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EDITOR'S COMMENT

Welcome to today's game against Brimscombe & Thrupp, who we welcome to Glevum Park for our first Hellenic League game of 2022. I would like to extend a warm welcome not only to those reading this page, but to everyone in attendance, most notably our visitors – their players, coaches and committee – and the match officials.

Since I last wrote Neil Mustoe has joined us as our manager, at least until the end of this season, and I have every confidence that he will be the man to turn around our alarming slump in form since the end of October. Confidence is lacking but the performance against Longlevens was a step in the right direction and we were unfortunate to lose that game. This game will be tough but our first points in a while will need to come from somewhere and why can't that start today?

By the way, what a crowd (331) last Monday! If we can get even close to that for our home games during the remainder of the season it will be another positive from a challenging campaign.

Away from the game, we've had some great publicity around our kit donations to The Gambia and irrespective of our results on the field, we are a club showing our value to the local and much wider communities. Thanks to *Kit You Out* for their work in transferring our old playing strips to villages in Africa.

More locally, we have been trying to find ways to support our community and on Thursday evening, when we host Westfields in an U18s game, we will be fundraising for Shelter, the charity designed to support the homeless. Every little helps, as someone once said, and we intend to do every little bit we can do to help. If you are attending that game, please do bring a little change to help with the fundraising effort.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the fixture this afternoon. I wish you a safe journey home.

– **NEIL** #uptherovers

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

Happy New Year one and all.

Firstly, welcome to today's opposition - their players, management, committee and supporters - our near neighbours Brimscombe and Thrupp FC. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with friends and family and enjoyable New Year celebrations, whatever they were and wherever you were.

We are hoping that the turn of the year means a turn in results for our first team. I was unable to attend the game against Longlevens, but from what I have been told and read, the performance was that first step forward. What we cannot continue to do, is rely on other results going our way, which for the last month we have been fortunate with, which has kept us in a fairly stable league position.

I mentioned this in the last game programme message, but the appointment of Neil Mustoe to the first team manager role, has been one positive to come off the back of our poor run of form. The lads will learn so much and be better players for the knowledge, tactical awareness and leadership that Muzzy will bring to the club.

I hope everyone enjoys the game this afternoon, as well as the facilities and hospitality on offer here at Glevum Park. Thank you for visiting.

Cheers,

- Dan

Dan Boon
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MANAGER'S COMMENT

Good afternoon and a Happy New Year to all of you.

Welcome all for this Hellenic League fixture. I would like to welcome all visiting players staff and officials to Glevum Park.

It has been a hectic week or so and a roller coaster of emotions, going into the last game – and my first involvement with the squad – in our 27 December game against Longlevens.

Although we did not get a result we all wanted from that game, there was a disappointment at the end that we should and could have possibly got something, which has not always been the case in recent weeks.

We know our visitors today are having a good season and have a strong settled squad who have been together for a long time, and we have had a week to start taking this group of players in the direction we want to.

It is another local derby which will add to the occasion. We have set some standards for ourselves, following the performance in our last match and the level we achieved against Longlevens must be the bare minimum going forward.

Thank you for your support.

- Muzz

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. The next season, a much younger side finished a slightly disappointing 11th but with a year's experience gained the Rovers challenged again at the top of the table for most of the next season before finishing 3rd.

The 2010/11 season saw some variable performances in the league, with a final finishing position of 6th, followed by a third place finish in 2011/12. 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.



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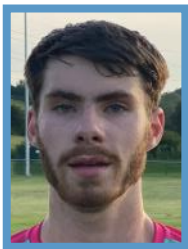
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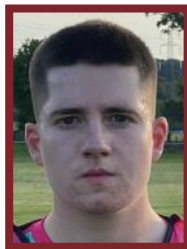


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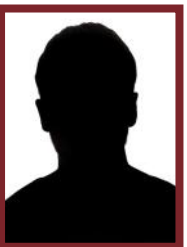
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Brimscombe & Thrupp – History



Brimscombe A.F.C. was founded in 1886 – the same year as the Gloucestershire Football Association! The G.F.A. friendlies were played until the competitive league was formed in 1890. In 1902 the Stroud League was founded and Brimscombe were its first winners. Just after the First World War the Northern Senior League appeared. Its first season was 1922 and once again Brimscombe were the very first champions. Football was interrupted during the Second World War (1939–1945) but the game continued at 'The Meadow' where matches between the Army, Navy, Air Force and a team called 'Brimscombe Wanderers' took place.

