

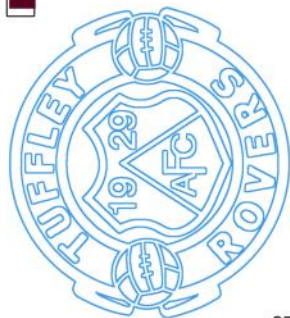


**TUFFLEY ROVERS v
MALMESBURY
VICTORIA**

Saturday 5th October 2024
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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 Malmesbury Victoria.

This is the first league meeting between the two clubs since 2014 and although we have an excellent record (at least in terms of the records I have maintained) with victories in each of our four competitive fixtures, I can tell anyone unfamiliar with Malmesbury Victoria that they will be a tough opponent today. We underestimate Malmesbury at our peril.

I am pretty confident that this is a first ever Step 5 fixture between the two clubs, so there is a chance for one of us to make history today! After four wins on the bounce, I went into our last two games suffering from a bout of optimism but that has quickly dissipated via defeats at Fairford Town and Slimbridge. To be fair (and Muzzy reflects on this in his article) we probably deserved better but we also failed to create enough chances to add to some good attacking football.

Despite a couple of disappointing results, we are in a position we would probably have taken at the start of the season. Fourteen league games in (a frenetic start to the season) and nineteen points accumulated isn't stellar but it is positive for a club who have frequently found themselves near the foot of the table at this stage of the season. We should have a small celebration and I hope it can be improved upon today and when we host Lydney Town on Tuesday evening. Small margins are the name of the (Hellenic League) game this season and most of the teams are having to work extremely hard for each point they seek to gain.

Here is hoping we work hard enough to make those gains today.

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 Highworth Town

Longlevens v Thornbury Town

Lydney Town v Fairford Town

Pershore Town v Roman Glass St George

Slimbridge v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Sporting Club Inkberrow v Brimscombe & Thrupp

Westfields v Cirencester Town

Worcester Raiders v Corsham Town

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, Malmesbury Victoria. I'd also like to extend that welcome to today's match day officials.

I have always enjoyed our trips to Malmesbury, in various cup games, and the warm welcome we have received from the committee and supporters, so it is nice to host the club here today. We will look at potentially putting on a supporters coach when we travel to Malmesbury later in the season because it is a good place for an 'Away Day'.

We need to bounce back to winning ways today, after a blip in results, and that is something which we know the squad are more than capable of doing. We also know that teams coming here recently have found it difficult to get points and we need to maintain that record for as long as possible.

Tuesday night against Slimbridge could have gone either way, but on reflection, we left ourselves down in a half hour period in the first half, where we just could not get a foothold in the game. We had plenty of chances in the second half, but could not just get the ball in the net to tie the game.

Away from the football side of our business, I am pleased to say we have now opened our new extension at our social club site. The 1929 Suite is now available for hire both weekdays and weekends. If anyone has any enquiries or would like to discuss further, please email gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk for further information.

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

Thanks

- 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 Malmesbury Victoria FC.

After four straight wins in the league we have had two tough games, both ending in defeat. Saturday at Fairford we were not three goals worse on the day, but like a few occasions this season we didn't create enough in the final third and were punished for that. Tuesday was similar, but we started well and had a good second half when I look back at it.

Today we hope to get back on track. Our home form has been decent and hopefully that continues. Malmesbury have had a bit of an odd season, as I believe they are yet to play at home and found it tough to pick up points but having seen them over the last few years once there home games get going I'm sure they will pick up the points they need to move up the table.

