

TUFFLEY ROVERS v HARTPURY UNIVERSITY

Tuesday 20th August 2024 7:45PM KO UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION





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FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome this evening to Glevum Park to all our visitors, notably the players, management team, committee and supporters of Hartpury University.

Thank you to everyone who attended the game on Saturday for their part in an impeccably observed minutes silence for Mike Palmer, Eunita Buckingham and Bev Summers, who all passed away last week. That we chose a day where we reflected on the lives of some Rovers heroes by producing a fantastic victory over a good Hereford Pegasus side made it a day that started with sorrow and ended with celebration.

Can I also thank everyone who took the time to wish me a Happy Birthday. I celebrated with a few pints of Thatchers and that tasted all the better for our victory and some other results going our way!

Hartpury University arrive at Glevum Park on a good run of form and with huge ambitions for the future of their student side. They had a thumping 7-0 win at Lydney Town and thrashed Fairford Town 5-1 at the weekend, so we know this will be a very tough night ahead.

Sometimes I think 'tough' (or should that be Tuff?) days/nights are what we do. It seems to be a standing order for Tuffley Rovers to battle through the tougher looking games and get something from them, then lose the games that I take optimism into. That might be one of those misplaced inaccurate thoughts, but it definitely feels that way a lot of the time.

We have something of a break after tonight's game, with no fixture on Saturday (we have a bye in the Isuzu FA Vase) but we then travel to Longlevens on Monday, for a 1pm kick-off in the local derby game. Our win there on the last game against Levens was a great occasion for us, but our record overall against the side from across the city has not been great and I know we will be in for a tough afternoon. Tough/Tuff is what we do, though, isn't it?

Keep backing the lads and backing the club. We are on a journey to improve and tonight's game is just the next step in (hopefully) the right direction.

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

Brimscombe & Thrupp v Cirencester Town

Corsham Town v Malmesbury Victoria

Pershore Town v Worcester Raiders

Slimbridge v Sporting Club Inkberrow

Thornbury Town v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Emirates FA Cup, Preliminary Round Replay

Newcastle Town v Westfields

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good evening and welcome to Glevum Park. A warm welcome to our opponents today from Hartpury University and their players, management team, committee and supporters.

The games keep coming thick and fast, with this being our sixth league fixture already in this campaign. Saturday saw us host high flying Hereford Pegasus, which was always going to be a tough fixture, but the lads were fantastic, determined and dogged in the performance.

A Ty Roberts goal in the final 10 minutes proved enough to get us over the line with a 2-1 victory. Tonight's game will be another tough test against a team that have already notched up notable victories, including a 7-0 result against Lydney Town and what seemed another comfortable win against Fairford Town in the FA Cup on Saturday.

I am not at this evening's game but will be following how the game goes on social media and will be hoping for another good performance.

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

- Dan Boon

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TUFFLEY ROVERS CLUB HISTORY

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 evening and welcome to Glevum Park to all players, management, officials and supporters from Hartpury University FC.

After Saturday's great win and performance we are in confident mood. Our two home league games have been really good; results and performances that were really positive and we are hoping for the same again tonight.

Ty Roberts scoring the winner on Saturday against Pegasus was great to see and he is one who has come through our player pathway, along with Ellis Clifford and Harley, meaning three of the eleven at the end of the game were from our U18s or Reserve/ Development squads which was the aim after stabilising the squad over the last two years, which now gives us an opportunity to bring more young players through.

I said in pre-season that I expected Hartpury to be right up there, competing for the league this season, and although they have had a few mixed results the last two look like they have clicked into some sort of rhythm. I firmly believe they will be in the top two at the end of the season, they have great facilities and are able to work and recover daily, which can only be beneficial.

If we are on it and perform, though, we have proven in this calendar year that we can match any opposition and cause all teams problems - and tonight is hopefully no different!

Enjoy your evening and the game.

- Muzz

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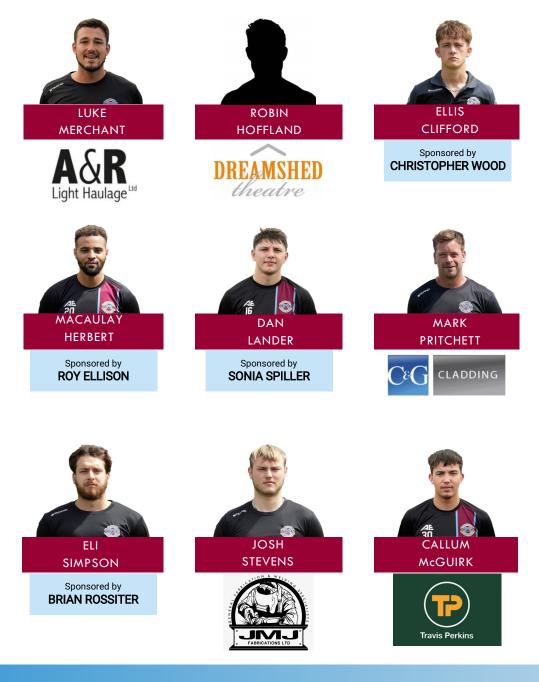


