

LFA Leicestershire Junior Challenge Cup 1894-95

Winner: Coalville Town Swifts
Runner-Up: Kegworth St Andrew's
No. of entries: 30 teams

For the first two rounds the teams were split into three divisions.

More than 40 games, including at least 13 replays, were required to decide the destination of the Cup.

Several results are not known.

Hinckley Times - 22 September 1894

It took no less than four attempts to settle the Round 1 tie between Hugglescote and Whitwick Rovers in Round 1. The first game was played in such dreadful weather that it was decided to classify it as a friendly rather than a cup game. Then followed three score draws, with the tie eventually being decided in favour of Whitwick, because of Hugglescote fielding an ineligible player.

The holders, Castle Donnington, were eliminated in Round 2 by Barrow Rising Star at the third attempt.

Hugglescote and Kegworth Town were both eliminated for fielding ineligible players.

Coalville Town Swifts won the Cup after beating Kegworth St Andrew's by the narrowest of margins at Barrow.

Round 1

Division 1

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details	
1	27.10.1894	Coalville Town Swifts	3	1	Ravenstone Rising Star	
2	27.10.1894	Ellistown Wanderers	2	2	Ashby Albion	Adverse weather.
3	27.10.1894	Gresley Pool Village	1	3	Whitwick Town	
4	27.10.1894	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	1	0	Whitwick Rovers	As the weather was so wretched it was decided a play a friendly and rearrange the tie.

Replays

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
5	?	Ashby Albion	W		Ellistown Wanderers
6	?	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	2	2	Whitwick Rovers

2nd Replays

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
7	10.11.1894	Whitwick Rovers	3	3	Hugglescote Robin Hood Reserve

3rd Replays

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
8	17.11.1894	Hugglescote Robin Hood Reserves	3 (3)	3 (0)	Whitwick Rovers Fox and Goose ground, Coalville. Extra time played.

						For playing Wilfred Weston who had taken part in the Cup competition the previous season Hugglescote were disqualified. The tie was awarded to Whitwick.
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Division 2

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
9	27.10	Barrow Rising Star	2	2	Castle Donington PSA [Holders]	
10	27.10.1894	Hathern Victoria	0 (0)	4 (3)	Stanford St John's Clarke ASN Others Fisher	Showery rain
11	27.10.1894	Kegworth St Andrew's	3 (2)	0 (0)	Woodhouse Rovers	Mill-lane Ground, Kegworth Heavy downpour of rain "Miserable" attendance.
12	27.10.1894	Sileby Rangers	0	0	Kegworth Town	

Kegworth St John's, bye.

1st Replays

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
13	10.11.1894	Castle Donington	1	1	Barrow Rising Star	10 mins extra time was played
14	10.11.1894	Kegworth Town	0	0	Sileby Rangers	

2nd Replays

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
15	17.11.1894	Barrow Rising Star Disney E Ward J Williamson	3 (2)	1 (0)	Castle Donington PSA Richards	Mill-lane, Barrow. Interest increased in this tie as the number of replays increased. There was wild excitement as each Barrow goal was scored with "umbrellas, hats and sticks sent on an expedition in the air; in fact the enthusiasm knew no bounds."
16	17.11.1894	Kegworth Town	2	2	Sileby Rangers	Sileby protested against a Kegworth player which was upheld and were awarded the tie.

Division 3

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
17	27.10.1894	Anstey Town	1	1	Belgrave St Michael's	
18	29.10.1894	Earl Shilton Excelsior	0	4	Barwell Swifts	
19	27.10.1894	Leicester Wanderers	W		North End	
20	27.10.1894	St Mary's Swifts	W		Hinckley Reserves	
21	27.10.1894	YMCA Rovers		W	Earl Shilton Town	

London-road Sunday School, King Richard's-Road and Melton Town 2nd, byes

No reference has been found regarding the replay between Belgrave St Michael's and Anstey Town; although we know that the later went through to Roud 2.

