



Hinckley Charity Cup 1899-00

Winner: Hinckley Town
Runner-Up: Burbage United
No. of entries: 16

Sixteen teams entered the competition – 7 were based out of the county.

The Charity Association had 498 registered players.

Hinckley Town retained the trophy – beating Burbage United 2-1 in the final.

Round 1

Date	Home			Away	Match Details	
1	30.9.1899	Atherstone Town Storer	1	1	Rugby Athletic Matting	
2	30.9.1899	Burbage United Smith (pen) og Worthington AN Oher	4 (2)	2 (2)	Earl Shilton Victor Price AN Other	Wet conditions.
3	30.9.1899	Coventry Progress	3	1	Stoney Stanton	
4	30.9.1899	Fazeley Swifts	2	2	Earl Shilton Town	Earl Shilton progressed to R2.
5	30.9.1899	Hinckley Town (Holders) Hitchcock (5) Mee Hood Gilchrist (5) Worthington (pen) Beadsworth	14 (7)	0 (0)	Croft	Croft only played with 10 men. Hinckley could and perhaps should have scored 20 goals. The second half was even more one-sided than the first if that was possible.
6	30.9.1899	Ibstock Albion Price	1 (0)	1 (1)	Barwell Swifts Haywood	Poor gate. Mr Ford, President of the Ibstock club kicked off at the advertised time.
7	30.9.1899	Stockingford	0	0	Nuneaton Town	
8	30.9.1899	Tamworth Athletic Haddon Wright (2) Shelton (2) Clapham	6	1	Coalville Town Hodgetts	Coalville's first team played Gresley in the qualifying round of the English Cup and fielded a reserve team

The Round 1 draw was made at the Union Hotel, Hinckley.

Round 1 Replay

Date	Home			Away	Match Details	
9	14.10.1899	Atherstone Town	7	2	Rugby Athletic	Atherstone maintained their unbeaten record this season
10	17.10.1899	Stockingford Moorhouse Ferris (2) AN Other	4 (2)	2 (1)	Nuneaton Town AN Other Adams	
11	28.10.1899	Barwell Swifts	3 (3)	4 (3)	Ibstock Albion	Each side scored three goals in the first half.

Round 2

	Date	Home	Away		Details	
12	11.11.1899	Atherstone Town B Carris Windridge Watkins Storer	4 (1)	0 (0)	Coventry Progress	
13	11.11.1899	Earl Shilton Town	1	2	Hinckley Town	Terrible wind; poor ground.
14	?	Burbage United	W		Ibstock Albion	Score not currently known,
15	23.12.1899	Tamworth Athletic Haddon (2) Wright (2)	4 (2)	0 (0)	Stockingford	Stockingford's first defeat of the season

Semi-Finals

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details	
16	22.1.1900	Hinckley Town Hitchcock Gilchrist (2) Beadsworth	4 (2)	2 (0)	Atherstone Town AN Other	Holywell Ground, Hinckley Very large attendance
17	24.3.1900	Tamworth Athletic	0 (0)	1 (0)	Burbage United Smith (pen)	Holywell Ground, Hinckley.

Final

	Date	Home	Away		Match Details	
18	7.4.1900	Hinckley Town Hitchcock AN Other	2 (1)	1 (0)	Burbage United Smith	Holywell Ground, Hinckley. Extra-time played Mr C H Aldridge kicked off. Game settled in extra time. Medals and the cup presented by Mrs Aldridge.

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

#5 HINCKLEY (HOLDERS) v CROFT

At Hinckley. The game was of a very one-sided character from the commencement. Hinckley showed their superiority and kept up a continual bombardment of the Croft goal during the first half, the visitors never getting beyond the half-way line. At the interval the score read seven to none in favour of Hinckley. In the second half the game was of a similar nature, the final score being:

HINCKLEY, fourteen goals;

CROFT, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 2 October 1899

#6 IBSTOCK ALBION v BARWELL SWIFTS

At Ibstock. Result:

IBSTOCK, one goal;

BARWELL SWIFTS, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 2 October 1899

#10 NUNEATON v STOCKINGFORD

At Nuneaton. The visitors won the toss and within 5 minutes had scored through Moorhouse. Nuneaton equalised soon after from a penalty. Moorhouse gave his side the lead, and before half-time Ferris added another. The keen rivalry between the teams was apparent all through. Stockingford still continued to have

the best of the game in the second half, and Ferris added another goal, Adams scoring one for Nuneaton. Result:

STOCKINGFORD, four goals;
NUNEATON, two goals.

