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Goal, **X MENHAM.**

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Winner: Aston Villa
Runner-Up: Everton

Leicestershire were represented by Coalville Town, Hinckley Town, Leicester Fosse and Loughborough. Hinckley Town were knocked out in the first qualifying round by Bulwell. Coalville, who were given a bye into the next round, were slaughtered 6-1 at home by Swadlincote in the second qualifying round.

Loughborough entered the competition in the third qualifying round. They were drawn away against Mansfield, who had resigned from the Midland League at the end of the 1895-96 due to financial reasons, and caused a cup shock by beating the Second Division side.

Leicester Fosse were yet again eliminated by Kettering in the final qualifying round, after beating Bulwell and Wellingborough.

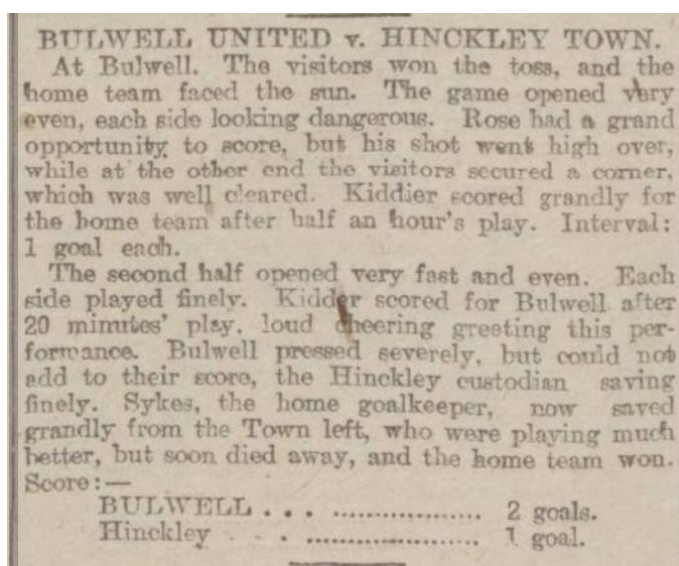
The 1897 FA Cup final was contested by Aston Villa and Everton at Crystal Palace. Aston Villa won 3-2, with goals by John Campbell, Fred Wheldon and Jimmy Crabtree. Everton's goals came from Jack Bell and Dickie Boyle. With results elsewhere going their way, Villa confirmed their status as League champions on this day. This makes them the only team to date to achieve the league and cup "double" on the same day.

Results and Match Details

	Date	Home		Away	Match Details
1QR	10.10.1896	Bulwell United Kiddier (2)	2	1	Hinckley Town AN Other
2QR	31.10.1896	Coalville	1	1	Swadlincote Good number of spectators. Due to a mix-up in communication, the scheduled referee, Mr. Alan Lovell, was

						absent, resulting in a friendly match being played instead. The error originated with Coalville Town's initial oversight and was compounded by the Football Association secretary, Mr. Wall, who mistakenly sent Mr. Lovell's appointment notification to Mr. Carpenter in Lincoln rather than Leicester. Consequently, Mr. Lovell never received the notification and bears no responsibility for his non-appearance
2QR	7.11.1896	Coalville Town	1	6	Swadlincote	Good number of spectators. Wet weather Coalville's only goal was scored in the final minute of the game.
3QR	21.11.1896	Leicester Fosse Lord Freebairn (2)	3 (1)	1 (1)	Bulwell United Gadsby	Bulwell brought about 400 spectators even though attendance was less than 1,000. Game kicked off at 2.45. Heavy ground. Bulwell scored the first goal – half-time; 1-1.
3QR	21.11.1896	Mansfield Town Walker Burton	2 (1)	1 (1)	Loughborough AFC Andrews (6 min)	Large attendance.
4QR	12.12.1896	Wellingborough Town AN Others	2	3	Leicester Fosse McMillan Dorrell Freebairn	1,500 spectators. Special trains took 200 Fosse enthusiasts to Wellingborough Strong wind Fosse led 2-1 at half-time
5QR	2.1.1897	Kettering Town Ball Pell	2	1	Leicester Fosse Dorrell	Played at North Park. Cold, frosty weather. 6,000 -7,000 spectators (900 from Leicester) Fosse's planned Football League fixture against Manchester City had to be rearranged.

Match Reports



Sheffield Daily Telegraph - 12 October 1896

COALVILLE v. SWADLINCOTE: — At Coalville, before 1,500 spectators. The referee, Mr. Lovell, of Leicester, did not turn up, and a friendly was played.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph - 2 November 1896

ENGLISH ASSOCIATION CUP.
QUALIFYING COMPETITION—2ND ROUND.

COALVILLE v. SWADLINCOTE.

