



Kettering & District Charity Cup 1897-98

Winner: Kettering
Runner-Up: Rushden
No. of Entries: 8

Loughborough were knocked out in the semi-finals, after a replay by Rushden, who were beaten in the final by Kettering.

Round 1

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	27.11.1897	Kettering	2	1	Burton Wanderers	Game commenced at 2.30 pm. Miserable weather. Small attendance. Darkness stopped play 5 mins before time.
2	27.12.1897	Loughborough Pegg (2) Brailsford	3	0	Rothwell	At Loughborough. Poor gate. Rothwell were top of the Northants League and had just knocked Mansfield out of the FA Cup.
3	31.1.1897	Wellingborough	1	5	Rushden	1500 spectators.
4	14.2.1898	Finedon	1	4	Wolverton London & North Western Railway	Beautiful weather. Finedon had several players missing owing to ill health.

Round 1 Replay

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5	28.12.1897	Kettering Miller AN Other	2 (1)	0 (0)	Burton Wanderers	At Kettering. Good attendance.

Semi- Finals

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
6	28.2.1898	Loughborough	0	0	Rushden	At Kettering.
7	21.3.1898	Kettering AN Other Miller (2)	3 (2)	0 (0)	Wolverton London & North Western Railway	At Kettering. Glorious weather.

Semi-Final Replay

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
8	28.2.1898	Loughborough	0 (0)	2 (0)	Rushden Ward (og) Clarke	At Kettering. Glorious weather. Loughborough set out for the game on the 1.30 pm train.

Final

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
9	25.4.1898	Kettering Miller (2) Panter AN Others	7 (3)	0 (0)	Rushden	At Kettering. 5,000 spectators.

Match Reports

**#1 KETTERING CHARITY CUP
 FIRST ROUND**

KETTERING v BURTON WANDERERS – This tie was played at Kettering on Saturday in miserable weather, and before a poor attendance. Kettering were the first to score, Panter putting through with a low shot, but Arkesden shortly afterwards equalised. Kettering again got the lead early in the second half by Panter. Owing to the match starting late it was impossible to finish, and the referee stopped the game five minutes before time. Result: Kettering 2 goals, Burton 1.

Stamford mercury – 3 December 1897

KETTERING CHARITY CUP.

KETTERING v. BURTON WANDERERS
DARKNESS STOPS PLAY.

For the fourth Saturday in succession the Burton Wanderers were again engaged out of town, and early on Saturday made the journey to Kettering to play the town club in the first round of the Kettering Charity Cup. As we have previously stated, the draw was in favour of the Wanderers and should have taken place on the Gurn ground, but the financial condition of the club almost compelled the committee to sell their right to Kettering and play the tie away from home. In the League engagements with the Northamptonshire club the Wanderers have lost three points and gained one, being defeated at Kettering by 4 goals to 0, while at Burton the game resulted in a draw, no goals being registered. The committee decided to make one alteration in their usual team, Goodman taking the place of King as right half-back, but this was done to give Goodman a trial, and not because any fault could be found with King's play. The alteration, therefore, made the whole of the team Burton youths. Mr. Kingscott, of Derby, was the referee, and he lined the men up at 2 30 in the following order:—

Wanderers — Taft (goal), Wain, Haywood (backs), Goodman, Smith, Wildin (half-backs), Sellars, Richards, Appleby, Arkesden, Dyke (forwards).

FINAL SCORE:

KETTERING	2
WANDERERS	1

Burton Chronicle – 2 December 1897

KETTERING CHARITY CUP.

LOUGHBOROUGH v. ROTHWELL TOWN SWIFTS.

This tie in the first round of the Kettering Cup was played at Loughborough before a rather poor gate. The weather was inclined to be foggy. Rothwell are at the top of the Northants. League, and recently wiped Mansfield out of the English Cup at Mansfield. Both clubs were well represented, but the odds were all in favour of Loughborough. Walker was omitted from the home ranks, Smith stepping up into the forward line. Teams:—

Loughborough.—Beardsley, goal; Hardy and Bailey, backs; Mumford, Hodgkin, and White, half-backs; Roulston, Smith, Pegg, Brailsford, and Pike, forwards.

