



Leicestershire Junior Challenge Cup 1890-91

Winner: Loughborough Swifts

Runner-Up: Quorn Havelock

No. of entries: 13

Thirteen teams entered the second Leicestershire Association Junior Cup.

The Cup was won by Loughborough Swifts, with near neighbours, Quorn Havelock finishing runners-up.

Round 1

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	1.11.1890	Leicester Victor Lovell	1 (0)	1 (1)	Ansty Town AN Other	Spinney Hill Park, Leicester. Good number of onlookers. Victor equalised 5 mins from time.
2	8.11.1890	Gresley Rovers Reserves	4	4	Melton Swifts	
3	15.1.1890	Syston Wreake Valley	0	6	Hathern	
4	15.11.1890	Leicester Teachers Reserves Starkey Jarvis E Smith	3	0	South Wigston Reserves	Evington Lane, Leicester. South Wigston were awarded the tie after a protest.
5	22.11.1890	Kegworth Town	0	4	Quorn Havelock Orson Disney Clarke Preston	

Byes: Loughborough Swifts, Fosse Reserves and Measham

Round 1 Replay

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
6	22.11.1890	Melton Swifts	1 (0)	4 (4)	Gresley Rovers Reserves	Gresley scored 4 goals in the opening 15 mins.
7	1.12.1890	Ansty Town Draycott (2)	2	2	Leicester Victor Alexander Shenton	Last 15 mins were played in semi- darkness.

Round 1 2nd Replay

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
8	26.12.1890	Leicester Victor	W		Ansty Town	Victoria Park, Leicester. Ansty could not raise a team. Game awarded to Victor.

Round 2

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
9	27.12.1890	Measham	0 (0)	7 (3)	Quorn Havelock	Field covered in several inches of snow.
10	3.1.1891	Loughborough Swifts	3 (3)	1 (1)	Hathern	Tylers Ground, Loughborough
11	24.1.1891	Leicester Victor	0	5	Gresley Rovers Reserves Cooper Brealey Thompson	Spinney Hill Park, Leicester. Wretched weather, soft ground.

12	7.2.1891	Fosse Reserves	14	0	South Wigston	
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Semi-Finals

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
13	12.2.1891	Loughborough Swifts Simmons Jarvis Jackson (2) Fisher	5 (3)	3 (3)	Gresley Rovers Reserves Robinson Mills (og) Brearly	Garner's Ground, Hugglescote. Large company of spectators.
14	21.2.1891	Leicester Fosse Reserves Lomas (or Lyal)	1	1	Quorn Havelock	Melton Rovers Ground. Largest gate ever seen at the ground. Bitterly cold, heavy fog. Within 10 mins no fewer than 5 fouls were claimed and given. Quorn's equaliser was bizarre -"The ball was hustled past Fosse goalkeeper, Smith, and the shout went up "Bravo Quorn!" <i>It was freely asserted that the leather put, outside the western goal post, put into play again by a boy's foot (not a player), then the ball went through, the referee allowing the goal, to the great chagrin of the Fossils and their friends."</i>

Semi-Final Replay

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
15	28.3.1891	Leicester Fosse Reserves	0	3	Quorn Havelock	At Loughborough. Rough game.

Final

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
16	11.4.1891	Loughborough Swifts	2 (2)	1 (0)	Quorn Havelock	At Syston

Match Reports

#1 JUNIOR CUP TIE

VICTOR F.C. v. ANSTY TOWN F.C.—These teams met on Spinney Hill Park on Saturday to contest in the first round for the Leicestershire Junior Cup, when the good number of onlookers present witnessed a dogged and determined game, the interest being kept up right to the call of time, and the match eventually resulting in a draw of one goal each. Ansty were a much more powerful team than the Victor, but the game, though hard, was exceedingly pleasant and quite free from trouble, the decisions of Mr. W. E. Taylor, the referee, being promptly given and at once accepted. Ansty won the toss, and Lovell started for the Victor. The homesters, though playing uphill, at once pressed, but were unfortunate at one or two critical points, the leather just skimming the poste on either side; then Ansty made a rare dash, and one of the Victor backs missing his kick the visitors lowered Bridge's fortress with a splendidly sharp shot. Still they pinned the Victor, and had hard luck with one or two well-meant shots. The interval was called with the score. Ansty one goal, Victor nil. On resuming, it was noticed that the Victor seemed slightly to be gaining ground, the wing play of both Shenstone and Skeffington being good, and Tom Weston at half-back playing in his very best style. Ansty disputed inch by inch, and it was only five minutes before time that Lovell scored a "ripping" goal from the well-judged play of W. C. Shenstone. This equalising of the game was received with much cheering, and during the remaining five minutes the Victor dashed and rushed well, but it was too late, there being a good deal of out kicking by the Ansty backs. The Ansty back division and the play of J. Spencer were very good. Bridger

