

LFA Hinckley Cottage Hospital Charity Cup 1894-95

Winner: Hinckley
Runner-up: Earl Shilton Excelsior
No. of entries: 7

Seven (7) teams entered the inaugural Hinckley Cottage Hospital Charity Cup competition- including one from Leicester – Oxford Rovers.

The draw for the first round took place on Saturday 8 September 1894.

The first game of the cup competition was played between the two Hinckley clubs – Town and North End. The Town fielded their reserve team which easily overcame North End.

Hinckley Town beat Earl Shilton Excelsior 5-0 in a one-sided final.

Results and Match Details

Round 1

#	Date	Home	Away		Match Details	
1	1.12.1894	Barwell Swifts	2	4	Earl Shilton Excelsior	
2	17.11.1894	Hinckley Town Wells (2) Orton Wale (2) AN Others	7 (3)	0 (0)	Hinckley North End	Holywell ground. Game commenced at 3.05 pm. First match played in this new cup competition. Hinckley Town played their reserve side, the "Swifts."
3	1.12.1894	Oxford Rovers (Leicester)	1	6	Anstey Town	

Earl Shilton Town, a bye

Semi-Finals

#	Date	Home	Away		Match Details	
4	23.2.1895	Anstey Town	0 (0)	4 (0)	Earl Shilton Excelsior	At Barwell; Large number of spectators. Very muddy
5	2.3.1895	Hinckley Town Lucas Hickinbottom (3) Beardsworth Shipman	6 (2)	1 (1)	Earl Shilton Town Dayman	At Barwell. 1,000 spectators.

Final

#	Date	Home	Away		Match Details	
6	23.3	Hinckley Town Shipman (3) Beadsworth Hickinbottom	5 (0)	0 (0)	Earl Shilton Excelsior	Holywell Ground, Hinckley. "A very late start was made, owing to having no ball." 2,000 spectators. Col. Davis kicked off at 3.05 pm before a record gate. He also presented the cup and medals at the end of the game. Early in the second half a Shilton forward retired through a shoulder injury.

Match Reports

#1 The Earl Shilton Excelsior FC and their supporters were quite jubilant on Saturday night last, over the victory the players of that club had achieved in the first round of the Hinckley Charity Cup. To beat such a formidable club as the Barwell Swifts by four goals to two, was no small feat and I congratulate the Excelsior.

Hinckley Times – 8 December 1894

#2 HINCKLEY COTTAGE HOSPITAL CUP

FIRST ROUND

HINCKLEY TOWN v NORTH END The first match in this competition was played on Saturday last. The Hinckley Town had been drawn against the North End, but the Committee of the Town Club decided to play their reserve team - the Swifts. The North End is a promising junior team, and have done very well this season, and it was anticipated that they would give the Swifts a good game. There was a fair attendance on the Holywell ground when the teams lined up five minutes after three o'clock.

Widdowson started the ball for the North End towards the Workhouse goal, the visitors having the sun at their backs and the aid of a strong wind which was blowing obliquely across the ground. The Reds right wing were quickly on the go, and in the first few minutes of the game Eggleton kicked and headed out shots from Bennett and Flude. Then Wells got away, the attack terminating in goal-kick. From this Moore and Orton made a pretty run, from which a corner resulted. Wells again transferred play, but Bennett was quickly in possession again. Widdowson received and he gave to Aucott, who beat his namesake, and got in a fine centre. Eggleton cleared, and Wells well on the move when he was stopped by Mustin. Open play followed then the visitors again exhibited nice passing, and a weakness in shooting. Orton was next prominent and T Aucott attempted a long wide shot at Chamberlain's charge. A free Goddard proved dangerous, Moore sending in a splendid shot which Charlton just managed to touch out of goal. The North End were now having a good deal the best of matters, and the downfall of Charlton's charge seemed certain. The forwards troubled the Swifts backs, but though hovered about the front of goal they could not get the ball through. Several shots went very close and undoubtedly had players been cooler they must have scored. As it was, the attack ended without points and then Wale caused Chamberlain to run out to save the other end. North End returned, and then Wale got away, and gave to Wells who shot out. Just after Orton tricked the opposing backs and got in front of Chamberlain, putting the ball into the net at the opposite corner to the end which the custodian stood. With goal against them, the North End played up very pluckily and several were within an ace of equalising. At the other end Wale had a chance, and shot inches wide only, and Chamberlain had to kick out a shot from Suffolk. After Flude had shot on net of the Workhouse goal, the Swifts left broke away. Wells centred, and Suffolk scored goal number two. North End continued to have slightly the better of the play, but Orton made number of tricky sprints, and put on a third goal just before the interval, when the score stood,

HINCKLEY SWIFTS 3 goals

NORTH END nil

Hinckley Times – 18 November 1894

#3 HINCKLEY CHARITY CUP

ANSTEY TOWN v OXFORD ROVERS

This match in the first round of the Hinckley Charity Cup competition was played at Leicester, on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by six goals to one. Referee, Mr Bailey.

