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# EDITOR'S COMMENT

Welcome to this afternoon's game against Cribbs FC. I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone in attendance who has travelled here today.

Sometimes these notes are easier to write. Today is one of those days.

This has been a tough season. We simply haven't been good enough at times and I don't think many of those who've regularly watched us can say that we've been consistently good. There have been some real high points but a season where we've been consistently near the bottom of the table tells the tale.

However, we seem to have turned a corner (famous last words!!) and our last six games have seen us tighter at the back, carrying a greater attacking threat and collecting points regularly. We are still losing a few games but our ten games since Muzzy officially arrived as our manager have seen us take ten vital points. That is only part of the tale and there seems to be a new confidence and belief in the side and that carried us through to a much needed win against Hallen on Tuesday evening. Those three points mean we hold a significant lead on the sides in the relegation places and with the likelihood that only one side might go down from most Step 5 divisions, we are now in a wonderful position to have an eighth season in the Hellenic League Premier Division during 2022/23.

The other positive of late has been our resilience when we've been deprived of players who might otherwise be in our 'best eleven'. Tash Davies and Liam Wright were missing for both of our last two games (Tash was named as a sub on Tuesday but work commitments prevented him getting to the game), whilst Sammie Hicks, who has made a great impression since joining, missed the trip to Westbury. It has been great to see Harri John, who missed five months with injury, come back and make a really positive impact, and having Tomos Shyamapant step up from the U18s is a real step in the right direction if we want to secure our desired status as a club who create a clear pathway from youth to adult football.

I'd like to thank everyone who travelled to support us at Westbury last week; it was a great 'away day' and although a late goal meant we returned without points it was definitely one of the good days during what I have already described as a challenging campaign.

Here is hoping that we offer Cribbs a warm welcome to match their hospitality when we visited them earlier in the season, but our charity should end there and I sincerely hope that this is another good day for us on the field.

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

**- NEIL**

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# CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

Good afternoon and welcome to Glevum Park.

It is I believe our opponents first Hellenic League visit to Glevum Park today, so may I extend a warm welcome to the players, management, committee members and supporters of Cribbs FC.

You will probably notice that our wooden stand on the far side of the pitch was sadly subject to significant damage as a consequence of storm Eunice last Friday. Kindly a local Groundhopper has set up a Crowdfunder which can be found on our Twitter page. We would welcome any donation, which will help in us being able to reinstate the stand. Alternatively, there is a bucket in the main bar area today where any cash donations can be left.

On the pitch, I felt we were extremely unlucky to leave Westbury last Saturday without a point. The performance definitely deserved a point and the lads should be proud of the shift that they put in, given the amount of players we had missing. It was great to have a full coach travelling to the game and our supporters had a fantastic day out with and the atmosphere on the way back was excellent. Some sore heads for sure on Sunday morning! That was followed with the win at Hallen on Tuesday, so it was a good few days for our club.

Our Development Squad took another huge step forward last Saturday, beating local rivals Longlevens 2-1, which took them to six wins on the bounce since losing the reverse fixture back in December. We are seeing the strength in depth across our Development & U18s now and this puts us in a good position for next season and beyond with our player development strategy.

I hope everyone today enjoys not just the football today but also the hospitality here and a safe journey home.

Thanks for your support and I hope you all have a great afternoon.

Cheers,

- Dan

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# MANAGER'S COMMENT

Good afternoon all and a warm welcome to all player supporters and officials from Cribbs FC. I hope you all enjoy your visit to Glevum Park.

I write this on the back of an away win on Tuesday against Hallen FC, where we got 3 vital points towards our safety and, just as importantly, a huge boost for our morale as a group.

Since the last home game, where we narrowly lost to Westfields in a game that was backed up with a performance but another narrow defeat, we've put on some more good performances.

Although I have not put too much pressure on the team, on Tuesday there was a huge amount at stake, and I was putting it on myself to get the couple of wins we would need to stay in the division.

I thought Tuesday we were very good for 20 minutes and went ahead deservedly, but going 2-0 ahead seemed to be detrimental to our performance as we seemed to take our foot off the pedal and hold on to what we had.

I'm not surprised at that, when wins have been few and far between most of the season for this group, but bar one or two games during my time at the club we have come off the pitch and a lot of people have been saying that we deserved more. When this does not happen we need to keep our focus and belief. That is what we talked about during the week and I can see it is starting to sink in and the players will hopefully now see the rewards for their hard work.

On to today's game and what will be a very tough afternoon, with Cribbs in the top four and pushing for a play-off place, whilst also having the advantage of a free week and the opportunity to watch us on Tuesday.

We should have a few bodies back today and we are hoping to build on Tuesday's win with a performance and then just see where this takes us. One thing I am sure of is the team will give everything they have this afternoon.

Thanks, and enjoy the game.

- 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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**UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION  
HALLEN 1- 2 TUFFLEY ROVERS  
TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2022**



After 90 minutes play at the Auen Tips Stadium, this Uhlsport Hellenic League fixture ended with a scoreline which was a perfect reversal of the conclusion to the fixture between the two sides when they had met 17 days earlier. It left Stuart Jones, the Hallen boss, knowing his side have a mountain to climb if they are to avoid relegation from the Premier Division, whilst his opposite number, Neil Mustoe, ended the evening knowing his side were now on the cusp of safety, having climbed to sixteenth place in the table.

When the teams had come together at Glevum Park on 5 February a Saul Jarrett brace saw the visiting side take the points. On this occasion it was a double from another player, Rovers' Jack Beardsell, that once again meant three points were the property of the visiting team.

Mustoe started the evening by naming an unchanged starting eleven, after a performance offering much promise in the defeat at Westbury United the previous Saturday, despite the availability of Sammie Hicks and Liam Smith who returned to the squad after missing the previous game. Youngsters Tomos Shyamapant and Laurie McNally retained their place in the squad after impressive seasons in the Rovers U18s and Development Squad.

His side appeared to repay his faith and Beardsell had an early shot, after he'd battled his way to the edge of the Hallen area, but Ben Wilshire was quick to react and deflected the ball away from goal.

In the opening quarter of an hour both sides had a healthy share of possession, although some enterprising play usually ended with a stray pass that meant neither Hallen's Harry Thomas-Barker or Rovers' Jack Copland were troubled in goal.

Warren Mann is now a familiar face in the Rovers defensive line, but he still carries an attacking threat and when he beat Jarrett to a ball out wide, he was tripped as he looked to cross and won the award of a free-kick near the touchline but parallel with the edge of the Hallen penalty area. Joshua Aldridge stepped up to deliver a beautifully measured free-kick and it was Beardsell who rose highest to head the ball past Thomas-Barker and into the net, to make it 1-0 after 19 minutes.



