



Bass Charity Vase 1897-98

Winner: Burton Swifts
Runner-Up: Burton Wanderers
No. of entries: 4

Cup holders Liverpool declined to enter except on condition that they were awarded a bye into the final – which the Bass Charity Cup committee refused.

The Fosse were eliminated yet again in the first round (semi-finals).

Burton Swifts won the Vase beating Burton Wanderers 2-0 in the final.

Semi-Finals

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	13.4.1898	Burton Wanderers Cotton	1	1	Leicester Fosse Watkins	
2	30.3.1898	Burton Swifts Capes Fisher (2) Hamilton	4	3	Walsall AN Others	Exciting match. Walsall came back from 3-0 down to draw level before Fisher scored the winner for the Swifts "just on time."

Semi-Finals Replay

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3	20.4.1898	Burton Wanderers Dyke	1 (1)	0 (0)	Leicester Fosse	2,000 spectators

Final

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
4	27.4.1898	Burton Wanderers	0	2	Burton Swifts Halton Hamilton	5,000 spectators

Match Reports

#1 BURTON WANDERERS v. LEICESTER FOSSE. At Burton last, night, before 2.000 spectators. The first half was of a fairly even nature. King netted the ball for Burton, but the point was disallowed owing to the custodian having been impeded. On resuming Watkins scored for Leicester with long shot, which Taft ought have stopped. Five minutes from the close Salt allowed himself to be charged with the ball in his possession, with the result that Cotton equalised. Result:

Burton Wanderers 1 goal.
 Leicester Fosse 1 goal.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph 14 April 1898

#2 BASS CHARITY CUP – In the semi-final tie at Burton yesterday the Burton Swifts beat Walsall by four goals to three. It was an exciting match, which was won in the last minute of play.

Morning Post – 31 March 1898

#3 BASS CHARITY CUP BURTON WANDERERS v LEICESTER FOSSE

Result: - Wanderers, one goal, to Fosse none. Played at Burton, before two thousand spectators, in beautiful weather. The game was well contested throughout, nothing being registered in the first half., but in the

second the Wanderers had much the best of the play, and Dyke scored the only goals of the match. Saer and Taft kept goals splendidly, while Sellers was the means of the Wanderers goal.

Leeds Mercury - 21 April 1898

#4 BASS CHARITY CUP FINAL

BURTON SWIFTS v BURTON WANDERERS

There were 5,000 spectators to witness the deciding tie for this trophy at Burton yesterday. The Wanderers played up well and held their own until ten minutes from the interval, when Halton opened the Swifts' account. Nothing further was scored until the second half was well advanced, when Hamilton put on another for the Swifts. who won by two goals to none.

London Evening Standard - 28 April 1898

Additional Information

**DON'T FORGET THE
SECOND SEMI-FINAL
FOR THE
BASS CHARITY CUP.**

**LEICESTER FOSSE
v.
BURTON WANDERERS,**

**PEEL CROFT, BURTON, WEDNESDAY
NEXT, APRIL 13TH.**

**Councillor G. L. BLACKHALL will Kick-off at
5-15 p.m. prompt.**

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Woodville, &c.**

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**REMEMBER THE FINAL on April 20th,
Burton Swifts v. Leicester Fosse or
Burton Wanderers.**

Burton Chronicle - 7 April 1898