Loughborough Charity Cup 1899-00

Winner: Whitwick White Cross
Runner-Up: Quorn Havelock
No. of entries: 16

The attendance at Round 1 matches were very poor, and the percentage the Charity benefitted by was very small.

All Round 1 matches were played to a definite conclusion; there were no drawn games.

Cup holder [Quorn Havelock] again reached the final, where they were beaten by Whitwick White Cross.

Round 1

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	28.10.1899	Barrow Excelsior	0	2	Loughborough Emmanuel	
2	28.10.1899	Hathern Victoria	6	2	Loughborough Reserves	The gate was a "most miserable one, about the smallest in the competition."
3	28.10.1899	Loughborough Forest Rovers	4	3	Woodhouse United	
4	28.10.1899	Mountsorrel Castle	3	0	Barrow Rising Star	"The spectators adopted a very hostile attitude towards the referee and made matters very unpleasant." Game was ordered to be replayed.
5	28.10.1899	Quorn Havelock [Holders]	6	1	Mountsorrel St Peter's	After Quorn scored their 6th goal the Mountsorrel goalkeeper evinced his disgust by leaving the field.
6	28.10.1899	Shepshed Albion Lester Hunt AN Others	4	2	Kegworth AN Other	Surprise result. "A deal of feeling was introduced by the rival factions, and the referee had a somewhat lively time of it."
7	28.10.1899	Loughborough Corinthians	0	2	Shepshed Town	Defeat of the Corinthians was a big surprise
8	28.10.1899	Whitwick White Cross	4	1	Loughborough Havelock	The match was remarkable for the fact that there was only one free kick during the 90 mins. This was at the time thought to be unique.

Round 1 Replay

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
9	25.11.1899	Mountsorrel Castle	1	6	Barrow Rising Star Hazeldine Sutton AN Others	At Quorn. Good gate. Towards the end of the game Barrow's goalkeeper James was foolishly out of his goal near the corner flag when one of the Castle players put the ball into the net, amid ironical cheers.

Round 2

	Date	Home			Away	Details
10	2.12.1899	Hathern Victoria	3	0	Shepshed Albion	
11	9.12.1899	Loughborough Emmanel [Cup Holders]		W	Barrow Rising Star	Emmanual were without star player Adcock who was en route to South Africa with his regiment to fight the Boers and further handicapper by the absence

						through injury of their captain and centre forward.
12	9.12.1899	Shepshed Town	1	1	Whitwick White Cross	600 spectators.
13	9.12.1899	Loughborough Forest Rovers Smith AN Other og	1	3	Quorn Havelock AN Other Rue	Athletic Ground, Loughborough. 10% of gate proceeds to War Fund.

Round 2 Replay

	Date	Home			Away	Details
14	20.1.1900	Whitwick White Cross	7	2	Shepshed Town	

Semi-Final

	Date	Home			Away	Details
15	3.2.1900	Barrow Rising Star	A	A	Quorn Havelock	At Mountsorrel Abandoned due to inclement weather
16	3.2.1900	Whitwick White Cross	A	A	Hathern Victoria	Town Ground, Shepshed.

Semi-Final Replays

	Date	Home			Away	Details
17	24.2.1900	Barrow Rising Star	2	4	Quorn Havelock	Castle Ground, Mountsorrel. J Williamson [Barrow] and Davis [Quorn] were absent having gone to the "front."
18	24.2.1900	Whitwick White Cross Middleton Allen AN Other	3	1	Hathern Victoria W Thompson	Athletic Grounds, Loughborough.

Final

	Date	Home			Away	Details
19	21.4.1900	Whitwick White Cross	2	1	Quorn Havelock	Athletic Grounds, Loughborough Good attendance The Mayor presented the cup to the winning team

Match Reports

#1 BARROW EXCELSIOR v LOUGHBOROUGH EMANUEL

Played at Barrow. The Emanuel won the game in the last twenty minutes, when they scored twice. Result:

EMANUEL, two goals;
EXCELSIOR, none.

Leicester Daily Post – 30 October 1899

#2 HATHERN VICTORIA v LOUGHBOROUGH RESERVES

At Hathern. Result:

HATHERN, six goals;
LOUGHBOROUGH, two goals.

Leicester Daily Post – 30 October 1899

#3 LOUGHBOROUGH FOREST ROVERS v WOODHOUSE UNITED

Played on the ground of the Emmanuel Club by permission. Forest Rovers had much the better of the first half and led at the interval by three goals to one. Play was more even in the second portion, and a well-contested game ended:

FOREST ROVERS, four goals;
WOODHOUSE, three goals.

