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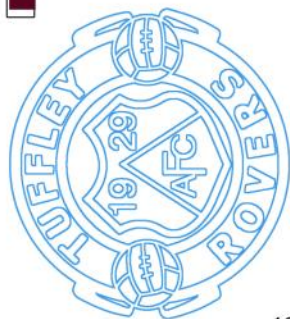
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FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to Glevum Park this afternoon everyone and welcome to all our visitors, notably the players, management team, committee and supporters of Longlevens AFC. I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the festive period and has an enjoyable visit here today.

In Saturday's programme I wrote about the impact of Storm Bert and then Storm Darragh, when we got two games played, and more rain came at the weekend. Although it stopped raining ahead of kick-off, the pitch took another battering and it caused me to reflect, not least because we have today's game followed by another three home first team games in the first two weeks of January 2025.

Assuming no games are postponed, we will have played 35 competitive first team fixtures by the conclusion of our cup tie against Shortwood United on 11 January. Of those 19 will have been at Glevum Park, but 11 of those will have been played in November, December and January (up to the 11th), when the weather usually worsens. We only played six home games in August and September, when the weather tends to be better. We are fortunate to have such good drainage, because 4 or 5 years ago we probably wouldn't have played half of our games at home.

We are on course to finish the 2024/25 season in March. At the moment we end on 1 March, but there are at least two games to rearrange and we still have an interest in three cup competitions. That is our main hope for the season to extend, otherwise we face a ridiculously early end to the season. It is possible we could play our last game before the window for new registrations and transfers closes! It feels slightly farcical.

Most other teams are in a similar situation. The majority of Premier Division teams are well past the half-way point of their playing season, in terms of games played, and I wonder if the increase in 3G pitches and clubs, like us, improving our drainage is having an impact. Bert and Darragh would certainly indicate that the weather isn't necessarily improving!

I'll say little about today's game, other than our record against Longlevens here is fairly dire. Hopefully that can change today, but I think the same every year. The meeting at Sawmills End earlier this year was a drab affair and we lost 1-0. Here is hoping there is just a little Christmas cheer left for Tuffley Rovers when the game kicks-off at 3pm!!

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home. Enjoy the rest of your Christmas period and all the best for the New Year.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Thursday, 26 December 2024

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

Westfields v Hereford Pegasus

Lydney Town v Slimbridge

Royal Wootton Bassett v Corsham Town

Malmesbury Victoria v Highworth Town

Tuffley Rovers v Longlevens

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Glevum Park.

Firstly, I hope everyone had a fantastic day yesterday and a Merry Christmas.

Welcome to all the players, coaches, committee and supporters of our opponents today, Longlevens. I'd also like to extend that welcome to this afternoon's match officials.

Today's game will, no doubt, be a tough encounter, as this fixture always is, but since it is also the annual Christmas fixture, we usually get the added bonus of a fantastic crowd, whether that is here at Glevum Park or away at Saw Mills. It will also be good to see some familiar faces from Longlevens and hopefully enjoy a good game of football.

Saturday's game against Highworth was always going to be a tough ask, seeing as we had eight players missing due to suspension, injuries and unavailability but with a full squad to choose from for today's fixture, there will be some tough decisions for Muzzy to make today.

A busy Christmas schedule will see us travel to Cirencester Town on Saturday, then we host Corsham Town here on New Years' Day and we then have another Glevum Park fixture against Brimscombe & Thrupp on 4th January.

I would like to offer a huge thank you to our staff and volunteers that have been covering games in the lead up to Christmas and to offer advance thanks to those helping at our upcoming home games as without them none of this would be possible.

If you haven't seen my previous articles, just to confirm that the extension at our community social club is now open. The 1929 Suite at our Tuffley Lane site is now available for hire both weekdays and weekends. If anyone has any questions or would like to discuss bookings further, please email gm@tuffleyroversfc.co.uk.

I hope you enjoy the game and enjoy the rest of the Christmas period.

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 this afternoon. I hope you all had a good Christmas. Welcome to all players, management, officials and supporters from Longlevens.

We come into today's game off the back of a defeat against Highworth Town, but the positive aspect of having played that fixture is that we now will have a full squad to choose from today.

