



# Leicestershire Junior Cup 1899-00

**Winner:** Burbage United  
**Runner-Up:** Market Harborough  
**No. of entries:** 36

## Round 1

### Division I

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	14.10.1899	Ibstock Rovers	5	3	Coalville United	
2	14.10.1899	Thringstone Town	3	1	Hugglescote Robin Hoods	

Whitwick White Cross (finalist) exempt. Bagworth Rovers, Barlestone United, Coalville Athletic, Coalville Town, Ibstock Albion, Markfield and Measham Wanderers, byes.

### Division II

Barrow Excelsior, Barrow Rising Star, Castle Donington (holders), Hathern Victoria, Kegworth, Loughborough Corinthians, Loughborough Emanuel, Quorn Havelock, Shepshed town and Woodhouse United, byes.

### Division III

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3	14.10.1899	Croft			Burbage United	
4	14.10.1899	Earl Shilton Town	0	2	Stoney Stanton	

Enderby and Earl Shilton Victor, byes

### Division IV

17 Regiment Depot, Kibworth, Leicester Waverley, Market Harborough, Market Harborough Caxton, Melton, Syston Swifts and Wigston Excelsior, byes

## Round 2

### Division I

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5	11.11.1899	Barlestone United	1	2	Whitwick White Cross	Short time was played, and the game was replayed. Barlestone were ordered to have bills "cautioning spectators" posted on the ground. Whitwick withdrew from the competition.
6	11.11.1899	Ibstock Albion	4	9	Coalville Athletic	
7	11.11.1899	Ibstock Rovers	2	1	Markfield Albion	
8	11.11.1899	Measham Wanderers	7	1	Bagworth Rovers	
9	11.11.1899	Thringstone Town	0	11	Coalville Town	

### Division II

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
10	11.11.1899	Barrow Excelsior	0	2	Kegworth	
11	11.11.1899	Barrow Rising Star	3	2	Quorn Havelock	
12	11.11.1899	Hathern Victoria	2	0	Loughborough Corinthians	
13	11.11.1899	Shepshed Town Start (2)	3	2	Loughborough Emmanuel	Poor attendance - c 80 Emmanuel led 2-0 at half-time

		W Walker			E York C West	Shepshed scored the winning goal "on the point of time."
14	11.11.1899	Woodhouse United	2	1	Castle Donington	The surprise result of Round 2.

*Division III*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
15	11.11.1899	Earl Shilton Victor	0	0	Enderby Granite	
16	11.11.1899	Stoney Stanton	1	5	Burbage	

*Division IV*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
17	11.11.1899	Market Harborough	3	0	Market Harborough Caxton Athletic	
18	11.11.1899	Melton Town AN Others	3	3	Kibworth Iliffe Knapp AN Other	All England Ground, Melton.
19	11.11.1899	Syston Swifts	2	4	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental Depot	
20	11.11.1899	Wigston Excelsior	7	2	Leicester Waverley	

**Round 3**

*Division I and II*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
21	27.1.1900	Coalville Town	2	2	Ibstock Albion	
22	27.1.1900	Measham Wanderers	10	1	Ibstock Rovers	
23	27.1.1900	Barlestone	W		Shepshed Town	A weakened Shepshed team travelled to Barlestone and were easily beaten.
24	27.1.1900	Woodhouse United			Kegworth	

*Division III*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
25	27.1.1900	Earl Shilton Victor	2	3	Burbage United	

*Division I Division I and II combined*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
26	27.1.1900	Kibworth	0	5	Market Harborough	
27	27.1.1900	Wigston Excelsior	2	4	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental Depot	

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
28	27.1.1900	Coalville Town	2	2	Ibstock Rovers	
29	27.1.1900	Hathern Victoria	3	3	Barrow Rising Star	
30	27.1.1900	Kibworth	0	5	Market Harborough	
31	27.1.1900	Earl Shilton Victor	2	3	Burbage United	
32	27.1.1900	Measham Wanderers	10	1	Ibstock Rovers	
33	27.1.1900	Barlestone	0	10	Shepshed Town	
34	27.1.1900	Wigston Excelsior	2	4	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental Depot	
35	27.1.1900	Woodhouse United	3	5	Kegworth	