Leicester Daily Post – 30 October 1899

#4 MOUNTSORREL CASTLE v BARROW RISING STAR
At Mountsorrel. Result:
BARROW, three goals;
MOUNTSORREL, none.
Leicester Daily Post – 30 October 1899

#5 QUORN HAVELOCK v MOUNTSORREL ST PETER'S
At Quorn. Result:
QUORN, six goals;
ST PETER'S, one goal.
Leicester Daily Post – 30 October 1899

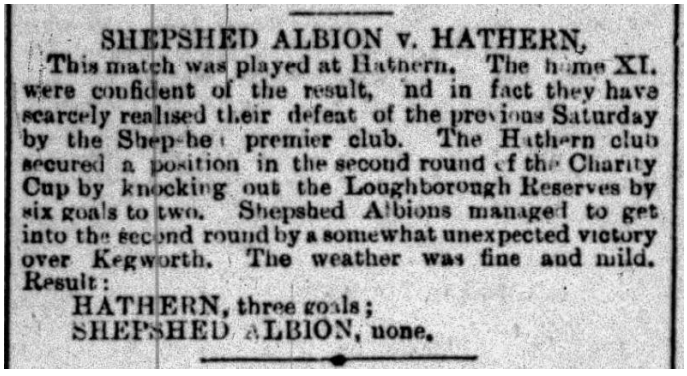
#6 SHEPSHED ALBION v KEGWORTH
At Shepshed. Kegworth started the ball, and Lester scored first for Shepshed. Shepshed then had all the play, Hunt scoring the second. Kegworth scored, and at half-time the Albion had three goals to Kegworth's one. Resuming, Kegworth pressed, Lester going splendidly for goal. Play was very exciting, Kegworth scored again, and a splendid shot from Moore the goalkeeper just turned outside. Davies ran the length of the field and netted. Result:
SHEPSHED, four goals;
KEGWORTH, two.
Leicester Daily Post – 30 October 1899

#7 LOUGHBOROUGH CORINTHIANS v SHEPSHED TOWN
At Shepshed. Result:
SHEPSHED, two goals;
CORINTHIANS, none.
Leicester Daily Post – 30 October 1899

#8 WHITWICK WHITE CROSS v LOUGHBOROUGH HAVELOCK
At Whitwick. Result:
WHITE CROSS, four goals;
HAVELOCK, one.
Leicester Daily Post – 30 October 1899

#9 RE-PLAYED TIE
MOUNTSORREL CASTLE v BARROW RISING STAR
At Quorn. Result:
BARROW, six goals;
MOUNTSORREL, one goal.
Leicester Daily Post – 27 November 1899

#10



SHEPSHED ALBION v. HATHERN.

This match was played at Hathern. The home XI. were confident of the result, nd in fact they have scarcely realised their defeat of the previous Saturday by the Shepshed premier club. The Hathern club secured a position in the second round of the Charity Cup by knocking out the Loughborough Reserves by six goals to two. Shepshed Albions managed to get into the second round by a somewhat unexpected victory over Kegworth. The weather was fine and mild. Result:

HATHERN, three goals;
SHEPSHED ALBION, none.

Leicester Daily Mercury - 2 December 1899

#11-13 LOUGHBOROUGH CHARITY CUP

The second round took place on Saturday, but only three of the four matches were played.
Barrow Rising Star ran clearly away with Rothley, whom they beat by nine goals to none, but the other two matches were closely contested.
Quorn had to go all the way to beat the Peter's at Mountsorrel, and so did the Emmanuel against the White Cross, from Whitwick.
The gate at Mountsorrel was a very gratifying one, the percentage for the charity amounting to 6s 6d. at Loughborough, however, the gate was spoiled though the Town club being at home. The Cup was on exhibition on the ground, and a collection on behalf of the charity realised 6s 9½d, while the referee Mr. Beale also returned his fee, the total proceeds from this match being 12s 3½d.
The re-played matches in the first round between Hathern and Kegworth, on the formers ground, again drew a large gate, some £3 being taken. Kegworth played some further "dark horses" and there are rumours of a further protest. The defeat of Hathern came as a surprise, and it seems as though they cannot get the better of their neighbours. On Saturday, however they were handicapped through having a "passenger" nearly all the game.
Unless there is a protest , Loughborough Corinthians will play Kegworth in the second round at Loughborough, on January 7th.1*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 15 December 1899*

#12 SHEPSHED TOWN v WHITWICK WHITE CROSS

At Shepshed, Shepshed won the toss, and defended Butt Hold end. The Reds pressed but later Whitwick gained a corner, an rushed the ball through. The Reds played grandly, Moore equalizing amid excitement. Result:

A DRAW – one goal each.

Coalville Times – 8 December 1899

#13 QUORN v LOUGHBOROUGH FORESR ROVERS

Played at Loughborough before a small gate, 10 per cent of the proceeds being devoted to thee Association War Fund. Quorn played the best game all through. Result:

QUORN, three goals;
FOREST ROVERS, one.

