



# Rolleston Cup 1899-00

**Winner:** Whitwick White Cross  
**Runner-Up:** Burbage United  
**No. of entries:** 25

## Round 1

### Division I

Date	Home	Away	Match Details
1	23.9.1899 Whitwick White Cross	8 0 Kegworth	

Barrow Excelsior, Barrow Rising Star and Leicester YMCA, byes

### Division II

Date	Home	Away	Match Details
2	23.9.1899 Enderby Granite	0 4 Earl Shilton Victor	
3	23.9.1899 Stoney Stanton	2 1 Leicester Old Boys	

Burbage and Croft, byes

### Division III

Date	Home	Away	Match Details
4	23.9.1899 Market Harborough Caxton	0 4 Orson Wright & Sons	
5	23.9.1899 South Wigston Albion	1 4 Leicester Waverley	
6	23.9.1899 Stoney Stanton	2 1 Leicester Old Boys	
7	23.9.1899 Whitwick White Cross	8 0 Kegworth	
8	23.9.1899 Wigston Excelsior	2 3 Market Harborough	

Glen Parva, bye.

### Division IV

Date	Home	Away	Match Details
9	23.9.1899 Anstey Albion Wright (2)	3 0 Leicester Imperial	Imperial players left the field just 10 mins into the second half "for no apparent reason except the rain."
10	23.9.1899 Groby Albion T Marvin Jordan	2 1 Melton Town Smith	Groby scored the winner in the last minute.
11	23.9.1899 Syston Swifts	2 1 Anstey Town	
12	23.9.1899 Wellington Swifts	W Melton Rovers	Melton Rovers scratched to Leicester Wellington Swifts

## Round 2

### Division I

Date	Home	Away	Match Details
13	21.10.1899 Barrow Rising Star Jacques Jones Hazeldine AN Other	4 0 Barrow Excelsior	Mill-lane ground, Leicester. Wretched weather
14	21.10.1899 Leicester YMCA	0 15 Whitwick White Cross	

### Division II

Date	Home	Away	Match Details
15	21.10.1899 Earl Shilton Victor	 Burbage	

16	21.10.1899	Stoney Stanton			Croft	
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*Division III*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
17	21.10.1899	Leicester Waverley	2	3	Orson Wright & Sons	
18	21.10.1899	Market Harborough Turner Bromley	2	1	Glen Parva McKillop	

*Division IV*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
19	21.10.1899	Groby Albion Fred Ward	1	4	Syston Swifts Harriman Ward (3)	Foggy weather Fair attendance.
20		Wellington Swifts			Imperial	

### Round 3 (Divisional Finals)

The third round should have taken place on Saturday 18 November 1899, but all matches were abandoned on account of the fog. Barrow Rising Star, the holders of the trophy went to Whitwick to battle with the White Cross. The first half was completed, the White Cross leading one to nil, but the game was abandoned early in the second period.

*Division I*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
21	6.1.1900	Whitwick White Cross Herbert Clamp (2) Allen (2) AN Other	5	1	Barrow Rising Star AN Other	

*Division II*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
22		Burbage United	D	D	Stoney Stanton	At Burbage.

*Division III*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
23	6.1.1900	Orson Wrights & Sons	5	2	Market Harborough	

*Division IV*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
24	6.1.1900	Syston Swifts			Leicester Imperial	

### Round 3 Replay

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
25	6.1.1900	Stoney Stanton	3	3	Burbage United	
26	27.1.1900	Burbage United	4	2	Stoney Stanton	

### Semi-Finals

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
27	3.2.1900	Burbage Unted Marshall (2)	2	1	Leicester Imperial AN Other	At Burbage.
28	10.2.1900	Orson Wright & Sons	0	2	Whitwick White Cross Middleton (2)	At Wigston. Whitwick missed a penalty.

## Final

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
29	14.4.1900	Burbage United Knight	1	2	Whitwick White Cross Clamp J Hall	Leicester Tigers Welford-road Ground 4:00 pm kick off. Whitwick missed a second half penalty.

## Match Reports

### #1-12 ROLLESTON CHARITY CUP

The first round of this competition was fought out on Saturday, the results to hand being as follows:

#### *DIVISION I*

Whitwick White Cross 8 Kegworth 0

#### *DIVISION II*

Stoney Stanton 2 Leicester Old Bots 1

Earl Shilton Victor 3 Enderby Granite 0

#### *DIVISION III*

Market Harborough 3 Wigston Excelsior 2

Leicester Waverley 4 South Wigston 1

Orson Wright's 4 Market Harborough Costas 0

#### *DIVISION IV*

Syston Swifts 2 Anstey Town 1

Anstey Albion 3 Leicester Imperial 0

Groby Albion 2 Melton Town 1

In the Loughborough division the clubs now left in the competition re Whitwick White Cross, Barrow Rising Star, Barrow Excelsior and Leicester YMCA.

