



TUFFLEY ROVERS V HEREFORD PEGASUS

Saturday 17th August 2024 3:00PM KO UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION

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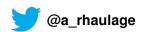


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FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome this afternoon to Glevum Park to all our visitors, notably the players, management team, committee and supporters of Hereford Pegasus. Booner and Muzzy covered football matters in the notes they prepared earlier this week, so I am going to look at things away from the playing side today.

It is with great sadness we reflect on a difficult week for many people associated to the club, with the passing of three people who have played their part in the history of the club. Sometimes, no matter how important football seems, it is a game that isn't more important than life and death.

First, Eunita Buckingham, a long time member of our community social club, passed away last weekend. Nita (or 'Dot' to many) was a member of our social committee for many years and alongside her husband, and life member, Nigel, she did much for the club off the field. Neither Nita or Nigel were necessarily keen football supporters, but they have contributed to the success of the club and their son, lain, has been a player for many, many years. Our thoughts go out to Nigel, lain, Laura and all their family at what is undoubtedly a difficult time for them all.

Then we heard the very sad news that Mike Palmer, a former player, had lost his battle with ill-health. I didn't know Mike particularly well – his time at the club was largely complete by the time I joined as a player – but I did know his brother Brian well and on the occasions I met Mike he was a wonderful character, and a very decent man. It is sad to have lost him and our thoughts go out to Mike's family.

Sadly, the awful news was not complete and yesterday we lost one of those people who although not with the club for many years now, has been a wonderful servant to and supporter of the club in years past. Bev Summers left us yesterday and completed a desperately sad week for many people associated to the club. As with Mike, Bev's time with the club had largely passed by the time I joined in 2006, but you only have to ask about her contribution to the club (and that of her husband, Maurice) and those who knew her begin to share wonderful stories of someone who helped on and off the field for many years. Bev's daughter, Katie, also provide support to the club, alongside Maurice's time as a team manager, and our thoughts are with them and their family.

We will acknowledge all these good people today, prior to kick-off, and I hope that our performance on the field can also add to the occasion. Do it for Nita, Mike and Bev today, lads!! They did so much for the club, each in their own way, and long may they continue to be remembered by those who they gave so much to during their lives. Three members of the Rovers family lost to us in person but each deserving to live long in our memories.

For Nita.

For Mike.

For Bev.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

(a selection of fixtures involving Hellenic League teams)

Uhlsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Tuffley Rovers v Hereford Pegasus

Emirates FA Cup - Preliminary Round Replay

Wallingford Town v Slimbridge

Bishops Cleeve v Lydney Town

Fairford Town v Hartpury University

Royal Wootton Bassett Town v Didcot Town

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Firstly, good afternoon and welcome to Glevum Park. A warm welcome to our opponents today from Hereford Pegasus and their players, management team, committee and supporters. Secondly, we extend that welcome to this afternoon's officials and finally to all the supporters of Tuffley Rovers who are with us through thick and thin.

Our opponents today have had a great start to the season and go into this fixture unbeaten in the league, sitting second behind Roman Glass. We have always had a tough game against Hereford Pegasus and even with our 1-0 victory here in the 2022/23 season it was a real battle until the final whistle.

For us, this season has been a mixed bag to date, with one victory, one draw and two defeats. After a fantastic performance and victory against Slimbridge on our last outing here, I was hopeful we would kick on, but that was then followed by a draw at Lydney, which the feedback I had was that result was definitely a case of two points dropped and then we followed that with a lacklustre performance against Worcester Raiders on Tuesday night at Sixways.

If we are going to be finishing in the top 6-8 positions, those games need to be won, or at the very least we need to be picking up four points. The season is still getting started and there will be many twists and turns ahead, with some of the results so far very unexpected and if someone said to me after four games we would be above Westfields, Royal Wotton Bassett and also Pershore, I would think we would in fact be top of the league and not currently sat in 12th position!

I hope you enjoy the game and hospitality this afternoon and have a safe journey home.

