



# Leicestershire Junior Cup 1898-99

**Winner:** Castle Donington  
**Runner-Up:** Whitwick White Cross  
**No. of entries:** 40

Five of the Castle Donington winning team had won the cup the previous season playing for Hemington.

## Round 1

### Division I

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
1	15.10.1898	Coalville Athletic	0	5	Ibstock Albion
2	15.10.1898	Coalville Town	2	5	Whitwick White Cross

Barlestone Rovers, Coalville United, Ellistown, Ibstock Wanderers, Markfield Albion and Swannington St George's, byes.

### Division II

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
3	15.10.1898	Castle Donington	3	0	Kegworth
4	15.10.1898	Shepshed Albion	1	3	Mountsorrel Castle
5	15.10.1898	Woodhouse United	2	2	Barrow Excelsior

Hemington and Hathern Victoria (finalists), exempt.  
 Barrow Rising Star, Mountsorrel St Peter's and Quorn Havelock, byes.

### Division III

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
6	15.10.1898	Enderby Granite	4	0	Earl Shilton Town

Barwell Swifts, Blaby United, Burbage United, Croft, Earl Shilton Victor, Hinckley Granville, Narborough, byes.

### Division IV

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
7	15.10.1898	Syston Swifts	2	3	17th Leicestershire Regiment (Glen Parva Depot)
8	15.10.1898	Wigston Excelsior	4	2	Melton Town

Belgrave St Michael's, Kibworth, Leicester Ferndale, Leicester Waverley, Market Harborough, St Mary's Rovers

## Round 1 Replays

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
9		Barrow Excelsior	W		Woodhouse United

## Round 2

Games had to be played on November 19; kick-off not later than 2.45.

### Division I

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
10	19.11.1898	Barlestone Rovers	W		Markfield Albion
11	19.11.1898	Coalville United AN Other	1 (1)	3 (3)	Whitwick White Cross Allen (2) Underwood

Whitwick scored the first goal of the game in the first minute before many of the spectators had realised that the game had started.

						Pleasant and friendly game.
12	19.11.1898	Ellistown		W	Swannington St George's	
13	19.11.1898	Ibstock Albion	3	2	Ibstock Wanderers	

*Division II*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
14	19.11.1898	Barrow Rising Star Burton Ward	2 (2)	2 (1)	Quorn Havelock Bancroft Sutton	Old-time rivals. Neither team could play their full strength teams owing to the competition's qualification rules – each had 4 regular players out.
15	19.11.1898	Castle Donington	2	1	Mountsorrel Castle	"The Dons had a League engagement also at Shelton, (Derbyshire), and a scratch team to be sent. Several gentlemen took the field in this match who had never before appeared for the Dons. To their credit be it said, however, they bagged the requisite points, winning the match by one goal to nil."- <i>Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 24 November 1898</i>
16	19.11.1898	Hathern Victoria Berrington Hodson Birkin AN Others Randon	7 (2)	2 (0)	Barrow Excelsior	Had it not been for Barrow's goalkeeper [Baum] the score would have been much higher. Hathern played much of the game with 10 men following an injury to Smith in the first half.
17	19.11.1898	Hemington	4 (1)	0 (0)	Mountsorrel St Peter's	

*Division III*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
18	19.11.1898	Barwell Swifts		W	Burbage United	
19	19.11.1898	Croft		W	Enderby Granite	
20	19.11.1898	Earl Shilton Victor	5	1	Hinckley Granville	
21	19.11.1898	Narborough	4	1	Blaby United	

*Division IV*

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
22	19.11.1898	Belgrave St Michael's	3	6	St Mary's Rovers	
23	19.11.1898	Leicester Ferndale	0	3	17 <sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment Branson Welbourne (2)	Orson Wright's ground, South Wigston. 200 spectators
24	19.11.1898	Market Harborough Scampton	1	0	Leicester Waverley	Waverley were went into this cup tie unbeaten in the Leicestershire & District League. "Cries of 'Time, time', were heard all over the field, the full time having expired. Johnson Smith, who was acting as linesman for Harborough, informed the referee of this but he still proceeded with the game and when eventually did blow his whistle no less than 15

						minutes overtime had been played, the game closing amidst the hooting of the crowd and general confusion, but the referee was got off in safety."
25	19.11.1898	Wigston Excelsior	2 (1)	2 (0)	Kibworth	Large crowd.

