



Leicestershire Junior Cup 1897-98

Winner: Hemington United
Runner-Up: Hathern Victoria
No. of entries: 28 entries

Round 1

Round 1 ties were played on 9 October and kicked-off at 3.30pm.

Division I

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	9.10.1897	Coalville United	2	3	Markfield Albion	
2	9.10.1897	Ellistown	3	3	Ashby Town	
3	9.10.1897	Ibstock Albion Ball Price	2	2	Leicester St Mary's Rovers AN Others	Hasting Arms Ground, Ibstock.
4	9.10.1897	Swannington St George's	5	0	Coalville Town	

Division II

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5	9.10.1897	Barrow Rising Star	8	0	Mountsorrel St Peter's	
6	9.10.1897	Hathern Victoria	2	1	Mountsorrel Castle	
7	9.10.1897	Quorn Havelock	3	3	Woodhouse United	
8	9.10.1897	Rothley Swifts	1	6	Barrow Excelsior	

Division III

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
9	9.10.1897	Belgrave St Michael's	8	0	Croft Rising Star	
10	9.10.1897	Earl Shilton Town	2	1	Enderby Granite	
11	9.10.1897	Earl Shilton Victor	4	3	Earl Shilton Excelsior	
12	9.10.1897	Hinckley Town	1	2	Burbage United	
13	9.10.1897	Market Harborough	11	1	Glen Parva Depot	
14	9.10.1897	Melton Villa	4	0	Barwell Swifts	

Round 1 Replays

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
15		Ashby Town	W		Ellistown	
16	16.10.1897	Ibstock Albion	2	2	Leicester St Mary's Rovers	
17	16.10.1897	Woodhouse United	2	3	Quorn Havelock	

Round 1 2nd Replays

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
18	23.10.1897	Ibstock Albion Handford Spencer Johnson	2	1	Leicester St Mary's Rovers AN Other	Hastings Arms Ground, Ibstock Fair attendance.

Round 2

Played on 6 November and kicked-off no later than 3 o'clock

Division I

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
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19	6.11.1897	Ashby Town	1	0	Swannington St George's	
20	6.11.1897	Ibstock Albion	1 (1)	3 (1)	Coalville United	Hastings Arms ground, Ibstock. Good gate

Division II

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
21	6.11.1897	Hemington United	4	2	Barrow Rising Star	
22	6.11.1897	Quorn Havelock	1	2	Hathern Victoria	
23	6.11.1897	Sileby Rangers	1	1	Barrow Excelsior	

Division III

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
24	6.11.1897	Belgrave St Michael's	W		Burbage United	
25	6.11.1897	Earl Shilton Town	1	1	Melton Villa	Earl Shilton protested that Melton fielded eligible players. The protest was sustained and Melton were removed from the competition, and the tie was awarded to Earl Shilton.
26	6.11.1897	Market Harborough	4	1	Earl Shilton Victor	

Round 2 Replay

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
27	27.11.1897	Barrow Excelsior	W		Sileby Rangers	

Round 3

R3 ties were played on 15 January and kicked-off no later than 2.45 pm

Division I

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
28	15.1.1898	Coalville United	1	0	Ashby Town	

Division II and III Combined

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
29	15.1.1897	Hathern Victoria	3 (1)	1 (1)	Belgrave St Michael's	Fair attendance,
30	15.1.1898	Hemington United	8	0	Earl Shilton Town	Recreation Grounds, Hemington Hemington were leading 5-0 after 15 minutes. Two Earl Shilton players (Foster and Taylor) were sent off for arguing and threatening the referee - Mr J Carpenter (secretary of the Leicestershire Football Association).
31	15.1.1898	Market Harborough	1	1	Barrow Excelsior	Loughborough Victoria loaned Barrow two players for the game - Joe Mounteney and G Unwin.

Round 3 Replay

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
32	15.1.1898	Barrow Excelsior	1	1	Market Harborough	

Round 3 2nd Replay

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
33	19.2.1898	Market Harborough	1	2	Barrow Excelsior	Third attempt to resolve this cup tie.

Semi-Finals

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
34	5.3.1898	Barrow Excelsior	3	3	Hemington United At Kegworth.
35	5.3.1898	Hathern Victoria	2	0	Coalville United At Shepshed. Shepshed Town's League fixture with Earl Shilton was postponed to stage this game.

Semi-Final Replay

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
36	19.3.1898	Barrow Excelsior	0 (0)	6 (1)	Hemington United Higginbottom (2) Hudson Wragg (2) Richardson Athletic Grounds Loughborough Large crowd.

