

LFA Leicestershire Junior Challenge Cup 1892-93

Winner: Castle Donington
Runner-Up: Leicester Excelsior
No. of entries: 23

First round ties had to be played on or before 26 November; second round 17 December and third round 21 January.

The popular captain and centre-forward of the Hemington broke his leg in the semi-final clash with Castle Donington. There was no doubt that have been a different outcome to the game, which only ended in favour of Castle Donington by the bare margin of one to none, if Hemington had kept 11 players on the field. Much sympathy was felt with the Hemington team, for this was the second season that misfortune has dogged their steps in the struggle for the Junior Cup, as getting into the final last season against Shepshed Town, Brewin was seriously hurt in the opening stages of the game and was not able to take any further part in the match.

Castle Donington overcame Leicester Excelsior in the final staged at Kegworth win the Junior Cup for the first time.

Round 1

Division 1

	Date	Home			Away	Details
1	26.11.1892	Barrow Rising Star	3	1	Loughborough Park	Played at Barrow. Loughborough fielded a weakened team.
2	26.11.1892	Loughborough Town Rovers		W	Hemington United	
3	26.11.1892	Quorn Havelock Reserve		W	Castle Donington	
4	26.11.1892	Sileby Rangers Jos Yates (2)	4 (2)	0 (0)	Melton Town	

Division 2

	Date	Home			Away	Details
5	26.11.1892	Coalville Albion AN Other	1 (0)	3 (1)	Kegworth Town Clarke AN Others	Played at Coalville. The ground was in very bad condition.
6	26.11.1892	Coalville Town Swifts	W		Gresley Rovers	
7	26.11.1892	Kegworth St Andrew's	3	2	Coalville East End	

Shepshed Rovers, a bye.

Division 3

	Date	Home			Away	Details
8	26.11.1892	Belgrave St Michael's Rowland Baxter AN Others	5 (3)	1 (0)	Staynes & Smith AN Other	Belgrave Ground, Leicester.
9	26.11.1892	Hinckley Town	P	P	South Wigston	The Wigston team did not arrive until 3.30 when the ground appeared unfit for play, and it was decided not to play the Cup match. A friendly was played which ended 1-1.
10	26.11.1892	Leicester Excelsior Crossley	3 (2)	3 (3)	Earl Shilton Excelsior AN Others	The Pasture, Leicester.

		Veazey Tyldesley			Smith	
11	12.11.1892	Leicester Victor Blore Shaw	2 (1)	1 (1)	Earl Shilton Town Foster	Victoria Park, Leicester. Heavy ground. Foster equalised for Earl Shilton in the first half with a low shot, the goal-keeper slipping when attempting to reach the ball.

Round 1 Replay

Date	Home	Away			Details	
12	3.12.1892	Leicester Excelsior Freer (2) AN Other	3	2	Earl Shilton Excelsior AN Others	Played at South Wigston. Ground was in bad condition.
13	3.12.1892	Belgrave St Michael's Curtis Gingell AN Other Curtis	4 (3)	0 (0)	Staynes & Smith	
14	3.12.1892	Hinckley Town Aucott (2)	2	1	South Wigston AN Other	Holywell Ground, Hinckley.

Round 2

Date	Home	Away			Details	
15	17.12.1892	Barrow Rising Star	1 (0)	4 (3)	Castle Donington	Played at Barrow. 600 spectators
16	17.12.1892	Belgrave St Michael's	1 (0)	1 (0)	Leicester Excelsior	Played at Belgrave.
17	17.12.1892	Coalville Town Swifts	0	1	Earl Shilton	
18	10.12.1892	Hemington United	4	0	Sileby Rangers	
19	17.12.1892	Kegworth Town	6	0	Shepshed Rovers	
20	17.12.1892	Victor Shenstone Shaw	2 (1)	1 (0)	Hinckley Town AN Other	Victoria Park, Leicester. Shenstone ran the whole length of the field to score the first goal.

Round 2 Replay

Date	Home	Away			Details	
21	24.12.1893	Belgrave St Michael's	1 (0)	3 (2)	Leicester Excelsior Fenning Mawby Tyldesley	At Belgrave.

Round 3

Date	Home	Away			Details	
22	21.1.1893	Castle Donington	2 (1)	0 (0)	Kegworth St Andrew's	Good gate. Caste Donington wore chocolate and blue shirts. The Dons had a second half goal disallowed for offside.
23	21.1.1893	Victor Shenstone	1 (0)	8 (5)	Kegworth Town AN Others	Victoria Park, Leicester.