### Round 2 Replays

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
26	3.12.1898	Quorn Havelock	2	0	Barrow Rising Star	
27	17.12.1898	Kibworth Wood Preston Knapp pen) Johnson	4	3	Wigston Excelsior AN Other	

### Round 3

#### Division I

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
28	21.1.1899	Swannington St George's	W		Barlestone Rovers	
29	21.1.1899	Whitwick White Cross Allen (2) Middleton Stanyard (pen)	4	1	lboostock Albion AN Other	

#### Division II

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
30	21.1.1899	Castle Donington	W		Quorn Havelock	
31	21.1.1899	Hathern Victoria	0	0	Hemington	

#### Division III

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
32	21.1.1899	Enderby	A	A	Earl Shilton Victor	Game stopped at half-time on account of the bad state of the ground.
33	21.1.1899	Narborough	A	A	Burbage United	Abandoned owing to prevailing bad weather.

#### Division IV

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
34	21.1.1899	17 <sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment	W		St Mary's Rovers	St Mary's failed to send a team. Tie awarded to the Regiment.
35	21.1.1899	Kibworth	1	3	Market Harborough	

### Round 3 Replays

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
36	4.2.1899	Enderby Granite	2	1	Earl Shilton	
37		Narborough	0	4	Burbage United	

### Round 4

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
38	4.2.1899	17 <sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment	0	2	Castle Donington	

39	4.2.1899	Hemington United	2	2	Market Harborough	Market Harborough progressed to the next round; however, the replay result has yet to be found.
40	11.2.1899	Burbage United	3	1	Swannington St George's	
41	11.2.1899	Whitwick White Cross	3	0	Enderby Granite	

### Semi-Finals

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
42	18.3.1899	Castle Donington	2	0	Burbage United	Castle Ground, Mountsorrel
43		Market Harborough AN Other	1	1	Whitwick White Cross Middleton	At Kibworth Large gate.

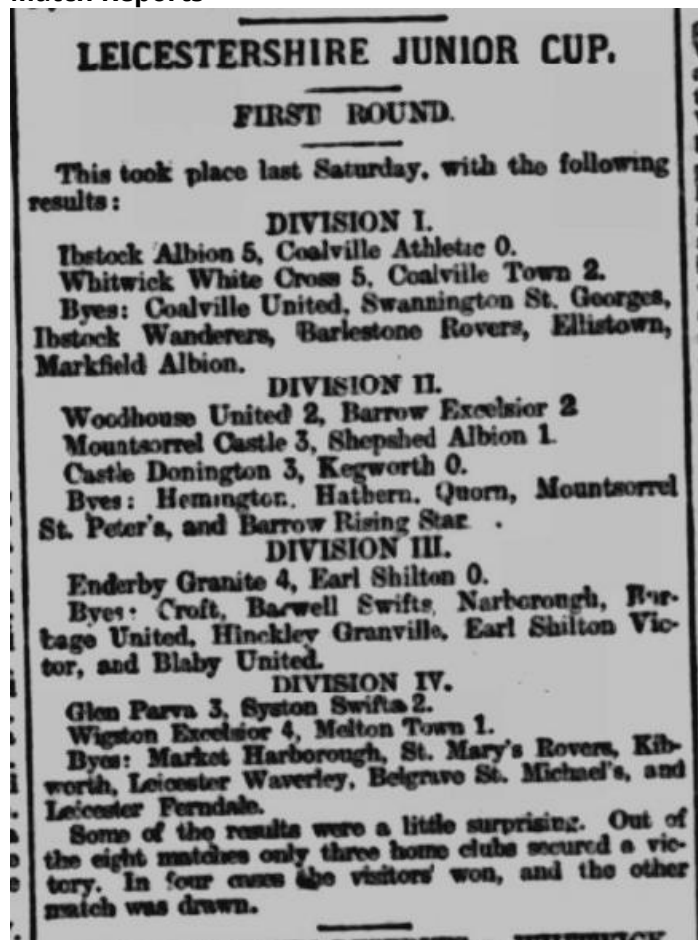
### Semi-Final Replay

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
44	22.3.1899	Market Harborough	2	5	Whitwick White Cross	Waggon and Horses Ground, Coalville.