When the Gloucestershire County League was first formed in 1968/9, Brimscombe – affectionately known as "The Lilywhites", were again founder members, along with other local sides Forest Green Rovers and Stonehouse Town. In 1973/4 The Lilywhites, amid some controversy, found themselves back in the Senior League, just failing by one vote to secure a place in the Hellenic League.

It was at this time the Club experienced a difficult period and in the late 1970's Brimscombe and Thrupp amalgamated to secure both Club's futures. The Club hit a purple patch in the 1980's and won the Senior League Division One and Two and the County Cup all in the space of three seasons, eventually being promoted back to the County League and finishing 4th in 1987. There then followed many years of varying fortunes for the club including relegation to the lower leagues. However, in 2008 there were major changes to the Club Committee and the Football Management which immediately brought a successful period for the club.

In season 2008/9 the First Eleven managed by Phil Baker were Runners-up to Longlevens and were promoted once again into the County League for the third time in its History.

In 2011 Brimscombe & Thrupp F.C. won the Gloucestershire County League for the first time and gained promotion to the Hellenic League under Phil Baker. Since promotion major redevelopments of the ground have taken place including an extension to the clubhouse and the installation of floodlights.

Season 2012/13 saw Brimscombe & Thrupp F.C. win the UHlsport Hellenic League Division 1 West and gain acceptance into the Premier League. More ground improvements were undertaken which included a new 100 standing/100 seating stand and further walkways around the pitch.

Season 2013/14 saw Brimscombe & Thrupp F.C. playing in the highest league in the clubs history, the ground improvements were complete with the new stand finished and other improvements made. The club experienced its first ever F.A. Vase football and were quite successful reaching the first round proper. The season was also made memorable with the First XI winning three cup finals – those being the Stroud & District Charity Cup, the Hellenic League Flying Press Floodlit Cup and the Hellenic League Supplementary Cup.

Season 2014/15 was another historic occasion with the side playing in the F.A. Cup for the first time in its history. The club continued to go from strength to strength during season 2015/16 and saw the team end in fifth position, its highest league finish in its history. The upgrade of the club continues with works being carried out as required by Step 5 football.

2016/17 was another great season for the club when we appeared in three cup semi finals and saw the club have their best FA cup to date, eventually losing in the third qualifying round at Weymouth. Season 2017/18 saw Brimscombe & Thrupp win the GFA Trophy for the first time in its history and finish sixth place in the League. Season 2018/19 saw us reach our highest league position in the clubs history, however, second place was not enough to see us gain promotion.

FORTHCOMING GAMES AT GLEVUM PARK



Thursday, 6 January 2022, 7:30pm

v Westfields U18s

Cheltenham Youth Floodlit League

Saturday, 8 January 2022, 3pm

v Shrivenham

Uhlsport Hellenic League

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Tuesday, 11 January 2022, 7:45pm

v Roman Glass St George

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Premier Division



Saturday, 15 January 2022, 3pm

v Kington Town

Hellenic League, Div 2 (West)



Tuesday, 18 January 2022, 7:30pm

v Cinderford Town U18s

Cheltenham Youth Floodlit League



Saturday, 22 January 2022, 3pm

v Bishops Cleeve

Uhlsport Hellenic League

Premier Division



UHS LPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION
TUFFLEY ROVERS 0-1 LONGLEVENS
MONDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2021

A solitary goal from visiting Longlevens captain Shaun O'Connor decided this local affair in front of a bumper Bank Holiday crowd of over three hundred. Rovers are still firing blanks in front of goal but this was a much more compact performance than the one against Corsham nine days earlier and should give the newly-appointed management team of Neil Mustoe and Ritchie Warden enough encouraging signs to work on in the New Year even though the team desperately needs to be picking up points again very quickly because if it does not it can expect to be caught and overtaken by the three clubs immediately below them in the table.

Matches between the two Gloucester clubs in this division tend to be quite tight affairs without many goals and this match continued that trend. There were several former Rovers players in the Longlevens squad and although that sort of familiarity can lead to rather feisty confrontations that wasn't really evident until the closing stages when Rovers had a player sent off for a pretty wild challenge.

Tuffley kicked off playing down the slope but both teams won early corners. The 'Levens corner was taken by Luke Troke and the ball certainly moved in the air and was drifting inside the far post when Jack Copland grabbed it to make a clean catch.

