



Rolleston Cup 1898-99

Winner: Barrow Rising Star
Runner-Up: 17th Leicestershire Regiment
No. of entries: ?

The teams were split into two divisions in Round 1.

Anstey Town entered the competition in Round 3, to bring the number of clubs left in the competition to 8.

Barrow Rising Star beat 17th Leicestershire Regiment in the final staged on Leicester Fosse's ground in front of 4,000 spectators.

Round 1

Division I

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	24.9.1898	Barrow Excelsior	5	2	Leicester Ferndale	
2	24.9.1898	Barrow Rising Star E York Ward Paxton	3	0	Groby Albion	Good crowd.
3	24.9.1898	Castle Donington	2	1	Loughborough Emmanuel	At Loughborough. Good gate

Division II

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
4	24.9.1898	Burbage United	8	0	Wigston Wesleyans	
5	24.9.1898	Earl Shilton Victor	1	1	Wigston Excelsior	
6	24.9.1898	Enderby Granite	2	3	Leicester Waverley	Waverley were removed from the competition for playing ineligible men. Tie awarded to Enderby.
7	24.9.1898	Market Harborough	3	2	Croft Rising Star	
8	24.9.1898	Melton Town Kirk Smith G Smith	3	1	Leicester YMCA Robinson	All England Ground, Melton.
9	24.9.1898	Narborough	3	2	Syston Swifts	

Two additional Round 1 ties took place, but since the draw for the first round has not been found, they have not been allocated a division

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
10	24.9.1898	Anstey Albion	0 (0)	2 (0)	Quorn Havelock	Good attendance.
11		Belgrave St Michael's		W	Melton Rovers	Belgrave played unregistered men. Tie awarded to Melton.

17th Leicestershire Regiment, Leicester Old Boys, St Mary's all appear in R2 so they either won a R1 game (results yet to be found) or were awarded a bye.

Round 1 Replay

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
12	22.10.1898	Earl Shilton Victor	2	1	Wigston Excelsior	

Round 2

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
13	12.11.1898	17 th Leicester Regiment Adcock (2) Adams AN Other (pen)	4	2	Earl Shilton Victor AN Others	500 spectators. Home team turned out in white shirts, with a black band as a mark of respect to the late Lieutenant-Colonel Reader, who had recently died in South Africa.
14	22.10.1898	Barrow Rising Star	2	2	Burbage United	
15	22.10.1898	Castle Donington	13	1	Melton Town	
16	22.10.1898	Enderby Granite	4	2	St Mary's Rovers	
17	22.10.1898	Market Harborough AN Others	3	1	Barrow Excelsior Disney	
18	22.10.1898	Narborough	7	0	Melton Rovers	
19	22.10.1898	Quorn Havelock	11	1	Leicester Old Boys	

Round 2 Replay

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
20	5.10.1898	Barrow Rising Star	3	0	Burbage United	Mill-lane, Barrow.

Round 3

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
21	14.1.1899	Anstey Town	1	3	17 th Leicestershire Regiment	
22	14.1.1899	Quorn Havelock	0	2	Barrow Rising Star	
23	14.1.1899	Narborough	1	5	Enderby Granite	The referee declared the match a friendly and the Leicestershire Executive ordered it to be replayed.
24	14.1.1899	Market Harborough	W		Castle Donington	

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Round 3 Replay

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
25	28.1.1899	Narborough	0	3	Enderby Granite	

Semi-Finals

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
26	11.2.1899	Market Harborough	2	4	17 th Regiment	
27	25.2.1899	Enderby Granite	0	4	Barrow Rising Star	

Final

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
28	4.3.1899	17 th Leicestershire Regiment AN Other Morden White	3	4	Barrow Rising Star AN Others (pen) Pym (2) York	Fosse ground, Leicester. 4,000 spectators – including a very large contingent from Barrow.

Match Reports

ROLLESTON CHARITY CUP

DIVISION I.

