



English Challenge (FA) Cup 1899-00



FINAL TIE FOR THE ASSOCIATION CUP AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE 1900, BURY v SOUTHAMPTON.

Winner: Bury
Runner-Up: Southampton

Leicester Fosse were knocked out of the FA Cup by First Division League leaders, Sheffield United, away at Brammall Lane in Round 1 of the competition, by the narrowest of margins, in front of 12,000 spectators. In the qualifying competition the Fosse overcame Wellingborough, Burton Wanderers and Hucknall Portland, who had eliminated both Coalville Town and Hinckley Town.

There were two all Leicestershire ties – both involving Hinckley Town – champions elect of the Leicestershire Senior League. In the second qualifying round they slaughtered near neighbours Barwell Swifts 6-1 and surprised Leicestershire football followers by eliminating Loughborough of the Football League Second Division at the Athletic Grounds. In the next round, despite having the best of the game, Hinckley lost at home to Hucknall Portland.

The 1900 FA Cup final between Bury and Southampton took place on Saturday, 21 April 1900 at the Crystal Palace stadium in south London. It was the final match of the 1899–1900 FA Cup, the 29th edition of the world's oldest football knockout competition. Both teams joined the competition in the first round proper and progressed through four rounds to the final. As a member of the Football League First Division, Bury were exempt from the competition's qualifying phase. Southampton, as a member of the Southern League would normally have been required to pre-qualify but, as champions of the Southern League for three seasons in succession from 1896–97 to 1898–99, they were given byes through the qualifying phase to the first round. The final was played in a heat wave and watched by a crowd of 68,945. Bury, leading 3–0 at half-time, dominated the match to win 4–0 with goals by Jasper McLuckie (2), Willie Wood and Jack Plant. When the game ended, the FA Cup trophy was presented to Bury's captain Jack Pray by Lord James of Hereford. Winning the cup proved to be profitable for Bury as the club's debts of £1,230 were converted into a credit balance of £1,329. Bury won the cup again in 1903 but that was their last appearance in the final. Southampton reached the 1902 final but were defeated by Sheffield United; they eventually won the cup in 1976.

Results and Match Details

	Date	Home			Away	Venue
1QR	30.9.1899	Coalville Town Clamp Smith Jeffcoat	3	0	Gresley Rovers	A surprise result. The Town who played "with considerable dash, fully deserved their victory.
2QR	14.10.1899	Burton Wanderers	0	2	Coalville Town Benistone AN Other	Large contingent of Burton followers. Play became very rough in the second.
2QR	14.10.1899	Hinckley Town Dewey (2) Hitchcock Mee Gilchrist Herbert	6 (3)	1 (0)	Barwell Swifts AN Other	Holy Well Ground, Hinckley. Fairly good gate. Both teams secured a first round bye. A fourth first half goal was scored by Hinckley, but on consulting the lineman, the referee discovered that 2 mins overtime had been played and the point was disallowed.
3QR	28.10.1899	Coalville Town Jones Walker Brewin	3	3	Hucknall Portland AN Other	1,500 spectators Coalville led 3-0 A special train was run from Hucknall for the event
3QR	28.10.1899	Leicester Fosse Bishop Brown McMillan	3 (1)	1 (1)	Wellingborough Town	4,000 spectators.
3QR	28.10.1899	Loughborough AFC Parker	1	2	Hinckley Town AN Other Gilchrist	Athletics Ground, Loughborough. 2,000 spectators. Cup upset – Hinckley of the Senior League beat Second Division Loughborough. "Towards the end of the match, Loughborough peppered in shot after shot and looked like drawing level every second, but the tactics adopted by Hinckley proved successful."
3QRr	28.10.1899	Hucknall Portland Hall AN Other	4	3	Coalville Town Benistone Jeffcoat AN Other	Town Ground, Hucknall. "Woefully meagre" gate. The Coalville team left on the 10 o'clock train. Extra time was played
4QR	18.11.1899	Burton Swifts	P	P	Leicester Fosse	Postponed due to thick fog.
4QR	18.11.1899	Hinckley Town	P	P	Hucknall Portland Ward	Postponed due to thick fog.
4QR	25.11.1899	Hinckley Town	0	1	Hucknall Portland Ward	Hinckley had the "best of matters" for much of the game
4QR	27.11.1899	Leicester Fosse Brown (2) Swift	3	1	Burton Swifts	2,000 spectators Leicester gave Burton £5 to change the venue of the cup tie
5QR	9.12.1899	Leicester Fosse King (2 min) Bradshaw Lyon (2) McMillan (2)	6	1	Hucknall Portland	8,000 spectators.
R1	27.1.1900	Sheffield United Barnes	1	0	Leicester Fosse	Bramall-lane, Sheffield. United were both Cup Holders and leaders of Division 1. 12,000 spectators (gate receipts £351 15s 3d) – two excursions brought 60 Fosse supporters. Fosse played a "grand game" – "Sheffielders received a very severe shaking from the second division team."

