



Leicestershire Junior Cup 1895-96

Winner: Barwell Swifts
Runner-Up: Ibstock Albion
No. of entries: 31

The 31 clubs were divided into three divisions for Rounds 1 and 2. In round 3, divisions two and three were combined.

Melton Town protested against their Junior Cup tie with Barwell Swifts on account of the goal posts being not of the requisite height and darkness. The Leicestershire Football Association committee decided that as the protest was not made within accordance of the association's rules, it was not sustained.

The Final was staged at Coalville and was played after the Coalville Charity Cup Final. It was won by Barwell Swifts.

Round 1

Division 1

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	19.10.1895	Ashby Albion	4	6	Overseal Town	
2	12.10.1895	Coalville Albion	0	0	Whitwick Town	
3	12.10.1895	Ellistown	3	1	Coalville Town Reserve	
4	12.10.1895	Measham Wanderers	1	1	Ibstock Albion	

Division 2

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5	12.10.1895	Hemington United	2	3	Castle Donington [HOLDERS]	
6	12.10.1895	Kegworth	1	1	Woodhouse Rovers	
7	12.10.1895	Sileby Rangers	1	4	Barrow Rising Star	
8	12.10.1895	Stanford St John's	3	1	Hathern Victoria	

Division 3

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
9	12.10.1895	Anstey Town	2	1	Earl Shilton Excelsior	
10	12.10.1895	Carr's Bros	2	0	London-road	Carr Bros scored twice in the last 8 mins
11	12.10.1895	Enderby Granite	5	2	Belgrave St Michael's	
12	12.10.1895	Hinckley Town Reserve	0	1	South Wigston	
13	12.10.1895	Melton Town Goodacre	1 (1)	0 (0)	Earl Shilton Town	Melton were poorly represented. Farrows [Melton] was "practically useless."
14	12.10.1895	Syston Swifts	1	4	Barwell Swifts	
15	12.10.1895	YMCA Rovers og Jacques Harrison	3	1	Rothley Swifts Preston	Victoria Park, Leicester. Windy weather.

Round 1 Replays

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
16	26.10.1895	Ibstock Albion	2	0	Measham Wanderers	

17	26.10.1895	Coalville Albion	2	2	Whitwick Town	A good game – but not altogether devoid of roughness. Extra time should have been played, but the referee decided that the light was not good enough.
18		Woodhouse Rovers			Kegworth	

Round 1 2nd Replay

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
19	6.11.1895	Coalville Albion	3 (0)	3 (3) aet	Whitwick Town	Park-road Ground, Coalville [Wednesday afternoon]. Coalville came back from 3-0 at half-time to get a draw, 20 mins extra time was played.

Round 1 3rd Replay

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
20	9.11.1895	Whitwick Town	4	0	Coalville Albion	

Round 2

Division 1

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
21	9.11.1895	Ellistown	3	3	Whitwick Town	
22	9.11.1895	Overseal	3	3	Ibstock Albion	

Division 2

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
23	9.11.1895	Anstey Town	D	D	Barrow Rising Star	
24	9.11.1895	Castle Donington	2	0	Kegworth	
25	9.11.1895	Quorn Havelock	2	3	Stanford St John's	

Division 3

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
26	9.11.1895	Barwell Swifts	3	1	Melton Town	
27	9.11.1895	Carr's Bros	6	0	YMCA Rovers	
28	9.11.1895	Enderby Granite	1	2	South Wigston	

Round 2 Replays

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
29	23.11.1895	Barrow Rising Star	3	0	Anstey Town	
30	16.11.1895	Ellistown	3	3	Whitwick Town	
31	16.11.1895	Ibstock Albion	2	1	Overseal Town	

Round 3

Division 1

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
32	9.1.1896	Ibstock Albion Black (2)	2	1	Whitwick Town AN Other	Played before a large company.

Divisions I and II

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
33	9.1.1896	Barwell Swifts	6	0	Carr Bros	

34	9.1.1896	Castle Donington	3	1	Barrow Rising Star	
35		South Wigston			Stanford St John's	

Semi-Finals

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
36	7.3.1896	Castle Donington		W	Barwell Swifts	At Hemington
37	7.3.1896	Ibstock Albion	1 (0)	0 (0)	Stanford St John's	Shepshed Town's Ground, Large attendance. The winning goal was scored "just before time."

