



# Hinckley Charity Cup 1895-96

**Winner:** Hinckley Town  
**Runner-Up:** Earl Shilton Town  
**No. of entries:** 9

Hinckley Town retained the trophy.

## Round 1

Date	Home	Away	Match Details		
1	25.12.1895	Barwell Swifts	3   1   Hugglescote Robin Hood	Large gate.	
2		Earl Shilton Town	W	Narborough All Saints	
3	23.11.1895	Coalville Town	3   2	South Wigston	Fair number of spectators.
4	9.11.1895	Nuneaton Town Shipman	1 (1)	5 (3) Hinckley Town Narroway Smith AN Others	Arbury Road Ground, Nuneaton. Attendance c. 1,000 - including a large number of Hinckley supporters, who made the journey by the 14.14 Midland Railway train. Play should have commenced at 2.35 pm, but it was 35 mins later when the ball was set rolling. Game ended in semi-darkness.

Earl Shilton Excelsior, a bye

## Round 2

Date	Home	Away	Match Details	
5	Earl Shilton Excelsior	W	Earl Shilton Town	Excelsior made two draws with the Town club - Hinckley Times - 23 May 1895

## Semi-Finals

Date	Home	Away	Match Details		
6	25.1.1896	Hinckley Town	1   0	Barwell Swifts	At Earl Shilton.
7	?	Earl Shilton Town	W	Coalville Town	

## Final

Date	Home	Away	Match Details		
8	11.4.1896	Hinckley Town Law Tucker (3) Narroway	5 (5)	0 (0) Earl Shilton Town	Holywell ground, Hinckley. 1,500 spectators. Mr. C. H. Aldridge, of Sketchley Hall, kicked off, and subsequently presented the cup to the winners. The medals could not be presented as the firm with which the order was entrusted had not been able to finish them in time The ball was gifted by Mr U Burton.

## Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

**1** On Xmas Day the Barwell Swifts gratified their supporters in the Hinckley Charity Cup match, when they met the famous Robin Hoods from Hugglescote at Barwell. There was a large gate and a good sum realised. The result was as follows: Barwell Swifts, 3 goals; Hugglescote Robin Hoods, none.

*Hinckley Times -28 December 1895*

### 3 Coalville Town v South Wigston

A fair number of spectators witnessed this match in the first round of the above Cup Competition on the Wagon and Horses ground on Saturday. A strong wind was blowing into the bottom goal, which the Town had to defend during the first half. The visitors pressed at first but after the homesters had found their footing they got round the opposing defence and scored two pretty goals. Wigston retaliated and beat Bunting twice, but before half-time the Town drew ahead again then standing:

Coalville	3
Wigston	2

Playing with the wind, the homesters complexly penned Wigston in the second half, and on two occasions were the visitors able to get more than 30 yards from their own goal. Bunting stood on the half-way line, and once had a shot for goal. Notwithstanding this pressure the Town were not able to score, their shooting being wretched, and the game ended:

Coalville	3
Wigston	2

Coalville: Bunting, goal; Eales, Picketing, backs; Bradshaw, Brownslow, half-backs; E Benistone, C Benistone, right wing; Orton, centre; Dicen and Gibbs, right wing.

*Coalville Times - 29 November 1895*

### 4 HINCKLEY CHARITY CUP

#### FIRST ROUND

#### NUNEATON TOWN v. HINCKLEY TOWN (Holders)

On the Arbury Road ground, last Saturday, the teams being as follows:

Nuneaton: Goal, Masser; backs, Cooper, and Walker; half-backs F. Perry, Morse and Miller; forwards, Mason, Elsworth, Shipman, Watts and Marston.

Hinckley: Goal, Charlton; backs, Taylor, and Davis; half-backs, Carter, Baxter and Beget; forwards, Tucker, Smith, Law, Narraway and Bedsworth.

Referee, Mr. Stanton, Leicester.

Shipman started the leather for Nuneaton. Tucker and Smith at once secured, dashing off at a fast rate. Walker sent the ball out, then Miller placed in midfield, and after the home centre-forward had indulged in a nice bit of dribbling, Marston further helped the leather on by sending it over the line. The latter player directly after skimmed the crossbar with a pass from Shipman. For a time the home team held the sway, a shot from F. Perry being sent by the posts. Narraway was penalised for foul play, and after some persevering efforts by the home right wing, Charlton leisurely disposed of a dangerous shot from Mason. Smith and Baxter, respectively, had a try, but were both wide. Walker and Taylor exchanged long kicks, and Hinckley were favoured with a free kick in good position. Walker saved splendidly, and after some warm work the ball was put over the line by Tucker. Masser placed the leather to half-way, Mason and Elsworth taking on to the line. The latter centred in fine style, and Nuneaton's first chance was missed. A good shot from Bedsworth was ably put over the bar by Masser, but nothing resulted from the corner. The "Pros." attacked strongly, but the home defence repulsed well. Determined play by Shipman enabled Elsworth to place into Charlton's hands, Watts nearly doing the needful. The Nuneaton men were severely pressed, and from a throw-in close to goal Narraway opened the score with a low shot. A fruitless corner fell to Nuneaton, and after some neat passing by the home forwards, Marston made a poor attempt. Still Nuneaton tried, and another corner befell them, but they experienced hard lines, Hinckley eventually getting the ball away. Some hard work was witnessed in front of the Hinckley citadel, in which all of the Nuneaton forwards took part, and the best goal of the day was scored by Shipman. The game, standing at one goal each, nerved both teams to the fight, and the leather was sent from end to end at lightning pace. A free to Hinckley in close proximity to the home goal resulted in a hot scrimmage, and while all the players were huddled together in one corner the ball was sent to the other, and Smith, who was on the ground, kicked the second goal for the visitors, Masser not seeing the ball. After the home had brought off some good saves, Cooper fouled the ball, and from the free kick, of the further helped the Hinckley side by heading the third goal. Half time :

Hinckley	3
Nuneaton	1

Resuming, Nuneaton went away very nicely, but Hinckley returned and soon forced a corner, the homesters defended in good style and taking up the running Shipman shot wide. Hinckley was pulled up for off-side when making good progress. Shipman and Watts passed well together but Watts finished by bad shooting.

