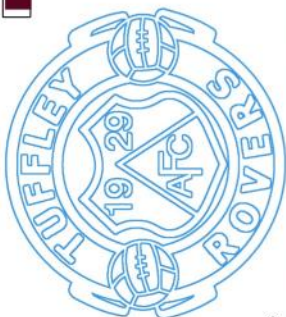




**TUFFLEY ROVERS v
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FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to Glevum Park this afternoon everyone and welcome to all our visitors, notably the players, management team, committee and supporters of Royal Wootton Bassett Town.

It is 12 September and this is only our second home league fixture on a Saturday, which just doesn't sound right. In fact, it is only our fifth home game of the season and our penultimate home game before we host Malmesbury Victoria on the first weekend in October. I don't know how that compares to other clubs but it seems an odd set of statistics. Like many clubs we rely on revenue from home games and the statistics (sales reports!) don't lie about the difference between Saturday games and midweek fixtures. That is compounded by the lack of home games in the warmer weather, so I'm hoping for something of an Indian Summer today!!

Royal Wootton Bassett Town are an annoying opponent. I like so many of their committee and others associated with the club and always have good conversations when we meet. However, their record against us irritates me!! We have had some good results in the past but they just seem such hard work to get points against and our recent record is dismal, something Muzzy has also reflected on in his page this afternoon.

We haven't beaten Sam Collier's team since December 2017 and have lost eight out of the last nine Hellenic League fixtures. Our only success since 2017 was a cup win in September 2018, so I'll try to remind myself of that game rather than some of the others I've watched over many years!

Our last home league Saturday game was a great occasion, in terms of the result, and I hope that we can match that again today, before renewing acquaintances with Hereford Pegasus on Monday evening. An unusual day for a fixture but Pegasus' chosen home evening. Our three Saturday league games to date (home and away) have yielded 7 points from a possible 9, so maybe Saturday is the day for us. We'll know more at/around 5pm.

Once we've got past these two league games, we have some cup action, with a trip to Bitton AFC next Saturday for our FA Vase fixture. If you want a game at Glevum Park in the meantime, the Development Squad are at home on Monday evening, against Fairford Town Reserves (7:45pm).

Here is hoping for some positive results over the next three days to take us into that fixture at Bitton next week.

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)

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

- Hartpury University v Fairford Town
- Hereford Pegasus v Corsham Town
- Highworth Town v Worcester Raiders
- Longlevens v Mangotsfield United
- Pershore Town v Brimscombe & Thrupp
- Slimbridge v Roman Glass St George
- Sporting Club Inkberrow v Cirencester Town
- Thornbury Town v Lydney Town
- Westfields v Malmesbury Victoria

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to Glevum Park. Welcome to all the players, coaches, committee and supporters of our opponents today, Royal Wootton Bassett Town. I'd also like to extend that welcome to today's match day officials.

This game marks our tenth league game of the campaign and our progress to date sees us before sat in 12th position, one place above today's opposition. The minimum aim remains for us to achieve a top 10 finish, but as everyone knows there are no givens in this league.

It was good to see the squad break their losing streak last Saturday, against Thornbury Town, especially with the run of fixtures we have ahead of us over the next four weeks, which will include an FA Vase fixture in the middle of the league programme.

Today's opponents are always a tough team to play against and I am sure would have expected to be much further up the league table, so there will be no doubt that they will be looking to get a result here today, kick on and push up the table.

I am not at this afternoon's game but will be following how we get on via our social media. Sadly, this is the fifth game in a row I have missed due to other commitments but plan to be at Hereford Pegasus on Monday night. I hope we can go into that fixture with another positive result.

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 afternoon and welcome to Glevum Park to all players, management, officials and supporters from Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC.

After a second-half comeback win last week, away at Thornbury Town, we are looking to get back to winning ways at Glevum Park as our last encounter against Hartpury University FC was our first home league defeat since New Years Day; that is not to say its been an incredible fortress but playing at home has proved good for us and very difficult for teams to come and get results at.

We now look forward to today and a run of fixtures with the FA Vase and some interesting league fixtures in what is going to be another busy month. I said in my post-match interview last week my record in this fixture is not great we have had a few close games and a few we haven't really been at the races, The team are just bubbling along in good spirits but know we are probably 2-3 points short of where we would like to be at this stage, but already a better start, compared to the last few seasons, and its time to build on that, which hopefully starts with a positive result today.

