a gap in our statistics and there are thirteen games between 2007/08 and 2012/13 that I have no information in relation to. So, tonight is Warren's 500<sup>th</sup> recorded first team appearance in a competitive fixture and we should all celebrate that, in my view. It is phenomenal.

Yes, he is the most annoying person I know, constantly winding people up, living on the edge of the laws of the game, and just generally pushing boundaries...but he has been an incredibly loyal servant to this club and someone I hope can be with us long enough to make it to 600 appearances. He's still regularly amongst our best performers and there have been times this season when he has dragged the team through games and secured a result.

I am proud to say that Warren is a Tuffley Rovers legend. I doubt very much whether anyone who has played with or watched him regularly would not select him in their greatest ever Tuffley Rovers side. If we were all honest, we have been lucky to have him in our squad. There are times, particularly when he was a little younger, when he was just too good for us, but that is what loyalty is sometimes about – you give your all for a cause, even when there might be an opportunity for personal gain over the best for your club.

He's annoying, yes, but I admire Warren. He <u>is</u> a Tuffley Rovers hero. I want to close by offering him a huge "congratulations" for reaching this milestone. Having said that, I wouldn't put it past him to miss tonight's game, now I've written this, and all the plaudits will be in vain...and another of his practical jokes will have hit home!

Here's hoping the squad can rise to the occasion, because Warren deserves a good result from tonight's game – and it will probably be a huge step in our bid for safety.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to read this but thank you, most of all, to Warren for his loyalty and service to this club.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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# CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT



Good evening and welcome to everyone at Glevum Park today.

A warm welcome to our opponents Royal Wootton Bassett and all their players, management, committee and supporters.

It is a very special evening for the club and especially Warren Mann, who will play his 500th game for the first team today. A true club stalwart, who is willing to play for any of the senior teams and always gives his all to the club. Such commitment to one club is a very rare thing and sadly I cannot see his club appearances at this level ever being surpassed. It is an incredible achievement and a demonstration of loyalty that is rare these days.

Off the field we have been successful in our bid for a Levelling Up grant through Gloucestershire County Council, with funding provided towards the redevelopment of our social club and youth changing rooms site on Tuffley Lane. This bid will be officially confirmed in the local press by Gloucestershire County Council in the coming weeks, but following an application process and interview, we have been awarded £37,500 to add to the Gloucester City grant of £200,000 we have been allocated from a pot of section 106 funding.

We are now waiting for some local construction companies to tender for the work and have set up a CrowdFunder appeal to help us realise this development. There are posters with QR codes on them within the bar area, and we would really welcome you support. You can donate online using the QR code and we are aiming to raise £10,000 and commence the work in early May 2023. Every pound donated will make a huge difference to our future as a club.

On Saturday we hosted some of our club sponsors and had a great crowd turnout for our victory against Hereford Lads Club in what was a convincing performance. This moved us out of the relegation zone, but we are still left with plenty to do to ensure our Hellenic Premier status next season. The good thing is that it is in our hands now and hopefully we can enjoy the summer a bit more if we survive a challenging season.

I hope everyone enjoys the game and hospitality here today and has a safe trip home.

Many thanks,

Dan

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# MANAGER'S COMMENT



Good evening and welcome to all players officials and supporters of Royal Wootton Bassett Town who are visiting us at Glevum Park.

This is a historic night and one which I doubt will be surpassed with Warren Mann playing his 500th competitive first team game for Tuffley Rovers. The commitment and loyalty this shows Is not something you see or will see in the future, I suspect. It is very easy to jump ship when things are not going well or money is being offered, but Warren has shown and will continue to show Tuffley Rovers is in his heart, and I'm hoping his playing career will continue and he will then be part of the club for as long as he wishes to be involved.

After Saturday's great result and performance, we go into the game in a good place and in a rich veni of form. Looking back at the league table on 12<sup>th</sup> February we were seven points from safety and nine behind Bradford Town.

A few weeks on and although some results were not what we wanted (both in terms of our own games and those involving sides near the foot of the table), a few crucial wins have helped us find ourselves out of the bottom two, with our destiny now in our own hands.

The players have dug deep, listened to game plans and then expressed themselves in the matches, which has got us into this much improved position. We need to build on that and ensure we keep our place in this division.

Tonight, we come up against a team who are there or there abouts, season in season out, and have been in the top 7 league places since I've been in charge. Knowing their manager and players they will be up for the game, with an ambition to finish as high as they can.

Tonight, if we can get a positive result it gives us a chance to drag a few more of the teams just above us into the mix, which can only help us achieve our aim.

I hope you have a good evening. Thanks for your support.

Cheers,

Muzzy



### 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark Pritchett was then appointed as Player/Manager and took the side to consecutive 10<sup>th</sup> placed finishes, before a 15<sup>th</sup> place finish in 2018/19.

Two pandemic affected seasons then passed, with Pritchett leaving the club part-way through. Rich Cox took over as Manager for a single season, but resigned midway through 2021/22 after a disastrous run of results. Former Manchester United player Neil Mustoe then took over, steering the club away from danger (finishing in 17th place).