Barrow Excelsior 5, Leicester Ferndale 2

Barrow Rising Star 3, Groby Albion 0

Castle Donington 2, Loughborough Emmanuel 1

DIVISION II

Burbage United 8, Wigston Wesleyans 0

Narborough 3, Syston Swifts 2

Earl Shilton Victor 1, Wigston Excelsior 1

Market Harborough 3, Croft Rising Star 0

Leicester Waverley 3, Enderby Granite 2

Melton Town 3, Leicester YMCA 1

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 29 September 1898

#2 BARROW RISING STAR v GROBY ALBION

Played at Barrow, before a good crowd, which included a large number of visitors from Groby. The visitors won the toss, but the Stars immediately ran up and secured a corner, E. York heading through after just two minutes play. Barrow did a good deal of pressing, and forced corner after corner, but Groby baffled their efforts for a considerable time. Half an hour had elapsed ere they increased their score, Ward then putting through. The third goal was then put on by Paxton with a splendid cross shot, and the interval came with the Stars leading by three goals to none. In this half the goalkeeper only had one shot to stop. Barrow bombarded the Groby goal in the second half, but they bungled considerably, and frequently got in one another's road. They only netted the ball once more, and this did not count, being given offside. The Groby centre once got clean away, and with only the goalkeeper to beat, stepped over the ball, Jacques clearing. Had Barrow played the game properly they would have won by at least a dozen goals, but as it was, they only secured the verdict by three to none, Groby showed good defence, the goalkeeper saving well on several occasions.

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#3 LOUGHBOROUGH EMMANUEL v CASTLE DONINGTON

Played at Loughborough, before a good gate. The Emmanuel won the toss, and played with the wind first half, but the Dons attacked immediately, without effect, the Emmanuel then pressing, and securing a corner, which was taken by Mounteney, without result, Donington, who were much the heavier lot, played up strongly, and, through a misunderstanding between the home backs, and goalkeeper, they opened the score after twenty minutes play. Emmanuel tried hard, and had two further corners, without avail, the interval arriving with Donington leading by a goal to none. The home team restarted in a dashing manner, and only two players had touched the ball when Webster sent in a grand shot, which missed the bar by a few inches. Play was pretty fast, and the Emmanuel made strenuous efforts to get on level terms, but their shots went wide of the mark. At last, Mounteney looked like working the xxx, when he was badly fouled, and a penalty was awarded the Emmanuel. Webster took the kick and deposited the ball safely into the net. The game was then fiercely contested, and corners fell to both sides, one taken by York just being headed outside. Donington made several ineffectual efforts, and the game promised to end in a draw. The visitors' goalkeeper saved a fine shot from York, and then the Dons applied severe pressure, Webster, after having effected several clearances, being beaten and the end came with Donington victorious by two goals to one. The game was fast all the way through, but the Dons' weight told against the Emmanuel, who had equally as much of the play.

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BARROW VICTORIA v QUORN BAPIST

Play at Quorn on Saturday. The home side winning the toss played against the wind in the first half. Barrow began to press, and about four minutes from the start G. Newby scored for them by a splendid shot from the right wing. Quorn drew level by E. Gamble. Half-time: Barrow one goal; Quorn Baptist, one goal. On resuming Barrow pressed, but Quorn had a goal disallowed for offside. The Barrow forwards gave the Quorn goal-keeper plenty of work, after which Quorn livened up, and Gamble struck the upright with a fast shot from the centre. Then the whistle sounded with the score Barrow Victoria, one goal; Quorn Baptist, one goal.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 29 September 1898

#8 MELTON TOWN v LEICESTER YMCA

These clubs met at Melton, and play opened fast, the YM's attacked first, but shot wide, and then Kirk

opened the score for Melton with a splendid long shot. The home side pressed, and were awarded a penalty, but they failed to score. Leicester had hard lines in not equalising, and just before the interval Smith scored again for Melton. The same player, shortly after resuming, put on another goal, after which the visitors pressed strongly, but they were only able to score once through Robson, and were beaten by three goals to one.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 29 September 1898

#10 ANSTEY ALBIONS v QUORN HAVELOCK 1st

Played on the Albion's ground, before a good company, among which were a good sprinkling of supporters of the visiting team. The spin of the coin favoured Anstey, who decided to kick down the slope. Midfield play was the order for a considerable time, till the visitors broke away, and Graves was called upon to save a very difficult shot, which he did in a very creditable manner. Again Quorn attacked, and a corner was given, but this was fruitless. Even play was now the order, till the "Puppies" once more had a try, but Graves again proved himself equal to the occasion. Play was transferred to the other end, and the forwards showed some exceedingly pretty work, but they failed in shooting. The visiting front rank were soon at it again, but when they looked extremely dangerous the referee pulled them up for an infringement of the off-side rule. Through some good combination by the Anstey forwards, the ball was taken to the other end, and a beautiful centre by Bosworth was put in, but the other forwards failed to convert. Havelock came once more, but failed to open their account, owing in great measure to the splendid play of Black, the Anstey back. After a struggle at half-way, Quorn secured a foul in front of goal, which looked extremely dangerous, but the Albions managed to clear. Quorn continued to find the Anstey attack a hard nut to crack, the kicking of Black being highly praised. Still the visitors pressed, and Graves was applauded for an exceedingly clever save. The home right wing Wright missed an easy opening. Quorn seemed determined to put one through before the interval, and once the inside left had only the goalkeeper to beat, but Graves stopped the shot, low on the ground, in a very clever manner. Good combination by the home front line took the play towards the Quorn citadel, but they failed miserably in front of goal. Quorn made another rush, but the shooting was very erratic, and half-time came with the score still unopened.

