



**TUFFLEY ROVERS v
ROMAN GLASS
ST. GEORGE**

Saturday 1 March 2025
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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 Roman Glass St George FC. Welcome also to the match officials and our special guests from Gloucestershire Engineering Training (GET) who are sponsoring today's fixture.

As Frank Sinatra once said "now, the end is near" as our season moves into its final week. Read that again. The final week of our season. Yes, the final week, just as March starts. I find that unbelievable.

Ultimately, whilst the rather front-loaded Hellenic League fixture programme has been the main cause for this early finish, we have also been the authors of our own downfall, exiting most cup competitions at the first hurdle and then failing to defeat lower division opposition when we do make some progress. The consequence is that we have three remaining league games, but they will offer plenty to play for.

Since the 2015/16 season, when we played in the Premier Division for the first time since 2005, we haven't amassed more than 50 points and the only time we've landed squarely on that number of points being in 2016/17. We start this final week with three games ahead of us, with 47 points already in the bag and with a great opportunity to push for our highest points total since 2016/17. If we could somehow win all three home games then we would reach 56 points, which would be our joint sixth best in our Premier Division history.

Since that first toe in the water in 2015/16 we have twice finished tenth, our current position, but I suspect we will need to get around 56 points if that is to be repeated. Whatever the outcome, we should better last season's 14th place (unless we have a disastrous last week) so Muzzy's appetite for constant progress is likely to be satisfied.

Today's visitors have their own aspirations, and we will need to be at our best if we are to triumph. With the backing of our home support I hope that can be achieved, but it will be a very tough afternoon.

I hope everyone enjoys the game. Safe travels home.

- Neil

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Uhsport Hellenic League, Premier Division

- Mangotsfield United v Lydney Town
- Slimbridge v Brimscombe & Thrupp
- Sporting Club Inkberrow v Malmesbury Victoria
- Westfields v Thornbury Town

FA Vase, Quarter-Final

- Hartpury University v Erith & Belvedere

Marsh Challenge Cup, 4th Round

(selected fixtures)

- University of Bristol v Fairford Town
- Clanfield 85 v Cirencester Town
- Hereford Pegasus v Worcester Raiders
- Longlevens v Royal Wootton Bassett Town
- Shortwood United v Pershore Town

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Glevum Park. Welcome to all of the players, coaches, committee and supporters of our opponents today from Roman Glass St George, as well as our match day officials for this afternoon's encounter.

This afternoon's encounter will be a tricky fixture, as it always is, against a tough opponent. Roman Glass have been in the play-off places for nearly the entirety of this league campaign, which given how it seems everyone is capable of beating anyone in this competition, proves how consistent they have been.

Sadly, following our disappointing exit from three cup competitions in recent weeks, we only have three fixtures left this season, but on the whole it has been a successful campaign.

We welcome one of our valued sponsors to Glevum Park today, with Warren Thomas and colleagues from GET (Gloucestershire Engineering Training) here for the game. They have been incredibly supportive over the past couple of years, both in terms of financial support but also via support in helping us with some repair and improvement work at the ground. I hope we can ensure they have a great visit this afternoon.

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



Welcome to Glevum Park this afternoon to all players, management, officials and supporters from Roman Glass St George.

Our last few encounters against today's visitors have been relatively close, both home and away, with the odd goal tending to be decisive. I expect no different today, as they are pushing for the play-offs, and we are looking to beat last season's points tally to show genuine progression, season-on-season, since I arrived at the club. I believe there should be no end of season lull and we can only rest when we have no more games to play.

Our league form since 26 December is good, only losing narrowly to Worcester Raiders, alongside the recent defeat at Malmesbury, whilst we have beaten the in-form Towns (Cirencester and Pershore), whilst getting valuable points against Hartpury University, Mangotsfield United and Sporting Club Inkberrow.

Disappointingly, we have failed to have a cup run, not only as it would have extended the season but also because it takes away the feel good factor that reaching the latter stages of the cup brings within the club.

The disappointment of our latest cup defeat on Tuesday evening, means we have three games left in the league, with nine points to play for, against teams in the top and bottom league positions. I know we will be giving our all in each of these games.

Thank you all for your support. Enjoy the game.

