



Kettering & District Cup 1895-96

Winner: Kettering
Runner-Up: Burton Wanderers
No. of entries: 8

Leicester Fosse were knocked out by Burton Wanderers in Round 1.

This was the first time that Kettering won the competition.

Round 1

Division 1

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	23.12.1895	Kettering McMillan Miller Mablestone	3	0	Rushden	At Kettering. Large attendance Miserable weather.
2	23.12.1895	Grantham Rovers	0	1	Notts Forest Reserve	

Division 2

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3	15.1.1896	Burton Wanderers Brette	1 (0)	0 (0)	Leicester Fosse	At Burton. Ground was heavy and slippery. Strong wind.
4	2.12.1896	Walsall	0 (0)	5 (2)	Aston Villa Nicholls (3) AN Others	West Bromwich Road round. Neither side was fully represented.

Semi-Finals

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5	16.3.1896	Kettering Miller	1 (0)	0 (0)	Notts Forest Reserve	At Kettering. 3,000 spectators.
6	24.3.1896	Aston Villa Trueman	1 (1)	4 (3)	Burton Wanderers Capes Garfield Devey (2)	At Kettering. 5,000 spectators. Villa played a reserve team. Villa scored first.

Final

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7	20.4.1896	Kettering	0	0	Burton Wanderers	4,000 spectators.

Final Replay

	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
8	29.4.1896	Kettering Hand (2)	2 (2)	0 (0)	Burton Wanderers	At Kettering. Wednesday evening. 3,000 spectators.

Match Reports

1 KETTERING v RUSHDEN

These Midland League teams met at Kettering, yesterday, in the first round of the Kettering Charity Cup before a large attendance. Miserable weather prevailed, and the ground was in a dirty condition. Rushden

had their strongest team, but Kettering played two reserves. Although Kettering's goal was jeopardized in the first few minutes, the homesters asserted their superiority, and McMMain, Miller and Mablestone scored, Kettering, having much the best of the game. Result - Kettering, 3 goals; Rushden, nil.

Liverpool Mercury - 25 December 1895

2 GRANTHAM ROVERS v. NOTTS. FOREST RESERVE

These teams met in the round of the Kettering Cup, on the Harlaxton-road Ground, Grantham, in the presence of a limited number of spectators. The time for the kick off was 2.45, but it was three o'clock before the referee had the following teams facing each other:

Grantham Rovers.—Shaw, goal; Morris and Hardy, hacks; Gash, Pulling, and White, halfbacks; Brittain and Allen, right wing; Wells, centre; John Senior and Jim Senior, left wing.

Notts Forest Reserve —Tebbutt, goal; Iremonger and Hunt, backs; Lowe, Abbott, and Beales, half-hacks; Hancock. Garratt Spencer, and Walker, forwards.

Half-time arrived with no score. Commencing, the sky became dull, rain falling sharply. Grantham at once aggressed, Iremonger relieving with a huge kick. Jim Spencer shot at terrific pace just outside goal, from a pass by his brother. The Rovers. urged on by the cheers of the spectators, played splendidly. Forest retaliated, but the forwards lacked combination. The visitors failed to convert from a foul close in, and from two corners shot wide. Although playing against a strong wind, Grantham were far ahead in all departments. Darkness began to set in 20 minutes to time. Neither centre forwards displayed really good form; indeed, Spencer was a complete frost. The backs and halfbacks defended well, Abbott being especially prominent. The ball dodged about in the Grantham goal once, but was cleared, and aided by a kick from Hardy, they again took up the attach. Result:

Notts Forest Reserve	1
Grantham Rovers	0

Football News (Nottingham) - 23 November 1895

KETTERING CUP - FIRST ROUND

3 BURTON WANDERERS v. LEICESTER FOSSE

At Burton yesterday. The visitors won the toss, and had the wind in their favour. The ground was in a heavy and slippery condition. Play was very even to half-time, and neither side scored. In the second half the Wanderers pressed, and after a several close shaves, Brettle scored. Even play followed, and nothing further was added. Resu.t:

BURTON WANDERERS	1 goal.
Fosse	0 goal.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph - 16 January 1896

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ASTON VILLA v. WALSALL.—These sides met at Walsall in the Kettering Cup Competition yesterday, but neither team was fully represented. Winning the toss, the visitors scored with the wind, but the game was fairly even, though Villa showed better combination. At half-time the Villa were leading by 2 goals. On changing ends Walsall attacked hotly, but could not break through. Final: Villa, 5 goals; Walsall, nil.

Morning Leader - 3 December 1895

5 KETTERING CHARITY CUP: Semi-Final

Notts Forest v Kettering - Played at kettering, before 4,000 spectators. Even play rule up to the interval, when nothing had been scored. Ten minuesafter the resart Miller beat Allsopp. Mc Pherson and ije retired hurt, but the latter returned. The home team had he best of the last few minutes but there was no further scoring. Frest playedtheir usual team with one exception. Result: Kettering, one; Notts Forest, nil.

Newcastle Daily Chronicle - 17 March 1896

6 KETTERING CUP— Semi Final.

Aston Villa v. Burton Wanderers— At Kettering yesterday, before five thousand spectators. Villa, with the wind and sun in their favour, early attacked, Trueman scoring from a grand shot by Dorrell. Shortly

afterwards Capes equalised. Garfield put on Burton's second, and before the interval Devey added a third. Changing over the game was more even until close on time, when Devey added a fourth goal. Final : Burton, four; Aston, one.

York Herald - 25 February 1896

**7 KETTERING CHARITY CUP – FINAL
KETTERING v BURTON WANDERERS**

At Kettering before 4,000 spectators. In the first moiety Kettering had the best of matters, but could not find the net. In the last half the Wanderers attacked strongly, but Kettering were able to hold their own and the match ended in a pointless draw. The game was very rough at times, no less than eleven players were being cautioned. Result:

A DRAW – NO SCORE

Leicester Daily Post – 21 April 1896

**8 KETTERING CHARITY CUP
REPLAYED FINAL**

KETTERING v BURTON WANDERERS —These teams having failed to score in their first attempt to solve the question to the future temporary residence of the above trophy, the conflict was resumed at Kettering on Wednesday evening in the presence a great crowd. In the first half Kettering attacked strongly, and scored twice. There was no scoring in the second half, and the game ended Kettering two goals, Burton none.

Stamford Mercury – 1 May 1896