This tie in Division 4 should have been played at Coalville on Saturday week, but the appointed referee (Mr. Lovell, of Leicester), failed to turn up, and a friendly game was played, the result being a draw of one goal each. The tie was consequently played on Saturday on the Coalville ground, in the presence of a good number of supporters of each club, in wet weather. Even exchanges characterised the opening play. Swadlincote scored a quarter-of-an-hour from the start. Coalville afterwards apparently kicked the ball through the goal, but the referee ruled otherwise. The second half was greatly in favour of Swadlincote. Scoring from a corner, they rapidly added four more goals. Coalville scored a minute from time. Result—

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Burton Chronicle - Thursday 12 November 1896

DIVISION 5.
LEICESTER FOSSE v. BULWELL UNITED.—Some 2,000 spectators witnessed this cup match on the Walnut-street ground on Saturday, but the character of the play seen was not of the most entertaining description. On paper the Fossils were a long way in front of their opponents. Still the Nottinghamshire representatives made a good fight of it, especially in the first half, during nearly the whole of which they kept their more formidable opponents pretty well at bay. The home club frequently experienced hard lines with their shooting, but during the earlier stages of the game it was clear that the Fosse men were making too light of the affair, and they were soon called upon to realise that they were opposed by a good cup-fighting team. In fact Bulwell was actually the first to score after twenty-five minutes' play, prior to which success, however, the Fosse men had kept up a determined bombardment of the visitors' goal. The Bulwell custodian performed very creditably, repeatedly saving many hard shots, while at the other end Thraves had to stop a smart shot from Gadsby. Bulwell defended successfully until five minutes from the interval, when Freebain took Dorrell's pass right across the goal, and scored close in. Half-time score:—One goal all. Ten minutes after resuming, Freebain put in a swift curling shot which went into the net well out of Stuart's reach. Then the visitors attacked in vigorous style, and for a time the Fossils had to assume the defensive, but ultimately getting to the other end, Lord beat Stuart with a remarkably clever lying shot. The Bulwell forwards continued to play a good game, but the issue was never afterwards in doubt, although the performance of the home side was a somewhat disappointing one. Freebain and Trainer were pretty safe, but the general combination of the side was at times very faulty. The Bulwell forwards, especially Rose and Gadsby, played with considerable determination, and Murray, at back, was frequently conspicuous. Result:—Leicester Fosse, three goals; Bulwell United, one.

Sporting Life - 23 November 1896

MANSFIELD v. LOUGHBOROUGH.

At Mansfield, before a large attendance. Mansfield attacked, and a dangerous shot was made by Walker. The visitors then broke away, but were repulsed, and after mid-field play they got round the home goal again. Andrews scored an easy goal. Then the homesters attacked vigorously, and after a few minutes Walker scored a beautiful goal, equalising. Then the visitors got away, Gourlay and Andrews playing well. Mansfield, however, soon reversed play, and the visitors' goal was placed in danger for some time, and it was not until towards the end of the first half that they again reached the home goal, when they put in a dangerous shot. Half-time: Loughborough, 1 goal; Mansfield, 1 goal. In the second half, Mansfield outplayed the Second Leaguers at all points. Within half a minute of the resumption Burton shot a second point from a centre by Walker. Towards the close they once became quarters. Towards the close they once became dangerous, but were soon beaten back, and Monteith saved grandly many times. The result of a fast game was:—

MANSFIELD	2 goals.
Loughborough	1 goal.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph - 23 November 1896

WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN v. LEICESTER FOSSE.

At Wellingborough. Rain fell throughout the match, and the ground was in bad condition. Wellingborough scored in a minute through Walker, but before the interval McMillan equalised and Connelly increased the lead. The second half was evenly contested, each defence being hard pressed. Freebairn added a third goal, but Wellingborough again retaliated by Murray and afterwards had hard lines. Final result—Fosse three goals, Wellingborough two.

Derby Daily Telegraph - 14 December 1896

KETTERING v. LEICESTER FOSSE.

At Kettering, on Saturday, the encounter, Kettering v. Leicester Fosse, attracted a gate of from six to seven thousand, including 900 from Leicester. The match was well contested, and play was fast and exciting from beginning to end. Kettering had slightly the best of the exchanges, and managed to win by two goals to one, the same as last season when the teams met in this competition at Leicester. Kettering were well represented. Heskin, who had had his leg broken some time ago in the field, has now rejoined his team, playing centre-half, and Ball, who was formerly centre-half, is a greater success as centre forward than others who had held that position this season. Both McMillan and Trainer were absent from the Leicester team, with the result that McDonald played centre-forward, and Brown inside-right. The first half was the most even, each goal being attacked in quick succession. Kettering led off with the scoring through Ball three minutes from the start, but before five minutes more had elapsed Worrall had equalised. Pell put into the net before half-time, when Kettering were leading by two to one. Kettering did most of the pressing at the commencement of the second half, but could not get through again. Leicester attacked strongly towards the close, but they failed to make a draw. The defence on each side was very creditable, and the custodians, though seldom called upon, effected some remarkable saves. Kettering were somewhat superior in the forward rank, but towards the close their forces were disorganised through Miller and Ball being hurt, the former having to retire for several minutes. Score:—

KETTERING	2 goals.
LEICESTER FOSSE	1 goal.

Sheffield Independent - 04 January 1897