

Walsall Cup 1898-99

Winner: Aston Villa Reserves

Runner-Up: Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves

No. of entries:

Little is currently known about this competition.

Leicestershire were represented by Whitwick White Cross, who were humiliated by Aston Villa Reserves in Round 2. Whitwick conceded 10 goals in the 45 minutes and a further 6 in the second half.

Round 1

		Date	Home			Away	Match Details
	1	11.2.1899	Wellington			Ironbridge	
•	2	4.2.1899	Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves	5 (4)	0 (0)	Swadlincote Town	Molineux Ground, Wolverhampton. 1,000 spectators. Gate receipt c. £44 (Swadlincote received £18)

Round 2

		Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3	\sim	2.3.1899	Aston Villa Reserves	16	0	Whitwick Town	Aston Lower Grounds, Birmingham.
				(10)	(0)		1,500 spectators.

Semi-Finals

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
4	8.4.1899	Stafford Rangers	2	6	Wolverhampton	
					Wanderers Reserves	
5	27.3.1899	Aston Villa Reserves	5	2	Wellington Town	
			(2)	(2)		

Final

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
6	19.4.1899	Aston Villa Reserves Leigh (5 min) Strange AN Other	4 (1)	1 (0)	Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves AN Other	Aston Grounds, Birmingham. Good attendance.

Match Reports

A selection of match reports.

#3 ASTON VILLA v WHITWICK TOWN

On the Aston Lower Grounds, Birmingham, on Monday before 1500 spectators, and in beautiful weather. Teams: Villa: Goal, Wiles; backs, E Sharp ad Knott; half-backs, Strange, Mann and Mawdsley; forwards, Templeton, Garrity, Leigh, Thornton and J Sharp. – Whitwick: Goal, Carter' backs, Tugby and Bevans; half-backs, Berrington, Wooding and J Sellars; forwards, W Sellars, Whitmore, Cobley, Mounteney and Newcombe. The Villa Reserves scored ten goals in first half and six in the second. Result:

VILLA RESERVES, 16 goals;

WHITWICK, nil.

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#6 THE WALSALL CUP

ASTON VILLA RESERVES v WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS RESERVES

This contest was decided yesterday at Aston Lower Grounds, Birmingham, before a god attendance of spectators. Both clubs are running a neck-and-neck race for the Birmingham League Championship , and having fought a drawn battle on the same enclosure a few days ago, a very hard game was expected on the preset occasion. Both teams were at full strength, and a very interesting game was witnessed, five minutes from the start Leigh scored for the Villa, and although each custodian had plenty to do no more points had been registered up to half-time. On crossing over Strange augmented the homesters lead to a couple, and sixty-eight minutes from the start the Villa increased their total to three. The Wolves played up well, but could not make much headway against the defence of Haggart and Aston. The final score was – Aston Villa, four goals; Wolverhampton Wanderers, one goal.

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