kept goal well for the Victor, and A. H. Shenstone on the right sing splendid. Victor: W. R. Bridger. goal W. Cooper and F. L. Cotterill (captain), backs ; T. Weston, C. B. Smith, and H. Skeffington, half-banks; W. C. Shenstone, A. H. Shenstone, A. Lovell, T. H. Barrowcliffe, and W. Skeffington, forwards ; umpire, Mr. A. Wells. Ansty Town : M. Wolff, goal; E. Haddams and A. Worth, backs; F. Wain, J. Palmer, and D. Spencer, half-backs ; J. Johnson, J. Spencer, T. Pearson, C. Draycott, and S. Draycott, forwards ; umpire, Mr. J. Renner. Referee, Mr. W. E. Taylor.

Leicester daily Post – 3 November 1890

#2 GRESLEY ROVERS (2ND) v MELTON SWIFTS (Junior Cup) – Played at Melton, and resulted in a drawn game of four goals each.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News 13 November 1890

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Leicester Daily Post – 10 November 1890

#3 HATHERN BRITANNIA v SYSTON WREAKE VALLEY 2ND – This match came off at Syston, the Hathern team having matters all their own way, and winning by six goals to nil.

Leicester Daily Post – 17 November 1890

#4 TEACHERS' RESERVES v SOUTH WIGSTON RESERVES – Played on the Teachers' ground, Evington-lane, in the first half play was of an equal character, but nothing was scored. In the second half, however, the Teachers pressed persistently, Starkey, Jarvis and E Smith each scoring with capital shots. The visitors failed to break through their opponents' defence and were thus defeated by three goals to none. Teachers' players: - Goal, S. Smith; full backs, C. Kay and J. Morgan; half-backs, Hepworth, Scattergood and Mason; right wing, E. Smith and Shimwell; centre, M. C. Jarvis; left wing, Starkey and Wakerley. Wigston:- Goal, Mayhew; backs, T. Lambert and E. Lovell; half-backs, T. Brown, S. Nixon, and H. Vass; forwards, Smith, Walker, Garton, Cliff and Hanney. Referee, Mr Walton.

Leicester Daily Post – 17 November 1890

#5 QUORN FOOTBALL – The Quorn Havelock Football Club met Kegworth Town on Saturday, at Kegworth, in the first round of the Leicestershire Junior Cup. Quorn kicked off against a strong wind, and even play resulted for some time. The Quorn men, however, made a splendid run, and Quorn placed the first goal, while by keeping up the attack another goal was soon scored from a good run by A. Disney. Nothing more was scored before half-time. In the next half Clarke and Preston scored a goal each for Quorn, who this won by four goals to nil.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 25 November 1890

#6 JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP.

MELTON SWIFTS v. GRESLEY ROVERS' RESERVES - This cup tie fixture was replayed at Melton on Saturday, the teams having met at Gresley on the 8th inst., scoring four each. The Rovers played with a strong wind favouring them, and within the first 15 minutes had put the leather between the posts four times; but for the remainder of the first half, they failed to increase their score, and in the second half, with the wind against them, they had few chances of attacking the Swifts' goal. But for the exceedingly clever goal-keeping of Canner, the Swifts must have made a near thing of it. Shot after shot was stopped in grand style, and though on resuming after the half the Swifts got a goal in a minute, they could not do it again, thus losing the tie by four goals to one. The Swifts' team were F. Cawdell, goal; R. Littlewood and A. Goodacre, backs; R. Dunmore, W. Tyler, and J. Richardson. half-backs; C. Barnes, centre; J. Lee and H. Plant, right wing; H. Fendell and W. Spiby, left wing; umpire, Mr. A. Tyers. Gresley Rovers' Reserves: W. Smith, goal ; C. Orme and W. Thompson, backs; W. Orme, G. Barney, and E. Leedham, half-backs ; J. Cooper, centre ; T. Haywood and S. Thomas, right wing ; A. Wood and J. Canner, left wing ; umpire, Mr. T. Oliver. Referee: Mr. Horner, Leicester Teachers.

