



Nuneaton Cottage Hospital Charity Cup 1893-94

Winner: Nuneaton Wanderers
Runner-up: Stockingford
No. of entries: 16
Entrance fee: 3 shillings

Leicestershire were represented by Burbage Wanderers and four Hinckley clubs – Grammar School Old Boys, North End, Swifts, and Town.

Three clubs – Nuneaton St Nicholas, Nuneaton Wanderers and Hinckley Grammar Schol Old Boys made protests to the Nuneaton Cottage Hospital Charity Cup committee at a meeting held at the Bull Hotel on 23 November 1893:

- A letter was read from Mr D Marston, secretary of Nuneaton Wanderers, which consisted of an allegation against five players, the same having played for in the Leicestershire Senior Cup. The Hinckley secretary admitted this and the game was ordered to be replayed (the offending men to be excluded), the Wanderers having the choice of ground.
- The protest from Hinckley Old Boys as that Foleshill St Lawrence were late in their arrival; the match was ordered to be re-played at Foleshill.
- St Nicholas alleged that Foleshill Great Heath had played two Radford men, an application for this having been previously refused by the Committee; also two Coventry players, the whole being out of the radius. Again it was decided that the game should be replaced.

Only one Leicestershire team survived the first round – Hinckley North End – who reached the semi-finals, where they were defeated by Stockingford.

The holders [Foleshill Great Heath] were eliminated in the semi-finals.

The cup was won by Nuneaton Wanderers who beat Stockingford 4-1 in the replayed final.

Round 1

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
11.11.1893	Burbage Wanderers	2	2	Stockingford True Blues	
11.11.1893	Chilvers Coton Villa	0	1	Attleborough YMA	At Nuneaton
11.11.1893	Foleshill Great Heath [Holders] Rollason Webster Walters AN Others	5	3	Nuneaton St Nicholas Tomlinson Lingard Higham	Large crowd. St Nicholas entered an objection at the end of the game against the winners, on the ground that some of their opponents players resided outside the specified boundary. The tie was ordered to be replayed.
11.11.1893	Hinckley Grammar School Old Boys	1	1	Foleshill St Lawrence	Ashby road Ground. Visitors arrived late.
11.11.1893	Hinckley North End ("reds") Wilbur AN Other	3	2	Chapel End Rovers ("blue and whites") AN Other	The Lawns, Hinckley. good number of spectators.
11.11.1893	Hinckley Town Reserve ("red and blues") Spencer Suffolk	5 (2)	1 (1)	Nuneaton Wanderers AN Other	Holy Well ground, Hinckley. Game commenced at 2.55 pm – 10 mins later than the advertised time. 400 spectators.

	AN Others Cassady				When the game began there were only 6 home players on the ground. Nuneaton scored the first goal. Cassady's goal resulted from a huge kick from the half-way line.
11.11.1893	Nuneaton Edwardians AN Other	1 (1)	2 (2)	Nuneaton Wesleyans Hammond (2)	Played on the Grammar School, Attleborough Road,
11.11.1893	Stockingford Rovers	9 (3)	2 (2)	Hinckley Swifts	Large audience.

First round games commenced at 2.45 pm.

Round 1 Replays

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
2.12.1893	Foleshill St Lawrence Bonsor Williamson (3)	4 (1)	0 (0)	Hinckley Grammar School Old Boys	At Foleshill.
2.12.1893	Nuneaton Wanderers	2 (2)	1 (1)	Hinckley Town Reserve	Coton-road, Nuneaton. Game ordered to be replayed after a protest by the Wanderers
2.12.1893	Nuneaton Wesleyans Daffern Vaughan (og)	2 (1)	0 (0)	Nuneaton Edwardians	
24.11.1893	Stockingford True Blues	7	0	Burbage Wanderers	

Round 2

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
9.12.1893	Attleborough YMCA	0	6	Stockingford True Blues	
9.12.1893	Hinckley North End	1	1	Nuneaton Wesleyans	
9.12.1893	Foleshill Great Heath	3	3	Foleshill St Lawrence	
9.12.1893	Nuneaton St Nicholas Reserve	0	1	Atherstone Town	Good number of spectators Unexpected result. Atherstone scored the only goal 2 mins from time.