Match Reports

English Cup
QUALIFICATION ROUND.
COALVILLE TOWN v GRESLEY ROVERS.
At Coalville, on Saturday. Clamp, Walker and Jeffcoat scored for Coalville in the first half and these were the only points scored, the result being :
COALVILLE, three goals ;
GRESLEY, none.

Coalville Times - 6 October 1899

BURTON WANDERERS v. COALVILLE TOWN.—The latter paid a visit to Burton on Saturday, and in the presence of a large contingent of Burton followers the game commenced. Bladon and his followers were soon busy round the Coalville goal, but they were beaten back, and Bemstone notched a point for the Townites. More pressure by the leaders was well staved off by the Brewery men, but to the consternation of the Barton men the Coalville contingent again visited their quarters, and a second point was registered. Burton tried hard to obtain a point, but in this they failed, and in the end Coalville won by two goals to Burton nil.

Sporting Life - 16 October 1899

ENGLISH CUP, QUALIFYING ROUND.

HINCKLEY v. BARWELL.

After each securing a bye in the first round, these teams met on the Holy Well on Saturday to decide which should compete in the third round of the qualifying series. Barwell have not been doing any too well so far this season, but nevertheless, a good number of spectators turned out to see them perform against the Town. The day was fine, and the ground in splendid condition, while both teams were at full strength. Mr F. Gardner again manipulated the whistle. Teams:—

Hinckley Town: Underwood, goal; Whitehead and Worthington, backs; Harding, Baxter, and Hood, half-backs; Mee, Hitchcock, Dewey, Gilchrist and Beadsworth forwards.

Barwell—Goal, Underwood; backs, Taylor and Raven; half-backs, Smith, Lucas and Heywood; forwards, Abbott, Herbert, Grewcock, Nutting and Sketchley.

The home team enjoyed the advantage of the slope in the first half and they were soon attacking. Raven's kicking powers were soon brought into evidence, and he repulsed an attack by the right wing. A free followed close to the visitors' goal, but Dewey shot into the net without the leather touching another player. Herbert secured from the goal kick, and he sent out a long pass to Abbott, but Worthington intercepted very smartly, and, passing to Baxter, the latter dropped the ball well into the goal mouth. Dewey was in waiting, and rushing by Taylor he opened the scoring with a low shot, the custodian having no chance to save. Abbott raced up the wing after the re-start, but Harding cleared his centre, and then foolish play by Gilchrist spoiled what might have been a good opening. Abbott again got away, a long grounder from him travelling just wide, while from a centre by Sketchley, Whitehead cleared at pressure. Hinckley resumed the attack, and Beadsworth putting well across, Hitch-