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### Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC Season 2022-23 Pen Pics



Matthew Crowther - Goalkeeper Youngster who joins on loan from Hungerford Town. Last season also spent time on loan this time at fellow Hellenic League side Shrivenham gaining a number of rave reviews. Has also played for both Aylesbury FC and Didcot Town.



Harry Walters- Defender Young defender with plenty of pace who captains the Development side but has

captains the Development side but has made the step-up to the first team on a few occasions so far this season. When called upon has shown he is good enough for this level and big things are expected of him in the future.



Jon Beeden - Defender

Solid defender who re-joined the club last season having spent recent seasons with Chippenham Town in the National League South and Thatcham Town in the Southern League. Part of last season's title winning Development Team squad.



Louis Spalding - Defender

Talented full back who joins us this season. Skilful, energetic and a player who always looks to get forward, he was with Swindon Town as a youth. Joined Cirencester Town initially on loan in 2017-18 before signing permanently afficiences from Swindon. Plenty of Southern League experience at Cirencester & Supermarine.



Scott Chilcott - Defender

A versatile, tough-tackling defender who is entering his second season with Bassett after joining from Shrivenham. A hard working, dependable player, he is capable of performing effectively at either centre half or full back. Was part of Fairford Town's Division One West title winning side of 2016-17.



Adam Corcoran - Defender

Imposing defender who starts the season having made over 250 appearances for the club. The 2021-22 campaign was without doubt his best in Bassett colours, winning both Manager's and Players' Player of the Year awards. A quality striker of the ball and danger at set pieces, he has also contributed 15 goals for Bassett.



Jowan Partridge - Defender

Product of the club's Youth Section, Jowan was part of last season's Under 18 Floodlit side that finished second in the Wiltshire Senior League Floodlit division. Has impressed in pre-season and is in contention for a first team starting position in Season 2022-23.



David Bampton - Defender

Experienced former Swindon Town player who also played for Tamworth and Worcester in the Conference and with Swindon Supermarine in the Southern League and was part of the Supermarine squad that reached the FA Cup Second



Kai Robinson - Midfield

An energetic, tough-tackling box-to-box midfielder now entering his sixth season with Bassett, having initially joined at the start of the 2017-18 season making 36 times & scoring once. His appearances have been more limited over the past 4 seasons but is looking to again make a case for a regular first team place.



Jack Hobson-McVeigh - Midfield

Defensive midfield player who joins from Malmesbury Victoria having also previously been with Cirencester Town. Former New Zealand U17 international player who made 2 appearances at the U17 World Cup for his country.

### Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC Season 2022-23 Pen Pics



Chris Taylor- Midfield

Classy midfielder who spent the majority of his career with Swindon Supermarine but has also featured for Cirencester Town, Highworth Town and made 4 substitute appearances for Swindon Town as well as being an England Under 15 international in his youth,



### Gio Wrona - Midfield

Experienced midfield player who is always wanting the ball and starts the season with 181 appearances for the club and will be looking to join a very select few who have played more than 200. Previously with Swindon Supermarine, North Leigh, Larkhall and Thatcham and scored for Swindon Town in a friendly in the summer.



### Alfie Presley - Forward

Talented winger who returned to the club from Malmesbury Vics part way through last season having scored 5 goals in 14 games, before adding 4 goals in 11 appearances for Bassett. His performances for Bassett in the 2019-20 season saw him crowned both Manager's Player and Players' Player of the Year.



### Matthew Jones - Forward

Jones came through the youth system of Swindon Town, where he signed as an 11-year-old. In March 2014, was sent on loan to Swindon Supermarine but he returned to his parent club and made his professional football debut on the final day of the 2013–14 season as a second-half substitute against Rotherham United. Has subsequently played for Chippenham Town, Cirencester Town, Farnborough, Hungerford & Weston-Super-Mare.



Steve Robertson - Forward

Veteran forward who recently returned to the club for his third spell with Bassett. His second appearance on his return will see him take his total appearances to 100 with an impressive goal tally of 73. Re-joins the club from Wantage Town where he had a habit of scoring against us.



### Tommy Ouldridge - Forward

Hard working player who started with Swindon Town and had loan spells with Chippenham Town and Cirencester Town. Has also played for Hungerford Town and Swindon Supermarine. Played six times for Bassett in 2020-21, scoring three goals before featuring 41 times and scoring seven goals last season.



Bailey Gallagher - Forward

Skilful winger who on his day is virtually unplayable. Product of the club's Youth Section who progressed to the Dev Team and then into the First Team. Was Bassett's leading outfield appearance maker last season in the Hellenic Premier where he featured 44 times, scoring nine goals.



### Matt Bennett - Forward

Fast and possessing an eye for goal, an experienced forward who scored 42 goals for Bassett's Development team as they won the Wittshire Senior League Premier Division title last season. Bennett started his senior career with the club over a decade and a half ago & starts the season just 5 short of 200 1<sup>st</sup> team appearances.