- Dan Boon



TUFFLEY ROVERS CLUB HISTORY

The late Donald E Hall founded Tuffley Rovers FC in 1929. The Club's Headquarters were in a former railway carriage, which served as Mr Hall's Boot and Shoe repair shop on the Stroud Road at Tuffley in the City Of Gloucester. The Club started its playing life in the North Gloucestershire League. Senior XI Championship honours include that of the North Gloucestershire League and



Stroud and District League (4 times) and in 1987/1988 the Club were Champions of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and gained promotion to the Gloucestershire County League.

After two seasons of consolidation the Club won the County League Title in 1990/1991, their application to join the Hellenic League was successful and they were accepted into Hellenic Division One. Progress continued as in the 1992/1993 season Rovers were Champions of Division One and also Division One League Cup Winners and after promotion competed in the Premier Division of the Hellenic League from 1993/1994, regularly finishing in the top half of the table. The 1998/1999 season saw Tuffley win the Norman Matthew's Floodlit Cup defeating Carterton Town in the final. Whilst the Club enjoyed this success, the 2nd XI and 3rd XI also gained promotion and championship honours. The 1998/1999 season saw the 2nd XI win the Northern Senior League and reach the finals of both the County Cup and League Cup, unfortunately losing out on both occasions. Promotion, however, was not possible as reserve teams were not allowed at that point to enter the Gloucestershire County League and progress further up the pyramid system.

The Club continued to thrive in the Hellenic League and managed to win the Floodlit Cup again in the 2002/2003 season defeating Brackley Town over two legs in the final. However, the ever-changing ground grading requirements, if the club was to remain in the Hellenic League, and the financial strain these improvements imposed on the Club forced Tuffley Rovers to make the decision to withdraw from the Hellenic League in 2005 and settle for local football in Gloucestershire.

After a difficult start Rovers were crowned champions of Division 2 of the Northern Senior League in the 2005/2006 season and were promoted to Division 1. After a slow start the team put together a consistent run and managed to claim the Division 1 Title as well as win the GFA Senior Amateur Cup and reach the final of the Reg Davis Memorial League Cup.

A return to the Gloucestershire County League followed and the club finished a very creditable 4th place (2007/8) but the summer of 2008 saw a number of senior players retire. Over the next few seasons, an evolving squad finished 11th, 3rd, 6th and 3rd in the County League, before the 2012/13 Season marked an improvement for the club. After challenging for league championship honours all season, the club couldn't quite maintain the form to secure the title, finishing second. However, this was enough to gain promotion to the Hellenic League Division One (West) for the 2013/14 season.

On their return to the Hellenic League, The Rovers saw a season that witnessed some turmoil – including the departure of manager, Doug Foxwell – to record a decent sixth place finish and some good cup results. This was followed up with the Runners'-up spot in 2014/15 and promotion back to the Hellenic Premier Division, exactly ten years after they had withdrawn from the League.

The first season saw a struggle against relegation, ultimately resulting in the resignation of Warren Evans as manager, before the club retained their status due to a vacancy in the league, after finishing 17th. Mark Pritchett was then appointed as Player/Manager and took the side to consecutive 10th placed finishes, before a 15th place finish in 2018/19. Two pandemic affected seasons then passed, with Pritchett leaving the club part-way through. Rich Cox took over as Manager for a single season, but resigned midway through 2021/22 after a disastrous run of results. Former Manchester United player Neil Mustoe then took over, steering the club away from danger (finishing in 17th place).

Mustoe achieved an 18th place finish at the end of the 2022/23 season, his first full campaign, before achieving a healthy 14th place in 2023/24, with a much improved squad.

FROM THE MANAGER



Good afternoon and welcome to Glevum Park to all players, management, officials and supporters from Hereford Pegasus FC.

What an interesting week - the highs and lows of being a football manager - after a great win performance clean sheet and three goals in a fantastic win against local rivals Slimbridge, a team historically where results have been difficult to get, we went into the weekend against Lydney in confident mood and although we were not at our best we were the better team, created more chances, and we found ourselves twice behind but came away with a point. I was disappointed at the end as we had a glorious opportunity when Karnell was through one-on-one with the keeper, but he made a great save to stop us getting a result that would have topped off a great week, but it ended as a good one as. Had I been guaranteed four points from those two games, I would have probably taken it going into this week's fixtures.