Round 2

Division 1

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
22	10.11.1894	Hugglescote Robin Hoods 2nd	3	3	Whitwick Rovers	Foxes and Goose ground, Coalville.

23	17.11.1894	Coalville Town Swifts Moon Connor (2)	3 (3)	1 (1)	Ashby Albion AN Other	Wagon and Horses Ground, Coalville. Ashby brought their strongest Burton League team.
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1st Replay

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
24	?	Hugglescote Robin Hoods 2nd	2	2	Whitwick Rovers	

2nd Replay

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
25	17.11.1894	Whitwick Rovers	3	3	Hugglescote Robin Hoods	Hugglescote were disqualified for playing Wilfred Weston who had taken part in the Cup competition last year.

Division 2

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
26	1.12.1894	Kegworth St John	3	0	Barrow Rising Star	
27	17.11.1894	Sibley	0	0	Kegworth St Andrew's	

Stanford St John's, bye

Replays

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
28	17.11.1894	Kegworth St Andrew's	2 (2)	2 (0)	Sibley	Mill-lane, Kegworth.

Division 3

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
29	17.11.1894	Barwell Swifts 'Mac' (5) Grewcock (3) Cobley Smith Peace Heywood	12 (3)	0 (0)	Leicester Wanderers	Wanderers arrived a little late – the game commenced at 3.15 pm.
30	17.11.1894	Belgrave St Michael's Battey (3) Johnson (2) Curtis	6	1	Melton Town Reserves Moore	At Belgrave.
31	17.11.1894	King Richard's-road	0	0	St Mary's Swifts	
32	17.11.1894	London-road	3	2	Earl Shilton Town	

Replays

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
33	?	St Mary's Swifts		W	King Richard's-road	

Round 3

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
34	12.1.1895	Whitwick Town	1	4	Kegworth St Andrew's	

London-road, Kegworth St John's, Stanford St John's, Barwell Swifts, Belgrave St Michael's, Coalville Town 2nd
and King Richards-road, byes

Round 4

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
35	9.2.1895	Coalville Town Swifts	5	0	King Richard's-Road	Wagon and Horses Ground

						Fair number of spectators
36	16.2.1895	Barwell Swifts	2	1	Kegworth St John's	Good number of spectators.
37	?	Belgrave St Michael's		W	Stanford St John's	
38	16.2.1895	Kegworth St Andrew's	4	0	London-road Sunday School	

Semi-Finals

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
39	30.3.1895	Barwell Swifts	3	1	Coalville Town Swifts	At Enderby. Coalville lodged a protest that the ground had not been roped in, allowing spectators to encroach upon the field of play. The game was ordered to be replayed at Hinckley.
40	30.3.1895	Stanford St John's	0 (0)	4 (3)	Kegworth St Andrew's Allen (2) Parker og	At Quorn.

Semi-Final Replay

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
41	6.4.1895	Barwell Swifts	1 (1)	3 (3)	Coalville Town Swifts	At Hinckley. Good crowd. Barwell protested that Coalville had fielded ineligible men.

Final

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
42	13.4.1895	Kegworth St Andrew's	0	1	Coalville Town Swifts Benistone	At Barrow. After the match, the cup and medals were presented by Mr A Lovell, president of the Leicestershire Football Association.

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

JUNIOR CUP COMPETITION.	
HUGGLESCOTE II. v. WHITWICK ROVERS.	
Played at Hugglescote. Result :	
HUGGLESCOTE, one goal ;	
WHITWICK, none.	
BARROW RISING STAR v. CASTLE DONINGTON F.S.A.	
Played at Barrow. Result :	
DONINGTON, two goals ;	
BARROW, two.	
ANSTEY TOWN v. BELGRAVE ST. MICHAEL'S	
Played at Anstey. Result :	
ANSTEY, one goal ;	
BELGRAVE, one.	
SILEBY v. KEGWORTH TOWN.	
Played at Sileby. Result :	
A DRAW--no score.	
ELLISTOWN WANDERERS v. ASHBY ALBION.	
Played at Ellistown. Result :	
ALBION, two goals ;	
ELLISTOWN, two.	

