



# Whitwick Charity Cup 1899-00

**Winner:** Whitwick White Cross  
**Runner-Up:** Ibstock Albion  
**No. of entries:** 8

Sadly J Lakin [Shepshed Town] had to have his leg amputated following an injury in the Round 1 tie against Coalville Town.

The semi-final tie between Shepshed and Whitwick, which was ordered to be replayed due to short time being played, had it all – late arrival of the visitors, played in 5 inches of snow, severe injuries, fighting and an own goal!

Whitwick White Cross retained the trophy.

## Round 1

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	7.10.1899	Ashby Blue Cross	2	1	Shepshed Albion	Blue Cross scored the winner "on the stroke of time."
2	7.10.1899	Ibstock Albion	4	0	Markfield	
3	7.10.1899	Shepshed Town	3	0	Coalville Town	J Lakin met with a serious accident and had to have his leg amputated. A collection was made on the ground, and a sum of £1 5s 6d was realised for the unfortunate player.
4	7.10.1899	Whitwick White Cross [Holders] Stanyard (2) Cane (2) Middleton (2)	6	0	Coalville Athletic	Coalville had two goals disallowed.

## Semi-Finals

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5	16.12.1899	Ibstock Albion	5	1	Ashby Blue Cross	Played Whitwick White Cross Ground
6	16.12.1899	Whitwick White Cross Middleton AN Other og (Clamp)	3 (2)	1 (1)	Shepshed Town Tivey	Played on the Shepshed Albion ground. Large crowd in spite of the ground being covered in 5 inches of snow. Match stopped 15 mins before time. Shepshed played with 10 men following a severe injury to one of their backs. Whitwick were fined a sovereign for not arriving punctually. Taylor [Whitwick] was sent off for fighting. The match was ordered to be replayed the following week, but Shepshed scratched the match owing to having several players injured. The Charity Association reported Shepshed to the LFA and claimed \$5 for loss of gate. Whitwick were fined. LFA ordered the clubs to play a game for the benefit of the charity on Easter Morning at Whitwick which Shepshed won 4-1.

## Final

Date	Home	Away	Details
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7	26.3.1900	Whitwick White Cross Middleton (1 min) Kane	2 (2)	2 (0)	Ibstock Albion	At Whitwick. 400 spectators. Whitwick played down hill in the first half.
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## Final- Replay

Date	Home			Away	Details	
8	24.3.1900	Whitwick White Cross	2	1	Ibstock Albion	Ibstock Rover's ground, adjoining the Royal Oak Inn. Fairly large crowd. Gate receipts 4 guineas. Cup and medals were presented to the winners by Mr Mackenzie.

## Match Reports

### #1-4 WHITWICK CHARITY CUP

#### FIRST ROUND

This took place last Saturday, the results to hand being:

Shepshed Town, three goals; Coalville Town, none.

Ashby Blue Cross, two goals; Shepshed Albion, one goal.

Whitwick White Cross, six goals; Coalville Athletic.

Ibstock Albion, four goals; Markfield, none.

Shepshed Albion went to Ashby, and were unluckily beaten by the Blue Cross Club. The teams were very evenly matched and stood on level terms – one goal each – until close on the stroke of time, when the Blue Cross put on another goal, and won by two goals to one.

Shepshed Town met Coalville Town at Shepshed. Coalville won the toss, but the Reds scored after a few minutes play. The visitors pressed, but failed to score, and half-time came with Shepshed, one goal; Coalville none. In the second half give-and-take play was of the order, Coalville coming near scoring on several occasions, but the Red's defence prevailed. Shepshed, giving away, scored a second goal, which was followed directly by a third, and when the whistle blew for time, Shepshed had entered the semi-final by three goals to none.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 12 October 1899*

### #5 SEMI-FINAL

#### IBSTOCK ALBION v ASHBY BLUE CROSS

Played on the Whitwick White Cross Ground.

Result:

IBSTOCK ALBION, five goals;

ASHBY BLUE CROSS, one goal.

*Leicester Daily Post -18 December 1899*

### SEMI-FINAL

#### #6 SHEPshed TOWN v WHITWICK WHITE CROSS

Played on the Shepshed Albion ground. Great interest was taken in the match, owing to these teams making a draw in the Loughborough Cup. In spite of the ground being about five inches deep in snow, a large crowd assembled to see the encounter. White Cross arrived three-quarters of an hour late, and at a few minutes after three o'clock the teams lined up under Mr W P Woolley, of Kegworth. The home eleven were represented by A Beresford, Iliffe, Lakin, Start, Gent, Clamp, Tivey, Hopkins, Pawley, Walker., Moore. Shepshed won the toss, and placed Whitwick to defend the Charnwood goal. Cross kicked off, and Shepshed immediately pressed, forcing two corners in a succession, Hopkins missing a good chance. Cross now took up the running, and a goal was scored by Middleton after about seven minutes. From the centre the game became very fast and rough. Lakin, the Reds' full back, sustained a severe injury to his knee in defending his goal, and had to be assisted off the field. In spite of having only ten players, the home team equalised through Tivey, the same player missing an easy chance a few minutes afterwards. The game continued fast and rough, Moore received a kick in the face, from which he bled profusely, Hopkins also