Final

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
37	9.4.1898	Hathern Victoria	0	5	Hemington United At Shepshed. Frequent April showers. Large attendance – "The villages of both Hathern and Hemington must have been well-nigh deserted." Both teams were ready at the advertised 3 pm start time, but it was 45 mins after this before the referee arrived. Hemington kicked off with the wind in their favour. Hathern men, and their supporters grew in confidence and enthusiasm as they were only one down at half-time. The wind however, softened, giving no significant advantage to Hathern. Hemington piled on the pressure and won the game with some ease. The cup and medals were presented on the front of the George Inn, Shepshed after the match.

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP.

FIRST ROUND.

**EARL SHILTON TOWN v. ENDERBY
GRANITE.**

At Earl Shilton. Result:

EARL SHILTON, two goals;
ENDERBY, one goal.

QUORN HAVELOCK v. WOODVILLE UNITED.

At Quorn. Result:

A DRAW—three goals each.

**EARL SHILTON VICTOR v. EARL SHILTON
EXCELSIOR.**

At Earl Shilton. Result:

VICTOR, four goals;
EXCELSIOR, three goals.

COALVILLE UNITED v. MARKFIELD ALBION.

At Coalville. Result:

MARKFIELD, three goals;
COALVILLE, two goals.

**BARROW RISING STAR v. MOUNTSORREL
ST. PETER'S.**

At Barrow. Result:

BARROW, eight goals;
MOUNTSORREL ST. PETER'S, none.

**HATHERN VICTORIA v. MOUNTSORREL
CASTLE.**

At Hathern. Result:

HATHERN, two goals;
MOUNTSORREL, one goal.

**MARKET HARBOUROUGH v. GLEN PARVA
DEPOT.**

At Market Harborough. Result:

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, eleven goals;
GLEN PARVA, one goal.

**MELTON VILLA v. BARWELL SWIFTS
RESERVES.**

At Melton. Result:

MELTON, four goals;
BARWELL, none.

IBSTOCK ALBION v. LEICESTER ST. MARY'S.

At Ibstock. Result:

A DRAW—two goals each.

BOTHLEY SWIFTS v. BARROW EXCELSIOR.

At Rothley. Result:

BARROW, six goals;
ROTHLEY, one goal.

FLECKNEY ATHLETIC v. SYSTON SWIFTS.

At Kibworth. Result:

SYSTON, five goals;
FLECKNEY, two goals.

LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

EARL SHILTON TOWN v. MELTON VILLA.
At Earl Shilton. Result :
A DRAW—one goal each.

QUORN HAVELOCK v. HATHERN VICTORIA.
At Quorn. Result :
HATHERN, two goals ;
QUORN, one goal.

COALVILLE UNITED v. IBSTOCK ALBION.
At Ibstock. Result :
COALVILLE, three goals ;
IBSTOCK, one goal.

HEMINGTON v. BARROW RISING STAR.
At Hemington. Result :
HEMINGTON, four goals ;
BARROW, two goals.

SWANNINGTON ST. GEORGE'S v. ASHBY TOWN.
At Ashby. Result :
ASHBY, one goal ;
SWANNINGTON, none.

MARKET HARBOROUGH v. EARL SHILTON VICTOR.
At Market Harborough. Result :
MARKET HARBOROUGH, four goals ;
EARL SHILTON, one goal.

SILEBY RANGERS v. BARROW EXCELSIOR.
At Sileby. A fast game resulted in
A DRAW of one goal each.

Leicestershire Junior Cup.

SECOND ROUND.

SWANNINGTON ST. GEORGE'S v. ASHBY TOWN.

At Ashby. Result :
ASHBY, one goal ;
SWANNINGTON, none.

COALVILLE UNITED v. IBSTOCK ALBIONS.

Played at Ibstock on Saturday before a very good gate. Coalville team : Goal, B. Hall ; backs, W. Spriggs and J. Haywood ; half-backs, F. Davenport, F. C. Baker (captain) and W. Baker ; forwards, H. Clamp, S. Westwood, H. Yates, A. Spriggs, and H. Ball. Referee, C. Pegg, Whitwick. The homesters won the toss and elected to defend the entrance goal with a strong wind behind them. Yates started the ball, but the opposing forwards soon got possession and a pretty bout of passing enabled Handford to shoot, but he was repulsed by Hall, who fisted away. The ball, however, was again centred nicely by Starbuck and in a short space of time it was put through, ten minutes from start. After the kick-off the ball was well taken up by Yates, who placed it in a good position for Clamp to bang it in the net, giving the goalkeeper no earthly chance. Play livened up a bit after this, but neither sides could increase their score. Half-time : One goal each. In the second half the United had it pretty much their own way, for they soon put the issue beyond doubt by adding two more goals to their credit through W. Baker, who was playing a capital game. The defence on both sides was excellent, especially Haywood and Spriggs for the visitors who worked like trojans.