**Round 3 Replays**

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
36	10.2.1900	Barrow Rising Star	1	0	Hathern Victoria	Mill-lane grounds, Barrow.
37	10.2.1900	Ibstock Albion	3	4	Coalville Town	

#### Round 4

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
38	17.2.1900	Barrow Rising Star	A	A	Market Harborough	Abandoned owing to the Barrow ground being under water.
39	17.2.1900	Coalville Town	A	A	Barlestone	Abandoned - flooded pitch.
40	17.2.1900	Kegworth	2	3	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental Depot	The first time that the "Excels" had beaten the soldiers.
41	17.2.1900	Measham	1	2	Burbage United	

#### Round 4 Replays

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
42	3.3.1900	Coalville Town Reserves	0	2	Barlestone	Town ground, Coalville.
43	3.3.1900	Market Harborough	3	1	Barrow Rising Star	Since the Barrow ground was still under water, they made the journey to Market Harborough. The Soarside club offered to provide another ground in Barrow for the match but were ruled out of order and had to travel to their opponent's territory instead.

#### Semi-Finals

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
44	17.3.1900	Burbage	5	1	Barlestone	At Burbage.
45	17.3.1900	Market Harborough	0	0	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District	At Market Harborough.

#### Semi-Final Replay

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
46	31.3.1900	Market Harborough	1 (1)	0 (0)	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District	At Kibworth. Good gate.

#### Final

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
47	16.4.1900	Market Harborough AN Other West	2 (1)	2 (0)	Burbage AN Other Lucas	Market Harborough [Easter Monday] 1200 spectators. Easter Saturday. Harborough equalised 5 mins before time.

#### Final - Replay

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
48	28.4.1900	Market Harborough	0 (0)	4 (2)	Burbage Marshall AN Other Smith Toone	At Burbage. Good gate, c. 1,200. Late start was made. Market Harborough won the toss and chose to kick up a considerable slope, with the advantage of a slight wind. Mr Marston presented the cup on behalf of the Association.

#### Match Reports

##### #1-4 FIRST ROUND

Thirty-six clubs entered for this competition, but owing to the number of byes there were only four matches out for decision in the first round on Saturday. In Division I Ibstock beat Coalville United, at Ibstock, by five goals to three.

All clubs in Division II and IV received byes.

In Division III. Stoney Stanton beat Earl Shilton Reserves, at Shilton, by two goals to none.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News -19 October 1899*

## **#5-20 SECOND ROUND**

### **DEFEAT OF THE HOLERS**

This took place on Saturday, the results being as follows:

#### *DIVISION I*

Whitwick White Cross 2, Barlestone United 1

Coalville Athletic 9, Ibstock Albion 4

Measham Wanderers 7, Bagworth Rovers 1

Ibstock Rovers 2, Markfield Albion 1

#### *DIVISION II*

Shepshed Town 3, Loughborough Emmanuel 2

Hathern Victoria 1, Loughborough Corinthians

Woodhouse United 2, Castle Donington 1

Barrow Rising Star 3, Quorn Havelock 2

Kegworth Town 2, Barrow Excelsior 0, Kibworth 3

#### *DIVISION III*

Enderby Grange 0, Earl Shilton Victor 0

Burbage 5, Stoney Stanton 1

#### *DIVISION IV*

Melton Town 3, Kibworth 3

Market Harborough 3, Harborough Caxton 0

17<sup>th</sup> Regt District 4, Syston Swifts 2

Wigston Excelsior 7, Leicester Waverley 2

The defeat of Castle Donington at Woodhouse was the surprise of the afternoon. The holders of the trophy, although not having done anything remarkable in the last week or two, were confident of being able to defeat the Loughborough Leaguers.