- Muzz

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HELLENIC LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

Up to and including 25 February 2025

Pos	Team	Home					Away					Overall							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hartpury University	31	10	5	1	38	10	12	2	1	36	8	22	7	2	74	18	56	73
2	Mangotsfield United	35	11	3	3	35	12	9	7	2	31	12	20	10	5	66	24	42	70
3	Roman Glass St George	31	12	4	2	55	23	8	1	4	27	22	20	5	6	82	45	37	65
4	Sporting Club Inkberrow	32	8	4	3	25	14	10	5	2	34	16	18	9	5	59	30	29	63
5	Highworth Town	33	9	4	4	34	20	9	2	5	30	22	18	6	9	64	42	22	60
6	Royal Wootton Bassett Town	34	10	3	5	45	23	7	3	6	26	29	17	6	11	71	52	19	57
7	Worcester Raiders	35	8	6	4	39	20	6	7	4	23	19	14	13	8	62	39	23	55
8	Pershore Town	33	9	2	5	41	22	7	3	7	33	29	16	5	12	74	51	23	53
9	Fairford Town	32	7	4	5	27	22	7	5	4	28	21	14	9	9	55	43	12	51
10	Tuffrey Rovers	35	7	4	5	23	20	6	4	9	25	31	13	8	14	48	51	-3	47
11	Corsham Town	32	9	3	6	29	26	4	2	8	22	36	13	5	14	51	62	-11	44
12	Westfields	32	7	5	3	32	15	4	3	10	29	27	11	8	13	61	42	19	41
13	Hereford Pegasus	35	8	5	4	35	21	2	4	12	17	37	10	9	16	52	58	-6	39
14	Slimbridge	33	6	3	8	39	40	4	3	9	19	41	10	6	17	58	81	-23	36
15	Cirencester Town	33	4	3	11	23	37	6	2	7	24	26	10	5	18	47	63	-16	35
16	Thornbury Town	31	5	1	12	24	33	5	2	6	22	26	10	3	18	46	59	-13	33
17	Longlevens AFC	32	3	1	11	14	33	3	5	9	19	35	6	6	20	33	68	-35	24
18	Lydney Town	28	4	3	5	21	21	2	1	13	17	60	6	4	18	38	81	-43	22
19	Brimacombe & Thrupp	35	3	2	14	20	62	1	4	11	11	57	4	6	25	31	119	-88	18
20	Malmesbury Victoria	24	2	2	3	11	18	2	2	13	19	56	4	4	16	30	74	-44	16

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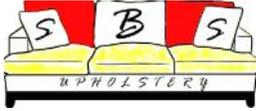


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On (or around) this day in history...

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 1 March, and there have been other memorable fixtures around the date that we have selected to reflect on our fortunes on or around this particular day...

1 March 2008

Tuffley Rovers returned from Ellwood without a point, despite several great opportunities to win the game. Peter Thomas went close after 6 minutes, before Ollie Everitt should have put the visitors ahead on 13 minutes but shot wide from just 6 yards. Mark Wallington was then denied by a wonderful save from Alex Goode, as Rovers pressed.



Daryl Addis, Alan Williams and Matt Foxwell all then had chances for Ellwood but were as profligate as their visitors and the game went into the interval at 0-0.



The winning goal came in the 57th minute, when Adam Stradling moved up for a free kick and headed the ball into the far corner from just inside the box leaving Rovers' keeper Mark Harris stranded. Pat Boyd then missed a great chance to level scores, with ten minutes remaining, but Goode was once again equal to his effort.

Squad: Mark Harris; Robert Cook; Mark Patterson; Stephen Summerell; Ben Surman; Jon Corbett; Gary Cornwall; Mark Wallington; Peter Thomas; Oliver Everitt; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Patrick Boyd; Adam Hacker.

3 March 2012

Tuffley Rovers cemented their position at the top of the Gloucestershire County League table after a 4-0 win over local rivals Longlevens, as the hosts put in a dominant performance.

The home side went ahead on 30 minutes, when Shayne Bradley scored from the penalty spot, after Mark Wallington had been brought down in the box.

Six minutes later they went 2-0 up, after Warren Mann seized on a mistake by the visitors keeper to score into the roof of the net. With the interval almost upon them, Rovers scored a third as Shayne Bradley turned in the box and drove the ball home through the legs of the keeper.

