



Gould Cup 1899-00

Winner: Earl Shilton Albion
Runner-Up: Hinckley Swifts
No. of entries: 4?

Little is currently known about this Hinckley-based competition.

Semi-Finals

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
4.11.1899	Earl Shilton Albion	4	1	Burbage Choir	Fair attendance
4.11.1899	Hinckley Swifts Hood (2) Marshall (2)	4 (2)	0 (0)	Barwell Victor	Ashby Road, Hinckley

Final

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2.12.1899	Hinckley Swifts	0	1	Earl Shilton Albion	

Match Reports

GOULD CUP

SEMI-FINAL

SHILTON ALBION v BURBAGE CHOIR

This match was played at Earl Shilton on Saturday last, on the Victors' ground, before a very fair attendance, and after the game the Shilton team retired winners. The result being:

Shilton 4 goals
 Burbage Choir 1 goal

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HINCKLEY SWIFTS v BARWELL VICTOR

This match above competition took place on the Ashby Road Ground on Saturday last. The Swifts won the toss and kicked up hill against the wind. Barwell were the first to attack, but Collyer cleared, and play was carried to the other end by Thorne, who finally shot by. Barwell come down with rush but the backs cleared, and Stokes obtaining, sent to Lucas who raced away and centred nicely, but Marshall shot over. Midfield play obtained for some time. Barwell then paid a brief visit to the home goal, but the backs cleared. Hood raced away and beat Watts and Lord, and sent in a good shot which was too much for Heywood. Barwell pressed and Dale put in good shot which Brown saved. Soon Hood added a second. Resuming from half-time the Swifts at once took up the attack and shots were sent in quick succession by Marshall, Thorne, and Lucas. Barwell away after this, but Bonnett robbed Patrick and sent to Thorne who passed to Hood but that player shot wide. The Swifts still kept up the pressure, Collyer placed well in goal Marshall putting the finishing touch. Play after this was of a one-sided character the ball being kept well in the Barwell half. Lucas obtained and centred to Marshall who added a fourth point for the Swifts Result:

Hinckley Swifts 4
 Barwell Victor 0

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GOULD CUP FINAL

HINCKLEY SWIFTS v SHILTON ALBION

This match played on Swifts ground on Saturday last before good gate. The Swifts won the toss and chose to defend the lane goal. From the kick-off Shilton started pressing but Beardsmore relieved with a good kick the Swifts then took up the attack with vengeance. After all the forwards had had a pop goal which they

failed to penetrate owing to erratic shooting, Freer cleared his goal finely. Shilton then came away with a rush but the Swifts backs who were playing a grand game stopped their progress. After spell of play in midfield the Swifts got away through grand bit of work by Mason, Richards and Stokes which transferred the play into the Shilton half and for quarter of an hour Shilton did not get over the half way line but the Swifts could not get the ball between the posts. Once Marshall beat the backs and had only the goalkeeper to beat but he shot outside. From the goal kick Shilton livened up a bit and the Swifts goal underwent bombardment by the Shilton forwards, but Collyer and Beardsmore defended grandly and Brown in goal was "All there", Half-time arriving with a clean score sheet. From the kick off the Swifts started pressing and after ten minutes play Thorne scored with rattling shot but the referee disallowed the point and gave a free nearly on the goal line. In another five minutes Bonnett scored second point for the home team but again the referee would not give the point. After this the home team got bit disheartened and the visitors broke away but the left wing ran the ball out. After the goal kick the visitors' left had another but once more ran it out, hearing no whistle he centred. Brown fisted out but the centre got hold and sent in slow shot which rolled over the line, Brown not attempting to stop it this being the winning goal, time arriving with the score:

Albion 1
Swifts 0

After the match Mr Gould presented the cup amidst great excitement on the part of the Shilton spectators.
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