Loughborough Emmanuel were somewhat unlucky in being beaten at Shepshed by the Town Club, the latter obtaining their winning goal on the point of time. The Emmanuel were unable to play F York, owing to having played in the Senior Cup Competition last year.

Loughborough Corinthians are not cup fighters. They let another chance slip last Saturday by the same score as Shepshed knocked them out of the Loughborough Charity Cup. In the first at the Corinthians had the wind, but could not score, there being no goals at the interval. On crossing over, Kidger had the ill-luck to put through his own goal, and Hathern netting one themselves won accordingly.

Barrow rising Star have seriously offended their younger players. It was decided that as the reserve team could not take part in the Sheild Competition, owing to ineligibility, they should compete for the Junior Cup. When the cub was drawn with their keenest rivals, Quorn Havelock, the temptation to play their full strength proved too strong, and the youngsters were given the "cold shoulder". This was very disappointing for the Reserves, but it was the best policy, for the latter would have stood no chance, and the "gate" would have suffered considerably. An exciting and even match was witnessed, and the Stars gained the day by the skin of their teeth, so to speak.

The victory of Kegworth at Barrow over the Excelsior was somewhat of a surprise, as the home club were confidently anticipating retrieving their fortunes. Kegworth had the benefit of both wind and slope in the first portion, and let at the interval by two – lucky – goals, both scored by Poxon, to none. The Excelsior had nearly all the play in the second half, but could not beat the defence, Poxon (in goal) playing a grand game, the end coming with the visitors winners by two goals to none. It is stated that a protest has been lodged. Whitwick White Cross found Barlestone United a stiff nut to crack, the runners-up only just getting home. Syston Swifts were greatly surprised by the Soldiers who will certainly run well in the competition, if Saturday's performance is nay criterion.

A good game was witnessed at Melton between the Town and Kibworth. The latter had the benefit of the wind in the first half, but the score was not opened until half an hour had elapsed. Melton equalized but Kibworth quickly put on two more, and led at half-time by three goals to one. The Town scored again

immediately on resuming and although they had nearly all of the game, they did not equalise till five minutes from time, in a scrimmage.

#### **#14 WOODHOUSE UNITED v CASTLE DONINGTON**

Played at Woodhouse. The United won the toss and kicked down the slope with the wind. They soon pressed, and the Donington custodiam was called upon to defend. Fifteen minutes had elapsed when Harry Wesley opened the score with a fine cross shot, which plucked up, and gave Stockwell a taste of their shooting abilities, but the Woodhouse goalkeeper was safe. Easing up, Barwell got away on the right, and sent in a good shot, which the Dons' custodian saved, and the in, Woodhouse were the first interval came with the United leading by a goal to none. Although opposed to the elements, Woodhouse were the first on the aggressive when the game was resumed, Harry Wesley shooting wide. Midfield play ensued for some minutes, and then Herbert centered, and the forwards making a bold dash, Barwell brought about the capitulation of the Dons' goal for a second time. This aroused the visitors from their lethargy, and Hickingbottom scored with a fine shot. The game became very exciting, Woodhouse played for all they were worth, and their left wing tried hard to net another without success. A keen game ended in a victory for Woodhouse by two goals to one.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 16 November 1899*

#### **#25 EARL SHILTON VICTOR v BURBAGE UNITED**

At Earl Shilton. Result:

BURBAGE, three goals;

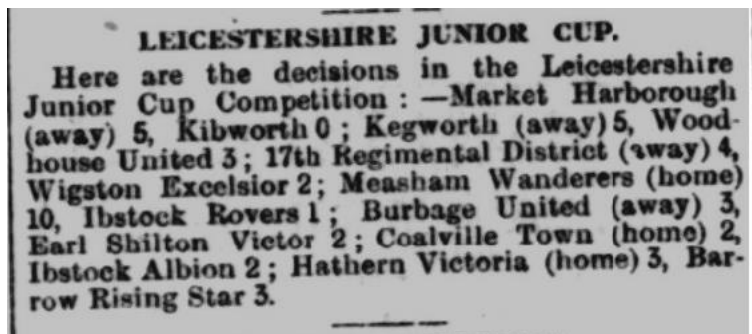
EARL SHITON VICTOR, two goals.

