



Bass Charity Vase 1898-99

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

Yet again the two Burton clubs were drawn together in this competition, but on this occasion at the semi-final stage. After a goal-less draw at Peel Croft, they repeated the performance at Derby Turn two days later. The committees of Burton Swifts and Burton Wanderers met and concluded that it would be unfair to the players – which ever team won – to play on three consecutive days, as the Final was fixed for 26th April. The Wanderers very generously agreed that the Swifts, being the holders of the trophy, should go into the final. The Swift and Wanderers further agreed to equally divide the Swifts' portion of the "gate" from the final.

Leicester Fosse scored in the final few minutes to clinch a draw at Filbert-street against First Division Nottingham Forest in the other semi-final tie.

Forest dominated the replay, trouncing the Fosse 7-1 and went on to win the Cup beating Burton Swifts 2-1 in front of 2,000 spectators at Peel Croft.

Semi-Finals

#	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
1	22.4.1899	Burton Wanderers	0	0	Burton Swifts Peel Croft, Burton.
2	6.4.1899	Leicester Fosse McMillan	1 (0)	1 (0)	Notts Forest Spouncer Filbert Street, Leicester Thursday afternoon Miserable weather, heavy rain. Poor gate. Fosse had a goal disallowed; but equalised 5 mins from time.

Semi-Final- Replays

#	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
3	24.4.1899	Burton Swifts	0 (0)	0 (0)	Burton Wanderers Derby Turn ground. Extra time was played – but game ended after 12 mins had elapsed as it was too dark to play.
4	17.4.1899	Leicester Fosse Coulson	1	7	Notts Forest Spouncer (2) Forman (2) Forman (2) Peel Croft, Burton.

Final

#	Date	Home	Away		Match Details
5	26.4.1899	Burton Swifts Knibbs	1 (0)	2 (2)	Notts Forest Capes (2) Peel Croft, Burton. 2,000 spectators.

Match Reports

#1

BASS CHARITY CUP---SEMI-FINAL

BURTON SWIFTS v. BURTON WANDERERS.

Having secured a change of date for the match with Port Vale, the Swifts played their local rivals in the Bass competition on the Croft before a capital attendance. Neither side scored in the first half, and in the second half play, although exciting at times, was barren so far as goals were concerned, the Swifts throwing away any number of chances. Result:—

Swifts	0
Wanderers	0

Football News (Nottingham) - Saturday 22 April 1899

**#2 BASS CHARITY CUP
SEMI-FINAL
LEICESTER FOSSE v NOTTS FOREST**

At Leicester yesterday, in heavy rain, and with the ground in slippery condition. The Forest had most of the game in the first half, but Beardsley saved well and the interval arrived with no score. Spouncer put through for the Forest directly after resuming, and Eaton equalised ten minutes from the finish. Result:

Leicester Fosse 1 goal

Notts Forest 1 goal

Sheffield Daily Telegraph -7 April 1899

BASS CHARITY CUP.**Swifts v. Wanderers.****A POOR GAME DRAWN.**

Everything in the local football world gave place on Saturday before the interest centred in the meeting of the Swifts and Wanderers at Peel Croft in the semi-final of the Bass Charity Vase Competition. The two clubs have met many a time and oft, and dating back a long period in the history of the two combinations, it was discernible that the Wanderers have, on the whole, had slightly the best of matters. Last year the Swifts beat the Wanderers in the final of this competition by two goals to none. Further back still, in fact when both teams were in the Second League, the Swifts beat the Wanderers by two goals to none in the final qualifying round of the English Cup Competition. Then in the League, the Swifts were victorious on the Derby Turf enclosure by two goals to none, while in the return match at Peel Croft the Wanderers turned the tables on the Swallows and romped out winners of a grand game by two goals to none. Then, in addition, the Wanderers beat the Swifts by four to none in the Birmingham Cup Competition. Both teams have met adversity, which at times has set in strongly against them, but in view of the possible—nay, probable—amalgamation of the two clubs, the match under notice assumed abnormal interest and importance in the eyes of all lovers of football in Burton and neighbourhood. The following were the teams:—

Swifts.—Goal, Joyce; backs, Kirkland and Lowe; half-backs, Holmes, Mainman, and Campbell; forwards, Hamilton, Warren, Waterson, Griffith, and Lavery.

Wanderers.—Goal, Tuft; backs, Evans and Haywood; half-backs, Wain, Goodwin, and Wildin; forwards, Parkes, Appleby, Cooper, Cotton, and Bladon.

Referee.—Mr. G. Jones, Leicester.

THE GAME.

Prior to entering the arena both teams were photographed. The Wanderers were first on the ground, receiving a good reception, and the Swifts on entering were heartily cheered.

The game was of a poor character throughout, and nervousness alone spoiled many excellent chances. Both teams played up, but without cohesion, and though many exciting pieces of play all but lowered the respective goals, time was called without any scoring having taken place. It was decided to replay the match on Monday.

REPLAYED SEMI-FINAL.

WANDERERS V. SWIFTS.

The re-played semi-final tie between the Wanderers and Swifts, in the semi-final round of the Bass Charity Vase competition, took place on Monday on the Derby Turn ground. The following were the teams.

Swifts.—Goal, Joyce; backs, Kirkland and Lowe; half-backs, Holmes, Mainman, and Campbell; forwards, Hamilton, Warren, Waterson, Griffith, and Lavery.