We have a good vibe in the squad currently and looking at the season as a whole we have picked up points where people possibly thought we wouldn't and dropped a few when we were hoping for more. If we can be on 22 points at the end of today's game it will have been a good first third of the season; just a few points off what I was hoping for with the fixtures so far.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 2 October 2024

Pos	Team	Home											Away											Overall		
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
1	Roman Glass St George	12	6	2	0	31	7	3	1	0	10	5	9	3	0	41	12	29	30							
2	Corsham Town	12	6	1	2	20	11	3	0	0	9	3	9	1	2	29	14	15	28							
3	Hartpury University	13	3	3	1	16	6	5	0	1	17	3	8	3	2	33	9	24	27							
4	Sporting Club Inkerrow	13	3	2	2	9	7	4	2	0	12	4	7	4	2	21	11	10	25							
5	Highworth Town	13	4	1	3	8	10	4	0	1	15	6	8	1	4	23	16	7	25							
6	Mangotsfield United	11	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	1	22	8	7	3	1	22	8	14	24							
7	Fairford Town	11	2	2	1	9	6	4	2	0	14	6	6	4	1	23	12	11	22							
8	Slimbridge	13	3	2	3	24	19	3	0	2	9	11	6	2	5	33	30	3	20							
9	Hereford Pegasus	13	4	1	2	13	8	2	1	3	8	11	6	2	5	21	19	2	20							
10	Worcester Raiders	13	1	3	0	4	2	3	4	2	12	11	4	7	2	16	13	3	19							
11	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	13	4	0	4	17	13	2	1	2	6	8	6	1	6	23	21	2	19							
12	Tuffley Rovers	14	4	0	1	8	4	2	1	6	8	15	6	1	7	16	19	-3	19							
13	Westfields	14	3	0	2	8	4	2	3	4	17	10	5	3	6	25	14	11	18							
14	Pershore Town	13	4	1	3	20	11	0	1	4	6	11	4	2	7	26	22	4	14							
15	Cirencester Town	13	1	2	5	10	20	1	0	4	6	15	2	2	9	16	35	-19	8							
16	Ludney Town	13	1	1	3	6	8	1	1	6	5	32	2	2	9	11	40	-29	8							
17	Malmesbury Victoria	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	6	14	21	2	1	6	14	21	-7	7							
18	Thornbury Town	12	1	0	7	9	19	1	1	2	8	8	2	1	9	17	27	-10	7							
19	Longlevens AFC	12	2	1	4	6	14	0	0	5	4	15	2	1	9	10	29	-19	7							
20	Brimmscombe & Thrupp	11	1	0	6	6	33	0	0	4	0	21	1	0	10	6	54	-48	3							

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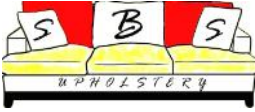


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PREVIOUSLY AGAINST TODAY'S OPPONENTS



We look back at our four previous competitive games against today's opposition since our return to Step 7 football, or above, in 2007. Two wins in the FA Vase and two wins in the Hellenic League for us in the four meetings, to date.

16 Nov 2013, UHlsport Hellenic League Division One (West), Malmesbury Victoria 0-3 Tuffley Rovers

Tuffley Rovers returned to winning ways on the road against Malmesbury Victoria, as goals from Jordan Fletcher, Steve Bick and Mark Ford proved enough to secure a victory away at Malmesbury Victoria.

Fletcher scored on his first start for Rovers, since transferring from Brimscombe & Thrupp, as Rovers romped to victory.

8 March 2014, UHlsport Hellenic League Division One (West), Tuffley Rovers 2-1 Malmesbury Victoria

Tuffley Rovers completed a league double over their visitors from Wiltshire, as Dougie Foxwell's side found a way to secure all three points.

Despite playing with outfield player Marcus Foxwell in goal for the entire game, Rovers managed to win 2-1 thanks to goals from Mark Ford and Shayne Bradley.

11 September 2021, The Buildbase FA Vase, Malmesbury Victoria 2-4 Tuffley Rovers

After exiting the FA Vase at the first stage in the four previous seasons, Tuffley Rovers finally won an FA Vase tie, albeit having made incredibly hard work of their 4-2 victory over Hellenic League, Division One opponents Malmesbury Victoria.