cock had no difficulty in registering a second goal. It was quite evident by this time that Barwell were out-classed, but the home men failed to turn many of their opportunities to good account. A couple of good kicks by Whitehead and a smart centre by Mee were the next items of interest, Dewey shooting over from the latter. The home left continued the attack and Underwood ran out to meet the ball. Following up well, however, Gilchrist succeeded in getting the ball, and putting across, Dewey again found the net. Nutting and Sketchley got away, but the former ran the leather over the line, and then Baxter cleared from Grewcock. Lucas and Smith put in some strong play, after which Hood robbed Abbott. Hitchcock passed out nicely to Mee, and from a fine centre by the latter, Beadsworth shot hard at goal, Underwood saving his charge very smartly indeed. Abbott and Herbert changed the venue, and for a brief period the home goal was the scene of operations. Whitehead twice repulsed attacks in good form, but Heywood sent in a good shot, Baxter, however, being in the way. Dewey opened out to the right wing, Mee centring, and Gilchrist put a fine shot just over the bar. Beadsworth forced a corner, which was cleared by Raven, and then a fourth goal fell to the Town, but on consulting the linesman, the referee discovered that two minutes overtime had been played, and the point was accordingly disallowed. half-time:

Hinckley Town	3
Barwell Swifts	0

The second portion opened with a foul against Hinckley, but Hood cleared and Beadsworth ran up the wing, Taylor bringing him down before he could centre. Mee put across, Lucas relieving, while at the other end Worthington checked an advance by the right wing. Underwood saved a good shot from Gilchrist, and Dewey shot wide, after which, Baxter proved too good for Nutting. Smith was next prominent, and then Heywood robbed Hitchcock. Whitehead sent out to Mee a minute later, and that player beat Heywood very cleverly, and sent in a magnificent

shot, the ball entering the net at the far corner, the custodian just touching it as it passed under the bar. Abbott caused a diversion, and from his centre Grewcock struck the bar with a good shot. Abbott again got away, but Worthington robbed him very cleverly, and Beadsworth and Gilchrist once more carried play to the top goal. Taylor got in one or two strong kicks, but the ball was quickly returned, and Dewey gave to Gilchrist in a good position, the latter beating Underwood for the fifth time. Beadsworth shot amongst the people, and Mee and Hitchcock worked well up, but Taylor cleared with a big kick, following which the home left wing had a little game with the burly defender. Smart play by Mee completely beat Heywood, and Baxter rushed up and scored the sixth point with a clinking shot. Receiving from Hood, the Town right wing ran clean through, but Beadsworth shot high over from almost under the bar. Barwell made a short attack on the railway goal, and Worthington gave a corner. Beadsworth and Hood worked up after this, Taylor clearing a centre, and then the unexpected happened. The visiting forwards ran down and Sketchley was left in possession close to goal. He shot hard and straight for the net, Underwood saving marvellously, but Herbert was near by and he banged the leather through, without giving the goalkeeper the slightest chance. From now to finish a continuous attack was kept up at the Workhouse end, and it was only the fine goalkeeping of the Barwell custodian that kept the score from rising still higher. He saved two fine efforts from Mee, and an equally fine one from Gilchrist, while Dewey further tested his abilities. No other points were obtained, however, and the result was

Hinckley Town.....	6
Barwell Swifts	1

Hinckley Free Press - 20 October 1899

COALVILLE v. HUCKNALL PARTLAND.

There was an attendance of 1,500 people at this match, which was played at Coalville, when the home team attacked in gallant fashion. Jones scoring the initial goal, more pressure by them ended in Walker adding a second point, whilst a lovely run by the home right ended in Brewer adding a third success. Hucknall scored. In the early part of the second half the visitors again ran down, and the object was forced on to the net a second time. Some capital play was witnessed after this, and Hucknall played the better game, and it was not long ere they were at the Coalville end, when the object was safely steered into the net for a third time, and a capital game ended as above. Hucknall played grandly in the last half.

Sporting Life - 30 October 1899

ASSOCIATION CUP QUALIFYING
ROUND.

