



Leicestershire Challenge Shield 1894-95

Winner: Overseal
Runner-Up: Castle Donington PSA
No. of entries: 42 entries

Many results are missing. The draw and results for Round 3 have yet to be found.

Syston Swifts appear to have received a bye into Round 2. However, this would increase the number of entries to 43!

Overseal [Derbyshire] slaughtered Castle Donington 7-1 in the final.

Round 1

Division I

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	13.10.1894	Gresley Pool Village Wanderers	13	0	Coleorton	
2	13.10.1894	Overseal	4	2	Ashley Albion	
3	13.10.1894	Whitwick 2nd	3	2	Measham Wanderers	

Division II

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
4	13.10.1894	Barrow Rising Star	5	1	Hemington United 2nd	
5	13.10.1894	Barrow Trinity	0	1	Quorn Havelock	
6	13.10.1894	Kegworth Swifts	1	1	Castle Donington PSA	
7		Mountsorrel Castle			Shepshed	
8	13.10.1894	Shepshed Church of England	2	1	Loughborough Amateurs	
9	13.10.1894	St Andrew's Rovers	0	4	Sileby Rangers 2nd	

Division III

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
10	?	Belgrave Granville	W		Ivanhoe Swifts	
11	13.10.1894	Carr Brothers	2	1	Barkby Emanuel's	
12	13.10.1894	Earl Shilton Town Res.	5	1	Leicester Richmond	
13		Earl Shilton Excelsior	W		Melton Town Res.	Game awarded to Earl Shilton. Melton failed to fulfil the fixture
14	13.10.1894	Enderby Town	4	0	Anstey Town 2nd	
15	13.10.1894	Hinckley Wanderers	1	5	Loughborough Woodgate Baptist	
16	13.10.1894	Leicester St Barnabas	0	1	Emmanuel Sunday School	
17	13.10.1894	Loughborough Excelsior	1	0	Barwell Swifts	
18	?	Old Wigstonians			Burbage Swifts	
19	?	Sapcote			Leicester Craven	
20	?	Seymour			Blaby	
21	?	St Mary's			Leicester St Peter's	

Syston Swifts, bye

Round 1 Replays

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
22	20.10.1894	Castle Donington PSA	3	0	Kegworth Swifts	

Round 2

Division I

Date	Home	Away	Match Details		
23	10.11.1894	Overseal	3 1	Gresley Pool Village	

Whitwick 2nd or Measham Wanderers, byes

Division II

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
24	10.11.1894	Castle Donington PSA Haywood Brewin	2 (2)	1 (0)	Quorn Havelock	The game was exciting in the second half.
25	10.11.1894	Hemington United 2nd	2	1	Mountsorrel Castle	
26	10.11.1894	Sileby Rangers 2nd	3	1	Shepshed Church of England	

Division III

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
27	10.11.1894	Carr Bros	3	1	Burbage Albion	
28	10.11.1894	Enderby Town Rowley G West Phillips (3) Nutt (2)	7 (4)	1 (0)	St Mary's Rovers Gradwell	Fairly large number of spectators. The teams had played a drawn game on the previous Saturday.
29	?	Loughborough Excelsior			Belgrave Granville	
30	?	Loughborough Woodgate Baptist			Syston Swifts	
31	?	Sapcote or Leicester Craven			Earl Shilton Excelsior	
32	10.11.1895	Seymour	0	3	Emmanuel Sunday School	

Round 3

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
		Carr Bros			Loughborough Excelsior	This game was ordered to be replayed on 19 January after Eccelsior played Mounteney who had played in a Leicestershire & Northants League match.

Round 4

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
33	9.2.1895	Castle Donington PSA	3	2	Earl Shilton Town Reserve	
34	9.2.1895	Enderby Town			Hemington United 2nd	
35	9.2.1895	Syston Swifts	2	2	Overseal	Mr Bloor the referee reported that he was assaulted by spectators and was charged by the Syston club for being intoxicated. The referee also reported F ward for misconduct on the field. Leicestershire Football Association suspended him until 31 December 1895.

						Syston's ground was closed and the club was not allowed to play within a 4 mile radius of Syston until 31 March 1895. The complaint against the referee was withdrawn by Syston.
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Carr Brothers, bye

Round 3 Replay

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
36	23.2.1895	Overseal	2	0	Syston Swifts	

Semi-Finals

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
37	16.3.1895	Overseal Hxxd Smith	2 (0)	1 (0)	Carr Bros. Hardy	At Ashby.
38	16.3.1895	Castle Donington PSA	3 (1)	1 (1)	Enderby Town	At Blaby. Enderby lodged a protest – but this was overruled by the Association.

Final

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
39	30.3.1895	Castle Donington	1 (0)	7 (5)	Overseal	A fair gate. Ground treacherous, owing to rain. "Overseal displayed superior form throughout."

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

LEICESTERSHIRE CHALLENGE SHIELD.

QUORN, one goal ;
BARKBY, none.

BARROW RISING STAR, five goals ;
HEMINGTON, one.

WHITWICK, three goals ;
MEASHAM, two.

CARR BROS., ten goals ;
BARKBY EMANUEL, one.

OVERSEAL, four goals ;
ASHBY ALBION, two.

EMANUEL S.S., one goal ;
ST. BARNABAS, none.

EARL SHILTON, five goals ;
LEICESTER RICHMOND, one.