Sam Collier - Manager

Manager since taking the role, initially on an interim basis, while still also a player, in early 2018. In 2018-19, his first full season in charge, Collier guided the team to 10th in the Hellenic League Premier - the club's highest ever finish. Bassett have also set records in both national cup competitions under his stewardship.



### Alan Griffin - Assistant Manager

Joins Bassett's management team after scoring 16 times in 32 appearances last season. High-quality target man with a distinguished playing career in non-league. Started with Corsham in the Western League & soon moved onto the Southern League, plying his trade with Cirencester T, Chippenham T, Gloucester City, Mangotsfield United, Swindon Supermarine & Bristol Manor Farm.



# HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

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Malvern Town	34	13	4	0	56	18	13	1	ω	43	21	26	u	ω	99	39
Worcester Raiders	33	12	2	2	49	17	œ	U	4	38	22	20	7	6	87	39
Corsham Town	29	11	2	1	39	7	9	4	2	32	15	20	6	ω	71	22
Roman Glass St George	34	9	2	6	30	19	10	4	ω	42	16	19	6	9	72	35
Westfields	35	00	u	u	23	16	9	4	4	38	21	17	9	9	61	37
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Hereford Pegasus	32	Ħ	1	6	38	28	4	1	9	16	32	15	2	15	54	60
Brimscombe & Thrupp	33	7	ω	7	35	26	v	v	6	32	27	12	00	13	67	53
Wantage Town	34	5	ω	00	24	26	7	4	7	36	34	12	7	15	60	60
Mangotsfield United	34	v	2	10	23	36	60	1	00	28	29	13	ω	18	51	65
Longlevens AFC	35	4	4	10	24	33	7	1	9	26	25	Ħ	u	19	50	58
Fairford Town	34	7	2	00	24	24	4	ω	10	23	35	11	5	18	47	59
Shrivenham	33	4	1	12	20	47	6	4	6	18	34	10	5	18	38	81
Hereford Lads Club	35	00	0	9	25	34	2	ω	13	17	38	10	ω	22	42	72
Thombury Town	35	6	ω	9	27	30	ω	2	12	16	38	9	5	21	43	68
Lydney Town	31	ω	4	00	19	34	u	ω	00	18	38	00	7	16	37	72
Tuffley Rovers	32	ω	ω	10	22	40	4	ω	9	18	35	7	6	19	40	75
Chipping Sodbury Town	32	4	6	6	24	38	2	2	12	15	54	6	00	18	39	92
Bradford Town	33	ω	2	9	14	31	4	2	13	27	51	7	4	22	41	82

### **Appearance information**

# Up to and including Saturday, 25 March 2023 (includes selected list of former players)

500 appearances. 500. For a single club's first team. That is some achievement for any player.



Assuming the last minute issue, Warren Mann will tonight make his 500th recorded appearance in a competitive first team fixture for Tuffley Rovers at Step 7 or above. That is an incredible achievement from a player who has served our club so well, for so long. Who knows if it will ever be matched?

In coming weeks Macaulay Herbert should make it to 250 and Kieran Alder might well reach 100 before the season ends, but they ae still a long, long way away from Warren's milestone, meaning it may never be matched in the modern era. A true Tuffley Rovers legend!

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	95	27	James, Richard	125	40
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Jones, Elliot	19	0
Azubilla, Paul	21	1	Kent, Dominik	169	19
Barry, Jordan	4	0	Lander, Daniel	24	1
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Lewis, Mason	27	3
Beasley, Daniel	24	4	Lomotey, Yeshaya	29	7
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mace, Ryley	14	1
Bird, Ashley	66	5	Martin, Jamie	2	0
Birkett, Henry	80	6	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Bradley, Shayne	257	117	Mann, Warren	499	84
Butler, Matt	5	1	McGuirk, Callum	37	0
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	McNally, Laurie	10	0
Danes-Rutherford, Ellis	1	0	Merchant, Luke	75	0
Davies, Ashley	181	27	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Dobbins, Ryan	81	17	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Driver-Dickerson, George	9	0	Nicholls, Scott	14	0
Fallows, Dayton	2	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Poole, Bradley	8	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Pritchett, Mark	141	21
Geddes, Jacob	51	4	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Shyamapant, Tomos	19	1
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Smerdon, Noah	4	1
Hands, Ben	1	0	Smith, Liam	41	1
Haswell, Joey	11	2	Squires, Kieran	89	7
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hawkins, Luke	13	0	Tomkins, Lyndon	1	0
Herbert, Macaulay	248	10	Walker, Harry	67	6
Hicks, Sammie	27	0	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hill, Sam	120	8	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hoffland, Robin	4	0	White, Joel	110	4
Iddles, Harrison	11	0	Wright, Liam	124	3
James, Brett	185	64	Yussuf, Demilade	13	0

NB: The figures are correct for all league competitions from season 2007/08, when Tuffley Rovers returned to the County League (Step 7) and include all competitive games since the start of the 2013/14 season. There are some gaps in the information relating to cup games prior to the start of the 2013/14 campaign. This period is currently subject to a thorough review and there may be some variation to statistics in due course.

