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# WELCOME

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Cornell & Company Stadium (Saw Mills) for tonight's Les James League Cup fixture against Chalford AFC.

It was an entertaining game in the week for our reserves against Bishops Cleeve Development. A competitive, end to end game with lots of missed chances against a very good Cleeve side ended in a 2-1 loss. A harsh result really with two big chances missed at the end to come away with at least a point which was no more than they deserved. One thing that you couldn't fault on Tuesday was the fight and desire from the lads.

Chalford will present a testing game for us tonight. They have had a tough opening set of fixtures and have a credible set of results against some good teams. Both sides came up into the league through winning the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and both sides were victims of the pathetic play-off system that is still in place. Quite simply, if you win the league you go up! Hopefully this will change in the not to distant future!

A warm welcome to tonight's match official Liam Baker, assisted by Charlie Hince and Stuart Evans.

A reminder tonight that in the event it ends after 90 minutes in a draw, it will be decided on penalties – there is no extra time.

**Enjoy the game!**

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**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 Marcliff Gloucestershire County 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 youth section gives 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.

Meanwhile, in the 2014-15 season, our reserve team won the Stroud & District Football League Division 1 title which ensured promotion to the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League. A third-place finish in the GNSL Division 2 in the 2016-17 season resulted in promotion to GNSL Division 1.

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 for our 1<sup>st</sup> team 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.

For our reserves in 2023-24, they took the GNSL Division 1 season down to the wire where the last game of the season, Chalford vs. Tredworth Tigers, resulted in a three-way title decider. A win for either of them secured the title whereas a draw would hand it to Longlevens Reserves. Despite being 1-1 going into the 90<sup>th</sup> minute, Chalford would go on to snatch a winner handing them the GNSL Division 1 title. Chalford were finally promoted to Gloucestershire County League having won the title the year before only to be denied by the controversial play-off system, meanwhile Longlevens Reserves had to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup>.

After 4 seasons at the helm, both Michael Palmer and Craig “Spider” Martin stepped down as co-managers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Team. having secured our Hellenic League Premier Division status on the last day of the 2024-25 season. Buster Davies and Pete Boyle were appointed as new managers for the 2025-26 season.

The 2025-26 season was a successful one for Buster and Pete’s first season. A solid 11<sup>th</sup> place finish in the league campaign was topped off with winning the Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup beating Hungerford Town U23s in the final.

The reserve team finally went on to secure the GNSL Division 1 title having spent 4 seasons prior never finishing outside the top four. The season evolved into what became a four-way contest between Longlevens Reserves, Whaddon United, English Bicknor and Dursley Town. Longlevens Reserves would ultimately make it over the line beating English Bicknor 2-1 in their penultimate game. In the County Cup, the reserves reached the final playing the 2025-26 Gloucestershire County League champions Sharpness. They were narrowly defeated 4-3 with Sharpness scoring in the last minute to win the game.

Promotion to the Gloucestershire County League was not without controversy, however. Despite winning the league, the reserves had to face Bristol & Suburban League champions Wessex Wanderers in a farcical play-off competition to gain promotion where they won 2-0. It did end up taking the FA to confirm the result in a hearing weeks after the game where Longlevens Reserves were finally confirmed to be promoted to Step 7.

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# Player Profiles

## LONGLEEVENS RESERVES

**Jack Sargeant** – Young GK entering his 3rd season with the club following youth team football. Growing in confidence and stature year by year. More than plays his part when required.

**Jack Stokes** – Veteran Keeper. Has been with the side for a number of years, always manages a hand full of games every season and a regular amongst the support staff.

**Rylan Snelgrove** – Combative fullback. A Big character at a young age. A great left foot with an eye for a good delivery in forward areas.

**Ollie Morrissey** – Mature beyond his years. Successive Managers player of the year now. Can play Midfield and fullback. Guaranteed 7/10 every week without fail.

**Fin Kent** – Another who can play in multiple Positions. Whippet like speed who always offers a threat from wide areas.

**Toby Boakes** – Ex Youth team captain. Taken to senior football like a duck to water. A really good 1-1 defender and doesn't often get beaten in the air.

**Tom Spencer** – Young defender who spent the majority of last season playing 1st team football and will be hoping to do the same again this season. Experienced head on young shoulders.

**Luke Troke** – Composed Full back/Centre Half. Always plays like he has loads of time on his hands. Bags of tricks with a good left foot.

**Mike Thornton** – Veteran Defender/Midfielder entering his 1st full season with the club. Another to hang your hat on when needed in important games. Experience at this level and above with previous clubs.

**Luke Kavanagh** – Entering his 14th season with the club. Last season's players player of the season. Natural leader. Won the County league 3x before. Twice with the first team.

**James Barnett** – Defender turned Striker. Always managed to score goals consistently at GNSL. Another one who is ever present on important games.

**Harley Walsh** – Up and coming young defender. Not looked out of place so far, when called upon. Will Only get better in playing more games at senior level.

