



**TUFFLEY ROVERS v
THORNBURY TOWN**

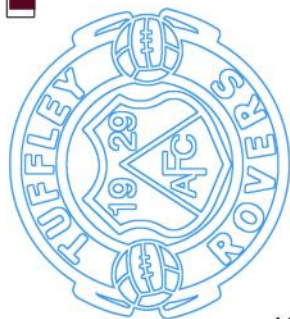
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FROM THE EDITOR



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

It is tempting to echo what others have said in advance of today's game, but I thought I'd take a different approach. Indulging myself.

All games are tough these days, aren't they? This division has become far more competitive and so I will refrain from adding to Muzzy and Booner's sense about the strength of today's opposition. There are no easy games.

What I would say is that Thornbury Town are welcome visitors here today, and a club I have an affection for. They are always good hosts, with their Secretary Mark Franklin always offering a pleasant welcome, and their manager Richard Joyce is a nice guy. He lost his Assistant, Gary Kemp, at the end of last season, but he's been replaced by a really good man, Tim Wilkins, in the dugout. Debbie Brock, their physio is also unswervingly pleasant when our paths cross.

They are a club who came into this division and have held their own. Their side contains some familiar names, not because of their stature, but more because of their longevity and commitment to their club. That is something I admire. Their keeper, Adam Clark, is a former Tuffley Rovers player and another smashing bloke.

Why do I say this? Well, despite how competitive this division has become, we can all still get along. Football is about rivalries, but it is also about shared interest in the greatest game in the world. I hope we win today, but I hope our visitors leave with the knowledge that they were welcome here.

Winning is important in a competitive sport, but winning in the right style, where friendships (or acquaintances) are forged, and memories remain good is equally as important.

That extends to the match officials. Good, bad or indifferent, they deserve our respect and I hope that our players, management team, and spectators (as well as those from Thornbury Town) can offer that friendship to the match referee and his assistants today. It makes for a better day.

So does a Tuffley Rovers win....

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Saturday 23 November 2024

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Longlevens v Brimscombe & Thrupp

Lydney Town v Roman Glass St George

Malmesbury Victoria v Worcester Raiders

Mangotsfield United v Slimbridge

Pershore Town v Corsham Town

Sporting Club Inkberrow v Highworth Town

Westfields v Fairford Town

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



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

I have always enjoyed fixtures against Thornbury, as they are always games which are close affairs and always seem to be a slugfest with not much separating the two sides. I expect today's game to be no different.

Despite the challenge ahead, we need to move on to today's fixture fully focused after a narrow 2-1 defeat against Roman Glass last Saturday, where two minutes of utter madness cost us getting something out of that game and everyone was bitterly disappointed at full-time.

If I am to take a positive from that game, it is the mentality shown, as it was a game we could, and should have got something from. That demonstrates to me, that the first team are now a squad looking to narrow the gap at the top of the table, rather than worrying about what's happening around us and towards the bottom of the league, which is a complete shift of where we have been previously.

I think history (and my memory!) serves me correctly, and we never normally pick up many points until after New Year, so if that trend continues we should be expecting a great second half to the season. To be on 30 points before today's game, I would hope we will be targeting between 55-60 points come the end of the season.

After today's game we have another home fixture here on Tuesday night, against Lydney Town, which is another game we will be hoping (or even expecting, if my assessment of our mental strength is accurate) to gain three more points.

If you haven't seen my previous articles, just to confirm that the extension at our community social club has now opened. We've held a few events already and had some great feedback. The 1929 Suite is now available for hire both weekdays and weekends. If anyone has any enquiries or would like to discuss this further, please email gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk.

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 Thornbury Town.

Our good run of results came to an end last Saturday with a defeat at Roman Glass St George FC, who started and ended the day in second place in the Premier Division table.

I experienced a bittersweet feeling when reflecting after the game. It was absolutely right that we were disappointed at losing the game, but that showed how far we have come on our journey, and how much progress we have made in recent months, because there was a time when we'd have accepted that narrow defeat as a positive. That game is now behind us and we will look to get back to winning ways, starting with this afternoon.

