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1st Round**

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A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR



Wilson totalling £450 on behalf of Wilson's of Warslow Brewing

Company. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank both Stuart and Dave for their fantastic gesture.

This takes our total over £1500 so there's a long way to go in order to reach our £10,000 target and we will be holding a couple of events aimed at supporting the fund in the coming months so keep an eye out for more details soon. You can of course donate yourself via the justgiving website via <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gresleyroversfcminibus>

Back to tonight's game and let's hope whatever the result it's an entertaining match for us all to enjoy.

Thanks as always for your support

Gary

Good evening, all. Welcome to the Moat Ground for this evenings Derbyshire Senior Cup First Round match against Sandiacre Town.

We extend the usual warm welcome to our opponents tonight and everyone connected with them and wish you a safe journey home.

Hopefully the lads can dust themselves down from another frustrating performance and defeat on Saturday when we went down 3-0 at the hands of Newark and Sherwood. After a promising start to the game, we seemed to lose our way, particularly in the second half of the game.

Last week's results encapsulated the season so far in respect of the inconsistency of performances and results with Saturdays result coming on the back of a hard earned point in a very good performance against league leaders Eastwood Town earlier in the week.

I would like to thank those supporters who have donated so far to the clubs minibus fundraising page on the justgiving website. On Saturday we had an amazingly generous donation from Stuart and Dave

DERBYSHIRE SENIOR CUP

The Derbyshire County FA Senior Cup is a local county football cup for teams based in the county of Derbyshire. Founded in 1883-1884, the first competition was won by Staveley, who beat Derby Midland 2-1 in the final.

1885-1886 saw Heeley from Yorkshire win the competition. It wasn't until 1892 that the county's top club Derby County first won the trophy. This delay was partially helped by a disagreement during Derby County's first season 1884-1885.

After beating Derby St. Luke's and Wirksworth, Derby County were drawn at home to Long Eaton Rangers in the third round. The club applied for a week's delay in playing the fixture, however Long Eaton Rangers claimed the tie stating that they weren't aware of any change in date and had arrived on the set date to play.

A correspondent of the 'Derby Daily Telegraph' wrote that the referee had arrived to take charge on the re-arranged date. The Derbyshire County FA awarded the tie to Long Eaton Rangers and the following season Derby County played in the Birmingham and District FA Senior Cup and set up their own Charity Cup. Players also boycotted playing for the County FA team in protest.

It wasn't until 1887-1888 that Derby County next played in their own county's competition, where again in the third round they were drawn to play Long Eaton Rangers who won the tie 4-1.

Due to low attendances and receipts the Derbyshire County FA took the decision to change

the cup to a League format in the hope that more games would increase their revenue and invited 14 teams to take part for the 1893-1894 season. Heanor Town were the first champions in this format. Its final was traditionally held at Derby County's Baseball Ground on Easter Monday evening during the '50s and '60s but became a two-legged affair from season 1966-67 onwards. It reverted to a single leg tie at a neutral venue for season 2008-09.

Post War Winners

1945-46: Buxton
1946-47: Heanor Athletic
1947-48: Derby Corinthians
1948-49: Ilkeston Town
1949-50: South Normanton Miners Welfare
1950-51: Shirebrook Miners Welfare
1951-52: Derby County 'A'
1952-53: Ilkeston Town
1953-54: Shirebrook Miners Welfare
1954-55: Shirebrook Miners Welfare
1955-56: Ilkeston Town
1956-57: Buxton
1957-58: Ilkeston Town
1958-59: Belper Town
1959-60: Buxton
1960-61: Alfreton Town
1961-62: Belper Town
1962-63: Ilkeston Town
1963-64: Belper Town
1964-65: Long Eaton United
1965-66: Heanor Town
1966-67: Heanor Town
1967-68: Heanor Town
1968-69: Heanor Town
1969-70: Alfreton Town
1970-71: Heanor Town
1971-72: Buxton
1972-73: Alfreton Town
1973-74: Alfreton Town
1974-75: Matlock Town
1975-76: Long Eaton United