**Kaya Demirok** – Another youth team graduate, can also play in multiple positions. Always gives 110% to everything he does on the pitch. Another left footed player.

**Jack Cornell** – Team Captain. Consistent player through midfield and in forward areas. Always offers a threat towards the oppositions goal.

**Josh Gallifant** – Returning back to the side after a few years out with injury. An eloquent midfield player, who always plays on the half turn.

**Phill Blackburn** – Ever present midfielder. Forever young, who seems to have been around the club for centuries! Easily the fittest player on the side who always contributes when needed.

**Fin Rankin** – Full metal forward player who likes to take defenders on at will. Another one of the clubs emerging talents, always knocking on the door of the first team Squad.

**Josh Bird** – 1st season at the club and has impressed in pre-season. Neat and tidy winger, who rarely puts a foot wrong in his build up play.

**Luke Twynning** – Returning combative midfielder with bags of potential to fulfill. Looking forward to seeing him back at Levens this coming season.

**Brad Martin** – Reputation at the club for nothing but scoring goals. 250+ goals at first team level. Dropped down last season for family reasons. Massive addition to the side. Previous 2 x winner of the county league with the first team.

**Leo Marsden-Green** – Cultured forward player. Builds any attack nicely and always creates chances. Big season ahead for this player.

**Theo Bevan** – “Starboy” is how he is also known. An emerging talent at still such a young age. A big future to come at the club and beyond if he can keep his feet on the ground.

**Craig Martin** – “Mr Longlevens AFC”. Not a role at the club he hasn’t fulfilled both on and off the football pitch. Stepped down as first team manager before last season and won promotion with the 2nds in the first season under his management.

**Ben Symons** – Perfect right hand man. Black book as big as any manager. A plethora of experience in management across many years.

**Mike Rinaldi** – The joker of any pack. Consistent, ever reliant figure in the management side, another leader in nature and someone you can put your mortgage on to have your back.

**Dale Rawlins** – Ex 2nd team manager returning to the fold as a support act. Another with bags of experience in management to offer support across all the players involved.

**Nathan Brown** – No side functions without a bloke like this. Turns up, never moans, does the job nobody else wants to do and supports the lads regardless.



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## Club History



Founded in 1891 Chalford joined the Mid-Glos League in 1894 playing their games at the Pleasure Ground whilst changing in the YMCA hut. As with many clubs during this time membership of more than one league was normal and in 1898 they also joined the newly formed Dursley & District League, winning the league in 1900-01. 1902 saw the formation of the Stroud & District League with again Chalford being founder members. In 1922 the club were founding members of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and in fact took part in the first ever league game when the club visited Broadwell. Despite taking a 2-0 lead they eventually lost 3-2. The club continued membership for 5 seasons but withdrew due to financial reasons and entered the newly formed Stroud Premier Division. In 1931 they rejoined the GNSL retaining membership until the outbreak of WWII. By this time the club was now playing at the Sycamores using the local Mechanics Pub as their changing quarters.

After the war they immediately rejoined the GNSL and in 1953 with the formation of two Divisions they found themselves in Division One. In the mid 50s plans were well afoot to have a permanent home at Highfield and on 31st August 1957 the first game was played on the new ground with Chalford beating Bream 6-1. This game was actually a Division 2 fixture with the club having been relegated the season before. By strange coincidence the club finished Runners-Up in 1958-59 behind Bream regaining their Division One status. By 1962-63 they were back in Division 2. In 1975-76 they finished Runners-Up in Division 2 behind local rivals Forest Green Rovers Reserves. 1977-78 saw the zenith of the clubs success with the lifting of the GNSL Championship. The title race went down to the wire with Championship rivals Lydney Town the visitors to Highfield on the last game of the season. In front of a large crowd Lydney had a goal disallowed and then a penalty saved before goals from Paul Tester and Nick Rock (penalty) secured a 2-0 win and that first Championship win. Sadly the club were relegated back to Division 2 in 1981-82 and even worse followed with their relegation from the league in 1987.

After 15 seasons in the doldrums the club finally regained their GNSL membership in 2002 immediately gaining promotion after finishing third behind Warden Hull United and Whitecroft. Relegation in 2006 saw them flounder in Division 2 for 11 seasons before winning the Division in 2016-17. After finishing Runners Up to Sharpness in 2018-19 the club is now hoping to emulate the 1977-78 season and lift the title again.

Last season saw the club once again finish runners-up in Division One but this time finishing 7 points behind Cheltenham Civil Service. They did however lift the Reg Davis Trophy for the 2nd time running by beating the eventual league champions 4-3 in an exhilarating final at Lydney that went right to the wire. The club are therefore keen to make league history by being the first club to achieve a hat-trick of wins.



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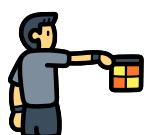


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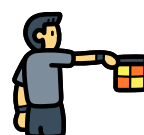
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