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WORCESTER RAIDERS**

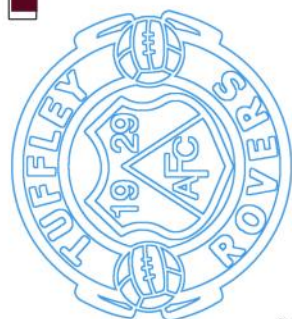
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FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to Glevum Park this afternoon everyone and welcome to all our visitors, notably the players, management team, committee and supporters of Worcester Raiders. Can I belatedly offer best wishes for 2025 to everyone here today – as Dan says in his programme note, we have written that multiple times without going to publication!

The weather has been against us of late and our last game, on 28 December at Cirencester Town, seems like an eternity ago! I've prepared four programmes since (this is the fourth) with the first three failing to reach the publication stage as the dreadful weather saw those games postponed.

Today's visitors are currently playing at the Sixways Stadium in Worcester, which is a fantastic facility but they have recently confirmed that they'll be looking to find an alternative home for 2025/26, so we might have a new place to visit when playing them next season. It is nice to be able to say that in January, because we should be safe from relegation already (which isn't usually the case and we try to take it to the wire!), although it would be equally nice to be able to keep looking up the table with optimism. As Muzzy says, in his note, that is in our hands, too.

From our perspective, we put the disappointment of the Boxing Day defeat against Longlevens behind us last time out, as we returned from Cirencester Town with a 3-0 win. It was a fantastic victory that was built on a really good attacking performance. We've had dreadful experiences on 3G pitches in the past, so it was great to see us so on top in a game on the artificial surface. I guess we now have a squad far more equipped to get results on that type of surface.

As I've said before, our pitch is 'different' and has been subject to some games played in really challenging conditions over the past couple of months, so it won't be the same as we saw on Saturday. However, we've got enough players with the quality to get something here today, irrespective of whether we're playing on a perfect surface or a more traditional grass pitch in the winter. All credit to the groundstaff who are working so hard to cope with the torrent of home games we've had to prepare for during the most testing weather. They probably welcomed a break in the constant stream of fixtures, too!

Here is to a good day today, all being well.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Hellenic League, Premier Division

Corsham Town v Cirencester Town

Highworth Town v Brimscombe & Thrupp

Longlevens v Sporting Club Inkberrow

Malmesbury Victoria v Thornbury Town

Mangotsfield United v Fairford Town

Pershore Town v Hereford Pegasus

Roman Glass St. George v Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Slimbridge v Westfields

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Glevum Park.

Firstly I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year. I've written that in the last four programmes (including today's), but today I am hopeful that this message will finally get through. All our home games have been postponed since the New Year, although we were not alone. Like many clubs that do not play on artificial pitches, we have been hampered by the weather of late, meaning this will be our first home fixture since 28th December. This is also our first game since that date, when we returned to Tuffley following a win away at Cirencester Town.

I'd like to specifically welcome all of the players, coaches, committee and supporters of our opponents today from Worcester Raiders, as well as our match day officials for this afternoon's encounter.

What the extended break has meant is that the players have managed to have a break in what has been shall we say, a front-loaded fixture schedule for the squad, given that we completed 28 of our 38 league fixtures before January started!

It has also meant that a few teams around us in the league have caught up with their fixture schedule and we are currently sat in 10th position in the league, seven points behind our opponents today, who sit in eighth and 11 points off the play-off position as it currently stands. We are the only team in the top ten with a negative goal difference, but with new signings adding to our forward options, I'm hoping that is something that will be addressed in the coming weeks.

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 a safe trip 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 all players, officials and supporters from Worcester Raiders.

After another weekend off last week, we are looking forward to the game this afternoon and after a hectic schedule over Christmas we have had a bit of time to get some niggles and injuries sorted and give the guys the break they probably needed.