RWBFC have not got off to the start they would like to have, after going so close last season being in the top six most of season but losing out in the final of the play offs right at the end. Their results have picked up and I'm sure with plenty of time in the season left they will get back on track; but looking at results across the board over the last few weeks anyone can get a result on any given day.

Corsham Town are flying through their fixtures – with a 100% record - but as in previous years with Cribbs and Worcester City I'm not sure someone will run away with it which makes it a more interesting season all round and will keep the league interesting throughout.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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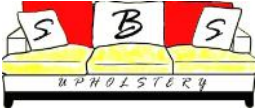


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PREVIOUSLY AGAINST TODAY'S OPPONENTS



We look back at our 16 previous competitive games against today's opposition since our return to the Hellenic League, with some details around the key moments....

29 Sep 2015, Hellenic League Premier Div, Tuffley Rovers 2-2 Royal Wotton Bassett Town

A late Steve Olphert penalty, after Shayne Bradley was adjudged to have handled the ball, saved a point for the visitors. Brett James opened the scoring for Rovers, before Sam Packer equalised just after the hour. Marcus Foxwell then produced a good finish 13 minutes from time that seemed to secure the points for Rovers but Olphert and Bassett had other ideas.

17 Feb 2016, Hellenic League Premier Div, Royal Wootton Bassett Town 2-2 Tuffley Rovers

Tuffley Rovers and Royal Wootton Bassett Town played out a second 2-2 draw in the 15/16 season, with Jordan Fletcher and Glenn Gittins getting the goals for the visiting side.

13 Sep 2016, Hellenic League Premier Div, Rovers 3-1 Royal Wootton Bassett Town

A first half headed goal from Shayne Bradley gave Rovers the lead in this game but the game took its most decisive turn after Steve Robertson's early second half goal, as Marcus Foxwell took advantage of the new kick-off rules to shoot at goal from the restart and his powerful drive left Curtis Mears with no chance in the Royal Wootton Bassett Town goal. Warren Mann then converted a late penalty to make it 3-1 on the night.

19 Nov 2016, Hellenic League Premier Div, Royal Wootton Bassett Town 2-0 Rovers

Despite dominating possession, Tuffley Rovers succumbed to a 2-0 defeat at Royal Wootton Bassett on Saturday, as goals from Dan Bailey and Steve Robertson ensured all three points for the hosts.

19 Sep 2017, Hellenic League Premier Div, Rovers 0-2 Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Tuffley Rovers succumbed to a fifth straight defeat in all competitions - and a third straight defeat in the league - as they failed to turn a healthy share of possession into goals, at Glevum Park. Sam Collier scored an early goal for the visitors and then scored a second half penalty to make it 2-0 and take all three points back to Wiltshire.

6 Dec 2017, Hellenic League Premier Div, Royal Wootton Bassett Town 3-4 Rovers

In a quite extraordinary game, Tuffley Rovers twice fought back to claim all three points from their visit to Royal Wootton Bassett Town on Wednesday evening, with a Warren Mann goal, deep into injury time, enough to secure a vital win. The game was played in treacherous conditions and Rory Sproule gave the hosts the lead 25 minutes and added a second four minutes later to make it 2-0. Mann then crossed for Shayne Bradley to reduce the arrears, before Kieran Alder equalised early in the second half. An own goal from Shayne Anson then made it 3-2 to Bassett, before some late, late drama. Alex O'Leary scored direct from a corner, with a wind assisted effort, before Mann's stunning late curling shot into the roof of the hosts' net made it 4-3 and a memorable win for Tuffley Rovers.

4 Aug 2018, Hellenic League Premier Div, Royal Wootton Bassett Town 6-1 Rovers

A Tuffley Rovers line-up with an average age of 22 were picked apart by Royal Wootton Bassett Town on the opening day of the season, as Ryan Dobbins' late goal was nothing more than a consolation against a home side for whom TJ Bohane scored a hat-trick.

29 Sep 2018, Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup, Rovers 4-0 Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Tuffley Rovers advanced in the Challenge Cup, at the expense of a side who had thrashed them 6-1 only 56 days previously, with a convincing 4-0 win at Glevum Park. Dominik Kent, Lee Smith, Ashley Bird and Brett James took Mark Pritchett's side to victory.

