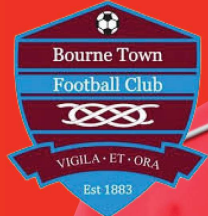


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A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR



Good afternoon and welcome back to the Moat Ground for what will arguably be our toughest test of the season so far as we welcome league leaders Bourne Town to South Derbyshire. We extend a warm welcome to all connected with our opponents today and wish you all a safe trip back to Lincolnshire after the match.

There's never dull at the Moat Ground, and the news that Jamie Sleigh was leaving the club after Jeppo decided to go in another direction has certainly been a talking point. Jeppo will have his own reasons for this of course, and the decision most certainly won't have been an easy one, made with the best intentions.

Sometimes in leadership, difficult decisions have to be made and the reasons behind some decisions won't always be apparent - that's the same in many situations in general. As a board, we have entrusted Jeppo with the job as manager, and that includes trusting him to make the big calls on behalf of his squad and team when needed. I'm sure he will be more than happy to discuss such decisions in person if you get the opportunity to chat with him after any match or indeed come along to the next supporters forum (which has yet to have the date finalized but will likely be in March).

It's hard to believe that following today's game we are into February fixtures and just 11 games of the season will remain. With only 4 of those home games and the remaining 7 away, it's going to be a very tough last period of the season, and Jeppo, Marc, and Titto have their work cut out to change our fortunes for the better. The most important thing for me, given the situation we have ended up in ahead of Jeppo coming in, is that we take

the opportunity over the rest of the season to ensure we pull away from the lower reaches of the table and, more importantly, set ourselves up for success next season.

Finally, an exciting update on our minibus fundraising campaign! As regular followers will know, we've been working hard to raise £10,000 to purchase a minibus that will benefit all teams across our club. Our fund had reached approximately £3,000, and recently received a significant boost when the supporters club contributed over £3,000 from our annual Christmas raffle proceeds, bringing us to almost 60% of our target.

We are now thrilled to announce that one of our long-term supporters (who wishes to remain anonymous) has made an incredible commitment to donate several thousand pounds to our cause. This exceptional contribution will not only help us exceed our initial target but may also enable us to purchase a newer, higher-quality minibus than originally planned.

Throughout our club's history, we've witnessed remarkable generosity from local businesses and individuals, but this particular donation truly stands among the most significant. While our fundraising efforts to date have been fantastic and widely supported by the community, this generous contribution will help us achieve our goal much sooner than anticipated. Although our benefactor prefers to remain anonymous, we want to express our immense gratitude - their generosity will have a lasting impact on our club's future. Back to today's match, and I hope it's a positive one for us and that we might be able to cause an upset to the form guide against a very good Bourne side who are pushing for the title.

Enjoy the game and thanks as always for your amazing support.

Gary

GAFFER'S THOUGHTS

Manager James Jepson Sponsored By Borley's ReadyMix

We welcome Bourne Town who are in good form and have some very good players. Every game until now and the end of the season is going to be tough, so we have to get on with things and push forward together.

I feel I need to clear something up. For a number of years now Rovers have underachieved, and I need you to understand that my job is to move the club forward whilst installing discipline, passion and a team that plays for the badge. Jamie left last week, and this was my decision, I've been told that a lot of supporters were unhappy, so I'd like to give you my reasons for this.

We are in a situation where we need everyone fighting in the same direction and one thing that is clear in football is that things get back to you that's been said, and I believe if someone isn't focused or all in then this won't work.

We are a club that has amazing supporters and volunteers that help us have a playing budget and make this club so special. I understand at times you can't afford the time and money to give but you do it because you love the club.

With that in mind I need my team to offer value for money and my players to be committed without

looking at different options. To turn this club around I won't accept people not being fully committed.

Add to that I personally feel that it hasn't worked out for Jamie who let's not forget left Gresley last season at this time to return to the club it looks like he's returning to again.

We move forward and continue to build on our performances whilst giving everything to this football club.

Thank you all for your support

JJ



Man of the Match for the
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- Isaac SHAW 3
- Alby LANSDOWNE 4
- Osiris MCDONALD 5
- Jack ANDREWS 6
- Kane LEE 7
- Jenson COOPER 8
- 9
- Massiah McDONALD 10
- Nathan BANTON 11
- Ethan GOODFELLOW 12
- Charlie WOOD 13
- Liam KAVANAGH 14
- Oscar McClURE 15
- Lewis CARR 16
- 17
- Dylan HUNNIFORD 18
- Micah TOMLIN 19
- Phil KOWALSKI 20
- Jack THATCHER 21
- Calrick DUNKLEY 22
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- Tarun ROHILLA 24
- James JEPSON 25
- Karamo CEESAY 31

BOURNE TOWN

MANAGER: MIKE GOODE

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MEET THE GRESLEY LADS

Jack Andrews - Left sided central defender Andrews was a young professional at Nottingham Forest and counts Boston United, Eastwood, Quorn and Basford United among his former clubs.

Nathan Banton - Defender now in his second season with the club signed from Kimberley MW.

Jack Bostock - Defender recently signed from Hanley Town

Lewis Carr - Defender recently signed from Melton Town

Karmo Ceesay - Goalkeeper recently signed.

Jenson Cooper - The striker joins us from Shepshed Dynamo for a second spell at the club. He was part of last season's squad for the latter end. Other clubs include Belper United, Redditch United, AFC Rushden & Diamonds, Walsall Wood and Shrewsbury Academy.

Calrick Dunkley – Winger CJ recently signed from Clifton All Whites

Elwalid Elaghany - Recently signed on joint forms from Shepshed Dynamo.

Ethan Goodfellow - Young player who has come through the Youth and Reserve ranks.

Dylan Hunniford - Young youth team graduate Dylan is an exciting prospect who has made a notable impression. We are expecting further development from Dylan and believe he has a bright future at the club. Was voted supporters' player of the year 2023-2024.

Liam Kavanagh - Midfielder recently signed for the club. Played one game in 2020.

Phil Kowalski – Defender. The young player has been having a good season for the u18's and caught the eye of the first team management leading to his call up. A great prospect for the future.

Alby Lansdowne – Another local lad who is popular with the Moat faithful returns to the club after a break.

Kane Lee – A local lad who needs no introduction. Lee returns to the club after brief spells at Loughborough Dynamo and AFC Wulfrunians.

Osiris McDonald - Brother of Massiah. Recently signed from Radford.

Massiah McDonald - McDonald is well known across non-league football, with key contributions at Coalville Town, AFC Rushden & Diamonds, Shepshed Dynamo and a brief time at Gresley in August 2021, as well as helping Jepson at Basford United last season at step 3. McDonald has also represented Montserrat at the international level. He made his debut in 2015 during World Cup qualifiers. His wealth of experience across clubs and international appearances has made him a valuable asset on and off the pitch.