At Worcester Raiders in the week I genuinely felt we could get something in from the game. We can't compete with their budget and had a few missing but went with a stronger squad than previous seasons and where we had got something before. On what is a great playing surface and arena (although it is a one club I don't have a great deal of time for!) we didn't do ourselves justice. It was evident in not only our general fitness levels, but our sharpness across the pitch was not where it needs to be right across the team.

The one thing I said before the match was that in my 30 years' experience was that winning teams and culture are built around hard work and sacrifice and ability then takes you to the next level. We had moments at 1-0 down, where a bit of composure or quality could have got us in the game. I felt we were not carved open and a lot of their efforts were from distance. What does disappoint me is three of the last four goals we let in were very much avoidable, and without those errors could probably given us two more points and in a decent position going into today's game.

Today's opponents look like they have raised their playing budget and recruitment has been good so we know it will be a tough afternoon, but one thing I can say is if we are on it like we were at Slimbridge and the back end of last season we also are not a team people like to play against. If we had got a result on Tuesday night it would have been a really good start so I don't want to be to despondent as three away trips and one Tuesday night home game, have given us four point and although I was thinking seven points would have been ideal, we haven't done too badly. We need to put in a performance today that just lets everyone know we have got what it takes to compete and push on from last season.

I am very passionate about the job I have and sometimes and I know it sometimes is borderline with the officials but I generally manage every game like its my last. There is no point prepping and turning up if you are not there to win at all costs - my players now need to have the same approach but with the discipline required that we are appropriately competitive and aggressive but keep eleven men on the pitch.

Hopefully you enjoy your afternoon and the game.

- Muzz

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PREVIOUSLY AGAINST TODAY'S OPPONENTS

We look back at games against today's opposition from years past, with some details around the key moments....

3 September 2022, Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division, Hereford Pegasus 4-1 Tuffley Rovers 1

An injury ravaged Tuffley Rovers succumbed to a comprehensive defeat away at Hereford Pegasus in the first meeting between the two clubs in the Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division, with the major damage done during a lamentable first half performance.

Luke Hawkins and Ryley Mace returned to the squad for the first time in over a month, with Dominik Kent starting for the first time since 9 August and a bench largely made up of players who barely had a first team game between them.

Cawley Cox was the man who capitalised on the opportunity, scoring a hat-trick made up of two first half goals and a close range finish in the 71st minute, with Elliot Jones' mistake gifting Pegasus a goal for Jordan Williamson in the 31st minute. A late goal from Rovers substitute Matt Butler proved nothing more than the clichéd consolation.

20 Dec 2022, Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division, Tuffley Rovers 1-0 Hereford Pegasus

A late, late Kieran Alder goal proved enough for Tuffley Rovers to secure three points and a vital win against Hereford Pegasus in this Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture.

Alder latched onto a quality pass from full-back Tristan Haswell, and raced clear on goal, chipping the Pegasus keeper Matt Gwynne with aplomb to make it 1-0 in the 90th minute.

15 August 2023, Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division, Tuffley Rovers 3-4 Hereford Pegasus

Despite a brave fightback late in the game, Tuffley Rovers succumbed to defeat against Hereford Pegasus, who ran riot in the opening 25 minutes, scoring three times through striker Cawley Cox, and then adding a fourth ten minutes from time.

Rovers briefly challenged, threatening to fight their way back in the game through goals from Mark Pritchett, Jake Rhodes and Tomos Shyamapant, but Oliver Desborough added a fourth for the visitors to secure the three points by a single goal margin.

17 February 2024, Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division, Hereford Pegasus 2-1 Tuffley Rovers

Hereford Pegasus secured a league double over their visitors, Tuffley Rovers, despite Henry Birkett's goal giving Rovers a half-time lead.

Birkett's goal was part of an impressive first half for Rovers but they capitulated under pressure in the second half, as goals from Jamie Price and Matt James gave Pegasus a second half lead that they held through the game.

On (or around) this day in history...

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

Since those records began, we've had a couple of games on 17 August (and a couple on the dates either side) that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on this this particular date...