Eight minutes had passed before there was a sniff of a chance. Brad Martin got his head to a free-kick taken by Troke on the left but when the ball reached Will Emery he could only drive his shot wide of Copland's left-hand post.

Five minutes later Jamal Lawrence found himself in the clear when a long ball forward reached him but he was being put under pressure by a defender and maybe got his shot away a little earlier than he needed to, an effort which was comfortably saved by Ellis Parker.



Midway through the first half Warren Mann fouled Dave Merrick as Longlevens built up a move on the right. Troke's free-kick drifted over everyone in the penalty-area before smacking against the far post; this led to an almighty scramble as defenders tried to clear the ball but instead led to Merrick getting a shot away which was deflected for a corner.



Just after the half-hour mark the visitors took the lead. O'Connor moved menacingly forward into the final third of the pitch and exchanged passes with Martin before driving in a right-footed shot which was deflected off debutant Scott Nicholls and out of Copland's reach and ended up in the far corner.



There was a flurry of activity soon after the goal as Longlevens threatened to increase their lead. Ex-Rover Rudi McKinnon fired in a ferocious shot from the left which was screaming into the far corner until Copland flew through the air and somehow diverted the ball onto his crossbar and away from immediate danger. Two minutes later Martin passed to Emery on the right and the cross was met by Cameron Williams who could not get over the ball properly and headed it over the crossbar.

Just before the interval Rovers had two decent opportunities to equalise. Lewis Bainbridge ran from deep inside his own half down the left and hurdled a couple of attempted tackles while still retaining possession of the ball before getting in a tame shot which Parker dealt with comfortably. Then Nicholls moved up when Rovers were awarded a free-kick on the right but he could only head Josh Aldridge's cross wide of the goal. So 'Levens held on to take their narrow lead into the half-time break.

The visitors moved forward with purpose early in the second half and this led to two corners, the second of which was headed wide by Williams. Rovers won a corner themselves shortly afterwards and Aldridge's flag-kick led to a fierce drive from Nicholls which Parker acrobatically turned aside.



Rovers' shortcomings in front of goal were well documented and they again failed to create enough decent opportunities for themselves even though their big centre-forward Lawrence worked hard for little reward. Lucas Price had an effort that should have drawn the scores level, but Parker made another superb save to keep his side in front.

Both teams made substitutions as the match entered its final third. Warren Mann was brought down heavily and limped away but Rovers had made their three changes by then so the Tuffley veteran had to see out the match. The same fate befell Ethan Dunbar for the visitors.

Time was nearly up when Mann flew into a challenge on O'Connor for which referee Mitchell Terry pulled a red card out of his pocket. Rovers had to play with a man less for what little time remained but Longlevens remained composed and disciplined and continued to work hard to protect their narrow lead with the three points earned moving them level on points with Westbury United in eighth place although they have played three matches more than the Wiltshire club.

Statistics 2021/22

Competition
Uhisport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated
FAC = FA Cup; FAV = FA Vase; GFA = GFA Challenge Trophy;
BFCC = Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup;
BLFC = Banbury Litho Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

