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LYDNEY TOWN**

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FROM THE EDITOR



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

It is that time of the year where I prepare the programme and wonder whether it will be published, such is the impact of the weather at times. Five years ago, I probably wouldn't have put much effort into this edition, given the horrendous weather conditions delivered by Storm Bert on Saturday (and then on Sunday), but since we did the extensive work on our drainage I am far more optimistic. The challenge between Saturday and Tuesday will be one for the groundsmen, if the forecast is to be believed, but if they can repair a heavily damaged surface, the game should go ahead (at least if the forecast is to be believed).

Let's assume that you are reading this at, or ahead of, the game against Lydney Town on Tuesday, 26 November!

I said on Saturday that every game is tough in the Hellenic League Premier Division. Tonight will be no different and we should not underestimate a Lydney Town side who held us to a 2-2 draw earlier this season. Their squad (and management team) has changed since then but they are a club who always put out competitive sides.

Tonight will be a little different, in the context of Lydney visits to Glevum Park. I can't think of many players who have moved between the two clubs over the years, but this Lydney squad are now managed by a former Tuffley Rovers player; coached by a former Tuffley Rovers manager; and will feature a number of former Tuffley Rovers players! Welcome back to Lee Smith, Warren Evans, and potentially a host of players including Ryan Dobbins, Josh Aldridge, Ben Pictor and also Brett James, who still features high in the list of appearances and goals for our first team. Brett is a lad I was desperately sad to see leave us when he did.

After eight seasons with us, Brett had scored 64 times in 185 games, but when Neil Mustoe arrived as manager, he had experienced a couple of seasons ravaged by injury and was struggling to get a run of games. The struggling squad Muzzy had inherited was in the early stages of their journey and Brett decided that it was the right time to move on. He joined Lee Smith at Tredworth Tigers, where they both achieved some success. It is good to see him back in the Hellenic League and I wish him well....after tonight!

For now, I'll be happy if we can keep adding to our points total, so here is hoping Lydney begin their ascent up the league table another day!

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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Tuffley Rovers v Lydney Town

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



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

It is always a pleasure to either host Lydney, or travel over to the Forest for fixtures. Lydney Town is a proper football club, run by good people. They do have a job on their hands to avoid the relegation battle, but I for one would like to see them retain their status in the Premier Division next season, as a reward for all the work that goes on behind the scenes, if nothing else.

Our game on Saturday, against Thornbury Town, was one of the few that survived the storm over the weekend and it turned out to be the type of game most of us that have been around a while were expecting. It ended up being a good advert for the Hellenic League, as it was a proper scrap in heavy conditions and reminded me of an old school battle between two competitive sides.

Thornbury Town don't receive the credit they deserve, as their league positions never reflect the resilience they show and the hard work every player puts in, as they work so hard for each other. I thought it was a fair result on reflection but another game where we should be looking to win if we want to be a real force in this league over the remaining games of this season. That is the aim if we want to see how close we can get to the play-off spots.

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 this evening 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 evening and welcome to Glevum Park to all players, management, officials and supporters from Lydney Town.

Here is hoping for better weather this evening! After Saturday's tough encounter with Thornbury Town, where we got a deserved draw, I felt that, upon reflection, we should have got more from the game. Merch was barely involved in the second half, which is a sign of how we did.

Tonight we host another club where I come up against some old friends from my playing days, with Lee Smith the newly appointment manager, and they are looking to turn their fortunes round after getting the job a few weeks ago and I wish them well for the rest of the season...after this evening's game!

If we can get all three points tonight it will set us up for the next few weeks, as we have had a decent spell. As disappointing as it was to draw on Saturday, upon reflection if you had said we would beat Thornbury and draw with Mangotsfield we would probably have taken it!

It will be a tough evening and I know we will be focussed on the job in hand. We still have an ambition to push for the play-offs, and looking up the table adds its own pressures but one that we should embrace.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 23 November 2024