Leicester Post – 24 November 1890

#7 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP VICTOR v. ANSTY TOWN

These teams having played a draw at Leicester early in November for the first round of the Junior Cup, the Association ordered it to be replayed at Ansty on Saturday last. The visitors arrived in good time and were early on the field, but had to wait for one of the locals, and the start was delayed till slightly past 3 p.m. This caused the last 15 minutes to be played in semi-darkness, the referee suggesting a draw, but the two captains decided to play on, especially as the game stood level at this time. But the quarter of an hour added nothing, and after a tough, determined struggle (which greatly pleased the good number of onlookers), there was nothing to choose, the score being two goals each, so a third attempt will have to be made to arrive at a definite result. The visitors scored first, and early in the match their left-wing, which was playing very strongly and correctly, passing beautifully across, Lovell helping it on to Alexander, who promptly "did the trick." Ansty even raised cheers amongst their friends by a smart rush and a goal by C. Draycott, this same player calling for special notice very soon after by causing his side to lead through a well-timed shot which fell just under the bar; still the villagers raised the siege, and all but scored No. 3, but the Victor goalkeeper conceded a corner by just lifting over the bar. Despite strong efforts and ding-dong play, nothing more was done to the interval the Ansty forwards thus far having played a rare smart game, and finding the visitors' backs not quite in their best form. After a short rest a re-start was made, but it was it "well on" before the fourth major point was put in, this time for the visitors, the leather being well taken down, passed by their centre to Cooper, who smartly got rid of it to the left, Will Shenstone finishing up with the needful. Somewhat scrambling play now took place, it being far too dark for any form, Ansty in this bolding the upper hand, though the Victor broke out now and then. It was a relief to hear the no-side call, but disappointing that neither could claim to be victors of the match. Ansty deserve high mention for their combined form. Their forwards, especially C. Draycott, wanted a good deal of watching, and both their captain and Adams defended well. Of the Victor Martin in goal was wonderfully good, some of his saves being splendid. Arthur Shenstone (left outside) played a most an. selfish and useful game, well followed by Bridger, Skeffington, and Weston. Ansty : Goal, M. K. Wolfe; backs, A. Worth (captain) and B. Adams ; ball-backs, Spencer, F. Wain, and J. Palmer; forwards, J. Draycott, T. Pearson, C. Draycott, J. Spencer, and J. Johnson. Victor: Goal, C. H. D. Martin; backs, W. Skeffington and T. Hayes; half-backs, W. R. Bridger, F. L. Cotterill (captain), and T. Weston; forwards, W. Cooper, G. Alexander, A. Lovell, W. C. Shenstone, and A. H. Shenstone. Umpires, Mr. J Hemmer (Amity), Mr. A. Wells (Victor). Referee, Mr. S. Willett.

Leicester Daily Post - 8 December 1890

#8 JUNIOR CUP TIE - REPLAYED

VICTOR v. ANSTY TOWN - This Association match, being the third attempt to come to a definite decision in the first round, was ordered by the Association to take place yesterday on the Victoria Park. Ansty wrote on the morning of the match to say they were coming but later telegraphed their inability to raise a team. The full team of the Victor were ready at the appointed time, and the game was awarded to them by the referee, Mr. T. S. Ashmole, after they had gone through the formality of kicking a goal. The referee had a day previously inspected the ground, and Ansty were both written and telegraphed to that they must come. The Victor were much disappointed, and would gladly have prepared to fight it out, but now enter the second round with Gresley Rovers Reserves as their opponents.

Leicester Daily post - 27 December 1890

#9 QUORN HAVELOCK v MEASHAM - Played at Measham. In the first half of the game play was very loose, in consequence of the snow being several inches deep. Notwithstanding this Quorndon crossed over three goals to the good. In the second half the visitors completely outplayed their opponents, and eventually won by seven goals to nil. Measham: Wainwright, goal; Ferns and &Mall, backs; Buckler, Wildman, and Harvey, half-backs; Buch and Wildman, right; Woodward and Hogg, left; Proudness, centre. Referee, Mr. T. S. Ashmole. Quorndon: Whitby, goal; Hall and Clarke, backs; Jacques, Adcock, and Disney, half-backs; Warrington and Messy, right wing; Orson and Preston, left wing; Clarke, centre.

Leicester Daily Post - 29 December 1890

#10 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP TIE

LOUGHBOROUGH SWIFTS v. HATHERN -This match came off on Saturday at Tyler's Ground, Loughborough and resulted in a victory for the Swifts of four goals to three. In the first half the Swifts led by three to one, but the heavier weight of Hathern gave them an advantage in the latter half. Players:- Hathern: Warren, goal; Williams, Smith, backs; Marsden, Swift, Thompson, half-backs; J. Randon, T. Randon, Clarke, Brown, Smythies,

forwards. Loughborough Swifts: L Ellis, goal; Mills, Gorse, backs; A. Simmonds, Bailey, James, Sommerville, forwards. Umpire, Mr A. J. Ball and Mr Mitchell. Referee, T.S. Ashmole.