Tarun Rohilla - Defender recently signed from Shepshed Dynamo

Oscar McLure - Young defender recently signed from Shepshed Dynamo.

Isaac Shaw - A left sided player from Oxford based at Nottingham University.

Jack Thatcher - Recently signed from, Belper United. Previous clubs include Belper Town, Dunkirk, Eastwood and Hucknall Town.

Micah Tomlin - Forward. son of former Middlesbrough and Cardiff City striker Lee Tomlin. Jepson previously worked with the younger Tomlin at Basford United, where he made several Northern Premier League appearances last season.

Louie Turner - Goalkeeper recently signed from Shepshed Dynamo

Charlie Wood – Young keeper who signed in the close season. from Uttoxeter Town.

MEET THE GRESLEY LADS cont

Management

James Jepson (Manager)

Jepson is a familiar face to many Moat Ground supporters, having made 91 appearances for the club as a player. He was a key member of Gary Norton's 2011/2012 Midland Alliance title-winning team and, having played for the club across a couple of spells, has a deep understanding of the club's history and culture.

Jepson's recent managerial experience includes a spell at Step 3 with Basford United last season and assistant manager and coaching roles at Ilkeston Town prior to that.

He took charge at Basford last season when they were winless rock bottom of the league and facing relegation but successfully guided them to

a position of safety before his departure in February this year. His managerial experience also includes a successful stint at Eastwood CFC, where he earned promotion from Step 6, as well as brief periods as player-manager at AFC Hinckley and Rugby Town.

Mark Goodfellow (Assistant Manager)

Goodfellow, like Jepson, was part of the club's Alliance title-winning side in the 2011/12 season and previously made 105 appearances for Gresley Rovers.

He brings a wealth of experience to the role, having enjoyed an extensive professional playing career with clubs such as Stoke City, Bristol City, Swansea City, Grimsby Town, Bury, Burton Albion, and Port Vale.

Steve Titterton (Coach)

Titterton, son of former Reserve team manager Alan, is no stranger to the club, having previously served on the backroom staff under former managers Gary Norton and Martin Rowe. His wealth of experience and deep understanding of the club's culture make him an invaluable addition to the coaching team.

Jess Wainwright (Sports Therapist)

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Formed in 1883, Bourne Town played all its early football in the Peterborough League, winning the Championship for the first time in 1933/34 and then immediately following the second World War in successive seasons 1945/46 and 1946/47.

It was during this period after the war when the nickname 'The Wakes' (from Hereward the Wake) came in, being as a result of a competition organized by the club, offering a prize of £5 for the most suitable nickname for the team. This success heralded improved status, with the club gaining admission to the United Counties League, but success eluded the Abbey Lawn Club. Finishing in the top half of the table only twice and five times in the bottom two places over a nine-year period resulted in a return to the Peterborough League for two seasons.

Next stop was the Central Alliance League and in 1959/60 manager Sid Otterwell and his players brought the first non-league Championship to the Abbey Lawn. The next season, the Lincolnshire Senior 'B' trophy was added to the silverware. In 1961 the club entered the newly re-formed Midland League but after only four years, returned to the United Counties League for an unbroken 48-year period.

The period between 1968 and 1972 brought unprecedented success under the managership of Terry Bates and chairmanship of Wilf Notley. Three United Counties Football League Championships, United Counties Football League Knockout Cup, Lincolnshire Senior A' Cup, the RAFA Cup (twice), Scarber Cup (twice) as well as cup successes for the Reserves all came to the Abbey Lawn.

Player-Manager Mark Mitchell assembled a quality team to bring the United Counties Football League Championship back to the Abbey Lawn in 1990/91 completing the 'double' by winning the United Counties League Benevolent Cup. Runners-up in the Evans Halshaw Floodlit Cup completed a remarkable season.

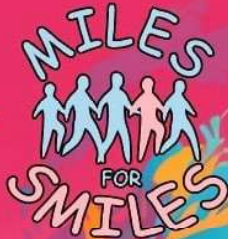
In January 2004, Thomas Leonard Pick died at the age of 94. Len was a lifelong supporter of Bourne Town Football Club and was President and Patron of the club. In his Will, Len left a substantial amount of money to the club to be used to enhance the

future of his beloved Wakes. The money was not to be used to fund transfers or players' wages, and so the Management Committee decided to rebuild the Clubroom which has stood since 1969 and needed work. This was eventually finished in 2006 and is known as 'The Len Pick Suite'. The building has no doubt improved the image of the club and it may be hired, together with the club bar for private functions.

Following demotion to step six in 2010 due to ground grading the club have spent many seasons consolidating their position in the UCL Division One. In 2022 the club finished 3rd in the league and lost on penalties in their play off game against Hucknall at the Abbey Lawn in front of an impressive crowd of 893.

The team returned for the 2023-24 season with the bit between their teeth and with the addition of one or two players put together a campaign which saw them crowned league champions by the end of March 2024, finishing 14 points clear of second place and amassing 108 points, only losing two games all season.

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LINCOLN UNITED MATCH REPORT

Anyone seeing this result would think this was a comfortable win for the visitors, but nothing could be further from the truth as it was a battle from end to end. None of United's were clear cut with a very soft penalty, a deflection and a howler from the home keeper.

Rovers were without several players through illness and injury but fielded three new faces all recently signed, Jack Thatcher, Lewis Carr and Tarun Rohill. High-flying United started strongly with a superbly timed last-ditch tackle from Rovers' Alby Lansdowne denying them an early goal. Rovers hit back with Thatcher forcing United keeper Jack Steggles into having to punch away a stinging shot.

Rovers had another half chance when Lansdowne connected with a free kick from the right but his effort when straight at Steggles.

Both sides were trying hard to get on top but both defences were working hard. Jamie Sleigh did have a chance, but Steggles managed to punch the shot away followed by Thatcher going close cutting in from the flank but seeing his low shot hit the side netting.

With the first half about to end Lincoln were handed the lead from a soft penalty. A ball into the area was almost controlled by Cameron Johnson with his back to goal but feeling Carr's hands on his back fell like a pack of cards, and the referee fell for it pointing to the spot. Johnson recovered sufficiently to beat Rovers' keeper Louie Turner to give his side an undeserved lead,

Rovers came out for the second half looking to get even and again Steggles was punching a ball clear before Sleigh raced down the left, cut into the area but fired his shot wide of the near post.

The visitors doubled their advantage in more fortunate circumstances. Tristan Drummond fired a shot from just inside Rovers' area which Turner looked to had covered but a deflection off Johnson wrongfooted the keeper and was hopeless to prevent the ball from going into the net.

