



EAST MIDLAND COUNTIES FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

On 28 November 1884 the East Midland Counties Association (EMCFA) was formed and in the following year Northamptonshire and District Football Association was formed, In 1886 they amalgamated into the Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire Football Association. The 16 founding members of the EMCFA were:

Bedford	Kettering	St Neots
Beds Teachers	Luton Excelsior	Uppingham
Burton Latimer	Luton Wanderers	Wellingborough Grammar School
Earl's Barton	Oakham	Wellingborough Revellers
Finedon	Peterborough	
Huntingdon	Rushden	

In March 1887 the Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire Football Association became the Northamptonshire Football Association.

The EMCFA comprised of clubs from the counties of Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Northamptonshire and Rutland, playing under Association rules. The annual subscription was 5 shillings. The objective of the Association was to improve and popularise Association football in the four counties.

A Challenge Cup was planned for the 1885-86 season, but no games appear to have been played.

East Midland Counties FA Match Results & Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
26.12.1884	Northants & Rutland	1	1	Beds and Hunts	At Kettering. Opening match of the EMCFA. Trial game. No Rutland-based players participated.
21.1.1885	EMCFA Mr J C Lomax's XI	6	0	EMCFA Mr A Pretty's XI	At Wellingborough. Heavy ground. Trial game.
7.3.1885	East Midland Counties Football Association Deacon	1	4	London Football Association Bower (2) Stanley (2)	Luton Excelsior Meadow, Dallow-lane , Luton. EMCFA team – which was almost exclusively from Beds and Northamptonshire was selected after a trial match at Wellingborough in January. The London team included players from Old Etonians, Old Westminster, and Clapham clubs.
21.3.1885	East Midland Counties Football Association	5	1	West End of London	Meadow in Dallow-lane, Luton. Very large attendance.
25.3.1885	Northants & Rutland	4	3	Beds and Hunts	At Kettering.
11.4.1885	Cambridge Football Association	1 (1)	1 (0)	East Midland Counties Football Association	Parker's Piece , Cambridge.
31.10.1885	London Association "Trial Team" AN Other Haslam	2 (0)	5 (2)	East Midland Counties Football Association Heufrey Garne Bower (2) Challen	At Chiswick. Unfavourable weather. No players from Rutland.
7.11.1885	Lincolnshire Association	3	1	East Midland Counties Football Association	At Peterborough.
28.11.1885	East Midland Counties Football Association	0	1	Cambridgeshire Football Association	At Kettering. Good number of spectators.

13.3.1886	Lincolnshire Football Association	2	3	East Midland Counties Football Association	Game commenced at 2 pm. At Grantham EMCFA represented by only Northants players
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THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting held at the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, to consider the circular sent out by Mr. H. E. Platt, president of the Northants and Beds Football Association, and at which representatives from Wellingborough Grammar School, Wellingborough Town, Wellingborough Albion, Wellingborough Star, Rushden, Kettering Hawks, Kettering Albert, Prince's-street (Northampton), St. Sepulchre's (Northampton), St. Paul's (Northampton), Finedon Revellers, and Irchester were present, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

- 1.—That the Northants and Beds Football Association be changed to the Northamptonshire Association.
- 2.—That a Senior County Challenge Cup be started, open to all clubs having their headquarters in Northamptonshire.
- 3.—That a Junior County Challenge Cup be also started, open to all Northamptonshire clubs.

Letters approving the adoption of the above resolutions had also been received from the following clubs not represented:—Thrapston, Luton, Denford, Raunds, Towcester. Rules were drawn up, and the officers for the year chosen as follow:—President: Mr. H. E. Platt, Wellingborough Grammar School. Vice-presidents: Mr. J. T. Parker, Wellingborough; Rev. G. Thurston, Broughton, Kettering; Rev. F. H. Gilbertson, St. Sepulchre's, Northampton; Rev. T. P. Richards, Rushden. Hon. sec. and treasurer: Mr. C. Claridge, Rushden.

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FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION RULES.
EAST MIDLAND COUNTIES v. LINCOLNSHIRE.

THIS MATCH will be played at **PETERBOROUGH**, on the Ground of the **TOWN CRICKET CLUB, NEW-ROAD**, on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH.**
Kick off Three p.m. Admission 3d., Reserved Enclosure, 6d. (Signed),
ALFRED PRETTY, Hon. Sec., E.M.C.F.A.

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