THIRD ROUND.—RE-PLAYED TIE.

HUCKNALL PORTLAND v. COALVILLE
TOWN.

These teams were unable on Saturday last to settle their differences when drawn in the third round of the Qualifying Competition for the Football Association Cup, and again met this afternoon on the Town Ground, Hucknall, in the re-played tie. The rivals were once more at full strength, but with the possibility of a keen fight the "gate" was woefully meagre, very likely due to the inability of the supporters of the local team to get away from work. The visitors won the toss, and their captain decided to take the advantage of a stiffish breeze for the initial "45" Coalville, however, were not able to make conspicuous headway, and the exchanges ruled fairly even, both sets of forwards missing chances through dallying. Coalville at the expiration of five minutes appeared to have got through on the right, but Johnson relieved with a huge punt, and from his return Hall ran three-parts of the length of the field, and beating the backs, centred, but Webster adopted the risky proceeding of leaving his goal to clear. In a race for possession he beat J. Hutchinson, and beat clear. This was hardly to the liking of the Leicestershire men, who attacked hotly, and Wright had to handle twice in rapid succession. Portland drove their opponents back, and, in turn, assumed the aggressive, and Coalville had to concede a couple of futile corners, ere they were able to raise the siege. J. Dumncliffe put in a couple of fine runs which took him through the defence, but, instead of passing to his men, who, on each occasion were nicely in line, he shot at the goal himself, the ball passing yards wide. A number of subsequent rushes by the visiting vanguard threatened disaster to Portland, but the defence was safe, and in the following exchanges the ground side evinced the more method, but lacked the necessary polish to add a finishing touch when near goal. Hall eluded the defence, but shot wide, and then T. Bonnistone shot in from midfield, the wind carrying the ball right into Wright's arms. He beat away, but the Coalville forwards were well up, and rushing through, scored the first goal for the visitors after 40 minutes' football. The interval immediately arrived with the score:—Coalville Town, one goal; Hucknall Portland, none. Result:—Hucknall Portland, four goals; Coalville Town, three. After an extra half hour.

LEICESTER FOSSE v. WELLINGBOROUGH.

Over 4,000 spectators witnessed this cup-tie at Leicester on Saturday. After the opening exchanges, Bennett effected a brilliant save. Then Wellingborough attacked, Beardsley having to save from Campion. Dainty placed well to his forwards, but when play had been in progress ten minutes, failure to clear on the part of Jones enabled Campion to put into the goal mouth, and Hulme scored with a shot which rolled against the post and cannoned into the net. Hulme and Marriott initiated another attack, the former putting wide. Beardsley saved a hard shot from Brightwell, and for a time the visitors continued to have the best of the argument. Fosse ultimately bore down, Bradshaw with a fast shot hitting the post. A fierce bully in front was cleared, and it was not until on the point of the interval that M'Millan equalised. Resuming, Wellingborough were the first to attack, Wragg stopping the rush. Hulme missed a good chance, then Galbraith made an opening from which Bishop scored ten minutes after the restart. Bradshaw got in a fast low shot which Cook only partially cleared, and Brown fastened on the return and put through well out of Cook's reach. During the last half an hour the Fosse gradually wore down their opponents and won as follows:—Leicester Fosse, three goals; Wellingborough, one goal. Referee, Mr. Saywell (London). Teams:—

LEICESTER FOSSE.—Beardsley (goal), Wragg and Swift (backs) Robinson, Dainty, and Jones (half-backs), Bradshaw, Galbraith, Brown, M'Millan, and Bishop.

WELLINGBOROUGH.—F. W. Cook (goal), Bennett and Robson (backs), Murrell, Martin, and Davis (half-backs), Brightwell, Campion, Hulme, Marriott, and Dartnell.

Sporting Life - 30 October 1899

LOUGHBOROUGH v. HINCKLEY.