15 Dec 2018, Hellenic League Premier Div, Tuffley Rovers 1-3 Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Rovers slumped to a 6th home league defeat of the season, largely due to the prodigious talent of much-travelled striker TJ Bohane, who plundered his second hat-trick of the season for Bassett against their Gloucester hosts, after Henry Birkett had given Rovers the lead.

22 Oct 2019, Hellenic League Premier Div, Royal Wootton Bassett Town 1-1 Rovers

Wayne Turk opened the scoring for Royal Wootton Bassett Town but Lewis Bainbridge's somewhat fortuitous goal – a cross turned shot – secured a point for Rovers.

13 Nov 2021, Hellenic League Premier Div, Rovers 0-1 Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Tuffley Rovers continued a dismal run of form that has seen them slip to five consecutive defeats, taking just nine league points in the last eleven league fixtures, as a late goal from Adam Corcoran decided matters in favour of Royal Wootton Bassett Town.

5 Mar 2022, Hellenic League Premier Div, Royal Wootton Bassett Town 3-2 Rovers

A severely depleted Tuffley Rovers side almost returned from Wiltshire with a point but they slipped to a narrow defeat. John Mills scored twice in the first five minutes of the game, before Liam Smith pulled a goal back. Adam Corcoran made it 3-1 and although Yesh Lomotey's stunning strike gave Neil Mustoe's side hope, Bassett held out to win 3-2.

7 Feb 2023, Hellenic League Premier Div, Royal Wootton Bassett Town 2-1 Rovers

Dan Beasley's goal ended a lengthy goalscoring drought for Rovers but the hosts ultimately ran out winners in a competitive game at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground as Matt Jones' penalty and an injury time goal from Louis Spalding made it 2-1.

28 Mar 2023, Hellenic League Premier Div, Rovers 1-3 Royal Wootton Bassett Town

A rampant first half performance from the visiting side, in which they scored three times, twice through Louis Spalding and once from Matt Bennett, was enough to take Royal Wootton Bassett Town to victory against Rovers, despite an improved second half performance and Mark Pritchett's effort that made it 3-1 with half an hour to play.

9 Sep 2023, Hellenic League Premier Div, Rovers 1-2 Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Louis Spalding scored his fourth goal in three games against Tuffley Rovers, before Tom Moore made it 2-0 late on at Glevum Park. Connor Walters' 89th minute goal came too late to rescue a point for Neil Mustoe's side.

16 Jan 2024, Hellenic League Premier Div, Royal Wootton Bassett Town 1-0 Rovers

Bailey Gallagher's 52nd minute goal proved the difference between the two teams at Glevum Park, as Sam Collier's side took all three points back to Wiltshire.





STATISTICS

Statistics 2024/25

Competition

Jhlsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

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

MSCC = Marsh Sports Challenge Cup;

MLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = Supplementary Cup

						Att	Scorers
2023							
31/Jul	7:45pm	Sporting Club Inkberrow		A	0-2	190	-
03/Aug	3pm	Kidlington FC	FAC	H	0-3	141	-
06/Aug	7:45pm	Slimbridge		H	3-0	210	K Chambers (2), B Bevan
10/Aug	3pm	Lydney Town		A	2-2	107	B Bevan, K Chambers
13/Aug	7:45pm	Worcester Raiders		A	0-2	186	-
17/Aug	3pm	Hereford Pegasus		H	2-1	105	C Walters, T Roberts
20/Aug	7:45pm	Hartpury University		H	0-2	136	-
26/Aug	1pm	Longlevens		A	0-1	267	-
03/Sep	7:45pm	Westfields		A	1-2	138	K Chambers
07/Sep	3pm	Thornbury Town		A	3-1	91	K Chambers (2), B Bevan
14/Sep	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		H			
16/Sep	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		A			
21/Sep	3pm	Bitton AFC	FAV	A			
24/Sep	7:45pm	Pershore Town		H			
28/Sep	3pm	Fairford Town		A			
01/Oct	7:45pm	Slimbridge		A			
05/Oct	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria		H			
08/Oct	7:45pm	Lydney Town		H			
12/Oct	3pm	Highworth Town		A			
19/Oct	3pm	Cirencester Town		H			
26/Oct	3pm	Corsham Town		A			
02/Nov	3pm	Brimcombe & Thrupp		A			
09/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United		H			
16/Nov	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A			
23/Nov	3pm	Thornbury Town		H			
30/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A			
07/Dec	3pm	Fairford Town		H			
14/Dec	3pm	Malmesbury Victoria		A			
21/Dec	3pm	Highworth Town		H			
26/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		H			
28/Dec	3pm	Cirencester Town		A			
2024							
01/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town		H			
04/Jan	3pm	Brimcombe & Thrupp		H			
11/Jan	3pm	Mangotsfield United		A			
18/Jan	3pm	Worcester Raiders		H			
25/Jan	3pm	Hartpury University		A			
01/Feb	3pm	Westfields		H			
08/Feb	3pm	Sporting Club Inkberrow		H			
22/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town		H			
01/Mar	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A			