Hemington United and Leicester Excelsior, byes

Semi-Finals

Date	Home	Away			Details	
24	4.2.1893	Leicester Excelsior	4	3	Kegworth Town	Played at Hemmington.
25	18.2.1893	Castle Donington	1	0	Hemington United	Town Ground, Kegworth.

						Hemington captain and centre-forward broke his leg.
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Final

Date	Home			Away	Details
26	11.3.1893	Leicester Excelsior	0 (0)	3 (3)	Castle Donington Played at Kegworth. Referee: Mr T.S. Ashmole

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

#4 SILEBY v MELTON

At Sileby. Result:

SILEBY, four goals;

MELTON, nil.

Leicester Daily Post – 28 November 1892

#5 and #7 KEGWORTH

FOOTBALL – Both St Andrew's and the Town Clubs were fortunate in winning the second round in the Junior Cup, St Andrew's scoring four goals to Coalville Town one, and Kegworth Town six to Shepshed nil.

Leicester Chronicle – 24 December 1892

#7 KEGWORTH ST ANDREW'S v COALVILLE EAST END

At Kegworth. Result:

KEGWORTH, three goals;

COALVILLE, two goals.

Leicester Daily Post – 28 November 1892

#10 LEICESTER EXCELSIOR v EARL SHILTON EXCELSIOR

On the Pasture. Price kicked off and Pears returned. L. Brown took the ball towards the home goal, but Clarke relieved. Veazey then took it down, but shot over. By dint of good passing the ball was again taken towards the home goal, and Pick shot wide, Leicester paid a visit to the Shilton goal, but Brown cleared. The same forward by good combination got up, and Crossley scored the first goal. Two minutes later Veazey kicked another fine goal off Leicester's right wing. Shilton then scored from a scrimmage in front of goal. Mid-field played ensued till a "free" close in front of goal gave Leicester a chance, but the ball went through without touching a player. A corner then fell to Leicester, but was unproductive, Lawrence fisting out. Another "free" against Shilton was cleared by the same custodian in good style. Shilton raced away and equalised by Smith. Leicester's forwards then showed some pretty combination, and caused the opposing backs a lot of trouble, but Simpson shot wide. A "free" for Shilton in front of Leicester's goal was cleared, but from the rebound Shilton scored. They still gave the home team some work to do, but their shooting was very erratic, and half-time arrived with the score: Earl Shilton, three goals; Leicester, two. Tyldesley re-started, and Excelsior at once pressed, sending in several hot shots, but Lawrence was very safe. A corner was forced by them but Stanley kicked behind. Shilton got up, but Horman kicked away. The ball was afterwards put through by Shilton, but it was palpably off-side, and the referee disallowed the point. Tyldesley raced away, but shot over. Corners fell to Shilton in quick succession, but they were all cleared. A pretty bout of passing by the Leicester forwards was now seen, a corner resulting. Pears took the place, but it was cleared. Excelsior still kept up the pressure, Tyldesley shooting wide. "Hands" in front of goal looked dangerous, but Parnell kicked out. Shilton retaliated, but the shot went wide, Parnell, who had now gone among the half-backs, made the game still faster, and the visitors' goal was a scene of continued bombardment, a good bit of passing between Crossley and Veazey on the right being loudly applauded. The last named player afterwards sent in a beautiful centre, and Tyldesley "did the needful". The game now became more exciting, partisans of both clubs shouting on their teams to gain the winning point, but though the Excelsior had the best of the game, nothing further resulted, the game ending in

A DRAW

Players:- Leicester Excelsior: J. Norman, goal; Parnell and Clark, backs; Burton, Pears and Stanley, half-backs; Veazey, Crossley, Tyldesley, Simpson and Free, forwards. Earl Shilton: Lawrence, goal; J. Brown, and Garner, backs; Faulks, Almey and Worthington, half-backs; L. Brown, W Garton, A. Price, W. Smith and T. Price, forwards.

Leicester Daily Post – 28 November 1892

#11 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

VICTOR v EARL SHILTON

This cup match was played on the Victoria Park, the ground being rather soft and heavy. The game was a good one throughout, the teams appearing to be evenly matched. In the first half the play was mostly in the Victors half, Shilton having the slight slope in their favour. They did not however, make the best of their advantage, and good chances were lost. In the second half play was very even.

