



Coalville & District Challenge Cup 1892-93

Winner: Swadlincote Town
Runner-up: Coalville Town
No. of entries: 12

Coalville Town [Cup holders] lost to Swadlincote in the final.

No result has been found for the Round 2 replay between Woodville and Burton Ivanhoe.

Mr W E Taylor, referee in the Cup tie between Gresley Rovers and Leicester Fosse Rovers on 4 February reported Gresley on the ground that he had been threatened by spectators. The charge was considered proved after an investigation by Leicestershire Football Association. There was a further charge against Gresley, that a player threatened the Fosse players. Gresley brought a counter-charge against the referee, which was not considered proved.

Controversy was caused within the local media when it was reported that the Association had spent £12 on medals for the 1892-3 season. Further criticism was made about the cup itself with comments such as it is "not one of the brightest". Leicester Fosse Rovers reputedly stated that "if they won it they could hardly take it home! Mr Peplow, who donated the cup offered to take it back and offered twice the value, but the Association refused - *Coalville Times* - 24 November 1893

Round 1

#	Date	Home			Away	Venue
1	29.10.1892	Coalville East End	5	1	Whitwick Town	Whitwick protested to the Cup committee that Coalville East End's pitch was too small. The appeal was upheld and the game was ordered to be replayed.
2	24.12.1892	Gresley Rovers	1	1	Hugglescote Robin Hood	
3	24.12.1892	Leicester Fosse Rovers Carter W Brown (2) T Brown Bailey AN Other	7 (2)	0 (0)	Coalville Albion	Walnut-street ground. 200 spectators.

Byes:- Gresley Swifts, Swadlincote Town, Coalville Town, Burton Ivanhoe, Woodville.

Round 1 Replays

	Date	Home			Away	Venue
4	24.12.1892	Whitwick Town	2	1	Coalville East End	
5	11.1.1893	Hugglescote Robin Hood	0	8	Gresley Rovers	

Round 2

	Date	Home			Away	Venue
6	18.2.1893	Coalville Town	4	0	Gresley Swifts	
7	4.2.1893	Gresley Rovers	1	0	Leicester Fosse	Played at Gresley. Large company of spectators. The only goal was scored 5 mins before time. Fosse missed a penalty.

8	14.1.1893	Whitwick	2 (2)	6 (6)	Swadlincote Town	
9	4.2.1893	Woodville	1	1	Burton Ivanhoe	Burton were without 4 of their key players. Very even and well contested game.

Round 2 Replay

Date	Home	W	Away	Venue
10	Woodville		Burton Ivanhoe	

Semi-Finals

Date	Home	W	Away	Venue
11	Gresley Rovers AN Other	1 (0)	4 (2) Venison W Smith AN Others	Good Friday
12	Swadlincote Town Allmann Moon Parker	3 (0)	2 (2) Burton Ivanhoe AN Others	Fox & Goose Ground, Coalville. Attendance – 2000 spectators. Swadlincote came from 2-0 to win the game.

Final

Date	Home	W	Away	Venue
13	Swadlincote Town	6	2 Coalville Town	At Coalville

Match Reports

#1 COALVILLE CUP

FIRST ROUND

COALVILLE EAST END v WHITWICK

Played at Coalville, and ended in a victory for the East Enders. Score:-

COALVILLE, five goals;

WHITWICK, one goal

Leicester Daily Post – 31 October 1892

#2 HUGGLESCOTE v GRESLEY ROVERS

Result:

A DRAW, one goal each.

Leicester Daily Post – 26 December 1892

#3 FOSSE ROVERS v COALVILLE ALBION

This match, in the first round of the above competition, was played on the Walnut-street Ground, before about 200 spectators. The ground was very hard. Albion kicked off and after some open play the Fosse rushed the ball down, but it struck the post and went out of play. A corner was granted to the homesters, but Gardner kicked behind, Tomlinson and Davis were kept busy for some time, but they cleared by a series of long kicks. A corner was conceded to the Albion, but the two Brown's gained possession and took the ball up the field, the Fosse were then given a 'free' for foul play. Cornell took the kick, and put the ball well up to the posts, with the result that Carter scored a goal for the homesters. The Fosse continued to attack. Carter had a good chance to score, but kicked over. The Fosse again rushed the ball down and T Brown had hard lines in not scoring, the ball just grazing the bar, By a bit of good play the Albion took the ball down, and a shot was sent in, which De Ville just managed to save at the cost of a corner, from which, however, nothing resulted. Another visit was paid to the visitors; goal, but the first shot struck one of the posts, and the other went over. De Ville was then called upon to handle. The visitors' goal was now strongly attacked, and Massry kicked out several times, but at last W Brown beat him with a swift low shot. Clay went down with a

splendid dribble, and sent in a good shot, but De Ville was safe, and fisted out in grand style. Nothing more was done to half-time, when the score stood:

FOSSE ROVERS, two goals;
COALVILLE ALBION nil.