That was Beardsell's first goal for Rovers since rejoining the club in October 2021 and his first in their colours since he netted twice against Fairford Town in January 2020.

Shortly before the half hour mark Hallen might have equalised but Jarrett's effort struck the bar before a game of goalmouth pinball ended with Harri John producing a block that took the ball away from goal and kept the Rovers lead intact.



It was Rovers who had the next chance of note, as Joe Shutt delivered a wonderful cross from the right, which was met by a powerful and towering header by Rovers goalscorer, but this time Beardsell was denied by the bar and the score remained at 1-0 as the game reached the interval.

The second half started with the visiting side on the front foot and Ashley Bird had a chance, only to see his shot blocked by a defender and the game then settled into a pattern where Rovers produced most of the attacking threat but Hallen looked to exploit opportunities on the break, with Jarrett producing another shot on goal that went wide of Copland's goal.

Mustoe introduced Hicks, for Dom Kent, before further changes a few minutes later, as Shyamapant and Smith entered the action as replacements for Aldridge and Aaron Basford.

It was Hicks who contributed to the next crucial moment for his side, when his corner caused chaos in the Hallen defence, with Thomas-Barker fumbling the ball on the edge of the six-yard box, and although Jacob Geddes' appeals for a penalty, after he fell under pressure, were denied, Beardsell picked up the loose ball, cut inside his marker and hit a shot that took a wicked deflection off Matt Davis that lifted over Thomas-Barker and into the Hallen net, to make it 2-0 with 74 minutes played.



Hallen got a goal back with 7 minutes to go, as Leo Eglin latched onto a loose ball after Rovers failed to clear a corner and that was the cue for some desperate defending in the closing moments, including six minutes of added time, that ultimately proved enough for the visitors to hold out in their quest for three points.

It is still a little early for Mustoe to feel assured that his short spell as interim manager has already delivered against the primary objective of maintaining Rovers' Step 5 status, but this win means that his side have taken a huge step in the right direction with the end of the campaign in sight.

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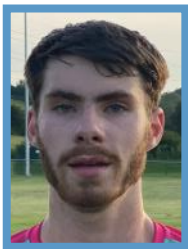
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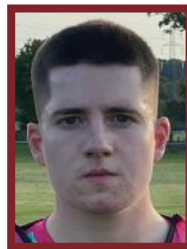
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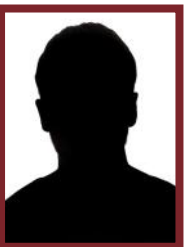
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**UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION  
WESTBURY UNITED 2-1 TUFFLEY ROVERS  
SATURDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2022**



An 80<sup>th</sup> minute goal from Player/Manager Ricky Hulbert ultimately proved enough to separate promotion chasing Westbury United and their visitors, Tuffley Rovers, on an afternoon where the performance of Neil Mustoe's side betrayed the thirteen places separating the teams at the end of the afternoon. That will be of little consolation to the Rovers manager, who knows his side will need to pick up points soon if they want to avoid being sucked into a relegation battle on the final days of the season.

Having arrived at Westbury's Meadow Lane shorn of several experienced players, Mustoe might well have anticipated a tough afternoon. Sammie Hicks, Ashley Davies and Liam Wright were all unavailable for selection, although Jacob Geddes did return to the line-up and Lewis Bainbridge was fit enough for a place on the bench. What followed was a performance full of grit and determination – two qualities that had been absent at times during the season – but short of the creativity that lies behind a fairly paltry return of 51 goals in 40 competitive games this season.

With Wright unavailable, Mustoe selected Joe Shutt at right-back, resulting in a recall for Ashley Bird in attack. The addition of Geddes offered some defensive steel, with Harri John moved into a more familiar central midfield role after he had played at full-back in the defeat to Westfields.

Both sides struggled in the early stages, as a gusty wind blew across The Meadow, but it was Rovers who snatched the lead, as early as the 7<sup>th</sup> minute, when Shutt picked up a poor clearance, took a touch and then unleashed a shot from 30 yards that had the support of a stiff breeze and rocketed into the Westbury goal, beyond Mark Bowden, to make it 1-0.

Josh Aldridge gave Dominik Kent the chance to make it 2-0 a few moments later but the Rovers midfielder shot over the bar when well placed on the edge of the box.

That miss was to cost Rovers, as the hosts won a free-kick out wide on 18 minutes. Ashton Shanley swung the ball into the box and after Westbury skipper Dan Price had won a header, Joel White's clearance struck Joe Stradling, who then managed to direct a low shot beyond Jack Copland and into the net to make it 1-1.

Rovers were forcing chances but Bird saw a header saved by Bowden, before Aaron Basford and Jack Beardsell went close with efforts from just inside the Westbury area.

When the interval arrived the score remained all square and it might have been justifiable for Mustoe to fear the worse, as the conditions in the second period would be in the hosts' favour.

Instead, his side remained competitive. Thomson went close for Westbury, drawing an excellent save from Copland, before Shutt hit another shot from distance that went narrowly wide.

Both sides then went on to trade blows and although Westbury were arguably creating more chances, Rovers more than matched them and regularly threatened to restore their earlier advantage.

As it was, Callum Demkiv eventually found enough space to put the ball into the Rovers box and when the visiting defence didn't clear it fell to Hulbert. Despite not making a clean contact, the Westbury man made enough of the opportunity to turn the ball across the goal and into the corner of the Rovers' net, to make it 2-1.

The final ten minutes saw both sides attacking with zest. Jack Biddescombe went close for the hosts and Basford, as well as late substitute Tomos Shyamapant, both had efforts on the hosts' goal that were blocked by some desperate defending.



As it was neither side could find another goal and Hulbert was left to celebrate a strike that had secured three points and moved his squad up to third in the table, whilst Mustoe was left to contemplate another defeat, although he'll be buoyed by a performance that offered plenty of hope ahead of his side's crucial visit to bottom club Hallen on Tuesday evening.



## UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

(up to and including fixtures played on Wednesday, 23 February 2022)

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bishops Cleeve	31	22	7	2	39	73
2	Malvern Town	33	19	7	7	33	64
3	Corsham Town	32	19	7	6	32	64
4	Bradford Town	32	19	5	8	35	62
5	Cribbs	33	19	5	9	30	62
6	Westbury United	29	18	7	4	37	61
7	Brimscombe & Thrupp	32	18	4	10	28	58
8	Westfields	31	17	7	7	23	58
9	Longlevens AFC	33	18	4	11	18	58
10	Roman Glass St George	32	15	2	15	9	47
11	Fairford Town	33	14	4	15	3	46
12	Hereford Lads Club	32	12	4	16	-1	40
13	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	31	11	6	14	-10	39
14	Thornbury Town	33	9	8	16	-20	35
15	Shivenham	31	9	5	17	-38	32
16	Turfley Rovers	34	8	5	21	-46	29
17	Chipping Sodbury Town	34	8	4	22	-40	28
18	Lydney Town	32	7	3	22	-32	24
19	Calne Town	31	5	3	23	-56	18
20	Hallen	33	3	5	25	-44	14





# Appearance information

## Up to and including Tuesday, 22 February 2022



Well, that was a good week for Jack Beardsell, wasn't it!

First, on Saturday, he made his 50th competitive first team appearance for Rovers, away at Westbury United, and then on Tuesday, in his 42nd start for the club, he scored his ninth and tenth goals for the club. The brace at Hallen was the third time he has scored twice for the club, with the previous doubles coming at home to Thornbury Town in 2019 and away at Fairford Town in 2020. Clearly he likes to score against teams with the letter 'R' in their first name, so here's hoping for another two today!!

It was good to see Jacob Geddes back with us for the last two games and I'm hoping he can stay with us until the end of the season (at least!), so that he can become the next player to the 50 appearance milestone. To achieve that at the age of eighteen would be something of a feat.



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Aldridge, Josh	26	0	Kent, Dominik	122	16
Bainbridge, Lewis	60	10	Lawrence, Isaac	24	1
Basford, Aaron	34	5	Lawrence, Jamal	10	4
Beardsell, Jack	51	10	Ledger, Dan	1	0
Bird, Ashley	61	5	Lomotey, Yeshaya	8	0
Bradley, Shayne	230	106	Mann, Warren	458	82
Brain, Callum	5	0	Marszalek, Jerzy	2	0
Butler, Matt	3	0	McKinnon, Rudi	22	1
Clark, Adam	13	0	McNally, Laurie	9	0
Copland, Jack	28	0	Mendes, Sam	22	0
Davies, Ashley	166	27	Morgan, Harry	25	3
Denness-Barrett, Brennan	15	6	Nicholls, Scott	2	0
Ellis-Clark, Dion	16	1	Parsisson, Jake	1	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Price, Lucas	23	2
Geddes, Jacob	46	4	Pritchett, Mark	130	20
Greenhouse, Daniel	2	0	Ramsey, Will	7	1
Greenslade, Harvey	6	3	Rhodes, Jake	74	24
Hailwood, Ben	3	0	Romais, Billy	5	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Shutt, Joe	67	15
Haswell, Tristan	97	1	Shyamapant, Tomos	4	0
Herbert, Macaulay	218	8	Smith, Liam	20	0
Hicks, Sammie	4	0	Spencer, Tom	4	0
Hill, Sam	120	8	Swales, Josh	7	1
Hunt, Ollie	7	1	Walker, Harry	67	6
Idowu, Jerry	14	0	Wallington, Lee	131	4
James, Brett	184	63	Wallington, Mark	220	29
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	103	4
John, Harri	35	0	Woodall, Archie	13	1
Jones, Xander	11	0	Wright, Liam	119	3
Jordan, Scott	1	0	Yussuf, Demilade	7	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 2021/22

## Competition

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

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						Att		Scores		Parsisson, Jake	Bainbridge, Lewis	Swales, Joshua	Geddes, Jacob	Herbert, Macaulay	Kent, Dominik	Shutt, Joe	Wright, Liam	Lawrence, Jamal	Morgan, Harry
<b>2021</b>																			
03/Aug	7:45pm	Thornbury Town	A	L	1-2	134	J Lawrence			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
08/Aug	3pm	Windsor FC	FAC	H	W	3-2	193	J Swales, D Kent, A Basford		16	3	4	5	8	17	7			
14/Aug	3pm	Corsham Town		A	L	0-2	60	-		2	3	4			8	7	10	4	
21/Aug	3pm	Flackwell Heath	FAC	H	D	2-2	78	M Herbert, L Price		3	15	4	5	8	11	7			
24/Aug	7:45pm	Flackwell Heath	FACr	A	L	0-6	139	-		2	9	U	5	8	7				
28/Aug	3pm	Shrivenham		A	L	2-3	65	O.G., W Mann			3			6	7				
30/Aug	3pm	Longlevens		A	D	2-2	87	D Ellis-Clark, A Basford			5			8	2				
04/Sep	3pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		A	W	3-2	52	L Bainbridge, A Basford, B Denness-Barrett		3					8	7			
08/Sep	7:45pm	Caine Town		A	W	2-1	92	L Bainbridge, B Denness-Barrett								8	7	U	
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	7	U		
25/Sep	3pm	Fleet Spurs	FAV	H	W	3-2	82	O.G., J Shutt, J Geddes		10	4			6	7	2			
02/Oct	3pm	Bradford Town		H	W	1-0	71	J Shutt		11	4			6	7	2			
05/Oct	7:45pm	Malvern Town		A	D	3-3	174	J Lawrence, J Shutt, A Woodall			4			6	7	2	14		
09/Oct	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		A	L	1-9	106	B Denness-Barrett			4			6	7	14			
12/Oct	7:45pm	Caine Town		H	D	1-1	87	J Lawrence		11	4			6	7		9		
16/Oct	3pm	Bishops Cleeve		A	D	0-0	70	-		3	4			6	7	12			
19/Oct	7:45pm	Chipping Sodbury Town		H	W	3-1	56	B Denness-Barrett (2), L Bainbridge		3	4			6	7		9		
23/Oct	3pm	Street FC	FAV	H	L	1-4	70	A Basford		11	4			6	7	5			
26/Oct	7:45pm	Westfields		A	W	1-0	142	J Lawrence				4		6	7	12	9		
30/Oct	3pm	Westbury United		H	L	0-3	79	-		12	4			6	7	11			
03/Nov	7:45pm	Roman Glass St. George		A	L	1-4	40	J Shutt		11	4			7	3	U			
06/Nov	3pm	Thornbury Town		H	L	1-3	55	O.G.		3				6	7	5			
09/Nov	7:45pm	Malvern Town		H	L	0-3	133	-				4		6	7				
13/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H	L	0-1	66	-				4		12	7				
16/Nov	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	GFA	H	L	2-5	66	D Kent, J Shutt		11	4			6	7				
20/Nov	3pm	Cribbs FC		A	L	0-3	-	-				4		10	7	12			
30/Nov	7:45pm	Fairford Town		H	L	0-1	73	-					4	8	7	3			
04/Dec	3pm	Lydney Town		A	L	0-4	77	-					4	10	14	3			
18/Dec	3pm	Corsham Town		H	L	0-3	81	-		11	4			8	7	3	9		
27/Dec	1pm	Longlevens		H	L	0-1	331	-		11	5			10	2		2	9	
<b>2022</b>																			
03/Jan	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		H	L	2-6	168	W Ramsey, L Bainbridge		11	4			8	3	9			
08/Jan	3pm	Shrivenham		H	W	3-2	59	H Greenslade (2), D Kent		10	4			8	12	3			
11/Jan	7:45pm	Roman Glass St. George		H	L	0-3	125	-		10	4			8	12	3	15		
15/Jan	3pm	Bradford Town		A	L	1-7	116	J Geddes		12	4			8	7				
22/Jan	3pm	Bishops Cleeve		H	D	2-2	100	H Greenslade, A Basford						4	7	12	2		
29/Jan	3pm	Hereford Lads Club		H	W	3-1	94	J Geddes, W Mann (pen), J Shutt		U	4			10	7	2			
05/Feb	3pm	Hallen		H	L	1-2	113	W Mann (pen)		14	4			6	7	2			
12/Feb	3pm	Westfields		H	L	0-1	56	-						10	7	4			
19/Feb	3pm	Westbury United		A	L	1-2	102	J Shutt		12	4			10	2				
22/Feb	7:45pm	Hallen		A	W	2-1	75	J Beardsell (2)						4	10	2			
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12/Mar	3pm	Lydney Town		H															
19/Mar	3pm	Fairford Town		A															
22/Mar	7:45pm	Newent Town	BFCC	A															