Rothwell.—Brampton, goal; Phillips and Panter, backs; Willis, Shortland, and Mableston, half-backs; Coulson, Rowlett, Lawrence, Gibson, and Robinson, forwards.

Referee, Mr. West, of Kettering.

Pegg started, and Roulston at once got away and centred. Brailsford gave to Pegg, who was given off-side just as he shot into the custodian's hands. Loughborough pressed further, and Brailsford and Pike made a couple of good runs. Pegg next got through the backs in fine form, but spoilt the effort by a wretchedly weak kick when a goal seemed certain. By means of a big kick the Swifts got into the home half, but kicked wide, and Pike speedily transferred. Brampton fisted a shot from Mumford, and Pike returned the leather to the centre for Roulston to miss the mark. Brampton fisted another long shot, and then the Swifts got down again, but without result. Roulston got away with the goal kick, and placed the leather well in goal.

Brampton fisted, and Brailsford badly missed the opportunity to give a sharp return. Pike caused the custodian to handle again, and the latter also conceded a corner to Smith, but without result. As a variation, Beardsley then had a long shot from one of the halves to negotiate. The Swifts' forwards were very fast, and, with the aid of big kicks from their backs, several times got down near the Loughborough goal, Lawrence just missing on one occasion from Coulson's centre. Pegg was going through when Phillips fouled him. The free kick was of no use, but Loughborough scored a good goal, which was wrongfully disallowed, as Pike, against whom the decision was given, was easily behind the ball when Roulston kicked across the goal mouth. Pegg, however, did the business immediately after with a daisy-cutter into the corner of the net, after 25 minutes' play. Rothwell had another look in, and Mableston all but scored with a high shot in the top corner. Beardsley saved cleverly at the expense of a corner, which was well placed, Gibson kicking over. Loughborough resumed hostilities, and Roulston with a good shot just missed. Pike took a flag kick, but the Swifts got it away, and a good centre from Roulston was put behind. The Swifts' defence proved very solid and the home shooting very unreliable. Brampton kicked away a good shot from White, and Pike returned over the bar. At the other end Mumford gave a corner, and Mableston made another good try to score, but found Beardsley on the alert. Half-time:—Loughborough, one; Rothwell, none. After a short interval the game was resumed in a rapidly gathering fog. Loughborough at once set to work, and Brampton stopped a header from White, and later ran out and fisted a shot from Mumford. Brailsford had an excellent opening, but Brampton saved, and the return struck the ground in

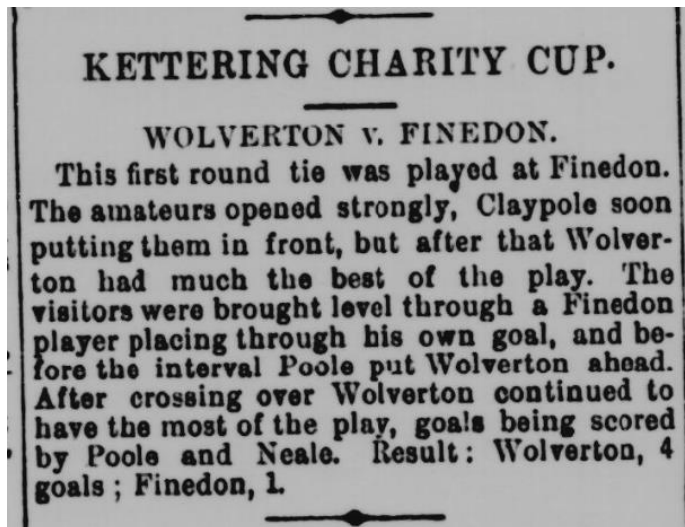
at cross quarters, and the second front of goal and bounced on to the net. The second half progressed much as the first had done, almost entirely in favour of the home side, who, however, still exhibited that lamentable incapacity in front of goal. Smith and Pike made a couple of good shots, but both went wide. Panter allowed a corner, from which a scrimmage ensued, and Brampton again prevented disaster to his side. The Swifts' right wing got down and all but scored on one occasion, but their visits were few and far between. Loughborough gained another corner, which was placed by Pike. The "reds" got it away, but Loughborough came back again strongly, and after a clever bit of work by Pike, who dodged three men, Pegg applied the necessary impetus at short range, and gave Loughborough another goal. Shortly after Brampton was again called upon by Pegg. In a scrimmage Pike found the net, but as he was standing right under the bar the referee very rightly blew his whistle for off-side. Brampton next lifted a flag-kick of Boulton's, and soon after a good shot from Pike. Lawrence had an opening for the Swifts, but kicked wide. The fog was now becoming so dense that the ball was scarcely visible to the spectators on the opposite side of the field. Loughborough attacked almost continuously, and several good chances were thrown away. Pike did some good work on the left wing, and once struck the outside of the net. Loughborough had a couple of corners and a free without result. Pike missed another easy chance, and White also kicked wide from easy range. At length Brinkford received a pass from Pegg, and running between the backs scored with the best shot of the day, which struck the under part of the netting. Result:—