Hopefully, they will be fresh as a result of this enforced rest. We have trained where possible and got an indoor session in last week when we were hit by the freezing weather.

With both ourselves and today's visitors in a similar position, we expect both teams to be looking for a win as there is still plenty to play for. We will be looking to get as close to the play-off as possible and our remaining fixtures suggest we will have a say in our own destiny, along with the destiny of other teams.

There should be some really exciting fixtures still to be played and we are looking to increase on last season's points tally of 49 and show we are achieving season-by-season progression.

Along with the league we are still in three cup competitions so there is everything to play for over the next few weeks and months.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 14 January 2025

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	26	9	4	1	31	7	10	1	1	30	6	19	5	2	61	13	48	62					
2	Mangotsfield United	28	7	1	2	19	5	9	7	2	31	12	16	8	4	50	17	33	56					
3	Sporting Club Inkerrow	27	6	4	3	20	12	9	4	1	29	12	15	8	4	49	24	25	53					
4	Roman Glass St George	25	10	4	1	47	19	5	1	4	19	19	15	5	5	66	38	28	50					
5	Fairford Town	27	7	4	4	26	20	7	3	2	25	15	14	7	6	51	35	16	49					
6	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	28	9	2	5	40	21	5	3	4	21	20	14	5	9	61	41	20	47					
7	Highworth Town	26	7	3	4	24	19	7	1	4	23	16	14	4	8	47	35	12	46					
8	Worcester Raiders	29	6	6	2	30	15	5	6	4	21	18	11	12	6	51	33	18	45					
9	Perishore Town	26	7	2	4	36	19	5	2	6	25	20	12	4	10	61	39	22	40					
10	Tuffley Rovers	28	6	3	4	20	17	5	2	8	18	24	11	5	12	38	41	-3	38					
11	Westfields	26	6	4	2	25	11	4	3	7	26	21	10	7	9	51	32	19	37					
12	Corsham Town	26	8	3	5	28	22	3	1	6	15	26	11	4	11	43	48	-5	37					
13	Hereford Pegasus	30	7	3	4	29	16	2	3	11	16	34	9	6	15	45	50	-5	33					
14	Slimbridge	26	5	2	6	37	34	4	3	6	17	32	9	5	12	54	66	-12	32					
15	Thornbury Town	25	4	1	11	22	30	3	2	4	14	19	7	3	15	36	49	-13	24					
16	Longlevens AFC	27	3	1	8	11	24	3	4	8	18	30	6	5	16	29	54	-25	23					
17	Cirencester Town	27	3	3	9	14	31	3	2	7	15	26	6	5	16	29	57	-28	23					
18	Lydney Town	23	3	2	5	17	18	2	1	10	14	50	5	3	15	31	68	-37	18					
19	Brimscombe & Thrupp	28	2	2	12	18	56	1	3	8	9	41	3	5	20	27	97	-70	14					
20	Malmesbury Victoria	18	0	0	2	0	9	2	2	12	19	53	2	2	14	19	62	-43	8					

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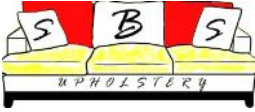


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Current records date back, fairly accurately, to the 2007/08 season and although there are a few gaps stopping us having a full set of data, it gives us the opportunity to include a new programme feature that allows us to reflect on days gone by and fixtures on, or around, today's date.

Since those records began, we haven't actually had a game on 18 January so we've identified a few games close to the date which we have selected to reflect on our fortunes...

14 January 2012

Tuffley Rovers cemented their position in second place of the Gloucestershire County League, as they beat Kingswood 3-1 away from home. Jivan Bryan-Munroe got a fifth minute goal, before the hosts equalised. Kingswood were then reduced to ten men before goals from Kacey Johnstone and Warren Mann secured all three points.

Squad: Mark Harris; Marcus Foxwell; Lee Wallington; Richard James; Dean Gorman; Stuart Griffith; Liam Harding; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Jivan Bryan-Munroe; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Kacey Johnstone; Jonathan Meadows; Mark Ford.