16 August 2008

Yate Town Reserves thought they had done enough to salvage a point from the Gloucestershire County League fixture with Tuffley Rovers, after equalising with just five minutes remaining. Pat Boyd gave Rovers the lead, but Yate's Jack Smyth levelled with a super 30 yard drive. The visiting team then took the lead through Ollie Everitt, only for Smyth to level the scores again.

As it was, two late goals, first from Marcus Foxwell and then from Warren Mann ensured Rovers left Yate with a maximum three points from their opening game of the 2008/09 season.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Patrick Boyd; Marcus Foxwell; Martin Middlecote; Ben Surman; Ryan Newport; Lee Wallington; Mark Wallington; Stuart Griffith; Warren Mann; Ollie Everitt. **Subs used**: Daniel Gillespie; Jamie Harper: David Nichols.

15 August 2009

Tuffley Rovers started their 2009/10 Gloucestershire County League season with a 2-0 victory at home to Thornbury Town. Victor Webb opened the scoring for the home side with a twenty-yard drive on 12 minutes, but Thornbury should have levelled 3 minutes later when James Derosa headed over from close range. There was then a hold up in the 23rd minute when the Referee collided with a player accidentally and his assistant had to take over for the remainder of the match. It took Rovers until the 84th minute to seal the points when Richard James volleyed home a Chris Lee cross.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Adam Dunsford; Lee Wallington; Martin Middlecote; Richard James; Benjamin Wood; Victor Webb; Warren Mann; Mark Wallington; Nathan Owen; Christopher Lee. **Subs used:** Ashley Davies; Oliver Everitt; Peter Miller.

14 August 2010

Tuffley Rovers opened their Gloucestershire County League season with a resounding 6-0 win at Berkeley Town netting four times in the first forty-five minutes. Richard James scored the first of a hat-trick after just five minutes, followed by a second goal for Rovers three minutes later, with Danny Wallington the scorer. James then netted a second in the 15th minute, followed by Mark Wallington netting the fourth in the 35th minute. Two further goals followed in the second half, the first from James, who completed his hat-trick after 65 minutes and a final goal from Rob Cunningham in the 82nd.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Lee Wallington; Ashley Davies; Martin Middlecote; Richard James; Victor Webb; Mark Wallington, Daniel Wallington; Warren Mann; Mark Ford; Ben Harris. **Subs used:** Ben Clutterbuck; John Sesan; Stuart Toomey.

17 August 2013

Tuffley Rovers returned from their Uhlsport Hellenic League, Division One (West) fixture at Hook Norton with a first win of the 2013/14, after an opening day draw against North Leigh United had been followed by a defeat against New College Swindon. A Marcus Foxwell penalty and a rare Courtney Hamilton goal proved enough for Rovers to secure three points in this 2-1 victory.

Squad: Mark Harris; Sam Drew; Antoine Thompson; Richard Thwaite; Glenn Gittins; Marcus Foxwell; Matt Minett; Courtney Hamilton; Deon Lee; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** (none used).

15 August 2015

Tuffley Rovers secured a place in the Preliminary Round of The Emirates FA Cup with an emphatic win against fellow Hellenic League Premier Division side Ardley United. Anthony Herrin gave Rovers an early lead, following a defensive error, but were grateful to Macaulay Herbert to retain the advantage, as he cleared Josh Bowden's effort off the line. Stu Griffith then missed a glorious chance to extend the visitors' lead, after great work by Ashley Davies, and Herrin then turned provider as he crossed for Herbert to head home from close range.

Early in the second period Ardley were back in the tie, with Chris Jackson planting a powerful header past Rovers' keeper Aaron Taylor, but Griffith atoned for his early profligacy on 72 minutes to take the tie very much in Rovers' favour, as he followed up on his own shot, after a save from Ardley's keeper, to make it 3-1. The result was sealed in the closing moments, as Warren Mann produced a fantastic run and finish, having collected the ball deep in his own half, to make it 4-1 and take Rovers through to the Preliminary Round and a home tie against Southern League side Bishops Cleeve.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Liam Wright; Marcus Foxwell; Sam Drew; Macaulay Herbert; Stuart Griffith; Jordan Dowdeswell; Warren Mann; Mark Ford; Anthony Herrin; Brett James. **Subs used:** Ryan Williams.