Pos	Team	Home											Away											Overall
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	
1	Hartpury University	19	5	4	1	19	7	8	0	1	25	4	13	4	2	44	11	33	43					
2	Sporting Club Inkerrow	21	6	3	3	19	11	6	2	1	19	8	12	5	4	38	19	19	41					
3	Roman Glass St George	18	8	3	1	39	16	4	1	1	14	9	12	4	2	53	25	28	40					
4	Highworth Town	21	7	3	3	23	16	5	0	3	16	9	12	3	6	39	25	14	39					
5	Mangotsfield United	19	1	0	0	2	0	9	7	2	31	12	10	7	2	33	12	21	37					
6	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	20	8	0	4	31	15	4	1	3	17	15	12	1	7	48	30	18	37					
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	21	5	2	4	35	28	4	2	4	14	21	9	4	8	49	49	0	31					
11	Tuffley Rovers	22	5	2	2	12	8	4	2	7	15	20	9	4	9	27	28	-1	31					
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	22	6	1	3	24	10	2	2	8	11	23	8	3	11	35	33	2	27					
15	Cirencester Town	21	2	2	8	13	28	3	0	6	11	21	5	2	14	24	49	-25	17					
16	Thornbury Town	19	2	1	10	15	27	2	2	2	13	12	4	3	12	28	39	-11	15					
17	Longlevens AFC	21	3	1	7	11	22	0	4	6	10	24	3	5	13	21	46	-25	14					
18	Brimmscombe & Thrupp	20	2	2	10	14	50	1	1	4	4	24	3	3	14	18	74	-56	12					
19	Lydney 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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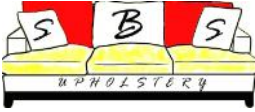


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On (or around) this day in history...

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 three games on 26 November that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on this this particular date...

26 November 2011

Shayne Bradley scored the only goal of the game, as Tuffley Rovers defeated Thornbury Town and secured three points in their Gloucestershire County League game at The Mundy Playing Fields. Rovers moved into top spot in the league, courtesy of the slender victory, although the one goal margin didn't reflect a game where there were numerous chances created throughout the game by both sides. The only goal of the game came in the 89th minute when the visitors were awarded a penalty and Bradley made sure of all three points.

Squad: Mark Harris; Dean Gorman; Michael Oakes; Marcus Foxwell; Richard James; Liam Harding; Courtney Hamilton; Kacey Johnstone; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Lee Wallington; Oliver Everitt.

26 November 2016

Tuffley Rovers produced one of their most disappointing performances of the season but still managed to record a 2-0 win against Hellenic League, Premier Division strugglers Henley Town, thanks to two Shayne Bradley goals.

Gareth Jones should have converted early on, only to miss his kick when the goal seemed at his mercy, but Bradley made no mistake on 11 minutes, when he turned home Will Wellon's header. Within two minutes, Jones turned provider for Bradley, who made no mistake and produced a cool finish to make it 2-0.

Those early goals proved vital, as visitors Henley grew into the game and Rovers failed to keep up their attacking momentum. It was perhaps fortunate that Bradley had shown his trademark predatory goalscoring instincts in the opening fifteen minutes, as they secured their ninth league win of the campaign, surpassing the total for the entire 2014/15 season.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Jack Overthrow; Will Wellon; Jamie Goodwin; Ashley Davies; Shayne Bradley; Courtney Hamilton; Gareth Jones. **Subs used:** Warren Mann; Keiron Mace; Macaulay Herbert.

26 November 2019

Tuffley Rovers brushed aside their Hellenic League, Division One visitors, Bourton Rovers, to secure a 3-0 win and make progress in the Banbury Litho Floodlit Cup.

Goals from Joe Shutt, Sam Hill and Adam Bloomfield saw Rovers advance in the competition.

Squad: Luke Merchant; Harri John; Sam Hill; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Jake Rhodes; Joe Shutt; Dominik Kent; Adam Bloomfield; Rudi McKinnon; Lewis Bainbridge. **Subs used:** Ashley Bird; Joshua Bird; Charlei Holliday.



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 football's famous 'hard-men', just because we can....

1. In a 20-year career that saw him play for Birmingham City, Walsall, Colchester United, Southend United, Exeter City, Cambridge United and Southend United, which player racked up a record 22 red cards, leading to his autobiography being called Red Card Roy?

2. Two of football's notorious hard-men are pictured having a little set two in this picture from a game between Tottenham Hotspur and Leeds United in 1966. Can you name them both?



3. Which legendary Scottish hard-man was jailed in 1995 following his conviction for an assault on Raith Rovers' John McStay whilst he was playing for Rangers?

4. Can you identify the Tottenham Hotspur player, who had a reputation for tough tackling, seen here 'tackling' Arsenal's Charlie Nicholas into the crowd during the North London Derby in 1986?



5. Can you name these four renowned hard-men in 1980s English football?



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Quiz Answers: (1) Roy McDonough; (2) Dave Mackay & Billy Bremner; (3) Duncan Ferguson; (4) Graham Roberts; (5) A is Mick Harford; B is Terry Hurlock; C is Vinny Jones; and D is Billy Whitehurst.