2021										Att	Scorers	Parisson, Jake	Bainbridge, Lewis	Swales, Joshua	Geddes, Jacob	Herbert, Macaulay	Kent, Dominik
03/Aug	7:45pm	Thornbury Town		A	L	1-2	134	J Lawrence				1	2	3	4	5	6
08/Aug	3pm	Windsor FC	FAC	H	W	3-2	193	J Swales, D Kent, A Basford					16	3	4	5	8
14/Aug	3pm	Corsham Town		A	L	0-2	60	-					2	3	4	5	8
21/Aug	3pm	Flackwell Heath	FAC	H	D	2-2	78	M Herbert, L Price					3	15	4	5	8
24/Aug	7:45pm	Flackwell Heath	FACr	A	L	0-6	139	-					2	9	U	5	8
28/Aug	3pm	Shrivenham		A	L	2-3	65	O.G., W Mann					3				6
30/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		A	D	2-2	87	D Ellis-Clark, A Basford						5			8
04/Sep	3pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		A	W	3-2	52	L Bainbridge, A Basford, B Denness-Barrett					3				8
08/Sep	7:45pm	Calne Town		A	W	2-1	92	L Bainbridge, B Denness-Barrett					3				8
11/Sep	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria	FAV	A	W	4-2	83	H Morgan (2), L Price, L Bainbridge					2				
18/Sep	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		A	L	1-5	102	B Denness-Barrett					2				8
25/Sep	3pm	Fleet Spurs	FAV	H	W	3-2	82	O.G., J Shutt, J Geddes					10		4		6
02/Oct	3pm	Bradford Town		H	W	1-0	71	J Shutt					11		4		6
05/Oct	7:45pm	Malvern Town		A	D	3-3	174	J Lawrence, J Shutt, A Woodall							4		6
09/Oct	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		A	L	1-9	106	B Denness-Barrett								4	6
12/Oct	7:45pm	Calne Town		H	D	1-1	87	J Lawrence					11		4		6
16/Oct	3pm	Bishops Cleeve		A	D	0-0	70	-					3		4		6
19/Oct	7:45pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		H	W	3-1	56	B Denness-Barrett (2), L Bainbridge					3		4		6
23/Oct	3pm	Street FC	FAV	H	L	1-4	70	A Basford					11		4		6
26/Oct	7:45pm	Westfields		A	W	1-0	142	J Lawrence								4	6
30/Oct	3pm	Westbury United		H	L	0-3	79	-								4	6
03/Nov	7:45pm	Roman Glass St. George		A	L	1-4	40	J Shutt					11		4		
06/Nov	3pm	Thornbury Town		H	L	1-3	55	O.G.					3				6
09/Nov	7:45pm	Malvern Town		H	L	0-3	133	-							4		6
13/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H	L	0-1	66	-								4	12
16/Nov	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	GFA	H	L	2-5	66	D Kent, J Shutt					11		4		10
20/Nov	3pm	Cribbs FC		A	L	0-3	-	-							4		6
30/Nov	7:45pm	Fairford Town		H	L	0-1	73	-								4	8
04/Dec	3pm	Lydney Town		A	L	0-4	77	-								4	10
18/Dec	3pm	Corsham Town		H	L	0-3	81	-					11		4		8
27/Dec	1pm	Longlevens		H	L	0-1	331	-					11		5		10
2022																	
02/Jan	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		H													
08/Jan	3pm	Shrivenham		H													
11/Jan	7:45pm	Roman Glass St. George		H													
15/Jan	3pm	Bradford Town		A													
22/Jan	3pm	Bishops Cleeve		H													
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26/Feb	3pm	Cribbs FC		H													
05/Mar	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A													
12/Mar	3pm	Lydney Town		H													
19/Mar	3pm	Fairford Town		A													
26/Mar	3pm	Hallen		A													

STARTS	1	19	6	23	4	28
SUBSTITUTE	0	2	1	0	0	1
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0	0	0	1	0	0

Goalscorers	
Denness-Barrett, Brennan	6
Bainbridge, Lewis	4
Basford, Aaron	4
Shutt, Joe	4
Lawrence, Jamal	4
O.G.	3
Morgan, Harry	2
Price, Lucas	2
Swales, Josh	1
Kent, Dominik	1
Herbert, Macaulay	1
Mann, Warren	1
Ellis-Clark, Dion	1
Geddes, Jacob	1
Woodall, Archie	1

27	15	6	9	11	2	22	7	8	6	5	3	19	12	18	2	0	4	4	9	1	1	1	13	14	14	0	0	0	2	7	5	2	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
2	4	1	8	11	3	4	9	1	0	2	2	2	4	0	0	1	2	8	7	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	
0	2	1	1	3	3	0	8	7	6	0	2	2	8	3	1	4	0	5	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0		

The last time out against today's opposition at Glevum Park

Last time we met today's opponents at Glevum Park in an Uhlsport Hellenic League match was on 26 August 2019 and what a thriller it was...

UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 3-3 BRIMSCOMBE & THRUPP MONDAY, 26 AUGUST 2019

The three league points Sam Prior's team left behind them at Glevum Park in March were crucial to Tuffley's resurgence towards safety in the second half of the 2018-19 season; and were also points Brimscombe just could not afford to lose as they battled with other clubs at the top end of the table and would ultimately fall one victory short of the points needed to move up into the Southern League from the Hellenic.

The Stroud club opened the season by losing at home to Binfield and followed that up by losing to early pace-setters Fairford Town, also at The Meadow. Rovers had also started a new season disappointingly by only taking a single point from two away matches before narrowly losing to their city rivals from Longlevens in a third fixture on the road. Irrespective of any early results in cup competitions this meeting on a Bank Holiday Monday afternoon gave one or both teams the opportunity to show that their early form in the League was not typical of the way they could play.