TOTAL APPEARANCES
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Goalscorers

Chambers, Karnell	6	Connor Walters	1
Bevan, Brad	3	Tyrel Roberts	1

TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

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.

2024/25 PLAYER PROFILES

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 pre-season 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 Rovers have needed.

Yeshaya Lomotey

Forward

Powerful striker who joined in 2021/22 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 today, after Karnell Chambers' brace last weekend, we ask about footballing doubles...

1. Between 1888/89 and 2022/23 thirteen sides have completed 'The Double' of an English League top flight (Division One or Premier Division) win and the FA Cup, made up of how many clubs? For an extra point, can you name the three clubs to achieve the feat more than once?

2. Can you name the Manchester United twins (pictured) who were both at the Premier League club between 2008 and 2014?



3. In what year did Italian International, Gino Colaussi become the first player to score twice in the same FIFA World Cup Final, quickly followed by his compatriot Silvio Piola?

4. Harry Kane scored a double in midweek against Finland on his 100th international appearance for the England football team. He made his debut in 2015 but in which year do he score his first double in a full international for his country, netting twice against France at the Stade de France?

5. Four football look-a-likes pictured below, or at least they've been compared as doubles to famous Premier League footballers, past or present, in internet posts!! Can you identify the players from the pictures?



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Quiz Answers: (1) Eight teams have completed the League/Cup Double, with Manchester United, Arsenal and Manchester City securing the double more than once; (2) Fabio and Rafael Da Silva; (3) 1938, as Italy beat Hungary 4-2; (4) 2017; (5) A is Jamie Vardy; B is Wayne Rooney; C is Mezut Ozil; and D is Phil Jones.

Appearance information

Up to and including Saturday, 7 September 2024
(includes selected list of former players)



Our August 2024 Molson Coors Player of the Month was Macaulay Herbert and he is on course for another fantastic achievement in the coming days, if all goes to plan.

'Macca' will make his 299th competitive first team appearance for Tuffley Rovers if he appears in today's game, meaning he'll be on course to become only the third player (in the modern era) to reach 300 appearances on Monday evening at Hereford Pegasus. Only Warren Mann and Marcus Foxwell have played more games since we returned to Step 7 football in 2007 and our long-serving centre-back will pass Marcus' total if he plays in five more games, starting today. What an amazing achievement and long may he be with us!



Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	133	37	Lee, Matt	9	0
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Lomotey, Yeshaya	58	8
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Mann, Warren	542	85
Bevan, Bradley	33	5	McGuirk, Callum	90	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Merchant, Luke	124	0
Bourne, Riley	1	0	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Mustoe, Harley	8	0
Chambers, Karnell	32	20	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Clifford, Ellis	23	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clinton, Cole	3	0	Pritchett, Mark	192	28
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Roberts, Tyrel	16	1
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Ford, Mark	164	61	Simpson, Elijah	8	0
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Smith, Liam	83	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	9	0
Herbert, Macaulay	298	10	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hicks, Sammie	62	2	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hill, Sam	130	9	Walters, Connor	55	10
James, Brett	186	64	Warrington, Corey	1	0
James, Richard	125	40	Weaver, George	1	0
Kent, Dominik	175	21	White, Joel	140	4
Lander, Daniel	47	1	Wright, Liam	124	3

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.