Rovers made a blistering start and led as early as the 8th minute, when Harry Morgan advanced with the ball before unleashing a beautifully struck effort from 25 yards that sailed past the despairing dive of Archie Walsh, before striking the frame of the Malmesbury goal and rebounding into the net. Lucas Price then scored a second, but Alfie Presley reduced the arrears on 27 minutes, before Morgan and Harrison Archer exchanged goals to make it 3-2 at the interval.

The second half was a barren desert for goals, in comparison to the first period, but Rovers sealed the win with an injury time goal from Lewis Bainbridge.

23 September 2023, The Isuzu FA Vase, Malmesbury Victoria 0-0 Tuffley Rovers

Tuffley Rovers won 4-3 on penalties

Luke Merchant was the hero for Tuffley Rovers, as his solid display in the 90 minutes of this FA Vase tie were followed by an excellent display in the penalty shoot-out that followed a 0-0 draw against Malmesbury Victoria.

Rovers arguably had the better of the chances through the course of the 90 minutes, but were grateful to Jake White, who produced a wonderful goalline clearance late in the game and then came the shoot-out.

After five penalties apiece, Rovers had missed two and Merchant had saved two, but Yesh Lomotey scored Rovers' next penalty and Merchant made a third penalty save to ensure that it was the visitors who progressed to the next round.



History of Malmesbury Victoria FC



The Club was originally formed in 1898, and was known as Malmesbury Town, then Malmesbury United. Then in the 1960's, amalgamated with a successful Swindon Club known as Swindon Victoria.

The Club has played in various locations in and around the Town before eventually settling on the present site, known as The Flying Monk Ground. The ground was previously owned by the pub known as The Flying Monk.

There have been ups and downs over the past few years, but in 1999/2000 the Club was extremely successful with both Saturday sides winning their respective Leagues for the first time since 1974. The first team won the Wiltshire Premier League to clinch promotion to the Hellenic League, with the reserves winning the equivalent Junior Division to gain promotion to the Premier Division.

During their first season in the Hellenic League the first team acquitted themselves well to finish 4th in the League. Since then things have been much harder to finish in the top half of the league, but in 2001/2002 the Club did win the Wiltshire Senior Cup. 2004/2005 saw the Club decide to start an Under 18's team in the Wiltshire Floodlit League.

The Club has made huge steps to improve the facilities, in the summer of 2004 the giant step of installing floodlights was completed and the summer of 2005 saw the complete refurbishment of the Clubhouse.

In the 2006/07 season, we were unlucky not to get promotion into the Hellenic Premier League, finishing in fourth place. The following season 2007/08, we had a poor start, and half way through, after a change of management finished the season in 15th place.

The 2008/09 season saw the Club finish in the runners-up spot in Division 1 West, and with it came promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division, this being the Club's highest level of football in its history. However, the Club was relegated at the end of 2009/10 as the ground had not reached the required standard to continue in that division.

After dropping down and returning to a focus on local players, the club saw great success in the Wilts premier league, ending in being champions in 2014/15 season and gaining promotion to the Western League for 2016/17 season and finishing in a very respectable 9th position. Following a mid-table finish in 2017/18, League re-structuring has seen the club return to the Hellenic League in the 1 West Division where we look forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones.

The Club is in the early discussion stages to move to a new ground close to the present one, but high enough not to have to worry about flooding.

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STATISTICS

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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

2024						Att	Scorers
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	1-0	104	K Chambers
16/Sep	7:45pm	Hereford Pegasus		A	1-0	135	K Chambers
21/Sep	3pm	Bitton AFC	FAV	A	1-3	60	C Walters
24/Sep	7:45pm	Pershore Town		H	2-1	108	B Bevan, K Alder
28/Sep	3pm	Fairford Town		A	0-3	88	-
01/Oct	7:45pm	Slimbridge		A	1-2	122	T Roberts
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	Brimscombe & Thrupp		A			
05/Nov	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp	GFA	H			
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			
2025							
01/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town		H			
04/Jan	3pm	Brimscombe & 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			

Goalscorers

Karnell Chambers	8	Tyrel Roberts	2
Brad Bevan	4	Kieran Alder	1
Connor Walters	2		

TOTAL APPEARANCES

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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 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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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 we focus on Victor(ia(ns)) given our visitors today....