Midfield rules for a time, the attack being renewed by Hinckley in dead earnest. The ball was sent behind at a fast rate, and just after bounced off the goal posts into the net, placing the visitors three goals in front. Mason took the ball through several opponents and looked like scoring, but Charlton was safe. Cooper sent in a shot which got over the bar with difficulty. Hinckley, while pressing sent in a shot which bounced over Masser's hands for No.5. Another attempt by the home forwards brought Charlton out of goal, and Shipman very nearly did the trick, Elsworth directly after sending into the visiting custodian's hands. Masser and the home backs effected some fine saves and Mason played up strongly. The game ended in semi-darkness as follows:

Hinckley Town 5

Nuneaton Town 1

*Nuneaton Observer - 15 November 1895*

6 Perhaps the match which created the most local interest on Saturday was the one between Barwell Swifts and Hinckley Town, which was played at Earl Shilton for the Hinckley Charity Cup. However popular the Swifts may have been previously, they certainly increased their popularity on Saturday, and won the admiration of all the local clubs and supporters by the creditable manner in which they played the game against a professional club. The game was fast, with a little rough play, and neither team had much to grumble about in this respect. Comments upon the individual players of the Barwell team go to show that Heywood and Cobley were hardly up to their best form, while L Herbert quite distinguished himself by his excellent forward play. The Barwell custodian was only called upon to save four times during the match, while the Hinckley goal had more than a score of shots banged at it, all of which were cleared or proved unsuccessful. The result at the close was a win for the Hinckley Town by the narrow margin of one goal, the scores being Hinckley 1, Barwell 0.

*Hinckley Times - 1 February 1896*

## 8 HINCKLEY CHARITY CUP - FINAL

**HINCKLEY TOWN V EARL SHILTON TOWN**—The final tie for the Hinckley Cottage Hospital Cup was played on the Holywell ground on Saturday last before about 1500 spectators, the showery weather keeping many away. Mr C H Aldridge kicked off, the ball being a gift of Mr U Burton. For some time the Earl Shilton players showed much dash and their forwards repeatedly carried the ball well in front of the railway-end goal, but the chances of scoring, though one or two seemed very promising, were not utilised. Barrs and Dayman on the left made a number of good runs, and it was from their centres that the chances of scoring arose. Taylor might have made it warm for Charlton twice, but he was hardly quick enough, though for a veteran he played a good game in the first half. Hinckley broke away at last through Narrowway and Beardsworth; the centre was an admirable one, and the visitors backs becoming 'mixed up', Law raced through and beat Coe with a low shot at the end of 18 minutes play. Two minutes later as Beardsworth was about to head the ball close to goal, he was charged in the back, and the referee awarded a 'penalty', Tucker adding a second goal. This seemed to take life out of the Shilton men, and though they never left trying there was no sting in their attacks. Hinckley added three more goals time before half-time. Narrowway scored with a long shot, Tucker after a fine piece of play scored with a splendid shot, and again when right in front to the goal. The second half calls for no description. Hinckley had all the play, but did not score again and the game ended:

HINCKLEY 5

EARL SHILTON 0

At the conclusion of the game, the cup was presented to the winning club by Mr C H Aldridge who said that the game had been a little one-sided and he would liked to have seen the losers with almost as many goals as the winners. He unable to present the medals that day, as the firm with which the order was entrusted had not been able to finish them in time. It had given him great pleasure to witness the game, especially as it was in support of so good a cause as the Cottage Hospital. This was a very useful institution and one which was very near to their hearts time. At one time it was thought that the Hospital would not succeed, but he was pleased to say that owing to subscriptions and warehouse and factory contributions it now seemed to be in a healthy condition. He hoped it might remain so. He had great pleasure in presenting the Cup. (Cheers).

Mr Blakesley moved, Mr Mason seconded, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Aldridge, and the proceedings terminated.

*Hinckley Times - 18 April 1896*

**#8 Cottage Hospital Cup** — The final in the Hinckley Charity Cup competition took place on the Holywell Ground on Saturday. The contestants were Hinckley Town (holders) and Earl Shilton Town. Mr. C. H. Aldridge, of Sketchley Hall, kicked off, and subsequently presented the cup to the winners. Hinckley won by five goals to none, all the goals being scored in the first half. About 1,500 spectators were present.

*Hinckley Times - 16 April 1896*

#### **Additional Information**

**HINCKLEY TOWN v. NUNEATON TOWN.**  
This Hinckley Charity Cup tie will be played off at Nuneaton on Saturday (to-morrow) play commencing at 2.45 prompt. Hinckley will play their full strength. The team will leave for Nuneaton by the 2.14 train, and will no doubt be accompanied by a large number of their supporters.

*Hinckley Times - 9 November 1896*