Restarting, the visitors sent off with a rush and De Ville had to save twice in quick succession. The home forwards took the ball down and W Brown scored another goal, W Brown scored another goal, while a minute later T Brown repeated the performance, the ball striking the goal-keeper and bouncing through. The Fosse now had the best of the play, and a hot attack was kept on the visitors, with the result that Carter put in a nice centre, which Bailey headed through. The Fossils kept up the attack, and another goal was scored by one of the forwards, and a few seconds later Bailey headed another through, in the second half the play was very uninteresting, the Fosse having matters all their own way. The Fosse forwards (Bailey especially) played an exceedingly good game, and there was little to choose between any of them. The half-backs played up well, Viccars being prominent at centre. The backs were not called upon, but when necessary they played a sound defensive game. Result:

FOSSE ROVERS, seven goals;
COALVILLE ALBION, nil

The following were the teams:-

Fosse Rovers: T de Ville, goal; W Tomlinson and W Davis, backs; A Cornell, A Vickers and F Gardner (captain), half-backs; E Mouel, A Carter, J Bailey, T Brown and W Brown, forwards. Coalville Albion: E Massey, goal; J Tivey and A Wright, backs; W King (captain), A Tyler and G Blockley, half-backs; F Clay J King, A West, E Tyler and Wale, forwards. Referee , Mr Weston, Wigston.

Leicester Daily Post - 26 December 1892

#4 WHITWICK v COALVILLE

Result:

WHITWICK, two goals;
COALVILLE, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 26 December 1892

#5 FOOTBALL - HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD v GRESLEY SWIFTS - These teams met at Gresley on Wednesday in the first round of the Coalville Charity Cup. On a previous occasion a draw was made, but on Wednesday the Robins sustained a severe "drubbing," their opponents scoring eight goals to nil. The Hugglescote men were unfortunate in not being able to put their full strength on the field, Poole (centre forward), W Cross (left wing), and others being absent, whilst the Rovers played an extremely strong team. The referee had to caution several players for foul play. The Robins played a plucky uphill game, but missed every opportunity of scoring.

Leicester Daily Mercury - 14 January 1893

#6 WOODVILLE v BURTON IVANHOE. These teams met at Woodville on Saturday, in the second round of the above cup. The visitors were without four of their regular team, while Woodville played their eleven. A very even and well-contested game ended in a draw.

IVANHOE 1
WOODVILLE 1

Burton Chronicle - 9 February 1893

#7 COALVILLE CHARITY CUP

SECOND ROUND

GRESLEY ROVERS v LEICESTER FOSSE

Played at Gresley, before a large company of spectators The homesters played their full strength, and the Fosse had a good team. The game from the start was very fast, the ball being turned from goal to goal in very quick time, but up to the interval neither side had gained any advantage. On the ball being started, the home team had very hard lines in not scoring, the crossbar being struck twice in quick succession, and the Fosse clearing. Play continued to be fast and furious, each goal being alternately visited, and only by the good play on the part of the respective custodians was scoring prevented. Up to within five minutes of time no point had been gained, but at this juncture, however, the home team, who were playing a good

combined game, succeeded in beating the goal- keeper and scored the only goal obtained by either party, the game thus ending in a win for Gresley and carrying them into the semi-final. Final:

GRESLEY ROVERS	1
FOSSE	1

A special feature the gems was the superb goal-keeping of Landlord (Gresley), who was successful in stopping a fast shot from a penalty kick. The penalty granted by the referee (Mr. Taylor, Leicester), because the Gresley goal-keeper, after disposing of a shot in a neat manner, "grassed" one of his opponents who had "gone for him." A discussion ensued as to whether penalty could be granted under the circumstances, but the referee's decision was finally respected and the penalty shot kicked, only to be stopped amid deafening cheers. For some time in the second half Gresley played only ten men, being without Sharpe, who had to be carried off the field through a severe kick below the knee, which at one time was considered serious. He rallied, however, and resumed play, the dense crowd cheering him for his pluck. The goal scored was put through by him from a splendid low shot by "Sammy" Thompson, who had received from Robinson after a splendid run. Gresley team: Langford (goal), Harrison, Topliss (backs), Dale, Thompson, Richards (half-backs), Sharpe, Robinson, Fox, Hart, Sammy Thompson (forwards).