Close on 2,000 spectators were present on Saturday when this tie was played on the former's ground. The home-side attacked right from the kick-off, and the Hinckley goal underwent a miraculous escape; and although they attacked almost continuously, from a breakaway Hinckley scored first goal, whilst a few minutes afterwards Gilchrist added a second goal for his side, and at the interval Hinckley led by two goals to none. The play in the early part of the second half was again favourable to Loughboro, but the game was ten minutes advanced ere Parker was enabled to beat the visitors' custodian. The Hinckley men increased their defence, and Loughborough peppered in shot after shot, and looked like drawing level every second, but the tactics adopted by Hinckley proved successful, and when the whistle blew Hinckley were still leading by two goals to Loughborough's one.

Sporting Life - 30 October 1899

ASSOCIATION CUP.—POSTPONED TIE.

HINCKLEY v. HUCKNALL TORKARD.

This match, which should have taken place last week, and which was postponed on account of the fog, was played at Hinckley to-day. The home forwards soon got into their stride, and tried the defence of the visitors. Hood sent in a fine shot, which Wright cleared well. Hutchinson put in a good centre, and the Hucknall right got away, causing Underwood to save a fine effort. Play again reached Wright at the other goal, and that player stopped a fine shot from Gilchrist, the home team now playing a good game, although they were facing the hill. Half-time: Hucknall, 0; Hinckley, 0. Resuming, Hinckley pressed, and shots were poured in from all sides. Hucknall worked hard, and play was very fast. The visitors got away, but were soon on the defensive again. However, from a good run, they forced a fruitless corner, and play was immediately transferred to the other end. The game continued to be evenly contested, but fifteen minutes Hinckley pressed hard.

Nottingham Evening Post - 25 November 1899

ENGLISH CUP.

FOURTH ROUND, QUALIFYING SERIES.

FOSSE V. BURTON SWIFTS.

This afternoon Fosse played their postponed Cup-tie with Burton Swifts. It will be remembered that on November 18th Fosse journeyed to Burton, but so dense was the fog that it was impossible for the teams to turn out. Strictly speaking, the game should have been played last Saturday, but the clubs came to a mutual arrangement, and obtained the sanction thereto of the divisional council of the Football Association. Fosse, of course, had to remunerate Burton for changing grounds.

The afternoon was favourable for football, and Fosse played precisely the same team as on Saturday, but Burton Swifts were short of two of their men.

Teams:

Burton Swifts: Joyce, goal; Kirkland and Haywood, backs; Waterson, Mainman, and Garlich, halves; Whyles and Sellars, right wing; Sooper, centre; Griffiths and Mibbs, left wing.

Fosse: Beardsley, goal; Wragg and Swift, backs; Robinson, Dainty, and Jones, half-backs; Bradshaw, Galbraith, Brown, McMillan, and King, forwards.

Referee, Mr. Ward, Nottingham.

There was only a moderate gate. Burton won the toss, and put Fosse to face the sun, the latter thus defending the town end. The Swifts were the first to attack, their forwards passing well. The home defence, however, which did such good work on Saturday, was again in good trim, Swift, by useful heading, and Wragg, by splendid kicking, keeping their line intact. The first quarter of an hour passed without score, although Mibbs, from the extreme left, had contributed a most telling high shot. This, however, Beardsley caught in expert style, and punted away before Sellars, who was following up, could worry him. Play was fast, and Wragg elicited applause by his fine kicking. The next incident of note was a burst