Nuneaton Wanderers and Stockingford Rovers, byes.

Round 2 Replay

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
16.12.1893	Hinckley North End	1	1	Nuneaton Wesleyans	
23.12.1893	Foleshill Great Heath	5	3	Foleshill St Lawrence	

Round 2 2nd Replay

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
?	Nuneaton Wesleyans		W	Hinckley North End	

Round 3

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
13.1.1894	Atherstone	1	2	Foleshill Great Heath	Captain of Atherstone lodged a protest - first that Great Heath played 3 Coventry men, who were ineligible; and second that there was no roping to prevent spectators from rushing in near the goal posts. The Cup committee dismissed the protest. Atherstone referred the matter to the Birmingham and District FA.
?	Stockingford Rovers		W	Nuneaton Wanderers	

Hinckley North End and Stockingford True Blues, byes.

Semi-Finals

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
10.2.1894	Nuneaton Wanderers	3	2	Foleshill Great Heath	At Stockingford.
10.2.1894	Stockingford True Blues	1 (0)	0 (0)	Hinckley North End	At Atherstone. Large number of spectators.

Final

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
31.3.1894	Nuneaton Wanderers Smith	1 (1)	1 (0)	Stockingford Norton	At Nuneaton. Extra-time was not played.

Final - Replay

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.4.1894	Nuneaton Wanderers Bacon Smith (2) AN Other	4 (3)	1 (0)	Stockingford AN Other	Arbury-road Ground, Nuneaton. "Largest crowd to ever watch a game of football in Nuneaton." Cup was presented to the Wanderers by Hon Mrs F A Newdigate, wife of Mr Newdigate MP.

Match Reports

NUNEATON HOSPITAL CUP.—First Round.

*Foleshill Great H. 5—*Nuneaton St. Nic'ls 3
 *Foleshill St. Law'es 1—Hinckley G. S. O. B. 1
 Burbage Wanderers 2—Stockingford T. B's. 2
 Attleborough Y.M.A. 1—Chilvers Coton Villa 0
 Nuneaton Wesleyan 2—Nuneaton Edw'd'ns 1
 Stockingford Rovers 9—Hinckley Swifts.... 2
 Hinckley Town 5—*Nuneaton Wand's 1
 Hinckley N.E. 3—Chapel End..... 2

Those distinguished by an asterisk are in the
Midland Daily Telegraph Association.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - 13 November 1893

BURBAGE WANDERERS v. STOCKINGFORD TRUE BLUES. This match took place on Saturday last at Burbage, each team being fully represented. At the end of the game the result stood

Burbage Wanderers ... 2

Stockingford True Blues ... 2

Wanderers team :—Goal, Colkin; backs, Haddon, and Ghent; half-backs, Sutton, Allsop and Ghent; forwards, Bennett, Dudley, Nichols, Allsop and Nichols.

True Blues team:—Goal, Hiron; backs, Curl, and Bryan; half-backs, Bryan, Butler, and Harris; forwards, Lucas, Arnold, Morton, Bryan, Butler.

Referee, Mr. C. Day (Nuneaton).