Both teams are still looking for a first league win of the season. On an afternoon of high drama when the entertainment value matched the glorious weather, Rovers somehow snatched a draw from the jaws of defeat by scoring two late goals right at the end of a second period in which they had trailed by two for all but the final few, crazy minutes.

An injury during the warm-up meant that the visitors were forced to bring in Chris Pates for Tom Pass in a slight change to their originally nominated starting eleven. It didn't stop Brimscombe from making an explosive start. With barely two minutes played Jamie Bremner's cross from the left was met by Jack Smith, who timed his run perfectly and directed a firm, downward header into the corner of the net well out of the reach of debutant goalkeeper Brad Newman.

With Rovers trying to immediately recover from this dreadful start, Warren Mann worked really hard on the left to force a corner. Jack Beardsell took the corner before when the ball was recycled a long pass forward by Declan Earwaker was grabbed gratefully by Brimscombe goalkeeper Ashley Gale. As Rovers continued to pressurise their visitors Mann's shot was blocked but Dominik Kent's follow-up was handled and referee Josh Brookland pointed to the spot. Before the penalty-kick could be taken the referee instructed one of his assistants to check on the welfare of Brimscombe's right-back Elijah Simpson, who had had to leave the field of play with a head injury. Simpson was passed as fit to continue by the assistant and trotted back on wearing a headband and, confusingly, a number seventeen shirt. Possibly Mann was unsettled by the delay but his kick was too close to the goalkeeper, who dived to his right to make an excellent save.

The first of three water-breaks on a sweltering



afternoon was called after 26 minutes. Upon the resumption of play Brimscombe nearly increased their lead when Jonty Welch headed a corner narrowly over the home crossbar. It was only a temporary reprieve. Rovers conceded a free-kick in a dangerous position just outside their penalty-area. It looked as if Ollie Pitt would take it but Welch stepped forward instead and curled a terrific effort around the wall and away from Newman's right-hand side into the net.

Mann's afternoon came to a premature end and he was forced to make way for Lewis Bainbridge. Ashley Bird then sent Kent clear but saw Gale make a good save low down. Within seconds Kent went clear again and this time finished coolly by placing the ball away from Gale's right side into the corner of the net.

The visitors restored their two-goal lead right at the end of the first half. It was déjà vu for Rovers. Another free-kick conceded twenty yards out, another successful Jonty Welch effort followed, although this one was credited to the unfortunate Newman, who saw Welch's effort bounce in off him, after it initially hit the frame of the Rovers goal.

Rovers had much to think about during the interval. If Bird was expected to play in the traditional number nine role the shirt he wore indicated, he was becoming an increasingly lonely and isolated figure. But the centre-forward's role has evolved over time. The lime-green clad figure of Jack Smith gave a perfect exhibition of what a modern centre-forward is expected to do, leading the line with pace and skill, forcing defenders to dance around to keep him away from the ball and creating space for his team-mates. When Brimscombe won three corners quickly, early in the second half, two were cleared but the third was met by an unmarked Smith who headed the ball over the crossbar. A few minutes later it happened again, before Smith also had several shots which went wide. On another day with a bit more composure it is not an exaggeration to say that he could easily have scored half a dozen goals.

After a water-break on 63 minutes Rovers brought on Brett James and Adam Bloomfield for Ashley Bird and another full debutant, Ross Graham. Brimscombe responded by replacing Elliot Green and Ollie Pitt with Ed Major and James Campbell; their third change came shortly afterwards when Ashley Caldwell came on for Sam Blackie.

Rovers had not threatened much in the second period. Kent had sent Bird away down the right but the latter was crowded out. Another attempt to make ground by Kent was halted unfairly by Henry Birkett, who received a yellow card for that challenge.

However, this game still had two amazing twists. A long ball forward reached Bloomfield but it looked as if the chance had gone until the Rovers substitute regained his balance and stabbed the loose ball into the goal. There were two minutes left. Rovers mounted one final attack in an attempt to save the game. When the ball reached Jack Beardsell out on the left, there didn't seem much on, but the former Fairford Town man had other ideas and his fierce right-footed shot seemed to go through Gale as much as under him. Astonishingly, Rovers had drawn level.

The extra few minutes caused by five second-half substitutions and two water-breaks were not as frenetic as the minutes which had led up to them. An astonishing afternoon had seen both teams take one point each. Based on the fare produced at Glevum Park this afternoon, it can only be a matter of time before both Tuffley and Brimscombe start turning one point into all three. This was breathless entertainment and non-League football at his best played out in front of a bumper Bank Holiday crowd of nearly two hundred.