Leicester Daily Post – 11 December 1899

#14 RE-PLAYED TIE
WHITWICK WHITE CROSS v SHEPSHED TOWN

These teams met in the re-played tie at Whitwick. At the previous meeting, at Shepshed, the White Cross were severely handicapped by the absence of three of their regular forwards. However, the victory on Saturday was a most decisive one for the White Cross. Shepshed opened strongly, and for the first 20 minutes or so had the best of the game. Then a fine run down enabled Allen to score. Thereafter, with the exception of a few efforts, Shepshed were nowhere. Half -time came with the White Cross leading by four goals to none. Twice Shepshed broke away in the second half, and scored. This woke up the Cross who rapidly put on three more goals, and the game ended in a hollow victory for them by seven gained to two.
Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 25 January 1900

#15-16 LOUGHBORUGH CHARITY CUP
SEM-FINALS ABANDONED

The semi-finals between Barrow and Quorn, at Mountsorrel, and Whitwick White Cross and Hathern at Shepshed, were abandoned through the weather.
Leicester Daily Post – 5 February 1900

#17 BARROW RISING STAR v QUORN HAVELOCK

These teams met on the Castle ground, Mountsorrel. Last year the clubs met in a similar manner, the match ending in a draw, and at the second meeting Quorn proved victorious. The Star were hoping to reverse the verdict, and a keen match was anticipated. Result:

QUORN HAVELOCK, four goals;
BARROW RISING STAR, two goals.

Leicester Daily Post – 26 February 1900

#18 LOUGHBOROUGH CHARITY CUP
SEMI-FINAL
WHITWICK WHITE CROSS v HATHERN

Played on the Nottingham-road Ground, Loughborough. Hathern kicked off, and Thompson soon scored. A return was made to the other end, and Whitwick got off-side goal. Give-and-take play ensued until Middleton equalised. An abortive corner was conceded Whitwick, from which Hathern broke away. White Cross returned, and from a centre from the left wing Allan put his side ahead. Hathern tried hard to draw level, but all their efforts were in vain. Interval: Whitwick, two goals; Hathern, one goal.
Nottingham Evening Post – 24 February 1900

#19 LOUGHBOROUGH CHARITY CUP
FINAL
WHITWICK WHITECROSS v QUORN HAVELOCK

These teams met on the Athletic Grounds. Loughborough before a good crowd, but the attendance was not as large last year, this probably being due to the fact that no Loughborough team was contesting. Quorn Havelock reached the final year and were hoping to carry off the cup again this year. Whitwick, on the other hand, had such an excellent record, that it was felt their chances of success were the best. Quorn were not strongly represented as last year, Davis their centre half, being a noticeable absentee. On the Whitwick aide the goalkeeper was away with a broken leg.

The weather was much too hot for football. Quorn, as last year, lost the toss, and had to face the sun and a light breeze. The Mayor of Loughborough (Councillor T. Mayo) kicked off for Quorn, and despite the atmospherical conditions, the game was spiritedly contested. For ten minutes the game was most evenly balanced. Whitewick's forwards made spirited rushes and after a quarter of hour's play Middleton darted off and opened the scoring for the White Cross. Immediately after Quorn were unfortunate in not equalising. The Cross goalkeeper saved a drooping shoot with difficulty, but a minute later Quorn would certainly have drawn level had not one of their own players got to the way of a capital shot. The White Cross next came down finely, Middleton heading over, and a stoppage was then caused through an injury to Rue. A number of free kicks were given against Whitwick for jumping, from one which Rue just shot wide. Quorn attacked strongly, but the Whitwick defence frustrated their efforts in commendable fashion, the backs kicking sure and clean. The interval came with Quorn attacking, but with the White Cross leading by a goal to none.

Shortly after the resumption Whitwick increased their score, the ball rebounding off the goalkeeper on to Clamp, off whom it went through the goal. The Havelock did not show on very well for some time after this and were certainly playing a losing game. The White Cross half-backs played splendidly; and kept Quorn well at bay for a long period. The game was suspended several times for repairs, but nothing serious occurred. Whitwick's forwards were very smart and gave the Quorn custodian several shots which he dealt with cleverly, one save in particular being brilliant in the extreme. Thornton, who had been urging his side to rally was rewarded with success in the last few minutes, he scored a grand goal. Prior to this he had made two or three worthy, but unsuccessful efforts, and the game ended in a victory for the White Cross by two goals to one.

That the better team won there was not the least doubt, for Whitwick played a more finished game. Their half-backs were the mainstay of the team. Mr Walter Cockain officiated as referee, and Messrs E. Beeby and W. Johnson as linesmen

At the close the players made for the Grand Stand when Dr. Phelps, in introducing the Mayor (Councillor T. Mayo) briefly referred to the match, and remarked that the rev gentleman who was the leading spirit of the Whitwick Club kindly offered the use of his ground at Whitwick to the Loughborough Club when some of them so disgraced themselves as to have their own ground closed The Mayor then presented the handsome cup to Allen, the captain of the White Cross team, and congratulated them on their victory. They were the better team, but he hoped Quorn would not be discouraged, although that was the second time they had fought and lost, cheers having been given, a vote of thanks was accorded his Worship, on the motion of Mr J Paget, seconded by the Rev J W A Mackenzie.
Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham 26 April 1900