Wanderers.—Goal, Taft; backs, Evans and Haywood; half-backs, Wain, Goodwin, and Wildin; forwards, Parkes, Trowbridge, Appleby, Cotton, and Bladon.

Both teams entered simultaneously, and indulged in the customary preliminary canter. The referee lined them in position, and Captain Campbell, winning the toss, set the Wanderers to play up-hill against a fairly distinguishable breeze. Appleby starting the ball rolling in a dual sense, and the home side were the first to assume the aggressive. Campbell returned, and from a free kick Mainman planted the ball in a good position. Lavery tried a shot, but Evans was too good. The home right attacked hotly, and it was only by a vigorous rush by Kirkland that danger was averted. Haywood and Goodwin discharged their defensive duties very efficiently at the bottom end. Again the Swifts got away, but Hamilton could not get round Haywood, and Waterson was easily taken care of by Goodwin. Loose play followed. Hamilton was ruled offside. Waterson had hard luck with a straight shot, which missed by a very few inches. Lavery, in attempting to centre, missed his kick, and the ball rolled harmlessly over the

line. The Wanderers were easily holding their own, and Cotton made a magnificent run, passing well out to Bladon, who, to everybody's consternation, was ruled offside. This palpably was a mistake. It was only with the utmost difficulty that the Swifts kept the Wanderers out. Joyce had an anxious time of it. Although they were kicking downhill, the Swifts were being decidedly worsted. At last an opportunity presented itself to them. Griffiths broke through, and sent out to Lavery, who centred sharply. Waterson retained the ball, but too hurriedly took the kick, with the result that the ball went soaring over the crossbar. Cotton again got in, but his shot was somewhat erratic. The Wanderers constantly swarmed round the Swifts' goal, and had Joyce been any less expert its downfall would have been certain. Joyce was compelled to negotiate a stormer from Appleby, a similar shot at the other end of the ground from Campbell being wild and wide. Parkes beat Lowe and Campbell, but instead of making a bee line for goal, scorched into the corner. The Swifts now changed their tactics, and indulged in long pot shots. As half-time approached, the Swifts pressed hotly, but they had only themselves to blame that they did not score. The ball was near the Swifts goal when half-time was called with the score—

WANDERERS	0
SWIFTS	0

On changing ends the Swifts went in for long passing, but this was of little avail. A mis-kick by Lowe gave the Wanderers their best chance of the match. This, however, was neglected, and the effort failed. Campbell hit the crossbar with a long shot. Cotton had a glorious opportunity, and shot hard into Joyce's hands. A fine centre

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from Cotton was missed by Parkes right under the bar. Wildin hit the bar, and again the goal had a very narrow escape. A foul close in goal caused huge excitement which was only terminated by Trowbridge shooting over. Hamilton shot up the field. When within shooting distance he was promptly grassed, and it was evident that he was badly hurt, and he was taken from the field. Warren had previously left, and this left the Swifts with only nine men. Time was called with the score:—

WANDERERS 0
 SWIFTS 0

EXTRA TIME

Was agreed upon, but despite the most strenuous exertions neither side could score, and after twelve minutes had elapsed the referee put an end to the contest, as it was too dark to play longer. Final score:—

BURTON WANDERERS 0
 BURTON SWIFTS 0

GENEROUS ACTION BY THE WANDERERS.

After the conclusion of the Bass Charity Vase Competition at Derby Turn on Monday evening, the committees of the two clubs held meetings. Subsequently a deputation from the two clubs met together and came to the conclusion that it would be unfair to the players—which ever team won—to play three days in succession. Therefore the Wanderers very generously agreed that the Swifts, being holders of the trophy, should go into the final. The Swifts and Wanderers further agreed to equally divide the Swifts' portion of the "gate" which was taken in the final tie yesterday evening, when they met Notts Forest at Peel Croft.

In addition to sharing the Wednesday evening's "gate" the Wanderers will participate equally in the takings on Saturday, when the public will be admitted at the price of a Second League match to two games at Peel Croft, a friendly between the Swifts and Wanderers, and Derby League match between the Swifts' Reserve and Alvaaston. Both teams have the same number of points, and on the result of this match will depend the championship of the Derby and District League. There can be little doubt that the good feeling now existing between the Swifts and Wanderers will materially aid the scheme for amalgamation.

The result of the meeting between the Swifts and Notts Forest, the other semi-finalists, which took place yesterday evening, will be found in another column.

Burton Observer and Chronicle - Thursday 27 April 1899

#4 BASS CHARITY CUP REPLAYED SEMI-FINAL NOTTS FOREST v LEICESTER FOSSE

Played on Peel Croft before a fair attendance. The Forest played a good team, but the Fosse put their reserve in the field. Spouncer scored twice in the first half, and in the second the brothers Forman scored twice each and Spouncer once, while Coulson put the ball-through for the Fosse. The game was very one-sided. Result:—

NOTTS FOREST 7 goals.

LEICESTER FOSSE 1 goal.

Sheffield Independent 18 April 1899

#5 BASS VASE: FINAL BURTON SWIFTS v. NOTTS FOREST

Played at Burton, before 2000 spectators. The Forest had a strong team in the field, and the Swifts were well represented. Capes scored twice for the Forest in the first half, but in the second they had plenty to do to retain their lead. Knibbs notched a goal for the Swifts after good play. Result:—

NOTTS FOREST 2 goals.

BURTON SWIFTS 1 goal.

Sheffield Independent - 27 April 1899