



Nuneaton Cottage Hospital Cup 1894-95

Winner: Stockingford
Runner-Up: Foleshill Great Heath
No. of entries: 18

Leicestershire were represented by two Hinckley clubs – North End and Town Reserves. Stockingford knocked them both out of the competition – North End in round 1 and Town Reserves in the semi-finals.

The draws for rounds 2 and 3 have not been found. There are clearly some missing ties/ results!

The fight for the Nuneaton Cottage Hospital Cup was a rather checkered one; a large number of protests and several replays. Nearly all the protests were against Foleshill Great Heath. In the first round they defeated Nuneaton Town 1-0. Nuneaton protested against three of the Foleshill players, who were said to live outside the 7 mile radius of Nuneaton, but the protest was disallowed by the Cup's Executive Committee in the preceding season, when Foleshill were given the benefit of the doubt. In the second round, another protest was raised. Foleshill St Lawrence's protested against the "Heathens" on the same lines as Nuneaton had done, but they also lost their appeal. In the semi-finals, Atherstone Town easily overcame Foleshill Great Heath, the score being 5-2. Foleshill protested against Kent, who had played for more than one team during the competition, namely Atherstone Reserves and Atherstone Town (1st). the match was replayed on 13 April, when, after extra time had been ordered, Foleshill won. Atherstone protested against the referee's decision, but without avail.

Stockingford reached the final for the second consecutive season by defeating Hinckley North End, Coton Villa, Coton Villa All Saints and Hinckley Reserves. The all-Warwickshire final was a great spectacle of fast football, with Stockingford winning the trophy in front of 2,000 plus spectators.

Round 1

| Date | Home | | | Away | Match Details |
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| 10.11.1894 | Atherstone Town | 5 | 0 | Bulkington | |
| 10.11.1894 | Chapel End | 2 | 3 | Stockingford Reserves | |
| 10.11.1894 | Collycroft Rovers AN Other | 1 (0) | 4 (2) | Hinckley Town Reserves Suffolk (2) Jordan Wells | |
| 10.11.1894 | Coton Villa | 3 | 6 | Atherstone Town Reserves | |
| 10.11.1894 | Foleshill St Lawrence | 4 | 1 | Nuneaton Wesleyans | A "free fight" broke out between spectators during the interval. |
| 10.11.1894 | Nuneaton Association | 0 | 1 | Foleshill Great Heath | |
| 10.11.1894 | Nuneaton Rovers | 0 | 1 | Nuneaton Wanderers | |
| 10.11.1894 | Stockingford | 2 | 0 | Hinckley North End | The referee blew his whistle 10 mins before time on account of poor light. |

Chilvers Coton All Saints and Bell Green Early Morning, byes

Round 2

| Date | Home | | | Away | Match Details |
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| 8.12.1894 | Bell Green EMS | 2 | 2 | Chilvers Coton All Saints | |
| 8.12.1894 | Foleshill Great Heath | 3 | 0 | Foleshill St Lawrence's | |
| 8.12.1894 | Stockingford Reserves | 8 | 0 | Coton Villa | |

Nuneaton Wanderers and Atherton Town, byes

Round 2 Replay

| Date | Home | | | Away | Match Details |
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| 22.12.1894 | Chilvers Coton All Saints | 2 | 1 | Bell Green EMS | |

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Round 3

| Date | Home | | | Away | Match Details |
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| 16.2.1895 | Atherstone Town | 1 | 0 | Nuneaton Wanderers | Large number of spectators. |
| 9.2.1895 | Chilvers Coton All Saints AN Other | 2 | 13 | Stockingford A Moore (4) Edwards Arnold (4) Butler Norton (2) Owen | Villa ground. Small gate. |

Semi-Finals

| Date | Home | | | Away | Match Details |
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| 9.3.1895 | Atherstone Town | 5 | 2 | Foleshill Great Heath | At Stockingford. Atherstone fielded an ineligible player and the game was ordered to be replayed. |
| 23.3.1895 | Stockingford I Moore A Moore AN Others | 4 (2) | 0 (0) | Hinckley Town Reserve | Nuneaton Town ground. Good attendance. Owing to the inclemency of the weather a late start was made. A Hinckley player returned hurt in the second half and a few minutes later another Hinckley player was ordered off the field for misconduct. |

Semi-Final Replay

| Date | Home | | | Away | Match Details |
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| 13.4.1895 | Atherstone Town Scr. | 1 (0) | 2 (0) | Foleshill Great Heath Smith | At Stockingford. 1,000 spectators. Score was 1-1 after 90 mins. Extra time played - 30 mins |

Final

| Date | Home | | | Away | Match Details |
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| 20.4.1895 | Stockingford I Moore A Moore | 2 (1) | 1 (1) | Foleshill Great Heath Strong | Arbury-road enclosure, Nuneaton. 2,000-3,000 spectators. Mr Newdigate MP started the game at 3.30 pm. The gate realised £25. Foleshill missed a penalty. |

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

ATHERSTONE TOWN v. BULKINGTON.