21 January 2012

Tuffley Rovers moved to the top of the Gloucestershire County League, on goal difference, as they recorded a resounding 5-1 win at home to Kings Stanley.

It was the visitors who took the lead on 10 minutes, when a long ball up field was latched onto by Ben Newman, who showed composure to score. That lead lasted just 6 minutes, as Rovers' Jivan Bryan-Munroe equalised with a low shot into the corner of the Stanley net from the edge of the box.

Stuart Griffith put the home side in front, on 53 minutes, and they then went further ahead in the 68th minute from the penalty spot, with Griffith getting his second after Bryan-Munroe had been brought down in the box.

Rovers went 4-1 up in the 88th minute, somewhat fortuitously, as the Stanley keeper misjudged Mark Wallington's cross from 25 yards and the ball finished up in the net. Bryan-Munroe rounded off the scoring, with almost the last kick of the game, with another fine finish from the edge of the box.

Squad: Mark Harris; Marcus Foxwell; Lee Wallington; Richard James; Dean Gorman; Jonathan Meadows; Liam Harding; Kacey Johnstone; Stuart Griffith; Jivan Bryan-Munroe; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Mark Wallington.

12 January 2013

Tuffley Rovers extended their lead at the top of the Gloucestershire County League, as a Shayne Bradley brace and a goal from Mark Ford proved enough to secure a 3-1 win at Berkeley Town.

Squad: Chris Perks; Elliot King; Michael Oakes; Richard James; Marcus Foxwell; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Warren Mann; Nathan King; Rutendo Makovma. **Subs used:** Jonathan Meadows; Mark Ford; Marcus Salter.



13 January 2018

Tuffley Rovers recorded their first win of 2018, bringing to an end a run of three consecutive defeats in the process, as a brace from Brett James secured a 2-0 win over Abingdon United at Glevum Park.

Two defensive errors in the first period gifted chances to the prolific James, and he didn't waste the opportunities presented to him. In the closing moments of the game, Dave Evans saved a second half penalty to preserve Rovers' two-goal advantage and his clean sheet.

Squad: Dave Evans; Sam Hill; Kieran Squires; Shayne Anson; Joel White; Liam Wright; Brett James; Kieran Alder; Shayne Bradley; Ashley Bird; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Harry Walker; Marcus Foxwell; Courtney Hamilton.

19 January 2019

Without a Hellenic League win since they defeated today's hosts Virginia Water 6-1 on 6 October 2018, Mark Pritchett's Tuffley Rovers missed a terrific opportunity to complete a league double over their hosts on this occasion, but did extend their unbeaten run in the league competition to three games, as they returned from Berkshire with a 1-1 draw.

Lorenzo Di Felici opened the scoring for the hosts, with a rasping 25 yard drive that gave Luke Merchant little chance, before a moment of controversy, when Rovers played on as Di Felici went down with a hamstring injury, ended as Warren Mann converted Will Dawes' cross from close range. Waters' Louis Sanders was sent-off moments later for a robust challenge on Mann, who had been at the centre of the controversial moment.

Despite having a one-man advantage, Rovers couldn't capitalise and the points were shared.

Squad: Luke Merchant; Luke Payne; Rhys Davies; Joel White; Macaulay Herbert; Henry Birkett; Warren Mann; Kieran Alder; Will Dawes; Shayne Bradley; Brett James. **Subs used:** (None).

21 January 2020

Tuffley Rovers' hopes of progression in the GFA Challenge Trophy came to an end on a foggy night as they lost 2-1, away at Bitton, despite a brave effort against a side competing across a number of competitions.

Rovers lead through Joe Shutt's somewhat fortuitous effort, but Harrison Kyte scored twice in the closing moments of the game to give Bitton an advantage they wouldn't surrender, despite Mark Pritchett's late effort striking the frame of their goal.