Thornbury Town have always been a tough challenge and today will be much of the same, I am sure. They are a well organised and resilient outfit that always give themselves a chance in a game, as last weeks last minute defeat to Hartpury University proved.

Let's hope our good form at home continues and we can back up a great victory against Mangotsfield United when we were last here.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 21 November 2024

		Home											Away											Overall		
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS		
1	Hartpury University	19	5	4	1	19	7	8	0	1	25	4	13	4	2	44	11	33	43							
2	Roman Glass St George	18	8	3	1	39	16	4	1	1	14	9	12	4	2	53	25	28	40							
3	Highworth Town	20	7	3	3	23	16	5	0	2	16	7	12	3	5	39	23	16	39							
4	Sporting Club Inkberrow	20	5	3	3	17	11	6	2	1	19	8	11	5	4	36	19	17	38							
5	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	20	8	0	4	31	15	4	1	3	17	15	12	1	7	48	30	18	37							
6	Mangotsfield United	18	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	2	31	12	9	7	2	31	12	19	34							
7	Worcester Raiders	21	3	5	0	14	5	5	5	3	20	16	8	10	3	34	21	13	34							
8	Fairford Town	18	4	3	3	15	15	5	2	1	18	10	9	5	4	33	25	8	32							
9	Corsham Town	21	7	2	4	24	18	3	0	5	13	21	10	2	9	37	39	-2	32							
10	Slimbridge	20	5	2	4	35	28	4	2	3	14	19	9	4	7	49	47	2	31							
11	Tuffley Rovers	21	5	1	2	10	6	4	2	7	15	20	9	3	9	25	26	-1	30							
12	Westfields	20	4	2	2	13	6	4	3	5	26	16	8	5	7	39	22	17	29							
13	Pershore Town	19	6	1	3	30	14	2	2	5	14	15	8	3	8	44	29	15	27							
14	Hereford Pegasus	21	5	1	3	22	10	2	2	8	11	23	7	3	11	33	33	0	24							
15	Cirencester Town	20	2	2	8	13	28	3	0	5	11	19	5	2	13	24	47	-23	17							
16	Thornbury Town	18	2	1	10	15	27	2	1	2	11	10	4	2	12	26	37	-11	14							
17	Longlevens AFC	21	3	1	7	11	22	0	4	6	10	24	3	5	13	21	46	-25	14							
18	Brimscombe & Thrupp	20	2	2	10	14	50	1	1	4	4	24	3	3	14	18	74	-56	12							
19	Ludney Town	18	1	2	5	9	18	1	1	8	8	38	2	3	13	17	56	-39	9							
20	Malmesbury Victoria	15	0	0	1	0	4	2	2	10	19	44	2	2	11	19	48	-29	8							

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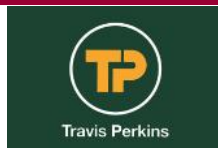
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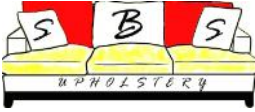


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On (or around) this day in history...

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 two games on 23 November that we revisit to reflect on our fortunes on this particular date, and a game very close in terms of the date...

21 November 2009

After four games without a victory, Tuffley Rovers produced an emphatic response as they hammered home seven goals without response to defeat Patchway Town 7-0 in the Gloucestershire County League.

Warren Mann and Christopher Lee bagged a brace apiece, whilst Richard James, Marcus Goodge and an OG rounded off the scoring as the Glevum Park faithful were treated to a much improved performance.

Squad: Adam Bennett; James Barton; Adam Dunsford; Lee Wallington; Richard James; Victor Webb; Ashley Davies; Mark Wallington; Marcus Goodge; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Stuart Griffith; Christopher Lee; Patrick Boyd.

23 November 2013

Elliot King's first goal for Tuffley Rovers, on his 41st appearance for the club, was not enough to secure a point for Doug Foxwell's side, as they slipped to a third consecutive home defeat in Hellenic League competitions, with visitors Easington Sports leaving Glevum Park with all three points, courtesy of a 2-1 win in Division One (West).