17 August 2019

Tuffley Rovers recorded a first win of the season, as they returned from their Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup tie at Letcombe with a 3-1 victory that flattered Mark Pritchett's side, although they were ultimately the better side on the afternoon. A goal from Fabio Pinto gave Letcombe a shock lead, but first half goals from Lewis Bainbridge and Ellis Waugh gave Rovers an advantage that they didn't waste, and Jake Rhodes' late goal ensured their progress to the next round of the league cup competition.

Squad: Alex Avenell; Ashley Bird; Declan Earwaker; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Jack Phillips; Lewis Bainbridge; Jack Beardsell; Ellis Waugh; Dominik Kent; Brett James. **Subs used:** Joshua Bird; Jake Rhodes; Harri John.

17 August 2022

Former Tuffley Rovers players Ross Langworthy and Jamal Lawrence scored three times, alongside a fourth goal from Danny Gudger, as Fairford Town saw off a fightback prompted by Noah Smerdon's headed goal, that briefly offered Rovers hopes of at least a point, before two late goals took the hosts to a 4-1 victory. Both sides had a man sent-off (Luke Jones for Fairford Town and Kieran Squires for Rovers) in a game ultimately decided by one team's capacity to take the opportunities presented to them.

Squad: Elliot Jones; Warren Mann; Scott Nicholls; Noah Smerdon; Callum McGuirk; Kieran Squires; Jack Beardsell; Henry Birkett; Ryan Dobbins; Sammie Hicks; Mason Lewis. **Subs used:** Dominik Kent; Liam Smith; Yeshaya Lomotey.





Statistics 2024/25

Competition

Uhlsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated FAC = FA Cup; FAV = FA Vase; GFA = GFA Challenge Trophy;

MSCC = Marsh Sports Challenge Cup;

WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

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STATISTICS

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Luke Merchant Goalkeeper

Club captain who returned to the club in the 2022/23 season, after a Hellenic League Premier Division title winning season at Bishops Cleeve. A great shot stopper, commanding presence and accomplished keeper. Holds the club record for Hellenic League appearances as a keeper.

Robin Hoffland Goalkeeper

Now a long-serving player, despite his age, who acts as a capable back-up to Luke Merchant in goal, whenever needed. Has played for the club's 1sts, 2nds, 3rds, 4ths and 5ths, as well as the U18s and always gives his all. Reliable, in a word.

Macaulay Herbert Defence

Begins this season as our longest-serving member of the squad. 'Macca' came through our U18s and is solid and dependable; an excellent defender who has been getting better with every season that passed. Has made over 290 first team appearances, despite several injuries punctuating each season. On course to reach 300 appearances this season.

Josh Stevens Defence

Development Squad player of the season in 2023/24; broke into the first team squad during pre-season, putting in some excellent performances in central defence. Tall, strong in the air, solid in the tackle and capable in possession, this could be the season when he steps up into first team football.

Dan Lander Defence

Debut in 2022/23 after returning to the club following a spell at Quedgeley Wanderers. A good club man, who gives his all in every game. Offers height, strength and determination at centre-half. A real competitor.

Elijah Simpson Defence

Player under Neil Mustoe at Gloucester City U18s and recently signed from Brimscombe & Thrupp and a great addition to the squad. Comfortable on the ball when in possession, shows a turn of pace, and good defensively. A key signing for this season.

Ellis Clifford Defence

Came through the U18s squad, after joining from Gloucester City's youth set-up. Made a breakthrough last season and amassed 14 appearances at left-back. Very promising youngster who will be looking to be a regular in 2024/25.

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Mark Pritchett Defence

Tasted Hellenic League title winning success at Bishops Cleeve. Previously at Rovers as Player/Manager before stepping away from the role in 2021/22. Offers a no nonsense, uncompromising, good old-fashioned performance in every game, and a threat in the opposition box.

Sammie Hicks Defence/Midfield

Now in his fourth season at the club, after spells at Gloucester City and Cinderford Town. Injuries have hampered his progress but he remains a reliable and very versatile member of the squad, capable of filling in at full-back, in midfield or in the No.10 role.