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PREVIOUSLY AGAINST TODAY'S OPPONENTS

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

22 October 2022, FA Vase, Hartpury University 1-0 Tuffley Rovers

Hellenic League Division One side Hartpury University pulled off a victory at the expense of their Premier Division visitors, Tuffley Rovers, courtesy of a 1-0 win at Hartpury University.

Manager, Neil Mustoe, welcomed Ashley Davies back into the starting line-up, with Warren Mann only fit enough for a place on the bench, and the Rovers boss would have been hopeful that his team could progress to a record equalling run in the FA Vase. Unfortunately for him, his side produced a poor first half display and ultimately paid for conceding a goal in the 19th minute.

Morgan Mahoney and Josh Radford both went close for the hosts, as they fired some early warning shots on Elliot Jones' goal, and there was a sense of inevitability building before Mahoney produced a low shot that deceived Jones and nestled into the back of the Rovers net.

A change of personnel and formation in the second period led to a much improved display but Rovers struggled to create chances against a resilient Hartpury defence. Chances came and went for Ryan Dobbins and Mason Lewis, before a last gasp opportunity for veteran striker Shayne Bradley saw the Rovers man head wide of the hosts goal, leaving Rovers out and Hartpury celebrating a 1-0 win.

15 November 2022, GFA Challenge Trophy, Tuffley Rovers 3-2 Hartpury University

Two much changed line-ups took to the field in a second cup tie between Tuffley Rovers and Hartpury University, just 3 ½ weeks after the University team had triumphed in the FA Vase and on this occasion it was another game where the host team came out on top.

This time the competition was the GFA Challenge Trophy and if the FA Vase tie had been a game of few chances, this fixture was positively raining goals in comparison.

Goals from Ryan Dobbins and a brace from Shayne Bradley proved enough for Rovers to run out 3-2 winners in a close run encounter with the students of Hartpury.



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 just one game on 20 August (and a couple on the dates either side) that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on this this particular date...

18 August 2007

Promoted Tuffley Rovers recorded a good win over visitors Henbury at Glevum Park in the opening game of the season. Rovers took the lead in the 13th minute through Pat Boyd, who fired home from 12 yards. Henbury drew level right on half time when Jermaine Wright ran through to score.

Mark Wallington's 78th minute winner from a corner sealed Rovers their first 3 points in their second spell in the County League. Henbury thought they had secured a point just before the final whistle when they got the ball into the back of the net but it was disallowed for a foul on a Rovers defender.

Squad: Scott Rose; Robert Cook; Leone Cornwall; Jon Corbett; Stephen Summerell; Mark Patterson; Ollie Everitt; Mark Wallington; Nathan Owen; Patrick Boyd; Warren Mann. **Subs used**: Colin Peacey; Peter Thomas.

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.

20 August 2011

Tuffley Rovers came away from Patchway with a 3-0 victory that made them the new leaders of the Gloucestershire County League.

Marcus Foxwell gave Rovers the lead three minutes before the break and six minutes into the second half took a 2-0 lead through Mark Wallington. Liam Harding netted the third after 76 minutes as Rovers continued an unblemished start to the 2011/12 season that had seen them record three straight wins.

Squad: Mark Harris; Marcus Foxwell; James Cole; Richard James; Ashley Davies; Liam Harding; Kacey Johnstone; Jack Phillips; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Lee Wallington. **Subs used:** Dean Gorman; Kyle Kennedy.

22 August 2015

Tuffley Rovers recorded a third victory in eight days, and another three valuable Hellenic League Premier Division points, as they came from behind to defeat Abingdon United.

Jack Ross gave hosts Abingdon the lead, after just 7 minutes and that was how the score remained until the interval. Rovers had great chances for Marcus Foxwell and Jordan Dowdeswell straight after the break, but the hosts stood firm and it looked like the result was going to go against Warren Evans' Rovers.

However, after 75 minutes Ashley Davies found a way through to give Rovers an equaliser, and two minutes later Anthony Herrin headed home a cross from Dowdeswell to make it 2-1.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Tristan Haswell; Callum Preece; Macaulay Herbert; Stuart Griffith; Liam Wright; Ashley Davies; Jordan Fletcher; Anthony Herrin; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Jordan Dowdeswell; Gareth Davies.

