



Leicestershire Senior Cup 1894-95

Winner: Fosse Rovers
Runner-Up: Loughborough Athletic
No. of entries: 7

Seven teams entered the competition. No replays were necessary.

During the Shepshed Town v Melton cup tie a collection was made on behalf of Iliffe who had broken his leg the previous Saturday; the amount realised being £1 3s.

Fosse Rovers easily overcame their arch-rivals Loughborough Athletic 4-0 in the final staged at Coalville. The winning players were presented with silver medals with gold centres and the runners-up with silver medals.

Round 1

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	20.10.1894	Fosse Rovers Davis (pen) Priestman (2) Lord Hughes Pickard	6 (1)	1 (1)	Shepshed Town Hewitt	Played prior to the Second Division game between the Fosse and Newcastle United, on the Filbert-street Ground. Fair attendance Fosse paid Shepshed players £5 for commencing the match 2 hours earlier. Shepshed had two of their first team absent, Iliffe and Grain, the former suffering from a broken leg, and the latter owing to a death in the family.
2	20.10.1894	Hugglescote Robin Hood Glover (2)	2	1	Melton Town Pant	
3	20.10.1894	Loughborough Athletic [Holders] Saxton Kidger	2	1	Hinckley Town Plackett (og)	Athletic Ground, Loughborough. 200 spectators. "A delay was caused by a lost ball, the leather having gone out of the ground,"

Coalville Town, bye

Semi-Finals

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
4	5.1.1895	Fosse Rovers Pickard AN Other	2 (1)	0 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hoods	At Hinckley. Mr A Lovell referee. Hard ground. "Robin Hoods never looked like scoring."
5	19.1.1895	Loughborough Athletic	3 (0)	1 (0)	Coalville Town	Town Ground, Shepshed. Mr F Gardner referee 1200 spectators. Kicked off at 3.25 pm These teams faced each other in 1893 in the same ground I the final of the Senior Cup and made a draw of one goal to nil for the Athletic.

Final

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
6	23.3.1895	Fosse Rovers Pickard Hill Miller Stirling	4	0	Loughborough Athletic	At Coalville. Big gate.

Match Reports

#1 LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR CUP FOSSE ROVERS v SHEPSHED

This match was played prior to the Second Division game between the Fosse and Newcastle United, on the Filbert-street Ground, and considering the early start, there was a fair attendance. Play settled down for a few minutes in the visitors' ground, but the Shepshed front rank soon worked the ball up the field, and Hewitt scored the first goal for the visitors. This early reverse somewhat roused the home team, and Shepshed were frequently called upon to concede corners, but nothing resulted. The Rovers were now having much the best of matters and looked certain to score, but Martin was safe. Pickard next essayed at goal, but his kick went wide. Play was pretty even for a time, but the Rovers soon resumed the aggression, the visitors' citadel escaping in marvellous fashion. Corner after corner was conceded the home team, but they always failed in front of goal. Just before half-time was called a penalty was given against Shepshed, from which Davis kicked a goal. Interval:

SHEPSHED, one goal

FOSSE ROVERS, one goal.

Restarting, the home forwards went away with a rush, and Priestman scored, Hughes was applauded for fine play, and West quickly transferred matters to the other end, but only momentarily. Each end again was visited, both goal-keepers being called upon to save. Pickard was conspicuous with a long kick at goal, which was cleverly cleared. Rice, kicking too hard, spoilt another chance. Another corner was given the home team, and from the flag-kick Hughes rushed the ball through. Play was next of a one-sided character, Narraway, after some pretty combined play on the part of the Rovers' forwards, had hard lines in his goal kick, striking the cross-bar, but Priestman did the needful. Lord immediately afterwards scored another, and Hughes had one ruled off-side. Thompson was next called upon to clear his lines. Bailey with a long kick now put his side in a good position, and from a melee in front of the visitors' goal Pickard placed the ball in the net. Chappell was again called upon to save from a good kick by Kidger, and soon afterwards the game ended, Result:

FOSSE ROVERS, six goals

SHEPSHED, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 22 October 1894

#2 HUGGLESCOTE v MELTON

At Hugglescote. The homesters won the toss, and kicked with the wind, and Glover scored. The homesters had much the best of the game in the first half. Things were much different in the second half, pressing being generally by the visitors, although Glover again scored. Plant followed suit for Melton from a shot that ought to have been stopped. Atter was conspicuous throughout. Result:

HUGGLESCOTE, two goals;

MELTON, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 22 October 1894

#3 LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v HINCKLEY

These Leicestershire and Northants League clubs met on the Athletic Ground, Loughborough to decide their tie in the first round of the County Senior Cup. Almost 200 spectators journeyed from Hinckley, but the crowd on the ground was not a large one, though there was no lack of enthusiasm. Loughborough played ten men for the first two minutes, Williamson not having arrived. Athletic won the toss, and the visitors started from the Moor-lane end. Loughborough had the best of the opening exchanges but did not maintain their position. After a futile corner at the visitors' end, Hinckley got away and ran dangerously close, where Rickus lost an easy chance of shooting outside. Pratt was called on to save directly afterwards, and when Coulton arrived to take Williamson's place, going into goal, he very speedily had to handle. Play for the most part was in Loughborough ground, and then the homesters got down, a corner resulting. A fierce onslaught ensued but the Hinckley defence was sound, and the leather eventually was safely cleared. Plackett's next shot went wide, and in the succeeding rush Pratt distinguished himself by a smart save, returning to the home end, Rickus crossed to the left, Toone shooting in. The ball was dropping in the goal mouth when Plackett endeavouring to clear, unfortunately scored the first goal for Hinckley. Play was more even after this, neither side obtaining any material advantage. After a spell of less interesting play, mostly in mid-field, Smith put in a long kick, from which the ball struck the bar, and before Pratt get it away Saxton rushed it through and equalised. Half time:

LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC, one goal;

HINCKLEY, one goal.