It was harsh on the home side and they could have fallen further behind when a shot was almost turned into his own net by the unfortunate Dylan Hunniford, thankfully it flew the wrong side of the near post.

Hunniford did well to deny Jack Varley with another well-timed, solid tackle. The visitors were now beginning to waste as much time as possible as time began to run out, but Rovers were not to be denied at least a consolation their play deserved, and it came from Thatcher who had scored a fabulous goal against Rovers for Belper a couple of weeks ago.

Nathan Banton launched a long clearance down the middle which fell perfectly for Thatcher to run onto before firing the ball past the exposed Steggles. It was no more than the new signing deserved having made a fine debut which earned him man-of-the-match for Rovers. The debutant could have grabbed another late on but after being put through was denied this time by Steggles.

More time wasting from the visitors as Rovers were applying pressure with Steggles receiving a yellow card for his part in proceedings.

Any chance of a share of the spoils for Rovers evaporated in the fifth minutes of time added on when a huge mistake by Turner, who had had a decent game up to then. He tried to send the ball over to the right but only managed to pass it to Paul Grimes lurking on the edge of the area. Grimes, who had only been on the pitch for a couple of minutes couldn't believe his luck and smashed the ball back in the goal with the aid of the inside of the far post. It was harsh on Rovers who arguably had played their best game since the middle of December.



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MINI BUS FUNDRAISING APPEAL



We are excited to announce the launch of an important fundraising campaign to purchase a much-needed minibus for the club. This initiative aims to provide reliable transportation for all of the club's various teams, as well as support community outreach efforts.

"Many clubs at our level of football have access to their own minibus, and as a board, we've been discussing for a while how great it would be to find a way to fund one of our own," said club Chairman Gary Norton. "Given the tight finances that are common for non-league clubs, we don't have the funds to pay for this ourselves, so we've decided to give a fundraising approach a try."

Currently, the club's various squads, including the First Team, Reserves, U18s, Ladies, Development, and Girls teams, rely on individual lifts when traveling to matches. This places a significant burden on players, parents, and club volunteers. By acquiring a dedicated minibus, the club can help improve these logistics and ensure our teams can focus on performing at their best.

Beyond benefiting the players, the minibus will also strengthen the club's ties with the local community. When not in use by the teams, the minibus will be available to support community initiatives, such as providing transportation for local youth groups, elderly residents, or those with limited mobility. This will make the club's resources more accessible and inclusive for the people of Gresley and surrounding areas.

The fundraising goal is set at £10,000, which will allow the club to purchase a suitable used minibus that can accommodate players, equipment, and additional passengers. This investment in the club's infrastructure will have a lasting impact, enabling Gresley Rovers Football Club to better serve its players and the wider community for years to come.

Over the coming months, the club will be hosting various fundraising events to support the minibus campaign. The club kindly asks for the support of the local community, supporters, volunteers, and local companies. Donations of any size will contribute towards making this minibus a reality and improving the experience and accessibility of Gresley Rovers Football Club.

"Together, we can ensure our teams have the resources they need to succeed on the pitch and our community has access to a valuable asset," added Norton.

For more information and to make a donation, please visit the justgiving page via the link

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Corby & Brian

Welcome back to the Moat Ground and today's visitors Bourne Town.

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So let me know if you are interested. Don't forget just google Burton Radio or use the link on the club's website and you will find us. We are currently the number one Radio Show on Burton Radio.

The Mini bus appeal was boosted by a generous donation from an anonymous supporter, and we edge closer to our target.

Please if you can donate and help us get there, with now something like 400 boys and girls being part of the club, we need such a facility.

We still have players & board members that are looking for sponsors and if your player

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West Midlands Premier Division Romans In Decline And Fall Andy Parker - Burton Mail

Arch rivals Rocester were thrashed as Gresley Rovers bounced back from their FA Vase nightmare with a vengeance at the Moat Ground on Saturday.

Manager Frank Northwood's midweek shake-up in the wake of the defeat by Newcastle Town produced a performance that ranks as one of Rovers' best this season.

A key figure was evergreen marksman Brian Beresford, who set up the opening goal for Stuart Evans before adding a brace with dynamic headers.

But equally significant was Rovers' defensive performance particularly in the second half when Rocester wrested midfield control from the home side.

Gresley needed just 19 minutes to take the lead against a side Untypically lacking in fire. Beresford skilfully made space on the right of the area and bided his time before delivering a low cross that Evans stabbed home from six yards.

Rovers keeper Tony Moore looked on as opposite number Mark Deaville tried to keep the rampant hosts at bay but after furious pressure the spring heeled Beresford soared at the far post to convert John Barry's cross for the second goal.

Beaman kept Gresley waiting for the start of the second half as he gave an interval blasting to his troops after which Rocester, replacing ineffective debutant Jason Milner with another new boy, Ian Gibbons, began to get back in the game.

First they had to survive pressure, Paul Acklam heading a gilt-edged chance over the top and forcing another fine save from Deaville.

Rocester exerted pressure of their own - only to be shot down by a sensational effort by Jason Minton.

Moore was forced to save at the second attempt when Nigel Mottram spun viciously onto Gibbon's

cross, then Sale's flick released Richard Owen only for the midfielder to wilt under the pace of Minton. Then the big defender, who had done much to silence Mottram, surged forward to lift a sizzling 30-yard effort over the head of a stunned Deaville.

Rocester battled for consolation but were caught again by Evans' long clearance and Kieron Smith's driven cross was headed into the top of the net by the diving Beresford.

Gresley Rovers (2) 4

Rocester (0) 0

Scorers: Evans 19, Beresford 32, 85, Minton 78.

Gresley Rovers: Tony Moore, John Barry, Frank Nuttall, Richard Denby, Stuart Evans, Jason Minton, Richard Wardle, Kieron Smith, Paul Acklam, Brian Beresford, Ryan Venning.

Rocester: Deaville, Cheatle, Ede, Owen, G Hall, Fernihough, Walklet, Mayer (M Hall 74), Sale, Mottram, Milner (Gibbons 52).

Gresley man-of-the-match: Jason Minton.

Referee: M Warren (Great Wyrley).