1976-77: Matlock Town
1977-78: Matlock Town
1978-79: Heanor Town
1979-80: Belper Town
1980-81: Buxton
1981-82: Alfreton Town
1982-83: Ilkeston Town
1983-84: Matlock Town
1984-85: Matlock Town
1985-86: Buxton
1986-87: Buxton
1987-88: Gresley Rovers
1988-89: Gresley Rovers
1989-90: Gresley Rovers
1990-91: Gresley Rovers
1991-92: Matlock Town
1992-93: Ilkeston Town
1993-94: Gresley Rovers
1994-95: Alfreton Town
1995-96: Gresley Rovers
1996-97: Gresley Rovers
1997-98: Glapwell
1998-99: Ilkeston Town
1999-2000: Ilkeston Town
2000-01: Glossop North End
2001-02: Alfreton Town
2002-03: Alfreton Town
2003-04: Matlock Town
2004-05: Gresley Rovers
2005-06: Ilkeston Town
2006-07: Ilkeston Town
2007-08: Belper Town
2008-09: Buxton
2009-10: Matlock Town
2010-11: Derby County 'XI'
2011-12: Buxton
2012-13: Ilkeston FC
2013-14: Ilkeston FC
2014-15: Matlock Town
2015-16: Alfreton Town
2016-17: Matlock Town
2017-18: Chesterfield FC
2018-19: Alfreton Town
2019-20: competition did not finish due to Corona virus
2020-21: competition did not take place due to Corona virus.
2021-22: Did not take place
2022-23: Buxton.
2023-24: Buxton

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Ste **HART**

Ryan **KING**

Alby **LANSDOWNE**

Kane **LEE**

Sam **MEAKIN**

Will **ROBINSON**

Jamie **SLEIGH**

Harrison **SOLOMON**

Jacob **STURGESS**

Louie **TURNER (GK)**

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SIN BINS



Temporary Dismissals - otherwise known as 'sinbins' - are mandatory for acts of dissent across all of grassroots football.

HOW DO YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THE SIN BIN?



Players will only go into the structure for dissent locations.



For use of words, gestures, squinting or undermining the referee's decisions.



EXAMPLES OF DISSENT:
Shouting at the referee, questioning the referee's ability, slamming the ball into the ground and intentionally clapping a decision.

DURATION OF A SIN BIN



For matches of 90 minutes, players spend 10 minutes in the sin bin.



For matches of all other lengths, players spend 8 minutes in the sin bin.



If the sin bin period has not expired at the end of half-time, continuous into extra time, extra time players can participate in the penalty shoot-out.

THE MATCH DAY PROCESS



Dissent



Dissent caution: Referee issues a Yellow Card and shows the player to the touchline.



While in the sin bin, if the player commits a second offence (Yellow Card) they are sent off and cannot be substituted.



A player can only return to the field of play with the referee's permission at a change in play.



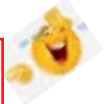
If a player receives a second Yellow Card for any type of offence, they will be shown a Red Card and dismissed from the field of play.

Sin bins only apply to a player's first Yellow Card. If they receive a second Yellow Card they are dismissed from the field of play.

Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or actions is still a Red Card offence!



You've probably noticed the new artwork up on the top wall. Brightens that part of the ground up



I'll Get Mi Coat

Went to Sainsbury's the other day for some camouflage trousers.

I couldn't see any!

MEET THE GRESLEY LADS

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	Louie Turner Sponsored by		Charlie Wood Sponsored by Stuart Hallam				

Man-of-the-Match
Newark & Sherwood Game
Dylan Hunniford chosen by
mascot
Jamie Roberts



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.

Louis Anthony - Central defender Louis Anthony arrives at the club from Stone Old Alneyrians. Louis has impressed in both of the club's friendly fixtures so far in pre-season and has looked a big, strong, physical presence. Louis has good experience at the level and is a very solid addition to the developing squad.

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

Fin Barker - Barker has signed for the club following a brief spell at Rovers early last season on loan from Solihull Moors. Despite a quite sensational debut performance at The Moat against Boldmere St Michaels, his loan spell was brought to a premature end by a nasty concussion suffered in the following game. Finn now links up with the club full time having moved away permanently from Solihull.