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Appearance information

Up to and including Monday, 27 December 2021

(includes selected list of former players)

With a new manager, in Neil Mustoe, there is every chance this number could increase, but we saw debutant #24 this season when Scott Nicholls made a first senior appearance (after previously playing for our U18s) in the 27 December game against Longlevens.

Scott recently returned to England, as part of a break in his studies in the USA, and will be with the squad until our game against Shrivenham on 10 January 2022. Thankfully, Scott didn't require International Clearance, due to the nature of his scholarship in the States, so he has been able to bolster our numbers whilst back in England. Congratulations on your first senior appearance, Scott!



Name	Apps	Goals	Kent, Dominik	112	16
Aldridge, Josh	16	0	Lawrence, Isaac	24	1
Bainbridge, Lewis	54	9	Lawrence, Jamal	8	4
Basford, Aaron	26	4	Ledger, Dan	1	0
Beardsell, Jack	43	8	Lomotey, Yeshaya	8	0
Bird, Ashley	51	5	Mann, Warren	451	80
Bradley, Shayne	230	106	Marszalek, Jerzy	1	0
Brain, Callum	5	0	McKinnon, Rudi	22	1
Butler, Matt	3	0	McNally, Laurie	9	0
Clark, Adam	13	0	Mendes, Sam	20	0
Copland, Jack	18	0	Morgan, Harry	24	3
Davies, Ashley	162	27	Nicholls, Scott	1	0
Davis, Felix	0	0	Parsisson, Jake	1	0
Denness-Barrett, Brennan	15	6	Price, Lucas	22	2
Ellis-Clark, Dion	16	1	Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Ramsey, Will	3	0
Geddes, Jacob	37	2	Rhodes, Jake	74	24
Greenhouse, Daniel	2	0	Romais, Billy	5	0
Hailwood, Ben	3	0	Shutt, Joe	58	13
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Shyamapant, Tomos	2	0
Haswell, Tristan	97	1	Smith, Liam	17	0
Herbert, Macaulay	218	8	Spencer, Tom	3	0
Hill, Sam	120	8	Swales, Josh	7	1
Hunt, Ollie	7	1	Thompson, Antoine	63	1
Idowu, Jerry	14	0	Walker, Harry	67	6
James, Brett	184	63	Wallington, Mark	220	29
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	95	4
John, Harri	32	0	Woodall, Archie	13	1
Jones, Xander	11	0	Wright, Liam	112	3
Jordan, Scott	1	0	Yussuf, Demilade	6	0

NB: The figures are correct for all league competitions from season 2007/08, when Tufley 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.

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 the focus is on new management appointments...

1. Joe Fagan had two seasons as Liverpool manager, in the mid-1980s, after succeeding Bob Paisley. He won three trophies, all in his first season. What competitions did his club win?

2. When Brian Clough left Nottingham Forest after 18 years as manager, the man pictured was chosen to replace him. Who is he?



3. Sir Matt Busby ended his first spell as Manchester United manager after 24 years, when he stood down in June 1969. He then returned briefly in December 1970 in a caretaker capacity, following the dismissal of his successor. Who was the man who held the role between those spells?

4. The first Premier League season in 1992/93 seems a little more forgiving than the modern era, as it took until mid-February for any manager to be sacked. The man on the left of the images was the first to be sacked and the man on the right the new appointment. Who are they and which club made the managerial change?






5. Tuffley Rovers have had five permanent appointments to the first team manager position since returning to the UHlsport Hellenic League. Can you name them? A bonus point can be awarded if you can name them in the correct order!

Quiz Answers: (1) The Football League Division One, The Milk Cup and European Cup; (2) Frank Clark; (3) Will McGinness; (4) Ian Porterfield and David Webb were involved as Chelsea changes their manager; (5) Doug Foxwell, Warren Evans, Mark Pritchett, Rich Cox and Neil Mustoe.



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UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TUFFLEY ROVERS 0-3 CORSHAM TOWN SATURDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2021

As one of several clubs moved into the Hellenic League from other Leagues in the summer (Corsham finished top of the Western League's First Division in its truncated 2020-21 season), Town could be satisfied with their start to life in a different division having taken 42 points from 22 matches as the second half of the season moved forward into the busy Christmas & New Year programme. A last-minute defeat at League-leaders Bishop's Cleeve a week before returning to Gloucestershire to play Tuffley has been their only away defeat to date in the League, a run which has included commendable wins at Lydney and former-leaders Cribbs.