Leicester Daily Post - 29 October 1895

#2 FOOTBALL – Ashby Albion met the [Ellistown] Wanderers in the first round of the Leicestershire Junior Cup on Saturday, and although the weather was adverse the match was allowed to stand as a cup tie. The result was two goals each. The draw will be played off on Saturday.

Leicester Chronicle – 3 November 1894

#3 WHITWICK v POOL VILLAGE WANDERERS

WHITWICK, three goals;

POOL VILLAGE WANDEERS, one.

Leicester Daily Post – 22 October 1894

#4 JUNIOR CUP TIE – The Robin Hood Reserves should have met the Whitwick Rovers in the first round of this cup tie on Saturday. As the weather was so wretchedly bad it was decided to play a friendly, and the tie will have to be played on some future occasion.

Leicester Chronicle – 3 November 1894

#4 Hugglescote 2nd v Whitwick Rovers

Played at Hugglescote. Result:

Hugglescote 1

Whitwick 0

Coalville Times – 2 November 1894

#5 BARROW RISING STAR v CASTLE DONINGTON

Played at Barrow. Result:

DONINGTON, two goals;

BARROW, two.

Leicester Daily Post – 29 October 1894

#9 Barrow Rising Star v Castle Donington PSA

Played at Barrow:

Donington 2

Barrow 2

Coalville Times – 2 November 1894

#9 HATHERN VICTORIA v STANFORD ST JOHN'S

Showery weather prevailed when the latter journeyed to Hathern, but after consultation between the captains and referee it was agreed to turnout, the ground being in good condition. Stanford won the toss, and from a pretty bit of passing, Clarke had a chance, but failed to gather the ball in time. Each team pressed in turn, but the Stanford defence was the better. Stanford played up grandly, and from a scrimmage Clarke scored easily. Hathern played up pluckily, but met a sound defence, Stanford playing a good combined game. Pym scored the second with a good shot, and Hathern gamely responded, but failed to reach the visitors' custodiam, Hardy and Bowler both kicking well. With little individual play was seen. Good play by the visitors got them in front of Berrington, and one of the home backs fisted a shot in an attempt to keep the ball out, but it rolled through, and registered the third goal for Stanford. Soon after Cutler shot through again with a good effort, but was ruled offside, and the interval arrived with the score: Stanford, three goals; Hathern, none. Resuming, Hathern went off with a dash and adopting the kick and rush game, they succeeded in keeping play in the Stanford half for some time. Finally Stanford succeeded in stopping their rushes and Fisher scored their fourth goal. Final:

STANFORD, four goal;

HATHERN, none.

Stanford: F. Clarke, goal; G. E. Hardy and C. Bowler, backs; W. York, W. A. West and T. Coltman, half-backs; A. Cutler, A/ Clarke, R. Yorke, J. Pym and W. Fisher, forwards.

Hathern: Berridge, goal; J. Branston and D. Thompson, backs; F. Price, A. Hunt and W. Roper, half-backs; J. Thompson, H. Randon, F. Randon, F. Bowley and E. Vickers, forwards.

Referee, Mr J. Waring, Shepshed

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 1 November 1894

#11 WOODHOUSE ROVERS v KEGWORTH ST ANDREW'S

On the Mill-lane ground, Kegworth, in a heavy downpour of rain, and before a miserable attendance. Owing to splendid goal-keeping on the part of Foulds, the home forwards were unable to break through. Branson made several attempts and from a foul close in the same player neatly shot through. Half-time: Kegworth St Andrew's one goal; Woodhouse Rovers, none. In the second half St Andrew's, three goals; Woodhouse, nothing.