Alex Britton - Locally based player joins the club from divisional rivals Heanor Town, where he has been a mainstay in their side for the past few seasons. Britton, a former youth player at Burton Albion, had a brief loan spell with Gresley Rovers many years ago. His addition will bring valuable defensive stability and know-how to the club's young, attack-minded squad.

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.

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

Ste Hart - Forward Ste returned to Gresley in the summer. He is a big impact player and well known for a thunderous shot and accurate long passing.

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.

Ryan King - Kingy might just be the most naturally gifted at the club but unfortunately for him, injuries and misfortune have not been kind to him. He still has a little while to get back to full fitness, but the prognosis looks good.

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.

Jake Meakin - Young midfielder signed in close season.

Will Robinson - Defender recently signed from Sherwood Colliery.

Jamie Sleigh - Jamie Sleigh returns from Heanor Town with an incredible goal-scoring record, having netted 155 goals

in 185 appearances. Jamie was disappointed by his short stint last term due and is eager to make a significant impact at the club.

Harrison Solomon - Defender Former Derby County u21 player who has just returned from a scholarship in the USA

Jacob Sturgess - Midfield. Another experienced player who names Belper Town, Bedworth United, Kettering Town, Carlton Town, Kidsgrove Athletic, Burton Albion as former clubs.

Louie Turner - Goal keeper recently signed from Shepshed Dynamo

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

MEET THE GRESLEY LADS cont

Management

Carl Abbott (Manager) Former central defender as a player who played in the Midland Alliance for Sandwell Borough, Halesowen Harriers and Alvechurch before moving into management at the age of 28 following serious injury. UEFA B coaching award holder who enjoyed a lengthy and hugely successful period as manager of Wolverhampton Casuals which saw him land the much sought-after Hinckley job. Another lengthy spell linking up with Paul Tomlinson yielded strong league campaigns, cup wins, and significant FA Cup and FA Vase runs, before a step up in levels with Market Drayton Town, Quorn, Evesham United and AFC Wulfrunians.

Paul Tomlinson (Assistant Manager) Former professional player with Sheffield United who was once subject of a transfer approach from 'big' Jack Charlton when manager at Newcastle United. Played for

Stafford Rangers and Halesowen Harriers before moving into management and coaching. Previously Assistant Manager at Alvechurch, Halesowen Town and Evesham United, before linking with a former player of his in Carl Abbott, and subsequently becoming his long-term number two through lengthy and hugely successful spells at Hinckley, Quorn, Market Drayton Town and a second spell with Evesham United.

Jess Wainwright (Physio)

Owen Barry (Coach)

Craig Hill (Goalkeeper Coach)

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Everybody is in need of a break and in a few months, we hope to be able to get some normality back, please consider Colliery Lane Lodges in Linton as they have a fantastic set up ideal for the family – Discuss with Pete Robinson for more detail,

SANDIACRE TOWN HISTORY

Sandiacre Town Football Club was formed in 1978 by Malc Turton and Pete Smith. They had previously run the successful Ilkeston Town Under 14's, but being local men, they saw the need for youth football in Sandiacre - and so the story began...

At the very first practice night over 150 youngsters turned up and it was decided to run three teams in the Notts Youth League at under 16's, 14's & 12's. Season 1979/80 saw the number of youth teams grow to five with a Saturday senior side also being established and joining the Central Alliance League as one of the founding members.

In 1982 work started on building the Club Headquarters at St. Giles Park, the cost of the project was £40,000 with half the money being raised by Club members. The building work was carried out with the help of the Manpower Services Commission and was completed in 1984. The official opening on March 28th, 1984, was performed by Peter Taylor and Roy McFarland from Derby County Football Club.

The club played in the Central Alliance League in the 1970s and 1980s. They were one of the founding members of the Central Midlands League in 1983, but the club lost its place in the league in 1990 after failing ground grading. In 1992, the club merged with Lace Web United.