POOL VILLAGE WANDERERS, 13 goals ;
COLEORTON, one goal.

ENDERBY, four goals ;
ANSTEY, none.

KEGWORTH TOWN 2nds, one goal ;
CASTLE DONINGTON P.S.A., one goal.

SILEBY, four goals ;
KEGWORTH ST. ANDREW'S ROVERS, none.

SHEPshed CHURCH OF ENGLAND, two
goals ;
LOUGHBOROUGH AMATEURS, one goal.

LOUGHBOROUGH WOODGATE BAPTIST,
five goals ;
HINCKLEY WANDERERS, one goal.

LOUGHBOROUGH EXCELSIOR, nine goals ;
BARWELL, none.

Melton Town Rovers scratched to Earl Shilton
Excelsior.

Melton Mowbray and Oakham and Uppingham News - 18 October 1894

#22 CASTLE DONINGTOB v KEGWORTH SWIFTS

Played at Castle Donington. Result:

CASTLE DONINGTON, three goals;
SWIFTS, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 22 October 1894

#23 OVERSEAL v GRESLEY POOL VILLAGE

Played at Overseal. Result:

OVERSEAL, three goals;
POOL VILLAGE, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 5 November 1894

#24 CASTLE DONINGTON PSA v QUORN HAVELOCK

At Castle Donington. The game opened slow. The Havelock goal was soon swarmed, and then the Dons had a wonderful escape. Haywood scored for the Dons and Brewin added a second. Half-time: Dons, two goals; Havelock, none. In the second half the game became exciting, and Havelock scored from a free kick. Result:

DONINGTON PSA, two goals;
HAVELOCK, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 5 November 1894

#25 HEMINGTON v MOUNTSORREL CASTLE

Played at Hemington. Result:
HEMINGTN, two goal;
MOUNTSORREL, one goal.
Leicester Daily Post – 5 November 1894

#27 CARR BROTHERS v BURBAGE ALBION

CARRS', three goals;
BURBAGE, one.
Leicester Daily Post – 5 November 1894

#28 SHIELD COMPETITION ENDERBY TOWN v ST MARY'S

At Enderby. After five minutes play Rowley scored for the homesters and quickly afterwards G West and Philips added another goal each. Fast play followed, but for the most part the ball was kept in the visitors' quarters. Ome good passing on both sides evoked the applause of a fairly large number of spectators, who, just before half-time was up, saw Phillips get the fourth goal for the village "boys". Early in the second half the town men made a vigorous attack, but experienced rather hard lines. While the Enderby goalkeeper saved a number of rapid shots in a praiseworthy manner, but was at last beaten by Gradwell, who, from a straight kick, opened account. After a little even play College, with a splendid long shot rase the Enderby score, and after a fine run up the ground. Nutt got the leather through again. St Mary's continued to play in a plucky manner, and gave White something to do. G West failed to score for the home team from a very good chance, but ere the whistle blew Phillips, who had previously obtained two goals added he seventh for his team, who this easily defeated St Mary's, with who they played a drawn game on the previous Saturday. Result:

ENDERBY, seven goals;
ST MARY'S, one.

Enderby: G White, goal; W West and E Elliott, backs; A College, D Young, T Palmer, half-backs; G West, J H Phillips, F A Rowley, G Nutt and H Charlon, forwards.
Referee, Mr J T Hawkins (Hinckley)
Leicester Daily Post – 12 November 1894

#32 EMANUEL, three goals;
SEYMOUR, none.
Leicester Daily Post – 5 November 1894

#33 CASTLE DONINGTON PSA v EARL SHILTON

At Castle Donington, a good game ending:
DONINGTON, three goals;
SHILTON, two.
Leicester Daily Post – 11 February 1895

#35 OVERSEAL v SYSTON

Result:
A DRAW – two goals each.
Leicester Daily Post – 11 February 1895

#36 LEICESTERSHIRE CHALLENGE SHIELD REPLAYED TIE

OVERSEAL TOWN v SYSTON SWIFTS
At Overseal. Result:
OVERSEAL, two goals;
SYSTON, one.
Leicester Daily Post – 25 February 1895

#37 CARR BROTHERS' v OVERSEAL

SEMI-FINAL

At Ashby; a good game and a fair gate. No score in the first half. Soon after the resumption Hxxd scored for Overseal and Hardy immediately equalised. Play became very fast, with constant pressing by Leicester, but the Overseal backs and Patrick (goal) frustrated Leicester's plucky play. Just previous to time, Smith put in the second and winning goal for Overseal, which was undoubtedly the heaviest team. Result:

OVERSEAL, two goals;

CARR BROS', one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 18 March 1895

#38 CASTLE DONINGTON PSA v ENDERBY

At Blaby. Half-time score one goal each. Result:

CASTLE DONINGTON, three goals;

ENDERBY, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 18 March 1895

#39 LEICESTERSHIRE CHALLENGE SHIELD

FINAL

OVERSEAL v CASTLE DONINGTON

A fair gate, but the ground treacherous, owing to rain. Overseal displayed superior form throughout which Donington did not rebut. Play in the first half was mainly concentrated near the Donington goal, resulting in five goals being scored. In the second half Overseal added two more, whilst Donington, who played better, scored once, the game ending:

OVERSEAL, seven goals;

DONINGTON, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 1 April 1895