#### **#28 IBSTOCK ALBION v COALVILLE TOWN RESERVE**

At Coalville. Result:

A DRAW - two goals each.

*Coalville Times - 2 February 1900*



#### **#21-35 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP**

Here are the decisions in the Leicestershire Junior Cup Competition: - Market Harborough (away) 5, Kibworth 0; Kegworth (away) 5, Woodville United 3; 17th Regimental District (away) 4, Wigston Excelsior 2; Measham Wanderers (home) 10, Ibstock Rovers 1; Burbage United (away) 3, Earl Shilton Victor 2; Coalville Town (home) 2, Ibstock Albion 2; Hathern Victoria (home) 3, Barwell Rising Star 3.

*Leicester Daily Post - 29 January 1900*

#### **#29 HATHERN v BARROW RISING STAR**

At Hathern. Result:

BARROW, three goals;

HATHERN, three goals.

*Leicester Daily Post - 29 January 1900*

#### **#30 KIBWORTH v MARKET HARBOROUGH**

At Kibworth. Result:

MARKET HARBOROUGH, five goals;

KIBWORTH, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 29 January 1900

**#32 MEASHAM WANDERERS v IBSTOCK ROVERS**

At Measham. Result:

MEASHAM, 10 goals;  
IBSTOCK ROVERS, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 29 January 1900

**#34 WIGSTON EXCELSIOR v 17<sup>th</sup> REGIMENTAL DISTRICT**

On the former's ground. Result:

17<sup>th</sup> REGIMENTAL DISTRICT, four goals;  
WIGSTON EXCELSIOR, two goals.

Leicester Daily Post - 29 January 1900

**#35 WOODHOUSE UNITED v KEGWORTH**

At Woodhouse. Result:

KEGWORTH, five goals;  
WOODHOUSE, three goals.

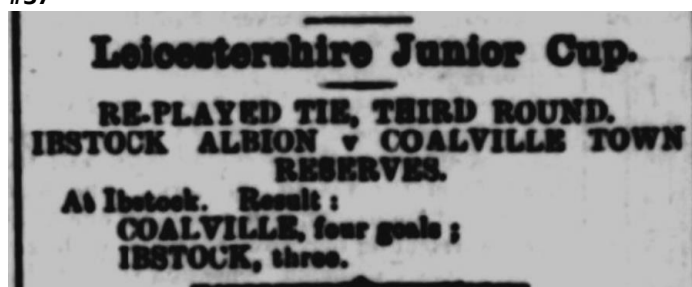
Leicester Daily Post - 29 January 1900

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Melton Mowbray mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 15 February 1900

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Coalville Times - 16 February 1900

**#38 BARROW RISING STAR v MARKET HARBOROUGH**

This match was abandoned, owing to the Barrow ground being unfit for play.

Leicester Daily Post - 19 February 1900

**#39 COALVILLE TOWN v BARLESTONE**

In consequence of the Coalville ground being flooded, this match had to be abandoned.

**#40 KEGWORTH v 17<sup>th</sup> REGIMENT**

At Kegworth Result :—

17th Regiment 3  
Kegworth 2

Hinckley Free Press – 23 February 1900

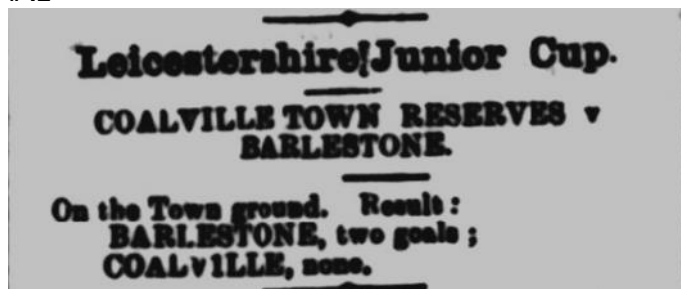
#### #41 MEASHAM WANDERERS v BURBAGE UNITED

