



Coalville & District Challenge Cup 1895-96

Winner: Whitwick Town
Runner-up: Coalville Town
No. of entries: 4

Out of last year's profits £1 11s was given to the Burton Infirmary, £3 3s to the Leicester Infirmary and £15 to the fund for the creation of a cottage hospital for Coalville.

Semi-Finals

No.	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	29.2.1896	Coalville Albion	0 (0)	1 (1)	Whitwick Town	Waggon & Horses Ground, Coalville 1,000 spectators.
2	15.2.1896	Coalville Town	0	0	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Fox and Goose ground. 2,000 spectators. A late start was made. Benistone cannoned with another Town player and broke his nose and had to leave the field.

Semi-Finals Replay

No.	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3	21.3.1896	Coalville Town	5 (2)	0 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Fox and Goose ground, Coalville. 2,000 spectators. Hugglescote protested to the Cup committee that Coalville had played an unregistered player against them. The appeal was upheld and the game was ordered to be replayed.

Semi-Final 2nd Replay

No.	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
4	1.4.1896	Coalville Town	2	1	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Park Road Ground, Coalville. 2,000 spectators.

Final

No.	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5	6.4.1896	Coalville Town	1	3	Whitwick Town	Sports Ground, Coalville Attendance - 4000

Match Reports

1 COALVILLE ALBION v WHITWICK TOWN

Played on the Wagon and Horses ground, before 1,000 spectators. The Town had a corner conceded soon after the start, but failed to score. They had just more in rapid succession, but failed to utilise them. Both teams had frequent shots at goal, but nothing came from them, and half-time arrived with the no score. Restarting Whitwick ran up and opened the account, Coalville soon after had a clear shot, but failed.

WHITWICK, one goal;

COALVILLE, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 2 March 1896

2 COALVILLE CHARITY CUP

SEMI-FINAL

COALVILLE TOWN v HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD

On the Fox and Goose Ground, before 2,000 spectators. A late start was made, but both teams soon got to work, and the exchanges were rapid, frequent shots being made at goal. In the second half Beniston

cannoned with another Town player, and broke his nose, and had to leave the field. Play still ruled, but neither team could score. Result:

A DRAW, no score

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 20 February 1896

2 SEMI-FINAL

COALVILLE TOWN v HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD

Played on the Fox and Goose Ground, before 2,000 spectators. Coalville scored two goals in the first half, and three in the second. Result:

COALVILLE, five goals;

HUGGLESCOTE, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 23 March 1893

3 COALVILLE CHARITY CUP

SEMI-FINAL

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Leicester Daily Post - 23 March 1896

4 COALVILLE CHARITY

RE-PLAYED SEMI-FINAL

HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD v COALVILLE TOWN

The third encounter between these teams in the above competition took place on Wednesday evening on the Park Road Ground, Coalville before nearly 2,000 players. The first match ended in a draw, but the second was greatly to the favour of Coalville, the result being five to none. Hugglescote however lodged a protest on the ground that the Town had played a man before he had properly transferred and the Executive Committee upheld the objection and ordered the match to be replayed. Coalville attacked down hill against the wind and quickly initiated the offensive scoring two goals in rapid succession. The reverse infused more energy into the Robins' play and the exchanges were more even although the Robins forwards seemed to lack combination. No further scoring took place in the first half and the second half was commenced with two goals to none in favour of Colville. Both teams pressed and from splendid corner kick by Smith the Robins scored their first goal. Both sides tried hard to augment their score, but the defence at each end was very good. Marriott, for the Robins especially playing a sterling game. Nothing further resulted and the whistle blew with:

COALVILLE, two goals';

HUGGLESCOTE, one goal

Coalville will now have to meet Whitwick Town on Monday next for the final.

Leicester Daily Post - 2 April 1896

5 COALVILLE CHARITY CUP

COALVILLE v WHITWICK TOWN

Played on the Sports ground, Coalville on Monday afternoon before 4,000 spectators. Whitwick kicked downhill and a fast game ensued. Whitwick ran down and ought to have scored, but the centre man shot wide. Again pressing, they scored number one from a free kick. Resuming, play was pretty even. Whitwick perhaps having the best of the game. Another free kick near the Coalville goal enabled Whitwick to score again, and number three was immediately afterwards added, Bunting the Coalville custodian making no apparent effort to stop the ball. Even play ensued, Coalville ran up and had their first shot at goal, but the goalkeeper cleared. Whitwick backs were now playing a strong game, and at half-time the result stood: Whitwick, three goals; Coalville, none. Resuming, Whitwick ran up, but kicked outside. Coalville returned and forced a corner, but it was fruitless. Again running down they had a shot at goal, but it was easily cleared. Whitwick got to the other end, but were ruled offside. Play was now somewhat moderate, another team having any apparent advantage. Whitwick then ran up, and had a shot at goal, Bunting just managing to save Whitwick continued the pressure, but the Coalville backs defended well. Long kicks were now

exchanged and then Coalville pressed and from a scrimmage in front of goal scored their first. There was no further scoring, and the result was

WHITWICK, three goals;

COALVILLE, one goal.

Coalville entered a protest.

Leicester Daily Post - 7 April 1896

Additional Information

**COALVILLE CHARITY CUP,
COMPETITION.**

CLUBS desirous of entering this competition,
should send in their names to the under-
signed

On or before October 31st, 1895,
Who will supply the dates of the rounds on appli-
cation. Entrance Fee 7s. 6d.

**J. S. BERTENSHAW,
Hon. Sec.
London Road, Coalville.**

Coalville Times - 11 October 1895