



# Leicestershire Senior Cup 1892-93

**Winner:** Loughborough Athletic  
**Runner-Up:** Coalville Town  
**No. of entries:** 6

Six teams entered the 1892-3 competition.

According to newspaper reports Coalville Town were drawn against Hugglescote Robin Hood, However, it seems likely that this was an error and that both were awarded byes, as they both reached the semi-final stage of the competition.

Loughborough easily overcame arch-rivals Shepshed Town in Round 1.

When Market Harborough reached the ground at Melton in November 1892 for the first round cup tie they had a much easier victory than they expected. At the last moment Melton had discovered that they could not play in both the Leicestershire Senior Cup and the Grantham Minor Cup competitions. As they had already won in the first round of the Grantham Cup, they, on the principle that "a bird in the hand is worth two in a bush," resigned the tie for the Leicestershire Cup in favour of Market Harborough who accordingly entered the second round. Since Harborough were on the ground, they decided to play a friendly, which Melton led 3-2 when the game was stopped 20 minutes before time owing to darkness falling.

It was reported at a Leicestershire Football Association meeting in December that Hugglescote had not paid their annual subscription and were suspended.

Hugglescote Robin Hood having failed to meet Loughborough Athletic in their semi-final cup tie, were ordered to pay expenses incurred £3 10s and were suspended until the money was paid. Loughborough were awarded the match.

No result/match report has been found for the semi-final tie between Coalville Town and Loughborough Athletic at the Holywell Ground, in Hinckley. It is not certain whether this game took place or that Coalville Town were awarded the tie for some breach of rules etc.

Shepshed staged the Final between Loughborough Athletic and Coalville Town witnessed by 2,500 spectators. Coalville took the lead after a goal-less first half and Loughborough equalised through Freestone. The final replay was also staged at Shepshed two weeks later, with Loughborough winning by the narrowest margins.

## Round 1

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	5.11.1892	Loughborough Athletic Clarke (3) Carnelly	4 (1)	0 (0)	Shepshed	Athletic Grounds, Loughborough. Damp weather. Loughborough fielded several first team players Shepshed were completely outplayed.
2	19.11.1892	Melton Town		W	Market Harborough	Melton Town scratched.

To be played before the 19 November.  
 Coalville and Hugglescote, byes.

## Semi-Finals

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3	14.1.1893	Hugglescote Robin Hood	0	W	Loughborough Athletic	At Shepshed. Hugglescote failed to arrive.
4	7.1.1893	Coalville Town	W	0	Market Harborough	Hollywell ground, Hinckley.

## Final

Date	Home	Away		Match Details		
5	4.3.1893	Loughborough Athletic Freestone	1	1	Coalville Town AN Other	At Shepshed. 2,500 spectators. Spectators disrupted the game on several occasions by encroaching on the pitch.

## Final-Replay

Date	Home	Away		Match Details		
6	18.3.1893	Loughborough Athletic Clarke	1 (0)	0 (0)	Coalville Town	At Shepshed. Game commenced at 3.30 pm. 2,000 spectators. The referee stopped the game twice in the first half to caution Coalville players for rough play.

Note: There are two spellings used by journalists for the Loughborough striker – Carnelly and Carnelley. For consistency in the results table the former is used.

## Match Reports

### #1 LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v SHEPSHED

These teams met on the Athletic Grounds, Loughborough in damp weather, and before a moderate number of spectators. The home team was a very strong one, several of the first being included. The visitors started, and play soon became exciting. A number of the supporters of the "Reds" created an uproarious noise, and called the home players opprobrious names. Give undertake play was the order until one of the home players was found when the "Reds" pressed under Spibey in clearing kicked right out. The home forwards then ran down and one of the "Reds" was found. The Athletic pressed, and Sharpe on the left foot in some good work. After repeated attacks, Carnelley shot wide. Shepshed left wing ran down, but the shooting was a very bad. Clarke, Sharpe, and Jackson also made attempts, but on each occasion the shot at goal was recklessly made. The visitors made a splendid attempt, the right wing working very hard, but Coltman and Paget saved the home goal from falling. The Athletic pressed, and a corner was conceded. Sharpe nicely placed the ball but the "Reds" who had their goal packed, cleared, and gave another corner. Sharpe again took the kick, going rather wide the Shepshed outside left got hold and made a clinking run down, a shot at goal going wide. The home forwards then attacked, and from a good centre by Sharpe, Clarke scored the first goal. Half-time arrived with the score:

LOUGHBOROUGH, one goal;  
SHEPSHED, nil

On resuming, the visitors entered into hostilities and several of their team were fouled. The home team had the best of the play Sharpe, Carnelley, and Johnson working hard, and quite a volley of shots was sent in by them. Quick passing between Sharpe, Freestone, and Carnelley ended in Clark scoring for the Athletic. Carnelley again attacked, and when on the point of a scoring, one of the home players was fouled, and the ball was got clear away. Coltman, Smith and Paget also made shots at goal, but nothing further resulted. From a corner kick by Jackson the Shepshed outside right broke away, but his career was quickly stopped by Paget. Clever play on the home left resulted in Clarke scoring the fourth goal for the home team. Shepshed were completely out played, and only on two or three occasions manage to get past the mid-field mark. Nothing further occurred, the match ending:

LOUGHBOROUGH, four goals;  
SHEPSHED, nil.

Teams:

Loughborough: W Ward, goal; G Spibey and J Paget, backs, V Smith, J Coltman, Cutler. Half-backs; Freestone, Start, Carnelley, Dickson and Clarke, forwards.

Shepshed: Newbold, goal; Cotton, Needham, A Newbold and Mills, backs; Wale, Hermit, Iliffe, West and Smith.

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## **#2 LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR CUP**

**MELTON TOWN v MARKET HARBOROUGH** - Played at Melton Mowbray, the home team winning by three goals to two, but the game was declared a no cup tie.

## **#3 LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR CUP**

### **KEGWORTH v COALVILLE**

At Coalville. Result:

KEGWORTH, three goals;

COALVILLE, one goal.

## **#4?**

## **#5 LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR CUP**

### **FINAL TIE**

#### **LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v COALVILLE TOWN**

The match for the possession of the Leicestershire senior trophy was played at Shepshed, before about 2500 spectators, the supporters of the competing clubs being strongly evident. In the first round Loughborough Athletic he easily defeated Shepshed town, at Loughborough, whilst the Melton Town scratched with Market Harborough. In the second round, or rather the semi-final, Hugglescote Robin Hood gave Loughborough the privilege of entering into the final without a contest, whilst Loughborough town defeated Market Harborough at Hinckley. As the tie between the Athletic and the Robins was to have been played at Shepshed, the supporters of the Reds were disappointed when Hugglescote scratched. However, the grievances were decided by the Association ordering the final to be played at Shepshed. Freestone started the ball at 3:30, and the game for several minutes was of a very poor character, although Coalville had slightly best of the matters. The Athletic goal was vigorously attacked, and the backs were pressed very hard. Bennison shot at goal, but Paget and Coltman cleared. A sharp struggle ensued in mid field, and then another attack was made on the Athletic citadel by Beadman. Coalville pressed for some time, and a corner fell to them, which brought them no success, Gorse clearing in commendable fashion. Gostick attempted to break away, but was met by the opposing half back, with whom he had a stiff encounter. At this point the spectators encroached over the line, and greatly impeded the outside men. James, the Athletic outside left, was the first to go attack the Coalville goal. He made a good run down, but his shot went wide of the mark. Shortly afterwards Freestone, who was being paid marked attention by the Coalville players, attempted to shoot at goal, but failed, and the Coalville right again went away with a rush, but Paget relieved him of the ball, and shortly after Gorse also saved the Athletic goal from defeat. The ball was bandied about the Loughborough goal, but the Coalville forwards were very poor in shooting. James made another dashing run, but Elles met him and returned the ball with a huge kick. Another run by James was stopped by Elles, who kicked out of play. The Loughborough forwards turned the tables for a time, and kept the Coalville backs pretty well occupied. James shot wide, and shortly afterwards another of the forwards missed a chance through being hard pressed. The Smiths on the left wing worked hard and gave Gostick and Gorse some trouble, but their career was generally stopped before they became dangerous. The Athletic left was again making tracks for their opponents' citadel when Nicholls kicked out. Nothing was gained by the throw in, and the Coalville left again raced away, but only a goal kick resulted. Glover, Boucher, and Bennion made a combined run, Boucher vainly shooting at goal. At this point a disturbance occurred amongst the spectators, who had encroached on to the enclosure to a great extent. Play had to be stopped, and on the restart Loughborough pressed, and Jackson kicked wide of the mark. Half-time arrived with no score. After the interval Bennion put the ball into play, and the game was carried on under the most disadvantageous circumstances imaginable, the spectators running about the ground in all directions, and impeding the progress of the players. Coalville had slightly the best of matters at first, and Moss was called upon several times. Jackson caused Walker a little trouble for a time, but eventually the ball was transferred to midfield, where it was banged about and anything but good football was witnessed. Coalville scored after repeated attempts, and then Loughborough were put upon their mettle. Both the opposing full-backs kicked high and anywhere. At length however, Freestone scored a goal for Loughborough from a pass by Fisher. The game thus ended in