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN PLAYER PROFILES



James Foster - Goalkeeper

An experienced keeper who joined Bassett towards the end of last season. Has Southern League experience with Abingdon United, Didcot Town, Hungerford Town, Thatcham Town and North Leigh. Recent Hellenic Premier experience with Shrivensham and Wantage Town.



Dan Hill - Defence

A right back who joins us this season from Cirencester Town having come through their Development Team. Has also played for Brimscombe & Thrupp, Fairford Town, Highworth Town and Cinderford Town in the Hellenic Premier Division.



Louis Spalding - Defence

Highly talented full back who is now in his third season with Bassett. Was named Manager's and Player of the Year in his debut season for the club. With Swindon Town in his youth before joining Cirencester Town. Subsequently played for Swindon Supermarine.



Adam Corcoran - Defence

Bassett's current longest serving player and captain, now in his 13th season with the club, having reached the 300-appearance mark in 2022-23. A Cirencester Town Academy graduate, he initially joined Bassett in 2011-12 after brief spells with Fairford Town and Calne Town.



Oliver Case - Defence

Another product of Bassett's youth section, Case re-joined the club in January 2024 and played a key role in the Men's First Team's late season playoff push. Previously with Swindon Town, Highworth Town and joined Bassett from Southern League Didcot Town.



Junathain Walker - Midfield

Recent signing from Roman Glass St George. Has previously also played for Corsham Town and Tytherington Rocks in the Hellenic League.



Jack Hobson-McVeigh - Midfield

Experienced, cultured central midfielder entering his 3rd season with Bassett having joined from Malmesbury Vics. A New Zealand national and represented his country in the 2009 FIFA U17 World Cup in Nigeria helping the Kiwis reach the last 16.



Chris Taylor - Midfield

Vastly experienced midfielder who is entering his fifth season with Bassett and last season was Manager's and Players' Player of the Year. Previously with Swindon Supermarine and Highworth Town amongst others. An England Under 15 international in his youth, he featured four times for Swindon Town in 2002-03.



Tommy Ouldrige - Midfield

Entering his fourth full season with Bassett. Came through Swindon Town's youth system and was in and around the Robins' first team, though never made an appearance. Subsequently played for Chippenham Town, Cirencester Town, Hungerford Town and Shrivensham.



Bailey Gallagher - Midfield

Graduate of Bassett's youth section, who made the step up to first team football three seasons ago after having consistently performed strongly for the club's Development team. A highly skilful attacking midfielder who can play on either wing.



Alfie Presley - Forward

A highly talented attacking midfielder who re-joined Bassett in October 2023 after brief spells with Corsham Town and Abingdon Utd. Won Player of the Year awards for Bassett in three different seasons. 42 goals in 113 appearances prior to the start of this season.



Ollie Pitt - Midfield

Recent signing from Brimscombe with a prolific record in the Hellenic League. Began his senior career with Cirencester Town, before joining Brimscombe where, over the course of eleven seasons he scored 109 goals in 350 games.



George Peare - Forward

Centre forward who joins Bassett this season from Brimscombe and Thrupp. A powerful target man who is strong in the air and an assured finisher. Previously with Cirencester Development, Fairford Town, Corsham Town and Malmesbury Victoria. Can also play at centre back.



Finnlay Hopkins - Forward

Highly talented young forward who joins Bassett from near neighbours Shrivensham this season. Previously with the Swindon Town Foundation's C6 team & was part of the Swindon team that won the Community & Education Football Alliance Cup in 23-4.



Mickey Wilkes - Midfield

Talented young defensive midfielder who joins Bassett this season. Was briefly with Bassett at the start of his youth career but played in Swindon Town's Academy for several years and has recently captained Marlborough College's first team side.



Chalmers Phin - Forward

Recent signing from Malmesbury Victoria where he was top scorer with six goals from eight appearances this season. Made his debut for Bassett as a substitute in the home game against Hartpury University.



Thomas Moore - Midfield/ Forward

Gifted, young attacking midfielder who re-joined Bassett last season, having spent time at university in Manchester. A player with a superb attitude and willingness to improve his game, he possesses great pace, the desire to take players on and is an excellent crosser of the ball. Moore was with Swindon Town as a youth.