Shilton won the toss, and the Victor kicked off. The ball was rushed down the field by the Shilton forwards, but the kick just missed the posts. From the kick-off the ball was again taken down the field twice in quick succession, and the Victor goal had two narrow escapes. The first time the ball struck one of the uprights and the second occasion the goalkeeper deserted his charge, but failed to reach the ball, which missed the goal by the narrowest shave. Most of the play then was in the Victors' half but about a quarter of an hour after the start the Victor forwards broke away, and rushed the ball up the field. Blore sent in a low shot, which Shilton xxx xxx allowing the ball to go through his legs. Thus the Victor drew "first blood" although the Shilton team were having much the best of the play. Re-starting give-and-take play followed for some time until the visitors took the ball down, but though Shenston cleared in fine style the Shilton men would not be denied, and the ball was again brought down, Foster equalising with a rather low shot, the goal-keeper slipping down in attempting to reach the ball. From the kick-off Victor took the ball down, passing the backs, but they delayed too long in shooting, thus giving Taylor time to reach them and get the ball away. No other score was made up to half-time, when the game stood one goal each. Re-starting play, ruled very even. Some hot scrimmaging was seen in front of the Shilton gal, but Shensone spoilt this by kicking over. Pegg was then called upon to save, which he did in fine style. The game was then stopped for Alexander, who had a nasty kick in the chest, but after a short time he was able to resume. A visit was then aid to the Victor goal, Hammond clearing his charge at the cost of a corner, from which nothing resulted. one of the Shilton forwards put the ball right in the goal mouth, but the goalkeeper right in the goal mouth, but the goalkeeper cleared, and the ball was taken down the field, where the Victor were penalised for 'off side'. Lovell being the offender, and a minute later another 'free' was granted to Shilton, this time for 'hands'. Each end of the field was visited in turn and play became very fast and exciting in the probability of the game ending in a draw. The Victor forwards took the ball down but the goal-keeper cleared by the concession of a corner. A minute later A. Shenston sent in a splendid shot from the left wing, and the goal-keeper was kicking the ball up, when he was rushed through by Shaw, Victor thus scoring their second goal. Shilton now woke up, and played their best, showing some fine combination, several shots being sent in, but they all went wide. By a good dribble by Cotterill, the ball was taken down the field, but a corner only resulted. Shenston kicked over a minute later when having the goal at his mercy, Pegg having left his charge. The match was finished in semi-darkness, and no further score was made. Result:

VICTOR, two goals

EARL SHILTON, one.

Teams: Victor: Goal, Hammond; backs, Cooper and W. C. Shenston; half-backs, Hill, Alexander, and Carter; forwards, Shaw, Cotterill, Blore, and A. Shenstone, and A. Lovell.

Earl Shilton: Goal, Pegg; backs, J Taylor and King; half-backs, Bowler, Reynolds and Marvin; forwards, Pickering, Wileman, Taylor, Simpson and Foster.

#12 EARL SHILTON

FOOTBALL – On Saturday the Excelsior F.C. were beaten out of the Junior Cup by the Leicester Excelsior, at Wigston, the result being:- Leicester, three goals; Shilton, two goals. The same afternoon a match was played at Shilton between the Excelsior Reserves and Sapcote. A good game was witnessed, and eventually the home players were victorious by one goal to nil.

Leicester Chronicle – 10 December 1892

#13 BELGRAVE ST MICHAEL'S v STAYNES AND SMITH'S

Belgrave won the toss and Staynes started the ball. Belgrave at once pressed, and the Saints scored five minutes from the start from the foot of Curti. The Saints played a grand passing game, and from a corner Gingell scored. The Saints set to work, and playing a cool game made rings round their opponents. At half-time the game was – Sants, three goals, Staynes, none. The second half was more evenly contested, until about fifteen minutes from time, when Curtis scored a grand goal, this finishing the scoring. Struthers for the Saints played a grand game, making some fine runs on the left wing. Result:

ST MICHAEL'S, four goals.

STAYNES AND SMITH, nil.

Leicester Daily Post – 5 December 1892

#14 Hinckley v Wigston

Played on the Holywell Ground, Hinckley, on Saturday. Wigston pressed at the start, and scored after three minutes' play. Play during the remainder of the half was even, but after changing over, when the town had the advantage of the wind and ground, the ball was kept in the Wigston quarters almost entirely, and Hinckley scored twice by Aucott and Spencer. Result:—

Hinckley, 2

Wigston, 1

Nuneaton Observer – 9 December 1892

#15 CASTLE DONINGTON v BARROW RISING STAR

Played at Barrow, before 600 spectators. The game proved fast throughout, and afforded much interest to the spectators. The "Dons" scored three goals in the first half. After the interval the "Stars" played up well, and eventually scored. A pleasant game ended:

DONINGTON, four goals;

BARROW, one.