The White Cross' smashing victory over Kegworth was a big surprise, and it is getting more and more evident that few teams, if any, will get the better of Whitwick.

In Division II Enderby Granite met with a very unexpected reverse on their own ground.

Both Wigston Clubs were at home, and both sustained defeats.

A keen game was witnessed at Syston between the Swifts and Anstey Town. The latter failed to repeat their league performances, the Swifts winning by two goals to one.

In Division IV Melton Rovers scratched to Leicester Wellington Swifts.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 28 September 1899*

### #2 ENDERBY GRANITE v EARL SHILTON VICTOR

At Enderby, the home side meeting with an unexpected reverse. Result:

EARL SHILTON VICTOR, four goals;

ENDERBY GRANITE, none.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 11 January 1900*

### #3 STONEY STANTON v LEICESTER OLD BOYS

At Stoney Stanton. Result:

STONEY STANTON, two goals;

LEICESTER OLD BOYS, one goal.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 11 January 1900*

### #5 SOUTH WIGSTON ALBION v LEICESTER WAVERLEY

At South Wigston. Result:

WAVERLEY, four goals;

ALBION, one.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 11 January 1900*

### #7 WHITWICK WHITE CROSS v KEGWORTH

At Whitwick. Result:

WHITWICK WHITE CRSS, eight goals;

KEGWORTH, none.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 11 January 1900*

#### **#8 WIGSTON EXCESIOR v MARKET HARBOROUGH**

At Wigston. Result:

MARKET HARBOROUGH, three goals;

WIGSTON EXCELSIOR, to goals.

*Leicester Daily Post – 25 September 1899*

#### **#9 ANSTEY ALBION v LEICESTER IMPERIAL**

At Anstey, in a downpour of rain. In the first half Wright scored twice for the home team, and Pollard once. The second half had only been in progress ten minutes when the Leicester players left the field for no apparent reason except the rain, and the result therefore was:

ANSTEY ALBION, three goals;

IMPERIAL, none.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 11 January 1900*

#### **#9 ANSTEY ALBION v IMPERIAL LEICESTER**

These teams met at Anstey, before a fair company. Mr. Albert Chamberlain officiated as referee. The spin for the coin favoured the Imperial, who decided to kick down the slope, with a stiff breeze at their backs. From the start the visitors went off in fine style for the Albion goal, but Jackson and Springthorpe put a stop to the rush. At length in spite of the very strong breeze the Albion forwards managed to get in the vicinity of the Imperial goal, and after a tough struggle Wright put the ball in the net, to the delight of the home supporters. About this time a heavy downpour of rain came on, and football was continued under conditions the reverse of pleasant. However, the teams stuck to their work well, and in spite of the rain and sleet in their faces the Albion forwards got in possession, and after some pretty work by Bxxxx, Wright put in another goal to the Albion's credit. By this time player's presented a pitiable appearance, being drenched to the skin. Ultimately, Pollard, the Anstey left-winger, made a capital run, and completed a fine piece of work by scoring the third goal for his side. Soon after this the Imperial was taken, the state of the game being: Anstey Albion, three goals; Imperial, none. On commencing again, the Leicester team were several players short, and others did not appear to relish playing with a cold wind in their faces, and when they had only continued about five minutes they left the field. What the decision of the Rolleston Cup management will be we cannot say, but certainly Anstey should be awarded the match. Many think the teams will have to meet again and play the second half. If this should be so, Anstey have nothing to fear.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 28 September 1899*

#### **#10 GROBY ALBION v MELTON TOWN**

Played on the Groby Ground, before a good company, miserable weather prevailing. Groby played their best team, and Melton were strongly represented. Mr. Linthwaite, the appointed referee, was prevented by illness officiating, and Mr. Jordan filled the vacancy. Melton left wing started with a rush, but were kept well in hand by the home backs. "Hands" against Jarvis put the Town in a good position, but no benefit was derived. A fine defence was displayed by the Melton backs, Chamberlain being most prominent. Melton took up the running, and had the best of the game for the next ten minutes, but Brooks was all that could be desired in goal. Marshall, for Groby and Warner, for the visitors were cheered for fine football. Midfield lay was now the order, until Groby, by good combination, got near their opponents' citadel, when Bennett headed the ball to T. Marvin, who sent in a shot which was too much for Bexon, the home team drawing first blood. W Wood gave a foul, and Melton found a corner, Broks fisting out splendidly, but only to be tried with another shot, which he returned also. A very heavy storm burst over the ground, and the field was very treacherous in consequence. Before half-time Melton were playing nine men, Chamberlain having to retire through an accident, and Books retiring owing to the inclement weather on account of a recent illness. Half-time score, Groby, one; Melton, none. Crossing over, Melton took up the aggressive and the Groby custodian was severely taxed. Not to be denied. Melton forwards stuck to their work, and at last Smith equalized. Melton, man for man, were undoubtedly the best team, but the loss of their two players was keenly felt, and affected the result. A sharp fight continued, and about a minute before time Jordan, the