At Atherstone. The ball went into the Atherstone quarters with a rush, and Smith saved a good shot a minute from the start. Whiting secured on the left and made a nice dribble, and put over to Stretton, who scored the first point for the homesters. The same player scored another goal directly afterwards, the result of a splendid long shot off the right wing. The Town continued to have much the best of the exchanges, and Whiting added another goal for the home team. Half time: Town 3 goals; Bulkington 0. On crossing over the game became very fast, and the Town pressed severely. Taylor and Parker added 2 more points for the homesters, and at the finish the game stood:—

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| Town | 5 |
| Bulkington | 0 |

NUNEATON WANDERERS (Holders) v. NUNEATON ROVERS.

Played on the Rovers ground, a close game ending:—

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| Wanderers | 1 |
| Rovers | 0 |

COLLYCROFT ROVERS v. HINCKLEY TOWN RESERVE.

Played at Collycroft with the result:—

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| Hinckley | 4 |
| Collycroft | 1 |

ATHERSTONE TOWN RESERVES v. CHILVERS COTON VILLA.

At Chilvers Coton. Result:

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| Chilvers Coton | 6 |
| Reserves | 3 |

FOLESHILL ST. LAWRENCE'S v. NUN- EATON WESLEYANS.

At Foleshill, the home team winning as follows:

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| Foleshill | 4 |
| Wesleyans | 1 |

STOCKINGFORD v. HINCKLEY NORTH END

At Stockingford. Score:—

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| Stockingford | 2 |
| Hinckley | 0 |

STOCKINGFORD RESERVE v. CHAPEL END ROVERS.

At Chapel End. Score:—

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| Stockingford... .. | 3 |
| Chapel End | 2 |

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NUNEATON CHARITY CUP

A Big Gate and a Big Game

STOCKINGFORD v GREAT HEATH

The last stage in the annual tournament for the possession of the Nuneaton Cottage Hospital Cup was reached on Saturday when Stockingford and Foleshill great Heath met to decide the question of

supremacy. The match had been the topic of the week in this part of Warwickshire (both clubs being very popular in the neighbourhood), and the result was that long before the time advertised for starting, 3.30, large numbers had begun to line up round the enclosure. Stockingford arrived on the field at 3.15, and a moment later Foleshill followed, cheers being given for each team as they entered the arena. Meanwhile the "gatemen" were very busy. When Mr Newdigate, MP for the Division arrived, there must have been from between 2,000 and 3,000 present. He was loudly cheered and stepping into the enclosure, he started the ball rolling for Foleshill.

THE GAME

Then began one of the fastest and best games that has, for a long time, been played in Nuneaton. Foleshill backed the Town end of the field. Stockingford were the first to distinguish themselves; their left wing at the outset became conspicuous for their good play, but a moment later Foleshill were looking extremely dangerous. Then Stockingford paid a rather lengthy visit to Foleshill territory. Cooper, by good play, relieved, but not to be denied, Stockingford were behind the posts in another minute. Then they forced a corner, but through Blount, Foleshill cleared. The next point of interest was a fine bit of passing on the part of Stockingford forwards, and an equally fine display of defensive work by Cattell. Next, the Stockingford right wing was admired, and Coper was applauded for the way in which he relieved. Not to be denied, however, Edwards (Stockingford) put in a shot, and the result of it was a corner. Nothing tangible resulted, and after a long stay in the Foleshill territory, the "Hatherns" forwards broke away very prettily. The ball went out of touch, and from the throw-in Stockingford got back. Strong obtained possession for Foleshill, and racing down the wing, landed nicely into the net, and thus drew first blood. Up to now, Stockingford had done all the pressing, but after they scored the "Hatherns" began to participate in the aggressive work. Re-starting, their forwards went down the field as one man, but Butler stopped them splendidly. A moment after, owing to Owe making a slight mistake, Rollason shot for Foleshill, but the leather went behind. Then Stockingford seemed to pull themselves together again, they assailed the Foleshill goal with such vigour that it took Clarke all his time to keep his charge intact. The ball being returned, Hyde put in some good play for Stockingford and directly afterwards, from a throw in, the name player centred very precisely. Strong made a splendid run down the field, and Stockingford pressed hard for the space of several minutes. Smith put in some good play for the "Hatherns" and Curl relieved nicely for Stockingford. Then Foleshill looked extremely dangerous. Just as Waring was relieving, he was floored; the ball had hardly left his hands when this took place. Stockingford however got nicely away, and Hyde having put in a nice centre, I Moore, amid much applause, drew equal. The game now became faster and faster. Shortly after the re-start, Owen handled, and in consequence Foleshill were allowed a penalty kick. Cooper took it, but Waring fisted it out excellently. The game continued to be fast and exciting, but the "passover" arrived with the score unaltered.