So the Quarrymen would arrive at Glevum Park in a confident mood, having already defeated Rovers 2-0 at their own Southbank ground in Wiltshire in the middle of August. But for the hosts it was a different situation altogether. Somehow a horrendous run of eight consecutive league defeats had to be ended or their season was in danger of collapsing into the most awful meltdown. Five of those defeats had come in home games in which their only goal had been put into his own net by an opponent. Only bottom-of-the-table Hallen had taken less home points than Rovers. Just six goals from eight home matches clearly told where Tuffley's main deficiency lay as they prepared for this crucial fixture on the final Saturday before Christmas.

As it was, Corsham completed a League double over Tuffley and in so doing extended the Gloucester club's alarming losing run into double figures. In truth Town's victory was as comfortable as those achieved by most recent visitors to Glevum Park in the Hellenic League's top division.

The Wiltshire club had conceded a very late goal to Bishops Cleeve seven days earlier. This time it was their turn to score a very early goal, as early as the second minute in fact. Rovers' Dominik Kent lost possession of the ball a few yards outside his own penalty-area and Baldwin Igbinobaro capitalised on the error to move into the box and place a neat left-footed shot out of Jack Copland's reach.

Losing the ball after gaining possession of it by Tuffley players was an unfortunate feature of the first half for the hosts. The normally reliable Jacob Geddes was the next to do this but without his error leading to a goal.

With six minutes gone a foul by Will Ramsey saw a free-kick being chipped into a dangerous area and a header thumped against Copland's crossbar before being cleared. At this point Rovers had not made any incursions into the final third of the pitch. When Lewis Bainbridge was fouled on the left after ten minutes, the ensuing free-kick from Joe Shutt saw the first time that the ball had been inside Corsham's penalty-area; although Tom Spencer reached the cross, he could only head the ball a couple of feet wide of visiting goalkeeper Rob Brown's left-hand post.

A free-kick was awarded against Liam Wright for a push on Nathan Davis. Wright protested a bit too vociferously and received a stern talking-to from referee Craig Davenport, but Rovers' left-back wasn't so fortunate a few minutes later when he received a yellow card after fouling Brandon Mundy. Between those two incidents Town's Sean Keet was sent to the sin-bin for dissent and Corsham were denied a second goal when Chris Allen's free-kick from wide on the left went straight into the far corner but the assistant's flag was up to indicate offside against one of the visiting forwards.

As the half-hour mark approached Shutt was fouled in a central position, and this resulted in

Tuffley's first serious shot at goal but Aaron Basford's effort was high, wide and not very handsome. The scorer of the opening goal then went down near the right corner-flag with what seemed to be an early case of cramp on a cold and cloudy afternoon.

Demilade Yussuf was the next Tuffley player to inexplicably lose possession of the ball and his carelessness resulted in a corner on the left for the visitors which Copland palmed over his own crossbar for another corner on the other side.

As the interval neared Shutt tried a very ambitious shot from way out on the right and immediately turned screaming with pain and clutching his left shoulder. After being treated on the pitch, it was clear that he would be unable to continue and he was immediately replaced by Lucas Price who became the first substitute of the afternoon.

In the final minute of the first half Tuffley's afternoon went from bad to worse when Gary Higdon was bundled over by Geddes and Matt Morris blasted the spot-kick high past Copland's right-hand side.



Town replaced Matt Swann with Ryan Bath at the start of the second half. Shortly after the resumption Nathan Davis was fouled by Yussuf to give Town a free-kick in a promising position on the left. Up to this point all Corsham's free-kicks and corners had been taken by Chris Allen but Morris stepped up for this one and curled the ball narrowly over the crossbar with his right foot.

Mundy trotted off for the visitors and was replaced by Leigh Rogers. Jamie Cunning would later come on for early goalscorer Igbinobaro. Davis went down with what looked to be another case of cramp but was able to continue after receiving some treatment.

Tuffley were struggling to put attacking moves together but Lewis Bainbridge was a willing runner down the left until he was replaced by debutant Jurek Marszalek. Before he left the pitch Bainbridge had cut inside from the left-hand side and driven a shot wide. The same fate befell both Liam Wright and Tuffley's final substitute, Jack Beardsell, but none of these efforts troubled Brown, who had a very quiet afternoon and did not have a direct save to make.

Leon Greenland became the second Corsham player to be sent to the sin-bin after showing dissent to the referee. His afternoon was therefore over as there were only three minutes left to play.