Measham In the first half Burbage showed their superiority over the home team Worthington and Langham being successful at goal. The second half of rough character managed to get through before time Final:

Burbage	2
Measham	1

Hinckley Free Press – 23 February 1900

#### #42



Coalville Times – 9 March 1900

#### #43 MARKET HARBOROUGH AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL JUNIOR CUP TIE.

After an interval of about a couple of months, Market Harborough had a first team match at home last Saturday. Harborough were drawn to meet Barrow Rising Star at Barrow, in the fourth round of the Junior Cup Competition, but the Barrow ground being unfit for play, Barrow waived their right to the choice of ground and came to Harborough. There was a pretty good gate, and the greater portion of the spectators were fully prepared to see Harborough go down. In a capital game, however, Harborough won by three goals to one, and thus enter the semi-final. In the that half play was very and the teams appeared to be well matched. Barrow let one or two chances slip, and Harborough at the other end gave the Barrow defence a Warm time. After about half-an-hour's play, Ireson put in a beautiful centre, and Buswell headed the ball through, this being Harborough's first goal, and a good one too. No more scoring took place before the interval, but immediately on re-starting Harborough played brilliantly, and in a few minutes Turner added a second goal. Then for a time the visitors had all the best of the argument. They got the ball into the net, but off-side spoiled the effort Not to be denied, however, they soon scored a legitimate point, and at this time Harborough looked well out of it. Barrow had desperately hard lines once or twice, two shots striking the upright, and then the tide turned once more and Harborough were very busy at the other end. Turner slipped past two or three men and stored single-handed— a splendid effort, and this dashed Barrow's hopes to the ground. Harborough ran out winners as stated, and they well deserved the honour, for with the exception of a quarter-of-an-hour in the second half they held the upper hand throughout. The home team was as follows :—Plowman, goal; Farmer and Tilley, backs; Neal, West, and Scampton, half-backs ; Johnson, Smith, Ireson, Turner. Bromley, and Haswell. forwards.

Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail – 10 March 1900

**#44-45 HARBOROUGH AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL** A great amount of interest centred in the meeting of Market Harborough and the 17th Regimental District, at Harborough, on Saturday, in the Leicestershire Junior Cup semifinal. There was a good gate. The soldiers had always gone down previously at Harborough, but this time they effected a surprise, and, though they could not score, they would not let the Harborough men get through, and the game ended in a pointless draw. It was most evenly contested. Each side had openings, and lost them, the play not being very scientific. Each side shone most in defence. In the Harborough goal, Plowman exhibited splendid judgment on several occasions. Fanner, at back, was a tower of strength, and has rarely played better. West was the best of the halves. The forwards were below their usual standard—in fact, on neither side could the forwards be said to have done anything great. Amongst the soldiers' halfbacks, " Bonnie " Wilford, the ex-Harborough player, was in good form. He stuck to Bagwell and Bromley like grim death, with the result that the usually dangerous left wing pair could never settle down to their proper game. McKillop, at back, was about the best man on the side, and put in Pity amount of good work. The goalkeeper, too, proved a very useful man.

In the other Junior Cup semi-final, Burbage made no mistake with Barlestone, beating them by five goals to one.

*Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - 24 March 1900*

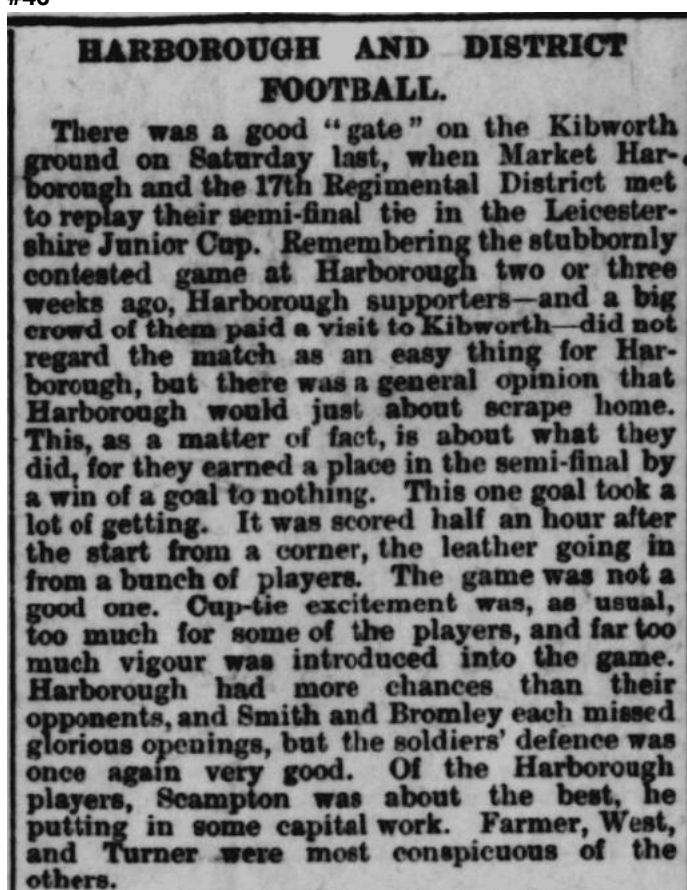
#### **#44-45 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR SEMI-FINAL TIES**

These were played on Saturday. When Burbage United and Barlestone United met at Burbage the match ending in an easy victory for the home club by five goals to none.

The other match was between Market Harborough and the 17<sup>th</sup> Regimental District, a keen fight at Harborough ending in a goal-less draw.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 22 March 1900*

#46



*Midland Mail - 7 April 1900*

#### **#47 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP FINAL TIE**

##### **MARKET HARBOROUGH v. BURBAGE UNITED**

This match took place at Market Harborough, on Easter Monday, before a record gate of over 1,200 people. Both teams were fully represented, and great excitement prevailed. A strong wind blew straight down the ground, and of this Harborough, on winning the toss, took advantage. Making full use of the wind, they scored within a few minutes. Following the centre kick, Harborough had plenty of opportunities, but failed to take advantage, and although playing against a perfect hurricane, Burbage were often dangerous. Half time: — Market Harborough, one goal; Burbage, nothing. Directly after the restart, from a foul, Burbage equalised, and although the Harborough defence was excellent and their custodian in first-class form, they were unable to prevent Burbage from scoring by Lucas shortly afterwards. The wind prevented anything like accuracy in shooting, and with the Burbage team pulling away Harborough pressed for a time without result. About five minutes from time, however, they were fortunate, through miskicking, on the part of a Burbage back, in equalising, West putting through. Lime was called shortly afterwards, with the game a



DRAW, two goals each.

Referee: Mr. J. E. Carpenter (Leicester). Linesmen: Messrs. W. J. Jones and J. L. Jinks (Leicester). Speaking from the stand after the game, Mr. Carpenter congratulated the teams upon the excellent display and the spirit with which the players had carried out their duties. He stated that in accordance with the decision of the executive, the re-play would take place at Burbage, and the date would not be fixed until both teams had been consulted. Mr. Turner, the captain of the Harborough team, said he wished, on behalf of the players, to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Carpenter for the excellent way he had conducted the game, and stating the players felt that the excellent spirit in which the game had been played was due to him. This was supported by the Burbage players and carried enthusiastically. After consulting the representatives of both teams, the Emergency Committee have acceded to their re-quest for the match to be replayed at Burbage, on Saturday, April 28.