### Final

Date	Home	Away	Match Details			
45	3.4.1899	Castle Donington	2 (0)	1 (0)	Whitwick White Cross	At Shepshed. Easter Monday afternoon. First time these clubs had met. All the goals were scored in the last 15 mins.

### Match Reports



Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 20 October 1898

## **#9 BARROW EXCELSIOR v WOODHOUSE**

### **REPLAYED TIE**

These clubs, which made a draw of two goals a fortnight ago, at Woodhouse, replayed the tie on Saturday, at Barrow, before a good gate. The Excelsior won the toss, but the wet ball spoilt the play. After 20 minutes James opened the score for Barrow, and Billings directly after raced off and scored a lovely goal. This went down badly with the visitors, but the referee checked any tendency for rough play. At half-time Barrow were leading by two goals to one. On resuming, the visitors went off with a rush, and Smith fouling Dalby the referee awarded a penalty. Woodhouse failed to take advantage of this, and Excelsior changed the scene of operations. Good work between Hazelwood and Disney enabled Oram to put through, but the referee disallowed it for offside, Stockwell most saved capitally from Evans. Barrow were doing all the pressing, shot after shot being sent at Stockwell, who was not easily beaten. James shot into the net, and this was ruled offside. Eventually, Woodhouse had a turn, but Lockwood proved too strong for them. Oram again broke away, and passed to Hazeldine, who headed the third goal. Barrow had all the game to the finish, which came with them victors by three goals to one.

Barrow team: Baum; Lockwood and Smith; West, Evans, and Lewin; Disney, Hazeldine, Billings, Oram and James.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 10 November 1898*

## **#10-25 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP**

### **SECOND ROUND**

This took place on Saturday, the local results to hand being as follows:

#### DIVISION I

Ibstock Albion three goals, Ibstock Wanderers two.  
Whitwick White Cross three goals, Coalville United one

#### DIVISION II

Hathern Victoria seven goals, Barrow Excelsior none.  
Barrow Rising Star two goals, Quorn Havelock two  
Castle Donington two goals, Mountsorrel Castle one  
Hemington five goals, Mountsorrel St Peter's

## **COALVILLE UNITED v WHITWICK WHITE CROSS**

At Coalville, Mr. Bills of Mountsorrel was the referee. The White Cross won the toss, and played the first half down the slight incline. In the first minute, almost before the spectators had realised that the game had started, the White Cross ran down, and from a pass by Middleton, Allen scored the first goal. Resuming, the play was loose, and Coalville equalized almost immediately, Sprigg getting past the defence. A goal apiece in the first five minutes put both teams on their mettle, and a very fast game ensued, which was well maintained to the finish. The White Cross had rather the best of the exchanges and ere long a beautiful piece of combination enabled Allen to net the ball for a second time. Again, and again did they try to increase the score, but the Coalville defence was xxx their goal-keeper playing an excellent game, and several times the Coalvillians got clear and would have scored but for the good judgment of Taylor. The White Cross were not to be denied, however, and at last their efforts were rewarded by a third goal from a good shot by underwood. At half-time the score stood:

White Cross, three goals; Coalville, one goal.

Resuming the game continued extraordinarily fast, but nothing further was scored, and the game finished as at half-time. It was a very pleasant, friendly game, and though the White Cross had the best of it, their success was undoubtedly due to better combination, the Colville individual work being excellent.

*Melton Mowbray and Uppingham and Oakham News - 24 November 1898*

## **#11 COALVILLE UNITED v WHITWICK WHITE CROSS**

WHITE CROSS, three goals;

UNITED, one goal.

*Leicester Daily Post -21 November 1898*

### **#13 IBSTOCK ALBION v IBSTOCK WANDERERS**

On the Albion ground. Result:

ALBION, three goals;

WANDERERS, two goals.