Harley Mustoe Defence/Midfield

A member of this season's U18s squad after joining the squad late in 2023/24, Harley has gained experience playing County League football for Harwicke. Most comfortable in midfield but has played at full-back and looked very accomplished.

Callum McGuirk Defence/Midfield

Signed from Longlevens in 2022, where he'd largely been used at full-back, he is a hard-working midfielder, who looks comfortable on the ball. Played academy football during his earlier years, including a spell at Bristol City. Was originally with the Rovers, where he featured in our U18s squad.

Liam Smith Midfield

Has 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 three injury hit campaigns. Offers experience and capable of dropping into the back four when needed.

Cole Clinton Midfield

New signing from Hartpury University. A diminutive figure, who is deceptively strong and has looked to be a good signing based on preseason performances. Good on the ball and hard working, has the quality to improve our midfield.

Dean Turner Midfield

Another new signing and a great addition to the Rovers fold. Southern League experience with Slimbridge and then spent several seasons at Brimscombe & Thrupp. Combative, communicative, hard-working, great positionally and a leader. Just what we needed to add to our midfield!

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2024/25 PLAYER PROFILES

Kieran Alder

Midfield/Forward

Returned to the club in 2022/23, after spells with Cinderford, Bishops Cleeve and Worcester City; and overcame injuries to return to his best. Gifted No.10, whose work rate is as noticeable as his work on the ball - a creative player. Previously with Neil Mustoe's U18s at Gloucester City reunited at Rovers.

Corey Warrington Midfield

Signed during pre-season after excelling at Northern Senior League side Tredworth Tigers during 2023/24. A highly energetic midfielder who likes to get on the ball; he's ambitious and could be an excellent addition to the squad for 2024/25, although an injury in pre-season could limit his immediate progress.

Matt Lee Midfield

A new signing for 2024/25 who will play in midfield or an attacking role and looks to be a good addition to the squad. Hard-working and comfortable on the ball, has previous Hellenic League experience with Cinderford Town and Lydney Town.

Tyrel Roberts Forward

Another player to come through from the U18s and then through the Development Squad, Ty is an old-fashioned centre-forward who never gives the opposing defence a break and has been a regular scorer in his time in the club's junior sides. Another player for whom this could prove to be their breakthrough season.

Karnell Chambers Forward

Experienced at a higher level, this is a player who Neil Mustoe was delighted to sign in November 2023. Has previously been at Gloucester City, Hungerford Town, North Leigh, as well as a spell overseas, and is a goalscorer equally at home wide or in the middle. Finished 2023/24 as top goalscorer for the first team and added the sort of threat that Royers have needed.

Yeshaya Lomotey Forward

Powerful striker who joined in 2021/22 after spells at other local clubs, including Slimbridge and Cinderford Town. Offers quality on the ball and packs a powerful shot that is a potent weapon. Will be hoping to contribute more goals to secure a regular place in the side.

Brad Bevan Forward

Signed from Fairford Town last season. Incredibly hardworking, tenacious, a real team player. Runs all day and although not a prolific goalscorer has been a good signing. Can play wide or down the centre.

Connor Walters Forward

Wide player who joined from Gala Wilton in 2023/24. Strong and full of trickery, he had a fantastic start to his first season and contributed goals, as well as being a threat to opposition defences. Works hard for the team.

Riley Bourne Forward

Under 18s player who graduated from our U16s last season. Quick, skilful, with an eye for goal, age is no impediment for this confident lad.

Neil Mustoe Manager

Appointed as Manager in January 2022, took the club away from relegation fears in 2021/22, before successfully battling against relegation in 2022/23. 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.

Liam O'Neill Assistant Manager

Appointed as Assistant Manager in 2023, after a spell as Manager at Frampton United. Still in the formative stage of his coaching journey but offers great support to Muzzy and is an important presence in the first team set-up.

Mike De-Bear Physio

New for 2024/25 and a great signing off the pitch. Has experience working at EFL clubs and is already making a great impression.