Melton Mowbray mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 1 November 1894

#11 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

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Nottingham Evening Post – 27 October 1894

#12 SILEBY v KEGWORTH TOWN

Played at Sileby. Result:

A DRAW – no score

Leicester Daily Post – 29 October 1894

#13 REPLAYED TIE

CASTLE DONINGTON v BARROW

Played at Castle Donington. The home team won the toss. Barrow attacked, and Hutchby and Hodgkin returned. Then the Dons forced two corners, and Castledine centred well, but Rowlston shot wide. The Barrow left shot outside, after which Richards, who grazed the goal post a minute later scored a beautiful goal, Barrow equalising. Interval – one goal each. Both goals were attacked in turn after the interval, Bosworth just missing scoring, Hodgkin saving his charge well. Result (after ten minutes extra play):

DONINGTON, one goal;

BARROW . one goal.

Leicester Daily Post – 22 November 1894

#14 KEGWORTH TOWN v SILEBY

Played at Kegworth. Final:

A DRAW – no score.

Leicester Daily Post – 22 November 1894

#15 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

FIRST ROUND

BARROW RISING STAR v CASTLE DONINGTON

Played at Barrow. Result:

BARROW, three goals;

CASTLE DONINGTON, one.

Leicester Daily Post – 19 November 1894

#17 ANSTEY TOWN v BELGRAVE ST MICHAEL'S

Played at Anstey. Result:

ANSTEY, one goal;

BELGRAVE, one.

Leicester Daily Post – 29 October 1894

#23 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

Coalville Town Swifts v Ashby Albion

On the Wagon and Horses Ground, Coalville. Ashby brought their strongest Burton League team. The homesters won the toss and the Albion kicked off against the wind. Good play was shown by both sides and

Moon eventually opened the scoring for the Swifts with a capital shot. Before the interval Connor scored twice, Coalville leading by three goals to none at half-time. On resuming Ashby had the best of the game but could only get through once, the home defence being good, and the game ended:

Coalville	3
Ashby	1

Coalville Times - 23 November 1894

#24 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP Whitwick v Robin Hood Reserves

This tie was re-played at Whitwick on Saturday, and again resulted in a draw. Result:

Whitwick	3
Hugglescote	3

Coalville Times - 16 November 1894

#26 SILEBY TOWN v KEGWORTH ST ANDREW'S

Played at Sileby. Result:

NO SCORE

Leicester Daily Post - 19 November 1894

#27 SILEBY RANGERS v KEGWORTH ST ANDREW'S

Played at Kegworth. Result:

A DRAW - two goals each.

Leicester Daily Post - 26 November 1894

#28 JUNIOR CUP COMPETITION

KEGWORTH ST JOHN'S v BARROW RISING STAR

Played at Kegworth. Result:

KEGWORTH ST JOHN'S, three goals;

BARROW RISING STAR, none

Leicester Daily Post - 3 December 1894

#30 SECOND ROUND

BELGRAVE ST MICHAEL'S v MELTON TOWN RESERVE

This match was played at Belgrave. The home team had slightly the best of the first half, scoring two goals to one, but on changing ends they had matters almost all their own way, putting on four more, whilst the visitors failed to add to their point. For the visitors. Goals were scored by Battey (3), Johnson (3) and Castle (3). The only goal scored by Melton came from the toes of Moore. Result:

ST MICHAEL'S, six goals;

MELTON, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 19 November 1894

#31 KING RICHARD'S-ROAD v ST MARY'S SWIFTS

Played in the Bedehouse Meadows. Result:

NO SCORE.

Leicester Daily Post - 19 November 1894

#34 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

WHITWICK TOWN v KEGWORTH ST ANDREW'S

These teams met in the third round of the above competition at Whitwick on Saturday, when the result was:

Kegworth	4
Whitwick	1

Coalville Times - 18 January 1895

#35 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

FOURTH ROUND

COALVILLE TOWN SWIFTS v KING-RICHARDS-ROAD

Played on the Wagon and Horses ground, Coalville, before a fair number of spectators, and after a fairly fast game, resulted as follows:

COALVILLE TOWN SWIFTS, five goals;

KING-RICHARDS-ROAD, none.