### Statistics 2022/23

### Competition

Uhlsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

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

BFCC = Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup;

WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

2022		-									
03/Aug 7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		Α	0-0	143	-	1	2	3	4	5 6
06/Aug 3pm	Slimbridge	FAC	Н	1-2	186	R Mace	1	2	3	4	5
09/Aug 7:45pm	Malvern Town		Н	1-3	124	R Dobbins	1	5	2		6 7
13/Aug 3pm	Lydney Town		Н	4-0	84	J Beardsell (2), M Lewis (2)	1	2	3	6	5 10
17/Aug 7:45pm	Fairford Town		Α	1-4	90	N Smerdon	1	3	2	4	10
29/Aug 3pm	Longlevens	-	Α	0-0	222	-	1	4	3		6
03/Sep 3pm	Hereford Pegasus		Α	1-4	50	M Butler	1	4	2		6
13/Sep 7:45pm	Newent Town	WLFC	н	2-1	65	S Bradley (2)	1	16			3
17/Sep 3pm	Thornbury Town		Α	2-0	47	J Beardsell, D Kent	1		3		6
24/Sep 3pm	Fleet Spurs	FAV	н	1-1*	74	S Bradley	1		3		6
01/Oct 3pm	Hereford Lads Club		A	1-2	60	P Azubilla	1		3		
08/Oct 3pm	Cribbs FC		Н	1-2	64	S Bradley	1		Ŭ		U
11/Oct 7:45pm	Lydney Town	WLFC	Α	4-0	77	J Haswell (2), D Kent, D Beasley	1		3		U
15/Oct 3pm	Shrivenham	WLFC	Н	1-1	55		1		2		
						K Squires	1				
19/Oct 3pm	Worcester Raiders	541/	A	0-5	178	•			40		6
22/Oct 3pm	Hartpury University	FAV	Α	0-1	67	-	1		12		U
25/Oct 7:45pm	Fairford Town		Н	2-4	127	R Dobbins, O.G.	1		11		U
29/Oct 3pm	Roman Glass St. George		Н	0-5	67	-	1		3		12
01/Nov 7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		Н	1-2	73	S Bradley			3		4
05/Nov 3pm	Mangotsfield United		Α	2-4	199	S Bradley, D Beasley		16			5
12/Nov 3pm	Wantage Town		Α	4-2	82	S Bradley (3), K Alder			11		5
15/Nov 7:45pm	Hartpury University	GFA	Н	3-2	62	R Dobbins, S Bradley (2)			11		3 6
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Lomotey, Yeshaya	6	Mace, Ryley	1
Alder, Kieran	5	Smerdon, Noah	1
Beasley, Daniel	4	Butler, Matt	1
Lewis, Mason	3	Azubilla, Paul	1
Beardsell, Jack	3	Pritchett, Mark	1
Herbert, Macaulay	2	Shyamapant, Tomos	1
Squires, Kieran	2	Birkett, Henry	1
Kent, Dominik	2	Lander, Daniel	1
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### **TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC**

### Brad Poole Goalkeeper

Fantastic keeper, who first played under Doug Foxwell in the County League promotion season in 2012/13, after being attached to Cheltenham Town in youth football, but has been unable to commit to first team football in the years that have followed, due to work commitments, and has made just four competitive appearances in a Rovers shirt. Now providing goalkeeping cover for the 2022/23 season.

### Luke Merchant Goalkeeper

Back at the club after a Hellenic League Premier Division title winning season at Bishops Cleeve. A great shot stopper, commanding presence and accomplished keeper, who is a fantastic addition to the squad after leaving at the end of the 2020/21 season. Now less than thirty appearances away from surpassing Bruce Perks' record number of appearances for a keeper at Step 7 and above.

### Dan Lander Defence

Returned in pre-season, having spent a short spell with the club a few seasons ago, without making a competitive appearance. Has returned with more experience and is a tall centre-half, who is strong, fierce in the tackle and decent in the air. He's also sensible in possession and knows his role in the side. A real competitor, who gives his all in every game.

### Ryley Mace Defence

After time served in the U18s and then Development Squad has started to feature in the first team. Plenty of potential, whether at full-back or in a more attacking role. Good going forward, comfortable on the ball and industrious player, who has a bright future if he can continue his progress in the next 12-18 months.

### Macaulay Herbert Defence

Now the second longest-serving member of the first team, 'Macca' came through our U18s and is a solid, dependable; an excellent defender who has been getting better with every season that passed. Has now made over 200 first team appearances but has only recently returned following a lengthy absence with a serious shoulder injury. Closing in on 250 competitive appearances for the club.

