

Winner: Barwell Swifts
Runner-Up: Earl Shilton Town

Hinckley & District League 1895-96

Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Earl Shilton Town	15	14	0	1	72	14	28
2	Barwell Swifts	13	12	0	1	59	11	24
3	Stoney Stanton Rising Star	15	5	4	6	28	43	14
4	Earl Shilton Excelsior	12	5	0	7	26	25	10
5	Hinckley Granville	12	4	2	6	20	30	10
6	Hinckley Town Reserves	13	4	2	7	19	27	10
7	Croft Rising Star	13	4	1	8	19	30	9
8	Broughton Astley	10	3	2	5	11	24	8
9	Burbage Albion	13	1	1	11	11	51	3

Leicester Daily Mercury - 9 March 1896

It was originally known as the South Leicestershire League and was based at the Railway Hotel, Hinckley.

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The Hinckley and District League was formally sanctioned by the English Football Association on Monday 9 September 1895.

Ten teams competed in the inaugural Hinckley & District League competition - Barwell Swifts, Broughton Astley, Burbage Albion, Croft Rising Star, Earl Shilton Excelsior, Earl Shilton Town, Hinckley Granville, Hinckley Great Meeting, Hinckley Town Reserves, and Stoney Stanton Rising Star.

The town of Hinckley was represented by three clubs and Earl Shilton by two.

All clubs apart from Hinckley Great Meeting completed the season.

Little information is currently known about the 1895-6 competition. Press coverage was poor, although League meetings were reported, from which odd snippets of information have been gleaned.

The Croft v Hinckley Granville game was ordered to be replayed, 15 minutes short time having been played. The gate was divided equally after expenses had been paid.

Hinckley Town were fined 1s being arriving late for their League game against Hinckley Granville.

Hinckley Town Reserves were ordered to pay Earl Shilton Excelsior 10s for non-fulfilment of a League fixture on 30 November.

Before Christmas the League changed its rules so that players who had taken part in the Senior Cup Competition were barred from playing in the Hinckley and District League.

Stanton players while journeying to Earl Shilton on Saturday 4 January 1896 their wagonette collided with another vehicle. The occupants of the Stanton brake which broke in two, were deposited in the mud. The horse bolted with one half of the brake. The players had to walk the remainder of the journey and after such an upset it was little wonder that they were beaten 6-0.

C Newcombe of Hinckley Granville was reported by the referee of the match against Hinckley United on 3 April for misconduct, and was suspended until 15 September.

The latest league table currently known is from 11 January 1896 – which is given above.

A match between the Champions (Barwell) and the Rest of the League was planned to take place on Easter Tuesday. The following players were chosen to represent the Rest of the League team: H Bradbury (Excelsior), J Chesterton and W E Forester (Earl Shilton Town), J Thorne and T Gregory (Hinckley Town), A Farndon (Stoney Stanton), W Hardy (Croft), C Robinson (Burbage), T Kenney and A Groves (Hinckley Granville). No report has currently been found for this match.

Barwell Swift players were presented with gold medals at the end of the Champions v Rest of the League, whilst the silver medals were given to the team representing the Rest of the League.

Results Grid

Hinckley & District League 1895-96	Barwell Swifts	Broughton Astley	Burbage Albion	Croft Rising Star	Earl Shilton Excelsior	Earl Shilton Town	Hinckley Granville	Hinckley Town Reserves	Stoney Stanton Rising Star
Barwell Swifts		4-0	10-0	5-0	3-1	4-0	4-0	4-0	12-1
Broughton Astley			3-1	1-2			1-3	3-3	1-1
Burbage Albion	0-7			1-2	0-2				4-2
Croft Rising Star	2-3								
Earl Shilton Excelsior	0-3			2-0			2-0		3-4
Earl Shilton Town	5-1	7-0	11-0	3-1	3-2		2-1	3-0	6-0
Hinckley Granville		1-0				1-3		1-2	2-2
Hinckley Town Reserves		1-2					2-2		2-0
Stoney Stanton Rising Star	1-8	3-0	3-3		0-7	1-3	3-1	5-1	

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Result Not Known/Game not played