19 August 2017

Full-back Sam Hill produced a late, late goal that capped off an incredible win that saw Tuffley Rovers secure a place in the Emirates FA Cup First Qualifying Round, with Mark Pritchett's side recovering from two goals down to defeat Leighton Town. Marsala and Smith gave Leighton a two-goal lead at the interval, despite Rovers having their share of chances, and when the game entered the final ten minutes it looked as thought Rovers' participation in the historic cup competition was over for another year.

However, Pritchett's men had other ideas and pulled a goal back through a penalty from Warren Mann with eight minutes remaining. Shayne Bradley then crossed as the game moved into its closing moments, with Pritchett produced a scissor kick that flew into the Leighton Town goal and surely a replay beckoned. Hill had other ideas and when Mann set the ball back to the onrushing Hill, the full-back drove the ball across Wyant and in off the post, to hand Rovers a memorable victory.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Brett James; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Ben Tunnicliff; Courtney Hamilton; Joel White; Josh Bennai; Liam Wright; Warren Mann. *Subs used:* Shayne Bradley; Harry Walker; Jamie Goodwin.



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

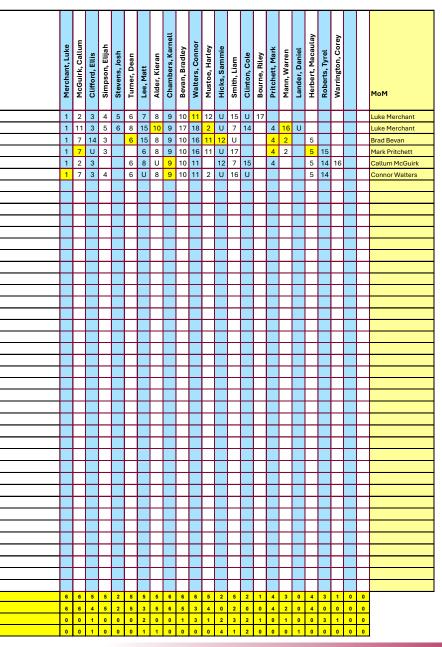
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10/Aug	3pm	Lydney Town		А	2-2	107	B Bevan, K Chambers
13/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		А	0-2	186	-
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Bevan, Brad	2	





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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

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

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

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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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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 Rovers 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.

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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

Riley Bourne

Forward

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

defences. Works hard for the team.

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

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.

Assistant Manager

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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 tonight we focus on goal droughts or low scoring, after Connor Walters' goal on Saturday ended his run of 19 games (or 235 days!) without scoring...

1. During the height of their Premier League success, Manchester United had brothers Gary and Phil Neville as regular members of their squad. Gary played 602 competitive games for United, with Phil playing a combined 689 for United and Everton. Who scored the most competitive goals?

2. Which player famously fell out of favour at West Bromwich Albion after a dispute with manager Tony Pulis and Chairman Jeremy Peace over the collapse of a move to Tottenham Hotspur in 2014/15, before a goal drought that encompassed his time at West Brom and a move to Stoke City, eventually lasting 913 days?

3. Which player made 107 full international appearances for England but did not score a single goal from his debut in 2001 until his international retirement in 2014?

4. This former Wimbledon defender (pictured) holds the record for the longest period without a goal in the Premier League - at 335 games or 29,620 minutes – which is over 6,000 minutes longer than his nearest rival, who is not pictured but might be remembered best for an own goal in the 1991 FA Cup Final. Can you name the two men?

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5. Can you name the two players pictured in Liverpool kit, who both scored on their Anfield debut for the club, but both went through a spell of 40 games without a goal in their time at the club and the player who used to play for Liverpool but went through a 45 game barren spell whilst at Tottenham Hotspur?

Quiz Answers: (1) Phil outscored Gary, scoring 13 to 7, although never ever scored more than two in a single season; (2) Said Berahino; (3) Ashley Cole; (4) Kenny Cunningham & Des Walker; (5) A is Paul Stewart; B is El Hadji-Diouť; and C is Ronny Rosenthal.