Result :

Coalville	3
Ibstock	1

LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

HEMINGTON v. EARL SHILTON.

REFEREE INSULTED.

TWO PLAYERS ORDERED OFF THE FIELD.

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COALVILLE UNITED v. ASHBY TOWN.

At Coalville. Result:

COALVILLE, one goal;

ASHBY, none.

HATHERN VICTORIA v. BELGRAVE ST.
MICHAEL'S.

At Hathern. Result:

HATHERN, three goals;

BELGRAVE, one goal.

HEMINGTON v. EARL SHILTON TOWN.

At Hemington. Result:

HEMINGTON, eight goals;

EARL SHILTON, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 17 January 1898

#29 HATHERN VICTORIA v BELGRAVE ST MICHAEL'S

Played at Hathern before a fair attendance. Much interest was taken in the game, and a rare struggle was witnessed. Belgrave brought a very strong team, but limbers were minus Mitchell at full back. Hathern won the toss and the Saints kicked off at 2.45. The Victoria early on took up the running and had all the game, the visitors being kept busy defending. After fifteen minutes Randon found the net, but the whistle had previously sounded for an infringement of the offside rule. Neddy Thompson, however, shortly afterwards shot through grandly, and the home supporters were on good terms with themselves, but the referee, Mr.

Blore, of Leicester, did not allow a goal, and ordered a goal kick. It was hard lines for the Hathern lads to have two apparently good goals disallowed considering how well they had played, but Bernard Warren at last secured a sound goal after some dashing play by the Victoria forwards. The Hathern eleven were showing capital form and seemed to be excellent condition. A misunderstanding between Thompson and Berrington let in Harris and Lindsey accidentally fouled, a free being awarded from which the scores were made equal. Half-time arrived soon after. On resuming Belgrave showed rare dash, and gave the home defence any amount work and were very safe. Poxon made a remarkable save with all the Belgrave forwards around him, and directly afterwards fisted out twice in grand style. Belgrave had a free kick close in, but Lindsey saved on the goal line. Thompson at last got away on the right, and Newham made an attempt to get through. Hutchinson hereabouts was working hard, as were Berrington and Burrows. Randon got in a beautiful centre, and one of the Belgrave backs gave a corner, from which the home team No.2. this success encouraged the Vics, and they were soon hovering round the Saints goal again, and shortly afterwards Roper put through for the third time. Time was drawing on now, but the Vics looked likely to score again, but could not manage it. The end of a grand game came with the home team victorious by three goals to one. Hathern team: Poxon, goal, Lindsay, Taylor, Berrington, Hutchinson, Burrows, Newham, Thompson, Roper, Warren and Randon.

Melton Mowbray News and Oakham and Uppingham Times - 20 January 1898

#30 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

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Leicester Daily Post - 17 January 1898

#32 BARROW EXCELSIOR v MARKET HARBOROUGH

Barrow Excelsior, who had been very unfortunate in their draws in this competition, were away from home on Saturday on the third round, being tied with Market Harborough, the Champions of the Leicester, and District League, who had not lost on their own ground all season. The Leicester Leaguers were confident of victory, but the Excelsiors, although knowing but little success in their respective League, were determined on having a bit better luck with this match, and through kind permission of the Loughborough Victoria club, who loaned them Joe Mounteney and G Unwin, they were enabled to place a strong eleven in the field. Mr Allen Lovell, chairman of the Association, officiated, the elevens being as follows:

Excelsior: W James; W Lockwood and H Flanders; A Ward, J Smith and H Bradley; J Mounteney, G Unwin, A Disney, J Oram and H James.

Harborough: G Plowman; W West and T Barrs, H Watts, J Smith and T Neal; J Seampton, C Wilford, J S B Turner, T Bromley and J Clifton.