Results and Match Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.9.1895	Hinckley	1 (1)	2 (0)	Barwell Swifts	
14.9.1895	Croft rising Star	2	3	Barwell Swifts	
14.9.1895	Hinckley Granville	1	2	Hinckley Town Reserves	
21.9.1895	Barwell Swifts	3	1	Earl Shilton Excelsior	
21.9.1895	Earl Shilton Town	3	0	Hinckley Town Reserves	
28.9.1895	Broughton Astley	3	3	Hinckley Town Reserves	
28.9.1895	Earl Shilton Excelsior	2	0	Croft Rising Star	
28.9.1895	Earl Shilton Town	5	1	Barwell Swifts	
28.9.1895	Hinckley Granville	1	0	Burbage Albion	

	Flude	(1)	(0)		
5.10.1895	Barwell Swifts	4	0	Hinckley Town Reserves	
5.10.1895	Burbage Albion			Earl Shilton Town	
5.10.1895	Croft Rising Star Abbott AN Other	2 (1)	5 (3)	Hinckley Great Meeting Bolesworth (4) Flude	
5.10.1895	Stoney Stanton	0	7	Earl Shilton Excelsior	
19.10.1895	Earl Shilton Excelsior	0	3	Barwell Swifts	
19.10.1895	Earl Shilton Town	3 (1)	1 (0)	Hinckley Granville	
19.10.1895	Stoney Stanton	3	3	Burbage Albion	
26.10.1895	Stoney Stanton	3	0	Broughton Astley	
2.11.1895	Barwell Swifts	4	0	Earl Shilton Town	
2.11.1895	Croft Rising Star			Hinckley Town Reserves	
2.11.1895	Earl Shilton Excelsior	2	0	Hinckley Granville	
9.11.1895	Hinckley Granville AN Other Bolesworth	2	2	Stoney Stanton AN Others	Stanton equalised 3 mins before time with a "fine dropping shot."
9.11.1895	Hinckley Town Reserves			Earl Shilton Town	Holy Well ground, Hinckley
16.11.1895	Barwell Swifts	10	0	Burbage	
16.11.1895	Earl Shilton Excelsior	3	4	Stoney Stanton	
16.11.1895	Hinckley Granville			Croft rising Star	
23.11.1895	Burbage	1	2	Croft Rising Star	
23.11.1895	Hinckley Great Meeting	2	2	Earl Shilton Town Reserve	
23.11.1895	Hinckley Town Reserves	2	2	Hinckley Granville	Holywell Ground, Hinckley. Great rivals.
30.11.1895	Burbage	1	2	Croft Rising Star	
30.11.1895	Hinckley Granville	1	3	Earl Shilton Town	
30.11.1895	Earl Shilton Excelsior	P	P	Hinckley Town Reserve	Hinckley did not fulfil the fixture for which they were ordered to pay Earl Shilton 10s, the amount claimed for expenses. Game was ordered to be replayed on 8 February
30.11.1895	Stoney Stanton	1	8	Barwell Swifts	
7.12.1895	Barwell Swifts	4 (4)	0 (0)	Hinckley Granville	Granville arrived with only 9 men.
7.12.1895	Croft			Stoney Stanton	
7.12.1895	Earl Shilton Town			Earl Shilton Excelsior	
14.12.1895	Burbage Albion	1	2	Stoney Stanton	
14.12.1895	Hinckley Granville			Croft	Relayed match
14.12.1895	Hinckley Town Reserves	1	2	Broughton Astley	Holy Well ground, Hinckley.
21.12.1895	Broughton Astley			Earl Shilton Excelsior	
21.12.1895	Earl Shilton Town	11	0	Burbage Albion	
25.12.1895	Burbage Albion			Hinckley Granville	
25.12.1895	Hinckley Town Reserves			Earl Shilton Excelsior	
27.12.1895	Hinckley Town Reserves			Hinckley Granville	
28.12.1895	Barwell Swifts	A	A	Croft Rising Star	Only 40 minutes were played during which time Barwell scored 3 times without reply. Game abandoned due to heavy rain.