In the final minute Town were awarded a free-kick on the left. The ball was swung in by Chris Allen and seemed to be touched into his own net by a back-pedaling Copland. Whoever got the final touch was irrelevant really because it just put a bit of gloss on Town's victory and condemned Tuffley to a sixth successive home defeat in the League with Corsham being the fourth side to score three goals at Glevum Park during that period.

Next up for Rovers are home local derbies against Longlevens and Brimscombe. Only an eternal optimist could see Rovers taking much from those matches based on this performance today. By contrast, Corsham are now in 6th place and just one point behind Malvern Town, Westfields and Brimscombe (2nd, 3rd and 4th, respectively).

Zero points from the last twenty-seven available is not a statistic to inspire much confidence in this Rovers team as Christmas beckons but how or when things are going to change for the better for them is impossible to predict with any confidence, a quality a lot of the Tuffley players seem to be lacking as a miserable November has evolved into an even more miserable December.

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 not had too many games on 3 January but there are a few notable games that have been played around this particular date...

5 January 2008

Tuffley Rovers move back into second spot in the Gloucestershire County League, courtesy of a 2-1 success at Thornbury Town. Thornbury took the lead on 10 minutes but Mark Wallington levelled on 20 minutes. The winner came from the penalty spot in the 70th minute, as Ben Surman netted from the spot to give Rovers the points.

Squad: Mark Harris; Robert Cook; Leone Cornwall; Ben Surman; Lee Wallington; Peter Thomas; Jon Corbett; Mark Wallington; Oliver Everitt; Adam Hacker; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Marcus Goodge; Martin Middlecote.

3 January 2011

Tuffley Rovers came back from Thornbury Town with a convincing win in this New Year tie. Rovers had the lead through a Richard James goal but James Derosa levelled for the hosts on 55 minutes. Tuffley regained the lead with a scrappy goal from Marcus Foxwell and then went further ahead when Warren Mann found the net. It was 4-1, with 15 minutes remaining, as Foxwell got his second of the game.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Lee Wallington; Richard James; Neil Griffiths; Ashley Davies; Marcus Foxwell; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann; Peter Thomas; Mark Ford. **Subs used:** Martin Middlecote; Liam Harding; Scott Jones.

7 January 2017

Tuffley Rovers continued their good Hellenic League Premier Division form as they swept aside Brackley Town Saints 5-0 at Glevum Park. Two goals from Warren Mann and a Jamie Goodwin effort made it 3-0 at the interval. Mann completed his hat-trick in the second period, with Goodwin also getting another goal to complete the rout.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Marcus Foxwell; Ben Tunnicliff; Jamie Goodwin; Harry Walker; Ryan Dobbins; Liam Wright; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Jake Sloggett; Courtney Hamilton; Ashley Davies.

25 January 2019

Shayne Bradley scored a brace, including a first minute opener, before an O.G. rescued a point from a 3-3 draw against Holmer Green at Glevum Park. Rovers had the lead twice before falling behind before a deflection of the unfortunate Dean Munday saved the day for Mark Pritchett's side.

Squad: Kane Winman; Luke Payne; Sam Hill; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Tyreece Briscoe; Kieran Alder; Jack Phillips; Shayne Bradley; Ryan Dobbins; Will Dawes. **Subs used:** Warren Mann; Brett James.

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(up to and including fixtures played on Wednesday, 29 December 2021)

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bishops Cleeve	25	17	6	2	32	57
2	Westfields	24	15	4	5	24	49
3	Corsham Town	24	14	6	4	26	48
4	Malvern Town	23	13	7	3	29	46
5	Cribbs	24	14	4	6	19	46
6	Brimscombe & Thrupp	24	14	4	6	17	46
7	Bradford Town	23	14	3	6	23	45
8	Westbury United	21	12	6	3	25	42
9	Longlevens AFC	24	13	3	8	16	42
10	Roman Glass St George	24	12	2	10	9	38
11	Fairford Town	25	10	4	11	5	34
12	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	23	9	4	10	-8	31
13	Shrivenham	24	8	5	11	-18	29
14	Hereford Lads Club	25	8	4	13	-4	28
15	Thornbury Town	26	5	8	13	-22	23
16	Tuffley Rovers	24	5	4	15	-34	19
17	Lydney Town	26	5	3	18	-28	18
18	Chipping Sodbury Town	25	5	3	17	-33	18
19	Calne Town	25	5	2	18	-38	17
20	Hallen	25	2	2	21	-40	8

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