

Bass Charity Vase 1918

Winner: Coalville Munition Works
Runner-Up: Shobnall Munition Stores

No. of entries: 4



COALVILLE MUNITIONS FACTORY LADIES FOOTBALL TEAM, 1917

The girls were winners of the Midland Area Bass Charity Vase and the teams were formed from workers employed at the Munitions Factory, Hermitage Brickyard, Whitwick.

Owing to the great difficulties of persuading first class clubs to play in Burton, the Bass Charity Football Association invited several ladies clubs to compete for the Vase. Having obtained permission from the football associations to which the "Bass" were affiliated it was decided that proceeds should be distributed amongst the following war funds: "Burton Mail" Tobacco Fund, Infirmary, RedCross and Prisoners of War.

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	25.3.1918	Coalville Munition	5	0	Messrs Green & Co	Peel Croft, Burton.
		Works	(2)	(0)	[Woodville]	Glorious sunshine.
		Mason (2)				
		Brearley (3)				
2	30.3.1918	Westmoor Munition	2	3	Shobnall Munition	Peel Croft, Burton
		Stores	(1)	(2)	Stores	Easter Monday.
		Baldwin			Baker	
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3	 6.4.1918	Coalville Munition	3	1	Shobnall Munition	Peel Croft, Burton.
		Works			Stores	

Match Reports

1. "BASS" CHARITY VASE
MATCH LADIES TEAMS
COALVILLE MUNITION WORKS v. WOODVILLE (GREEN AND CO.)

For the first time in the history the Bass Charity Association, ladies of football competed for the handsome Bass Vase. The of the semi-finals took place in glorious weather on Saturday, the competing teams being Coalville Munition Works (who made a fine impression in Burton a few weeks ago), and Messrs. Green and Co. (Woodville) XI Teams:

Coalville- Williamson; L. Squires and Pickering; D. Smith, M. Johnson, M. A. Smith; E. Edwards; F. Mason, C. Brearley, S. Kendrick. and L. Baker.

Woodville - Varty; C. Whyatt and M. Hulme; A. Orme, R. Whetton and E. Chapman; V. Brazier, E. Tunnicliffe, Bolton, M. Smithard. and L. Whetton.

Referee: Mr. J. G. Adams.

Play opened in favour of Coalville, who appeared to have a much better idea of the game than their opponents. Weak shooting, however, saved Woodville from disaster. The Woodville team created a diversion by transferring the play Into the enemy's territory, a good shot by Brazier going a few feet wide. Coalville resumed the attack, but a mis-kick by Squires enabled Woodville to change the venue. Woodville secured a corner, but the ball was put behind the goal line. A strong attack on the Woodville goal was led by Kendrick, who missed an open goal. Directly afterwards Brearley sent in a shot, which the Woodville custodian cleverly saved. A fine cross shot by Moon fully deserved to open Coalville's account. One of the Coalville players caused great amusement by pushing an opponent with both hands.

A corner to COALVILLE gave their opponents' backs a lot of trouble, and eventually BREARLEY, the Coalville centre, scored a brilliant goal, the ball striking the upright and passing into the net. As the result of a corner Brearley added a second goal for Coalville with a very clever shot. Woodville's goal had two very narrow escape in rapid succession. Messrs. Green's team being hopelessly beaten. Varty, the Woodville goalkeeper was deservedly cheered for a very clever save. Bearley was given a fine opportunity of performing the "hattrick", but she failed to do so. Half-time:

Coalville 3 Woodville 0

On resuming, Coalville pressed, but a capital run down by Woodville changed the venue. A long shot by Brearley only just missed scoring. Coalville now pressed, a long shot by Brearley causing the Woodville custodian a lot of trouble. A fine shot by Bearley was luckily stopped by the Woodville custodian. A minute later Brearley performed the "hat-trick" by scoring, her third goal, the ball passing into the net off the Woodville goalkeeper. A splendid shot by Kendrick deserved to score, but the Woodville goalkeeper brought of a capital save. A free kick to Burton resulted in Smith sending in a very shot which Varty saved very cleverly. Directly afterwards, Noon [Mason?] scored a fourth goal for Coalville. Brearley added a fifth goal with a very fine shot. Woodville made a diversion and secured their first corner.—Result:

Coalville 5 Woodville 0

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2. "BASS" CHARITY VASE A SURMISE FOR WETPOOL

The postponed semi-final tie for the Base Charity Vase took place on Peel Croft on Easter Monday, when there was a fairly good attendance considering the state of the weather. Teams:— Shobnall – Dodgson, Hughes, Weirs, Lawson, Dunn, Smeaton, Baker, Johnson Marlon, Austin.

Wetmoor - Johnson; Clarke, Hagley, Wood, Riley, Wainwright, Baldwin, Buckley, Aram, Tooth, Jackson. Referee: Mr. E. J. Bagley.

In the first half, Baker opened the scoring for Shobnall, but directly afterwards Aram equalised. A series of mistakes by Wetmoor gave their opponents the lead, Baker sending in a shot which resulted In the ball passing in the net off one of the Wetmoor players. Johnson further increased Shobnall's lead, but just before the interval Baldwin scored a splendid goal for Wetmoor. Half-time: Shobnall 3; Wetmoor, 2. In the closing half, Wetmoor missed easy opportunities of scoring, and Just before the finish Dunn obtained a fourth goal for Wetmoor. Result:

Shobnall Munition Girls 3

Wetmoor Munition Girls 2

The play of the losers was very disappointing and they had only themselves to blame for their defeat, as they missed quite a number of easy chances of scoring. For the winners, Dodgson, Dunn, Johnson and Austin played exceptionally well. On the losing side, good work was done by Baldwin, Aram and Clarke (full-back), the latter kicking in fine style.

The final tie will be played next Saturday at Peel Croft between Coalville and Shobnall. Burton Observer and Chronicle - Saturday 6 April 1918

BASS CHARITY VASE – The final round of the Vase Charity Vase, which had been competed for by ladies' football teams for the first time this season, was played at Peel Croft on Saturday. Coalville Munition Girls beating Shobnall Munition Girls by three goals to one, the Mayor Councillor J W A Bassett) kicked ff and also presented the Vase to the winning team.

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