



# Walsall Senior Cup 1899-00

**Winner:** Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves  
**Runner-Up:** Aston Villa Reserves  
**No. of entries:** 18

## Preliminary Round

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	7.10.1899	Gresley Rovers Ward (2) Yardley	3 (1)	1 (0)	Newhall Swifts AN Other	
2	?	Stanton	D	D	Swadlincote	

## Preliminary Round Replay

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3	21.10.1899	Swadlincote	2 (2)	0 (0)	Stanton	Recreation ground, Swadlincote. Very dense fog. Stanton arrived late, kick off delayed until 3.30pm.

## Round 1

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
4	23.10.1899	Aston Villa Reserves	2	0	West Bromwich Albion	
5	4.11.1899	Coalville Town Smith (2) Jones Ball	4	1	Swadlincote AN Other	
6	26.12.1899	Dudley	2	3	Wolverhampton Wanderer Reserves	At Dudley. 3,000 spectators. Heavy ground.
7	23.12.1899	Hinckley Town AN Others	4	3	Gresley Rovers Yardley AN Others	Holywell ground, Hinckley. 1,500 spectators.
8		Ironbridge	W		Wellington St George's	
9		Newport	W		Wellington Town	
10		Nuneaton Town	W		Stafford Rangers	
11		Small Heath Reserve	W		Walsall Reserve	

## Round 2

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
12	3.2	Coalville Town	0	7	Small Heath Reserves	Played at Birmingham. Coalville accepted a substantial guarantee to forego the choice of ground. Snow covered the ground. Coalville missed a penalty – the kick going more than 6 yards wide of the target.
13	10.2.1900	Hinckley Town	0 (0)	1 (0)	Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves	Holy Well Ground, Hinckley. This much anticipated game finally took place after several postponements. Large number of onlookers.
14	10.2.1900	Ironbridge	3 (2)	4 (1)	Aston Villa Reserves	Played in a snow storm. The ground was covered in several inches of snow.

15	27.1.1900	Newport (Salop) AN Other	1	1	Nuneaton Walker	
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### Round 2 replay

Date	Home	Away	Match Details
16	Nuneaton	W	Newport (Salop)

### Semi-Finals

Date	Home	Away	Match Details
17	9.4.1900 Small Heath	1 1	Aston Villa Reserves At Small Heath. c. 1,000 spectators.
18	9.4.1900 Nuneaton	1 0	Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves Arbury-road Ground, Nuneaton. Good gate.

### Semi-Final - Replay

Date	Home	Away	Match Details
19	19.4.1900 Aston Villa Reserves Hunter Leigh (2) Watkins	4 1	Small Heath Reserves Gard

### Final

Date	Home	Away	Match Details
20	28.3.1900 Aston Villa Reserves	0 (0) 1 (0)	Wolverhampton Wanderers Reserves Charley Molineux Ground, Wolverhampton 3,000 spectators. The only goal of the game was scored 5 mins from time.

### Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

#1

WALSALL SENIOR CUP.	
PRELIMINARY ROUND.	
GRESLEY ROVERS v. NEWHALL SWIFTS.	
Played at Gresley. Result:	
GRESLEY ..... 3 NEWHALL ..... 1	
SWADLINCOTE v. STANTON.	
Played at Stanton. Result:	
TWO GOALS EACH.	

Hinckley Free Pres - 13 October 1899

### #3 SWADLINCOTE v STANTON

Having previously ended in draw this tie re-played Swadlincote on last in thick fog The home team scored after twenty minutes play through Bearley just before the interval Chamberlain second goal In the second portion it almost impossible to follow play owing to the fog The game fairly fast no further scoring took place the result being:

Swadlincote	2
Stanton	0

*Hinckley Free Press - 27 October 1899*

### #7 WALSALL SENIOR CUP

#### HINCKLEY v GRESLEY ROVERS

Played on the Holywell Ground Hinckley before 1500 spectators on Tuesday afternoon. The teams lined out follows:

Gresley: Kinsey; backs Jones and Adams; half-backs Taylor, Sulliman, Bannister; forwards, Marsh, Robinson, Yardley.

