

Winner: n/a
Runner-Up: n/a
No. of entries: ?

There was change in format for the 1898-99 season. By arrangement with the Nottingham League, there was a qualifying knockout competition involving affiliated clubs, with the two clubs left in the final stage are drawn against Notts County, and Nottingham Forest in the semi-finals, with the winners competing in the Burford Cup Final.

To date only two results have been found.

The competition does not appear to have been completed. It was stated at Mansfield FC's annual general meeting that at the end of the 1897-98 season that *"no one seemd to know what became of the cup."*

Round 1

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
27.12.1898	Mansfield Walkerdine Hill (pen +1) G Richardson	4 (0)	0 (0)	Bulwell United	500 spectators. Unfavourable weather - strong wind.
18.2.1899	Sutton Town	3 (1)	0 (0)	Kirkby Town	New Cross, Sutton. Kirkby started with 9 players.

Match Reports

BURFORD CHARITY CUP.—FIRST ROUND.	
MANSFIELD v. BULWELL UNITED.	
<p>These teams met at Mansfield on Tuesday in the presence of 500 spectators. Unfavourable weather prevailed, a high wind spoiling the game. The visitors arrived without Rowley, who had missed his train, and during the first half they played one back only. Both elevens attacked in turn, a couple of corners falling to the home team without result. Cooke and Richardson placed wide at one end, and Morley emulated their example at the Mansfield goal. From this point the locals played the better game, but were frequently off-side. Once when Hill dashed through, he placed behind when he had only the goalkeeper to beat, and at the interval neither side had succeeded in scoring. Rowley arrived immediately after a resumption was made. George Richardson went away on the right wing, but his final shot was repulsed. Walkerdine, however, secured, and opened the score for Mansfield. The same player was fouled within the penalty line, and from the resulting penalty kick Hill shot a second point. This was followed by a third obtained by the last-named forward, and G. Richardson contributed a fourth within a period of ten minutes from the first goal being obtained. Mansfield had all the play to the end. Owing to the late arrival of the United, only thirty-five minutes were played each way, by arrangement. Result: Mansfield 4, Bulwell 0.</p>	

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD

On Saturday Sutton Town were engaged in the first round of the Burford Cup Competition on the New Cross ground, Sutton, Kirkby Town being their opponents. The teams were originally drawn together to decide the tie at Kirkby as far back as November last, neither club having a suitable date before caused the postponement until Saturday, and in order that both clubs might receive some financial benefit it was mutually agreed to change the venue upon which to decide the tie. The neighbouring rivals had previously played home and home matches this season in the Notts. League competition, and on both occasions Sutton came out vanquished, but not in the first place as Kirkby until after a keen and stubborn contest.

Saturday's match, however, did not prove so attractive as could have been desired, and consequently it did not benefit the Sutton funds. The weather was fine and of a mild nature, with only a slight wind blowing in the direction of the New Cross end goal. Kirkby started with nine players, but after a few minutes' play the team was complete.

At one period Kirkby had much the best of play in the first half, but they failed to score, whilst Sutton succeeded in obtaining a goal, they also having one disallowed on the ground of off-side. The state of the game, therefore, at half-time was: Sutton, 1; Kirkby, 0.

In the second moiety Sutton had matters about their own way, and notched two more goals and one disallowed. Thus the game terminated:—Sutton, 3; Kirkby, 0.

To-day Sutton meet Stapleford at Stapleford, and it will be very gratifying if they win.