Leicester Daily Post – 19 December 1892

#16 BELGRAVE ST MICHAEL'S v EXCELSIOR

Played at Belgrave. At half-time neither side had scored. On restarting the Excelsior worked very energetically, and Tiddesley scored. From a rush the St Michael's drew level, and again pressed, but Clarke relieved, and the visitors had hard lines. Result:

ST MICHAEL'S, one goal;

EXCELSIOR, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post – 19 December 1892

#17 COALVILLE TOWN v EARL SHILTON

At Coalville. Result:

EARL SHILTON one goal;

COALVILLE, nil.

Leicester Daily Post – 19 December 1892

#18 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CUP

HEMINGTON v SILEBY

At Hemington. Result:

HEMINGTON, 4 goals;

SILEBY, none.

Leicester Daily Post – 12 December 1892

#19 KEGWORTH

FOOTBALL – Shepshed, the Leicestershire Junior Cup winners of last year, paid a visit to the Town ground, Kegworth, last Saturday. The Town were not well represented, and the visitors at once pressed. The interval arrived with the score: Shepshed two; Town, none. On resuming Mellors was conspicuous for good play, but the visitors proved too strong, and, adding four more goals, won by six goals to none.

Leicester Chronicle – 7 January 1893

#21 REPLAYED TIE

EXCELSIOR v BELGRAVE ST MICHAEL'S

At Belgrave. Excelsior winning the toss, played against the wind, but had the best of the play. Fenning scoring with a good shot, after splendid combination by the Excelsior. Having all the play the visitors scored again by Mawby. Half-time: Excelsior, two goals; Belgrave, nil. In the second half, although playing against the wind and slope, the Excelsior had all the play, scoring again by Tyldesley. Result:

EXCELSIOR, three goals;

BELGRAVE, nil.

Leicester Daily Post - 26 December 1892

#23 VICTOR v KEGWORTH TOWN

Played on the Victoria Park. Kegworth won the toss, and kicked off with the wind greatly in their favour, the visitors had the best of the game throughout. In the first half they scored four ties, the homesters never getting a look-in. On changing ends, matters did not improve greatly for the Victor, for their opponents again scored rapidly, landing four more goals. Just on the call of time W. Shenstone scored for the Victor. Result:

KEGWORTH, eight goals;

VICTOR, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 23 January 1893

#24 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP

SEMI-FINAL

LEICESTER EXCELSIOR v KEGWORTH TOWN

At Hemington, a very fast and exciting match, ending:

EXCELSIOR., four goals;

KEGWORTH, three goals.

Leicester Daily Post - 6 February 1893

#24 FOOTBALL - In connection with the Leicestershire Junior Cup Kegworth St Andrew's met Castle Donington on their ground last Saturday. The visitors, winning the toss, commenced to press, taking two corners. Play remained in the home quarters, Kegworth having the wind, and they made the best of a bad ground. From a break away the Donington team scored the first goal, the score remaining the same at half time. Upon resuming, Donington scored an offside goal, later on scoring a second. Result: Caste Donington, two; St Andrew's, none.

Leicester Chronicle -8 January 1893

#24 LEICESTER EXCELSIOR v KEGWORTH TOWN

At Hemington, a very fast and exciting match ending:-

EXCLESIOR, four goals;

KEGWORTH, three goals.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 9 February 1893

#25 KEGWORTH

The match in the semi-final on the Town Ground last Saturday was the best seen this season, and but for the unfortunate accident which happened to the popular captain and centre-forward of the Hemington team, there would, no doubt, have been a different termination to the game, which only ended in favour of Castle Donington by the bare margin of one to none.

Much sympathy is felt with the Hemington team, for this is the second season that misfortune has dogged their steps in the struggle for the Junior Cup, as getting into the final las season against Shepshed Town, Brewin was seriously hurt in the opening stages of the game and was not able to take any further part in the match.

Nottingham Evening Post - 4 March 1893

#26 LEICESTERSHIRE JUNIOR TIE

FINAL TIE

LEICESTER EXCELSIOR v CASTLE DONINGTON

At Kegworth. Donington won the toss, the Excelsior kicking off against a strong wind. The Donington forwards playing a pretty passing game, and scored three goals in the first half. The Excelsior with the wind at their backs, had the best of the second half, but could not score owing to the strong defence of the Donington backs. The game ended:

DONINGTON, three goals;

EXCELSIOR, nil.

Leicester Daily Post - 13 March 1893