Attendance: 463

2024-2025 RESULTS & LINE-UPS

Date	Opponents		F	A	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6
270724	Boston Town	H	1	2	270	Williams	Britton	B Gough	Lansdowne (c)	Anthony	Meakin
300724	Kimberley Town	A	3	3	262	Williams	Britton	B Gough	Lansdowne (c)	Anthony	Meakin
030824	Lichfield City FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round	H	4	2	282	Wood	Okuonghae	Anthony	Lansdowne (c)	Sturgess	Meakin
100824	Lincoln United	A	0	2	130	Wood	Okuonghae	Andrews	Lansdowne (c)	Sturgess	Anthony
130824	Melton Town	H	1	5	238	Wood	Okuonghae	B Gough	Lansdowne (c)	Andrews	Robinson
170824	Sporting Khalsa FA Cup Preliminary Rnd	H	1	1	216	Wood	B Gough	J Gough	Lansdowne (c)	Anthony	Sturgess
200824	Sporting Khalsa FA Cup Preliminary Rnd Replay	A	0	2	187	Wood	Okuonghae	B Gough	Andrews	Sturgess (c)	J Gough
240824	Rugby Borough FA Vase 1st Qualifying Round	A	1	4	91	Wood	Sturgess	B Gough	Lansdowne (c)	Townsend	Meakin
260824	Heanor Town	A	0	0	227	Wood	Britton	Robinson	Lansdowne (c)	Sturgess	Meakin
310824	AFC Mansfield	H	2	3	271	Sandel	Britton	Robinson	Lansdowne (c)	Sturgess	Meakin
030924	Hucknall Town	H	4	1	303	Sandel	Okuonghae	Meakin	Lansdowne (c)	Solomon	J Gough
070924	Bourne Town League Cup Preliminary Round	A	0	5	278	Sandel	Kowalski	Banton	Lansdowne (c)	Britton	Robinson
140924	Shirebrook Town	H	3	1	294	Sandel	Solomon	Robinson	Lansdowne (c)	Sturgess	Andrews
170924	Belper United	A	3	2	73	Sandel	Solomon	Andrews	Lansdowne (c)	Sturgess	Britton
210924	Wisbech Town	A	1	5	202	Turner	Solomon	Robinson	Lansdowne (c)	Anthony	Andrews
280924	Harrowby United	A	1	2	148	Turner	Solomon	Banton	Britton	Anthony	Robinson
011024	Eastwood CFC	A	1	1	109	Turner	Solomon	Banton	Meakin	Anthony	Robinson
051024	Newark & Sherwood United	H	0	3	318	Turner	Solomon	Banton	Meakin	Anthony	Robinson
081024	Sandiacre Town DSC 1st Round	H	5	0	110	Turner	Solomon	Banton	Lansdowne (c)	Anthony	Meakin
121024	Newark Town	A	4	4	263	Turner	Solomon	Banton	Lansdowne (c)	Anthony	Christie
151024	Kimberley Miners Welfare	H	4	1	240	Turner	Solomon	Banton	Lansdowne (c)	Anthony	Britton
191024	Deeping Rangers	H	0	2	351	Turner	Hunniford	Banton	Lansdowne (c)	Anthony	Robinson
261024	Skegness Town	A	0	2	173	Turner	Britton	Banton	Robinson	Anthony	Hunniford
021124	Boston Town	A	0	3	104	Turner	Christie	Banton	Sturgess	Anthony	Hunniford
051124	Ashbourne Town DSC 2nd Round	H	0	0	154	Turner	Hart	Banton	Sturgess	Anthony	Britton
110125	AFC Mansfield	A	0	2		Turner	Christie	Banton	Britton	Anthony	Hunniford
161124	Heanor Town	H	3	2	365	Turner	Britton	Banton	Bostock	Anthony	Hunniford
231124	Hucknall Town	A	P	P							
301124	Sleaford Town	H	1	1	285	Turner	McClure	Banton	Bostock	Anthony	Andrews
071224	Newark & Sherwood United	A	P	P							
141224	Wisbech Town	H	1	0	295	Adams	McClure	Bostock	Shaw	Lord	Lansdowne
211224	Shirebrook Town	A	1	3	129	Adams	McClure	Bostock	Shaw	Lord	Lansdowne
261224	Ashby Ivanhoe	H	1	1	659	Turner	McClure	O McDonald	Bostock	Shaw	Lansdowne
040125	Belper United	H	1	2	322	Turner	Elaghany	Shaw	Lansdowne	Andrews	Cooper
180125	Lincoln United	H	1	3	292	Turner	Banton	Carr	Lansdowne	Kavanagh	McClure
250125	Bourne Town	H									
010225	Melton Town	A									
080225	Hucknall Town	A									
150225	Newark Town	H									
010325	Deeping Rangers	A									
150325	Harrowby United	H									
220325	Newark & Sherwood United	A									
290325	Bourne Town	A									
050425	Skegness Town	H									
120425	Sleaford Town	A									
190425	Eastwood CFC	H									
210425	Ashby Ivanhoe	A									
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7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18
Halil	Hunniford	Munday	Lee	Banton	Sturgess	Okuonghae	Owen	Goodfellow		
Barker	Halil	Munday	Lee	Banton	Sturgess (8)	Okuonghae (2)	Hunniford (11)	Sleigh (2)		
Barker	Hunniford	Munday	Lee	Banton	Goodfellow (7)	Owen (8)				
Meakin	Hunniford	Munday	Lee	Banton	Gough (6)	Britton (2)	Kowalski	Halil (8)	Goodfellow (11)	
Lee	Meakin	Munday	Sleigh	Britton	Sturgess	Anthony	Hunniford (8)	Halil (9)	Kowalski	
Andrews	Meakin	Sleigh	Munday	Banton	Okuonghae (5)	Kowalski (7)	Dawkins (11)			
Hunniford	Meakin	Sleigh	Munday	Banton	Goodfellow (11)	Kowalski (6)	Halil (4)	Owen (10)	Dawkins (9)	
Lee	Hunniford	Munday	Burke	Collins	Andrews (10)	Robinson (5)	Greet (11)	Banton (6)		
Lee	Hunniford	Sleigh	Munday	Banton	Kowalski (1)	Greet	Collins (7)	Burke (6)		
Lee	Hunniford	Sleigh	Munday	Banton	Gough	Kowalski	Okuonghae (2)	Barker (6)	Owen (11)	
Lee	Hunniford	Sleigh	Munday	Collins	Britton (3)	Kowalski (10)	King	Hart (7)	Dawkins (9)	
Hunniford	Meakin	Sleigh	Burke	Collins	Dawkins (9)	Goodfellow (8)	Owen (2)			
Lee	Hunniford	Sleigh	King	Collins	Banton (11)	Meakin (3)	Britton (7)	Hart (10)	Owen (9)	
Lee	Hunniford	Sleigh	Hart	Collins	Anthony (5)	Banton (10)	Meakin (4)	King (11)	Owen (9)	
Meakin	Hunniford	Sleigh	King	Hart	Sturgess (7)	Banton (3)	Goodfellow (11)	Owen (8)	Barker (10)	
Lee (c)	Andrews	Sleigh	King	Barker	Meakin (3)	Hunniford (8)	Owen	Hart (10)	Cooper (4)	
Lee (c)	Hunniford	Cooper	King	Barker	Sturgess (10)	Dawkins	Goodfellow	Owen	Kowalski	
Lee (c)	Hunniford	Cooper	King	Barker	Sturgess	Britton (10)	Lansdowne (11)	Owen	Sleigh (4)	
Lee	Hunniford	Sleigh	Barker	Cooper 2	Sturgess (6)	Britton (5)	Dawkins (7)	Goodfellow (11)	Owen (3)	
Lee	Meakin	Sleigh	King	Barker	Sturgess (8)	Britton (6)	Goodfellow (11)	Kowalski	Cooper (10)	
Lee	Meakin	Sleigh 2	King	Barker 2	Sturgess	Hunniford (10)	Christie (2)	Goodfellow	Cooper (8)	
Meakin	Britton	Sleigh	King	Barker	Sturgess (7)	Cooper (10)	Owen	Goodfellow		
Lee (c)	Meakin	Sleigh	King	Barker	Kowalski (4)	Goodfellow (7)	Savage (10)			
Britton	Meakin	Sleigh (c)	King	Barker	Kavanagh (8)	Goodfellow (11)	Savage (10)			
Hunniford	Kavanagh	Sleigh (c)	King	Kowalski	Goodfellow (10)	Meakin (4)	Savage (8)	Owen (2)	Wynne	
Meakin	Kavanagh	Sleigh (c)	Cooper	Forbes	Goodfellow (9)	Kowalski (2)	Owen (6)	Sturgess (7)		
Lansdowne	Kavanagh	Sleigh (c)	Cooper	Forbes	Sturgess (2)	Meakin (7)	King (9)	Shaw	Kowalski	
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Kavanagh	Hunniford	Goodfellow	McDonald (c)	Tomlin	Turner	Raceala (9)	Kowalski	Cox	Dunkley (11)	
Kavanagh	Hunniford	Goodfellow	McDonald	Sleigh (c)	Turner	Banton (5)	Tomlin (9)	Kowalski	Dukley (5)	
Hunniford	M McDonald	Dunkley	Sleigh (c)	Goodfellow	Adams	Cooper (11)	Banton (4)	Tomlin	Kowalski (9)	
Sleigh (c)	M McDonald	Banton	McClure	Hunniford	Ceesay	Kavanagh (8)	Harrison	Kowalski (2)	Dunkley (3)	
Hunniford	Rohilla	Sleigh (c)	M McDonald	Thatcher	Ceesay	Cooper (5)	Tomlin	Kowalski	Dunkley (9)	