Brad Pagliaroli - Forward

Skilful forward who has played at a much higher level who rejoins the club this season. Fans favourite (especially with the ladies) who makes a habit of scoring spectacular goals. Previous clubs include Binfield, Thatcham Town, Letcombe & Hungerford Town.

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN CLUB HISTORY



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

Early successes included winning the Calne & District League in the 1930-31 Season, having finished runners-up the previous season, and then again in 1934-35. Following a move up to the Wiltshire League Division 2 promotion was earned again the following season and the team then remained in the top division in the county until the outbreak of war. After the war Wootton Bassett Town F.C. recommenced in the County League with limited success until 1958-59 when they won their first Wiltshire League title. In 1987-88 the Wiltshire League Division 1 title was won, elevating the club into the Hellenic League, where they have remained ever since. The club finally won the Wiltshire Senior Cup in 1998-99 and repeated this achievement in 2000-01. The club have had three spells in the Hellenic Premier and the current spell in the topflight commenced after gaining promotion back in 2012-13. The highest finish so far, and in the history of the club, was fourth spot in Season 2023-24, just missing out on promotion to the Southern League after losing to Cinderford Town in the Play-off final.

Since the onset of the new millennium the club has expanded significantly, with the establishment of a thriving Youth Section, a very successful Ladies Section and a Veteran's Section. The club now operates 33 teams from under 7s upwards. All now play their games at the relocated Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, which opened in the summer of 2015 and with the Royal title now included within the name, Royal Wootton Bassett Town continues to thrive as a key part of the community. This growth led to the club being awarded Charter Standard Development Club status by the Football Association in 2008 before this was upgraded to Community Club status a year later, the first club in Wiltshire to achieve this. International ties have also been established with Dutch amateur side FC 's-Gravenszande who sides from the club's Youth Section visit each year.

In Season 2020-21 the club had good cup runs in both the FA Cup and the FA Vase, as well as the Hellenic League end of season cup competition. In the FA Cup the club equalled their best performance in the prestigious competition, reaching the 2nd Qualifying Round, losing narrowly to a late winner against National League South side Oxford City. The club also equalled their best showing in the FA Vase up to that point making it through to the Second Round. In the Bluefin Insurance Cup competition, they safely progressed from the group stages and then won two knockout games to reach the semi-final but just fell short against eventual winners Kidlington, going down 2-1 in the semi. Whilst doing well in the cup competitions the side never really got going in the league. It was a similar story in Season 2021-22 with the best form again being shown in the cups with Royal Wootton Bassett Town reaching the 3rd Round of the FA Vase for the first time in the club's history, eventually losing a tight game to Hamworthy who were to go on to reach the semi-final. Season 2022-23 saw Sam Collier in charge of the First Team for his fifth season with a new assistant in the shape of experienced striker Alan Griffin. It would prove to be a successful season with the team achieving their then highest ever position in Non League football, finishing in fifth place in the Premier Division which was then exceeded last season with that fourth place finish and Play-off final. The management duo returns for another season looking to build on that success last season which nearly saw the club promoted to the Premier Division but still searching for that first elusive title or cup final win.



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Ellis Clifford	3	Oliver Case
Elijah Simpson	4	Junathain Walker
Macaulay Herbert	5	Adam Corcoran ©
Dean Turner	6	Tommy Ouldridge
Callum McGuirk	7	Alfie Presley
Kieran Alder	8	Bailey Gallagher
Karnell Chambers	9	Finnlay Hopkins
Brad Bevan	10	George Peare
Connor Walters	11	Brad Pagliaroli
Matt Lee	12	Ollie Pitt
Sammie Hicks	14	Chalmers Phin
Mark Pritchett	15	Tom Moore
Liam Smith	16	Mikey Wilkes
Josh Stevens	17	Jack Hobson-McVeigh
Cole Clinton	18	Tyrone Tucker-Dixon
Tyrel Roberts	19	Louis Spalding
Warren Mann	20	Chris Taylor
Corey Warrington	21	Scott Chilcott
Daniel Lander	22	Alan Griffin

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Blue shirts; Blue shorts; Yellow socks (GK: Dark Blue).

Neil Mustoe	MANAGER	Sam Collier
Liam O'Neill	ASST. MANAGER	Alan Griffin
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