Leicester Daily Post - 13 November 1899

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REPLAYED TIE

#11 BARWELL SWIFTS v IBSTOCK ALBION

At Barwell. The game was of a fast and even character, a score of three goals each being registered in the first half. Resuming, strenuous efforts were made by both teams to obtain the lead, and Ibstock ultimately succeeded in scoring their fourth goal. Result:

IBSTOCK, four goals;
BARWELL, three goals.

Coalville Times - 3 November 1899

#12 ATHERSTONE TOWN v COVENTRY PROGRESS

At Atherstone. B Carris scored for Atherstone, who after the interval, had matters entirely their own way. A second goal was added by Windridge, a third by Watkins and a fourth by Storer. Result:

ATHERSTONE TOWN, four goals
COVENTRY PROGRESS, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 13 November 1899

#12 Atherstone Town walked into the semi-final stage of the Hinckley Cup on Saturday with the greatest of ease by beating Progress to the tune of four goals to love. Progress never looked like winning, and the Adders played as one man. F Carris defended the Town goal with his usual skill and "Joedy", playing centre forward, scored in the second half, and was warmly applauded by the crowd. It is worthy of note that the Adders have not yet suffered defeat.

Midland Counties Tribune - 18 November 1899

#13 HINCKLEY TOWN v EARL SHILTON TOWN

At Earl Shilton. A most even and well-contested game ended:

HINCKLEY, two goals;
EARL SHILTON, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 13 November 1899

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#15 TAMWORTH ATHLETIC v STOCKINGFORD - At Tamworth, on Saturday. The visitors had not previously been beaten this season. At the start play was in favour of the home team, Wright scoring from a good centre by Clapham. Haddon, who played well, put on another for Tamworth. Haddon and Wright both scored again in the second half. Result:

TAMWORTH 4
STOCKINGFORD 0

Lichfield Mercury - 29 December 1899

#16 HINCKLEY COTTAGE HOSPITAL CHARITY CUP

SEMI-FINAL TIE

HINCKLEY TOWN (HOLDERS) v ATHERSTONE TOWN

On the Holywell Ground, Hinckley, these teams met in the semi-final of this competition on Saturday last. The engagement had been looked forward to with keen interest by the supporters of both clubs, and naturally there was a large attendance. Hinckley Town are the holders of the trophy, and it was generally thought that they would prove the victors. Shortly after the advertised time the teams which were almost at full strength lined up under Mr S Bailey, of Leicester. Atherstone won the toss and they had the advantage of the slope. The ball set rolling, it was at once evident that the visitors meant business, and a stiff struggle followed. A capital run by Hinckley was spoilt by a foul, and a corner succeeded for Atherstone. This was well played, and found the net, but the leather was fouled, and the whistle blew before the ball had passed between the posts. Underwood making no attempt to save his charge. Atherstone quarters were next

visited, but progress was impeded by fouls to Brooks and Gilchrist, and the ball was returned to the Hinckley end. A corner was just averted and from the goal kick Hinckley made a dash and got away, a capital shot for goal resulting from the combined play of the half backs and forwards, Saunders, Beadsworth and Mee at this point were showing fine form. A goal seemed almost a certainty, but the Atherstone custodian cleverly cleared, and was loudly cheered. Hinckley for a period continued to press, and Harding, who was in his best form, made a splendid centre, but Atherstone backs played a sound defence and returned. Atherstone again got away, but Whitehead, with one of his huge kicks, relieved, but Beadsworth failed to avail himself of a good chance. Following a foul against Atherstone, pretty combined play resulted in Hinckley opening the score, twenty minutes from the start. The ball was cleverly manoeuvred up the field by Saunders, Beadsworth and Hitchcock. When close to goal Saunders sent to Beadsworth, who passed to Hitchcock and the latter, with a fine shot beat the visitors goalkeeper. This reverse woke up the visitors, and they attacked with vigour, and were rewarded with the equalising goal a minute or so later. Then followed a good try by Beadsworth, who cleverly headed from a corner, and was within an ace of scoring. Another corner was given against Atherstone and Gilchrist beat the visitor's custodian rather unexpectedly. Nothing further occurred up to the interval, Hinckley at half-time, leading by two goals to one.