Hinckley Town: Charlton, goal; Whitehead and Worthington, backs; Brookes, Baxter, Harding, half-backs; Mee, Hitchcock, right; Pollard, Centre; Beadsworth and Sanders, left wing, forwards.

Gresley won the toss, and chose to kick down, and after three minutes, Yardley scored first laurels for Gresley by a brilliant run. Shortly after same player made another attempt but failed. The home team then began to press and equalised through Hitchcock, who met from Beadsworth and headed in. Play then became of an equal nature. Several fouls were awarded against Gresley, and after half-an-hour's play Hinckley obtained the lead. Mee did some good work for Hinckley and shortly gave Sanders a chance of increasing, The half-time score was:

Hinckley	3
Gresley	2

Resuming, though the home team had perhaps the best of the game, Gresley worked well, and by combination frequently beat the Hinckley backs, but failed when just on the point of scoring. Mee, by a fast sprint succeeded in scoring. Yardley scored for Gresley, and a good game ended:

Hinckley	4
Gresley	3

*Hinckley Free Press - 29 December 1899*

### #5 SWADLINCOTE v COALVILLE TOWN

Played at Coalville.

Swadlincote – Davis (goal), Jones and Kinson (backs), Pickering, Orgill, and Rowland (half-backs), Draycott, Orme, Brealey, Cooke, and Chamberlain (forwards).

FINAL SCORE:

COALVILLE	4
SWADLINCOTE	1

*Burton Chronicle - 9 November 1899*

On Saturday Coalville Town visited Small Heath Reserves in the Walsall Senior Cup Competition. The Heathens had to face the elements first half, but they had all the game, and led at the interval by three goals to none. They scored four further goals in the second portion, and won by seven goals to none. Coalville had a penalty just before time, but failed to do anything with it.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 8 February 1900*

### #13 HINCKLEY v WOLVERHAMPTON

#### AN EXCITING CONTEST

Although some football enthusiasts in Hinckley were not perfectly satisfied with the conduct of Wolverhampton in reference to their fixture with Hinckley in the Walsall Cup, it cannot be denied that the directorate came down handsomely at the finish, and by agreeing to play the game at Hinckley and also offering not to take any of the gate receipts either travelling or as their legitimate share of profits, they have done something to help the Town in a time of extreme financial difficulty. The Wolves had another Cup-tie engagement on the same day, and were therefore not able to put their strongest team in the field. The following players lined up:

Hinckley

Underwood

Worthington Whitehead  
Harding Baxter Brooks  
Mee Hitchcock Dewey Beadsworth Sketchley

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Platt Owen Walker Chorley Jones  
Tuft Callow Harris  
Matthias Wright  
Harris

Wolverhampton

Hinckley the toss played and played with the hill but the pace of the visitors was much too good to allow the Hinckley team to make much impression. The Wolves scored corner then amid a burst of enthusiasm from the spectators. Baxter got the ball away and in capital style the home forwards were down the field and had a long hard try to get through the ball through. The Wolves goal-keeper twice had to fist out and then one of the backs conceded a corner. This was well placed and the tussle renewed, but Dewey put the ball out. But Hinckley were not got rid of easily, and in a second Mee was back on again and Beadsworth put just over. The ball was put up the right wing but Harding beat his man and back again came the lot with a capital rush and very nearly got through, The Wolves then made an incursion to the Hinckley end and were in a dangerous position when the ball went out. They gained nothing from last throw-in and the Town whose pace was splendid got through again putting in a shot which skimmed over the bar. Then the Wolves changed their game a bit by some long passing had the ball other end. They in turn got a corner put it in splendidly. The ball appeared to be in the net by a lightening movement Underwood reached the ball though he had twice to handle it, got the ball away. This was the prelude for another run to the visitors' end and it finished with a splendid shot from Beadsworth which flying along the ground at a terrific pace nonplussed the goalkeeper but striking him behind cannoned out of play. Offside against Dewey relieved the pressure for a few moments and a long kick put the ball in the Hinckley half. There of slow play the ball being put out several times. Then a long skier was put in and when Underwood who had run out to play ball the ball was striking it he charged from behind. Whitehead kept the ball out of the net and a foul was given and Hinckley were away again. The Wolves commenced playing one back and Mee was given offside at the best of chances. Dewey got going and looked like scoring but one of the backs took the ball in his hands. The free was no good and Dewey missed a fairly good chance when Sketchley had given him the ball. Whitehead was rather easily beaten by the tricky outside left but otherwise the home defence very firm, and were not so troubled were the Wolves Close on to time, half a dozen were put in but they missed by very little the interval arrived with the score:

Hinckley 0  
Wolverhampton 0

The Wolves got in the well at the start and Underwood did well to clear a creditable shot from Chorley. The ball was however kept down the field and whilst Whitehead and Worthington were appealing for offside they allowed Owen to score. Before Hinckley had got down the visitors forced corner but though the ball was well placed Walker the ball behind. The wind had got up a bit during the game and the Town had a uphill fight in several ways. Beadsworth seemed to be doing well in his new position Sketchley helped well was not quite strong enough for the class against which he was playing. The pressure was kept up well and the Wolves had hard lines in not adding to their score on two occasions. Tuft hit the corner of the post with shot close in and over the heads of two players but all they could do was notch a couple of corners. They took full advantage of the wind when Hinckley got away a long kick only relieved the pressure but put the play in close proximity the home goal. Dewey was too slow to beat Callow but on the wing Mee, when he got a chance was doing splendid work. Harris was surprised by an unexpected turn of speed, Mee getting away sent across a splendid centre which went in to Dewey and in turn to Sketchley. The latter, however, was a bit too slow though he might have beaten Harris was robbed of his chance by Matthias It could not be that the Wolves were acting in the same friendly manner their directorate on one or two occasions abused the rules of the game then 'the referee. Once Whitehead having kept player ball until it run out deliberately kicked and that too when the sphere had long been over the line. Towards the end the game was mostly confined midfield for when either side going they found the defence much too strong to be damaged it finished up Wolverhampton 1 Hinckley 0.

*Hinckley Free Press - 16 March 1900*

**WALSALL SENIOR CUP.—FINAL TIE.**

**WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS RESERVES v. ASTON VILLA RESERVES.**—This interesting final cup-tie at Molineux Grounds, last night, attracted 3,000 spectators. Both teams were well represented. The exchanges early on were in favour of the Wanderers, who pressed hard, and intense excitement ensued, the spectators shouting themselves hoarse. The Wanderers should have scored through Charley, but he missed the chance—a pass from Jones. Later, Watkins got going in strong fashion, and he almost got through. The Welsh international proved prominent time after time with his dangerous runs and centres. On one occasion the forwards failed to meet a beautiful pass from him, and the ball passed on that side. Half-time arrived, and there was no score. Throughout the first half a had been one long roar from the crowd, and the second half was a repetition. Jones scored an off-side goal to the disappointment of the crowd. However, not deterred, the Wanderers went at it hammer and tongs. Whiteley must be credited with a magnificent show, and he scarcely had a moment's respite. He punched and punched, and dodged in wonderful fashion. Five minutes from time he was well beaten, and the scene was indescribable, nothing of the past eight months at Molineux equalling it. The roar was long and loud. The goal came from a corner. Jones took the kick, and a melee in front of Whitely ensued. Somehow Charley got his foot to the ball, and Whitely was beaten. The Villa men had played well, but the Wanderers, showing unusual staying powers, pushed along with grand confidence, and their efforts at a terrific pace were rewarded. Final: Wanderers 1, Villa 0. Teams:—Wanderers: Goal, Harris; backs, Tuft and Walker; half-backs, Nurse, Galloway, and Annis; forwards, Bryan, Owen, Bowen, Charley, and Jones. Villa: Goal, Whiteley; backs, Aston and Hoggart; half-backs, McEleney, Mann, and Knot; forwards, Garfield, Hunter, Leigh, Johnson, and Watkins.

Birmingham Evening Mail - 1 May 1900

#### Additional Information

**GRAND MATCH AT WELLINGTON,  
TO-DAY, AT 3.15.  
WALSALL CUP TIE—  
IRON-BRIDGE v. WELLINGTON.**

Wellington Journal - 11 February 1900