Today we look to get back to winning ways, in what is our last home game of the calendar year, and 2024 has been good one in the main, with this group having grown since the summer. The spirit in the dressing room is good, so as much as we will look forward to the challenge this afternoon, we know Longlevens have had a few results recently and will present a tough opponent. That having been said, this season has been one where form doesn't really mean anything with results week in, week out showing that.

It's been a good first half of the season and we hope to keep the momentum in the second half of the season and hang around playoff points tally, at least trying to finish as high as we can, and continue the journey we started, which has seen us progress every season since I arrived.

Hopefully we give you a Boxing Day treat and we can take the three points this afternoon.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 21 December 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	Hartpury University	23	8	4	1	26	7	9	0	1	28	5	17	4	2	54	12	42	55							
2	Roman Glass St George	22	10	3	1	46	18	5	1	2	18	11	15	4	3	64	29	35	49							
3	Sporting Club Inkerrow	24	6	3	3	19	11	8	3	1	24	10	14	6	4	43	21	22	48							
4	Mangotsfield United	24	4	0	2	10	4	9	7	2	31	12	13	7	4	41	16	25	46							
5	Highworth Town	25	7	3	3	23	16	7	1	4	23	16	14	4	7	46	32	14	46							
6	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	24	9	1	4	37	17	5	1	4	19	18	14	2	8	56	35	21	44							
7	Fairford Town	23	6	3	4	23	18	6	3	1	22	11	12	6	5	45	29	16	42							
8	Worcester Raiders	25	4	6	1	19	10	5	6	3	21	17	9	12	4	40	27	13	39							
9	Westfields	24	6	3	2	23	9	4	3	6	26	17	10	6	8	49	26	23	36							
10	Corsham Town	24	8	3	4	28	21	3	0	6	13	24	11	3	10	41	45	-4	36							
11	Tuffley Rovers	26	6	3	3	20	15	4	2	8	15	24	10	5	11	35	39	-4	35							
12	Pershore Town	23	7	2	3	34	16	3	2	6	18	19	10	4	9	52	35	17	34							
13	Slimbridge	25	5	2	6	37	34	4	3	5	17	28	9	5	11	54	62	-8	32							
14	Hereford Pegasus	25	6	1	4	25	14	2	2	10	13	29	8	3	14	38	43	-5	27							
15	Cirencester Town	25	3	3	8	14	28	3	1	7	13	24	6	4	15	27	52	-25	22							
16	Longlevens AFC	25	3	1	8	11	24	2	4	7	16	29	5	5	15	27	53	-26	20							
17	Thornbury Town	22	2	1	11	16	29	3	2	3	14	14	5	3	14	30	43	-13	18							
18	Brimmscombe & Thrupp	25	2	2	12	18	56	1	2	6	8	32	3	4	18	26	88	-62	13							
19	Lydney Town	21	2	2	5	13	18	1	1	10	11	49	3	3	15	24	67	-43	12							
20	Malmesbury Victoria	17	0	0	1	0	4	2	2	12	19	53	2	2	13	19	57	-38	8							

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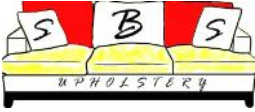


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On (or around) this day in history...

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 quite a few games on or around 26 December that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on this this particular date...

27 December 2008

A woeful performance at home to Yate Town Reserves saw Tuffley Rovers crash to a 4-0 defeat in the Gloucestershire County League, for the second consecutive game. Rovers had a great chance to equalise, when it was 1-0, but Stu Griffith's penalty was weak and easily saved. The visitors then won with ten men, after their keeper was sent off at 2-0, scoring twice as Rovers chased the game.

Squad: Adam Bennett; Robert Cook; Dan Gillespie; Ben Surman; Stuart Griffith; Richard Stevenson; Martin Middlecote; Mark Wallington; Christopher Lee; Patrick Boyd; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Marcus Foxwell; Peter Thomas.

26 December 2013

Youngster Junior Mbika made a spectacular first start for Tuffley Rovers, scoring the winning goal in a Boxing Day victory away at Shortwood United Reserves in the UHlsport Hellenic League, Division One (West), after Shayne Bradley had go the first in a 2-1 victory.

Squad: Chris Perks; Matt Minett; Lee Brinkworth; Mike Devlin; Richard Thwaite; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Tracey; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann; Jordan Fletcher; Junior Mbika. **Subs used:** Courtney Hamilton; Steve Bick.