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, 1 pen)
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	2-2	67 K Chambers (2, 1 pen)
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	15	Tyrel Roberts	2
Connor Walters	6	Kieran Alder	1
Brad Bevan	5	Dean Turner	1
Harley Mustoe	3		

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.

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.

2024/25 PLAYER PROFILES

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.

TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

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)



On Saturday, Karnell Chambers netted another brace for the club, taking his record to 29 goals in 47 games. That is comfortably the best ratio of games to goals for a player who has appeared for us at least 25 times since 2007, when we re-entered the Gloucestershire County League.

Karnell has a ratio of goals to appearance of 61.7%, which puts him ahead of Shayne Bradley (45%), Jordan Fletcher (40%) and Mark Ford Jnr (37.2%). The best ratio overall belongs to Dorian Colling, who played briefly during our County League campaign in 2012/13 and he scored eight goals in five appearances (160%).

Karnell has contributed six goals in his last six games, so here's hoping he can carry that form into this evening's game!

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	148	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	138	0
Bourne, Riley	2	0	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Mustoe, Harley	20	3
Chambers, Karnell	47	29	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Changa, Tawana	7	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clifford, Ellis	38	0	Pritchett, Mark	202	28
Clinton, Cole	4	0	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Cornwall, Leone	70	4	Roberts, Tyrel	28	2
Creed, Jamie	1	0	Shutt, Joe	72	15
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Simpson, Elijah	21	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Smith, Liam	94	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	22	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Walker, Harry	67	6
Hoffland, Robin	11	0	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Herbert, Macaulay	304	10	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Walters, Connor	69	15
Hill, Sam	130	9	Warrington, Corey	15	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.

Lydney Town FC • Club History

Although Lydney is one of the main towns of the Forest area the Severnsiders have always led a very nomadic existence. With the town very much a Rugby stronghold the football club has always found it difficult to exist and although the club can trace its roots back to 1911 it never has had a sound base. The club competed in the local leagues until 1952 when they were elected to the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League. Unfortunately in 1969 the club folded due to lack of committee. 1971 saw the soccer lovers of the town pulled together and the club re-formed and in 1974 the appointment of Harold Elliott as player/coach saw many players from Lydney Juniors introduced with the resulting effect of promotion to Senior League Division One in 1976. During this period the club switched from Bathurst Park onto the Recreation Ground using the changing facilities at the neighbouring Cricket Club.



In 1979-80 after twice finishing Runners-Up they finally lifted the Senior League Division One Championship. Applications to the County League were unfruitful so the club turned to the Hellenic League, where the club held its own, but after 4 seasons the huge financial burden of the League forced the club to return to the Senior League. A dispute with the Cricket Club saw the club move back onto Bathurst Park and following this Secretary Roger Sansom, who had been elected in 1975 and who is still secretary to this day, investigated the possibility of building a clubhouse on the Recreation Ground. Unfortunately on the pitch the downward spiral continued and the club found itself back in the NGL. The players thankfully stayed together and they bounced back into the Senior League the following season. The ambitious plans to have our own clubhouse were still in the pipeline and a clubhouse was opened on Lydney Recreation Trust in 1990. In 1995 the club did the double by winning Division Two and the Forest Green Supporters Trophy, a feat they repeated in 1996-97.

In 2003-04 Manager Peter Elliott, who along with Roger Sansom are the longest serving members of the club with 50 plus years service, guided the club to the Final of the League Cup and the Senior Amateur Cup but in 2004 due to work commitments Peter decided to step down. The club turned to Stuart Liddington to take the helm and with Peter being persuaded to assist him they forged a very successful partnership. The addition of Pete Macklin from Cinderford Town, Danny Clarke ex-Oxford United, Matthew Timmins from Whitecroft and the return of Mark Saunders from Australia gave the club a real boost. Pete, Danny and 'Matty' provided the missing link in the goal scoring department scoring over 70 goals between them, Danny leading the way with 32 goals. The Senior League title was secured with 4 games to go and they did the double by lifting the Senior Amateur Cup. The season was complete with the news of acceptance into the County League a prize denied to them some 25 years ago. The clubs County League campaign started in unconvincing fashion with only 4 points from 3 home games but a 20 game unbeaten run saw the club take over as league leaders at the start of 2006, a position they held for the remainder of the season. Scoring goals was very much the key to winning as 87 goals proved, 'Matty' Timmins finishing the leagues leading goal scorer with 28 goals. This success was beyond the clubs wildest dreams and gave the club the opportunity of a return to the Hellenic League after 22 years. A steady start saw the club 12 points behind the leaders in October but a 6 game winning streak at the end of the year saw the club take over as leaders at the start of January. The critical game came in mid-April with fellow title contenders Trowbridge Town visiting 'The Rec'. In front of a crowd of 305 goals from Danny Clarke and Mark Crabbe secured victory and a 5 point cushion. With 3 games to go the Title was won at Malmesbury when Danny Bishop came off the subs bench to score 2 late goals and give the club an unprecedented 3rd title in as many seasons. The squad had certainly exceeded all expectations and can quite easily be classed as the best in the clubs history. Ambitious plans for the required improvements to gain promotion were put forward and accepted by the League allowing the club to play at the highest level in its history.