*Leicester Daily Post -21 November 1898*

### **#14 BARROW RISING STAR v QUORN HAVELOCK**

At Barrow. Result:

BARROW, two goals;

QUORN, two goals.

*Leicester Daily Post -21 November 1898*

### **#15 CASTLE DONINGTON NOTES**

The principal attraction in the Castle Donington district on Saturday last was the Junior Cup tie at Station-road, between Castle Donington and Mountsorrel Castle. The Dons had a League engagement also at Shelton, (Derbyshire), and a scratch team to be sent. Several gentlemen took the field in this match who had never before appeared for the Dons. To their credit be it said, however, they bagged the requisite points, winning the match by one goal to nil.

The game at Carle Donington was a very poor affair indeed. The Dons who were fully represented, quickly scored a couple of goals and from this point to the close of play was of the most loose and careless character imaginable. Mountsorrel scored a capital goal just before the interval and, with the exception of these spasmodic rushes, however, the Castle Donington goal had a wonderful escape. The full back clean missed giving the Mountsorrel forward an open goal. The shot was not at all a bad one, but Hodgkin saved in tip-top style. Had the visitors scored there can be no doubt that their defeat would have been much heavier, as up to this point the Castle Donington front rank had lacked both method and energy; indeed, it is doubtful whether the forwards have played so badly since the formation of the club. Castle Donington was won by two to one.

*Coalville News -24 November 1898*

### **#15 CASTLE DONINGTON v MOUNTSORREL**

At Castle Donington. Result:

CASTLE DONINGTON, two goals;

MOUNTSORREL, one goal.

*Leicester Daily Post -21 November 1898*

### **#16 HATHERN VICTORIA v BARROW EXCELSIOR**

These teams met at Hathern on Saturday. Hathern were without Newham, who received an injury to his knee on the previous Saturday; also, Hunt, who was not eligible in the competition. Hodson was given a trial and played a good game. Hathern won the toss and pated towards the Soar-end goal. With the first run up Baum was called upon to handle a good shot from Warren. The ball then travelled towards the Victoria goal, and a corner was conceded, which was got clear away, the Vic's making another rush for the visitors' goal. A corner was given, and the ball being well laced, Berrington headed nicely into the net. The Vic's again began to press, Hodson putting in a shot which beat Baum a second time. One of the Barrow players had to leave the ground owing to his ankle giving way. The game began to be very one-sided, Warren sending in another shot which struck the upright, following which came a stinger from J. Thompson, which Baum saved in capital style. Barrow made a rush, and looked like scoring, Berrington fumbling. However, the ball was got away, the interval coming with Hathern leading by two goals to nothing. On resuming play was mostly in the Excelsior territory, and Birking scored the third for Hathern. The game had not been going on long again before a fourth was notched. Birkin and Hodson worked the fifth into the net. The Excelsior now seemed thoroughly beat, and Hodson, after a bit of tricky play, shot the sixth, and just one time Randon scored a seventh goal from a very low shot, Hathern being the winners by seven goals to none. The backs and half-backs were in splendid form, while for Barrow, Lockwood, at full back, played a splendid game. Had it not been for Baum's capital goal-keeping a very much larger score would have been the result. Of course a much more even game would have been witnessed had not Smith had to leave the ground. The referee was Mr. G Beale, of Kegworth.

*Melton Mowbray and Uppingham and Oakham News - 24 November 1898*

#### **#16 BARROW EXCELSIOR v HATHERN EXCELSIOR**

At Hathern. Result:

VICTORIA, seven goals;

EXCELSIOR, none.

*Leicester Daily Post -21 November 1898*

#### **#17 HEMINGTON v MOUNTSORREL ST PETER'S**

Played at Hemington. The home team kicked off, and at once pressed, but it was not long before the ball was in their goal. The backs, however, cleared. Wells played very well, and beat his men time after time. Connors became frequent, and from one of these the home goal had a marvellous escape. Dolman scored for Hemington, who led at the interval by a goal to none. In the second portion Hemington added three further goals, and ran out winners by four goals to none. The St Peter's played a very pretty game in the first portion, and were unlucky in not scoring. The difference in the abilities of the teams became pronounced in the second portion. It is a matter of great regret that such a team as Hemington should be allowed to enter the competition. They are in no competition besides this, and the match on Saturday was the first that they had played this season, the players being drawn from Long Eaton, Alvaston, Sawley and other places, specifically for this cup competition.