They were promoted to the CML again after finishing runners-up in 1991-92. They won the CML Premier Division in 1992-93. Their first appearance in the FA Vase was in 1995, and they reached the first round in 1997-98 and 2004-05.

Over the years many improvements have been carried out to the ground and facilities. These include posts and rails around the pitch perimeter, pitch shelters, new changing accommodation for match officials, enclosing the ground with a 2-metre fence and a covered area for 250 spectators. In 1995 floodlights were installed. In 2023 the floodlights were updated to LED floodlights and 50 seats were installed in the stand.

All our teams play in red shirts, navy shorts and red socks with our away kit sky blue shirt, navy shorts and sky blue socks. The number of teams has

steadily grown and now the Club boasts a total of 39 teams which includes every age level from under 5's to under 19's both boys and girls as well as the our senior Saturday team and our ladies senior team on a Sunday. We also run a soccer school on Saturday mornings and a Wildcats programme on a Thursday evening.

In 2012 the club gained the Charter Standard Community Club status with the FA. The Club are affiliated to Derbyshire County Football Association who are very supportive to our club providing excellent advice on available grant funding, coaching courses and coach CPD.

Sandiacre Town Clubhouse is also home to the Erewash Valley Running Club. This club boast a large membership and meet at the Clubhouse on a Wednesday night.

Sandiacre Town are very proud of their links with other clubs, in the early eighties exchange visits took place with the Hurlford Boy's club of Kilmarnock. Then in 1984 the Club started an association with Sparta '25 of Holland which still exists today.

Exchange visits take place in alternate years involving four of the youth teams. The annual event between Sandiacre Town & Sparta 25 started way back in 1984 when John Millington organised a trip for some Sandiacre teams to go to the Netherlands and play some matches against Dutch teams.

Since 1986, the exchange tour happens every year with 50-60 boys making the trip to Sandiacre or to Sparta 25 in Beek en Donk. Over the years there's been over 1800 boys who have been involved in the exchange with many friendships being made with a lot still keeping in touch today.

Although both Sandiacre Town & Sparta 25 are football teams, football takes second place. During the visit the main purpose is for both clubs to have an enjoyable time, seeing old friends and making new ones, hopefully to keep this great friendship going for many more years.

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NEWARK & SHERWOOD UNITED MATCH REPORT

Anyone looking at this result would think the visitors won easily but they'd be wrong as it was much closer than it looks. But for some poor defending and good goalkeeping Rovers could easily have claimed a point. They didn't deserve any more than that though.

Rovers set off on the front foot and were soon putting the visitors under pressure forcing two corners in the first six minutes. From one of them Rovers almost took the lead when Fin Barker hit a stinging low shot which visiting keeper Ross Woolley somehow prevented from going in at his near post.

Kieran Walker put his header wide as Newark & Sherwood began to come into the game. They went even closer on 24 minutes when the impressive Kieran Cummings clattered the far post but Louie Turner was able to hold onto the shot from the rebound.

A good run through the middle by Will Robinson unfortunately ended with his final shot flying over the bar. At the other end Turner had to make a save preventing Cummings scoring the opening goal.

Just as the first half was about to end, Rovers were dealt a cruel blow. A clear hand ball in the build up was seen by nearly everyone in the ground but it was either not seen by the officials or ignored. Rovers seemed to hesitate, and the ball came to Kole Lambert who hit a shot which went into the net via the underside of the bar.

Rovers started the second half as they had the first on the front foot forcing an early corner which came to nothing. They then made their first changes with Alby Lansdowne and Jamie Sleigh replacing Fin Barker and Jake Meakin respectively.

The home side were still pressing with Ryan King forcing another save from Woolley down at the base of the near post. More corners and Jenson Cooper shooting straight at the keeper was the result of more pressure but they were undone on 72 minutes. Losing the ball in midfield saw the visitors race forward and with Rovers' defence beaten a shot from Cummings again hit the woodwork but this time the rebound was pounced upon and fired home by substitute Luke White.

Rovers were denied a chance of getting back into the game when Woolley made a fantastic save acrobatically tipping over the bar Cooper's vicious effort from just inside the area.