Rovers came into the game off the back of a positive result away at Malmesbury Victoria, but were as Gardner and Moulder netted for Easington.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Matt Minett; Marcus Foxwell; Richard Thwaite; Michael Devlin; Steve Bick; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Elliot King; Kieran Tracey; Jordan Fletcher.

23 November 2019

A thrilling second half, after a fairly tepid first, saw hosts Tuffley Rovers share four goals with visitors Reading City in the UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division.

Dan Davies opened the scoring for City from the penalty spot after 47 minutes, before Fergus Burton made it 2-0 on the hour, chasing down Luke Merchant's kick and deflecting the ball into the net. Player/Manager Mark Pritchett then reduced the arrears with a thunderous free-kick on 65 minutes, before substitute Joe Shutt turned home fellow substitute Adam Bloomfield's cross with ten minutes remaining, to make it 2-2.

Squad: Luke Merchant; Isaac Lawrence; Sam Hill; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Tyreece Briscoe; Harri John; Dominik Kent; Warren Mann; Liam Wright; Jack Beardsell. **Subs used:** Adam Bloomfield; Joe Shutt.



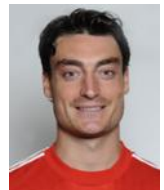
Half-time quiz: Break for five



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 footballing Berts (and Alberts!), given the storm predicted for today's game...

1. Born in 1923, in Germany, which goalkeeper famously fought in the Luftwaffe during the Second World War before staying in England after his time as a Prisoner of War, going on to play for Manchester City, famously breaking his neck but playing a starring role in goal as his club won the 1956 FA Cup Final?

2. Can you name the Albert pictured, who played for Manchester City and Liverpool, between 2008 and 2010, before a short spell at Watford in 2014?



3. In which country would you find amateur football club, Lochgelly Albert FC?

4. What a famous goal celebration we have pictured here. Can you name the Albert who famously chipped Manchester United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel in a 5-0 win for Newcastle United in October 1996 before celebrating in the rain?



5. Can you put these Brazilian players in order of their passes and the shot in a famous 1970 World Cup Final goal, which ended with the fourth goal on 86 minutes, scored by Carlos Alberto?



Quiz Answers: (1) Bert Trautmann; (2) Albert Riera; (3) Scotland (East of Scotland League); (4) Philippe Albert; (5) The correct order is B - Rivellino, A - Jairzinho, D - Pele, and then goalscorer C - Carlos Alberto.



STATISTICS

Statistics 2024/25

Competition

Uhsport 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

					Att	Scorers
2024						
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	1-1	103 H Mustoe
12/Oct	3pm	Highworth Town		A	1-1	103 D Turner, K Chambers, B Bevan
19/Oct	3pm	Cirencester Town		H	0-1	118 -
26/Oct	3pm	Corsham Town		A	1-0	142 K Chambers
02/Nov	3pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp		A	2-0	77 K Chambers, C Walters
05/Nov	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp	GFA	H	5-1	110 H Mustoe (2), C Walters, K Chambers (2), T Roberts
09/Nov	3pm	Mangotsfield United		H	1-0	103 C Walters
16/Nov	3pm	Roman Glass St George		A	1-2	60 C Walters
23/Nov	3pm	Thornbury Town		H		
26/Nov	7:45pm	Lydney Town		H		
30/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A		
03/Dec	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	GFA	H		
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	13	Tyrel Roberts	2
Connor Walters	6	Kieran Alder	1
Brad Bevan	5	Dean Turner	1
Harley Mustoe	3		

TOTAL APPEARANCES

STARTS

SUBSTITUTE

UNUSED SUBSTITUTE

	Merchant, Luke	McGuirk, Callum	Clifford, Ellis	Simpson, Elijah	Stevens, Josh	Turner, Dean	Lee, Matt	Alder, Kieran	Chambers, Karnell	Bevan, Bradley	Walters, Connor	Mustoe, Harley	Hicks, Sammie	Smith, Liam	Clinton, Cole	Bourne, Riley	Pritchett, Mark	Mann, Warren	Lander, Daniel	Herbert, Macaulay	Roberts, Tyrel	Warrington, Corey	Weaver, George	Mustoe, Neil	Changa, Tawana	Zatorski, Hubert	Creed, Jamie	Hambling, Ollie	Hoffland, Robin	Valenti, Gino	MoM
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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.