Nuneaton Observer - 17 November 1893

NUNEATON CHARITY CUP COMPETITION

FIRST ROUND

HINCKLEY TOWN v NUNEATON WANDERERS - Teams representing these clubs met on the Holy Well ground on Saturday. The home club did not play Watts, Perry or Yardley, and Morley was also an absentee. Suffolk, Smith, and Spencer reappeared in the front rank, and Daffern played left half-back. The game was fixed to start at 2.45, but the commencement of operations was delayed by ten minutes. At the expiration of that time the referee ordered the game to commence, though at the time there only half-a-dozen of the home players on the ground. The Wanderers who were playing up-hill consequently had nearly all own way and after five minutes' play in the vicinity of the Workhouse goal they scored. At that time there were seven of the red and blues on the ground. On the remainder of eleven getting into position, the railway goal was at once attacked and after several narrow escapes Spencer headed through making the score one all. The Town kept up the attack and three comers were conceded, which, however, were not converted into goals. A splendid centre by Suffolk was headed just on the wrong of the post by Lucas and from the goal-kick the Wanderers went up and Shipman saved. The ball was returned, but Aucott cleared. Directly after Lucas made good run, passing ail the backs and then when everyone expecting a goal lifted the ball over the bar. After the Nuneaton custodian had given evidence of his ability between the sticks by saving his charge several times when hard pressed, Lucas passed to Suffolk, who put in a daisy cutter which beat Haynes, and placed the home team in majority of one. Marson and Axon worked the ball up the left wing, but Garrett pulled them up, and half-time arrived with the record:

Hinckley	2 goals
Nuneaton	1 goal

On resuming Aucott was seen occupying the position of centre forward. The Wanderers worked the ball a little down the field, but the home side secured, and quickly forced a fruitless corner. Three "frees" for hands brought the ball close to Haynes charge, where Spencer shot over. A good shot by Aucott went close to the upright, and then after a good centre by Lucas several of the home forwards attempted to rush the sphere through. This attack was unsuccessful, but a moment later "City" got in a clever centre, and Smith headed just the wrong side of the upright. The home team kept up the pressure and it was only the good defence of Haynes in goal which prevented them scoring. After eighteen minutes play, the Wanderers broke away obtained their first bye. Suffolk and Smith in good run on the left, and the ball was quickly in the vicinity of the Workhouse goal. A number of erratic shots were attempted, and then Nuneaton visited the other end of the ground for the second time, This proved to be last time they were allowed get into the home quarters, from this stage of the game Shipman may be described as one of the unemployed. Not so with the Nuneaton custodian who was kept on mettle from now till the finish. Several times he saved in clever fashion, but when there was twelve minutes left for play Lucas notched the third point in favour of his side. The Wanderers were immediately put on the defensive Aucott was seen making tremendous effort to score. Suffolk put in clinking shot from the left wing, which was finely cleared by Haynes who gave a corner. The flag-kick proved fruitless but soon after "City" made splendid shot which shaved the top of the upright. The same player was more successful later, when he sent in a shot which the goalkeeper could not reach. Smith struck bar, and just before time Cassady made a huge from the half-way line. The ball went into the goal, and Haynes failed to stop it and when no-side arrived the score stood

Hinckley	5 goals
Nuneaton	1 goal

The home team as will be seen, had matters nearly all their own way during the second half, and here is no doubt if the right wing had been fed properly, the score in favour would have been heavier.

Hinckley Times - 18 November 1893

NUNEATON CHARITY CUP

HINCKLEY G S OLD BOYS v FOLESHILL ST LAWRENCES - This second encounter for these teams in the competition for the above cup came off on last the ground of the latter. The Old Boys had to take a weak

team without the services of A Blower, W Garner and C Watherston. They also started with one man short, A Payne not turning up, and his place had to be filled by H Taylor, who went to officiate as linesman. It quite expected, therefore that they were suffer defeat. The homesters, having won the toss, chose to kick up-hill. Immediately the leather was started, the visitors' goal was attacked, but Heaton proved safe, sending play into mid-field. Young getting hold, then made a good run, forcing a corner, which proved useless. The Saints then got away, and Williamson raced up the right-wing and centred splendidly, and after a hot scrummage round the Old Boys' goal, the ball was nicely headed through by Bonsor. The Old Boys then began to play a better game. Some good combination was exhibited by the forwards, who forced the game to the other end of the field; when near the home goal Young had a good chance of scoring, but shot wide. Play was still kept round home goal, but the shooting of the visitors' forwards was poor and the score remained unaltered at the interval, the record being:

St Lawrence's 1 goal
Old Boys nil.