After ends had been changed, play spin became fast and exciting, and the ball was speedily carried into Foleshill territory. Both ends of the field were visited in rapid succession, and Clarke, the Foleshill goalkeeper, was hurt. For a short time, play had to be suspended, but on re-starting Smith shot behind for Foleshill. A. Moore and Edwards put in some good play for Stockingford, and the latter shot, but the leather went behind. A lengthy visit was then made to the Stockingford end, but, thanks to A. Moore, who raced away splendidly, operations were transferred. Stockingford pressed for a time, and then Rollason put in some good work for Foleshill. After that, the "Hatherns" had the best of the exchanges for a considerable time. At last, however, the Stockingford forwards got away, and the end of a bit of very pretty passing was that A. Moore headed through, and thus placed Stockingford ahead of their opponents. After this, Foleshill re-doubled their efforts, Cooper putting in one or two good shots for them. Clarke, the Foleshill skipper, was very busy just before the call of time.

PRESENTATION OF THE CUP

On the termination of the match, an exciting scene was witnessed. Spectators and players alike rushed to the grandstand, cheering as they ran. Mr. Newdigate shook hands with the captain (A. Moore), and congratulated him on his good play. In presenting him with the trophy the bon. member said:—"I hope you will allow me to offer you my very best congratulation & You have won a splendid game, after an exciting match (Applause. Stockingford know how to play at football very well—loud applause, and a voice: "Good old colliers.")

You nearly carried off the cup last year; you have quite done it this year. I am sure you will all agree in the hope that on some future occasion Foleshill may, after the splendid play they have shown this afternoon, be successful in carrying off the cup (hear, hear, and loud applause). I hope you will allow me to present it to you with the heartiest congratulations it is possible to bestow.

Moore then held up the cup to the view of all. Mr. Newdigate appealed for three cheers for Stockingford, and they were given "now three cheers for Foleshill," said the hon. member for the Nuneaton Division, and they were given quite as heartily. Cheers were given for Mr. Newdigate, and, after the enthusiasm had abated, Mr. C. A. Phillips proposed a vote of thanks to our member for being present to give the cup away. In doing so, he said he was sure Mr. Newdigate had been pleased to come. He had seen a good game of football, and he had also seen a very good "gate" for the Cottage Hospital.

Mr. Newdigate, in response, said : Thank you very much. I hope you will give me another chance of seeing so good a game on another occasion. Moore was then carried shoulder high off the field and into the Arbury Road, where a brake was in waiting, and getting into this vehicle, the Stockingford team were driven to their dressing room at the Granby Head.

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REMARKS.

The fight for the Nuneaton Cottage Hospital Cup has, this year, been rather a checkered one ; a large number of protests have had to be considered by the Executive Committee, and, in several instances, matches have had to be re-played. Foleshill Great Heath, strange to say, are the team against whom nearly all the protests have been raised, and yet they got into the final. In the first round, they defeated Nuneaton Town by one goal to love. Nuneaton protested against three of the Foleshill men, who were said to live outside the seven miles radius of Nuneaton, but the protest was disallowed as a similar case had been before the committee in the preceding season, when Foleshill were given the benefit of the doubt. In the second round, another protest was raised. Foleshill St. Lawrence's protested against the "Heathens" on exactly the same lines as Nuneaton had done, but they, like the old St. Nicholas men, lost their appeal. In the semi-final round of the competition, Atherstone Town walked round Foleshill Great Heath, the score being Atherstone five, Foleshill two. Foleshill protested against Kent, who had played for more than one team during the competition, namely Atherstone Reserves and Atherstone Town (1st). The match was replayed on April 13, when, after extra time had been ordered, Foleshill won. Atherstone protested against the Referee's decision, but without avail. That is how Foleshill came into the final. Stockingford "climbed up" by defeating Hinckley North End, Coton Villa, Coton All Saints, and Hinckley Reserves,

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