Burton Chronicle - 9 February 1893

#8 COALVILLE CHARITY CUP

WHITWICK ROVERS v. SWADLINCOTE TOWN. Played at Whitwick on Saturday. The visitors' captain won the toss, and chose to play with the wind. Soon after starting the Rovers were considerably pressed, Ottey being called upon to save several shots. At length, however, Tugby, in trying clear, kicked through his own goal. From the kick-off the home team got away and forced a corner, but the backs cleared with long kicks, and the right wing, getting possession, scored the second goal which was followed by two more in a very short time. Whitwick round up, and Commons worked hard, the result being that he added two points for his side before the visitors made any addition to their score. Swadlincote, however, were not to be denied, and soon returned the compliment by adding two more goals to their total before the interval, which arrived the score : Swadlincote six goals, Whitwick Rovers two. Resuming, the home team made tracks for their opponents' citadel, which they completely swarmed for a time. Shot after shot was sent in, and repelled in fine style by the Boam, on one occasion, from a foul sent the ball through, but the point was disallowed, the leather not having touched anyone save the kicker. Neither side scored in second half, and the result declared Swadlincote to compete in the next round for the trophy. The Rovers team J. Ottey, goal; G Tugby and A. Eames, backs; J. Tugby, J. Moore, and T. Boam, half-backs; T Garratt, T. Middleton, G. Boam, P. Commons, and W. Middleton, forwards.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News- 19 January 1893

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Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 19 January 1893

#11 COALVILLE v GRESLEY ROVERS

The other competing teams were Coalville and Gresley Rovers, the former winning easily.

Gresley Rovers: Perks (goal), Topliss, Harrison (backs), Dale, Thompson, Richards (half-backs), Robinson, Langford, Fox, Thompson, and Hart (forwards); Coalville: A Walker (goal), Eales, Nichols (backs), Webster, Beadman, Chambers (half-backs), Glover, Brownlove, Venison, W Smith and R Smith (forwards).

The wind had dropped considerably when this game commenced. From the start Coalville seemed to have matters pretty much as they liked, the visitors goal being vigorously assailed. A good shot by Venison scored the first point, a second point being made by W Smith. The half-time score reading:

Coalville	2
Gresley	0

The game got rather faster after the re-start, Gresley evidently finding their mistake out, played a much better game, but the spurt came too late. They were only successfully enough to obtain a point, while their opponents added two to their previous score. Final:

COALVILLE	4
GRESLEY ROVERS	1

The heroes of Saturday week at Burton against Tutbury suffered a crushing defeat partly through self-confidence and partly through loose play, the game being conspicuous by the absence of combination on the part of the visitors. On the other hand Coalville played a smart game, and well deserved the victory they attained.

Leicester Chronicle - 6 April 1893

#12 COALVILLE CHARITY CUP

SEMI-FINAL

SWADLINCOTE v BURTON IVANHOE

The semi-finals of the Coalville Charity Cup were decided on Good Friday on the "Fox and Goose" ground Coalville, before about 2,000 spectators. The first teams to enter the lists were Swadlincote and Burton Ivanhoe, Swadlincote running out winners.

Burton Ivanhoe: H Bunting (goal), T. Felthouse, Lowe (backs), Dolman, Potts, W. Felthouse (half-backs), Haywood, Sharp, Keats, Ash. and Haines (forwards); Swadlincote: Simpkins (goal), Kinston, Jones (backs); Jackson, Jones, Wright (half-backs), Allman, Shemwell, Brierly, Parker, and Moon (forwards). Referee, Sergt Clover.

Brierly started for Swadlincote against a very strong wind blowing straight down the ground. Ivanhoe returned and scored a few minutes front start. Swadlincote continued to play a good defensive game, but could not get the ball down the ground because of the force of the wind. From the aspect of affairs one could see which way the game would go when the order of kicking was changed, although being thus considerably handicapped Swadlincote had decidedly the best of the play, their kicking being very clear. The Ivanhoe, however, were successful in getting another point just before the half-time call. The score reading at the whistle -

Burton Ivanhoe	2
Swadlincote	0

From the restart, with the wind at their backs Swadlincote began to make matters pretty lively for Bunting, that player clearing well until beaten with a stinger from Allmann. A second goal was put on a short time later by Moon, and a third by Paker, the game eventually ending in favour of Swadlincote. Score

Swadlincote	3
Ivanhoe	2

Leicester Chronicle - 6 April 1893

#13 COALVILLE CHARITY CUP

SWADLINCOTE v COALVILLE TOWN

At Coalville. Result:

Swadlincote, six goals;
COALVILLE, two goals.

Leicester Daily Post - 4 April 1893

Additional Information

COALVILLE CHARITY CUP.
ENTRIES FOR THE ABOVE CLOSE ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.
Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.
J. S. BERTENSHAW, Hon. Sec.,
London-road, Coalville.

Leicester Daily Post - 8 September 1892