Goalscorers		
Shutt, Joe	7	Mann, Warren 3
Denness-Barrett, Brennan	6	Morgan, Harry 2
Bainbridge, Lewis	5	Price, Lucas 2
Basford, Aaron	5	Beardsell, Jack 2
Lawrence, Jamal	4	Swales, Josh 1
Kent, Dominik	3	Herbert, Macaulay 1
O.G.	3	Ellis-Clark, Dion 1
Greenslade, Harvey	3	Woodall, Archie 1
Geddes, Jacob	3	Ramsey, Will 1

STARTS	1	22	6	32	4	38	33	22	7
SUBSTITUTE	0	5	1	0	0	1	5	4	2
UNUSED SUBSTITUTE	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1



## TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

### Jack Copland

### Goalkeeper

A hugely talented young goalkeeper who was a mainstay of the club's U18 campaign in the 2020/21 FA Youth Cup. Terrific handling and shot stopping ability is equally matched by his excellent distribution, from the hand or with the ball at his feet. 2021/22 is his breakthrough season and so far it is going well, as he is now undoubtedly first choice between the sticks!

### Will Ramsey

### Defence

Signed from Cheltenham Town, where he was previously a scholar, until the end of the season. Consistent and hard-working, Rambo has been a great addition to the squad. Good going forward, too, and capable of lending his support to the attacking play.

### Liam Wright

### Defence

Returned to the club recently, after spells away at Bishops Cleeve and then Cinderford Town. Capable of playing in midfield or in the back four, Liam is now seen as an energetic part of our squad. A ball player but incredibly hard-working and other with a powerful shot from distance.

### Jacob Geddes

### Defence

A rising star for Rovers, after joining the club in 2020. Immediately held down a regular place in the first team, aged just 16 years of age, showing a maturity beyond his years. Joined after leaving Cheltenham Town and is a tough, uncompromising defender, but also good in possession. A natural leader; now captain in Macaulay Herbert's absence.

### Joel White

### Defence

Rejoined the club from Frampton United, having spent a couple of seasons with Slimbridge, in the Southern League. A commanding presence and hugely influential in our young squad. Calm on the ball, fantastic in defence; one of the leaders we need to support the development of our squad amidst some of the challenges during this campaign.

### Laurie McNally

### Defence

Another product of the club's successful Under 18s side and another player of whom much is expected this season. Competent in either full-back position and also capable of playing at centre-half, Laurie is one of the most natural defenders at the club, but also extremely capable on the ball. Previously at Forest Green Rovers Academy.

## 2021/22 PLAYER PROFILES

### Lewis Bainbridge

### Midfield

Joined the club at the start of the 2019/20 season and now entering his 3rd season as a Rovers player. A former Gloucester City youngster who joined as a really promising wide player but now amongst our most versatile players and being deployed to fill any gap in the line-up. Abundant energy and dangerous in an attacking position, also weighing in with some important goals.

### Sam Mendes

### Midfield

Former Slimbridge player, who graduated from Cheltenham Town as a youngster. Very gifted and capable of drifting past opponents, creating chances and weighing in with. Joined in 2021, after a spell at County League side Hardwicke and already looking a key player for the team. An enigmatic talent.

### Ashley Davies

### Midfield

Returns to the club for a third spell, having previously been the Club Captain at Cinderford Town. Neil Mustoe's first signing and an incredibly coup. Brings class, leadership and a wonderful work ethic to the squad and his influence will be of huge value to the club.

### Dom Kent

### Midfield

A product of the Gloucester City U18 squad, Dom is now amongst our longest serving players and a fixture in the squad. A talented midfielder, who is good on the ball, industrious and quick, but also incredibly tenacious, whether looking to retain possession or win the ball back. Ended 2019/20 as Players' Player and Manager's Player.

### Warren Mann

### Midfield

By far our longest serving player and entering his nineteenth season in the first team squad, 'Wazza' might lack some of his former pace, but is hugely committed and massively experienced asset, bringing passion and excellent technique; he's constantly involved in every game. Practical joker on and off the field - usually the opposition support's least favourite player!

### Jack Beardsell

### Midfield

Re-signed in October on a transfer from Fairford Town, having previously played for the club 33 times, scoring 8 goals. A mercurial talent who is capable of producing some high quality goals. Needs to add consistency to his game and we're hoping that is second spell with the club is the time that he realises his full potential.

## TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

## 2021/22 PLAYER PROFILES

### Demilade Yussuf

#### Midfield

Just sixteen years old but captain of our U18s squad and already collecting regular first team appearances. Strong, calm on the ball and incredibly hard-working, Demi was previously at Cheltenham Town and is a real talent. One to watch in future years.