getting kicked across the ankle. The Reds attacked strongly, and Taylor (Whitwick) struck Walker, a Shepshed forward, for which the referee ordered him off the field. The White Cross again pressed, and gained the lead just before half-time, the score standing:- Shepshed Town, one goal; Whitwick White Cross, two. From the restart Whitwick had the best of matters, Middleton, the visitors' centre half, being for the Reds. Play became of a give-and-take character, Beresford being loudly applauded for saving splendidly on several occasions. Darkness set in, and the ball had glanced off Clamp into his own goal, thus adding the third point for the visitors. The referee stopped the game, and after consulting the central linesman, left the score with - Whitwick White Cross, three goals; Shepshed Town, one goal, fifteen minutes short time being played. The re-played tie has been ordered to be played at Whitwick on Saturday next, but Shepshed have been scratched. Shepshed will therefore fulfil their League fixture at Barrow Rising Star at Barrow, with this team: - A Beresford, J Wortley, G Jordan, T Moore, T Wilson, C Gent, T Tivey, W Walker, J T Pauley, C Hopkins and A Moore.

J Lakin's injury is a very severe one. First aid was rendered by the secretary of the Shepshed club, Sergt. Darby, PC Challoner and B Bennett, members of the St Johns Ambulance Association, who took the injured player to his residence where he was attended by Dr C Still. A collection was made on the ground, and a sum of £1 5s 6d was realised for the unfortunate player.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 21 December 1899*

## **WHITWICK AND DISTRICT CHARITY CUP FINAL ROUND**

### **#7 WHITWICK WHITE CROSS v IBSTOCK ALBION**

Played on the old town, Whitwick, before 400 spectators. Whitwick played down hill in the first half, and in the first minute Middleton, from the line, scored a splendid goal. Later Kane put on a second, and Whitwick were leading by two to none at the interval. Ibstock showed up better in the second half, and in the last twenty minutes scored two goals. Result:

A DRAW - two goals each.

*Melton Mowbray and Oakham and Uppingham News - 28 December 1899*

### **#8 THE WHITWICK CUP FINAL**

A final cup-tie at Ibstock caused a fairly large crowd to assemble on the Rover's ground, adjoining the royal Oak Inn, on Saturday afternoon, the contestants being Whitwick White Cross and Ibstock Albion. It was the second time the team had met; they having made a draw of two goals each when playing for the cup at Whitwick on Boxing Day.

Both sides were strongly represented, and they took the field shortly after 3 o'clock under the command of Referee A L Lee, of Leicester, with Messrs J T Morton (Whitwick) and D Marston (Coalville) as linesmen. There was a cross wind in Ibstock's favour during the first half, and immediately after kick off the Albion went away and had a pop at goal, but without effect. Then the cup-holders (White Cross) with amazing rapidity put on a couple of goals. The first by the skipper, Allen, was a beauty, but the second was rather tame, it being very weak play on the part of the backs which enabled Cane to get the ball into the net.

But White Cross by no means had matters their own way afterwards. Ibstock had a good share of the game up to the interval, and before this arrived, had reduced their opponents' lead. The goal - the best of the afternoon was obtained by a splendid shot by Foster, which had so much sting behind it that although Hall (the custodian) caught the ball, he was powerless to stop its career into the net. The Albion were very near scoring again a few minutes afterwards, the game being stopped through an injury to a Whitwick player when an Ibstock forward had got the ball in a likely position for scoring. Half-time then arrived with the Cross leading by two to one.

Taking the second half all through most of the play was in favour of the Albion, though no further goals were scored. The Whitwick goal, however, had some marvellous escapes and for Ibstock might be fairly said it was hard lines for them to be beaten. On the other hand, there was at least one occasion when Whitwick should have scored, Clamp shooting straight at the goalkeeper at only a few yards range. Ibstock, undoubtedly lost the match through not being more careful in front of goal. Foster, who was the best man on his side, seemed to be about the only one who could be depended upon to avail himself of a good chance when it fell to him. On the Whitwick side, the splendid game by T Middleton at centre half was most noticeable.

At the close of the match, the Rev J W A Mackenzie complimented the teams, and Ibstock in particular, on the plucky fight they had made, and then Mrs Mackenzie who had also been present during the match, presented

the cup to the captain of the Whitwick team (Allen) and silver medals to both sides. One of the Ibstock hands was present and added to the success of the proceedings with a good selection of music  
About four guineas were the proceeds of the game.  
*Coalville Times - 30 March 1900*

### **Additional Information**

**SHEPshed FOOTBALLER'S SAD ACCIDENT.**  
A short time ago Shepshed Town and Whitwick White Cross met at Shepshed, in the Whitwick Charity Cup competition. Soon after the match commenced J. Lakin, one of the Shepshed full-backs, sustained injury to his leg, and had to retire. During the last few days the limb has had to be amputated. Such a serious misfortune will be sincerely deplored by all footballers in the county, and at a meeting of the Loughborough and District League, on Tuesday evening, general sympathy was expressed with the player. It was decided that application should be made to the Association for permission for all the League clubs to play a benefit match for the unfortunate player.

*Leicester Daily Post - 4 January 1900*