home centre forward, bagged the ball. Groby are to be complimented on their fine form against a strong team like Melton, but undoubtedly, the better combination were defeated. Result: Groby, two goals; Melton, one.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 28 September 1899*

#### **#10 MELTON TOWN v GROBY ALBION**

At Groby. Result:

GROBY ALBION, two goals;  
MELTON TOWN, one goal.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 11 January 1900*

#### **#14 WHITWICK WHITE CROSS v LEICESTER YMCA**

At Whitwick. Result:

WHITWICK CROSS, 15 goals;  
LEICESTER YMCA, none.

*Leicester Daily Post – 23 October 1899*

#### **#18 MARKET HARBOROUGH v LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT**

At Market Harborough. Play as even in the first half, and half an hour elapsed before Turner scored for Harborough. Before the interval McKillop equalized from a penalty. Half-time: One goal each. On resuming Bromley quickly scored for Harborough. Result:

MARKET HARBOUGH, two goals;  
LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT, one.

*Leicester Daily Post – 23 October 1899*

#### **#21 WHITWICK WHITE CROSS v BARROW RISING STAR**

The holders of the cup visited Whitwick and were rather badly beaten at all points of the game by the White Cross who won by the following score:

WHITWICK WHITE CROSS, five goals;  
BARROW RISING STAR, one goal.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 11 January 1900*

#### **#23 ORSON WRIGHT AND SONS v MARKET HARBOROUGH**

At Wigston. Result:

ORSON WRIGHTS, five goals;  
MARKET HARBOROUGH, two goals

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 11 January 1900*

#### **REPLAYED-TIE**

**#21, 23, 25** IN the Rolleston Charity Cup competition the re-played tie between Burbage and Stoney Stanton, has resulted in another draw of three goals each. In another draw of three goals each. Orson Wrights met Market Harborough, at Wigston on Saturday, and won by five goals to two. The holders of the cup (Barrow Rising Star) visited Whitwick to play the White Cross of that place, and lost, the homesters winning by five goals to one.

*Hinckley Times – 13 January 1900*

#### **#25 STONEY STANTON v BURBAGE UNITED**

STANTON, three goals;  
BURBAGE, three goals.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 11 January 1900*

#### **#27 LEICESTER IMPERIAL v BURBAGE UNITED**

At Burbage, the game in the first half was even, both teams getting through. Burbage scored through Marshall. In the second half Burbage scored through Marshall. Result:

BURBAGE, two goals;  
LEICESTER IMPERIAL, one goal.

*Leicester Daily Post – 12 February 1900*

### **#28 ORSON WRIGHT AND SONS v WHITWICK WHITE CROSS**

This match was played at South Wigston last Saturday. The ground was terribly hard, and round the goals looked like a sheet of glass, but the referee decided to play the game, after calling the teams together and cautioning them against roughness. The White Cross won the toss, and played with the wind behind them, but though this aided they continually pressed and had most of the game, they were unable to score, and half-time was reached without any score. On resuming Orson Wright's became very dangerous for some twenty minutes, but were kept out, and then the better condition of the Whitwick team rapidly told its tale. First a penalty was given and taken by Allen, but this was grandly saved. Allen, however, shortly after put in a splendid goal from a fine centre by Middleton. Just before time the issue was put beyond doubt by the same player again scoring. For the home team Wright at back and the two Coulsons and Castle were most noticeable, while for the visitors Allen, Kane, Middleton, and Hall played a sterling game. The referee was Mr. A. Marson: linesmen, Messrs. Carpenter, and Jinks.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 15 February 1900*

