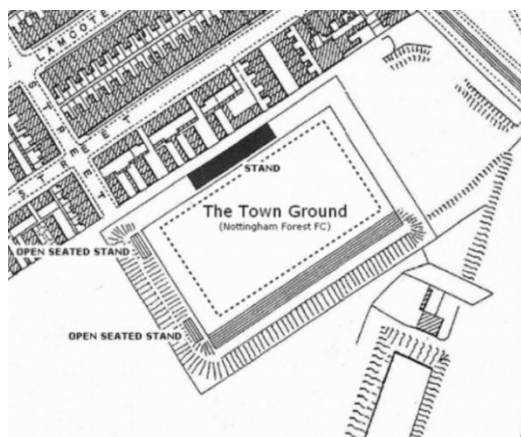




Burford Cup 1896-97

Winner: Leicester Fosse
Runner-Up: Notts County
No. of entries: 6

The first round comprised of just two games, with Leicester Fosse and Lincoln City being awarded byes. The Fosse beat Notts Forest 3-0 on a bitterly cold Saturday afternoon to reach the final where they faced Notts County who beat Lincoln City in the other semi-final tie.



The final was staged at the [Town Ground](#), Arkwright Street, Nottingham - the home of Nottingham Forest, and the first ground to host a football match using crossbars and goal nets. Dorrell scored a goal in each half to win the Cup for Leicester Fosse - This was Fosse's first trophy since the Kettering Cup in 189X. The first goal of the game was scored from long range effort just before half-time The ball struck the inside of the upright, and Forest's keeper, Toone caught it and threw it away. Fosse claimed the goal and after inspecting the upright the referee awarded a goal. Dorrell's second goal just before time was called followed a splendid run from the half-way line.

The trophy presented to George Smith, Fosse's captain by Mr. Heath was held by Fosse for one year, but with it was given a facsimile of the original of about 8 inches high which the club had in perpetuity. The winning team were presented with gold medals, prettily designed, having on the face the arms of the Duke of St Albans', Lord Burford's father.

Round 1

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	25.3	Notts Forest Adrian Capes McInnes Richards	3	0	Grimsby	Nottingham Large attendance.
2	17.2.1897	Burton Swifts	0	1	Notts County	

Leicester Fosse and Lincoln City, byes.

Semi-Finals

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3	3.4.1897	Leicester Fosse McMillan Frank Forman (og) Brown	3 (2)	0 (0)	Notts Forest	Filbert Street, Leicester. Bitterly cold weather
4	10.3.1897	Notts County Ball Calderhead Crater	3	1	Lincoln City Hartley	Trent Bridge, Nottingham. Threatening weather. 2,000 spectators.

Final

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5	28.4.1897	Notts County	0 (0)	2 (1)	Leicester Fosse Dorrell (2)	Town Ground, Nottingham 1,000 spectators.

Match Reports

#1 LORD BURFORD CUP – FIRST ROUND

NOTTS FOREST v GRIMSBY

The local cup-tie was played on Thursday evening at Nottingham before a large attendance. Higgins retired ten minutes before the interval, when nothing had been scored. Resuming, Notts Forest pressed hard. Adrian Capes, McInnes and Richards each registered, and the home team had nearly all the play in the last half, with the wind in their favour. Result: - Forest, 3 goals; Grimsby, none.

Easter Morning news – 27 March 1897

#2 In the Burford Charity Cup ties in which Notts County beat Burton Swifts at Burton-on-Trent yesterday, the score – one goal to none in favour of the visitors – about reflects the advantage which Notts held, as the Swifts should certainly have scored with the least tact in front of goal. The Notts defence was safe, Toone saving marvelously on two occasions. Gibson and Prescott gave a grand display at full-back, and Calderhead and Crone were the best of their halves, Bull, and Langham, on the extreme wings, being the most prominent of the forwards. For Burton, Gray, Wyllie, Chapman, Yardley, and Evans were seen to greatest advantage.

Sporting Chronicle – 18 February 1897

#3 The Fosse having secured choice of ground with Notts Forest in the Burford Charity Cup; the match was decided on Saturday on the Walnut-street enclosure. The Fosse gave a fine exhibition, and thoroughly deserved their victory, much satisfaction being expressed on their form compared with that against Small Heath. The game was only five minutes old when McMillan put on the first point, and just on half-time a second was added from a free kick. The Forest forwards found the home halves a hard working trio, Walker and Proudfoot repeatedly breaking up their passing movements. Towards the end Dorrell beat Allsopp again, and at the finish Notts were beaten by three clear goals. Carnelley was the best of the Fosse forwards, while Freebairn showed some of his old form, McDonald looking after him in a very effectual way. Forest were unlucky in losing McInnes, who injured his ankle, but with about two exceptions their forwards never placed the home goal in danger.

Leicester Journal – 9 April 1897

#4 BURFORD CUP

NOTTS v LINCOLN CITY – These clubs met in the Second Round of this competition at Trent Bridge. The trophy has been presented by Lord Burford and Notts Forest, Grimsby, Burton Swifts, Loughborough, and the above teams were included. Notts have already beaten Burton Swifts, but these are the only games at present played. Two thousand spectators witnessed the match under notice. Notts had all the best of the game at the start and scored twice, but after changing ends they took matters easily, getting through once, Notts won by three goals to one.

London Evening Standard – 12 March 1897

#5 NOTTS v. LEICESTER FOSSE. At Nottingham, fine weather, before spectators. The game was hotly contested, and two minutes before half-time Dorrell scored for the Fosse with a shot that glanced off the base the upright. Notts opened the second half well, but tired, and Fosse playing all out, looked winners even before Dorrell ran splendidly from half-way and scored second goal two minutes from the end. Result Leicester, 2 goals; Notts, 0.

Dundee Evening Telegraph – 29 April 1897