*Leicester Chronicle – 21 April 1900*

#### **#48 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP FINAL**

##### **MARKET HARBOROUGH v BURBAGE UNITED**

These teams, who met to compete for final honours in the Junior Combination, at Market Harborough, on Easter Saturday, and succeeded in making a draw, again met on Saturday lost at Burbage. There was a good gate and spectators were very speculative as to the result. The teams lined up as follows:

Market Harbough: E Plowman, goal; Farmer and Tilley, backs; Neal, West and Scampton, half-backs; Buswell, Bromley, Turner, Ireson, and Clarke, forwards.

Burbage United: Taylor, goal; Hewitt and Warren, backs; Knight, Nicholls and Wood, half-backs' Worthington, Toone, Marshall, Smith and Lucas, forwards.

Referee, Mr Marston

A late start was made. Market Harborough won the toss and chose to kick up a considerable slope, with the advantage of a slight wind. Play for a time was of a very even character, though it soon became apparent that the home team were rexxx an enormous advantage of their acquaintance with a ground that for undulations and graceful slopes is probably second to no football field in the county. The ball quickly travelled into the visitors' quarters, and Lucas put in a shot that failed. Tilley transferred to the other end of the field, and Howitt, missing his kick, nearly let in the Harborough forwards, who forced a corner; but with some good hard work the United backs saved the situation. Clarke shortly afterwards failed to take advantage of a good chance in front of the Burbage goal. Lucas sprinted inn his usually nimble style down the wing and centred beautifully. Worthington met but was charged off the ball when on the point of shooting. Harborough got in a rush and forced a corner, Buswell landing the leather well into the goal mouth, but Taylor punched out. West obtained by tricking Marshall, and took the leather well into the home 25, but Warren returned. The spectators were treated to an effective display by the home attacking line, which resulted in a corner, while Framer punted out of danger. After 35 minutes' play the United forwards made a rush with a pace accelerated by the slope, and breaking through the Harborough defence, Marshall scored first honours. From the kick off Harborough quickened the pace, and Bromley got in a shot that tried the home custodian, who saved at the expense of a corner. The ball was landed well into the mouth of the goal, but Taylor admirably threw out. The home forwards continued to show superior combination to their opponents, and some particularly clever head work was conspicuous in the way the halves fed them. "Sixer" got in a good sprint on the wing and finished with a well placing the leather to his centre., who shot without effect. The Harborough backs however, failed to get the ball well away, and time after time their goal was assailed. At length the application of the Burbage forwards was rewarded a few minutes before half-time, when the score was:

BURBAGE, two goals;

MARKET HARBOROUGH, none.

Resuming, Harborough seemed to reap no advantage from the change, their forwards being quite unable to control the ball on the slope, and the game for a long time was of an uninteresting and tame description. A corner was given to Burbage and Lucas got in a lovely centre. Plowman tipped over the shot that followed, two other corners followed in quick succession, nothing resulting. West then made a change in the disposition of his team and himself went forward, but this improved matters very little. Marshall dribbled up the centre, and passed out to Worthington, who put through the net with an oblique shot which Plowman was unable to negotiate. The referee disallowed the goal on the off-side rule. A foul was given against Harborough within their own 25, and 16 minutes after resuming play Burbage brought their score up to 3-0 by Smith heading through. This appeared to demoralise Harborough, and a few minutes later Marshall again rushed through, but the points were disallowed for charging the goalkeeper. Harborough made an attempt to save a worse

defeat and forced a corner. Wets took the kick but landed the leather much too far. Harborough again made a more concerted attack, and when looking like scoring Turner failed in his shot. Subsequently the Harborough goal and was bombarded, but Plowman disguised himself with clever saves. a few minutes before the call of time Worthington centred, and Toone meeting put through a lightning shot and the game ended:

BURBAGE UNITED, four goals;

MARKET HARBOROUGH, none.

Mr. Marston presented the cup on behalf of the association.

*Leicester Daily Post - 30 April 1900*