On the restart, the game commenced fast. The leather travelled from one end of the field to the other, when from a very pretty run by the visitor's forwards, Underwood was beaten and Atherstone had again drawn level. Hinckley had begun to press, and showed the better combination. A good run resulted in Hinckley again finding the net, but the point was disallowed. However, not to be denied, Hinckley forged ahead, and Saunders sending over to Beadsworth that player registered the third point. On returning to e attack, Atherstone cleared at the expense of a corner. The visitors however, then had a look in, but the house backs were reliable, and the forwards getting possession, Mee passed out Gilchrist, for the latter score the fourth goal. The remainder of the play was of an interesting character, and nothing further occurred the result at the call of time being

HINCKLEY, four goals;

ATHERSTONE, two goals.

Leicester Daily Post - 29 January 1899

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SEMI-FINAL.

BURBAGE v. TAMWORTH ATHLETIC.

The last semi-final tie of this competition was played on the Holywell ground on Saturday last. Both teams were at full strength, and a fair number of spectators witnessed the encounter. Burbage won the toss and chose to kick towards the workhouse end with the wind in their favour. From the kick-off Lucas at once made towards the Tamworth goal, but Thompson cleared and mid-field play was the order for a time. Harper made a capital run but a free-kick brought relief to Burbage. Tamworth then got away but Warren easily cleared, whilst at the other end Toone shot wide. Play was now of an even character nothing of any importance being done up to the interval, which arrived with

NO SCORE.

Immediately after the re-start Tamworth got away, but a strong kick by Hewitt averted danger. Smith secured and passing out to Lucas that player shot wide. Tamworth then attacked sharply for a few minutes and but for several smart saves by Taylor they must have scored. Burbage were again seen to advantage, but selfish play on the part of Toone spoilt a good opening. From a throw-in Tamworth right then got away and centred finely, but Warren cleared. Lucas obtained and put the leather into the centre, and Worthington made a splendid run but his final shot went wide. After a spell of midfield play Burbage again got away, the Tamworth left-back handling the leather within the 12-yards line. A penalty was awarded Burbage, and Smith scored with a good shot. Result:—

Burbage United	1
Tamworth Athletic.....	0

FOOTBALL.

HINCKLEY CHARITY CUP.

FINAL.

HINCKLEY v. BURBAGE UNITED.

The fight for possession of the above trophy took place on the Holy Well Ground on Saturday. The day was fine, and a big crowd lined the ropes, supporters of the United being present in good numbers. Amongst those present on the stand were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Aldridge, the former to perform the ceremony of kicking-off, and the latter to present the cup and medals. The wait before the start was enlivened by the Town Band, and shortly after the advertised time Burbage entered the field, looking very neat in their white shirts. The Town followed soon after, and the players faced each other as follows:—

Hinckley—Goal, Underwood; backs, Whitehead and Worthington; half-backs, Brooks, Baxter and Harding; forwards, Mee, Hitchcock (right), Beadsworth (centre), Gilchrist and Sanders (left).

Burbage—Goal, Taylor; backs, Hewitt and Warren; half-backs, Knight, Wheelock and Nicholls; forwards, Worthington, Wood, Marshall, Smith and Lucas.

Referee, Mr. J. E. Carpenter.

Lucas won the toss for Burbage, and set the Town to face a rather sharp breeze which was blowing up the ground. Mr. Aldridge set the ball rolling, and Hinckley soon reached the lower goal, but Hewitt repulsed an attack by the left wing. Lucas got away on the Burbage right, and from his centre Worthington conceded a corner, this being cleared by Baxter. Even play was the order for a time, both goals being visited. Warren robbed Beadsworth and Gilchrist in good style, and then Taylor saved a smart shot from Hitchcock. Marshall opened out nicely to the right