Leicester Daily Post – 11 February 1895

#35 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

FOURTH ROUND

35 COALVILLE TOWN SWIFTS v KING RICHARD'S-ROAD

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COALVILLE SWIFTS, five goals;

KING RICHARD'S-ROAD, none.

Leicester Daily Post – 11 February 1895

#36 Barwell Swifts v Kegworth St John's

At Barwell. Result:

Barwell 2

Kegworth 1

Coalville Times -22 February 1895

#38 Kegworth St Andrews' v London Road

At Kegworth. Result:

St Andrew's 4

London Road 0

Coalville Times – 22 February 1895

#39 THE FOOTBALL MATCH – Excitement ran high in Barwell last Saturday, as to the probable result of the semi-final of the Leicestershire Junior Cup Match. The competing teams were the Barwell Swifts and the Coalville Town Swifts, and the match was played at Enderby. The home team took with them a large number of supporters, but there was also left at home some equally enthusiastic admirers whose whole attention seemed to be concentrated in ascertaining as early as possible the result of the game. Any attempt to obtain information as to the winners of the boat race seemed altogether out of place, such a national event being of no moment compared with the match at Enderby. When a "wire" arrived the effect that the village men had won by 3 goals to one many anxious faces wore a less troubled expression, while their owners must have had a very different feeling to those of the Coalvillites, who seemed certain at victory – that is if the newspaper of their town correctly stated their convictions when it said, "they should easily be equal to giving the boot men their quietus." The triumph of the Barwell men, however, was shortened, for on Monday, a protest was lodged by their opponents on the plea that the ground at Enderby was not roped round. This objection was dealt with at Leicester the same night, and although one of the Barwell players was allowed to give evidence, the club's representative, Mr W Powers, was not allowed to have a voice in the matter at all, but was informed that the match would have to be replayed at Hinckley on the following Saturday. This is rather hard lines, but there is not much to fear of a reverse taking place in the score, and it will afford the Coalvillites another chance of giving the boot men in their quietus.

Hinckley Times – 6 April 1895

#40 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

SEMI-FINAL

KEGWORTH ST ANDREW'S v STANFORD ST JOHN'S

At Quorn. Kegworth lost the toss and faced the wind and hill. Stanford forced two corners early in the game, but failed to take advantage, and Kegworth working don Allen scored twice in quick succession, while before half-time Parker placed a fine goal from a corner. Half-time: Kegworth, three goal; Stanford, none.

The second half was very evenly contested. Stanford being weak in front of goal. The goal-keeper put the ball through his own goal. Result:

KEGWORTH, four goals;

STANFORD, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 1 April 1895

**#41 RE-PLAYED SEMI-FINAL
COALVILLE v BARWELL SWIFTS**

At Hinckley, before a good crowd. Playing down hill during the first half Coalville had the best of matters, and Lucas, in trying to clear, put through his own goal., Barwell equalising just on half-time. In the second half it was expected that Barwell would have much the best of the game, but Coalville put on two more goals. Result:

COALVILLE, three goals;

BARWELL, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 8 April 1895

**#42 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP FINAL
KEGWORTH ST ANDREW'S v COALVILLE RESERVE**

At Barrow. Result:

COALVILLE, one goal;

KEGORTH, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 15 April 1895

#42 COALVILLE TOWN SWIFTS v KEGWORTH ST ANDREW'S

Coalville Town Swifts having survived the protest held against them by Barwell after the semi-final for the above trophy, journeyed to Barrow on Saturday to meet Kegworth St Andrews to decide which team should hold possession of the "pot" for the next twelve months. the Swifts have played in consistently good form all the season, and they were sanguine of success, although it was admitted that the "Saints" were a hard nut to crack.