1. The English Football Association was formed during the Victorian era but which year?

2. Arsenal Women's player Victoria Pelova (pictured) is a midfielder with 55 international caps...for which country?



3. Which English Football League club with two parts to their name, and formed in 1877, was named after the Cheshire town they are based and after the daughter-in-law of Queen Victoria?

4. Can you name the football club whose badge is pictured that ceased to exist in its original form, after multiple relegations down the National League system, but then restarted as a phoenix club by its supporters and now plays in the Midland League Premier Division under the second badge pictured?



5. Just the picture quiz to end. Can you name the four Victors pictured below, all of whom have a current or past career as a professional footballer?



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Quiz Answers: (1) 1863; (2) Netherlands; (3) Crewe Alexandra; (4) Northwich Victoria were first club and replaced by 1874 Northwich FC; (5) A is Victor Osimhen; B is Victor Moses; C is Victor Lindorff; and D is Victor Anichebe.

Appearance information

Up to and including Tuesday, 1 October 2024
(includes selected list of former players)



In midweek we saw Macaulay Herbert move clear into second place in our appearance list, passing Marcus Foxwell's 302 games (2007-2018) and we thought this week we would focus on Foxy's contribution to the club during his spell at Tuffley Rovers.



Marcus is now the manager of another Hellenic League club, Shortwood United, but retains affection amongst those who saw his contribution to the club. Whether he was playing in defence, midfield or in an attacking role, or even in goal on occasion, Marcus never let anyone down and his record of 32 goals in 302 games doesn't do justice to a player who could frequently produce a powerful shot from distance.

Like Warren Mann, Marcus played in the period before our current history was being recorded and so his appearance total is only calculated from Step 7 up to Step 5, which understates his contribution to the club. He was a good servant and was part of a family who gave a lot of time and energy to Tuffley Rovers. It is great to see him doing well in his first managerial role.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	139	38	Lander, Daniel	47	1
Anson, Shayne	71	4	Lee, Matt	11	0
Beardsell, Jack	72	13	Lomotey, Yeshaya	58	8
Bennett, Adam	85	0	Maher-Goldsmith, Kian	4	0
Bevan, Bradley	39	6	Mann, Warren	542	85
Birkett, Henry	127	10	McGuirk, Callum	96	0
Bourne, Riley	1	0	Merchant, Luke	130	0
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Chambers, Karnell	38	22	Mustoe, Harley	12	0
Changa, Tawana	2	0	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Clifford, Ellis	29	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clinton, Cole	3	0	Pritchett, Mark	197	28
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Roberts, Tyrel	21	2
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Evans, David	69	0	Simpson, Elijah	13	0
Ford, Mark	164	61	Smith, Liam	87	1
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Stevens, Josh	2	0
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Turner, Dean	14	0
Hoffland, Robin	9	0	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Herbert, Macaulay	303	10	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hicks, Sammie	65	2	Walters, Connor	61	11
Hill, Sam	130	9	Warrington, Corey	7	0
James, Brett	186	64	Weaver, George	1	0
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	140	4
Kent, Dominik	175	21	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.

Malmesbury Victoria FC Player Profiles



Travis Wood
Keeper



Trav re-joins the Vics this season after a couple of seasons the other side of the bridge. A great addition with brilliant distribution and shot stopping.

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Josh Langley
Keeper/Attacker



Lang is a local lad who has played at a higher level, and you can see why. Excellent commanding keeper.