28.12.1895	Burbage Albion			Hinckley Town Reserves	
28.12.1895	Earl Shilton Excelsior			Broughton Astley	
4.1.1896	Barwell Swifts	4	0	Broughton Astley	
4.1.1896	Croft			Earl Shilton Excelsior	
4.1.1896	Earl Shilton Town	6	0	Stoney Stanton	
11.1.1896	Hinckley Town Reserves			Burbage Albion	
18.1.1896	Burbage Albion	0	7	Barwell Swifts	
18.1.1896	Earl Shilton Town	3	1	Croft Rising Star	
18.1.1896	Hinckley Granville			Earl Shilton Excelsior	
18.1.1896	Hinckley Town Reserves Spencer Wills	2	0	Stoney Stanton	Holy Well Ground, Hinckley.
25.1.1896	Stoney Stanton	5	1	Hinckley Town Reserves	
1.2.1896	Barwell Swifts	6	1	Hinckley Great Meeting	
1.2.1896	Croft Rising Star			Broughton Astley	
1.2.1896	Stoney Stanton	1	3	Earl Shilton Town	
8.2.1896	Broughton Astley	1	1	Stoney Stanton	
15.2.1896	Earl Shilton Town	3	2	Earl Shilton Excelsior	
15.2.1896	Hinckley Granville			Broughton Astley	
22.2.1896	Croft Rising Star			Earl Shilton Town	
22.2.1896	Earl Shilton Excelsior			Burbage	
22.2.1896	Stoney Stanton	3	1	Hinckley Granville	
29.2.1896	Burbage Albions	4	2	Stoney Stanton	Replayed League match.
29.2.1896	Earl Shilton	7	0	Broughton Astley	
7.3.1896	Broughton Astley	3	1	Burbage Albion	
14.3.1896	Barwell Swifts	12	1	Stoney Stanton	Stanton's final League game of the season.
14.3.1896	Broughton Astley	1	3	Hinckley Granville	
14.3.1896	Burbage Albion	0	2	Earl Shilton Excelsior	
21.3.1896	Boughton Astley	1	2	Croft Rising Star	
28.3.1896	Broughton Astley			Earl Shilton Town	
28.3.1896	Earl Shilton Excelsior			Hinckley Granville	
28.3.1896	Hinckley Town Reserves			Burbage Albion	
4.4.1896	Barwell Swifts	5	0	Croft Rising Star	
4.4.1896	Broughton			Burbage	
7.4.1896	Barwell			Rest of League	At Barwell.
11.4.1896	Earl Shilton Excelsior			Broughton Astley	
11.4.1896	Hinckley Granville			Croft Rising Star	
11.4.1896	Broughton Astley			Barwell Swifts	
18.4.1896	Barwell Swifts			Broughton Astley	

Inter-League Match

Date	Home			Away	Match Notes
11.1.1896	Hinckley & District League Harrison (2) Hewett	3 (2)	1 (1)	Leicester & District League Buswell	At Earl Shilton.

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

THE INTER-LEAGUE MATCH - This match, between the Leicester and District League and Hinckley and District League, was played at Shilton on Saturday last. Brown kicked off for Hinckley, who played down hill, and soon began to force the game, and for a few minutes the Leicester backs were called upon. Gibson relieved, and Buswell obtaining, raced up the field and passed to Edge, whose shot was easily saved by Underwood. More good work was done by the Leicester forwards, and from a centre by Curtis Buswell scored a fine goal. Re-starting, Palmer and Curtis put in some fine work, Underwood, the Hinckley custodian, saving some fine shots from, them. After this play ruled even, but in the last ten minutes, from a miskick by Wright, Heywood put in a good shot. Harrison saved, but Brown, being well up, equalised, the same player again putting through before half-time, when the score was: Hinckley. two goals; Leicester, one goal. Crossing over, Hinckley set to work, and soon began to press. For the first 15 minutes they did nothing but send in shots at Harrison, but he saved his charge splendidly, being cheered time after time. Relief came at last and Wood raced away, but could not get by the backs. Harding then passed over to Chapman, who ran well up, but without success. Hewett soon after scored the third goal with a fine screw kick. The Leicester men now showed evident signs of tiring, but Gibson and Baxter, defending well, managed, to keep the Hinckley forwards at bay. Nothing more was scored, and a very pleasant game ended in favour of the Hinckley League. Result: Hinckley three goals; Leicester one goal.

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Additional Information

HINCKLEY AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

A meeting of the Emergency Committee of the League was held at the Railway Hotel, Hinckley, on Thursday. Present :—Mr. H. Bradbury (Earl Shilton), (chairman), Mr. W. Power (Barwell), Mr. W. E. Forster (Earl Shilton), and Mr. J. T. Hawkins (hon. sec.)—One match (Croft v. Hinckley Granville) was ordered to be re-played, 15 minutes short time having been played, the game to take place at Hinckley, and the gate to be divided after expenses have been paid, the date to be mutually arranged. The match Hinckley Town Reserve v. Hinckley Granville was ordered to stand as a League match, Hinckley Town being fined 1s. for being late in arriving.—Earl Shilton Excelsior reported Hinckley Town Reserves for non-fulfilment of fixture on Nov. 30th, and Hinckley was ordered to pay Earl Shilton 10s., the amount claimed for expenses, the match to be played at Shilton on February 8th.—It was agreed that the Emergency Committee meet at an early date after the draw for the Junior Cup to select the team against the Leicester and District League, to be played at Earl Shilton on January 11th.