Squad: Luke Merchant; Sam Hill; Ben Priclor; Mark Pritchett; Macaulay Herbert; Harri John; Joe Shutt; Dom Kent; Warren Mann; Jake Rhodes; Lewis Bainbridge. **Subs used:** Charlie Holliday; Ashley Bird; Joshua Bird.

22 January 2022

A late goal from Aaron Basford helped Neil Mustoe's Tuffley Rovers salvage a 2-2 draw against league leaders Bishops Cleeve at Glevum Park.

Blaine Waugh's header, just over half-way through the first period, gave Paul Collicutt's side the lead, and the same player added a second, on 68 minutes, as another headed effort crept over the line. With seven minutes remaining Harvey Greenslade produced a terrific effort to reduce the arrears, and Basford then took his late chance to earn a valuable point for Mustoe's side.

Squad: Jack Copland; Liam Wright; Warren Mann; Jacob Geddes; Joel White; Sammie Hicks; Dom Kent; Ashley Davies; Harvey Greenslade; Jack Beardsell; Ashley Bird. **Subs used:** Joe Shutt; Joshua Aldridge; Aaron Basford.



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 Inkborrow	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	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	0-2	313	-	
28/Dec	3pm	Cirencester Town	A	3-0	181	M Pritchett, K Alder, B Bevan	
2025							
18/Jan	3pm	Worcester Raiders	H				
21/Jan	7:45pm	Stonehouse Town	WLFC	A			
25/Jan	3pm	Hartpury University	A				
28/Jan	7:45pm	Shortwood United	MSCC	H			
01/Feb	3pm	Westfields	H				
08/Feb	3pm	Sporting Club Inkborrow	H				
11/Feb	7:45pm	Mangotsfield United	A				
18/Feb	7:45pm	Malmesbury Victoria	A				
22/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town	H				
25/Feb	7:45pm	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H				
01/Mar	3pm	Roman Glass St George	H				
08/Mar	3pm	Corsham Town	H				
TBC	TBC	Hallen	GFA	H			

Goalscorers

Karnell Chambers	20	Mark Pritchett	1
Connor Walters	7	Hubert Zatorski	1
Brad Bevan	6	Dean Turner	1
Harley Mustoe	3	Gino Valenti	1
Kieran Alder	3	O.G.	1
Tyrel Roberts	2		

TOTAL APPEARANCES

STARTS

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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 Changa

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.

Oliver Barnes

Forward

Signed from Westfields in December 2024, a prolific goalscorer at Hellenic League level and will offer a different option in attack. Previously with Brimscombe & Thrupp, Oli has had time out due to injury over the past two seasons, but is now working his way back to full fitness. Great signing.

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



Mark Pritchett is currently in 6th place in our all-time appearance list, with 207 competitive appearances at Step 7 and above, but he is now tied for 10th place in our all-time goalscoring list, having drawn level with former midfielder Mark Wallington, thanks to his goal last time out at Cirencester Town. 'Pritch' is comfortably our highest scoring defender in our modern day first team records, although there are a couple of players – notably Ashley Davies, with 27 – who played in defence regularly, not too far behind him.



One of the other goalscorers at Cirencester Town, Kieran Alder, has now moved onto 40 goals, which puts him in second place (behind Warren Mann's 85 goals) in the current squad. Karnell Chambers isn't far behind, having scored 20 this season, to add to his 14 goals last term. They sit joint 5th and 7th, respectively in the goalscoring chart.

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	155	40	Lee, Matt	11	0
Barnes, Oli	3	0	Mann, Warren	542	85
Bevan, Bradley	53	8	McGuirk, Callum	106	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Merchant, Luke	144	0
Bourne, Riley	2	0	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Mustoe, Harley	26	3
Chambers, Karnell	53	34	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Changa, Tawana	10	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clifford, Ellis	45	0	Pritchett, Mark	207	29
Clinton, Cole	4	0	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Creed, Jamie	1	0	Roberts, Tyrel	32	2
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Simpson, Elijah	26	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Smith, Liam	97	1
Ford, Mark	164	61	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Stevens, Josh	3	0
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Turner, Dean	25	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	310	10	Walters, Connor	74	16
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Warrington, Corey	22	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.