Leicester Daily Post – 3 December 1894

#4 The Earl Shilton Excelsior FC played their semi-final in the Hinckley Cottage Hospital Charity Cup, last Saturday, at Barwell, where there was any amount of mud about. However, a large number of spectators were attracted, the opposing team being the Anstey Town FC. during the first half of the game play proved to be equal, and no goal was scored in the first half. The Anstey gal was several times in danger. On the change of ends, the Excelsior soon proved to have the best of the struggle, and in a few minutes after the start secured three goals in quick succession, the Anstey payers seeming to be fairly beaten after the fast play of the first half, another goal was added later on by the Excelsior and thus the game ended, leaving the XIs winners by four goals to none. The winners played a splendid game, as they generally do, and much praise is due to their combined effort.

Hinckley Times – 2 March 1895

#5 HINCKLEY COTTAGE HOSPITAL CUP HINCKLEY TOWN v SHILTON TOWN

These teams met Barwell on Saturday in the semi-final of Hinckley Cottage Hospital Cup. The day was a beautifully fine one, and about a thousand turned out to witness the game. Hinckley won the toss, and chose to play with a strong wind blowing up the slope towards the village. The Shiltonians made a strong effort to work down the field, but the Hinckley half-backs repulsed them, and in less time than it takes to write, the Tin-hatters were in front of the Shilton goal. Watts seemed certain to score, receiving the ball almost under bar, but failed to convert. A brace of corners fell to Hinckley nothing tangible resulted and length Shilton were active Rickus relieved, but coming again, the same wing forced Pratt to concede corner. The flag kick was badly placed. Hinckley made another strong attack on the Shilton goal, and Shipman struck the bar with a fine shot. A throw-in from the right made matters lively for the Hinckley defence, but Pratt proved equal to the occasion. Play was in midfield for some time, but a free for hands placed the Hinckley men in good position. The ball hovered about in front of the goal, and at length went to Lucas on the right wing, and he scored with a long crossing shot. The game had now been in progress half hour. Shilton attacked, and Wortley conceded a corner. The ball was put behind, but the Shilton right wing raced down, and beating Wortley, Dayman sent in a high shot, which dropped over Pratt's hands into goal, making the scores level. Within a minute Hinckley were again leading the forwards working well together, and Shipman and Hickingbottom running through the defence, the latter finally heading into the net. Half-time arrived directly after with score:

Hinckley	2
Shilton	1

After mid-field play, Hinckley visited the lower goal, and Beardsworth shaved the post. Shilton raced up the ground, and Pratt had to throw out. Lawrence knocked away a good shot from Hickingbottom, but failed before a clinking shot from Beardsworth, who received from Shipman. Lucas almost added a fourth point, a fine shot from his foot striking the bar. Nothing daunted, Shilton strove hard to draw level and Pratt had to deal with several good shots. The backs relieved the pressure, and Lucas raced down the right. He made a good pass to Hickingbottom, who ran through and scored goal number four. Play was again at the Hinckley end, but the Shilton forwards, try as they would, could not beat the defence. Lucas again got possession, and ran half the length of the field. He looked certain to score, but his shot struck the foot of the upright, and went into touch. Directly after, some good play was seen on the Hinckley left, and Beardsworth passing to Hickingbottom, the centre had no difficulty in notching the fifth point. Shilton continued to play very pluckily, and attacked spiritedly. They were again unable to beat the defence, and the Hinckley left raced down. A corner resulted, and Watts, who took the flag kick, plumped the ball well into the mouth of the goal, where Shipman got his toe to the ball and sent it into the net with a powerful kick. Nothing resulted, the score at the finish reading:

Hinckley	6
Shilton	1

Hinckley Times - 9 March 1895

#6 HINCKLEY COTTAGE HOSPITAL CHARITY CUP THE FINAL

HINCKLEY TOWN v SHILTON EXCELSIOR

In the previous rounds of this cup Hinckley Town beat Hinckley North End and Shilton Town while Excelsior despatched Barwell and Anstey Town. Both semi-finals having been played at Barwell, it was decided to play the final round on the Holy Well ground. Both teams had full strength, and looked in the pink of condition when they entered the field.