Kacey Johnstone made it 4-0 after 67 minutes, when he headed home a Warren Mann cross. In the 78th minute Tuffley took the opportunity to give a home debut to 16 year old Jordan Cooper, who is a prolific goal-scorer in their youth team.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Marcus Foxwell; Lee Wallington; Dean Gorman; Richard James; Kacey Johnstone; Mark Wallington; Jonathan Meadows; Warren Mann; Shayne Bradley; Courtney Hamilton. **Subs used:** Jordan Cooper; Mark Ford; Liam Harding.

2 March 2013

A top of the table fixture between hosts Kings Stanley and their visitors, Tuffley Rovers,

ended with honours even, as Richards James' penalty kick restored parity after Ben Newman's early goal had established a lead.

Rovers recovered from the early set-back of falling behind after just two minutes and gradually worked their way back into the game. Warren Mann almost pulled them level after 14 minutes, before James gave Stanley keeper Gavin Dean no chance with his spot kick, hammering it into the left corner.

In an end-to-end affair, where both sides created good chances, it was a surprise that neither team could find a winner in the second period, with the final score 1-1 enough to keep both sides in the fight for the Gloucestershire County League title.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Elliot King; Antoine Thompson; Marcus Foxwell; Leone Cornwall; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Kieran Tracey; Richard James; Max Blackmore; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** (None).

1 March 2014

A Shayne Bradley penalty and a rare Lee Brinkworth goal proved enough to bring home all three points from Tuffley Rovers' UHlsport Hellenic League Division One (West) fixture at Clanfield 85 FC, with caretaker management team John Hamilton and Spike Devlin securing a valuable win after five consecutive defeats in all competitions.

Squad: Christopher Perks; Marcus Foxwell; Matt Minett; Michael Devlin; Glenn Gittins; Elliot King; Courtney Hamilton; Mark Wallington; Shayne Bradley; Mark Ford; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Lee Brinkworth; Junior Mbika; Steve Bick.

1 March 2016

Despite a goal from former Lilywhites' player Jordan Fletcher, Tuffley Rovers returned from The Meadow without any points, as they succumbed to a 4-1 defeat against Brimscombe & Thrupp.

Squad: Aaron Taylor; Harry Walker; Tristan Haswell; Callum Preece; Kieran Squires; Warren Mann; Brett James; Mark Ford; Jordan Fletcher; Liam Wright; Walt Greenwood. **Subs used:** Macaulay Herbert; Shayne Bradley.

2 March 2019

Tuffley Rovers secured a valuable point at home against promotion chasing Bishops Cleeve, and Lewis Clayton's own goal looked to have secured an unlikely three points, until Kevin Slack's late equaliser earned Cleeve a share of the points at the end of a highly competitive 1-1 draw.

Will Dawes and Kieran Alder both had chances to give Rovers the lead, either side of Cleeve's prolific striker Jack Watts limping out of the game, but they did go in front through an unlikely source, as Payne launched a free-kick high towards the visitors' penalty-area, which Clayton came for but seemed unsure whether to catch or punch, only to push the ball back into his own net.

Rovers then survived an onslaught from the visiting side, and with 90 minutes gone it looked as if Rovers would hold on for another crucial home win, until Iuean Crowe whipped a dangerous cross in and it fell to another substitute, Slack, and he controlled the ball carefully before driving it past Luke Merchant with a crisp, left-footed shot.

Squad: Luke Merchant; Luke Payne; Brad Loveridge; Joel White; Macaulay Herbert; Paul Carter; Kieran Alder; Tyreece Briscoe; Adam Bloomfield; Will Dawes; Warren Mann. **Subs used:** Luke Troke; Jake Rhodes; 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 Inkerrow	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	Brimacombe & Thrupp	A	2-0	77	K Chambers, C Walters	
05/Nov	7:45pm	Brimacombe & 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	0-1	83	-	
21/Jan	7:45pm	Stonehouse Town	WLFC	A	1-2	62	K Chambers (pen)
25/Jan	3pm	Hartpury University	A	2-2	54	B Bevan, K Chambers (pen)	
01/Feb	3pm	Westfields	H	3-2	89	B Bevan, K Alder, O Barnes	
04/Feb	7:45pm	Shortwood United	MSCC	H	1-2	77	O Barnes (pen)
08/Feb	3pm	Sporting Club Inkerrow	H	0-0	73	-	
11/Feb	7:45pm	Mangotsfield United	A	2-2	129	B Bevan, J Creed (pen)	
18/Feb	7:45pm	Malmesbury Victoria	A	1-3	73	J Creed	
22/Feb	3pm	Pershore Town	A	2-0	108	K Chambers, C Walters	
25/Feb	7:45pm	Hallen	GFA	H	0-3	60	-
01/Mar	3pm	Roman Glass St George	H				
04/Mar	7:45pm	Brimacombe & Thrupp	H				
08/Mar	3pm	Corsham Town	H				