Tawana Chang **Defence**
Recent addition to the squad, after signing from Hartpury University, and an attacking full-back. Deceptively quick but very comfortable on the ball. Previously had trials for Southampton and played for the English Colleges Association.

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.

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.

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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.

Ollie Hambling **Defence**
Young defender who has progressed well with our U18s and recently made the step-up into the first team squad, albeit as an unused substitute. He is seen as a good prospect. Definitely one for the future!

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. Now holding down a regular first team spot. 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.

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.

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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!

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.

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. Previously 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 23/24 as top scorer for the first team; added the 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.

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.

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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, who regularly contributes a goal. Can play wide or down the centre.

Jamie Creed

Forward

Signed on a dual registration basis from County League side Gala Wilton, a bit of an old fashioned striker – tall, good with his back to goal and already a regular goalscorer. Still only 17 (and only just!) he is attached to Gloucester City, too.

Hubert Zatorski

Forward

Recent signing, joining from Newent Town, making a late debut in the entertaining 3-3 draw with Highworth Town. Looking to make a mark at Step 5 after starting at Kidderminster Harriers, before spells at Worcester Raiders and Bewdley Town.

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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Appearance information

Up to and including Saturday, 16 November 2024
(includes selected list of former players)



It seems slightly unusual that we don't celebrate any player milestones today, as there seem to have been so many to celebrate recently. Whether that was Macaulay Herbert reaching 300 appearances, then surpassing Marcus Foxwell's 302 to take second place in our modern records; or Mark Pritchett making it to 200 appearances; or maybe Callum McGuirk making his 100th appearance in the Tuffley Rovers first team...there has been plenty of positives to fill this page recently, so lets just reflect on that and celebrate every player who has worn our colours and continues to do so. Until the next milestone....

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	147	38	Lee, Matt	11	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	47	7	McGuirk, Callum	101	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Merchant, Luke	137	0
Bourne, Riley	2	0	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Mustoe, Harley	19	3
Chambers, Karnell	46	27	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Changa, Tawana	6	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clifford, Ellis	37	0	Pritchett, Mark	202	28
Clinton, Cole	4	0	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	Roberts, Tyrel	27	2
Creed, Jamie	1	0	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Simpson, Elijah	20	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Smith, Liam	93	1
Ford, Mark	164	61	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Stevens, Josh	2	0
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Thomas, Peter	79	15
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Turner, Dean	21	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Walker, Harry	67	6
Hoffland, Robin	11	0	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Herbert, Macaulay	303	10	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Walters, Connor	68	15
Hill, Sam	130	9	Warrington, Corey	14	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
Lander, Daniel	47	1	Zatorski, Hubert	3	0

NB: The figures are correct for all league competitions from season 2007/08, when Tuffley Rovers returned to the County League (Step 7) and include all competitive games since the start of the 2013/14 season. There are some gaps in the information relating to cup games prior to the start of the 2013/14 campaign. This period is currently subject to a thorough review and there may be some variation to statistics in due course.

THORNBURY TOWN HISTORY



It is understood that football has been played in Thornbury from around 1898 and formerly known as Thornbury Sports became Thornbury Town FC in the early 1970's.

1968-69 we became founder members of the Gloucestershire County League and spectator figures in excess of 500 were regularly recorded. In 1971 the club finished third in the Gloucestershire County League and was accepted into the Western League. However, due to difficulties in bringing the facilities up to the leagues required standards were unable to take the next step up. Relegation to the Bristol Premier Combination League unfortunately followed in 1976-77.

The following 20+ years saw Thornbury Town strive to regain their former status, never really threatening to take the Premier Combination title. The only success during these lean years was reaching the final of the GFA Senior Amateur Cup in 1985-86 and 1989-90 unfortunately on both occasions loser's medals were received.