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Worcester Raiders were formed in 2001 as a youth club, joining the Worcester & District Football League in 2009 upon the formation of a senior side. In 2013, Worcester Raiders joined the West Midlands (Regional) League Division Two, gaining promotion in their first season in the league system.

In 2019, Worcester Raiders won Division One, gaining promotion to the Premier Division. Worcester Raiders entered the FA Vase for the first time in 2020–21. At the end of the 2020–21 season the club were transferred to Division One of the Hellenic League.

In July 2020, English Premiership Rugby Union club Worcester Warriors confirmed the club would move into Sixways Stadium. Worcester Warriors' co-owners Colin Goldring and Jason Whittingham became joint majority owners of Worcester Raiders in the process.

In the 2021–22 season, Worcester Raiders finished second behind Studley FC. Despite a 3-0 loss to Hereford Pegasus in the play-off final, but they were promoted to the Premier Division of the Hellenic League following the closure of Walton Casuals FC in the Southern League Premier (South), leading to a reprieve for Merthyr Town and Cinderford Town, and Raiders being promoted.

Season 2022-2023 saw Worcester Raiders finish 4th in the Hellenic League Premier Division, which is the highest ever position in the club's history. That season also saw Raiders enter the FA Cup for the first time ever, with the team winning the first two rounds, against Daventry and Malvern Town, before getting knocked out by Worksop.

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 free-kicks, after we netted two last time out at Cirencester Town!

1. Hopefully an easy one to get you started. Who is pictured scoring this memorable free-kick in 1997?



2. According to a *Globe Independent* magazine article on 11 December 2024, which Brazilian footballer, famous for a spell at French club Lyon between 2002-2008, is the greatest free-kick taker of all time, having scored 77 career (direct) free-kicks?

3. Which player famously condemned England manager Graham Taylor to the end of his international career, having avoided being sent-off and then scoring a free-kick to put the Netherlands in front against England in 1993, meaning a defeat that all but ended England's hopes of qualifying for the World Cup Finals?

4. Can you name this Serbian footballer who forged a reputation as a free-kick specialist during a career spanning 1988 to 2006, where he regularly scored goals for Red Star Belgrade, Sampdoria, Lazio and Inter Milan?



5. David Beckham is arguably the best English free-kick specialist in history. Four of his most famous free-kicks are pictured below. Can you put them in the correct chronological order (oldest to most recent)?



Quiz Answers: (1) Roberto Carlos; (2) Juninho Pernambucano; (3) Ronald Koeman; (4) Siniša Mihajlović; (5) The correct order is B, which was scored against Colombia in June 1998; C, scored against Barcelona in September 1998; and then A, which was Beckham's goal against Greece in October 2001.



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Elijah Simpson	4	Jade Ferron
Macaulay Herbert	5	Jordan Stoddart
Dean Turner	6	Noah Rubio
Corey Warrington	7	Carrick Hill
Harley Mustoe	8	Harry Lewis
Karnell Chambers	9	Jake Collins
Kieran Alder	10	Jordan Murphy ©
Brad Bevan	11	Dan Reka
Connor Walters	12	Kyri Kourouyianni
Liam Smith	14	Dan Cottrill
Joshua Stevens	15	Ben Sanogo
Daniel Lander	16	Jude Hill
Tyrel Roberts	17	Dilano Reid
Tawana Changa	18	Toby Moran
Jamie Martin	19	Henry Dyde
Jamie Creed	20	Sam Whitton
Mark Pritchett	21	Emmanuel Olaloko
Robin Hoffland	22	Kurtis Wood

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