away by King, on the outside left. Kirkland challenged him, but the little Scotsman got in his centre, which whizzed across to Bradshaw on the extreme right. The latter steadied himself, and contributed a very smart left-foot shot, which passed a trifle wide. The Swifts got up to the other end, but their shooting was faulty, and Beardsley was perfectly safe with anything that came straight. The next quarter of an hour passed without any score. King threaded his way past a couple of opponents, doing splendid work, but Kirkland and Haywood were strong backs. Though the visitors, who had done so well on Saturday, winning at Chesterfield by four to none, continued to play capitally in midfield, their movements just in front of goal were very shaky. Thirty-two minutes from the start the visitors made headway, and from a questionable free kick awarded against Swift Griffiths put into the corner of the net with a low shot, well out of Beardsley's reach, the Swifts thus taking the lead. The play, of course, seemed mild in comparison with Saturday's furious contest, and the pace adopted at the outset slackened down. McMillan and King showed fine combination, and the left outsider was entrusted with the final shot. It was a sharp one, but a little wide. The Fosse forwards somehow or other could not make the opening, and after temporary pressure the Brewers were again attacking. Sellars despatched a desultory but dangerous shot, Beardsley proving quite safe. Play was perfectly even, though somewhat too open. Brown showed a dash of smartness in the Fosse centre, but the visiting halves would never allow the forwards to settle down generally. Against such an energetic back division, short passing was fatal. Fosse recognised this, and wisely put more dash into their work, and went in for long passing. Three minutes from the interval Fosse had shown smart all-round play. Bradshaw contributed a "class" centre, just such another as that from which Brown failed to score against Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday. Evidently he had profited by that experience, for, with the leather coming in precisely similar fashion he showed no hesitation whatever, but straightway banged it into the net, Fosse thus equalising. The point was an excellent one. It came at a timely

moment, and Brown deserved great credit, not only for keeping so well up, but for improving so appreciably on Saturday's mistake. King was very sprightly with his centres, and for the last quarter of an hour Fosse had clearly held the whip hand. Half time arrived with the score:

FOSSE, one goal;

BURTON SWIFTS, one.

The gate was now about 2,000. Fosse at once showed a disposition to force the game, Robinson in particular doing good work in this direction. Dainty showed brilliant work at centre half, and once burst past Cooper, the visiting centre, like a flash. Fosse, however, could not get through. Bradshaw spoiled otherwise good work by hugging the ball too long, and MacMillan put high over the bar. The Fosse were then awarded a penalty for some reason not seen from the Press box. Swift, the home captain, took it, and easily beat Joyce, who had advanced out of goal. This was a quarter of an hour from the start, and Fosse thus were now leading by two goals to one. Fosse initiated a grand attack—the most exciting bit of work we had had up to date. Bradshaw was the chief figure concerned. He had got away on the right, and shot hard. The leather rebounded back from Hawwood. The Fosse man met it again. Again it rebounded. Bradshaw had another and still another try, but the leather would not go through, eventually travelling out of play. Just afterwards Galbraith netted it, but the point was disallowed for off-side. Again, Fosse got through, but this was also disallowed on account of hands. Bradshaw and Galbraith were both prominent for good shooting. Fosse played one back only (Swift), Wragg getting up among the halves. This drew the visiting forwards off-side. The referee was far too critical to suit the taste of Fosse partisans, for some time back he had penalised Galbraith for what they regarded as a perfectly legitimate work, and now he gave a free kick to Burton against Swift, when the latter, in order to keep an opponent off, had charged him. Fosse continued to hold the upper hand, and King, when almost on the line, brought off a marvellous shot, which Joyce fisted out. Brown, showing a big improvement on Saturday's play, dashed up, and headed over. A quarter of an hour from time Bradshaw, who had been doing very effective work on the home right, contributed another

fine centre. Brown was waiting, and, with a really pretty effort, notched the third goal for Fosse. In the concluding stages, Burton took a turn at attacking, and their left wing got the leather through, but the off-side rule annulled the point. Whiles again put through for Burton, but he was palpably off-side, and the point therefore did not count. Fosse again resumed attacking, and Wragg tried hard to emulate his Barnsley and Loughborough successes, but there was always some one in the way when he shot. Burton were now playing six forwards and one back, and this in its turn threw the Fosse forwards off-side. The whole of the six Burton forwards bore down in a body, with only Swift and Beardsley to check them, but the latter brought off a magnificent save. The whistle went just afterwards, the score standing:

FOSSE, three goals;

BURTON, one goal.