The game having been restarted, the Old Boys pressed very hard and were near scoring several times, but home backs were playing a splendid game, and kept them well out. The Saints' forwards once got hold of the leather, and after a good run down the field Williamson scored again. The visitors were getting fairly beaten and to make matters worse, Pratt was taken ill and was unable do anything further for his side. Restarting the ball was quickly taken into the visitors' territory. The Saints added two more goals to their total, and when the whistle blew score the score was

Saint Lawrences 4 goals;
Old Boys nil

Old Boys' : Goal H Taylor; backs, G Gilbey A Heaton; half-backs, A Pickering, J Atkins, and W Goodman; forwards, G Hill, W Orton, C Wells, J H Young, and C Pratt. Referee, Mr J Arnold, Nuneaton.

Hinckley Times - 9 December 1893

HINCKLEY NORTH END v CHAPEL END ROVERS

Played on the Lawns Ground on Saturday last, before a good number of spectators. The home captain won the toss, and elected to play down hill. Early in the game the home team became dangerous, and the melee followed near the blue and whites' goal. Moore, when on the point of shooting, eluded a severe charge, which caused the visitors' backs to come into contact, disabling them both for a short time. On resuming, the visitors were the aggressors, but when close in shot outside. End to end play was the feature of the game, both goals being attacked in turn. Once, after good passing, the Reds came very near scoring, a shot from Kenny being fisted away in fine style. The visitors now had a turn, and were getting dangerous, and Crouch, in trying to clear a difficult kick, almost placed the leather through his own goal. Marston, however, fisted away, and Crow placing the ball nicely to the forwards, some tricky and effective play was witnessed, Wilbur scoring the first goal amid loud cheering. This reverse aroused the Rovers, and after some good passing they equalised. The game was now of a keen description, both teams playing a strong game to obtain the lead. At last, after striving hard, the Reds scored, and half-time arrived with the score:

North End 2
Rovers 1

On re-starting Reds, for the first fifteen minutes were keeping up a continuous attack on the visitors' fortress, and at length Flude passed the backs by some splendid play, and scored a third point. This disheartened the Rovers, until the home backs let them in, and they scored a second goal, after which they played much better, but were unable to draw level, and they retired defeated close well game score:

North End 3 '
Rovers 2

Hinckley Times - 18 November 1893

The replayed tie in connection with Nuneaton Charity Cup resulted in a win for the Stockingford True Blues who scored 7 against nil by Burbage Wanderers.

Nuneaton Chronicle - 1 December 1983

NUNEATON CHARITY CUP (2nd Round)

HINCKLEY NORTH v NUNEATON WESLEYANS - Played at Nuneaton on Saturday last before a small number of spectators. They were without Kenney and A Aucott was given a place. The game commenced at 2.45. The visitors easily showed they were sufficient for their opponents and, all but for faulty shooting

would have scored several times The "reds" kept up a continuous bombardment, but did not score until after fifteen minutes' play, F Moore placing ball through. The Wesleyans now made an effort to transfer play, but Crow, Crouch and Aucott were too clever, the trio tackling and kicking in grand style. Crow gave Toone another opportunity to exhibit his skill by placing ball to him and that player forced his way through all opposition, but shot wide. The "reds" continued to be the aggressors throughout the first half, the whistle sounding with the score:

North End	1 goal
Nuneaton	nil

On resumption the Nuneaton right-wingers became dangerous, but Crow spoilt their efforts by a long kick. Toone, getting possession, again passed the home backs, but a splendid opening was lost. The visitors' forwards again worked their way into the home territory, where they sent in shot after shot, but these shots either went outside the posts or over the bar. After thirty-five minutes' play the Wesleyans broke away, and T Savage eluding Crouch, the visitors' custodian ran out to meet him, and the ball was rushed through, thus equalising. The "reds" were soon in the home quarters again, but erratic shooting was the order, and time arrived with the score-

North End	1 goal
Wesleyans	1 goal

Crow, Crouch, and G Toone were the pick of the Hinckley team, and Savage, Wilkinson, and Harris for the Nuneatonians. Hinckley team: - Goal, Chamberlain; backs, Crow, and Crouch; half-backs, Wright, Aucott, Richardson; forwards, Flude, Chamberlain, Wilbur, Moore, and Toone. Referee, W H Cattell.