Final

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
38	6.4.1896	Ibstock Albion	1 (0)	2 (0)	Barwell Swifts	Sports Ground, Coalville. Played after the Coalville Charity Cup Final

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

#1 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP OVERSEAL v ASHBY ALBION

At Overseal. Result:

OVERSEAL, six goals;

ASHBY, four.

Leicester Daily Post - 21 October 1895

#2 COALVILLE ALBION v WHITWICK TOWN

At Coalville. Result:

A DRAW, no score.

Leicester Daily Post - 14 October 1895

#3 ELLISTOWN v COALVILLE TOWN SWIFTS

At Ellistown. Result:

ELLISTOWN, three goals;

TOWN SWIFTS, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 14 October 1895

#6 KEGWORTH v WOODHOUSE ROVERS

At Kegworth. Result:

A DRAW, one each

Leicester Daily Post - 14 October 1895

#7 SILEBY RANGERS v BARROW RISING STAR

At Sileby. Result:

BARROW, four goals;

RANGERS, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 14 October 1895

#8 STANFORD ST JOHN'S v HATHERN VICTORIA

At Stanford. Result:

ST JOHNS, three goals;

VICTORIA, two goals.

Leicester Daily Post - 14 October 1895

#10 LONDON ROAD v CARR BROS

On the Carr Bros ground. London-road had the best of play in the first half, tough in the second Carr Bros scored twice in the last eight minutes. Result:

CARR BROS,; two goals;
LONDON-ROAD, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 14 October 1895

#14 BARWELL SWIFTA v SYSTON SWIFTS

At Syston. Result:

BARWELL, four goals;
SYSTON, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 14 October 1895

#13 MELTON TOWN v EARL SHILTON

At Melton. The homesters were poorly represented, whilst the visitors brought a strong team. The game was evenly contested in the first half. Melton missed two easy chances, but Goodacre scored just as the whistle sounded the interval. Play was of a most exciting character right up to the close. The Melton defence was superb, and though Farrow's was practically useless. Melton ran out winners. Result:

MELTON, one goal;
EARL SHILTON, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 14 October 1895

#15 YMCA ROVERS v ROTHLEY

This match was played on the Victoria Park in windy weather. The home team had the advantage which rude Boreas gave in the first half., the Reds pressing pretty nearly all through, a fair exhibition being seen, but the shooting at times was rather erratic, while the Rothley defence was not to be despised. The only point gained was a goal by the Young Men. Lowe, a visiting back, putting through his own goal. On resuming after the change of ends Jacques scored a beauty within five minutes. Preston replied for the visitors, but Harrison caught the visiting goal-keeper off his guard, and put the issue beyond doubt, the result being:

YMCA ROVERS, three goals;
ROTHLEY, one.

Referee: Mr W Holland, Post Office.

Leicester Daily Post - 14 October 1895

#17 Leicestershire Junior Cup

Replayed Tie

Coalville Albion v Whitwick Town

A good game, but not altogether devoid of roughness. The game for the second time ended in the draw, and extra time should have been played, but the referee decided that the light was not good enough, which necessitates another tie being played. Result:

A DRAW, two goals each.

Coalville Times - 1 November 1895

LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

#17 COALVILLE v WHITWICK TOWN

These teams met for the third time on the Park-road Ground on Wednesday afternoon in the first round for the above cup. On the first time the teams met on the Park-road Ground the game ended in a draw, no goals being scored, and at the second attempt the game also undecided, two goals each. A large number of spectators assembled for the third essay, and a well-played game was witnessed. Whitwick won the toss, and kicked down the hill and with the wind. They soon began to press and scored shortly after the start. At half-time the game stood: Whitwick, three goals; Albion, none. On changing ends the Albion, with the wind in their favour, soon altered the aspect of the game. Playing with great dash they began to score, and at the call of time had put on three goals, again making the match a draw. It was decided to play an extra 20 minutes, but this was no use, the game ending:

WHITWICK, three goals;
ALBION, three goals.

