



Gresley & District Charity Cup 1895-96

Winner: Gresley Rovers
Runner-Up: Swadlincote
No. of entries: ?

Little information has been found to date regarding the early rounds of the competition.

Round 1

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
1	18.1.1896	Gresley Rovers	1 (0)	0 (0)	Gresley Swifts
2	26.12.1895	Hugglescote Robin Hood J Smith	1 (0)	0 (0)	Winshill Garners Ground, Hugglescote. Rice [Hugglescote] missed a first half penalty. Hugglescote had a goal disallowed.

Round 2

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
3	22.2.1896	Swadlincote	3 (1)	0 (0)	Ashby Albion

Semi-Finals

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
4	7.3.1896	Gresley Rovers	5 (2)	1 (0)	Overseal At Gresley. Good gate.
5	14.3.1896	Swadlincote	4 (3)	0 (0)	Newhall

Final

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
6	28.3.1896	Gresley Rovers	0	0	Swadlincote At Gresley. 2,000 spectators. Rough weather.

Final - Replay

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
7	18.4.1896	Gresley Rovers	5 (1)	2 (1)	Swadlincote Swadlincote fielded two reserve players

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

#1 GRESLEY CHARITY CUP

GRESLEY ROVERS v GRESLEY SWIFTS

This tie in the second round was played on Saturday. The first half was evenly contested, the Rovers scoring through Sharp. The Swifts had three goals disallowed, the Rovers led by one to none at the interval, but the Swifts missed a good opening early on resuming. From then the Rovers pressed continuously, but could not score again. Result:

GRESLEY ROVERS 1 goal
 Gresley Swifts 0 goal.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph - 20 January 1896

#2 Gresley Charity Cup

Hugglescote Robin Hood v Winshill

These team met in the first round of the Gresley Charity Cup on Garner's Ground, Hugglescote yesterday (Boxing Day). Winshill won the toss and elected to play down hill, the Robins starting the game in the presence of a goodly number of spectators. The home team pressed for some time, several corners being awarded them but they all proved fruitless. One of the visitors deliberately punched the ball and a penalty kick was given against them. Rice took the kick, but Rocxer, the visitors' custodian smartly saved. The Robins kept up their pressure and secured a number of corners, but half-time arrived with a clean sheet:

Hugglescote	0
Winshill	0

Soon after the restart, Rice got away, passed to Reed and J. Smith opened the score with a splendid shot. Later on H. Smith scored another goal for the homesters, but it was ruled offside by the referee. The visiting backs defended grandly, the result being that the Robins were unable to increase their score. W. Smith and Moore sent in some fine shots, which just went over the crossbar, and when the time arrived the score stood:

Robin Hood	1
Winshill	0

Coalville Times - 27 December 1895

#4 GRESLEY CHARITY CUP

SEMI-FINAL

GRESLEY ROVERS v OVERSEAL

At Gresley before a good gate. The home team had the best of the play, Wright and Leigh scoring for them. Score at the interval: Gresley 2 goals; Overseal 0 goal. In the second portion the Rovers were pressing nearly the whole of the time. They added three more, and the visitors scoring one, the final result was

GRESLEY	5 goals,
Overseal	1 goal

Sheffield Daily Telegraph - 9 March 1896

#5 GRESLEY CHARITY CUP

SEMI-FINAL

SWADLINCOTE v NEWHALL

Played on the Gresley Ground, in fine weather and before a good gate. Swadlincote had the best of the game, but could not score until twenty minutes, when the ball was rushed through. Two more were added before the interval, when Swadlincote led by three goals to none. The second half was more evenly contested, Potts scoring for Swadlincote. Result:

SWADLINCOTE	4 goals
Newhall	0 goal

Sheffield Daily Telegraph - 16 March 1896

#6 GRESLEY CHARITY CUP

FINAL TIE

SWADLINCOTE v GRESLEY ROVERS

At Gresley, in rough and wintry weather, 2,000 spectators being present. Playing with the sun behind them, Gresley caused Barnes to handle, and each custodian dealt with good shots, the game being ragged. At half-time nothing was scored. During the second portion each team had hard lines. Gresley missing a good chance, but no goals being registered. The result was a pointless draw, and the game will have to be replayed. Final:-

Gresley Rovers	0 goal.
Swadlincote	0 goal.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph - 30 March 1896

#7 GRESLEY CHARITY CUP

FINAL TIE

GRESLEY ROVERS v SWADLINCOTE

Re-played at Gresley the previous match being drawn. Swadlincote who played two reserve men scored

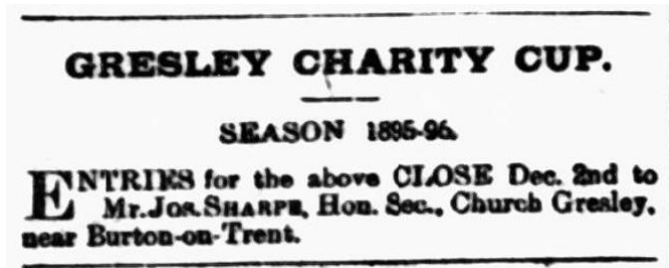
after fifteen minutes but the Rovers equalised before the interval, when the game stood one each. In the second half Swadlincote quickly added a couple, the Rovers responding with one. Swadlincote however, scored two more, and had the best of the game, the result being:

SWADLINCOTE 5 goals;

Gresley 2 goals.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph - 30 April 1896

Additional Information



Burton Chronicle - 28 November 1896