During the late 1990's, the Club maintained its strong focus on developing local talent and this eventually bore fruit in 1999 when the final of the Stroud Charity Cup was reached, losing narrowly to Dursley Town. 2001-02 season saw the management team of Dave Wiffill and Steve Burbage take the reins, which brought instant success winning the Bristol Premier Combination title by 13 points and a return to the Gloucestershire County League. This followed a run of thirteen consecutive league wins a club record, which still stands to this day. The league and cup double eluded the club when they were defeated by Sea Mills in the League Cup Final.

In preparation for the return to County League football the summer of 2002 saw a lot of hard work undertaken on the Mundy facilities with the building of dug-outs, improved drainage and revamping of the dressing rooms. All this work appeared to have been worth while with the club establishing itself back in the Gloucestershire County league with a creditable 7th league position for the next three seasons. Silverware did come our way in 2003-04 when we defeated Taverners on penalties, after a 2-2 draw, to lift the Stroud Charity Cup. The 2003-04 season, also saw the formation of an Under-18's side in order to maintain Youth development within the club and they gained entry to the Gloucester County Youth League.

Following a number of indifferent seasons when relegation back to the Bristol Premier Combination league was only just averted in 2006–07, a new management committee and first team management were appointed. Dave Lippiatt took over as first team manager, coming to the club from Sea Mills Park bringing with him Carl Derosa as his assistant. With an initial three / four year strategy, which came to fruition during the 2009-10 season when after a steady first half to the season a tremendous winning run of ten league games saw the Surridge Gloucestershire County League title won for the first time in the clubs history. 2010 also saw the milestone achievement of the long awaited coming together of the two local football clubs “Thornbury Town FC” and “Thornbury Falcons FC” now under one club management umbrella of Thornbury Town FC without losing the heritage and identity of Thornbury Falcons. This will further enhance the long term development within the local community for junior, youth and senior football.

In the 2010-11 season the final of the Les James Cup Final was reached, which resulted in a penalty shoot-out disappointment against Henbury Town. 2013-14 saw the U18's in their highest league position in the Gloucestershire County Youth League finishing runners-up, which was a tremendous achievement for the team and managers Simon Pirie and Mark Franklin.

The 2014-15 season was a very successful season finishing 4th in the league and winning the Les James Cup for the first time in the Club's history. Andy Davies continued to produce a team of quality which resulted in a third 4th-place in a row in Season 2016-17. 2017-18 saw the club finally succeed in their quest win the Gloucestershire County League. After a lot of work behind the scenes to gain planning permission for the required ground improvements, the club were accepted into the Hellenic League for the first time in our history.

Our first season in the Hellenic League saw us finish a creditable 3rd in Div 1 West and win the Supplementary Cup. 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons were ruled null and void due to the Coronavirus pandemic with the team poised to gain promotion. A restructuring of the football pyramid saw the club placed us in the Hellenic Premier Division, where they are now competing for a fourth season.

With a management team of Richard Joyce and newly appointed assistant Tim Wilkins in place they look forward to the season ahead and wish all teams the best of luck in their endeavours.





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Ellis Clifford	3	Ashley Fowler
Macaulay Herbert	4	Nathan Sage ©
Elijah Simpson	5	Luke Franklin
Dean Turner	6	Fraser Moss
Corey Warrington	7	Luke Garbacz
Kieran Alder	8	Cameron Drew
Karnell Chambers	9	Callum Chambers
Brad Bevan	10	Marcus Wormwell
Connor Walters	11	Sam Moseley
Tawana Changa	12	Sam Folkes
Hubert Zatorski	14	Zak Kempster
Liam Smith	15	Dylan Evans
Mark Pritchett	16	Will Fowler
Tyrel Roberts	17	Harry Brock
Callum McGuirk	18	Tom Black
Sammie Hicks	19	Callum Curtis

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

Neil Mustoe	MANAGER	Richard Joyce
Liam O'Neill	ASST. MANAGER	Tim Wilkins
Mike De-Bear (Physio) Alex Butler (Coach) Tim Hall (Coach)	OTHER OCCUPANTS	Debbie Brock (Physio)

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