### Ashley Davies Defence

In his 3rd spell with the club. Has had spells away at Hardwicke, Shortwood United & Cinderford Town but returned briefly last and now raring to go in 2022/23! Was Neil Mustoe's 1st signing last season; an incredible coup. Brings class on the ball, a physical presence, leadership and a wonderful work ethic to the squad - his influence will be of huge value to the club.

### 2022/23 PLAYER PROFILES

### Mark Pritchett Defence

Another player to have returned to the club this season, and another who tasted Hellenic League title winning success at Bishops Cleeve during his time away. Previously at Rovers as Player/Manager before stepping away from the role during pre-season in 2021/22. Now back at the club his father had great success at, offering a no nonsense, uncompromising, good old-fashioned performance in every game, whilst also offering a threat in the opposition box.

### Warren Mann Defence

Our longest serving player and has now made over 450 appearances at Step 7 and above, which is a record for the club. 'Wazza' may now lack pace in comparison to the winger who started with the club, but is hugely committed and massively experienced. Brings energy, passion and excellent technique; he's constantly involved in every game. Practical joker off the field; usually the opposition support's least favourite player!

### Kieran Squires Defence

Previously with the club from 2014/15 to 2017/18 but then spent time at Slimbridge, Longlevens and Hardwicke, before dropping down to play local league football. Returned to the club this season has proved a shrewd acquisition. Thunderous tackling, powerful in the air and has a terrific long-throw that could add a dimension to our play

### Kian Maher-Goldsmith Defence

Young defender, who has recently graduated to the first team squad and made his competitive debut at Royal Wotton Bassett Town. A good old-fashioned centre-back, who is brave, competitive and toughtackling, but also sensible on the ball. A natural leader, who has captained the Development Squad regularly this season.

### Sammie Hicks Midfield

Signed in January to bolster the squad following Neil Mustoe's appointment as manager, on a dual registration agreement with Cinderford Town. Has now committed to the club for 2022/23. A super talented midfielder, now with experience at a higher level and just what we needed after a difficult season. Coming back from a series of injuries that have hampered his progress but a stellar signing, nonetheless.

### Dominik Kent Midfield

About to start his fifth season with the club, Dom was a product of Neil Mustoe's Gloucester City U18 squad and is a a talented midfielder, who is good on the ball, industrious and quick across the ground but also incredibly tenacious, whether looking to retain possession or win the ball back. Has often sacrificed his natural attacking instinct to play in a deeper midfield role but still retains a healthy goals per game ratio.

### TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

### Callum McGuirk Midfield

Signed from Longlevens, where he'd largely been used at full-back, he is a hard-working midfielder, who looks comfortable on the ball. Played academy football during his earlier years, including a spell at Bristol City. Previously spent time at Rovers, where he featured in our U18s squad. Will look to make an impact in 2022/23 but his versatility could also be an important asset.

### Liam Smith Midfield

Another player with Southern League experience. Calm in possession and possesses a good passing range, whilst also physically strong, will be looking to hold down a regular place in the side, after an injury hit campaign in 2021/22. Offers experience and capable of dropping into the back four when needed.

### Henry Birkett Midfield

Now in a 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 4<sup>th</sup>!) spell with Rovers, after a fairly nomadic life in Hellenic League & County League football. Made forty appearances for the first team over 7 years but returned during pre-season - could this be the season where he settles down to become the key player that we all believe he can be? Great energy, good passing ability, hard-working & can add goals.

### Kieran Alder Midfield

Recently returned to the club after spells with Cinderford Town, Bishops Cleeve and Worcester City. A gifted No.10, whose work rate is as noticeable as his talent on the ball. Scored once in every four games during his previous spell with the club and scored eight league goals for Cleeve in their title winning season in 2021/22. Previously part of Neil Mustoe's U18s side at Gloucester City and now reunited with him at Rovers.

### Rvan Dobbins Forward

Another returning player, who started out at the club's Stroud League sides, before a successful spell in the Reserves', followed by a prolific spell at County League side Gala Wilton. Moved back into Hellenic League football, playing for Cheltenham Saracens, before a return to Glevum Park this season. Has the potential to contribute goals, but his all-round game has improved immeasurably; he is adept at holding the ball up and bringing his team-mates into the game.

### Harrison Iddles Midfield

Livewire in the midfield, who offers a non-stop, high energy performance every time he appears in the team. Signed from Westfields at the end of 2022 and already a regular, who you're as likely to see tackling in our box as he is to be the furthest player forward in an attack. Was previously part of the highly successful U18s squad that Neil Mustoe and Ken Blackburn managed at Gloucester City.

### 2022/23 PLAYER PROFILES

### Dan Beasley Forward

Signing from Westfields, who looks to be a great acquisition. Strong, holds the ball up well, has an electric turn of pace and shows plenty of composure in front of goal. Injuries have stunted his progress since joining the club but another player with huge potential, if he can stay fit and get a regular run of games.

### Tomos Shyamapant Forward

Youngster who has been a consistent goalscorer for both the U18s and Development Squad over the past two seasons. Highly rated and a genuine prospect. Made his debut in the GFA Challenge Trophy last season and gained more experience as the season drew to a close. Natural finisher, who will be looking for more opportunities to make an impact this season. One for the future, for sure!