TOTAL APPEARANCES

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Goalscorers

Player	Goals	Player	Goals
Karnell Chambers	23	Jamie Creed	2
Brad Bevan	9	Dean Turner	1
Connor Walters	8	Mark Pritchett	1
Kieran Alder	4	Gino Valenti	1
Harley Mustoe	3	Hubert Zatorski	1
Tyrel Roberts	2	O.G.	1
Oli Barnes	2		

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

Goalkeeper

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

Robin Hoffland

Goalkeeper

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

Macaulay Herbert

Defence

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

Josh Stevens

Defence

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

Tawana 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 Tuesday, 25 February 2025
(includes selected list of former players)



We played our 42nd competitive fixture of the 2024/25 season on Tuesday evening and the line-up included many of the players who have most regularly appeared during this current season. The squad of sixteen for the game have now made a combined total of 463 appearances this season, which is an average of 29 appearances per player. Given that three of the players – Dan Lander, Jamie Creed and Robin Hoffland – have amassed only 12 appearances between them, that is a fairly impressive statistic and shows we've had a far more stable squad through the course of the season, than we have perhaps seen in recent years.

In all, only 33 players have appeared in Neil Mustoe's squad this season, which includes three who did not make an appearance (including Muzzy himself!), so we've actually used only 30 players, compared to 40 last season and 46 the season before. In the season when Muzzy first joined (in the New Year) we used a staggering 53 players, so perhaps that is a sign of improvement and stability, reflected in our league position and total points haul.

Here is to more years of stability and consistency!

Name	Apps	Goals	Name	Apps	Goals
Alder, Kieran	165	41	Lee, Matt	11	0
Barnes, Oli	9	2	Mann, Warren	543	85
Bevan, Bradley	63	11	McGuirk, Callum	116	0
Birkett, Henry	127	10	Merchant, Luke	153	0
Bourne, Riley	2	0	Middlecote, Martin	88	2
Bradley, Shayne	260	117	Mustoe, Harley	33	3
Chambers, Karnell	61	37	Mustoe, Neil	1	0
Changa, Tawana	12	0	Perks, Christopher	92	0
Clifford, Ellis	54	0	Pritchett, Mark	213	29
Clinton, Cole	4	0	Rhodes, Jake	75	25
Creed, Jamie	5	2	Roberts, Tyrel	32	2
Davies, Ashley	190	27	Simpson, Elijah	34	0
Dobbins, Ryan	87	18	Smith, Liam	105	1
Ford, Mark	164	61	Squires, Kieran	90	7
Foxwell, Marcus	302	32	Stevens, Josh	3	0
Griffith, Stuart	129	22	Turner, Dean	34	1
Hamilton, Courtney	178	6	Valenti, Gino	3	1
Haswell, Tristan	99	1	Wallington, Lee	131	4
Hoffland, Robin	13	0	Wallington, Mark	220	29
Herbert, Macaulay	318	10	Walters, Connor	83	17
Hicks, Sammie	67	2	Warrington, Corey	32	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	50	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.

ROMAN GLASS ST. GEORGE HISTORY

The club Roman Glass St George is the result of an amalgamation between Bristol St George and Roman Glass. Bristol St George was formed in 1882 and is the oldest club in Bristol. They were founder members of the GFA in 1886 and won the GFA Senior Challenge Cup on two occasions 1894 and 1895 beating Eastville Rovers 3-1 on the first occasion.