27 December 2014

Goals from Ashley Davies and Jordan Dowdeswell secured a 2-1 win for Tuffley Rovers over local rivals Longlevens at Saw Mills, in a game played out in front of a crowd of 166.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Squires; Macaulay Herbert; Glenn Gittins; Ashley Davies; Jordan Dowdeswell; Stuart Griffith; Jordan Fletcher; Mark Ford; Brett James. **Subs used:** Warren Mann; Courtney Hamilton; Steve Bick.

26 December 2016

Ten-man Tuffley Rovers secured a valuable three points, as a Warren Mann goal proved the difference as Tuffley Rovers secured a 1-0 Boxing Day win over Longlevens at Glevum Park, in front of a crowd of 149. Rovers handed debuts to Kane Winman in goal and Jake Burns in midfield, whilst their injury hit squad also featured a rare start for young striker Ryan Dobbins. Liam Wright's sending-off reduced Rovers numbers but they held out to win the game.

Squad: Kane Winman; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Shayne Anson; Macaulay Herbert; Marcus Foxwell; Jamie Goodwin; Jake Burns; Ryan Dobbins; Liam Wright; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Ben Tunnicliff; Harry Walker; Jack Overthrow.



26 December 2017

Sam Blackie's 36th minute goal proved decisive, in a close fought encounter, as Brimscombe & Thrupp secured a win against fellow Gloucestershire side, Tuffley Rovers, in a Boxing Day clash at The Meadow.



Both sides showed plenty of attacking spirit, but Rovers' threadbare squad - shorn of Shayne Bradley, Shayne Anson and Warren Mann, who were all suspended – couldn't find a way through a committed Brimscombe & Thrupp defence, and all they defended well, backed up by a solid performance by keeper Dave Evans, the hosts managed to take all three points courtesy of Blackie's strike, after good work from Harrison Reeves.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Tristan Haswell; Joel White; Macaulay Herbert; Courtney Hamilton; Marcus Foxwell; Kieran Alder; Mark Ford; Ashley Bird; Michael Oakes; Brett James. **Subs used:** Mark Pritchett.

26 December 2019



Tuffley Rovers visited fellow Gloucestershire side, Brimscombe & Thrupp for this Boxing Day tie and the two sides played out a seven-goal thriller that ebbed and flowed throughout.

Jack Smith scored early-on, to give the hosts the lead, before Johan Flo and then James Campbell took Brimscombe into a 3-0 lead after just 20 minutes.

Although Jake Rhodes' header reduced the arrears, Flo scored again to make it 4-1, before Dom Kent produced a good finish to make it 4-2. Joe Shutt scored ten minutes into the second half and Rovers looked set to secure a valuable point, but Tyreece Briscoe smashed the spot-kick against the bar and Sam Prior's side held out for a 4-3 win.

Squad: Luke Merchant; Harri John; Ben Pricor; Isaac Lawrence; Macaulay Herbert; Jake Rhodes; Joe Shutt; Tyreece Briscoe; Warren Mann; Dominik Kent; Jack Beardsell. **Subs used:** Miles Ferguson; Niall Priday; Adam Bloomfield.

27 December 2021

Shaun O'Connor's deflected effort past Jack Copland proved to be decisive, as Longlevens left Glevum Park with a 1-0 victory in front of a bumper Christmas crowd of 331.

With Neil Mustoe linking up with the Rovers squad for the first time, after the departure of Rich Cox the previous week, Rovers put in a solid effort but were ultimately undone when O'Connor's effort from just outside the box took a huge deflection off Scott Nicholls and found the net, with Copland already committed to the opposite side of his goal.

Warren Mann was sent-off late on, as Rovers extended their losing sequence to eleven games.

Squad: Jack Copland; Liam Wright; Warren Mann; Joshua Aldridge; Jacob Geddes; Scott Nicholls; Lucas Price; Demilade Yussuf; Jamal Lawrence; Dominik Kent; Lewis Bainbridge. **Subs used:** Aaron Basford; Jack Beardsell; Ashley Bird.