### Harry Morgan

#### Midfield

'Spanish Harry' is another player who joined the club whilst at Hartpury Uni but is staying at the club after completing his studies. Joined late in the active season (2020/21). Tidy on the ball and industrious off it, on his day a pivotal figure in the squad.

### Joshua Aldridge

#### Midfield

Signed on a Work Experience arrangement from Cheltenham Town, Josh has previously had trials with Tottenham Hotspur and it is evident that he is incredibly talented. Comfortable on the ball and fast becoming a key member of the Rovers squad.

### Sammie Hicks

#### Midfield

Signed mid-February to bolster the squad following Neil Mustoe's appointment as manager, on a dual registration agreement with Cinderford Town. 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.

### 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 missing the start of the season. Offers experience and capable of dropping into the back four when needed.

### Lucas Price

#### Forward

An excellent summer signing from Bishops Cleeve, Lucas is lightning fast, energetic and has an eye for goal. Impressed in pre-season with his ability to quickly turn defence into attack and is as industrious, as likely to make a recovering challenge

as he is to conjure a shot on goal.



### Harvey Greenslade

#### Forward

Initially signed on a six week Work Experience arrangement from Bristol Rovers and began his spell in style, with two goals on debut, including a first minute opener. Pacy, industrious, committed and a fantastic addition to the squad on the early evidence.

### Aaron Basford

#### Forward

Another addition to the 2021/22 squad, 'Bash' has been with Step 4 side Evesham United in recent seasons but was lured to the club in the summer. A hard-working, hugely talented youngster – formerly with Cheltenham Town – who has a good goalscoring record.

### Ashley Bird

#### Forward

Another returning player, who struggled to secure a regular starting berth under Mark Pritchett and eventually left the club. Signed by Rich Cox but didn't return to the side until his former mentor, Neil Mustoe, took the reins. His industry, strength and running power will set the mark for others to follow. Great to have him back.

### Jamal Lawrence

#### Forward

A former professional with Cheltenham Town, who briefly played in the Football League, before spells at National League side's Hungerford Town and Gloucester City. Returned to play for Rovers after two years away from the game and will be looking to add both goals and intelligent link-up play to our young squad.

### Joe Shutt

#### Forward

Small in stature but capable of making a big impact, 'Shutty' joined from Chipping Sodbury Town in 2019 and has become a firm favourite with the Rovers support. Quick, skillful, full of energy and hard-working, he has already contributed goals on a regular basis and has attracted attention from higher league clubs.

### Neil Mustoe

#### Manager

Recently appointed as interim first team manager, following Rich Cox's resignation. 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.



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## Half-time quiz: Break for five

Grab a cup of tea and something to eat, then spend the five minutes of your half-time break trying to answer these questions. As ever, there is a theme and today, given our season is nearing a very early conclusion we think about early or late finishes....

1. In 2015 Steven Gerrard made a very brief appearance as a substitute in a game between Liverpool and Manchester United. Having appeared as a half-time substitute, Gerrard was sent-off, almost instantly, for a dangerous tackle on Ander Herrera. How many seconds was the now Aston Villa manager on the pitch?

2. The 1979 FA Cup Final is often referred to as the 'five minute final', after three goals were scored in the closing minutes of the game. Which two teams contested the final that ended in a 3-2 scoreline after it was 2-0 after 85 minutes?

3. An 85th minute penalty was the only goal in the 1990 World Cup Final, as West Germany won the tournament. Who is pictured scoring the decisive penalty and who were the opposition?



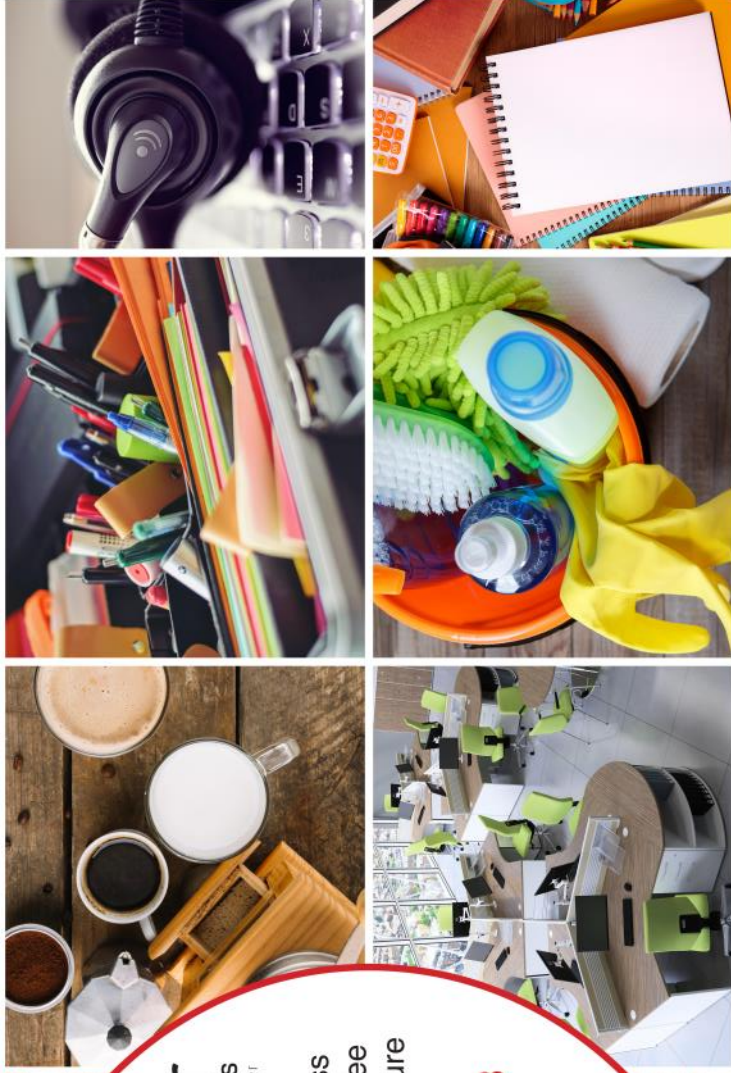
4. The first final of which cup competition took place at the Kennington Oval on 16 March 1872, as Wanderers defeated Royal Engineers?

5. These players have scored the three of the five fastest World Cup Finals goals ever. Who are they and which nations did they represent at the finals?



**Quiz Answers:** (1) 38 seconds; (2) Arsenal beat Manchester United 3-2; (3) Andreas Brehme scored the winner against Argentina; (4) This was the first ever FA Cup Final; (5) Hakan Sukkur – Turkey; Bryan Robson – England; Clint Dempsey – USA.