REFEREES FOR THE FORTHCOMING MATCHES.

- Dec. 14.—Burbage v. Stanton, J. Chesterton.
Hinckley Reserves v. Broughton, H. Bradbury.
- Dec. 21.—Shilton v. Burbage, W. Pilgrim.
Broughton v. Excelsior, J. T. Hawkins.
- Dec. 25.—Hinckley Reserves v. Excelsior, J. Waring.
Burbage v. Granville, H. Tomlinson.
- Dec. 27.—Hinckley Reserves v. Granville, J. Chesterton.
- Dec. 28.—Barwell v. Croft, J. Waring.
Excelsior v. Broughton, J. J. Hawkins.
Burbage v. Hinckley Reserves, H. Bradbury.
- Jan. 4.—Barwell v. Broughton, J. Chesterton.
Shilton v. Stanton, W. Pilgrim.
Excelsior v. Croft, J. F. Hawkins.
- Jan. 11.—Hinckley v. Burbage, H. Tomlinson.

Leicester Chronicle - 14 December 1895

HINCKLEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

BARWELL v. REST OF LEAGUE.

At Barwell on Easter Tuesday. Rest of League :—E. Riley (Stoney Stanton), goal; Harding (Hinckley Granville) and Worthington (Earl Shilton Town), backs; Foster, King, (Earl Shilton Town), and Price (Earl Shilton Excelsior), half-backs; Wheelock (Burbage), Suffolk (Hinckley Town), Garton (Croft), Dayman (Earl Shilton Town), and Hewitt (Broughton), forwards. Barwell Swifts :—Underwood, goal; Lucas and Osborne, backs; Green, Lucas, and Peace, half-backs; Smith, Herbert, Barnett, Haywood, and Copley, forwards.

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HINCKLEY AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

A meeting of the above League was held at the Railway Hotel, Hinckley, last week, when the following representatives were present:—Mr. H. Bradbury (Shilton Excelsior), chairman, Messrs. J. Thorne (Hinckley Town), J. Chesterton (Shilton Town), A. Groves (Hinckley Granville), A. Farndon (Stanton), C. Robinson (Burbage Albions), J. Knight (Hinckley), J. T. Hawkins, hon. sec. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The match Burbage Albions v. Stanton, through 20 minutes short time being played, was ordered to be replayed at Burbage, date to be mutually arranged. Stanton to take half gate after expenses have been paid. The Burbage Albion was fined 1s. for not having been ready to play the match at the advertised time.—The case of the Hinckley Town v. Hinckley Granville was adjourned until the next meeting of the League, the secretary to lay the full facts of the case before the members of the Leicestershire Emergency Committee, and report to League. The report of the inter-league match was then given, and the accounts were passed as very satisfactory. The balance from the same to the League was 5/7,

after providing tea for the teams and expenses paid. The question of Champions v. Rest of League match was adjourned until the next meeting of the League, the secretary to try and make the best arrangements for ground to play the same on. The following dates were arranged for the replayed league matches:—

- March 21—Hinckley Reserves v. Excelsior.
 - " 28—Excelsior v. Granville.
 - " 28—Hinckley Reserves v. Burbage.
 - April 4—Barwell v. Croft.
 - " 11—Excelsior v. Broughton.
 - " 11—Granville v. Croft.
- On the ground of the first-named club.

List of Referees for coming month:—

- Feb. 22—Croft v. Shilton, J. T. Hawkins.
- " 22—Excelsior v. Burbage, W. Pilgrim.
- " 22—Stanton v. Granville, H. Bradbury.
- " 29—Shilton v. Broughton, J. Waring.
- Mar. 7—Broughton v. Burbage, J. Chesterton.
- " 14—Barwell v. Stanton, H. Bradbury.
- " 14—Burbage v. Excelsior, H. Tomlinson.
- " 14—Broughton v. Granville, J. T. Hawkins.
- " 21—Hinckley Res. v. Excelsior, J. Waring.
- " 21—Broughton v. Croft, J. T. Hawkins.