Alex Butler Coach

Joined in 2023/24 after previous experience in local football. Mr Reliable and a really positive influence in the dressing room on match-days.

Tim Hall Coach

Previously been at Longlevens. Knew Muzzy and Ken Blackburn from his time with Gloucester City and is a great character. A keen cyclist, who also has an interest in classic cars.



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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 this week we focus on Premier League history, given that this is the first weekend of the Premier League season...

- 1. Can you name the player pictured, who holds the record for Premier League appearances, having made a combined 653 appearances for Aston Villa, Manchester City, Everton, and West Bromwich Albion?
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- 2. The Premier League has been won by seven different teams since the first season in 1992/93. Can you name all seven clubs?
- 3. Which goalkeeper kept more clean-sheets (173) than any other Premier League goalkeeper, during a career that took him to clubs including Watford, Liverpool, Aston Villa, West Ham United, Portsmouth, Bristol City, and Bournemouth?
- 4. The man pictured was the first Premier League manager to be sacked, when he left his club in February 1993. Three parts to this question....(i) Who is he?; (ii) Which club sacked him in February 1993?; and (iii) Which team did he once score the winning FA Cup Final goal for?



5. Three players pictured. Who are they and what Premier League record do they all share, along with another 8 players, including N'Golo Kante and James Milner?







<u>Appearance information</u>

Up to and including **Tuesday**, **13 August 2024** (includes selected list of former players)



We saw the latest in a string of debutants this season on Wednesday evening, as Corey Warrington, who joined us from local club Tredworth Tigers in the summer, returned to the squad after picking up an injury in pre-season that took some time to recover from. Congratulations to Corey on that first appearance; hopefully the first of many!



Congratulations, also, to Connor Walters who brought up his 50th game for the club in that same fixture. In appearing, he became the 56th player to reach that milestone since our return to Step 7 football (or higher) in 2007.

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Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	129	37	James, Richard	125	40
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Lander, Daniel	47	1
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Lee, Matt	5	0
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Lomotey, Yeshaya	58	8
Bevan, Bradley	28	4	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Mann, Warren	541	85
Bourne, Riley	1	0	McGuirk, Callum	85	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Merchant, Luke	120	0
Briscoe, Tyreece	27	1	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Chambers, Karnell	27	17	Mustoe, Harley	4	0
Clifford, Ellis	18	0	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Clinton, Cole	2	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	Pritchett, Mark	190	28
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Roberts, Tyrel	11	0
Evans, David	69	0	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Ford, Mark	164	61	Simpson, Elijah	4	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Smith, Liam	79	1
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Stevens, Josh	2	0
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hoffland, Robin	9	0	Turner, Dean	4	0
Herbert, Macaulay	293	10	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	58	2	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	130	9	Walters, Connor	50	9
Iddles, Harrison	14	0	Warrington, Corey	1	0
James, Brett	186	64	White, Joel	140	4
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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.

WORDSEARCH: Football stadiums in England

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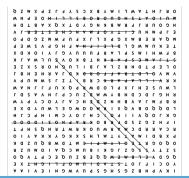
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Old Trafford Villa Park Emirates

Anfield Olympic Wembley





Club History

In 1955 when Noel Watkin oversaw the Herefordshire County Boys.

There was a great team bond, so when the County fixtures were through, the team asked if they could stay together and Pegasus Juniors came into being, taking the name from the famous amateur side of the era.



It was inevitable that players would move on to higher grades of football and many did that with distinction. Pegasus Juniors original members Jack Perks and Bob Pasley remained, they proudly gained membership into the Hellenic League in 1978 and established a club house in Hereford.

In 2005 Pegasus Juniors opened their new ground at Old School Lane with funding from The Football Foundation, Football Association local trusts and directors. The facilities have continually been improved since with grant funded work in 2013 replacing the perimeter fence, upgrading the car park and extending the clubhouse. 2019 saw our biggest project to date, with the installation of a state-of-the-art artificial turf pitch along with upgraded LED floodlights.