In the second half Dainty was hurt, and had to retire. Fosse will have to play Hucknall Portland in the next round, Hucknall having choice of ground.

Leicester Daily Mercury - Monday 27 November 1899

THE ENGLISH CUP.

PORTLAND VANQUISHED AT LEICESTER.

After a number of brave fights in the qualifying stages of the English Cup, Hucknall Portland were vanquished in the final round of that series on Saturday, when Leicester Fosse defeated them by 6-1 at Leicester before a fairly good company of spectators.

The home side won the toss, and scored two minutes from the start, Bishop passing to King for him to shoot. They kept up the pressure, the Fosse forwards generally monopolising the play. Eventually the visitors got down, Dunncliffe's shot failing, and Jayes lost a shot through hesitation. Play then became uninteresting until the interval approached, when Bishop added a second for Fosse. On several subsequent occasions the visitors' goal had narrow escapes. Then Hutchinson ought to have scored for Hucknall, but his shot went wide, and half-time arrived with the score: Fosse, 2; Hucknall, 0.

On crossing over Fosse again made the pace, and Macmillan just failed to score, Wright keeping goal well for the visitors. Hucknall got down, but Dunncliffe's shot again went wide. Then in rapid succession Macmillan and Lyons scored for Fosse, and the latter added a fifth point a few minutes later. Hucknall revived, and Hall sent in a good shot, which went just over the bar, and at length Jayes registered their first and only goal, the defence of the Fosse being very loose. Macmillan scored again for the home side, who won the game by six goals to one.

Hucknall Morning Star and Advertiser - 15 December 1899

FINAL QUALIFYING ROUND.

LEICESTER FOSSE v. HUCKNALL PORTLAND.

At Leicester in fine weather, before 3,000 spectators. Fosse made several changes in their team forward and on the wings. The visitors were fully represented. The Fosse won the toss, and King immediately scored, Bradshaw adding a second point for the home side before the interval. Resuming, Fosse at once pressed, and Macmillan, having registered a third point, Lyon added a fourth and fifth, and Joyce scored for the visitors. Macmillan before the close scored again for the Fosse. Result:—

Leicester Fosse	6
Hucknall Portland	1

Nottingham Journal - 11 December 1899

SHEFFIELD UNITED v. LEICESTER FOSSE.

THE BLADES MANAGE TO WIN.

Despite the fact that this match was considered practically in the light of a walk over for the Sheffields, they received a very severe shaking from the second division team. The attendance shows what an immense amount of interest is manifested in football in Sheffield, as over twelve thousand spectators paid gate at Bramwell-lane Grounds, and over that number at Owlton, so that on Saturday over 25,000 spectators patronised the two grounds. United were short of their outside left wing forward, Priest, whose place was filled by Barnes. The Fosse were minus the services of Galbraith, who was replaced by Brown. Owing to the heavy rain-fall, the ground was in a very slippery state. The Fosse won the toss, and kicked towards Shoreham-street with a slight advantage of wind. In the first half the Sheffields had the best of the play, but the Fosse defence was very sound, and the interval arrived without either team having scored. On changing ends, United attacked, and Barnes shot in, but Robinson repulsed, and from the rebound Bennett scored for United. This proved the only goal of the match, as time arrived without any addition, the result being— Sheffield United, one goal; Leicester Fosse, no goal. Teams:—

SHEFFIELD UNITED.—Foulkes (goal), Thickett and Boyle (backs), Johnson, Morren, and Needham (half-backs), Bennett, Beers, Hedley, Almond, and Barnes.

LEICESTER FOSSE.—Beardsley (goal), Wragg and Swift (backs), Robinson, Dainty, and Jones (half-backs), Bradshaw, Brown, King, M'Millan, and Allen.

Referee, Mr. T. B. Tillotson (Birmingham).

Sporting Life - 29 January 1900