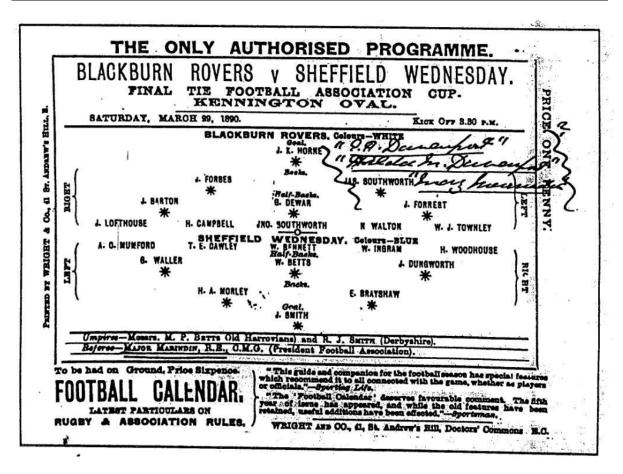


## **English Challenge (FA) Cup 1889-90**



The 1889–90 Football Association Challenge Cup (more usually known as the FA Cup) was the 19th season of the world's oldest football knockout competition. Blackburn Rovers won the competition for the fourth time, beating The Wednesday 6–1 in the final at Kennington Oval in front of 20,000 spectators. The match total of seven goals remains the record (equalled in the 1953 final) for the highest number of goals scored in an FA Cup final. Blackburn's score of six goals remains the record (equalled by Bury in 1903 and by Manchester City in 2019) for the most by one team in an FA Cup final.

Leicestershire Clubs and the Football Association Challenge Cup 1889-90

		Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	2QR	28.10.1889	Loughborough Coltman Simpson	2 (1)	1 (0)	Derby St Lukes Smith	Athletic Grounds, Loughborough. Game ordered to be replayed by the FA due to the Loughborough goalkeeper [Bosworth] having played in six-a-side tournament in July contrary to the rules of the Football Association.
2	2QR	9.11.1889	Derby St Lukes Orme W Smith	2 (0) aet	0 (0)	Loughborough	Fine weather. Good number of spectators. Extremely rough game. Game was goal-less after 90 mins.

Loughborough granted a bye for 1QR

Loughborough became members of the English Football Association and consequently entry into the 1890-91 Football Association Challenge Cup – the FA Cup. They were awarded a bye into the second qualifying round – this was only the second season that included a series of qualifying rounds to determine qualifiers for the actual Football Association Challenge competition itself. On Saturday 26 October 1889 Loughborough became the first Leicestershire side to play in the world famous FA Cup competition when they faced Derby

St Luke's at the Athletic Ground. Loughborough won 2-1, with goals from Coltman and Simpson. St Luke's captain raised an objection at the outcome, on the ground that G Bosworth, Loughborough's goalkeeper, had played in a 6-a-side contest three months earlier during the close season, contrary to the rules of the Football Association. The protest was sustained, and the game was replayed at Derby St Luke's Peet Street Ground on 9 November. After yet another long struggle the game went into extra time where Derby scored in both periods to go through 2-0 to the next round.

Deby St Luke's were eliminated in the third qualifying round by Derby Midland - in what would be their final appearance in the competition. It is worth noting that several books (eg Lost Teams of The Midlands) and Wikipedia state that St Luke's FC competed in the FA Cup between 1884 and 1888!

Derby St Luke's were founded in 1870 and nicknamed the Churchmen, the club's origins lay in connection with the recently built St Luke's Church on Parliament Street. St Luke's was one of the founder members of the Derbyshire Football Association in 1883. By the 1880s, they were entering the Derbyshire, Sheffield & Hallamshire and Birmingham Senior Cup competitions. In the 1884–85 Birmingham Cup, they recorded a 13–1 away victory over Sawley Rangers. In November of that season, they lost 3–1 to the recently formed Derby County in a Derbyshire Cup tie at the County Ground; 3,000 people watched what was both the latter's first competitive match and their first home win.

St Luke's entered the FA Cup for the first time in 1884-85, and were drawn against Wolverhampton Wanderers in the first round. After drawing 1–1 at Wolves' Dudley Road ground in front of a crowd of 3,100, St Luke's won the replay in Derby 4–2. In the second round, they lost 1–0 against Walsall Swifts. They played in the FA Cup for the next three seasons but lost in the first round on each occasion. In 1885-86, Wolves gained revenge with a 7–0 win. In 1886-87 they faced Walsall Town, drawing 3–3 at home but losing 6–1 in the replay at The Chuckery. In their final appearance in 1887-88, St Luke's lost 3–2 to local rivals Derby Junction, who went on to reach the semi-finals of the competition. Qualifying rounds were introduced the following season, and St Luke's were subsequently unsuccessful in reaching the competition proper, reaching the 2nd qualifying round twice and the 3rd qualifying round on one occasion (1889-90).

Along with other local amateur clubs, St Luke's struggled to compete for players and support following the emergence of Derby County, and particularly once the latter became a founder member of the Football League in 1888. St Luke's joined the Combination as a founder member for the 1890–91 season, but they failed to complete their fixtures and their record was expunged. They scratched their Derbyshire Cup tie and the following season, 1891-1892, scratched before the draw of the first round. On St. Luke's demise, (Derby) St. Luke's Sunday School took the decision to shorten their name from 1892-1893. Olive Street, a cul-de-sac was built across the site of their former ground.

#### **Match Reports**

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St. Luke's had to meet Loughborough Town on their own ground, and were beaten by the narrow majority of two goals to one. From what I hear, though, there is every probability of this match being played over again. The Loughborough goal-keeper, who is none other than Bosworth, of Sponden, who at one time kept goal for the Midland, has, it is alleged, been taking part in six-a-side contests, and on this ground St Lake's have lodged an objection against him, but whether it will be sustained or not I cannot say. For the sake of the Saints' I hope it will, for they had deuced hard lines in getting defeated on Saturday. They had considerably the best of the play all through, and it was only after playing an extra half-hour that Loughborough were enabled to score the winning point. Next Saturday St. Lake's replay their Derbyshire Cup tie with Matlock on Peet-street Ground.

Since writing the above note the Football Association have held a meeting, and, as I anticipated, have ordered the match with Loughborough to be re-played at Derby, on November 9th, and the winners will have to meet Derby Midland. Staveley and Junction also meet in the same competition at Staveley.

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