A steady start was overshadowed by events off the pitch when despite gaining planning permission for erection of floodlights the club became embroiled in a sea of red tape with their landlords. To continue playing in the Premier Division an agreement was reached to use Cinderford Town and Harrow Hill for home games. Despite these off the pitch issues an unbeaten league run of 11 games placed them in the top half of the table. Despite finishing in 10th position the club were unable to satisfy the April deadline imposed by the league and were forced to be relegated back into Division One (West).

With relegation came the inevitable loss of players who wished to play at a higher level of football and the club decided to pin its future hopes on the youth of the town. Mark Lee, who had joined the club from County League side Ellwood, took on the role of Player/Manager. In 2014-15 they finished runners up to Tytherington Rocks but despite finishing in a promotion position ground development had not been completed by the March 31st deadline and a further season in Division One followed. Determined that such a situation would not happen again further development work followed to ensure the necessary G grading but disappointingly after all the clubs efforts the club finished in third spot which would not necessarily ensure promotion. As luck would have it circumstances led to the club being offered a place in the Premier Division which they readily accepted but this again meant further development was needed to obtain an F Grading and this was attained in 2016 with the installation of a 2nd stand. In 2016-17 silverware came the clubs way via the Floodlit Trophy beating Flackwell Heath on penalties after the game finished 3-3. In 2019 Manager Mark Lee decided to step down after 8 years in charge and the clubs search for a new manager started. The club turned to ex-Town forward Richard Kear. Lydney born Richard had been at Cheltenham Town as a youth player but on his release he played on the Non League circuit before rejoining the club from Westfields in 2013. Family commitments saw Richard step down at the end of season 2020-21.

To replace Richard the club regained the services of previous manager Stuart Liddington but a set of indifferent results saw the club turn to Reserve Team Manager James Morse who instilled a new found confidence in the players and staved off any relegation fears. Despite languishing near the bottom of the table last season relegation was avoided with the club finishing 16th. Despite league struggles the club enjoyed 2 tremendous cup runs reaching the GFA Challenge Trophy Final losing out to 2 late goals against Roman Glass St. George. The club also reached the Bluefin Hellenic League Final but again missed out after coming up against a strong Pershore Town who had also lifted the Division One title. With the club unable to compete financially with the top teams in the league the club has turned to the Youth in the town with several promising youngsters coming through the club. 2023-24 saw an indifferent season finishing in 19th place but were saved from relegation by the knowledge that the FA were restructuring the NLS and that only 1 club was to be relegated. After 3 seasons of struggles James Morse stepped down and the search began for a new Manager.

Several candidates came to the fore but the club decided to go, for the first time for 40 plus years, outside the local area by appointing Danny Elliott as Manager for the 2024-25 season. Danny came to the club having played for Newport County and on retirement joined the coaching staff and is a UEFA A licence qualified coach with their Academy. Sadly after a string of poor results Danny decided to step down and the club were once again in search of a new manager. Long serving goalkeeper Richard Thomas and Captain Jordi Sheen stepped in as Interim Joint Managers while interviews were conducted and the club were indebted to them for their efforts. At the end of October the club announced the appointment of Lee Smith & Adam Dix as the new Management team with Warren Evans coming in as coach so the club is looking forward to a new era under the new management team and look to maintain their place in the Hellenic Premier Division.





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Corey Warrington	7	Dan Brain
Kieran Alder	8	Jordi Sheen ©
Karnell Chambers	9	Brett James
Brad Bevan	10	Ryan Dobbins
Connor Walters	11	Archie Myatt
Tawana Changa	12	Sam Wines
Hubert Zatorski	14	Kyle Gibbs
Liam Smith	15	Ben Pricor
Macaulay Herbert	16	Josh Aldridge
Tyrel Roberts	17	Thierry Shitto
Callum McGuirk	18	Aston Jeffs
Sammie Hicks	19	Charlie Rickard
Robin Hoffland	20	Arron Jenkins

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