### Shayne Bradley Forward

Could this season see an Indian Summer for the club's leading goalscorer since our return to Step 7 football (and progression since)? 106 goals in 230 appearances were hugely valuable to our progress from County League football and Bradders still possesses the quality that saw him make four Premier League appearances, as well promotion success at Mansfield Town, before injury curtailed his professional career. Last appeared in a Rovers shirt during 2018/19 but now set for a return in 2022/23.

### Yeshaya Lomotey Forward

Powerful striker who joined in 2021/22 after spells at other local clubs, including Slimbridge and Cinderford Town. Struggled for fitness during his first season but showed his quality on the ball and packs a powerful shot that could be a potent weapon. Will be hoping to stay fit and if he does, will be looking to contribute a regular supply of goals.

### Neil Mustoe Manager

Appointed as first team manager in January and took the club away from relegation fears to a place of safety. Spent many years as a professional at Manchester United, Wigan Athletic, Cambridge United, Stevenage and Yeovil Town, before over 350 appearances for Gloucester City. Previous coaching experience with City before a spell away from the game until his appointment with The Rovers.

### Ritchie Warden Assistant Manager

Appointed as Assistant Manager in 2020, when Richard Cox took on the Caretaker Manager role, Ritchie is a UEFA B qualified coach who has experience from working at Cheltenham Town. Stayed on to become Neil Mustoe's assistant after Cox's resignation and is an important part of the management team.



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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 halftime break trying to answer these questions. As ever, there is a theme and today the questions or answers are all about Royals!

1. Can you name the player pictured, who has a royal sounding name, and counts Tottenham Hotspur, Portsmouth, AC Milan, Schalke, Barcelona and Fiorentina amongst his many clubs?



- 2. Which Championship club, formed in 1871, are nicknamed "The Royals", having also been known as "The Biscuitmen" during their history?
- 3. Queen of the South FC play in Scottish League Division One, but which Scottish market town is home to the Palmerston Park club?



- 4. Crown Paints famously sponsored Liverpool Football Club during the 1980s. How many seasons did the Anfield club wear their logo on the shirt and a bonus point for the first and last years?
- 5. King is amongst the most common royal sounding surnames in the English football leagues. Can you name these three kings?











# ON (OR AROUND) THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

Current records date back, fairly accurately, to the 2007/08 season and although there are a few gaps stopping us having a full set of data, it gives us the opportunity to include a new programme feature that allows us to reflect on days gone by and fixtures on, or around, today's date.

Since those records began, we've had a few games on or around 28 March that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on this this particular date...

### 28 March 2009

Bishops Cleeve Reserves gained a narrow 1 – 0 victory at Tuffley Rovers in the Gloucestershire County League, with the only goal of the game coming in the 30th minute, from Cleeve defender Lorcan Sheehan.

*Squad:* Adam Bennett; Ben Surman; Lee Wallington; Phil Crabb; Robert Cook; Martin Middlecote; Mark Wallington; Stuart Griffith; Shayne Bradley, Peter Thomas; Warren Mann. *Subs used*. Patrick Boyd; Oliver Everitt; Christopher Lee.

### 27 March 2010

Tuffley Rovers visited Patchway Town, who were bottom of the Gloucestershire County League table, and almost returned empty-handed, with a late Victor Webb goal salvaging a point from a game they looked set to lose.

Town had taken the lead when John Pugsley was put clear by Clayton Clark early on. Rovers had a host of chances but might have gone further behind only for Pugsley to waste a glorious chance just before the interval.

Leone Cornwall was dismissed for the visiting team, who had to play with tenmen and just as it looked like the hosts would hold out for a memorable victory, Rovers snatched their point five minutes into time added, when a free kick was parried by Alford in the Patchway net and Webb was on hand to knock the ball home from close range.

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

### 26 March 2011

Bishops Cleeve Reserves hosted Tuffley Rovers in the Gloucestershire County League, and it was the visitors who went home with the three points, securing a 2-1 win, despite being reduced to ten men following Lee Wallington's dismissal. Joe Mogg had given the home side the lead in the 60th minute but two goals in the space of two minutes won the game for Rovers. Richard James netted the first in the 72<sup>nd</sup> minute and Mark Wallington got the winner two minutes later.

**Squad:** Christopher Perks; Ashley Davies; Lee Wallington; Richard James; Richard Workman; Liam Harding; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Scott Jones; Warren Mann. **Subs used**: Joshua Flounders.

### 28 March 2015

Tuffley Rovers produced an efficient, obdurate performance to overcome fellow Hellenic League, Division One (West) title challengers Lydney Town and secure a crucial three points,

making it a maximum 21 points from the last seven fixtures, thanks to a brace from winger Brett James



Rovers had to withstand a barrage on their goal but when Mark Ford set James clear, the wide-man caress the ball beyond Josh Loade's despairing dive and into the bottom corner of the Lydney Town goal.