wing, but Harding sent back to the lower goal, where a corner was forced. This was well placed and the goal had a narrow escape from the scrimmage. Almost immediately after, however, the ball was lifted into the goal, and Hitchcock, getting past Hewitt, scored the first point in very soft fashion. The Town returned to the attack, and Hewitt saved twice in quick succession, Gilchrist next dropping the leather on the top of the net. Then Burbage took up the running, Lucas and Marshall carrying play into Hinckley territory, but Nicholls shot wide. Marshall, who was playing an excellent game, worked an opening for the left wing, but Wood's shot went by the post. The home left wing transferred, and during the ensuing attack on the United goal, Wheelock, Knight and Warren did splendid work, while Taylor effected several smart saves. Good play between Beadsworth and Gilchrist ended in a goal, but a doubtful decision of offside nullified the point. Brooks and Whitehead were prominent on the Hinckley side, and then Mee contributed good work. There was nothing further of importance before the interval, when the score was

Hinckley Town	1
Burbage United	0

The second half opened quietly, the first item of interest being a fine shot by Baxter, and in dealing with this Taylor excelled himself. Lucas ran down and centred, but Underwood reached the ball before any of the other forwards could get up. Hitchcock shot across at the other end, but the custodian brought off another good save, and then the Town forced a corner. From this Worthington (Burbage) broke away, and a smart run was followed by a good centre. A rush was made for the goal, but Underwood cleared and then Smith shot by. Baxter sent out to Mee, and the winger raced by Hewitt in fine style, but Nicholls ran across and cleared his centre. For the next quarter of an hour Burbage played up smartly, and they had much the best of the game. Marshall worked hard and well in the centre, and he frequently opened out to his wings in good style. Lucas forced a corner, and from this Wheelock put in a fine shot at close quarters which Harding headed away. Underwood saved from Lucas, and

Smith got down, and Underwood saved finely from Marshall. A scrimmage took place soon after in the Hinckley goal, and following some sharp play, Smith headed by Underwood and the scores were level. Hinckley played up a bit after this, but time arrived with the score :

ONE GOAL EACH.

After a consultation among the officials, it was decided to play extra time. Hinckley set to work in earnest upon resuming, and strong pressure was applied. At the end of five minutes Sanders put across the goal, and Mee shot fast along the ground towards the net, Beadsworth putting the finishing touch to a good bit of work which again gave Hinckley the lead. During the remainder of the play Burbage tried hard to penetrate the home defence, but in vain. Hitchcock scored again for the Town, but the point was disallowed, and the final score was

Hinckley Town.....	2
Burbage United.....	1

Immediately the match was finished the crowd set up a hearty cheer and then rushed from all directions of the ground to the centre of the grand stand, where Mrs. Aldridge was waiting to present the cup to the captain of the victorious team and medals to all the combatants. There was a short difficulty to restrain the cheers of the crowd and obtain order, but eventually Mr. Aldridge, who accompanied his wife, expressed the pleasure in which he had been invited to partake by the committee. That pleasure was of two kinds, first of all his wife and himself were ever ready and glad to do anything to help the hospital, and secondly they had been delighted to find such a closely contested match. When he kicked off he had not expected to find Burbage could play such a good game as they had shown, and credit was certainly due to them for their capital display. If special commendation was due anywhere it should go to the Burbage goalkeeper—(cheers)—but they had all played well, and the game had proved to be a very good and very fair match. (Applause.)—Whitehead, the Hinckley captain, then received the Cup from Mrs. Aldridge, who smiled approvingly and informed him she was sure the club

deserved to have won it. He could not reply for the outburst of cheering which arose as soon as the trophy was handed over, and which was repeated as each member of both teams came forward to receive his medal. As soon as he had an opportunity of expressing his thanks, however, Whitehead did so. He was proud to receive the Cup and was glad their opponents had played them such a good game. Burbage had played splendidly throughout the season, but he had not expected they would play so well as they had done that afternoon. Anyway they had succeeded in beating Burbage, and he was very glad they had got the Cup. They were now going to win the Leicestershire League Championship—(cheers)—and the Leicestershire Senior Cup.—On the motion of Mr. J. Mason, seconded by M. J. Pratt, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge for their attendance and services. Mr. Aldridge briefly replied, and stated there was a medal due to one of the regular cup team of Burbage which had not been presented. Mr. Toone was at present in the hospital and he asked the matron to convey the decoration to him.—The proceedings terminated amid renewed cheering.