*Melton Mowbray and Uppingham and Oakham News - 24 November 1898*

#### **#20 EARL SHILTON VICTOR v HINCKLEY GRANVILLE**

At Earl Shilton. Result:

EARL SHILTON, five goals;

HINCKLEY GRANVILLE, one goal.

*Leicester Daily Post -21 November 1898*

#### **#21 NARBOROUGH v BLABY UNITED**

At Narborough. Result:

NARBOROUGH, four goals;

BLABY, one goal.

*Leicester Daily Post -21 November 1898*

#### **#22 ST MARY'S v BELGRAVE ST MICHAEL'S**

At Belgrave. The Rovers kicked off, and two unproductive corners came in quick succession. St Michael's pressed, but could not score. Swindle ran down and scored, and two more goals quickly followed from the same player. The second half was very fast, the Rovers, scoring three goals to Belgrave's two. Result:

ST MARY'S ROVERS, six goals;

BELGRAVE ST MICHAEL'S, three goals

*Leicester Daily Post -21 November 1898*

#### **#23 17<sup>th</sup> REGIMENT v LEICESTER FERNDALE**

The Depot men met Leicester Ferndale on Saturday in the second round of the above competition, and as was expected the Depot proved successful by three goals to none. The game was fast and exciting in the first portion of the game Leicester Ferndale deserving to score on more than one occasion, but later on the depot being the heaviest team used their weight to advantage, the second half went all in favour of the depot who stayed much better than their opponents. The forwards are decidedly the best part of the "Tommy's" combination. They play the kick and rush game splendidly. The best man on the field was without doubt Adcock the centre forward, and best for Ferndale the centre half.

*Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - Tuesday 11 October 1898*

#### **#24 FOOTBALL LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP SECOND ROUND**

##### **HARBOROUGH v LEICESTER WAVERLEY**

Harborough were fortunate drawing their first match in this Competition, meet Leicester Waverley at home and good game was the result, although it was not altogether free from that nervous excitement amongst the players which usually characterises Cup tie matches and we shall look for an improved, if less exciting,

match when they meet in the League competition. The visitors came with the reputation of having an unbeaten record in League games, drawing two their matches with Syston, but the style of play which helped them considerably was soon apparent after the game commenced. Harborough put the same team in the field as that of last week, and losing the toss, started the ball up the slope. The opening stages of the game were all in favour of the home team and Bromley had a chance score, but failed. Hearth on the right sent in a good centre which was well cleared by the visiting backs and Waverley broke away and running down on the left, forced a corner at the railway end.. Keeping up the pressure, they obtained another couple of corners but nothing came of them. The pace was very hot, and the ball was quickly taken down to the opposite end where Turner and Buswell sent in a couple of long shots, in taking the last one the goal-keeper held the ball a little too long and it was nearly rushed through. An individual run and centre Scampton on the right was fruitful in yielding corner, but this was cleared and good combination by the Leicester men beat the home defence sufficiently to enable them to shoot and Johnson handled the ball for the first time getting it away in smart fashion. It was not long before evidence that the referee was anything but strong man was revealed, players on both sides freely disputing his decisions. Play continued with varying success for both sides, some excellent combination amongst the forwards transferring from end to end of the field in quick succession but the visiting team conveniently adding to their back division made it exceedingly difficult for the Harborough forwards to break through. However, the left wing getting into motion good passing run in which Turner at centre also figured, landed them near the goal line and Buswell sending in shot, a mull resulting, Scampton rushed ball through amidst great cheering by their supporters, and the whistle blew directly after with the score standing

Harborough 1 Waverley 0

*Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail – 22 November 1898*

#### **#24 MARKET HARBOROUGH v WAVERLEY**

At Market Harborough. Result:

MARKET HARBOROUGH, one goal;

WAVERLEY, none.