Leicester Daily Post - 5 January 1890

JUNIOR CUP TIE

#11 GRESLEY ROVERS RESERVES v. VICTOR - This match came off on the Spinney Hill Park on Saturday. The weather during the game was of the most wretched description and the ground rather soft. Gresley arrived at midday, and had a long "wait," as hostilities did not commence till 3.15 p.m., at which time rain was falling heavily, but both teams meant business, and were not daunted by the miserable outlook. The visitors were undoubtedly far the best and gave an exhibition of passing and combined play which the Victor must copy if they mean to achieve success in future matches. Gresley won the toss and elected to take the "easy part" first. At the opening the home team climbed away, and Lovell put in some hard work, but Gresley averted danger, and returned the compliment by paying a visit to the Victor lines, and were soon "peppering" away, George Weston, in goal, finding his new position a rather trying one. The game from the first few minutes was almost completely in the mouth of the home goal, and Gresley were successful no less than five times in steering the leather through. Occasional "spurts" were made by the Victor, but the enemy were playing well together, and did not allow too much liberty to be taken. After the interval there was not much noticeable difference between the teams, and the winners could only notch one more, though they tried hard to make a record. Had the Victor shown the same form right through a much different tale would probably have to be told. They certainly during the last 45 minutes made some praiseworthy rushes and worked the Gresley backs very hard. They were unfortunate in not scoring at least twice, but fate seemed against them. The match will be remembered as being most friendly and pleasant. The umpire. were well up to their work, and it is only necessary to mention the name of Mr. Horsey as referee to know that the decisions were prompt and clear. Cooper, Brealey, and S Thompson shared the goals equally between them, but a good word must be put in for the sterling play of C. Robinson and G. Barney. Of the Victor Cooper, F. Weston, and C. R. Smith mind be specially noticed. Greasy Goal, W. Smith ; backs, W. Thompson, J. Collingson; half-backs, R. Leadham, C. Robinson, G. Berney; forwards, A. Wood, T. Haywood, W. Brealey, J. Cooper, 8. Thompson. Victor: Goal, G. H. Weston ; backs, W. Cooper, F. L. Cotterill R. half-backs, T. Weston, C. H. D. Martin, W. R. Bridger ; forwards, W. Skeffington, C. N. Smith, A. Lovell, W. C. Shenstone. A. H. Shenstone. Umpires, Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Wells; referee, Mr. W. H. Horner.

Leicester Daily Post - 26 January 1891

#12 FOSSE RESERVES v. SOUTH WIGSTON RESERVES — This semi-final in the above competition was played on the Fosse ground, and ended in an easy victory for the home team by 14 goals to none.

Leicester Daily Post - 9 February 1891

Note: Error - not a semi-final

#13 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP TIE - SEMI-FINAL: LOUGHBOROUGH SWIFTS v GRESLEY ROVERS RESERVES

- Played at Hugglescote on Saturday before a large number of spectators. Swifts won the toss, and preferred to kick up-hill. Robinson starting the leather, Bailey received and passed nicely to his forwards, who dashed away, Jackson finishing by shooting over. From the goal kick Bailey reversed, and Simmons, after nice play, made a capital shot, and opened the Swifts' account. Restarting, Gresley made a most determined attack on the stronghold of the birds, and after continued pressure Robinson scored with a beauty, Ellis having no chance to defend. The birds, with the coolness of professional ability, threaded the ball through their opponents, James finally scoring with a stinging cross shot, the Rovers just realising the fact that they never touched the ball. Restarting, the Rovers pressed, but found it no easy tank to break through the birds' defence. Still they kept up the siege till Mills, in trying to save a stinger from Wood, headed through. Give and take play was then the order, when the Rovers' forwards raced down, Brealey adding another to their score. From the kick off they still pressed, and tested the merits of Mills, Gorse, and Ellis, who were more than equal to their pressure, Ellis saved allowing a corner, which they failed to improve. The "birds" now had a turn, and quick exchanges were followed by Jackson scoring splendidly. In the second half the Rovers had now to face the hill, and alternate attacks were made for 20 minutes, which spoke volumes for the defence of both teams, their play being of a high order. Then the Swifts began to show their superiority, for Fisher, receiving a clever pass, dribbled to clear, then sent a daisy cutter by Smith. Restarting, Rovers plucked up, and showed some pretty short passing and excellent shooting, but they were impregnable. Swifts now played up, and showed they were a dangerous combination, the forwards forcing their way, followed up by the half-backs,