On resuming, the homesters made a very feeble attempt, but were easily repulsed, and again they tried, but Bosworth shot wide. Quorn now made a most determined attack and with a high shot beat Graves, and scored the first goal. They continued to press, and after a hard struggle in front of goal a foul was given against Anstey, and from this the visitors scored a second goal. The Quorn forwards were now doing all the attacking, but the home defence was good. At length Anstey broke away, and looked like scoring, but Pollard failed. However, a little later, from a good centre by Hutchinson, Calder put one through for Anstey. The visitors once more took up the attack, but Springthorpe and Black kept them out and the Quorn defence next had an anxious time, for on two or three occasions for the Ansteyites looked certain to equalise. A corner was given to Anstey, but this proved futile. Eventually Quorn added another to their total. Midfield was now the scene of occupation, and eventually the whistle concluded a hard-fought fight to better advantage, Hooe stood out conspicuously at half-back, and his colleagues worked well. The forwards played a good game, but their shooting was rather weak. Pollard on the left wing made a see. The result was:- Quorn Havelock, three; Anstey Albion, one – The visitors were by far the heavier team, but they deserved their victory. Anstey played a very plucky game, and though they were beaten they were not disgraced. Graves, in goal, was a champion, some of his saves being exceedingly fine. Black showed by far the best form at back, his kicking being strong and sure. Springthorpe has been seen to better advantage, Hooke stood out conspicuously at half-back, and his colleagues worked well. The forwards played a good game, but their shooting was rather weak. Pollard on the left wing made some fine runs, but his centering was poor.

For the visitors Rue (who was taking Stark's place) played a surprising game, and a further trial may be given him. Davis and Winterton also played a sound game at half-back. Wykes and Wilders were safe at back, while Wilmore did what he had to do well. The forwards were not up to their usual form, Sutton being about the best.

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#13-19 SECOND ROUND

The results have been returned as follows:

Quorn Havelock 11, Leicester Old Boys 1

Castle Donington 13, Melton Town 1

Barrow Rising Star 2, Burbage United 2
Market Harborough 3, Barrow Excelsior 1
Enderby Granite 4, St Mary's Rovers 2
Narborough 4, Melton Rovers 0

Earl Shilton Victor replayed their tie in the first round with Wigston Excelsior, winning by two goals to one. They have now to meet the 17th Leicestershire at Glen Parva, in the second round. Anstey Town enter the competition at the third round, thus bringing the number of clubs left in the competition to eight.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 27 October 1898

#20 Barrow Rising Star re-played their tie in the second round of the Rolleston Cup at Barrow on Saturday, with Burbage United. At the previous meeting of the clubs a fast game resulted in a draw of two goals. The Stars' supporters were confident of victory when the match was replayed, on the Mill-lane Ground and in this they were not deceived, for the Twinklers completely eclipsed the United's aspirations, the Burbage eleven being beaten by three goals to none.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 10 November 1898

#21 ANSTEY TOWN v 17TH REGIMENTAL DISTRICT

Anstey pressed, but Harlow got off-side, and the visitors were awarded a place kick. Bond made a god save. He Soldiers scored from a centre, Newcombe shot over, and from a further attack the right wing scored for Glen Parva. Just before the interval Wolfe scored for Anstey. Interval: Regimental, two' Anstey, one. Result:

REGIMENTAL DISTRICT, three goals;

ANSTEY TOWN, none.

Leicester Daily Post – 16 January 1899

#22 QUORN HAVELOCK v BARROW RISING STAR

At Quorn, the game was an extremely moderate one, the visitors winning by the following score:

BARROW, two goals;

QUORN, none.