In 2010 the club decided to move its first team to the West Midland (Regional) League for season 2011/12 as the Hellenic League was, at the time veering, in an easterly direction. The highlight during our eight seasons in the West Midlands was undoubtedly finishing as runners up with 100 points in a high scoring season. More recently an exodus of senior players led to a very young team finding themselves at the wrong end of the table.

Joint Managers Mick Panniers and Dave Cadwallader came together in the dugout to lead the team as we came back 'home' to the Hellenic League for 2019/20 in Division One West. Following two Covid curtailed seasons, Mick stepped away from management with a move 'upstairs' in a Director of Football role. 'Caddy' along with Mark Hibbard were then appointed as Joint Managers for the 2021/22 season.

Having finished 4th in Hellenic League Division 1 at the end of the 2021/22 season we took part in the first ever Play Offs at Step 6. In the semi-final we travelled to Clanfield, winning 4-0 and setting up a Play Off Final against Worcester Raiders at Sixways Stadium. Scoring within the first 20 seconds of the final set us on our way to a memorable night, going on to win the game 3-0. The final whistle signalled jubilant scenes throughout the team and travelling support. We had secured promotion back to Step 5 and a place in the Hellenic Premier Division for the 2022/23 season. In addition to the Promotion, it also meant a return to the F.A Cup for the first time in seven years. Our first season back in the Premier Division was a creditable one achieving an 8th place finish.

The 2023/24 season saw us finish 9th, after a great start to the season a poor run over Christmas saw a play off challenge ended. Big news came off the pitch though with news of a new pitch side facility to be built. The new multi-purpose building will include a sponsor's suite, education room in addition to a snack bar and toilets. It will be our first pitch side facility since the opening of The KGD Stadium.









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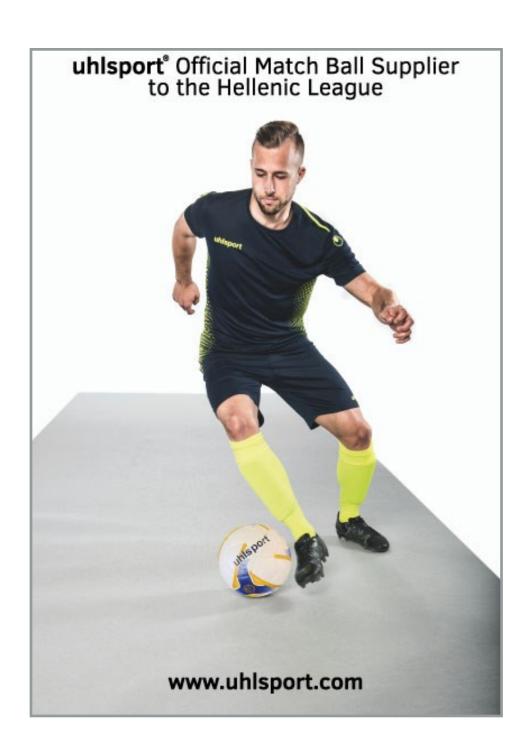


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Harley Mustoe	2	Matt James
Ellis Clifford	3	Lewis Fletcher ©
Elijah Simpson	4	Kane Kahaki
Macaulay Herbert	5	Sam Rawlings
Dean Turner	6	Mike Burgess
Callum McGuirk	7	Harrison Iddles
Kieran Alder	8	Harry Pitman
Karnell Chambers	9	Carlos Moreira
Brad Bevan	10	Jordan Williamson
Connor Walters	11	Isaac Cooper
Matt Lee	12	Jamie Price
Sammie Hicks	14	Zach Johnston
Warren Mann	15	Luke Bufton
Liam Smith	16	Tyreece Briscoe
Josh Stevens	17	Nathan Chown-Higgs
Cole Clinton	18	Ben Tootell
Tyrel Roberts	19	Lucas Hipwell

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

FUFFLEY ROVERS

Blue shirts; Blue shorts; Blue socks (GK: Orange).

Neil Mustoe	MANAGER	Mark Hibbard
Liam O'Neill	ASST. MANAGER	Jamie Pitman
Mike De-Bear (Physio) Alex Butler (Coach) Tim Hall (Coach)	OTHER OCCUPANTS	Phil Glover Dean Clarke Mark Newman (Physio)

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