



Rushden Cup 1895-96

Winner: Rushden
Runner-Up: Leicester Fosse
No. of entries: ?

Little is known about the first round of this competition.

Leicestershire were represented by at least two teams, who met in the first round - Leicester Fosse slaughtering Hugglescote Robin Hood 12-1.

Leicester Fosse reached the final. However, owing to a league match they sent their reserve team which were beaten 2-1 by Rushden at Rusden.

ROUND 1

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
23.11.1895	Leicester Fosse Reserves	12	1	Hugglescote Robin Hood	
18.1.1896	Wolverton	1	8	Rushden	At Wolverton. Fairly large gathering of spectators.

Semi-Finals

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
9.3.1896	Rushden Denton (35 mins)	3 (3)	0 (0)	Finedon	At Rushden. Rained in torrents throughout the whole game making it uncomfortable for spectators and players alike.
30.3.1896	Leicester Fosse Reserves Davies (4) Lynes	5 (4)	2 (0)	Kettering Reserves AN Other Hitchcock	At Rushden. With the first team playing fir the Luton Cup, Kettering fielded their Reserves. Two days earlier Fosse won the Leicestershire Senior Cup.

Final

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
11.4.1896	Rushden Denton Pendered	2 (0)	1 (1)	Leicester Fosse AN Other	At Rushden. c.1,000 spectators. Leicester Fosse having a League game to play, were represented by their Reserve team. Rushden were at full strength. Fosse took the lead. The winning goal was scored just before time.

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

RUSHDEN CHARITY CUP -1st ROUND.

FOSSE RESERVE v. HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD

The Fosse Reserves met the Hugglescote Robin Hood on Saturday at Leicester is the above competition. There was a fair attendance. The Fosse lost the toss, and kicked off against the wind. Hibbard scored for the home team, and Houghman equalised for the visitors. Half-time arrived with the score: Leicester 3, Hugglescote 1. With the wind their favour, the Rovers had matters all their own way, and the game ended:

Leicester Fosse 12

Hugglescote 1

Burton Chronicle – 28 November 1895

RUSHDEN CHARITY CUP

SEMI-FINAL

KETTERING v. LEICESTER FOSSE—With the first team playing for the Luton Cup, Kettering had to depend upon their Reserves against Leicester Fosse in the semi-final for the Rushden Cup at Rushden on Monday. There was very good attendance. Kettering struggled gamely against the superior skill the "Fossils," out they were overmatched all points, and the Second Division Leaguers won in a canter five goals to two.

Stamford Mercury – 3 April 1896

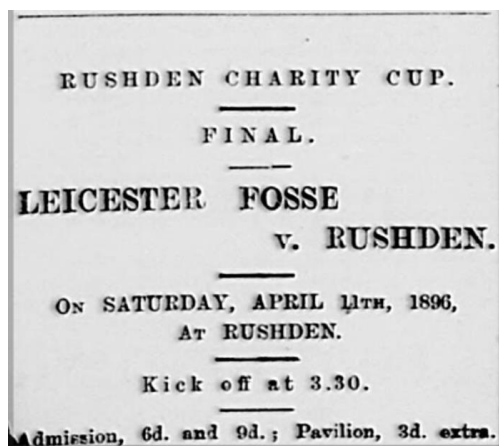
RUSHDEN CHARITY CUP

FINAL

Rushden v. Leicester Fosse.—This match was brought off on Saturday at Rushden before upwards of a thousand spectators. Owing the Leicester club's League engagement at Grimsby, Rushden were only called upon to face the "Fossils" second string. The Fosse had the advantage of the wind in the initial half, and scored. Directly after crossing over Warner equalised for Rushden, and just before time Pendered put on a second and winning point for the homesters, a grand game ending—Rushden two goals, Leicester Fosse Reserves one. The Cup and gold medals were subsequently presented the winners, and silver medals to the runners up, by Mr. John Claridge.

Samford Mercury – 17 April 1896

Additional Information



Gloucester Citizen – 7 April 1896