After the interval, Rovers came out on the front foot and James produced another piece of magic, as he latched onto a clever Jordan Fletcher pass and slammed the ball low to Loade's right and into the net, to give Rovers a welcome two goal cushion.

Kieran Squires was sent-off for a second yellow card with ten minutes remaining, after a reckless challenge on the touchline, to generate some late nerves, and although those were exaserbated by a late goal from Declan Morley-Lyne, Warren Evans' side did enough to hold out for a crucial victory.

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

### 28 March 2016

League Champions elect, Kidlington Town, moved one step closer to securing the Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division title, whilst Tuffley Rovers moved one step closer to a relegation place, as the Oxfordshire side left Glevum Park with a 3-0 victory that was not as comprehensive as the scoreline suggested, but it was a demonstration as to why one clinical side will potentially win the league and the other is in a relegation dogfight.

The game survived an early pitch inspection after heavy rainfall overnight. Caretaker Manager Shayne Bradley played in a holding midfield role, allowing Mark Wallington and debutant Alex Kibble the opportunity to press the Kidlington players and it worked to good effect. However, goals from Anaclet Odhiambo, Lewis Coyle and Lewis Brownhill ultimately secured the three points for the visitors.

**Squad:** Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Bradley; Macaulay Herbert; Ashley Davies; Brett James; Mark Wallington; Jordan Fletcher; Alex Kibble; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Kieran Squires; Ryan Williams; Henry Birkett.

### 28 March 2019

A sensational performance from Tuffley Rovers saw them to an excellent 2-1 win over Binfield at Glevum Park. A Josh Howell penalty had put the visitors in front, but Warren Mann found an equaliser, following up to net a rebound, after his own penalty was saved by Lee Wyatt. The game could have gone in either direction but it was sealed in Rovers' favour after Tyreece Briscoe and Will Dawes linked up, exchanging passes that



worked enough space for Dawes to conjure up a magical effort, curled beyond Wyatt and into the net, to seal all three points.

**Squad:** Luke Merchant; Rhys Davies; Luke Troke; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Joel White; Kieran Alder; Tyreece Briscoe; Adam Bloomfield; Will Dawes; Brett James. **Subs used:** Warren Mann; Paul Carter.

# **HISTORY**

Situated six miles from Swindon, Wootton Bassett Town Football Club was first established in 1882, making the club one of the oldest in Wiltshire. The club's early achievements came in the Wiltshire Senior Cup, making the final in both 1902-3 and 1903-4, although losing both. The club folded for a period pre-World War 1 before reforming in the Calne & District League when it began playing at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground which had been donated by a local dignitary for sporting activities within the town and opened in 1930.

Early successes included winning the Calne & District League in the 1930-31 Season, having finished runners-up the previous season, and then again in 1934-35. Following a move up to the Wiltshire League Division 2 promotion was earned again the following season and the team then remained in the top division in the county until the outbreak of war. After the war Wootton Bassett Town F.C. recommenced in the County League with limited success until 1958-59 when they won their first Wiltshire League title. In 1987-88 the Wiltshire League Division 1 title was won, elevating the club into the Hellenic League, where they have remained ever since. The club finally won the Wiltshire Senior Cup in 1998-99 and repeated this achievement in 2000-01. The club have had three spells in the Hellenic Premier and the current spell in the topflight commenced after gaining promotion back in 2012-13. The highest finish so far was 10<sup>th</sup> spot in Season 2018-19 in Sam Collier's first full season in charge.

Since the onset of the new millennium the club has expanded significantly, with the establishment of a thriving Youth Section, a very successful Ladies Section and a Veteran's Section. The club now operates 28 teams from under 7s upwards. All now play their games at the relocated Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, which opened in the summer of 2015 and with the Royal title now included within the name, Royal Wootton Bassett Town continues to thrive as a key part of the community of Royal Wootton Bassett. This growth led to the club being awarded Charter Standard Development Club status by the Football Association in 2008 before this was upgraded to Community Club status a year later, the first club in Wiltshire to achieve this. International ties have also been established with Dutch amateur side FC 's-Gravenzande who sides from the club's Youth Section visit each year, although currently stopped due to Covid.

In Season 2020-21 the club had good cup runs in both the FA Cup and the FA Vase, as well as the Hellenic League end of season cup competition. In the FA Cup the club equalled their best performance in the prestigious competition, reaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round, losing narrowly to a late winner against National League South side Oxford City. The club also equalled their best showing in the FA Vase making it through to the Second Round. In the Bluefin Insurance Cup competition, they safely progressed from the group stages and then won two knockout games to reach the semi-final but just fell short against eventual winners Kiddlington, going down 2-1 in the semi.

Whilst doing well in the cup competitions the side never really got going in the league. It was a similar story last season with the best form again being shown in the cups with Royal Wootton Bassett Town reaching the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of the FA Vase for the first time in the club's history, eventually losing a tight game to Hamworthy who were to go on to reach the semi-final. Season 2022-23 sees Sam Collier in charge of the First Team for his fifth season and he will be assisted in the dugout this season by Alan Griffin and club coach Mark Simpkins.