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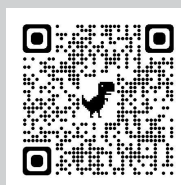
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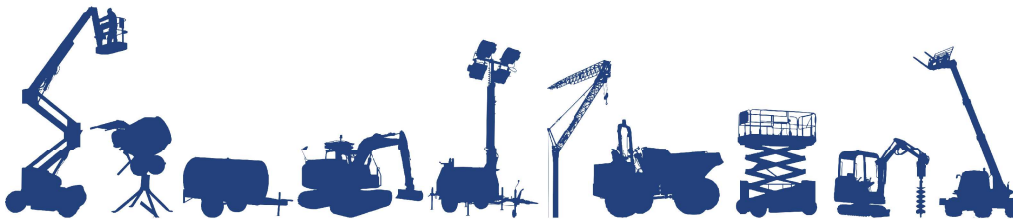


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MEET THE GIRLS

Perhaps many of you are unaware that the club has a growing family.

As well as the First Team, Reserves and u18's we have younger boys teams which, hopefully, will expand in number in the New Year. We also have a successful Ladies team and Ladies Reserves sides but we also have many girls teams from 4 years old up to teens and then into the Ladies set up.

We are hopefully going to give you regular news and updates to not only encourage the girls but also you to give them your support.

I'll let Anna Elm explain:

Hi, its Anna just a quick update from the girls section. It has been a manic few months with our numbers reaching the 200 mark which is quite simply fantastic knowing we can give so many girls a safe and fun space to be able to play and develop in the game.

With these numbers also comes high numbers of volunteers which we have around 30-40 people on board giving up their time each week so each girl can reach their potential and enjoy playing too whilst making friends along the way.

We play our games over at Derby which isn't ideal and hopefully, when we have the new ground we can all come together in one place.

In the next few weeks we are cramming into our schedule Christmas parties, training and the last few games before we all have a well-deserved rest over the Christmas period.

We do have spaces in all training only sessions for girls aged 4 years old up to aged 16 years old so if you know a girl that loves to play, or you are interested in helping behind the scenes then feel free to message on my email below.
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Whiskey	8047	Adam Wildsmith
Chardoney	4062	Jamie Sleigh
Port	3220	Ian Campbell
Prosecco	3104	Hardys
Wine	4781	David Newbold c/o S Wilkins
Dessert Chocs	1818	Anna Cargill
Next Giftset	5019	Zak Willis
Wine	2303	James Richards
Berry Liquor	4416	Rob Taylpr
Mug + Gloves Set	3028	Judith Goacher c.o Jeanette
Chess + Draughts Set	4688	Bev Vickers Young
Santa Train	2539	Liam Booth
Wine	1540	Becky Tully
Waitrose Biscuits	2810	Phil Hawtin

SUPPORTERS' CLUB



Good afternoon to everyone visiting the Moat today, as we welcome current league leaders and FA Vase fifth rounders Bourne Town. We are in for a real test today, as you have to go back to October for when our visitors were last beaten. Playing them in the league cup earlier in the season under Carl they were a young well drilled and energetic side. I thought we put up a really good battle against Lincoln last week and we were unlucky to go in one down at the break. They were the better side overall, however, a massive difference being they had three shots on target and found the net on all three occasions and we did not.

It was great to welcome the tinman back to the club in Jamie Barrett and he still looked evergreen and could possibly do a job for us. I really enjoy the half time feature if I'm about and we will, hopefully, be continuing it next season. So if you have any suggestions of who you'd like to hear from then please give us your suggestions and we will chase them up.



Thank you to all who supported our Annual Raffle and congratulations to all winners. We managed to raise £3000 for the club's minibus fund and this raffle always shows what great support we have as a club. We have taken some feedback regarding prizes and when and how we promote and will be using this for the 2025 raffle. We will be taking prize donations throughout the year in preparation, so if you have anything that may be suitable then please get in touch and we can arrange collection.