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**UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION**  
**TUFFLEY ROVERS 0-1 WESTFIELDS**  
**SATURDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2022**

Photographs courtesy of Matt Cale

Hereford club Westfields had been storming towards the 2019-20 Hellenic Premier Division title when the season was ended prematurely with them sitting thirteen points clear of Binfield in second place as well as having an enormous goal-difference of +57.

When the following season was also abandoned because of the pandemic The Fields had only played five league games but would probably still have mounted a decent challenge, partly because their home form was so strong.

In 2021-22 they had slipped slightly from the standards they had set two seasons earlier but still arrived in Gloucester in a comfortable mid-table position of eighth having been undefeated in 9 of their 14 away fixtures so far (6 wins and 3 draws). Their long unbeaten home run was actually ended by Rovers back in October but with League-leaders Bishops Cleeve being the only other team to win at allpay.park on Widemarsh Common since then it was clear that the Rovers, with ten home defeats behind them already, would need to put in a stellar performance to achieve a league double over their visitors from one of Gloucestershire's neighbouring counties.

As it was, Westfields reversed the scoreline of the meeting between the two clubs in Hereford in October and condemned their hosts to an eleventh home league defeat of the season. That five of those eleven defeats have been by a single goal shows that the line which separates taking something from a game and nothing from a game is a very thin one. Having said that, this was not a match Rovers deserved to win. Their passing was often sloppy and they failed to create enough openings for their forward players. Indeed, had it not been for the agility and concentration of their goalkeeper, they would have lost by a bigger margin.

Rovers got the game under way by kicking towards the open end of the ground with Joel White replacing Jacob Geddes as captain, the latter having been named in Evesham United's match-day squad for their home match against Highworth Town on the same afternoon.



Jack Copland had to be alert to grab the ball following an early Westfields free-kick and a few minutes later he bravely dived to take the ball off Jamie Bird's feet as the forward closed in on goal. It wouldn't be the only interaction between these two players in the first half. Down at the other end Rovers won two corners in quick succession on the left but couldn't create anything from

them.

With twelve minutes gone Joe Shutt had a shot which Matt Apperley saved and within seconds Westfields had turned defence into attack with a devastating break down the

right-hand side. A long ball forward saw Harry Summers outpace Warren Mann and when the cross came in Josh Hunt dived forward to head the ball firmly into Tuffley's net.



A few minutes after the goal Westfields won a free-kick on the right and several players confronted each other angrily with Liam Wright (for Rovers) and Hunt (for Westfields) each being shown a yellow card. Westfield's Bird took the kick which Copland acrobatically tipped over his crossbar for a corner.

The visitors continued to search for a second goal. Harrison Iddles, the Fields' best player on this cold and windy afternoon, fed Bird but the shot went high over the frame of the goal. Bird's next effort was on target but Copland again leapt to prevent a goal at the expense of a corner-kick.

In the closing minutes of the first half Keanu Cooper went down injured in the Tuffley half but was able to continue after treatment. When Rovers won a corner on the right just before the interval, White jumped to meet Josh Aldridge's flag-kick but could only head the ball wide of the goal. So Westfields went in at the interval one goal to the good.



Aldridge, Aaron Basford and Jack Beardsell combined well early in the second period but there was no end product, a familiar story to the hosts' afternoon in front of goal which doesn't only typify this match; only 17 goals scored in 17 home league games is clearly not good enough to be picking up points regularly.

Wright, already on a yellow card, appeared to catch Hunt on the head with his boot but survived appeals to the referee by some of the Westfields players that this was worthy of another card which would have ended the Tuffley defender's afternoon. Rovers immediately took off Joe Shutt with Ashley Bird coming on to replace him.



With twenty minutes left Warren Mann was cautioned when Westfields won a free-kick on the right, but it was a visiting player who was next to incur the referee's wrath with Bird being sent to the sin-bin for ten minutes for dissent. By the time he came back on, Copland at full stretch diving smartly to his left had denied Hunt a second goal.

Rovers brought on Liam Smith for Dominik Kent and Westfields used up valuable seconds by bringing on Ruslan Zakhardav as the clock ticked round to ninety minutes. Shortly after Mr. Butler's whistle drew the proceedings to a close. The club from Hereford deserved their victory but Rovers will still be looking nervously over their shoulders wondering and maybe worrying just how many points they might be able to glean from their final six matches of the league season.

# 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 any games on 26 February but there are a few notable games that have been played around this particular date, including several fixtures against today's visitors, albeit under previous names...

## 28 February 2009

A late goal from Stuart Griffith ultimately proved decisive for Tuffley Rovers, as they secured win by the odd goal in seven against fellow County League title challengers AXA. The visitors had taken the lead through an Andy Sledge goal on 22 minutes, before Ben Surman missed two penalties for Rovers! In a frenetic end to the half, Warren Mann equalised shortly before the interval, then Danny Thorpe restored AXA's lead, before Griffith made it 2-2 with a magical free-kick on the stroke of half-time.

In the second period Mann set-up Mark Wallington to make it 3-2, then Griffith made it 4-2 with only a couple of minutes remaining. A Martin Middlecote goal made it 4-3 in the dying seconds and there was still time for both Rovers keeper, Adam Bennett, and AXA's stopper Jim Pearce to make saves that prevented any change in the score.

**Squad:** Adam Bennett; Richard Stevenson; Lee Wallington; Martin Middlecote; Ben Surman; Daniel Gillespie; Peter Thomas; Stuart Griffith; Mark Wallington; Robert Cook; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Christopher Lee.



## 26 February 2011

Tuffley Rovers slumped to a 6-3 County League defeat, away at Kingswood, despite leading 2-0 early on in the game. Mark Ford opened the scoring after nine minutes and then Kyle Kennedy doubled the advantage five minutes later, but goals from Gavin Dibden and Paul Bleaken meant the sides went into the interval level at 2-2.

Scott Jones should have given Rovers the lead shortly after the restart but Jamie Evans made it 3-2 to the hosts, before Bleaken added his second to make it 4-2. Jon Corbett and Iain Buckingham were then dismissed for Rovers, before Simon Graham and Tom Higgins scored to make it 6-2. A late goal from Richard James reduced the margin of defeat on a day to forget for the visiting team.

**Squad:** Adam Bennett; Marcus Foxwell; Richard Workman; Richard James; Joshua Flounders; Liam Harding; Iain Buckingham; Kyle Kennedy; Scott Jones; Mark Ford; Christopher Perks. **Subs used:** Andrew Norman; Jon Corbett.