Alex Britton replaced King as Rovers went looking for that elusive goal and they went close twice in as many minutes with Kane Lee's goal bound shot being deflected for a corner and Nathan Banton's well struck free kick being pushed away by Woolley. A corner from Lansdowne was narrowly headed over the bar by Harrison Solomon.

Rovers were denied another chance of reducing the deficit in the 93rd minute when they should have been awarded a penalty, but after consulting with his assistant the referee placed the ball as close to the edge on the outside of the area as possible when it was clearly inside. The home players and supporters were furious as they saw the offence clearly.

The game was wrapped up in the seventh minute of added on time when a calamitous short clearance from Turner landed at the feet of substitute Benni Wilson, who not believing his luck and with no defenders near him, took a few strides forwards before blasting the ball past Turner giving the scoreline a very flattering look for the visitors.



ALEX BRITTON

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ANY SUPERSTIONS
PRE GAME: **NONE** FAVOURITE FOOD
PRE GAME: **PASTA & A IBUPROFEN**

PLAYING POSITION:
RB/CDM/CM

PREVIOUS CLUBS:
HEANOR, UTTOXETER, STAPENHILL, LOUGHBROUGH, MICKLEOVER, BURTON

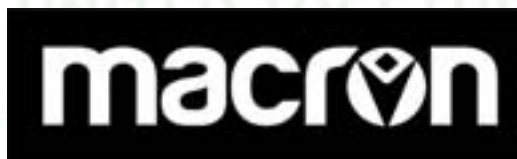
PRO TEAM SUPPORTED GROWING UP: **MAN UNITED**
FAVOURITE FOOTBALLER/HERO: **WAYNE ROONEY**
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL MEMORY: **MAKING MY DEBUT FOR BURTON AT 16 -
AWAY AT FARNBOROUGH**
WORST FOOTBALL MEMORY: **TOO MANY TO NAME**
BEST GROUND PLAYED ON: **BARNET - PITCH WAS LIKE A CARPET**
BEST MATE IN FOOTBALL: **JAMIE SLEIGH**
BEST FOOTBALLER PLAYED WITH: **JOHN BRADFORD**
BEST FOOTBALLER PLAYED AGAINST: **JOE HART**
PET HATE/DISLIKE:
NONE

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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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DERBYSHIRE SENIOR CUP OCTOBER 1985

Derbyshire Senior Cup 5th October 1985

Stroll on - Mike StJohn - Burton Mail

Gresley Rovers' ability to play woefully below par and still manage to win important matches was the main feature of a dour Derbyshire Senior Cup encounter with Mickleover RBL at the Moat Ground on Saturday.

A less than satisfactory display it might have been, but somehow the Moatmen had the edge against their opponents from the Central Midlands League and the main objections were carried out.

For the first half hour, Gresley seemed to be sleepwalking and it took a two-goal burst inside a minute to shake the foundations!

Recent signing centre-forward Reg Priest, playing his first full game for the Moatmen broke the deadlock in the 30th minute and then it took a Brian Beresford goal 50 seconds later to give Gresley a two goal lead they barely deserved.

Battling Mickleover threatened to upset the apple cart with a 67-minute strike from Sean Finnegan and it was not until the 85th minute when Clive Arthur converted from the penalty spot.

Maybe Gresley's tactics in the early stages was to patiently wait until the Legion ran out of steam, but Mickleover proved to be a stronger outfit than expected.

Mickleover's Andy Tunnicliffe, a former Newhall United striker, glanced a header over the bar while at the other end Priest had an effort turned over by goalkeeper Dean Mann and Nigel Steele hit an effort over the right upright.

Gresley's two goals came so quickly it was hard to believe what had happened. Right on the half hour the industrious Brian Attley forced the heroic Mann to make two fine reflex saves in quick succession.

Mann turned Attley's second attempt round for a corner, Arthur landed his flag kick some 15-yards out and Priest finished off via the inside of the right post to put Gresley 1-0 ahead.

Mickleover lost possession straight after the restart, and the previously ineffective Arthur hared down the right side to find Beresford with a perfect centre.

Beresford smashed the ball home with stunning efficiency to score his ninth goal of the season.