Today will see January's club draw at around 7pm. If you'd like a number please drop me a

Gresley Rovers Monthly Club Draw

(Drawn on the last Saturday of the month)

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5th Prize £50

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message by 6pm and I'll assign you a number. Decembers Club Draw attracted 120 players with the winner Julie Martin scooping a fantastic £300. This is another vital fundraiser for the club, and we aim to continue to grow this throughout the year and hope to reach 200 players by the end of 2025. This would be huge, and more players equal more prizes and funds raised for the club.

Friday sees the Supporter's Club team take on Tophouse Charity FC at Basford with an 8pm kick off. If you'd like to participate or have a team that we could play you are more than welcome as we train on a Thursday at Greenbank leisure centre from 8pm.

I could not finish these notes without a special mention of the passing of Paul Stretton. A truly remarkable man who was Gresley through and through. He had time for everyone and if you ever met him in the local town, you'd lose an hour discussing the latest players and management and remembering the old days with him bringing up blasts from the past.

Everyone at the club sends their condolences to Wendy and his daughters and we will be advising of his funeral as soon as we have the details.

Have a great day with us.

Up the Rovers

Steve

Club Draw for December

£300 - 19 Julie Martin
£125 - 3 Adam Wildsmith
£75 - 34 Darryl Greaves
£75 - 41 Pauline
Shorthouse
£50 - 96 Geoff Hutting

LADIES MATCH REPORT

DECEMBER 15TH | 2024

GRESLEY ROVERS LADIES FIRST TEAM

A GAME OF TWO HALVES

Today the ladies took to The Moat Ground to finish of 2024 in style. The first half saw the ladies struggling to find their feet. Some fantastic football was being played, however, The Rovers couldn't find the back of the net. After a shake up in the changing rooms at half time the ladies took to the pitch for the second half and this time they meant business.

The goals started to flood in.

The second half was a different story. From the refs whistle the ladies took to the pitch and finally started to shake up the opposition. A penalty was awarded to Gresley and they took the advantage! From there the goals were non stop. Playing some fantastic football up and down the pitch, the goals were non stop.

Ending the year of 2024 with a fantastic win and staying at the top of the table!! Now we look to 2025!



Our skipper Adele Johnson took player of the match.

Adele Johnson took the player of the match trophy today after battling throughout the game and giving it her all! Adele led the team to the 6-0 win and picked heads up at half time! Also scoring a fantastic goal! Well done Skipper!!



Goal Scorers:

- J. Wainwright
- S. Kalyar
- A. Johnson
- T. Millensted
- T. Marriott
- L. Steadman

UP NEXT



Melton Town (a)
Saturday 1st February - 3pm

Sign Right Park,
Melton Sports Village,
Burton Road,
Melton Mowbray,
Leicestershire LE13 1DR

Travel Time: 1hr approx



Hucknall Town (a)
Saturday 8th February - 3pm

The RM Stadium,
Aerial Way,
Hucknall,
Nottingham, NG15 6DW

Travel Time: 50 mins approx



Newark Town (h)
Saturday 15th February - 3pm

The game at Newark back in October had almost everything, eight goals, a disallowed goal for an offside which wasn't, the woodwork struck, and a penalty saved. (read the report on the website)

Another exciting game and a win for Rovers would be good.



Deeping Rangers (a)
Saturday 1st March - 3pm

The Haydon Whitham Stadium,
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GRESLEY ROVERS HISTORY

Gresley Rovers were formed in 1882 in the small mining village of Church Gresley, which is near to Swadlincote - the biggest town in South Derbyshire.

Their first ground was at Mushroom Lane in Albert Village a mile or so from Church Gresley and they played mainly friendlies and cup games for ten years before joining the Burton Junior League for the 1892/93 season. They won their first league title in the 1894/95 season eleven points clear of their nearest rivals in the Burton Junior League.

Rovers moved from the quaintly named Mushroom Lane ground (which they shared with the local cricket club Mushroom Lane CC) to the newly acquired Church Street Ground in time for the 1895/96 season. They stayed at Church Street till near the end of the 1907/08 season when they had to move as the land was required for building and moved across the road onto the newly acquired Moat Ground - the ground they still play on today.

Six seasons from 1985/6 Gresley finish 4th, 4th, 2nd, 3rd, 1st and 1st. During that period they also won the Derbyshire Senior Cup on four successive occasions. Season 1990/91 was a particularly good one for Gresley. In addition to the League Title and the Derbyshire Senior Cup win they also reached the final of the F.A. Vase and so had the honour of playing at Wembley. Their opponents were Guiseley and some National Newspapers reported it as 'the most exciting Wembley Cup Final ever'. Unfortunately, they only drew before losing the replay.

Paul Futchter was appointed manager with Garry Birtles, former England International, his assistant on 2nd November 1995. The season 1996/7 was the best in the Club's long history because in addition to retaining the Derbyshire Senior Cup they also won the Dr. Martens Premier Division championship. Rovers were unbeaten in their first seventeen league games (won 10 drawn 7) and were league leaders for 31 weeks. The title was finally won with a 3 - 1 home victory against Gloucester City at the Moat Ground on April 26th 1997. Gresley Rovers became the first Derbyshire side and first village side to win this prestigious trophy, but ground grading meant that they were unable to gain promotion to the Football Conference.

After financial difficulties, Gresley Rovers liquidated at the end of the 2008-09 season, forming a new football club, Gresley F.C.

Gresley FC

Gresley FC was formed in 2009 and enjoyed a very successful first season in the East Midlands Counties League. The side, managed by Gary Norton, finished as runners up and therefore narrowly missed out on promotion. Gresley also enjoyed a long run in the FA Vase by beating Spennymoor, Dawlish and Long Buckby. The Dawlish tie in particular will live long in the memory as the original tie was abandoned in extra time and the Moatmen won the replay in South Derbyshire on penalties. The Vase run came to an end in front of the home fans in disappointing fashion at home to Whitehawk in the quarter-finals.

2010-2011 Gresley's second season as a club and also their second in the East Midlands Counties League saw another good FA Vase run getting to the last 32 and then going one step further from the previous season by winning the league after an exciting run-in. Being a few points behind the leading contenders Gresley could not afford to slip up again after an unexpected home defeat in early January if their dreams were to be realised. An amazing 20 game unbeaten run with the final 8 all victories saw Gresley crowned as champions and promoted into the Midland Football Alliance.

Season 2011-2012 saw another good run in the FA Vase reaching the last 16 and to top off a superb season Gresley achieved a remarkable back-to-back title success as they lifted the Midland Football Alliance title at their first attempt and promotion to the Evo-Stik NPL Division One South.

The first season back at level four was successful as Gresley settled into the Division One South. Gresley finished just outside the top ten in the league and reached the 3rd Qualifying round of the FA Cup. At the end of the season joint manager Gary Norton stepped down with Martin Rowe named as manager.