### **#29 ROLLESTON CHARITY CUP FINAL**

#### **BURBAGE UNITED v. WHITWICK WHITE CROSS**

The final for possession of this trophy was played on t-o premier Rugby Club's enclosure, before a fairly good crowd, which included contingents from Burbage and Whitwick. Fine weather prevailed, and the condition, were excellent for a fast game. Both teams were representative, and presented a smart appearance on turning out, being recorded a hearty reception. Marshall kicked off for Burbage, and after a few midfield exchanges, Worthington got down the wing for Burbage, showing a nice turn of speed, but the khaki-coloured backs drove them back ere they could become dangerous, and the ball was quickly at the other end, where Taylor was tested with a good shot from Allen, and it was only with difficulty cleared. A minute later Wood put high over the net. Worthington again distinguished himself by getting well down the wing and putting in a capital centre across the goal mouth, but the most was not made of it, and Allen got away for Whitwick, and gave a judicious pass to the left, which, however, got placed behind. Through a miskick, Sheffield got off clear, and into a good position, but his shot for goal was well met by Williams, who saved at the expense of a corner, the flag-kick being placed behind. The Burbage forwards then took up the running again and play was principally in their opponents' half for a short time, but Percival was only called on to take a goal-kick or two. However, the Burbage right-wingers forced a corner, and Worthington put a grand curling kick on top of the net. The Khaki Boys had another turn, and gave the Burbage backs some anxious moments. Burbage just managed to save their bacon in a desperate melee in their goal mouth and Taylor saved a fairly fast ground shot in good fashion. Whitwick still continued to press severely, but the shooting hereabouts was a bit erratic, and the game slowed down considerably for a short period. Then Lucas enlivened matters by dashing down the left wing for Burbage. Springthorpe robbed him, and directly after Lucas got penalised for fouling. The free availed the White Cross little, as Burbage were quickly dangerous at the other end, and Percival was called on two or three times in quick succession. No point accrued from a bit of spirited play, and the Whitwick forwards got to the other end, where a smart shot from the left struck the bar at the top of the net. Worthington again dashed down the wing but got fouled and the penalty was eventually placed behind. A bit of short passing on Burbage's left wing ended in Smith sending a long swinging pass across to the other wing, and Wood put in a fast ground shot which only massed the mark by inches. Play followed in interesting fashion up to half-time, but at that point there was

NO SCORE

After changing ends, play recommenced a trifle tamely compared with that which had passed. After a brief visit to the Burbage end, play settled somewhat in the White Cross half, where the ball was despatched by the backs on several voyages of discovery over the large stand. After Taylor had had a couple of shots to save, Knight had a "pop" from half-back, and landed on the net. The Burbage forwards again got down, and a nice field movement looked extremely dangerous for Whitwick, but Springthorpe was handy with a clever saving kick at the expense of a corner. Play then went on fast and furious, and as the result of a bit of combined play. Clamp shot the first goal for Whitwick. This reverse seemed to upset Burbage somewhat: anyway, for a few minutes they could do nothing right, and Whitwick came within an ace of roaring a second goal. At length Burbage got into their stride again, and the centre put a fairly straight shot in at the Whitwick goalkeeper. Following this, Burbage forced a corner, which "Sixer" beautifully placed, but Whitwick escaped, and a moment later Percival was forced to make two attempts to save a dropping shot. While some of the crowd

shouted for a goal, adjudging that he had stepped under the bar, the referee rule otherwise. Whitwick again applied pressure and were now playing much the smartest football. After two or three fouls and a bit of good play in front of the Burbage goal, J. Hall put in a good long shot, which gave the khaki's a second goal. Whitwick still kept up the pressure, and the right wing worked their way down the field, and forced the ball into the net, but two or three men were down for some infringement or other, and the White Cross were awarded a penalty, which Middleton put over. Play went to the other end, where Burbage tried hard to score, and at length their efforts were re-warded, for Worthington met a clearance from Percival, and hooked the ball into the net. Play went on in exciting fashion after this point, but nothing further was scored, and a pleasant game ended:

WHITWICK WHITE CROSS, two goals:

BURBAGE UNITED, one goal.

The (players were as follows: — Whitwick. J. Percival, goal; H. Springthorpe and F. Williams, backs; J. Hall, T. Middleton, and J. Jams, half-backs; J. Sheffield, G. Ottey, A. Allen, H. Clamp, and F. Middleton, forwards. Burbage: H. Taylor, goal: H. Hewitt and W. Warren, backs; Knight, Wheeloch, and Nichols, half-backs; Worthington, Wood, (Marshall, Smith, and Lucas, forwards. Referee: Mr. J. E. Carpenter.

*Leicester Chronicle – 21 April 1900*

## **Additional Information**

### **CROFT**

Accident last football Stanton in the second round for Rolleston Charity Cup and Croft Alf Duncan young man of this village and the left full back of Croft team, met with fall and broke his arm above the wrist, about five minutes after the start. He was attended by Dr Cogswell and afterwards taken to the Leicester-Infirmiry where the fracture was set. The young man returned home same day and is now progressing favourably. The result of the match was Stanton four goals Croft two; the Croft team having to play one short consequence of accident.

*Hinckley Free Press – 27 October 1899*