Loughborough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Retwell	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

Football News (Nottingham) - 1 January 1898

WELLINGTON CHARITY CUP.
WELLINGBOROUGH v. RUSHDEN.
 These Midland League rivals met at Wellingborough yesterday (Monday) in beautiful weather, before 1,000 persons. Wellingborough won the toss, and had the advantage of the wind. Rushden attacked hotly, and Sale, after six minutes, scored for the visitors, Bedingfield scoring a second for Rushden. Wellingborough played up, and scored from a penalty kick. Half-time scores:—Rushden, two goals; Wellingborough, one. In the second half Rushden had much the best of the matters, and scored three more goals, Bamford, Groves, and Bailey being responsible. During this half the Wellingborough centre half, Murrell, sprained his ankle, and had to leave the field. Result:—Rushden, five goals; Wellingborough, one.

Sporting Life - 1 February 1898



Morning Leader - 15 February 1898

**#5 KETTERING CHARITY CUP
FIRST ROUND**

KETTERING v BURTON WANDERERS -This replayed match was decided at Kettering on Tuesday, before a good gate, the previous match not being finished owing to darkness. The home men proved the stronger team throughout, Miller scoring with oblique shot the first half, whilst after the change ends Brearley and Dixon, by a splendid bit of combined play, put on a second point. Result: - Kettering 2, Burton 0.
Stamford Mercury - 31 December 1897

#5 KETTERING CHARITY CUP

KETTERING v BURTON WANDERERS - At the previous meeting of these clubs darkness prevented a definite decision being arrived at, and the teams met again yesterday, before a good attendance, at Kettering. The homesters proved the stronger throughout, and Miller scoring for them, gave Kettering the lead at half-time. After changing ends, a good bit of combined play between Brearley and Dixon resulted in another point and the Kettering were left victorious by two goals to one.
London Evening Standard - 29 December 1897

#6 KETTERING CUP— Semi-final

Loughborough v Rushden— Kettering fine weather before 1000 spectators. Loughborough the toss kicking uphill with the advantage of wind play on the whole favoured Loughborough who dealt with a number of unsuccessful corners. Mumford was unfortunate in not scoring from by Pike In the second half the very evenly contested: both pressed hard at times the defence was superior to the attack Result: Loughborough 0, Rushden 0.
Birmingham Daily Post - 1 March 1898

#7 KETTERING v WOLVERTON - Splendid weather favoured the meeting of these teams at Kettering, and a goodly number of spectators witnessed the match. Winning the toss Wolverton played with the sun behind them, but Kettering soon placed their opponents on the defensive. Dixon played the ball nicely in front of goal, and it was rushed through, whilst a mis-kick by Moss gave Miler the opportunity of adding a second for Kettering before half-time. Twenty minutes after changing ends Miller put on another point, and nothing further being scored, Kettering qualified for the final by three goals to none.
London Evening Standard - 22 March 1898

**#8 RE-PLAYED SEMI-FINAL
LOUGHBOROUGH v RUSHDEN**

These teams met at Kettering on Monday to replay the semi-final in the Kettering Charity Cup Competition, the first meeting some few weeks ago ending in a draw of no goals. Loughborough played the same eleven that drew with Newton Heath on Saturday and set out for Kettering on the 1.30 train. The weather was glorious, but the attendance fell far short of that obtained when the teams last met. Mr. Kingscott, of Derby, was the referee, and the teams lined up as follows:

Rushden: Baldrey, Attley and Lilley; Clarke, Bailey, and Dunkley; Groves, Sale, Young, Beddingfield and Bamford.