The Legion managed to pull a goal back in the 67th minute but it took a gift back pass from Roger Davies to give Mickleover their opening.

Sean Finnegan seized on the error and unleashed a mighty drive past the stranded McNamara.

The goal injected some urgency into the Mickleover side who sensed they could leave the Moat Ground with more than they realised.

McNamara was clearly beaten by Tunnicliffe's low drive which skidded agonisingly close to the left post and Gresley survived another dodgy moment when the same player sailed his shot over the bar with McNamara again well off his line.

Gresley's 2-1 lead was looking a little frail and there was always a strong possibility that Mickleover might steal a late goal.

But when Beresford was floored a yard inside the penalty area by Dean Mann's brother, Paul, Clive Arthur struck the resultant penalty hard and straight to make it 3-1 with only five minutes remaining.

Gresley Rovers (2) 3
Mickleover RBL (0) 1

Scorers:
Priest 30, Beresford 31, Arthur 85 (p) Gresley;
Finnegan 67 (Mickleover).

Gresley Rovers: McNamara, Attley, Pegg, Bromley, Davies, Thompson (Dearn 21), Arthur, Earley, Priest, Beresford, Steele. Sub not used: Dolby.

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Good evening all and welcome to The Moat for today's game.

Tonight brings a welcome distraction to league action with a tough Derbyshire Senior Cup tie against Sandiacre Town. This will be an opportunity to look at some of the players on the edge of the squad and give minutes to those coming back from injuries.

However, it will be seen as our only avenue of silverware this term for the club, so I expect an exciting cup tie. I do have my fingers crossed though that the game goes without a hitch as this competition always seems problematic to get the fixtures played due to weather.

We will be hosting a Ghoulish Bingo on October 19th following the Deeping Rangers game. All prizes will be paid out in cash and all proceeds go direct to the club. So come and join us for a night of entertainment regardless of age.

There will be plenty for the children to do whilst the adults have their eyes down for a full house. The following event will be



the Christmas Fayre and we are on the lookout for stall holders, regardless of what you sell you will be made more than welcome at our event.

The Supporters Club Football team will play Briggs on November 3rd at The Moat Ground with a 15:00 kick off. It is free entry, and you are all welcome to get behind the team. The bar will be open as you will definantly need a drink after watching us play. We are also training every Thursday at Greenbank starting at 8pm. This gives us a chance to have a good laugh and run about.

Gresley Rovers

Monthly Club Draw

(Drawn on the last Saturday of the month)

£10 Per Month Per Number

- 1st Prize £350
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- 3rd Prize £75
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- 5th Prize £50

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September's club draw took place last Saturday and was our best one yet. We had 140 players and the payouts were huge, with Harrison Soloman taking home the top prize of £350.

We continue to search for more entants to hit our 150 players by the end of the season. For £10 a month you are in with a chance to win fabulous monthly cash prizes. The next draw will be October 26th following the Skegness game.

We continue to look for fresh ideas to support our fundraising, if you have something that youd like to see us do from Santa Fun Run to Bingo please let me know and we will plan it where possible.

Up The Rovers

Steve

Club Draw for September

- £350 - 124 Harrison Solomon**
- £150 - 6 Ray Lock**
- £75 - 64 Russ Roome**
- £75 - 39 Matt Wildsmith**
- £50 - 91 James Smith**

MEET THE UCL

The United Counties League covers an area including the English counties of northern Bedfordshire, northern Buckinghamshire, most of Cambridgeshire, southern Derbyshire, southern Leicestershire, most of Lincolnshire, western Norfolk, Northamptonshire, southern Nottinghamshire, northern Oxfordshire, Rutland, eastern Staffordshire, eastern Warwickshire and eastern West Midlands.

It has a total of five divisions, three for first teams and two for reserve teams, but the reserves' divisions were merged into a single division for the 2013–14 season and remains so at present. Clubs in the Premier Divisions are eligible to enter the FA Cup in the preliminary round stages. The clubs in the league are eligible for the FA Vase, and there are knockout cups for the Premier/Division One clubs and for the Reserve Divisions clubs.

