Bass Charity Vase 1898-99

Winner:Nottingham ForestRunner-Up:Burton SwiftsNo. of entries:4

Yet again the two Burton clubs were drawn together in this competition, but on this occasion at the semifinal 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

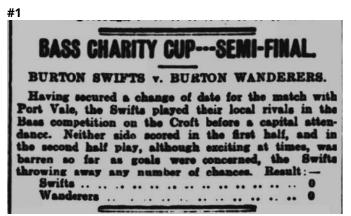
#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	22.4.1899	Burton Wanderers	0	0	Burton Swifts	Peel Croft, Burton.
2	6.4.1899	Leicester Fosse McMillan	1 (0)	1 (0)	Notts Forest Spouncer	Filbert Street, Leicester Thursday afternoon Miserable weather, heavy rain. Poor gate. Fosse had a goal disallowed; but equalised 5 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	1	2	Notts Forest	Peel Croft, Burton.
		Knibbs	(0)	(2)	Capes (2)	2,000 spectators.

Match Reports



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



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

Wanderers.-Goal. Taft; backs, Evans and Haywood; half-backs, Wain, Goodwin, and Wil-din; 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.	line. The Wanderers were easily holding their
WANDERERS V. SWIFTS.	own, and Cotton made a magnificent run, pass-
The re-played semi-final tie between the Wan-	ing well out to Bladon, who, to everybody's con-
derers and Swifts, in the semi-final round of the	sternation, was ruled offside. This palpahly was
Bass Charity Vase competition, took place on	a mistake. It was only with the ut-
Monday on the Derby Tura ground. The fol-	most difficulty that the Swifts kept the Wan-
lowing were the teams.	derers out. Joyce had an anxious time of it.
SwiftsGoal, Joyce: backs, Kirkland and	Although they were kicking dowahill, the Swifts
Lowe: half-backs, Holmes, Mainman, and Camp-	were being decidedly worsted. At last an op-
bell; forwards, Hamilton, Warren, Waterson,	portunity presented itself to them. Griffiths
Griffith, and Lavery.	broke through, and sent out to Lavery, who cen-
WanderersGoal. Taft: backs, Evans and	tred sharply. Waterson retained the ball, but
Haywood: half-backs, Wain, Goodwin, and Wil-	too hurriedly took the kick, with the result that
din: forwards, Parkes, Trowbridge, Appleby,	the ball went soaring over the crossbar.
Com, and Bladon.	Ootton again got in, but his shot was somewhat
Both teams entered simultaneously, and in-	erratic. The Wanderers constantly swarm-
fulged in the customary preliminary canter. The	ed round the Swifts' goal, and had Joyce been
referee lined them in position, and Captain Camp-	any less expart its downfall would have been cer-
bell, winning the toss, set the Wanderers to play	tain. Joyce was compelled to negotiate a stormer
up-hill against a fairly distinguishable breess,	from Appleby, a similar shot at the other end of
Appleby starting the ball rolling in a dual sense,	the ground from Campbell being wild and wide.
and the home side were the first to assume the	Parkes beat Lowe and Campbell, but instead of
aggressive. Campbell returned, and from a free	making a bee line for goal, accorched into the
kick Mainman planted the ball in a good pusi-	corner. The Swifts now changed their
tion. Lavery tried a shot, but Evand was too	tactios, and indulged in long pot shots.
good. The home right attacked hotly, and	As half-time approached, the Swifts preased
it was only by a vigorous rush by Kirkland that	hotly.but they had only themselves to blame that
danger was averted. Haywood and Goolwin	they did not score. The ball was near the Swifts
discharged their defensive duties very efficiently	goal when half-time was called with the score-
at the bottom end. Again the Swifte got away,	WANDERERS 0
but Hamilton could not get round Haywood, and	SWIFTS 0
Waterson was easily taken care of by Goodwin.	On changing ends the Swifts went in for long
Loose play followed. Hamilton was ruled	passing, but this was of little avail. A mis-kick
offside. Waterson had hard luck with	by Lowe gave the Wanderers their bost chance
a straight shot, which missed by a very few	of the match. This, however, was neglested, and
inches. Lavery, in attempting to contre, massed	the effort failed Campbell hit the crossbar with
bis kick, and the ball rolled harmlessly over the	a long shot. Cotton had a glorious opportunity.

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SWIFTS

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

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 termi-mated by Trowbridge shooting over. Hamilton shot up the field. When within shooting dis-tance he was promptly grassed, and it was evi-dent 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 :-from Cotton was missed by Parkes right under

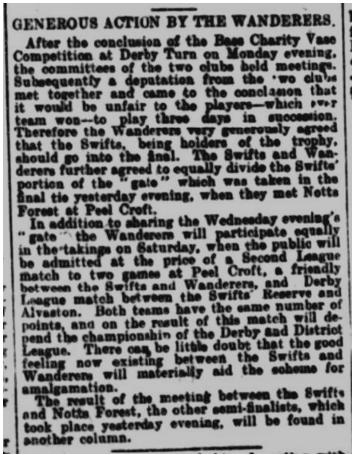
WANDERERS 0

SWIFTS 0

EXTRA TIME

Was agreed upon, but despite the most strenu-ous 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 BURTON SWIFTS 0



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 pot 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