## 26 February 2013

A Dorian Colling hat-trick put Tuffley Rovers on the road to an emphatic 5-0 win over Thornbury Town in their Gloucestershire County League fixture at Glevum Park, as Doug Foxwell's side looked to recover from a defeat against local rivals Longlevens three days earlier.

Colling's hat-trick and further goals from Warren Mann and Mark Wallington provided Rovers with the perfect tonic, as they moved to the top of the table at the end of February.

**Squad:** Christopher Perks; Elliot King; Marcus Foxwell; Antoine Thompson; Leone Cornwall; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Warren Mann; Dorian Colling; John Pratt; Richard James. **Subs used:** Mark Ford; Marcus Salter; Stuart Griffith.

## 26 February 2014

A fifth consecutive defeat in all competitions ended Tuffley Rovers' participation in the Hellenic League Supplementary Cup competition, as a Junior Mbika goal proved nothing more than a consolation in a 2-1 defeat away at Cheltenham Saracens.

Young striker Mbika's third goal of the season, after he had come off the bench, did breathe life into Rovers' hopes but their final chance of success in a cup competition ended for the 2013/14 season.

**Squad:** Christopher Perks; Marcus Foxwell; Matt Minett; Mike Devlin; Richard Thwaite; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Elliot King; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Glenn Gittins; Lee Brinkworth; Junior Mbika.

## 26 February 2019

Tuffley Rovers recorded a sensational win over fellow Gloucestershire side, Lydney Town, greatly improving their chances of avoiding relegation from the UHlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division in the process, as goals from Kieran Alder (2), Shayne Anson and Adam Bloomfield took them into a 4-0 lead before Ross Lindsay pulled a goal back with 13 minutes remaining.

Lewis Thompson saw red in the closing moments, collecting a second yellow card for a wild challenge near the touchline, as the visiting side ended the game with ten men.

**Squad:** Luke Merchant; Shayne Anson; Brad Loveridge; Joel White; Macaulay Herbert; Luke Payne; Kieran Alder; Henry Birkett; Adam Bloomfield; Luke Troke; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Dominik Kent; Paul Carter; Ashley Bird.



## Previously against today's opposition at Glevum Park

It has been a while since we hosted Cribbs FC (then named Cribbs Friends Life) in a competitive fixture at Glevum Park. The last time was on 8 October 2011, when our visitors ran out 3-0 winners. This is the report from the Gloucestershire County League website from that day...

### 8<sup>th</sup> October - Cribbs win top of table clash

In the clash between the top two clubs in the league Tuffley Rovers and Cribbs Friends Life it was the visitors who stole the show on the day with an excellent 3-0 win.

This win sends Cribbs friends Life back to the top on goal difference but Tuffley Rovers still have a game in hand. The game started brightly and Tuffley had the ball cleared of the line in the first minute and a few minutes later Chris Perks in the Rovers goal was at full stretch to save Simon Bones goal-bound shot. But from the resulting corner disaster struck for Rovers keeper Perks as he fell awkwardly trying to collect the ball and after several minutes of attention from the therapist he was carried from the field to the dressing rooms on a stretcher. His place in goal was taken by Kacey Johnson from the subs bench Kacey being an out field player normally. The first test for Johnstone came in the 15<sup>th</sup> minute when he rose above the defence to punch clear from a cross. A couple of minutes later Jack Kinnerly's break down the left and cross into the box was scrambled away by the Rovers defence and then Dave Truan saw his twenty yard shot spilled by the stand in keeper but he managed to recover the ball in time. The opening goal came in the 24<sup>th</sup> minute from a corner and again Johnstone went out to punch the ball clear but only succeeded in sending straight to Dominic Graffagnino just inside the box and he hooked the ball over all the Rovers defenders and just under the cross bar. The visitors looked just that bit sharper than the home side and a Jack Kinnerly break down the left almost brought a second but the cross into the box saw Nick Lloyd hit his shot over the bar. Rover's first real chance came in the 39<sup>th</sup> minute when Shayne Bradley should have levelled from a good cross into the box from Ryan Parker but he headed wide from 8 yards.



Two minutes into the second half a free kick from Graffagnino was spilled by Johnstone but the keeper managed to grab the ball as it spun towards goal. The visitors struck again in 50<sup>th</sup> minute as Nick Lloyd stuck a low ball into the bottom corner with Johnstone getting a foot to it but could not prevent it going in. Rovers were a little unlucky not to have scored in the 54<sup>th</sup> minute as Ryan Parkers free kick struck the crossbar with Turner well beaten. Shayne Bradley had another great chance to pull one back but he headed a good cross into the box straight at Turner. A few minutes later Bradley fired over after Parker had again found him in the box. With just a few minutes left Parker again found Bradley in the box but it was not the striker's day as once again he headed wide. The visitors compounded the misery for Rovers in the last minute of the game as Ryan McKillop interchanged passes with Justin Cattle before driving his shot past Johnstone for a third goal.



Don't worry, the last time we played Cribbs in a competitive game before this season (at least according to our records) we managed to record a 3-0 victory in the return fixture on 28 January 2012! Given that we lost 3-0 at their place this season do the results from 2011/12 act as a good omen for today?



Cribbs Football Club (Cribbs FC) are currently in their 58th season since they were founded back in London in 1958 as 'Sun Life Assurance'. The Bristol team was established in 1976 when Sun Life first relocated to Bristol. Initially they ran two teams in the Bristol and Avon League, playing at Dundridge Farm. However, when the Cribbs Causeway (now The Lawns) ground was opened in 1978, the 1st team were promoted straight to the Avon Premier Combination League where they stayed for 20 years until they eventually won promotion to the Gloucestershire County League by winning the re-named Bristol Premier Combination in the 1999/2000 season.

In the 1998/1999 season the 1st team finished runners up to Roman Glass St George in both the Combination & Premier Combination League Cup. In 1997/1998 the 1st team also finished runners up, after a replay, to Ridings High in the GFA Senior Amateur Cup.

The club adopted the name of AXA Sun Life FC at the end of the nineties following the merger of the AXA Equity & Law and Sun Life Assurance Society, and became AXA FC in 2002. At the end of the 2010-2011 season, following the acquisition and merger of AXA Sun Life & Friends Provident, we became the Cribbs Friends Life Football Club. At the end of June 2013, with the closure of the companies Cribbs Friends Life Sports & Social Club and with the creation of the new volunteer run, Cribbs Sports & Social Club at "The Lawns", we renamed ourselves as Cribbs Football Club.

Today the Club runs three Saturday sides, spread across the Toolstation Western and the two divisions of the Bristol Premier Combination.