Hinckley Times - 16 December 1893

NUNEATON CHARITY CUP

STOCKINGFORD TRUE BLUES v HINCKLEY NORTH END — A large number of spectators assembled to witness this match, which was the semi-final of the Nuneaton Charity Cup, played on neutral ground at Atherstone on Saturday. Stockingford won the toss, and had a strong wind in their favour. The play was very even for a few minutes, when the Blues broke away and took the ball down the left wing at good pace. Hinckley, however, returned and some give-and-take play followed, the forwards of both sides showing some creditable work. The Blues pressed severely for a time, but the ball was once more put out of danger by the Hinckley back division. A pretty run on right wing looked very much in favour of Hinckley, and a visit was made to the Stockingford goal only be returned by a strong kick by Edwards. Stockingford was much the stronger team, which greatly told on their opponents, who, however, played a plucky game and when half-time arrived, no goals had been scored on either side. Upon resuming Hinckley played with much more vigour, frequently making some pretty runs. After a fruitless corner the True Blues came down the field with a rush and scored minutes about ten minutes from the restart. Hinckley then had a turn at pressing, and some good shots were put in by their forwards, which, however, were avoided. Hinckley men unfortunately got hurt, which caused some little delay in the game. The accident, luckily, was not of a serious nature and when he had somewhat recovered play was resumed. Stockingford had another corner allotted to them, which although being nicely placed, was well saved. Hinckley rallied, and had much the better of things from this point, shot after shot being peppered at the Stockingford goal and it was a mystery how the ball was kept out. The leather remained in the Blues quarters for a considerable time, and some desperate attempts were made to equalise, but when the whistle sounded the game stood:

True Blues	1 goal
North End	nil.

Hinckley Times - 17 February 1894

NUNEATON CHARITY CUP - FINAL

NUNEATON WANDERERS v STOCKINGFORD – At Nuneaton. In the opening half the Wanderers had the sun to contend with, but soon after the start they scored by Smith. Play ruled even to half-time, when the score read: Nuneaton 1, Stockingford 0. On the restart the Stockingford men commenced to press and several times the Nuneaton custodian was called upon to save. Time after time when near their opponents' goal they were frustrated. A few minutes prior to the call of time Norton rushed the ball through for Stockingford amidst great applause. Try as they would neither team could gain a lead, and so the game ended: Nuneaton 1; Stockingford, 1. Extra time was not played, and so the game is again to be contested next week.

Birmingham Daily Gazette - 2 April 1894

NUNEATON CHARITY CUP,

Final

Nuneaton Wanderers v. Stockingford

The re-played final in the Nuneaton Charity Cup competition excited on Saturday a remarkable amount of interest and enthusiasm. The Arbury Road ground at Nuneaton was patronised by what was undoubtedly the largest crowd spectators that has ever watched football match the town. The Wanderers won the toss. Bacon sent in a shot, with which the Stockingford custodian failed cope. The leaders continued press, and their efforts at last told. Smith bringing their total to two. Smith scored another goal. A break away by the Stockingford men was followed by half-time being called, with the score—

NUNEATON 3
STOCKINGFORD 0

The usual interval, and the teams crossed over. Smith sent the ball on its travels, and the first comer fell to the Wanderers. A well-judged shot was put through the posts by Marston. Neither side scored anything further, and the game ended—

NUNEATON 4
STOCKINGFORD 1

At the close the game the cup was presented to the Wanderers by the Hon. Mrs. A. Newdigate who, in company with Mr. Newdigate, M.P., had been present throughout the game.—Councillor J. F. Johnson (one of the governors the hospital) proposed vote of thanks to the Hon. Mrs. Newdigate for her kindness.—Mr. J. R. Jones seconded the vote thanks.—Mr. Newdigate, M.P., on behalf his wife, returned thanks.

Lichfield Mercury -13 April 1894