whose feeding was complete. Jackson received an opening, and placed the ball beyond all doubt. On resuming, the Swifts again carried the leather unmercifully to the posts, James especially unnerving Smith, but Fisher relieved with a clean shot. Swifts again pressed, Bailey, James, and Jackson passing nicely, and the latter heading out. Full score :— Swifts, six goals to three.— Swifts' team : Ellis, goal ; Gorse and Mills, backs ; Armstrong, Bailey, "and Adcock, half-backs; James and Somerville, left: Jackson and Simmons, right; Fisher, centre. Gresley: Smith, goal ; Thompson and Collinson, backs ; Barney, Cooper, and Thompson, half-backs ; Brealey and Wood, right; Haywood and Leedham, left ; Robinson, centre, Referee, Mr. T. Ashmole, L.F.A.

Leicester Chronicle - 14 February 1891

LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP

(Semi-Final)

#13 GRESLEY ROVERS (RESERVES) v. LOUGHBOROUGH SWIFTS - This match was played on Garner's ground, Hugglescote, before a large company of spectators. The play throughout was excellent. At half-time the score stood three goals each. During the second half the Loughborough team scored two goals more, against which the Rovers failed to respond, and the Swifts were declared winners by five goals to three.

Leicester Daily Post -9 February 1891

#14 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

FOSSE RESERVES v QUORN HAVELOCK - A semi-final in this competition was played on the Rovers' Ground, Melton, on Saturday afternoon, the contestants being the Leicester Fosse Reserve. and Quorndon Havelock. The company was the largest ever seen on a Melton ground. It was bitterly cold, and a heavy fog prevailed. The moment after the ball had been put in motion by the Quorn centre it clear the game was to be fast, indeed rough. Within 10 minutes no fewer than five fouls were claimed and given, and during the first half, which was barren of score, the little, sturdy little Quornites had the best of the play. They failed, however, to score, partly on account of wild shooting, and again because of the smart defence of their opponents' goalkeeper, Smith, while Whitby in the Quorn goal had but little to do. In the second half play became faster than ever, and the onlooker. manifested rather more excitement than was desirable. There were two official umpires, but the officials of that ilk numbered possibly one hundred. In the first half Lomas, the Fossils' centre, and Handford at the back, were unaccountably slow, but Staines cleared fairly. In the second ball Lomas and Handford played grandly on the Quorn side. Gamble in the centre put in some useful work, and little "Charley" played a brilliant game, while their backs, W. Clarke and J. Jacques, gave the opposing forwards a lot of trouble. The first goal, scored by the Fossils, which the Quorn party questioned on the plea of offside, was got either by Lomas or Lyal. Yet faster and faster play became, which culminated in front of the Fosse goal. The ball was hustled past Smith, and the shout went up "Bravo Quorn!" It was freely asserted that the leather put, outside the western goal post, put into play again by a boy's foot (not a player), which certainly appeared to be the case, then the ball went through, the referee allowing the goal, to the great chagrin of the Fossils and their friends. In a few minutes the whistle was blown, resulting in a tie, but with the certainty of an appeal to the "powers that be." The teams were: Fosse Reserve: goal, E. Smith backs, Staines and Handford; half-backs, Johnson, Harrison, and Pears; centre, Lomas; right wing, Robinson and Owen; left wing. Lyal and Buddings; umpire. Mr. F. Hill (Melton). Quorndon Havelock: Goal, Whitby; backs, W. Clarke and J. Jacques; half-backs, F. Clarke, J. Adcock, and W Deasey; centre, H. Gamble; right wing, A. Disney and C. Warrington; left wing, H. Orson and G. Preston; umpire, Mr. A. Goodacre (Melton). Referee, Mr. Fred Wright.

Leicester Daily Post - 23 February 1891

#15 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP

FOSSE RERSERVES v QUORN HAVELOCK - These teams met to contest the semi-final tie at Loughborough on Saturday, when, after a somewhat rough game, Quorn won by three goals to none. A protest has been lodged.

Leicester Daily Post - 30 March 1891

#16 FINAL

LOUGHBOROUGH SWIFTS met QUORN HAVELOCK in the final of the above competition a Syston on Saturday. Early in the game the Swifts asserted superiority, and at half-time led two to nil, notwithstanding that they had been playing uphill and against the wind. They were, however, unable to improve upon the score, and the game closed two to one against the Quorn team.

Leicester Daily Post - 13 April 1891.