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Kyle Pitts
Defender – Captain



Pitts is a commanding, experienced leader at centre back. Came to the Vics last season and has taken on the armband this year.

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Dale Richards
Defender



Dale joined last season from Wootton Bassett. He is a ball playing defender who has an eye for goal. When he strikes it, it stays struck.

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Ben Patey
Defender



Patey has been with the club a few seasons now. Young defender with great potential. Great energy across the pitch.

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Aaron Stevens
Defender



Az re-joined the Vics after a spell at Chipping Sodbury. He's a strong centre back who's good in the air and loves a challenge.

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Andy Baker
Defender



Bakes is coach, club captain, fines master and key member of the squad. A brilliant attitude on and off the pitch and a consistent performer.

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Zac Berry
Defender



Zac came to the club last season from Hartpury. A young left back full of potential. Strong, quick and fit lad.

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Matt Fusco
Defender



Fusco, been back with the club a few seasons now and recently converted to right back. One of the best touches around this level.

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Harvey Scholes
Midfield



Scholesy is a new addition this season. Previously at Wantage. Scholesy loves getting on the ball and has an excellent range of passing.

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George Evat
Midfielder



George is a homegrown lad who has huge potential for a young lad. A tricky midfielder with excellent feet.

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<p>Biagio Mazzotta Midfield</p>  <p>Biag joined the club last season from Fairford. A centre midfielder who rarely gives the ball away, keeps us ticking.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p>	<p>Martin Sinclair Midfield</p>  <p>Martin has been with the club for a few seasons and has made the step up from the development. Good on the ball and in the air.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p>	<p>Chalmers Phin Attacker</p>  <p>Chalmers returns to the Vics from a short stay with Brimmy, last season's top goal scorer slots into the front line just fine .</p> <p>Sponsored By</p>	<p>Zac Skinner Attacker</p> <p>Awaiting Picture</p> <p>A pacey left sided attacker who has impressed in pre season to get the call up into the squad. Loves the ball at his feet and fitted straight in with the lads</p> <p>Sponsored By</p>
<p>Danny Gudger Attacker</p>  <p>"Gudge" is a winger with an excellent eye for goal. A huge summer addition.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p>	<p>Matty Jones Attacker</p>  <p>"Turbo" has become a massive part of the squad on and off the pitch. Loves a long throw.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p>	<p>Jack Smith Attacker</p>  <p>Smithy was new to the club last season. Quality at holding the ball up and has an excellent touch. A key part of the squad.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p>	<p>Steve Roberston Attacker</p>  <p>Experienced striker joins the Vics from Highworth Town and making an instant impact with 2 goals in his first 2 games.</p> <p>Sponsored By</p>

Management Team:

Manager – Ant Brown

Assistant – Paul Carson

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Elijah Simpson	2	Lewis Toop
Ellis Clifford	3	Kyle Parker
Mark Pritchett	4	Biagio Mazzotta
Macaulay Herbert	5	Kyle Pitts ©
Dean Turner	6	Ant Brown
Callum McGuirk	7	Danny Gudger
Kieran Alder	8	Ellis McSharry
Karnell Chambers	9	Stephen Robertson
Brad Bevan	10	Jack Smith
Connor Walters	11	Zac Skinner
Corey Warrington	12	Tom Wynn-Davis
Sammie Hicks	14	George Evatt
Harley Mustoe	15	Jake Love
Liam Smith	16	Freddie Lawton
Tyrel Roberts	17	Martin Sinclair
Tawana Changa	18	Freddie Lawton

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

Black & White shirts; Black shorts; Red socks (GK: Yellow & Blue)

Neil Mustoe	MANAGER	Ant Brown
Liam O'Neill	ASST. MANAGER	Paul Carson
Mike De-Bear (Physio) Alex Butler (Coach) Tim Hall (Coach)	OTHER OCCUPANTS	Becca Maynard (Physio)

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