STATISTICS

Statistics 2024/25

Competition

Uhlsport Hellenic Premier Division, unless stated

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

MSCC = Marsh Sports Challenge Cup;

WLFC = Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup; SC = 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	Brimcombe & Thrupp		A	2-0	77	K Chambers, C Walters
05/Nov	7:45pm	Brimcombe & 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	7-3	112	C Walters, K Chambers (4, 1 pen), K Alder, O.G.
30/Nov	3pm	Royal Wootton Bassett Town		A	0-4	119	-
03/Dec	7:45pm	Cheltenham Saracens	GFA	H	2-0	73	G Valenti, H Zatorski
07/Dec	3pm	Fairford Town		H	1-1	126	K Chambers
21/Dec	3pm	Highworth Town		H	0-3	84	-
26/Dec	3pm	Longlevens		H			
28/Dec	3pm	Cirencester Town		A			
2025							
01/Jan	3pm	Corsham Town		H			
04/Jan	3pm	Brimcombe & Thrupp		H			
11/Jan	3pm	Shortwood United	MSCC	H			
18/Jan	3pm	Worcester Raiders		H			
21/Jan	7:45pm	Stonehouse Town	WLFC	A			
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		H			
TBC	TBC	Malmesbury Victoria		A			
TBC	TBC	Mangotsfield United		A			
TBC	TBC	Hallen	GFA	H			

Goalscorers

Karnell Chambers	20	Kieran Alder	2
Connor Walters	7	Hubert Zatorski	1
Brad Bevan	5	Dean Turner	1
Harley Mustoe	3	Gino Valenti	1
Tyrel Roberts	2	O.G.	1

TOTAL APPEARANCES

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TUFFLEY ROVERS AFC

Luke Merchant **Goalkeeper**
Club captain who returned to the club in the 2022/23 season, after a Hellenic League Premier Division title winning season at Bishops Cleeve. A great shot stopper, commanding presence and accomplished keeper. Holds the club record for Hellenic League appearances as a keeper.

Robin Hoffland **Goalkeeper**
Now a long-serving player, despite his age, who acts as a capable back-up to Luke Merchant in goal, whenever needed. Has played for the club's 1sts, 2nds, 3rds, 4ths and 5ths, as well as the U18s and always gives his all. Reliable, in a word.

Macaulay Herbert **Defence**
Begins this season as our longest-serving member of the squad. 'Macca' came through our U18s and is solid and dependable; an excellent defender who has been getting better with every season that passed. Has made over 290 first team appearances, despite several injuries punctuating each season. On course to reach 300 appearances this season.

Josh Stevens **Defence**
Development Squad player of the season in 2023/24; broke into the first team squad during pre-season, putting in some excellent performances in central defence. Tall, strong in the air, solid in the tackle and capable in possession, this could be the season when he steps up into first team football.

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.

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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, 21 December 2024
(includes selected list of former players)



It has been such a long time since we defeated Longlevens at Glevum Park in a Christmas fixture that Luke Merchant was on the other side, featuring as keeper for today's visitors in a 1-0 victory for us, and only one of today's likely Rovers squad will feature in today's game; Macaulay Herbert. Eight long years ago!

I think all of the Rovers faithful would welcome a win today in a game that the visitors seem to have the better of in recent years. Last season we won the corresponding fixture at Sawmills End, with Connor Walters, Karnell Chambers and Kieran Alder all netting for Rovers. Could one of them add to the derby-day total in this fixture today? Here is hoping. #uptherovers

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	153	39	Lee, Matt	11	0
Barnes, Oli	2	0	Mann, Warren	542	85
Bevan, Bradley	51	7	McGuirk, Callum	104	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Merchant, Luke	142	0
Bourne, Riley	2	0	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Mustoe, Harley	24	3
Chambers, Karnell	51	34	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Changa, Tawana	10	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clifford, Ellis	43	0	Pritchett, Mark	205	28
Clinton, Cole	4	0	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Creed, Jamie	1	0	Roberts, Tyrel	32	2
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Simpson, Elijah	24	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Smith, Liam	95	1
Ford, Mark	164	61	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Stevens, Josh	3	0
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Turner, Dean	24	1
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Valenti, Gino	1	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hoffland, Robin	12	0	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Herbert, Macaulay	308	10	Walters, Connor	72	16
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Warrington, Corey	20	0
Hill, Sam	130	9	Weaver, George	1	0
James, Brett	186	64	Weyman, Logan	1	0
James, Richard	125	40	White, Joel	140	4
Kent, Dominik	175	21	Wright, Liam	124	3
Lander, Daniel	49	1	Zatorski, Hubert	6	1

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.