Leicester Daily Post – 7 November 1895

LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

REPLAYED TIE

#19 COALVILLE ALBION v WHITWICK TOWN

At Whitwick. After three essays these clubs brought their tie in the second round of the competition to a definite conclusion. The home team on this occasion had matters all their own way, and ran our easy winners. Result:

WHITWICK TOWN, four goals;
COALVILLE ALBION, none.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 9 November 1895

#22 OVERSEAL v IBSTOCK

At Overseal. The game was evenly and keenly contested. Result:

A DRAW, three goals each.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 9 November 1895

#24 CASTLE DONINGTON v KEGWORTH

At Castle Donington. Result:

DONINGTON, two goals;
KEGWORTH, none.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 9 November 1895

#25 QUORN HAVELOCK v STANFORD ST JOHN'S

At Quorn. Result:

ST JOHN'S, three goals;
QUORN, two.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 9 November 1895

#26 BARWELL SWIFTS v MELTON TOWN

At Barwell. Result:

SWIFTS, three goals;
TOWN, none.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 9 November 1895

#27 CARR BROS v YMCA ROVERS

On the former's ground. Result:

CARR BROS, six goals;
ROVERS, none.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 9 November 1895

#28 ENDERBY GRANITE v SOUTH WIGSTON

At Enderby. Result:

WIGSTON, two goals;
ENDERBY, one.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 9 November 1895

#29 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

RE-PLAYED TIE

BARROW RISING STAR v ANSTEY TOWN

At Barrow. Result:

BARROW, three goals;
ANSTEY, none.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 28 November 1895

#30 ELLISTOWN v WHITWICK TOWN

At Ellistown. Result:

A DRAW: three goals each.

Leicester Daily Post - 18 November 1895

#30 Ellistown v Whitwick Town

Played at Ellistown, and ended in a draw. Result:

Ellistown 3

Whitwick 3

Coalville Times -22 November 1895

Leicestershire Junior Cup

#31 Ibstock Albion v Overseal

This tie was replayed at Ibstock on Saturday, and a well-contested game, resulted:

Ibstock 2

Overseal 1

Coalville Times -22 November 1895

#31 IBSTOCK ALBION v OVERSEAL

At Ibstock. Result:

IBSTOCK, two goals;

OVERSEAL, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 18 November 1895

#32 WHITWICK v IBSTOCK

At Ibstock. Played before a large company. Both sides played a rushing game, and Black, who played a champion game, and scored the first goal for Ibstock. Whitwick also scored in the first half. Changing ends, Noon left injured, and Black again scored for the Albions. Whitwick made strenuous efforts, and made repeated rushes, but the home halves, playing splendidly, kept them at bay. Result:

IBSTOCK, two goals;

WHITWICK, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post -7 January 1896

LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

THIRD ROUND

#33 BARWELL SWIFT v CARR BROS

AT Barwell. A rather one-sided game ended:

BARWELL, six goals;

CARR BROS, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 10 February 1896

LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

THIRD ROUND

#34 CASTLE DONINGTON v BARROW RISING STAR

At Castle Donington. Result:

CASTLE DONINGTON, three goals;

BARROW, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post 13 January 1896

SEMI-FINAL

#37 IBSTOCK ALBION v STANFORD ST JOHN'S

On the Shepshed Town Ground, before a large attendance. The game was very fast and half-time arrived with no score. The second half opened out very fast, St Johns having the best of the play. Just before time Ibstock scored a very lucky goal. Result:

IBSTOCK, one goal;

ST JOHN'S, none.
Leicester Daily Post - 9 March 1896

LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP FINAL
#38 BARWELL SWIFTS v IBSTOCK ALBION

The match was played on the Sport Ground, Coalville, immediately after the finish of the Charity Cup competition. Playing downhill, Barwell commenced the attack, and immediately had a corner conceded them, nothing, however, resulting. Even play followed mostly in midfield. The Albions then ran up and pressed in front of goal, but the Swifts backs relieved, a corner in favour of the Swifts was fruitless. Rushing down, a further corner was conceded the Swifts, but the Albion easily cleared. At half-time nothing had been scored. Re-starting, the Swifts immediately ran up and shot in goal, but the custodian cleared. Directly after, however, they had a second shot, and were this time successful. The Albion's right wing had a shot at goal, but it went wide. Running up the Swifts were conceded a corner, but nothing resulted. The Albions immediately after held a similar advantage but also was barren of result. The Albions had many openings in front of goal, but they were weak in shooting, the Swifts after several attempts, scored number two. Nothing further resulted, and the whistle blew with the game standing:

BARWELL, two goals

IBSTOCK, none.

At the conclusion of the match the cups were presented to the winning teams and medals were given to the winners and runners-up. Mr Allen Lovell, president of the Leicestershire Association, presented the Leicestershire Junior Cup, and Dr Burkitt presented the Coalville Charity Cup. Cheers were given for the respective teams.

Leicester Daily Post - 7 April 1896