The club also entered the FA Cup in 1891 and the inaugural FA Amateur Cup in 1894. The current ground at Bell Hill was opened with a match between a Bristol & District XI and the English champions Aston Villa in 1894. In 1897 the club turned professional and spent two seasons in the Birmingham & District League. The club reverted to amateur status in 1901 and continued that way until joining the Western League in 1928. In 1935 after struggling financially they dropped out and joined the Bristol & District League once again. They won the first division only once in 1949/50 but were always a leading team until they became founder members of the Bristol Premier Combination in 1957. St George played in this league winning it five seasons in succession from 1963/64 season to 1967/68 until they joined the Gloucestershire County League on its formation in 1968.

The Sixties was the Golden era for the club as in addition to winning these league titles they also managed to win the Gloucestershire Senior Amateur Cup, five times which included four successive seasons. Success was also found in the FA Amateur Cup when they regularly took on the top amateur clubs in the Country such as Hendon, Dagenham, Hayes and Leytonstone in front of crowds numbering thousands. St George won the County league in 1969/70 and was runners-up twice before a gradual decline in fortunes until in 1987 the club were expelled from the league due to sub standard facilities. A return to the Premier Combination saw a brief improvement resulting in winning the Premier Division in 1992/93. With no promotion gained the club nosedived and were in danger of folding when Roman Glass stepped in.

Roman Glass originated as a street team called Wyndham Wanderers in 1960 and played in the Bristol Church of England League and then joined the Bristol & District League in 1974. The club enjoyed moderate success gradually climbing the leagues and in 1980 changed its name to Roman Glass. The club began to decline until in 1990 Roger Hudd took over as manager and steered them to win the Division 4 title the club continued to improve gaining successive promotions until the amalgamation in 1995.

Roman Glass St George in the Premier Combination immediately gained success, winning promotion to the Premier Division that season and then winning that league in 1998/99 season to earn promotion to the County League. The club won the County league in 2001/02 and then season 2006/07 which resulted in promotion to the Toolstation (Western) League, a league the club last played in, in 1935.

Following Promotion to Step 5 of the pyramid Roman Glass St George FC had two Seasons in the Toolstation Western League Premier Division, but due to the NLS restructure, now compete in the Hellenic League Premier Division.



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 all the questions and answers are about things linked to Romans (or sounding like Romans!)....

1. Can you name the famous Brazilian goalkeeper (pictured) who made 87 full international appearances between 2004 and 2014, whose name sounds a little like a Roman Emperor?



2. Born in Rome, Francesco Totti played for home city club Roma from 1993-2017, appearing on no fewer than 786 times in all competitions. He scored 307 goals in all. He was nearly 41 years of age when he retired. How many Serie A titles did he win during that time?

3. For which country does Bristol Rovers' former Walsall, West Bromwich Albion and Brentford player Romaine Sawyers (near enough to Roman!) play his international football?

4. Four Italian managers have led teams to the Premier League title. Only one was born in Rome. Can you name all four and which one is a Roman?

5. Can you name the three **Romanian** (!!) players pictured below?



(A)



(B)



(C)

Quiz Answers: (1) Julio César; (2) One, in 2000/01; (3) Saint Kitts and Nevis; (4) Claudio Ranieri is the only Roman to lead a team to the title, but fellow Italians Roberto Mancini, Carlo Ancelotti and Antonio Conte have all won the title; (5) a - Gheorghe Hagi; b - Marius Lăcătuș; c - Cristian Chivu.



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Elijah Simpson	4	Chris Lines
Macaulay Herbert	5	Lloyd Mills ©
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Corey Warrington	7	Joe McClennan
Dean Turner	8	Jenisson Myrie-Williams
Karnell Chambers	9	Neikell Plummer
Kieran Alder	10	Jack Smith
Brad Bevan	11	Laurent Davis-Wilson
Tawana Changa	12	Charlie Boorman
Oliver Barnes	14	Josh Jenkins
Jamie Creed	15	Isiah Crawford
Gino Valenti	16	Lewis Gilchrist
Daniel Lander	17	Conor Haryley
Connor Walters	18	Tom Anthony
Mark Pritchett	19	Josh Egan
Liam Smith	20	Tony Beecham
Leo Rose	21	Andy Gurney
Warren Mann	22	Ben Courtier

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

White shirts; Black shorts; Black socks (GK: Orange).

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Liam O'Neill	ASST. MANAGER	Josh Egan
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