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### Previously against today's opposition at Glevum Park

The last time we hosted today's visitors in a Premier Division fixture at Glevum Park a late, late goal proved to be decisive, with Rovers in the midst of a losing streak that would start in mid-October and run until the Christmas break...

### UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 0-1 ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN SATURDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2021

Tuffley Rovers continued a dismal run of form that has seen them slip to five consecutive defeats, taking just nine league points in the last eleven league fixtures, as a late goal decided matters against a Royal Wootton Bassett Town side who had arrived at Glevum Park only three points above them in the Hellenic League Premier Division table.

Once again Rovers manager Rich Cox made several changes to the line-up, following the midweek defeat at home to Malvern Town, with Sam Mendes and Harry Morgan recalled in midfield and Dion Ellis-Clark handed his first start since 11 September.

The visitors started brightly and had a first effort on goal, with Bailey Gallagher's enterprising run ending with a shot that drifted off target and away from Jack Copland's goal.



Shortly after, Jacob Geddes' header from Lucas Price's corner drew a save from Edward Cavanagh in the Bassett goal, before the visiting defence stood up to Rovers' efforts to tuck the loose ball home.

Geddes then met another Price corner kick and this time his headed effort was beyond Cavanagh but cleared off the line by Thomas Duldridge, although the match official signaled that the Bassett keeper had been impeded and a free-kick was awarded.

Gallagher then drew a save from Copland, after another mazy run had ended with a shot that was, on this occasion, on target but not likely to trouble the Rovers keeper.

As the first period wore the visitors began to increase the pressure on the hosts' goal, although chances were few and far between. On the half hour, Bassett made claims for a goal, as Will Davidson's header was cleared from the goal by Woodall,

but the officials decided it had not crossed the line and play continued.

When the interval arrived it ended a half of few chances but appeared to be set-up for an evenly contested game to come to life in the second.

Early on Duldridge fired over the goal after he capitalised on a miscued clearance from Geddes, before Woodall headed another set-piece wide, amidst protest from Rovers that Geddes had been pulled down by David Bampton as the ball came into the box.

John Mills then struck the outside of the near post, although Copland appeared to have the goal covered, as Bassett began to exert pressure, but from next phase of play Rovers almost took the lead. Gio Wrona then went close to scoring, before Rhys Wells drew an excellent save from Copland.

After a Bassett set-piece was cleared by Mann, with all the outfield players in the Rovers half Cavanagh came racing from his goal but his clearance went straight to Woodall, who himself cleared into the Bassett half. Mendes won the race to the ball just inside the half, shrugged off



the challenge of Davidson and then launched a high, lobbed effort that went over the back-peddling keeper, but Cavanagh eventually recovered to retrieve the ball as it bounced in front of his previously unoccupied goal.

Mendes fired over the bar from the edge of the box shortly after but the decisive moment in the contest was to come moments later.



Rovers protested after a corner was awarded, Joe Shutt having been adjudged to have got a touch to a ball pumped deep into home territory, but although the delivery from Duldridge was scuffed into the near post a touch from Mills guided it into

the path of Adam Corcoran, who has able to steer the ball home from close range with seconds of the game remaining to be played.

Shutt was sin-binned for his continued protests against the award of the corner, leaving Rovers a man short in their attempt to claw back a point. Time was as much a detriment as the loss of a player and although Cox's charges looked to attack they ran out of time and ended the day out of points, to continue a dreadful run of form that they are without a league point from four games in November.

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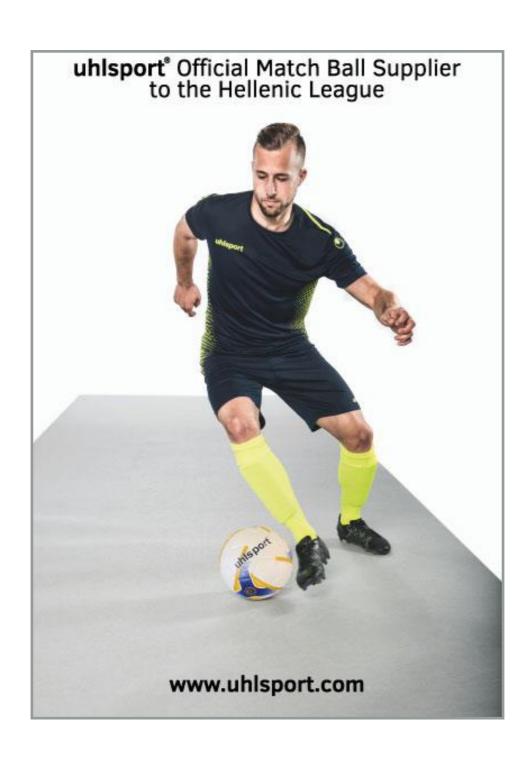
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Macaulay Herbert 5 Landon Golding

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