



Gresley & District Charity Cup 1894-95

Winner: Gresley Rovers
Runner-up: Newhall
No. of entries: 8

Round 1

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
12.1.1895	Ashby Albion Fearn Elliott (2) Dennis AN Others	7 (4)	1 (0)	Woodville	The Holmes, Ashby. Weather was intensely cold and the ground was covered in snow Attendance was of a "limited dimension." Ashby started the game with 7 players.
12.1.1895	Corinthians H Geary (2) AN Other	3 (1)	1 (1)	Moira Rovers Wyatt	Played on Burton Swifts ground
12.1.1895	Newhall AN Other (pen)	1 (0)	0 (0)	Coalville Town	Snow-covered field. Small attendance.
12.1.1895	St Paul's Institute	3	4	Gresley Rovers	

Semi-Finals

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
16.3.1895	Gresley Rovers	2	0	Ashby Albion	
2.3.1895	Burton Corinthians	0	3	Newhall	

Final

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
30.3.1895	Gresley Rovers Allman	1 (0)	0 (0)	Newhall	Played in a field adjoining the National School kindly lent to them by Mrs Woodward. 2,000 spectators. Gate receipts c.£20. Sir Robert Gresley kicked off at 3.40 pm. Lady Frances Gresley presented the cup to the captain of the winning team

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

GRESLEY CHARITY

FIRST ROUND

ASHBY ALBION v WOODVILLE

Played at Ashby, on snow-clad ground. Ashby started with seven men, but Woodville were kept out, and at half-time the home side had scored four goals. Woodville scored soon after resuming, but Ashby soon responded, and playing by far the best football scored a couple more. Towards the close Woodville had the best of matters, but could not add to their score. Result:

ASHBY, seven goals

WOODVILLE, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 14 January 1895

CORINTHIANS v. ROVERS

Played on the Burton Swifts' ground (kindly lent). The Rovers won the toss, and choose the wind at their backs, which aided them considerably, but the home defence played grandly and kept them out well for a

while, but at last the left wing got well down and scored with a long shot, Wyatt slipping in trying to save. The home left then got away, and from a good run down H. Geary equaliser, half-time arriving with the score

Corinthians	1
Rovers	1

On resuming the home team got well down, and W. Port sent a well-directed shot along the ground which the goalkeeper saved, only to handle again very shortly after, and it was only the vilest of luck that kept the home team from scoring; but, not to be denied, W. Geary added another point. The home team still kept up the pressure, the Rovers' backs and goalkeeper giving numerous corners to save, which were well placed, W. Port having hard lines in heading one on the bar. The Corinthians forwards again got well down, and out of a scrimmage in goal added No. 3. The villagers broke away from the start, but the half-backs were playing a game and frustrated all their efforts the home team returning to the attack, and splendid goalkeeping of Moira saving them from a heavy defeat. The visitors towards the close made a good run and had hard lines in not adding to their scoter Tunnicliff kicking away just in time. Nothing of importance took place after this, the result being-

CORINTHIANS	3
ROVERS	1

Burton Chronicle 17 January 1895

NEWHALL v COALVILLE

This match, in the first round of the Gresley Charity Cup, was played on Saturday on a snow-covered ground, at Newhall, before a small company of spectators. Coalville won the toss, and kicked with the wind and slope in their favour. Play ruled fast and ever, both goals being visited, but at half-time the score sheet was clean. Resuming, Newhall took the play into the visitors' quarters, one half of the ground being big enough for both teams, as Coalville packed their goal like a stone wall. Corner after corner was put in, but of no avail, the ball going anywhere but between the sticks. Eventually a penalty kick was awarded to the home team, and a goal resulted, Newhall thus entering the semi-final with the score:—

NEWHALL	1
COALVILLE	0

Burton Chronicle 17 January 1895

ST PAUL'S INSTITUTE v GRESLEY ROVERS

FINAL SCORE

ROVERS	4
ST PAUL'S	3

Burton Chronicle 17 January 1895

GRESLEY CHARITY CUP

SEMI-FINAL

NEWHALL v BURTON CORINTHIANS

Played at Gresley, on the Rovers ground, on Saturday, before a good number of spectators. Newhall won the toss and kicked with the wind, and after a few unsuccessful attempts Newhall got one past White, and another was put on before half-time, the Corinthians' few shots that were put in being easily got away by Taft. Half-time: Newhall 2, Corinthians 0. On resuming, Newhall soon scored by Poxon, which was disallowed, but No.3 was soon afterwards scored, the game resulting:-

NEWHALL	3
CORINTHIANS	0

Burton Chronicle - 7 March 1895

GRESLEY CHARITY CUP FINAL

GRESLEY ROVERS v NEWHALL

This match was played in the field adjoining the National School (kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs Woodward) on Saturday last. The weather was of a most unpropitious character but there was close upon a £20 gate. Sir Robert Gresley set the ball rolling at 3-40, and Newhall at the outset pressed heavily, but Langford and his backs proved equal to all the calls made upon him. while the Newhall defence was also good. At half-time the score sheet was blank, but in changing over the Rovers, who were playing the better

football, took the lead, Allman shooting into the net after a capital run. Newhall tried hard to get on equal terms, but the Rovers half-backs were too clever for them as a rule, and the end came with the more:

GRESLEY ROVERS	1
NEWHALL	0

At the close of the game Lady Frances Gresley presented the cup to the captain of the winning team and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for so doing.

Burton Chronicle - 4 April 1895