Re-starting, Loughborough were the first to attack, but Saxton kicked astray, and Kidger did ditto directly after. Then a delay was caused by a lost ball, the leather having gone out of the ground. Loughborough pressed for a time, but Pratt defended well, and kept his goal safe. The home right displayed good combination, but Spencer spoiled it. After an unimproved corner, the visiting forwards broke away, and Hickinbottom shot, Coulton saved well under difficulties. Play was again taken to the other end, where Loughborough were close on scoring, Pratt's dexterous handling alone preventing it. The Loughborough men appealed for something or other, and a discussion in mid-field ended in the referee throwing up the ball. The game alternated considerably, an attack staved off by Pratt being immediately followed by a call on Coulton, and the leather then returned to the Hinckley end, where it went out. Pressure on the visitors' goal was relieved by a free from a foul, and after a journey up the field the visitors were again threatened by a foul against them. Play was fast, and inclined towards roughness, but very transient advantages were gained. Several times the Athletic were within a short distance of scoring, but never seemed able to get through the visitors' defence, which was their best feature. The homesters again and again returned to the attack, and at last Kidger, rushing through sent in a lightning shot, which scored, Pratt flooring him heavily as he kicked. Nothing more was done, and the game ended.

LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC, two goals;

HINCKLEY, one.

Teams were:

Loughborough Athletic: - Coulton, goal; Spiby and Paget, backs; Coltman, Plackett and Smith, half-backs; W Rose, Saxton, Kidger, Preston and Jackson, forwards.

Hinckley: - Pratt, goal; Wortley and Garratt, backs; Carter, Perry and Spencer, half-backs; Lucas, Rickus, Hickinbottom, Toone and Watts, forwards.

Leicester Daily Post - 22 October 1894

#4 LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR CUP

FOSSE ROVERS v HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOODS

At Hinckley, on very hard ground. In the first half Fosse had all the best of the play, but only scored once through Pickard. The second half was a repetition of the first, so far as scoring went, one more being added. Robin Hoods played hard, but never looked like scoring. The Fosse backs defended well, the game ending:

FOSSE, two goals;

HUGGLESCOTE, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 7 January 1895

#5 SEMI-FINAL

LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v COALVILLE

On the Town Ground, Shepshed, Loughborough Athletic and Coalville Town met once again in the competition for the County Senior trophy. They found each other in 1893 on the same ground in the final, and made a draw of one goal, but the subsequent meeting ended in a victory of one goal to none for the Athletic. The junior "Luffs" also won the cup last year by defeating Shepshed and reached the present stage this year by conquering Hinckley, while Coalville received a bye.

There were 1,200 spectators. Coalville kicked off at 3.25, and during the first half the game was very even, neither team scoring. In the second half the Loughborough men played with good judgment but did not score until after twenty minutes' play. They then added two more in quick succession. Coalville then put on a spurt and succeeded in scoring a goal. Result:

LOUGHBOROUGH, three goals;

COALVILLE, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 25 February 1895

#6 LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR CUP

FINAL

LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v LEICESTER FOSSE ROVERS

Before a big gate. Loughborough kicked off, the Rovers having the advantage of the win. The Rovers pressed, but Pickard kicked over. The Rovers still pressing, Miller all but scored. Mounteney and Preston, by a nice run relieved. McFarland saved, and Stirling made a big effort, beating all his opponents, a corner resulting. From a free, Chappell was called upon for the first time. Milliken and Kidger were conspicuous, Pickard scoring the

first for the Rovers. Re-starting, Loughborough pressed, and looked like scoring. Davis cleared, and Stirling made a run. Kidger was afterwards dangerous but was ruled off-side. Chappell was again called upon. The Loughborough backs performed splendidly. Hill, however, beat them and the custodian by a dropping shot. The ball had not been in play for more than two minutes before Pickard passed to Miller, who registered number three.

Re-starting Loughborough pressed but were penalised for offside twice in succession. Hill and Milliken brought the ball down their wing. Milliken crossed to Stirling who converted. Stirling afterwards struck the posts twice, the Rovers, however had the best of matters, and but for the excellent defence of the Loughborough backs, the scoring would have been much greater. Plackett made a high kick and the Athletic forced matters for a period. Hill received an ovation for his tricky passing. Mounteney and West going at a big pace forced the first corner conceded in favour of Loughborough. Loughborough pressing, gave Tucker a chance, however, kicking wide. Lord afterwards put the leather on the Athletic net, and the Rovers still pressing, Lord kicked over. Although Loughborough had spells of play, the Rovers were much too good.

Result:

ROVERS, four goals;

ATHLETIC, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 25 March 1895