Col. Davis started ball in presence of 2000 spectators. Hinckley kicking against the wind hill. The visitors' left was the first to break away, and after an attack on railway end goal, Hickingbottom beat Hammond for the ball and made of one of his rare passes to the right wing, Lucas running the ball up the field, but his pass was intercepted by Joe Brown, who, with a long kick, sent to his forwards. Good play by L. Brown and Coe was spoilt by offside, and from Wortley's kick the home forwards went away with a rush and forced a corner off J. Brown. It was well placed by Carter and a good effort by Beardsworth was splendidly saved by the Shilton goal keeper. Hinckley kept up the pressure for some time, but the sterling defence of Brown, Price and Raven kept them from scoring. Eventually, a free for hands against Rickus relieved, and the visitors' left got well away, and by some smart passing reached the vicinity of the Hinckley citadel. Pratt was called upon to save a splendid shot from Garton, and then Rickus passed to Hickingbottom, who made a good run and

sent on to Watts whose shot struck the side the side of the net. Beadsworth then got in good a centre, but Lucas failed to reach it and a splendid chance was lost. Garton and Almey raced away from the goal-kick but were splendidly pulled up Spencer, and the sphere was again taken to the Workhouse goal. Carter was next cheered for pulling up Brown and Coe, and giving the ball to Lucas. That player sprinted up the field beating Farmer, Pick and Brown, put in a good centre which Beadsworth over, Shipman then sent in a lightning shot, which Raven saved magnificently. Half-time arrived with a clean sheet.

On re-starting down the slope and with a strong wind behind them, Hinckley soon attacked after a good run, Shipman scored a real beauty in the first two minutes. The same player soon added goal number two in the same brilliant fashion. At this period of the game Shilton had the misfortune to lose one of their forwards who bruised a shoulder in a charge. Watts was well fed by Beadsworth, and after a good run centred finely, Hickinbottom scoring after mulling the ball. At this stage of the game another of the of Shilton players left the field with an injured shoulder. After this the Shilton went all to pieces, and was put entirely on the defensive, their men falling back and saving continually. At last, after some good play by all the home forwards, Beadsworth sent in long dropping shot which completely beat Raven. The game was but one continual attack on the Shilton goal, the visitors rarely getting the ball over the halfway line. Shipman was the next to score goal number five, and soon after, the whistle went for "no-side" leaving Hinckley the winners of the coveted trophy by 5 goals to nil.

Additional Information

Hinckley Times

Historic cup goes on show at museum

Arts
16 Jul 2015

HINCKLEY and District Museum has joined forces with Jeff Bray and Ray Grewcock, trustees of the Hinckley Cottage Hospital Charity Cup, to display a wonderful piece of local football silverware – the old Hospital Charity Cup.

The Hinckley Cottage Hospital Charity Cup dates back to 1894, and was an important competition and was a sought after trophy.

The Hinckley Sunday Football League have been guardians of the cup since 1967. The cup rarely sees the light of day and so the opportunity to display it within the museum for an extended period was eagerly

sought by both the trustees and the museum.

The cup is still played for locally and previous winners have included West Bromwich Albion, Aston Villa and Nuneaton Borough.

The museum is displaying the cup with a picture of a Hinckley United team proudly displaying the cup as



Ray Grewcock and Jeff Bray from the cup trustees and Ann Crabtree from the Museum by the display cabinet with the cup. Picture: Hinckley and District Museum

winners in 1911. The museum has also found a photograph taken during a match in the competition taken in 1905.

Chairman of the museum Ann Crabtree said: "When the prospect

of displaying the cup became a reality we were delighted as it makes a true centrepiece for our display this year which feature local sports and recreation through the years. The cup has attracted a lot of attention and has been maintained in excellent condition given its age."

One of the cup trustees, retired local football referee Jeff Bray said: "It's important to display this treasured item so that it is widely appreciated, not just kept in a cupboard.

"The cup was a way of raising funds for the hospital in the days when we had no NHS and relied on benefactors to support the hospital. The

trustees were delighted to work in collaboration with the museum to provide the perfect setting for this important local artefact."

The cup can be viewed at the museum which is open every weekend in the thatched cottages in Lower Bond Street – Saturdays from 10am to 3.30pm and Sundays 2pm to 4.30pm. The museum also has displays on local men in the Battle of Waterloo, fragments from the Barwell meteorite and a section on the First World War.

Visitors to the museum can also enjoy the tea room and cottage garden as well as a reasonably priced gift

shop.