History

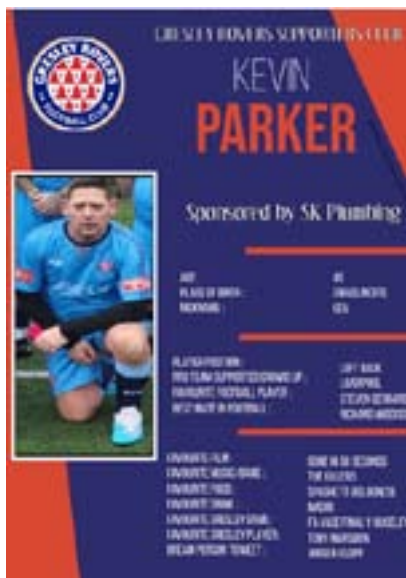
The United Counties League was formed in 1895 as the Northamptonshire Junior League, dropping the 'Junior' one year later. It took its current name in 1934 as teams from other counties had long since been a part of the league. Over the years the UCL has 'united' teams from Northamptonshire, Rutland and Bedfordshire with those from parts of Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire,

Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and even Norfolk.

Northampton Town joined the league in 1897 and became champions in their second season before moving up to the Southern League. They would become the league's first former member to reach the Football League in 1920. In 1900 Bedford Queens became the first club from outside the county to join the league. The Football Association announced on 12 April 2021 that United Counties League would administer a new Step 5 division since the 2021–22 season after the scheduled National League System restructure had a one-season postponement due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Step 5

The league has two divisions at level 9 (step 5) of the National League System (NLS). Member clubs take part in cup competitions organised by the county FA to which they are affiliated and other cup competitions. The north division has 20 clubs, feeding into the Northern Premier League Division One Midlands and East. The south division has 20 clubs, feeding into the Northern Premier League Division One Midlands and Southern Football League Division One Central.





Newark Town (a)
Saturday 12th October - 3pm

**YMCA sports village,
 Lord Hawke Way, off Bowbridge
 Road,
 Newark,
 Notts.
 NG24 4FH**

Travel Time: 1hr 8 mins approx



Kimberley MW (h)
Tuesday 15th October - 7.45pm

**Despite being formed nearly
 100 years ago, our records
 show that Kimberley have never
 visited the Moat Ground.**

**Our visit to Kimberley was an
 exciting game. Three down in
 the first 30 mins we came back
 to level in the second half and
 almost snatched all three points**



Deeping Rangers (h)
Saturday 19th October - 3pm

**The last we played Rangers at
 the Moat was on 13th November
 2021 which ended in a 1-1 draw.
 Ste Hart equalised with a trade
 mark rocket in the second half.**



Skegness Town (a)
Saturday 26th October - 3pm

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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.

GRESLEY ROVERS HISTORY CONTINUED

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 credible 9th place. 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

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!

Our season is well underway for all of our teams from reserves down to our under 13's, with our 13's – 16's starting last weekend in the Midland Junior Premier League.

Our u13's started their first season with us last weekend after a successful trial period all the players and put in a positive performance at home vs Blaby & Whetstone. It's really an exciting time for the new group.

Our reserve team have had some mixed fortunes in terms of results since the start of the Central Midlands Alliance Premier.

With a packed schedule of Saturday and Tuesday games throughout August and so far in September, it's not allowed the team to train with many of our younger players in the squad (some still only 16), adapting to the challenges of playing senior football.

To find out more around all of our squads, follow our social media:

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Under 18's through to next round of the FA Youth Cup

Congratulations to our under 18's who last week went through to the next round of the FA Youth Cup beating Long Eaton United 4-3 at home.

Gresley were in control for the majority of the game, however lapses in concentration allowed Long Eaton back into the game.

Goals from Sheene Gordon, Stevie Savage, Davis Kommey and Evan Wynne secured the victory.

The under 18's have been drawn away against Birstall United Social in the next preliminary round on Thursday 19th September.

Sunday Coaching Club (4-12 year olds)

Our Sunday Coaching Club sessions are for children aged 4-12 years old which we split into 3 separate age groups for the sessions.