The home side kicked off and were soon round the Excelsior goal, a corner being conceded, and after a scramble in front of goal the ball was rushed through in the first three minutes – which looked a bit “seedy” for the visitors. The Excelsior, however, put more dash into their play, and several shots were stopped by the Harborough backs and custodian, but at the interval there was only one goal on the sheet. The visitors maintained an aggressive attitude on resuming and were rewarded with a goal from the foot of Oram thus equalising matters. The battle became fiercer and stronger, every man playing for all he was worth. Both defences cleared finely, and despite the exertions of the forwards, the end came with the issue undecided, the score being one goal each. The Excelsior deserve great praise for their fight and the issue should turn in their favour when the match is replayed at Barrow on 29th inst. The Excelsior are hoping to be able to place the same eleven in the field against Harborough on that occasion.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 20 January 1898

#33 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

RE-PLAYED TIE

MARKET HARBOROUGH v BARROW-ON-SOAR

These teams tried conclusions for the third time at Market Harborough. Extra time had to be played during which period of the game the visitors asserted their superiority by the following:

BARROW, two goals;

MARKT HARBOUGH, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post – 21 February 1898

#34 BARROW EXCELSIOR v HEMINGTON

A grand game was seen between these teams at Kegworth. Result:

A DRAW, three goals each

Leicester Daily Post – 7 March 1898

#35 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

SEMI-FINAL ROUND

HATHERN v COALVILLE UNITED

The venue for this match was fixed at Shepshed, and it would probably have been difficult to have found a more convenient spot for the teams to play off their struggle for the coveted place in the final. The Shepshed club had a League fixture with Earl Shilton, but that was put off in favour of the issue at stake in the contest of the above named. In football circles during the week the troubles of the Shepshed club had been dropped and the prospects of this match had been dropped and the prospects of this match had been keenly discussed. Hathern – the nearest neighbour to Shepshed had spoken with no uncertain sound as to their ability to bring off a win and hey had endeavoured to infuse some of their enthusiasm into their friends and neighbours. The position of Hathern in the Loughborough and District League is a good one and fairly entitled them to some confidence. Coalville United have also shown that they have some stamina in them, and their supporters firmly believed that they would gain the ascendancy. The last named team at mount previously performed before a Shepshed audience, and this of course added to the interest of the match. The supporters of each team began to arrive in Shepshed early in the day, and there was a good crowd when the teams lined up under Mr W Cockain, of Loughborough, referee.

The weather was a beautiful find. Colville won the toss and decided to kick towards the town goal. Roper kicked off at three 30. Coalville had slightly the best of lead, and after forcing corners, sent in a goal which the referee ruled offside. At half time there was no score. The second half started evenly, both teams playing a faster determined game. Hathern scored after six minutes result:

HATHERN, two goals;

COALVILLE, one.

Leicester Daily Post – 7 March 1898

#36 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

REPLAYED SEMI-FINAL

BARROW EXCELSIOR v HEMINGTON

The Excelsior having made a draw at Kegworth with Hemington in the semi-final of this competition a fortnight ago, the teams met again on Saturday on the Athletic Grounds, Loughborough.

Quite a large crowd lined the ropes, consisting almost entirely of artisans of the two clubs. Considerable excitement prevailed all through the match. Barrow defended the entrance goal, and Hemington started away from the kick off by passing to the right, Richards sending behind Thompson headed the wrong way, and let in Barrow, who got a throw in not far from the goal line. James made a fine centre, and Parker had to fist out. Barrow returned and a bad miss by Garten nearly gave them a goal, but Parker kept Oram off while the ball went just outside the post. Play travelled quickly up and won the field, the game being very fast and exciting Hemington ran down, and Gregg made an effort, but was repulsed for a time. The game then became quieter, and the first score was made by Hemington. Higginbottom got off near the centre line, and ran well in, finishing up with a good shot, which James unfortunately for his side turned into the net instead of out of it. Nothing more was done before half-time when the score stood

HEMINGTON, one goal;

BARROW, none

After the interval, Barrow were still on the defensive, and following up a free, Higginbottom shot over. Barrow relieved the pressure and got close up. Mounteney crossed, and Oram nearly got the ball through, Parker just saving. Hemington pressed sharply, and James kept out the first shot, but Hudson ran up, sending the ball in for Hemington's second point. Barrow worked hard to improve their position and pressed for a time. Hemington were not long in resuming the aggressive, and attacked strongly, and James had to run out to clear. The ball was however, quickly brought back, and Wragg scored. In less than a minute Hemington were on the spot again Wragg adding a fourth through a mistake by Flanders. Barrow were by now a good deal disheartened, but took up on the right, and gained a corner but did not follow it up. In the last few minutes of the game Hemington again forced matters, and Richardson with a long shot beat James for the fifth time. The ball was brought back again from the centre, and Hickinbottom put through once more. Time arrived directly after with the score:

HEMINGTON, six goals;

BARROW, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 21 March 1898

HEMINGTON v HATHERN

At Shepshed. Result.

HEMINGTON, five goals

HATHERN, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 12 April 1898