On a Sunday we ran a successful side in the Regional League for many years (who won the Gilbert Pullin Sunday Cup in 2003/2004 & 2013/2014 season and were runners up in 2006/2007 season) and continue to run a Vets side in the Casuals League. In addition, we have an Under 18's team in the Bristol Premier Combination U18's league.

The club's 3rd team managed at the time by current Cribbs media man, Nick Veale, won the GFA Minor Cup in the 2004/2005 season when beating Winterbourne United's 3rd team in a tight and tense final where the "evergreen" goalkeeper John Hembrow was man of the match.

The 1st team reached the semi final stage of the Les James League Cup on three occasions since joining the county league in the 2000/2001 season. They unfortunately lost on all three occasions, against Ellwood on penalty kicks in March 2005, 2-1 against Highridge United in March 2006 and against Hardwicke, 1-0 in 2008.

At the start of 2007/2008 season the football club embarked on an ambitious change of direction that they hope will lead to their 1st team being a regular top 3 side in the Gloucestershire County League, and possibly higher.

At the end of the 2010/2011 season, under the tutelage of Gavin Tufton (in his second spell in charge) and assisted by Matt Shaughnessy, the 1st team finished runners up in the Gloucestershire County League. Unfortunately, promotion to the Toolstation Western league wasn't possible as the league champions, Brimscombe & Thrupp, had applied and been granted promotion to the Hellenic League.

With planning permission having been granted for floodlights to be installed and stands to be built, the 1st team went one better in the 2011/2012 season and completed the league championship & league cup double (never been achieved before).

This was obviously a fantastic achievement and meant the much anticipated promotion to the next level of the pyramid system and entry into the Toolstation Western League for the start of the

2012/2013 season. The floodlights & stand were installed in August 2012 and the lights were first used for the 1<sup>st</sup> team's home league game against Hengrove Athletic on 16th October 2012.

The 2011/2012 season was probably the most successful year in the club's history with not only the 1<sup>st</sup> team completing the double and gaining promotion as in addition the 2<sup>nd</sup> team gained promotion to the Premier Division of the Bristol Premier Combination and the 3<sup>rd</sup> team were also promoted to Division 3 of the Bristol & District League.

The 2012/2013 season continued in the same vein with the 1<sup>st</sup> team finishing 8<sup>th</sup> in their first season in the Western League and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> team's all being promoted. In addition, the U18's won their league and came runners up in the League Cup Final.

2013/2014 season was another good season for the club with the 1<sup>st</sup> team finishing 5<sup>th</sup> and qualifying for the 2014/2015 season's FA Cup together with being runners up in the Les Phillips Cup Final. The 3<sup>rd</sup> team won promotion again and the Sunday team won the Gilbert Pullin League Cup.

2014/2015 was yet another successful season for the club with the 1<sup>st</sup> team finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Division One after a very hard fought & close battle with Barnstaple Town & Welton Rovers for the major honours. This was enough to secure promotion for the first time to the Premier Division of the Toolstation League for the 2015/2016 season. The 4<sup>th</sup> team also gained promotion up the Bristol & District league.

The progress of the club continued on an upward trend during the 2015/2016 season with the first team finishing a respectable 15<sup>th</sup> in their first season in the Premier Division of the Toolstation League. The reserves were runners up to Mendip Broadwalk in a thrilling finale to the Premier Division of the Bristol Premier Combination. The 3<sup>rd</sup> team also finished runners up in Division One of the Bristol & District league which as a result meant promotion to the Senior Division for the 2016/2017 season. The Sunday team won the Regional League Cup. The Under 18's also won their league and were runners up in the league cup.

The outstanding progression of the club continued in the 2016/2017 season with the 1<sup>st</sup> team finishing 8<sup>th</sup> (*without a playing budget*) in only their 2<sup>nd</sup> season in the Premier Division of the Toolstation Western League and finishing runners up in the Les Phillips Cup. The "Double Winning" reserve team won both the Bristol Premier Combination League and the League Cup.

The 3<sup>rd</sup>s & 4<sup>th</sup>s both had respectable mid table finishes in the Senior and 4<sup>th</sup> divisions of the Bristol & District League. The Sunday team finished runners up in both the Premier Division of the Bristol Regional League and the Gilbert Pullin Trophy. Finally, the U18's (*after a play off*) finished runners up in the Central Division of the Bristol Combination league and won the League Cup.

In the 2017/2018 season the 1<sup>st</sup> team finished 11<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nds</sup> were runners up, 3<sup>rd</sup>s mid table and the 4<sup>th</sup> team finished 4<sup>th</sup> place. The under 18s finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Sunday team once again finished in runners up in the Bristol Regional League.

The last completed football season saw the 1<sup>st</sup> XI finish eighth in the Toolstation and secured silverware by winning the GFA Challenge Trophy in 2018/2019. In the same season, our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI secured an unprecedented treble of the Bristol Premier Combination League, League Cup and GFA Senior Amateur Cup. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI has continued to make progress and started the curtailed the 2020/2021 in the Bristol Premier Combination Division One.

With our excellent junior section (Shire Colts/Shire-Cribbs) also continuing to thrive then we are expecting the progression of the football club to continue for many years to come.

The club is well known for the tremendous facilities. Bristol Rovers used the ground as their training base for many years prior to recently moving to their new facility just North of Cribbs in Hortham. The England Under 21 side then managed by Peter Taylor trained at the ground in 1997 and indeed played a Cribbs FC (then AXA) side prior to their game with Italy. There have also been two games televised on Sky Sports Soccer AM programme between Cribbs FC (then AXA) teams & celebrity sides. Our groundsman won the national FA Groundsman of The Year Award for Step 5 & 6 in 2014 & 2016 and he has also been nominated again for the 2017 awards.



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## CRIBBS FC

Claret & Blue shirts; Claret & Blue shorts;  
Claret & White socks (GK: Grey).

Blue shirts; Blue shorts; Blue & White socks  
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Joe Shutt

**2**

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**3**

Sonny Harnett-Balkwill

Jacob Geddes

**4**

Josh Bennett

Joel White ©

**5**

Ross McErlain

Sammie Hicks

**6**

Ryan Crouch

Harri John

**7**

Nick Jones

Joshua Aldridge

**8**

Jake Hodgson ©

Aaron Basford

**9**

Ryan Caaney

Dominik Kent

**10**

Steve Murray

Jack Beardsell

**11**

Lewis Hedges

Ashley Bird

**12**

Jack Fillingham

Liam Wright

**14**

George Kellow

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**15**

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**16**

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