After losing their first two league fixtures of 2013-2014 and then an indifferent spell up to Christmas Gresley managed to stabilise their performances and ended the season in a creditable 9th place.

GRESLEY ROVERS HISTORY CONTINUED

However, in both the FA Cup and FA Trophy Gresley had good runs going out of the cup after forcing Conference South outfit Brackley Town to a replay after a good draw at St James Park in the 2nd Qualifying Round and in the Trophy they took Conference Premier side Wrexham almost all the way in the First Round Proper losing by the odd goal in three at the Racecourse Ground. In September 2014 Martin Rowe resigned and his assistant Wayne Thornhill was appointed as first team manager at the end of October.

Wayne, along with his assistants Jamie Barrett and Russell Peel, turned the season around and they finished in a creditable fifth place making the play-offs where they met Leek Town at Harrison Park who narrowly beat the Moatmen by a single goal. An appearance in the Derbyshire Senior Cup Final at the home of Chesterfield FC ended with Gresley as runners-up losing to Evo-Stik Premier side Matlock Town. At the beginning of September Wayne stepped down and Dave Langston appointed as caretaker manager. In October Scott Goodwin was appointed as manager with Jamie Barrett and Gary Ricketts as his assistants. After a disappointing run of defeats Scott was released and Gary Ricketts appointed as player/manager assisted by Jamie Barrett and Dave Langston. The 2015-2016 ended with Gresley in a disappointing 16th position. Ricketts stood down as manager and former Leicester Nirvana manager Damion Beckford-Quailey appointed in the close season. Damion's first season started well but the loss of three key players around Christmas time saw his side struggle for the rest of the campaign finishing in 18th position.

His second season, 2017-2018 was not much better but it ended in a disappointing manner when the manager, management team and most of the players left the club with just four games remaining and the danger of being relegated. Former Moat boss Gary Norton stepped in to steer the club to the end of a trying season and using a mixture of reserve and youth team players managed to keep the club in step 4 finishing 17th. Norton agreed to take on the role of manager for season 2018-2019 and along with assistant Carl Slater and player/coach Jamie Barrett have started to rebuild a side that hopefully be more competitive than the last two seasons.

Early in January 2019 Norton stood down and Gavin Hurren was appointed as manager. Unfortunately, at the end of the season, Gresley were relegated from the Evo-Stik East to the Midland League. Hurren left early in the new season to be replaced by David McDermott. Gresley's results failed to improve and in February McDermott was relieved of his position. Former manager Gary Norton again stepped in to steer the ship until the end of the season.

Gresley Rovers Return

During the summer of 2020, the Gresley FC board met to discuss the possibility of re-naming the club and a unanimous decision saw the Gresley Rovers name return to non-league football. Joint managers of Carl Abbott, Gary Norton and assistant manager Paul Thomlinson had the job of recruiting their players after the previous season was curtailed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and non-league football allowed to start again.

After a stop/start end of season the FA completed their reorganisation of non-league football and Rovers were placed in the new United Counties North Division under the leadership of Carl Abbott.

2021-2022 proved to be a successful season finishing runners-up in the United Counties league but gained promotion due to points-per-game and are now members of the Northern Premier League Midland Division for 2022-2023.

A difficult first season back at step 4 ended with Rovers gaining the points to enable them to keep our place in the Northern Premier League Midland Division for another season.

2023-2024 was a deeply disappointing season for Rovers. A poor start saw manager Carl Abbott relieved of his duties in October and Marc Strzyzewski appointed but things did not improve and after a relegation position for most of the remaining season and relegation to Step 5 saw Strzyzewski also let go during the close season.

Carl Abbott returned as manager for the new season but stepped away in October due to personal reasons. His assistant Paul Tomlinson has accepted the role as interim manager assisted by "Mr Gresley Rovers" chairman Gary Norton.

In November James Jepson was appointed as manager with Marc Goodfellow as his assistant.

GRESLEY ROVERS IN THE COMMUNITY & ACADEMY

"To improve the lives of people within the local community by increasing participation in sport, and putting Gresley Rovers at the heart of the community"



Hello, and welcome back to the Moat Ground!

Boys Academy Expanding For 2025/26

From next season we are looking to increase the number of age groups within our boys academy set up. Currently, our age groups start from u13's right through to our first team. Our new Foundation Phase will focus on groups from u7's – u12's and link to our existing u13's.

This expansion is part of our overall club strategy which will support our structure and pathway going forward. As part of the club's strategy, we are working with the FA as part of their "FA Club Programme" which gives support to clubs to improve across all areas on and off the pitch. Expanding our boys academy pathway will help the club achieve one of our ambitions of becoming an England Accredited 2-star club. The England Accreditation took over from the FA Charter Standard last year, with 1, 2 and 3 stars available based on various criteria.

Currently, Gresley Rovers are a 1-star club. Achieving the 2-star recognition would enable us to

receive even more support and guidance from the FA, which would include more opportunities to additional funding for our future plans and projects.

If you are interested in your son, grandson or someone you know trialling with us for next season at any age group from u7's – u18's, email: matt.toulson@gresleyrovers.com.

More Coaches Wanted

With the expansion of our boys academy and the ambition to expand our community outreach to deliver more sessions in the local area, we are looking to recruit more coaches into the club.

Prospective coaches would need to be available during weekends and one evening midweek, and would ideally hold a minimum of the FA Level 2 (now UEFA C) qualification or are looking to work towards this.

We are looking for coaches who would be able to follow the club's ethos and playing philosophy.

Coaches would be fully supported through regular internal CPD and guidance from the club, and would receive a season pass for first team home league games.

If you're interested in joining the club as a coach, please email matt.toulson@gresleyrovers.com with some background information of your previous coaching experience and qualifications.

Sunday Coaching Club (4-12 year olds)

Our Sunday Coaching Club sessions are for children aged 4-12 years old which we split into 4 separate age groups for the sessions.

Our focus is to work on a different football specific topic each week (dribbling, passing etc) to improve and develop their fundamental football skills.

Due to the popularity of the sessions, we run two sessions; 9am - 10am, and 10:15am - 11:15am at £5 per session payable upfront for the month, with the first 2 weeks being free!

If you are interested in joining our sessions please email: matt.toulson@gresleyrovers.com

Enjoy today's game and Come on you Moatmen!