Leicester Daily Post – 16 January 1899

#23 NARBOROUGH v ENDERBY GRANITE

These teams were to have contested their tie in the third round of this competition at Narborough, but only a friendly was played, the result being:

ENDERBY, five goals;

NARBOROUGH, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post – 16 January 1899

#25 THIRD ROUND

ENDERBY GRANITE v NARBOROUGH

These teams met at Narborough, the visitors winning easily by the following score:

ENDERBY, three goals;

NARBOROUGH, none.

Leicester Daily Post – 30 January 1899

SEMI-FINAL

#26 MARKET HARBOROUGH v 17TH REGIMENTAL DISTRICT

At Market Harborough. Result:

REGIMENTAL DISTRICT, four goals;

MARKET HARBOROUGH, two goals

Leicester Daily Post – 23 February 1899

#27 ROLLESTON CUP

SEMI-FINAL

CONCLUDING STAGES

On Saturday Barrow Rising Star went to Enderby and met the Granite Club in the semi-final of his competition. The Soarsiders were much too good for the home lot, although they were playing on their own round, and the end came with Barrow winners by the substantial margin of four goals to none.
Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 2 March 1899

ROLLESTON CHARITY CUP

#28 17th REGIMENT v BARROW RISING STAR

These teams met on the Fosse Ground to contest the final of the Rolleston Charity Cup. Much interest was taken in the match, and there were quite four thousand spectators, including a very large contingent from Barrow. Both teams have been doing well. The Regiment having a record to be proud of. It was four o'clock before the teams lined up as follows:

Barrow Rising Star: Goal, James; backs, Garton and Wilford; halves, Ward captain), Preston and Williams; forwards, Monk, York, Williamson, Pym, and Paxton.

17th Regiment: Goal, Jones; backs, McKillop, and Rand; halves, Babbington, Price and Collins; forwards, Barghall, Adcock, White, Marden and Scotton.

The Depot won the toss, and played with the wind. Barrow went off with rare dash, and Monk put in the first shot, which Jones comfortably dealt with. Williamson fed his forwards prettily. From a centre by Scotton, Barghall made a fine attempt, the ball grazing the posts, and a little later Sutton shot over. Then Barrow had a turn on the aggressive, but the Depot showed fine defence, and McKillop cleared smartly. Then came a regular bombardment of the Barrow goal, and half-a-dozen unsuccessful shots were put in as in as many minutes. The game was much more even after this, Barrow making some pretty inroads on the Depot's gal, and had it not been for the brilliant defence of McKillop and Bond, they would have scored. The 17th got a corner, but Scotton took the kick badly, and a soft shot by Collins went outside. After a short delay from an injury in mid-field to McKillop. The 17th Regiment, by some combination between White, Marden and Price, made a pretty attack, and from a shot by White, James brought off a lucky save. Preston and Williamson, by sterling work, transferred play to the other end, and when near goal Monk was pulled up for offside. A mistake by Bond nearly let Barrow in, and soon afterward Barrow scored from a penalty, Jones having no chance. Soon after this Bond let Pym, who made a hot shot, which hit the posts, and rebounded into play. A brilliant run on the right wing by Scotton almost ended in a score by Adcock. Half-time was called, with the score:

17th REGIMENT, one goal;

BARROW RISING STAR, one goal.

On resuming the Barracks pressed, but Barrow pulled themselves together, and after some all-round combination, Pym put in a low curling shot, which Jones had no chance at all. Not three minutes later, Price put a high kick into Jones's hands, Jones midfielded, and Pym banged the ball over Moore into the net. After a sharp attack by the Regiment, the Barrow right wing got on the move, Monk overrunning the ball, which went behind. Some fine defensive work was put in by the Barrow backs, who resisted an onslaught by the Soldiers, and feeding their forwards judiciously Pym after a pretty run, just placed outside. Then the Regiment pulled themselves together, and, from a corner, Marden headed in prettily, thus bringing the score to 3-2 in favour of Barrow. By sheer hard work and rushing, the 17th Regiment kept up the pressure, and had their shooting been stronger, they would have scored. Then Barrow had another turn and a tremendous hot one from Paxton was fisted out by Jones, and the ball was quickly taken to the other end, where an unsuccessful attempt was made to equalise. Wilford put well into goal from a free, and York beat Jones at the second attempt, thus bringing Barrows score to 4-2. The darkness setting in, hardly gave one a chance to see much of the game, which now went in favour of the Regiment, who after some smart combination, scored through White. Strenuous efforts were made by them to equalise in the last few minutes, but to no purpose, and a hard game ended:

BARROW, four goals;

17th REGIMENT, three goals.

Leicester Daily Post – 6 March 1899