We do not look to put them in teams at this age as 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 TABLES

United Counties Premier League North

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Lincoln United	13	10	1	2	31	11	31
2	Eastwood CFC	12	9	2	1	36	8	29
3	Bourne Town	12	8	2	2	29	13	26
4	Newark Town	12	6	4	2	28	16	22
5	AFC Mansfield	12	7	1	4	24	17	22
6	Belper United	12	7	1	4	30	25	22
7	Melton Town	10	6	3	1	27	13	21
8	Boston Town	12	6	0	6	12	16	18
9	Newark & Sherwood	10	5	2	3	24	19	17
10	Heanor Town	10	5	2	3	17	12	17
11	Skegness Town	12	5	1	6	16	16	16
12	Harrowby United	12	5	1	6	24	25	16
13	Sleaford Town	12	5	1	6	18	23	16
14	Gresley Rovers	13	3	3	7	20	30	12
15	Hucknall Town	12	3	2	7	14	23	11
16	Ashby Ivanhoe	10	2	3	5	12	18	9
17	Shirebrook Town	12	2	3	7	11	28	9
18	Wisbech Town	13	2	1	10	18	42	7
19	Kimberley Miners Welfare	11	1	2	8	16	29	5
20	Deeping Rangers	10	1	1	8	7	30	4

Last updated: 7pm, Saturday 5th October 2024

Derbyshire Ladies League Division 2

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Gresley Rovers	6	4	1	1	21	18	13
2	Castle Donington	5	4	0	1	31	5	12
3	Belper Town Ladies	6	3	0	3	16	27	9
4	Matlock Town	3	2	1	0	12	6	7
5	Hilton Harriers	5	2	0	3	11	20	6
6	Bakewell Town Juniors	4	1	1	2	10	10	4
7	Stanton Ilkeston	5	1	1	3	6	12	4
8	Ashbourne	4	0	0	4	2	11	0

Last updated: 6pm, Sunday 6th October 2024

Central Midlands Alliance Premier Division South

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	South Normanton Athletic	9	9	0	0	41	7	27
2	Linby Colliery	10	8	0	2	31	9	24
3	Graham Street Prims	10	8	0	2	23	7	24
4	Melbourne Dynamo	9	8	0	1	22	6	24
5	Wirksworth Ivanhoe	11	7	2	2	30	18	23
6	Cromford & Worksworth Town	10	6	2	2	27	12	20
7	Mickleover	10	4	0	6	18	24	12
8	Holbrook Sports	12	3	3	6	16	27	12
9	Derby Singh Brothers	12	3	2	7	20	26	11
10	Arnold Town	8	3	1	4	18	19	10
11	Holbrook St Michaels	6	3	1	2	7	8	10
12	Mansfield Hosiery Mills	10	3	1	6	20	34	10
13	Mickleover RBL	7	2	2	3	13	14	8
14	AFC Normanton	11	2	2	7	19	28	8
15	Bakewell Town	8	2	1	5	10	20	7
16	Gresley Rovers	11	1	1	9	12	42	4
17	Teversall	10	1	0	9	9	35	3

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Leicestershire Midweek Floodlit Youth League

		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Holwell Sports	5	3	0	2	13	9	9
2	Mountsorrel Juniors	4	3	0	1	10	7	9
3	Gresley Rovers	2	2	0	0	13	5	6
4	Heather St Johns	4	2	0	2	6	5	6
5	Kirby Muxloe Midweek	3	1	1	1	13	4	4
6	Ashby Ivanhoe Knights	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
7	Coalville Town Ravens	3	1	0	1	4	2	3
8	Quorn	2	1	0	1	5	6	3
9	Birstall United Social	3	0	0	3	4	17	0
10	Graham Street Prims	3	0	0	3	2	20	0

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League Top Five Scorers

Name	Team	Goals
Kieran Cummings	Newark & Sherwood	17
Ryan Ingram	AFC Mansfield	17
William Bird	Bourne Town	15
Zacorie Allen	Bourne Town	11
Ryan Rushen	Newark Town	12

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