*Leicester Daily Post -21 November 1898*

#### **#25 WIGSTON EXCELSIOR v. KIBWORTH**

Played at Wigston on Saturday before a large number of spectators. Wigston scored soon the commencement, but in spite of determined efforts by both sides no further scoring took place before the interval. Immediately after the resumption Kibworth obtained two goals in quick succession, the being shot by Wood from pass by Johnson and the second by Preston. After this the game became rather fierce and partook of the traditional cup tie nature, but Kibworth kept their lead; indeed had rather the best of the game until towards the close when Wigston scored again, the match thus ending in draw, 2 goals each. Wigston Excelsior who commenced the season in splendid style, seem to be falling to pieces and have suffered defeat of late. Any chance they had of being in the first flight of the league now gone as they are not going near strong as their two rivals Glen Parva Depot and Orson Wright and Sons. The latter team have won three out of four matches, and the first was decidedly hard lines, they having, to meet the strong combination of Market Harborough in the first match, although they had only formed their club a few days previously, and had not got their strongest eleven together. Next Saturday they meet Leicester Ferndale at Leicester, and although Ferndale are extra strong on their own ground, we expect to Oman's successful; in fact, they are expecting to make bold bid for the League championship.

*Market Harborough Advertiser and Mail – 22 November 1898*

#### **#26 BARROW RISING STAR v QUORN HAVELOCK**

The match between these old-time rivals came off at Barrow. There was a good attendance, and the match was played in football weather. Neither team could put their full strength in, owing to the necessary qualifications, and, singularly enough, each had four regular players out. The Quorn skipper won the toss, and kicked towards the village. The game opened in an interesting manner. The visitors were the first to get away, and looked dangerous in the opening minutes. The game was contested evenly for a considerable time. Quorn, however, were the first to score, Thornton working the ball up, and placing across, Bancroft shot in, and placed the first goal. This round the home side and the game became faster. The visitors did not long hold the lead, for, from a sharp scrimmage, Burton placed the sides equal, while later Ward put on a second, and Barrow led at the interval by two goals to one. The second half was quite up to the pace of

the first, and the visitors made matters warm for the home defence. In the last twenty minutes the Quorn lads pressed throughout, and Sutton put the scores equal again with a smart shot. The visitors again went for the Barrow goal, which had some narrow escapes, but they were destined not to score again, and the result of a fast and interesting game was draw of two goals each.

*Melton Mowbray and Uppingham and Oakham News - 24 November 1898*

**LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP.**  
**THIRD ROUND.**

**KIBWORTH v. MARKET HARBOROUGH.**  
At Kibworth. Result:  
**MARKET HARBOROUGH, three goals;**  
**KIBWORTH, one goal.**

**17th REGIMENTAL DISTRICT v. ST. MARY'S ROVERS.**  
These teams should have met at Glen Parra, but St. Mary's failed to put in an appearance.

**NARBOROUGH v. BURBAGE UNITED.**  
This match, fixed to be played at Narborough, was abandoned owing to the prevailing bad weather.

**WHITWICK WHITE CROSS v. IBSTOCK ALBIONS.**  
At Whitwick. Result:  
**WHITE CROSS, four goals;**  
**ALBION, one goal.**

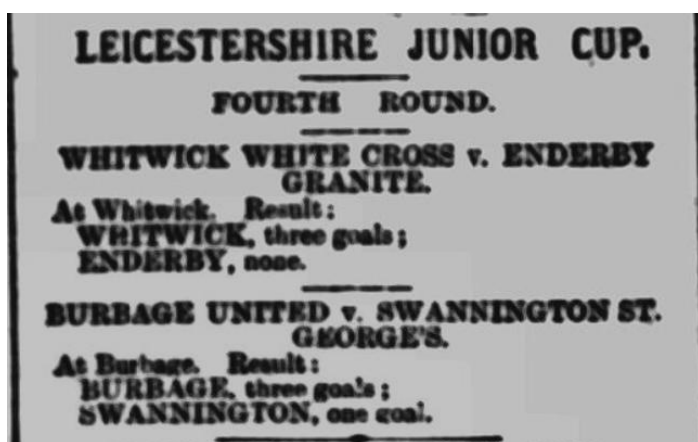
**HATHERN VICTORIA v. HEMINGTON.**  
At Hathern. Result:  
**A DRAW—no score.**

**ENDERBY GRANITE v. EARL SHILTON VICTOR.**  
At Enderby. The game was stopped at half-time, on account of the bad state of the ground.