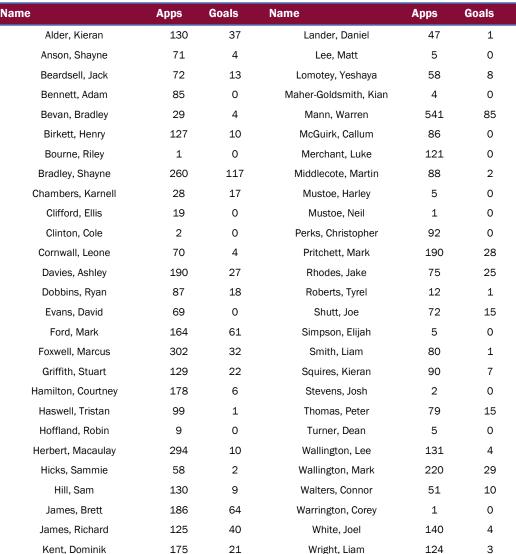




Last week Connor Walters made his 50th competitive appearance for Tuffley Rovers and then on Saturday he broke his goal drought, with a well taken goal against Hereford Pegasus. Last season he took nine games until scoring his first goal for the club, before scoring a hat-trick in his next appearance and nine in total across the season.

On Saturday, Tyrel Roberts scored his first goal in a competitive fixture, in his twelfth appearance. Here is hoping he can follow Connor's feat of a hat-trick in his next game! Well, we can dream...

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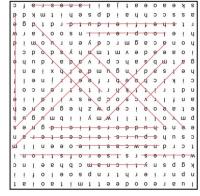
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HARTPURY UNIVERSITY CLUB HISTORY

Hartpury University FC are a relatively new side, having been formed ahead of the 2020/21 season, when they entered the Uhlsport Hellenic League, Division Two only for their first season to be interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

With the Hellenic League's Division Two offering no formal route into the pyramid system, the University side decided to move into a Step 7 competition and they joined the Herefordshire County League in time for the 2021/22 season and this proved to be a truly historic season, even for a club in its infancy.

The team went on a 20 match unbeaten run in the league, winning every competitive league fixture, but they also captured two other titles, as they won the Herefordshire County Cup, courtesy of a 2-1 win over Hereford United at Edgar Street, before winning the Herefordshire Senior Cup after beating a Forest Green XI 5-1.

Winning the Herefordshire County League offered an opportunity to move into Step 6 football and the club rejoined the Uhlsport Hellenic League for the 2022/23 season, taking their place in Division One. The club finished the season in second place in the league, behind Champions Pershore Town, but were unable to finish off their promotion campaign, losing in the play-off final to Milton United in penalties after a 2-2 draw. That season saw an excellent run in the Isuzu FA Vase, with a Second Round win at Cornish side Mousehole sending them through to the Third Round in their first campaign, where they thumped Bovey Tracy 7-0. A defeat against Atherstone Town ended their cup run at the next stage (the last 32).

Last season (2023/24) saw the club gain promotion to the Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division, as they ran away with Division One, finishing nine points clear of runners-up Malmesbury Victoria and with a goal difference of +96. They also competed in the FA Cup for the first time in the club's history and again reached the last 32 in the FA Vase.

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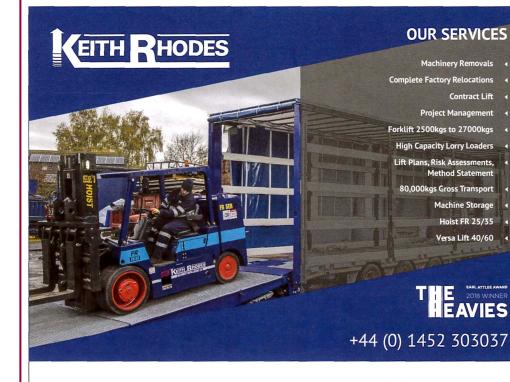


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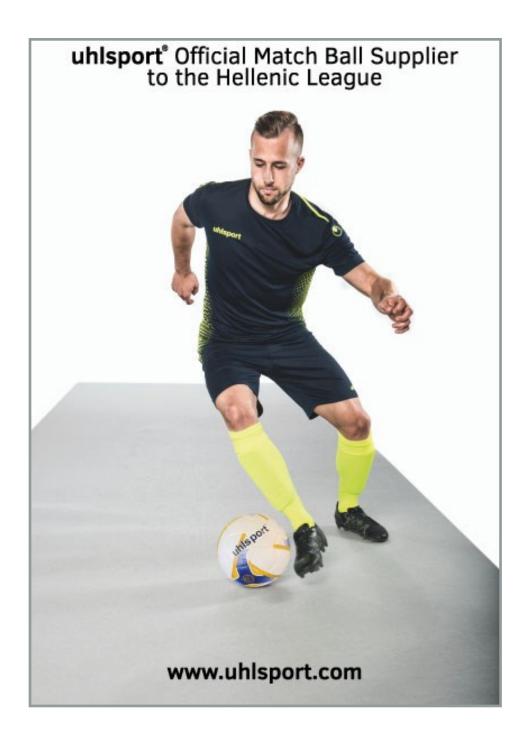


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