A DRAW, one goal each

Players: - Loughborough Athletic: A. E. Moss, goal; Gorse and Paget, backs; Gostick, Coltman and Cutler, half-backs; Jackson, Fisher, Freestone, Clarke and James, forwards. Coalville: Walker, goal; Elles and Nicholls,

backs; Chambers, Beadman, Brownlow, half-backs; W. Smith, B. Smith, T. Bennion, t. Boucher and G. Lover, forwards. Referee, Mr Weston, South Wigston.

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#### **#6 LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR CUP**

#### **REPLAYED FINAL TIE**

#### **LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v COALVILLE TOWN**

The final of the county senior competition was replayed at Shepshed between Loughborough Athletic and Coalville Town, the final tie was played -or attempted to be played - a fortnight ago, but the game ended in a draw, hence the present contest. Had the previous match not ended in "quite" it would most certainly have to be replayed on account of the condition of the ground, which was not fenced around or guarded in any way, consequently the spectators encroached on the playing portion to a considerable extent. On the last occasion both clubs' supporters were strongly in evidence, but in the present instance the Loughborough element was conspicuous by its absence on account of the "great war" at Leicester.

Considerable interest was evinced in the match by the Shepshed supporters of the game, the village club having defeated Athletic the week previous on the same ground. The Loughborough team was precisely the same as did duty before, viz: - A. E. Moss, goal; Gorse and Paget, backs; Gostick, Coltman and Cutler, half backs; Jackson, Fisher, Freestone, Clarke, and James, forward.

Bennison kicked off at 3.30. play was very fast, the first corner falling to Coalville, but without result. Shortly afterwards Freestone made a good run but failed to score. The referee then stopped the game twice and cautioned two Coalvillians for rough play. Fisher next had a good chance of scoring, but the ball was fouled just before it went through by one of his own side. Smith then ran down but shot wide. Some good play was witnessed in the centre of the ground, and James took the ball to the Coalville goal, but the defence was too good. Coalville forwards next pressed, but Gorse and Paget saved in excellent fashion. Shots were made but proved wide of goal. Thence to half-time the game was very fast, and Bennion was within an ace of scoring.

Half-time: NO SCORE

In the second half there were 2,000 people assembled. Coalville pressed and Moss saved twice. Jackson now got the ball, and Freestone sent in a shot which was stopped, but immediately afterwards was headed through by Clarke. Play was very even for a time, and then Coalville tried to force the game, and made several good shots. Freestone made a pretty run just time, but the game ended:-

LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC, one goal;

COALVILLE, none.

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