*Leicester Daily Post -21 January 1899*



*Leicester Daily Post - 6 February 1899*



*Leicester Daily Post - 13 February 1899*

#### **SEMI-FINALS**

These were played off on Saturday. Castle Donington beat Burbage by two goals to none, the match being played on the Castle Ground, Mountsorrel.

#### **#43 MARKET HARBOROUGH v WHITWICK WHITE CROSS**

Played at Kibworth before a large gate. The game opened with some loose play on the part of both teams, and then Harborough broke away on the left and netted the ball from a long shot by Bushwell. The point was disallowed, and then the White Cross right wing ran down, but Allen's goal was also disallowed, for off-side. This settled both teams to a more scientific game, but still there was a good deal of the Cup rush and kick style. Playing against the wind the White Cross pressed, but Plowman, in goal, saved well, and the interval came with no score. Resuming, Market Harborough held the advantage for a time, but could not pass Hall and Springthorpe, who were playing grandly, and then a nice run and pretty combination by the

White Cross forwards, ended in Middleton scoring a beautiful goal, with a long dropping shot, just under the bar. Encouraged by this success the Loughborough League team continued to press, and again Middleton scored. The referee allowed the point, and in the opinion of most of the spectators it appeared a perfectly legitimate goal. The ball had been placed for the kick-off, when one of the linesmen crossed over, and disputed the point. This decision caused considerable dissatisfaction, and it was felt that after the goal had been allowed, the linesmen exceeded his duty in raising the question when he was not appealed to. Market Harborough soon after equalised and the end came as a draw of one goal each. The match has been ordered to be replayed this Thursday afternoon, at Coalville.

*Melton Mowbray and Uppingham and Oakham News - 23 March 1899*

#### **#44 Leicestershire Junior Cup**

##### **REPLAYED SEMIFINAL**

##### **WHITWICK WHITE CROSS v MARKET HARBOROUGH**

Played on the Wagn and Horses Ground yesterday, afternoon. Result:

WHITWICK, five goals;

MARKET HARBOROUGH, two.

*Coalville Times - 24 March 1899*

#### **#45 LEICESTER JUNIOR**

##### **CUP FINAL**

##### **WHITWICK WHITE CROSS v CASTLE DONINGTON**

This important match took place on the Town club's ground, at Shepshed, on Easter Monday. Both clubs were well represented, and a good game was witnessed. The Loughborough Leaguers led at the interval by a goal to none, but the Dons put on two in the second portion, and won accordingly. We are informed that a protest has been lodged against the winners by Whitwick.

Our Castle Donington correspondent writes: - Castle Donington and Whitwick White Cross had not met previously, but enough was known at Castle Donington of the calibre of the White Cross to warrant a general expectation that the Dons would land the event. It was thought that the Cross would play a strong game, but the Dons had such confidence in their superior staying powers, that they looked for the issue in the closing stages of the game. Twas even so on Easter Monday. Whitwick played against a strong wind in the first half, and at the interval they were a goal in front of their supporters, and were on the best of terms with themselves. The battle royal had yet to come however, half an hour in the second half past without any scoring, but at this point the Cross collapsed. They had played strongly, but the pace had told its tale, and there were no longer two teams in it. The Whitwick men were played completely off their legs, and the Dons forced the pace harder than ever. Three times within the last quarter of an hour was the goal carried by storm. One of these points was disallowed for offside, and , in addition to these, a goal claimed by the Dons was not allowed, the referee not being satisfied that the ball had passed over the line. The winners came in for an ovation at the call of time, and the Cup was brought home in the evening, amid every demonstration of appreciation. The following were the Cup winners: J. Hodgkin, A. Smith and A. Thompson; C. Hudson, E. Richards and L. Domelow; J. Poxon, F. Poxon, M. H. Simpson, S. Wagg and H. Hickingbottom. Five of the above were amongst the winners of last year, when Hemington won the Cup.

*Melton Mowbray and Uppingham and Oakham News - 6 April 1899*