Both teams were strongly represented, and the game opened fast, the defence of both sides being severely tested. Coalville had the best of the game in the first half and Benistone scored. In the second portion Kegworth tried hard to get through, but the defence was too much for them, Pickering at back especially playing a fine game. There was no further scoring, therefore the match ended:

Coalville Town Swifts 1 goal;

Kegworth 0

After the match, the cup and medals were presented to the visitors by Mr A Lovell, president of the Leicestershire Football Association.

Coalville Town - 19 April 1895

Additional Information

KEGWORTH.

The chief topic of conversation during the past week, not only amongst the Town Club and its supporters, but also amongst all the football public in the village, has been the protest and its decision lodged by Sibley against the above club a fortnight ago in the first round of the Leicestershire Junior Cup, against W. C. Hopewell for having already played this season in a cup match with Notts. Jardines in the first round of the Notts. Junior Cup.

I am not going to discuss the pros and cons of the affair as to whether he played or not, as I am quite satisfied that the matter which was referred to the Emergency Committee of the L.F.A. has been thoroughly sorted, and no stone has been left unturned to arrive at the truth of the allegations. No doubt exists in the minds of the most sanguine now but what he played, and in the end the above committee have, I am pleased to say, not visited the sins of the player on his club or committee, they thinking no doubt that they had been led into the error unknowingly, but have ordered the match, which on the occasion of the first meeting ended in a draw, to be replayed on the Town ground this afternoon, and there is no doubt, unless the pigeons with their news have wandered, the result is now in another column.

Whether Hopewell himself will be punished will, I understand, be settled to-night (Thursday), at a special general meeting of the association, when other important business besides this is the draws for the third rounds of the competitions, and to consider the resignation of its highly esteemed hon. secretary, Mr. T. S. Ashmole, who is leaving Leicester very shortly to take a prominent and lucrative berth under the firm of Bass and Co. across the border.

Football News (Nottingham) - 10 November 1894

KEGWORTH.

"Lost, at Barwell, on Saturday, February 16, the Leicestershire Junior Cup and eleven silver medals. Anyone finding the same and returning them to the headquarters of the St. John's Club will be well rewarded for their trouble, and will earn the everlasting esteem of the players who made that ill-fated journey." "There's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip" is exemplified to the fullest extent by the result of the match at Barwell. A month ago it would not have been safe in certain quarters to hint at such a thing as defeat. St. John's were strong favourites for the junior trophy, and I must admit that I had a strong leaning in that direction myself, but the melancholy fact remains that these prognostications were incorrect.

Should the St. Andrew's prove fortunate in the draw next Wednesday night there is no doubt of them figuring in the final of the same competition for the first time. If they do get in the final they will deserve every recognition possible, for they have played splendidly all through the competition, and have not, like St. John's, had any byes. In the four rounds they have scored 13 goals to three by their opponents, although the last two rounds have been played on grounds covered with several inches of snow. It seems strange that these should be the two matches in which the "reds" have proved the most successful, but such is the fact.

Football News (Nottingham) - 23 February 1895

LEICESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Emergency Committee was held on Wednesday at the Victoria Coffee House. Mr. A. Lovell presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. A. Utting (Kegworth), J. T. Hawkins (Hinckley), and J. E. Carpenter (hon. secretary). A protest was received from the Barwell Swifts against Coalville Town on the ground that Coalville played three ineligible men in the semi-final for the Junior Cup at Hinckley on Saturday last. Mr. Powers attended on behalf of Barwell, and Mr. Earp, representing the Coalville Club, asserted that the men in question did not play. The committee, having heard the statements of both sides, concluded that the protest was not maintained, and ordered the match to stand good—the final to be played at Barwell on Saturday as originally arranged. Mr. J. T. Hawkins was appointed linesman in the place of Mr. G. Beal, who will be unable to be present. It was decided to hold the last general meeting of the season on Thursday, April 25.

Leicester Daily Mercury - 11 April 1895