Loughborough: Beardsley; Ward and Hardy; Smith, Hodgkin and White; Hall, Roulstone, Pegg, Tuthill, and Wright.

Hardy won the toss, and decided to kick downhill with the wind, but in face of the sun Rushden at once made for the Loughborough goal, Beardsley saving in the first minute. Then Loughborough had the game well in hand for some time. Rushden being almost wholly on the defensive. The peculiar shape of the ground baffled the Loughborough players who shot much too high. Baldrey was called upon several times, but the Loughborough forwards were far from being together, indeed Wright and Tuthill were frequently coming into collision with one another. A free gave Rusden an opportunity of getting away, and through a misunderstanding between the backs and goalkeeper they all but scored, Beardsley only just clearing. Baldrey next saved from Roulstone, and again Loughborough confined play wholly to the Rushden portion for a considerable period, but they were utterly unable to pierce the defence. Once, however, Clarke dashed in and cleared as the ball was about to roll into the goal. The game was not over-exciting, neither side, with the exception of the backs, doing anything of importance. As the interval advanced Loughborough strove hard, but could not get through, and Beddingfield, when offside gained possession and raced away. Loughborough's appeal being disregarded. The Rushden player was the only one that kept playing, and he went clear ahead, but shot wide. Shortly after Beardsley saved capitally and half-time arrived with no score.

Resuming, Rushden, with the slope and wind, had much more of the game, but the Loughborough defence played well, especially Beardsley. Play opened out, and Loughborough had a large number of frees but failed to utilise them. Peg gave Baldrey a warm shot, but the Loughborough forwards played a most disappointing game. Hall and Roulstone being the only two of any real service. Rushden played up determinedly, and several times looked like scoring, but Loughborough got away, and had a chance of scoring from a free, but let it slip, and just when it appeared that another drawn game would result a free was given against Titch and the ball cannoned into goal off Ward. There were only eight minutes left to play, and with Rushden playing the stronger game all hope of Loughborough making a draw had vanished. Rushden pressed hard, and a minute from time they secured a corner, which was well placed by Bamford and Beardsley fisted away. Clarke however, headed back again and found the net, the whistle sounding for time when the ball had been placed in the centre, the result being

RUSHDEN, two goals;

LOUGHBOROUGH, none.

This was a keen disappointment to the Loughborough Club, who, however, did not deserve to win. Wright and Tuthill played an indifferent game, and Pegg was rather slow, Rushden were much quicker on the ball, and did not lose many opportunities of shooting at goal. Beardsley saved grandly on several occasions or a bigger score would have been run up. At half-back Hodgkin played a fine game for Loughborough, and the defence of Rushden was also very good.

Leicester Daily Post - 19 April 1898

#8 KETTERING CHARITY CUP

RE-PLAYED SEMI-FINAL

LOUGHBOROUGH v. RUSHDEN. At Kettering before a moderate attendance. Early in the first half Rushden attacked smartly, compelling the Loughborough custodian to clear. Although the Loughborough goal was several times danger, the interval came with a blank score sheet. After crossing over. Rushden had most of the game, and from hard shot, the ball rebounded into the Loughborough goal, and directly after added a second from corner. Result: RUSHDEN - goals. Loughborough 0 goal.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph - 19 April 1898

#9 KETTERING CHARITY CUP

FINAL

KETTERING v RUSHDEN

At Kettering, before 5,000 spectators. In the first half Rushden had the advantage of the wind and slope. Kettering hotly attacked, Miller scoring the first goal. The same player added the second after the Rushden custodian had cleared from Heskin, whilst just before the interval Panter scored a third. On changing over Kettering continued to have all the play, and added four more goals, an uneven game ending:

KETTERING, 7 goals

Rushden, 0 goal.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph – 26 April 1896