LONGLEVENS CLUB HISTORY



The Club, in its current format, was founded in 1954. We initially played in the North Gloucestershire League, but currently we operate in the uhlSport Hellenic League, the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and the Stroud and District League. Our ladies team operate in the Gloucestershire County Women's League.

In 2011-12, Gloucester City Council created a new football facility and we were fortunate enough to be offered the tenancy, which enabled us to make the step-up to the Gloucestershire County League as our facilities at our Club HQ could not be converted to 'make the grade'. At this point, we must give great credit to E. G. Carter and Company Limited, our major sponsors, because, without them, we could not have got Saw Mills up to the required standard.

In recent years the Club has expanded massively, and we now run five male adult sides, a Ladies side and a Veterans team, our Junior Section covers sides from U8s to U11s, from where players transfer into our Youth Sections to give us continuous cover from U8s through to Veterans. Two seasons ago, we introduced a girls' team and this section continues to expand.

We are recognised as a Two Star FA Accredited Club, the system that has replaced the previously used Charter Standard 'banner'. A special mention here to Dennis Barnsley who has done so much work in respect of the Youth Section, to our Chairman Mark Cornell and Treasurer Chris Trout for putting in so much work to make the expansion of the Junior/Youth Sections happen.

We had spent more than forty years trying to reach the Gloucestershire County League, but amazingly, within three years we had passed through it and gained promotion to the uhlSport Hellenic League, having won the County League in 2013-14 and once again we were indebted to E. G. Carter and Company Limited for helping us upgrade Saw Mills to the required standard.

In 2014/15 we started another new phase for the Club, in Division One West of the uhlSport Hellenic League and what a start! We won the Division at the first attempt, so after three consecutive titles and two consecutive promotions, we found ourselves in the Hellenic Premier Division and have consolidated our position in that Division, which is no mean feat given that the majority of sides we play have a history and an infrastructure that is superior to ours.

In the 2021-22 season, we had our best ever experience in the FA Cup that culminated in us playing Gloucester City – a dream day out for the Club which will live long in the memory – but the past two seasons we were brought back to earth with exits from the FA Cup in the extra preliminary round.

The 2023-24 season saw a 16th place finish however the club did have the best FA Vase run reaching the second round after victories against Keynsham Town, Shortwood United and then a 430 mile round trip to Helston Athletic.

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 it is all about Christmas!

1. Chris Kamara, Gary McAllister, Emi Buendia and Jairzinho all have a Christmas themed fact in common. What is it?
2. Which football video game was the UK's No.1 selling game at Christmas 2022?
3. In which year was the last full programme of English top-flight (Division One) played on Christmas Day?

4. Can you name this Premier League star recreated as Santa through Artificial Intelligence?



5. A look now to Christmas past for games between Tuffley Rovers and Longlevens on Boxing Day and 27 December. Can you identify the players pictured and align them to the fact from a Boxing Day game?



- 1) Scored the winning goal the last time Rovers beat Longlevens at home on Boxing Day in 2016 but was sent-off in the derby game in 2021.
- 2) Scored the only goal in the 2021 fixture.
- 3) Called up as a late replacement and won MoTM, despite being on the wrong end of a 4-0 scoreline on 27 December 2022.
- 4) Made his debut for Tuffley Rovers in the 2016 game.

Quiz Answers: (1) They were all born on Christmas Day; (2) FIFA 23; (3) 1957; (4) Erling Haaland; (5) A4 - Kane
Winman / B1 - Warren Mann / C3 - Brad Poole / D2 - Shaun O'Connor.



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Dean Turner	6	Ryan Williams
Corey Warrington	7	Austin Parker
Kieran Alder	8	Shaun O'Connor
Karnell Chambers	9	Joey Haswell
Brad Bevan	10	Shiyak Sutherland
Connor Walters	11	Samuel Kelly
Macaulay Herbert	12	Soyam Sherchan
Liam Smith	14	Ryan Belboda
Joshua Stevens	15	Finleigh Brown
Oliver Barnes	16	Fin Rankin
Tyrel Roberts	17	Jurek Marszalek
Callum McGuirk	18	Josh Mason
Daniel Lander	19	Rob Perry
Hubert Zatorski	20	Fin Gwillim
Logan Weyman	21	Jack Byard
Robin Hoffland	22	Vladyslav Yarmolenko



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