Matt Toulson
Director of Football (Youth Development) and Community



2024-2025 STATS

Man-of-the-Match	Dylan Hunniford	3
	Harrison Solomon	3
	Nathan Banton	2
	Alby Lansdowne	2
	Louis Anthony	1
	Jack Bostock	1
	Elwalid Elaghany	1
	Kane Lee	1
	Oscar McClure	1
	Massiah McDonald	1
	Jamie Sleigh	1
	Jack Thatcher	1
	Charlie Wood	1

Home League Attendances

	Games	Low	High	Ave	Total
Bourne Town	11	226	577	347	3822
Gresley Rovers	14	238	659	319	4472
Hucknall Town	12	206	336	251	3014
Lincoln United	11	130	311	221	2436
Newark Town	13	146	267	217	2817
Deeping Rangers	11	96	492	193	1738
Ashby Ivanhoe	10	98	358	179	1787
Kimberley MW	13	89	268	174	2266
Eastwood CFC	13	75	433	172	2237
Skegness Town	10	121	281	168	1681
Sleaford Town	15	103	249	166	2487
Melton Town	11	114	255	161	1771
Wisbech Town	14	102	202	158	2210
Harrowby United	10	90	437	153	1531
Newark & Sherwood	13	82	330	151	1959
Shirebrook Town	10	102	448	149	1488
Heanor Town	10	81	227	137	1369
Boston Town	12	65	184	107	1284
AFC Mansfield	13	51	143	82	1062
Belper United	13	38	104	68	881

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Goal Scorers	League	FA Cup	FA Vase	League Cup	County Cup	Total
Jamie Sleigh	9	1			1	11
Fin Barker	3	1			1	5
Jenson Cooper	2				2	4
Dylan Hunniford	4					4
Alby Lansdowne	3					3
Kane Lee	2	1				3
Danny Munday	2	1				3
Ryan King	2					2
Jake Meakin	1	1				2
Louie Anthony	1					1
Nathan Banton	1					1
Jack Bostock	1					1
Tristan Burke			1			1
Ethan Goodfellow					1	1
Ste Hart	1					1
Phil Kowalski	1					1
Oscar McClure	1					1
Massiah McDonald	1					1
Jack Thatcher	1					1
Own Goal	1					1
	37	5	1		5	48

2024-2025 TABLES

United Counties Premier League North

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Bourne Town	23	17	3	3	57	18	54
2	Eastwood CFC	24	17	3	4	62	26	54
3	AFC Mansfield	25	15	3	7	49	29	48
4	Lincoln United	222	15	2	5	53	27	47
5	Newark Town	24	13	7	4	54	35	46
6	Boston Town	24	14	2	8	37	23	44
7	Belper United	25	14	1	10	53	46	43
8	Heanor Town	23	12	4	7	43	29	40
9	Newark & Sherwood United	23	10	4	9	42	47	34
10	Melton Town	23	10	3	10	48	37	33
11	Ashby Ivanhoe	23	9	4	10	46	35	31
12	Harrowby United	23	9	2	12	37	46	29
13	Skegness Town	21	7	6	8	28	25	27
14	Sleaford Town	27	7	5	15	30	50	26
15	Hucknall Town	25	7	4	14	30	45	25
16	Gresley Rovers	26	6	6	14	37	55	24
17	Wisbech Town	26	7	3	16	28	55	24
18	Deeping Rangers	24	5	4	15	23	61	19
19	Shirebrook Town	23	5	4	14	20	58	19
20	Kimberley Miners Welfare	24	3	4	17	28	57	13

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Derbyshire Ladies League Division 2

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Gresley Rovers	10	7	1	2	36	23	22
2	Matlock Town	7	6	1	0	33	6	19
3	Castle Donington	7	6	0	1	49	6	18
4	Stanton Ilkeston	9	4	1	4	18	17	13
5	Belper Town Ladies	10	4	0	6	21	42	12
6	Hilton Harriers	10	3	0	7	21	43	9
7	Bakewell Town Juniors	7	1	1	5	12	26	4
8	Ashbourne	6	0	0	6	3	30	0

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Central Midlands Alliance Premier Division South

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	South Normanton Athletic	19	14	3	2	62	12	45
2	Graham Street Prims	17	14	0	3	49	15	42
3	Cromford & Worksworth Town	16	10	4	2	45	20	34
4	Linby Colliery	16	10	2	4	39	19	32
5	Melbourne Dynamo	14	9	3	2	34	16	30
6	Wirksworth Ivanhoe	16	9	3	4	39	26	30
7	Holbrook St Michaels	13	9	1	3	32	15	28
8	Bakewell Town	16	8	1	7	32	37	25
9	Derby Singh Brothers	17	6	2	9	30	34	20
10	Mickleover	17	6	1	10	31	42	19
11	Mickleover RBL	14	4	4	6	25	27	16
12	Arnold Town	16	5	1	10	29	47	16
13	Holbrook Sports	18	4	3	11	25	43	15
14	Mansfield Hosiery Mills	16	4	3	9	27	50	15
15	AFC Normanton	17	3	3	11	25	48	12
16	Teversall	17	3	0	14	20	59	9
17	Gresley Rovers	17	2	2	13	24	58	8

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Leicestershire Midweek Floodlit Youth League

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Kirby Muxloe Midweek	9	5	2	2	27	15	17
2	Mountsorrel Juniors	5	4	0	1	13	5	12
3	Heather St Johns	7	4	0	3	14	12	12
4	Holwell Sports	9	4	0	5	19	23	12
5	Gresley Rovers	5	3	1	1	23	14	10
6	Coalville Town Ravens	6	3	1	2	13	5	10
7	Quorn	6	3	0	3	16	14	9
8	Ashby Ivanhoe Knights	8	2	2	4	14	19	8
9	Birstall United Social	7	0	0	7	5	37	0

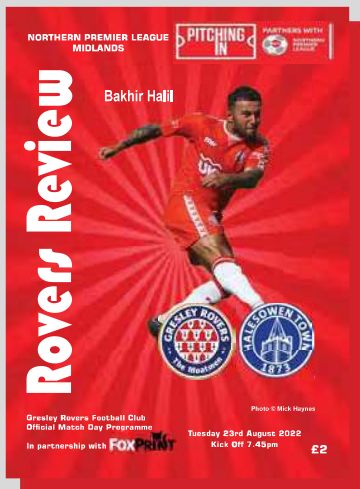
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League Top Five Scorers

Name	Team	Goals
Zacorie Allen	Bourne Town	30
Harry Limb	Boston Town	26
Ryan Ingram	AFC Mansfield	25
William Bird	Bourne Town	22
Sam Grouse	Ashby Ivanhoe	22

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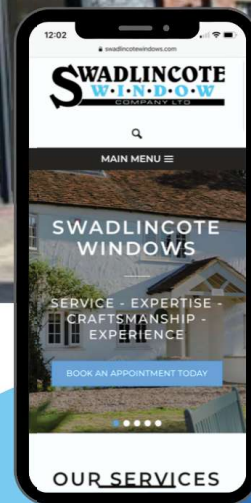


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