



Nuneaton Junior Cup 1899-00

Winner: Atherstone Town
Runner-Up: Stockingford
No. of entries: 12

Burbage United were granted a first round bye and then were eliminated by eventual cup winners, Atherstone, in round 2.

Round 1

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
11.11.1899	Fazeley Swifts	3	4	Glascote St George's	
18.11.1899	Stockingford	W		Earl Shilton Victor	
11.11.1899	Willans Athletic	1	2	Lord-street	At Rugby.
	Wilnecote Wanderers			Dosthill	

Foleshill Great Heath, Burbage United and Atherstone, byes

Round 2

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3.2.1900	Atherstone Harris (2) Martin Roberts (2) Hargrave (3)	8	2	Burbage United AN Others	
	Foleshill Great Heath			Wilnecote Wanderers	
	Glascote St George's			Lord-street	

Stockingford, bye

Semi-Finals

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
31.3.1900	Atherstone	2	0	Lord-street	At Nuneaton. c. 3,000 spectators.
13.4.1900	Stockingford	7	0	Wilnecote Wanderers	

Final

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
21.4.1900	Atherstone	2	1	Stockingford	At Atherstone. 3,000 spectators. Miss McCaul, the first lady to enter Ladysmith, who was visiting Nuneaton, presented the Nuneaton Hospital Charity Cup to the winning team. She was herself presented with a handsome bouquet but the Cup committee, a distinguished gathering of townspeople supported Nurse McCaul

Match Reports

NUNEATON JUNIOR HOSPITAL CUP

ATHERSTONE v. STOCKINGFORD.

A CLOSE GAME - CUP PRESENTED

For the next twelve months the honour of holding the Nuneaton Junior Hospital Cup falls upon Atherstone Town. The final round for the trophy was played of on Saturday at Nuneaton, when Atherstone succeeded in defeating Stockingford by two goals to one. The day wise delightful one, and quite 3.000 spectators were present.

Taken on the whole there was not much to choose between the teams, and it must be admitted that Stockingford were rather unlucky in not drawing level in the second half. Atherstone won the toss, and kicked downhill, and with the sun at their backs in first half. Play was very even for a time, both ends being alternately attacked, but gradually Atherstone assumed the upper hand. and after about 15 minutiae play Storer scored in a most unexpected fashion. Atherstone had got down close to their opponents' goal, but did not appear to be dangerous, when Storer, crossing over to the right side, sent in a long shot. which Powell failed to stop.

The "Adders" again attacked, and Harris caused Powell to handle. Then the play became uninteresting for some minutes. neither team showing up to advantage. but at length a splendid combined effort on the part of the Atherstone forwards was made which resulted a goal. The ball was palmed from one to in excellent style, Martin eventually sending across to Roberts, who hooked the ball into the net from a very difficult position.

Stockingford now livened up considerably. and Jones had a good opening, but failed to turn it to account, and Wright returned. The "Ford," however, again returned to the attack, and Windridge scraped out just in the nick of time. There was some question as to whether the ball was not over the line when Windridge saved, but the referee after consulting one of the linesmen, decided in favour of Atherstone. A little later Ferris put in a good shot and Gilbert in trying to save. kicked through his own goal, thus giving the "Ford" what they had been trying very desperately to obtain for some minutes.

After this the "colliers" played up with greater energy. and the " Adders' " defence was severely taxed. They were unable to get through, however. and the interval arrived without any further scoring.

On resuming Atherstone immediately attacked, and Curl was forced to give a corner. The ball was nicely placed, and a scrimmage ensued in the Ford goal, but the danger was cleared. Just after, Atherstone again got away, and Martin sent across the mouth of goal, but no one was up to time. Then Windridge had to kick out at the other end. Stockingford afterwards pressed severely, and the Atherstone backs were kept very busy.

The "Ford - had much the beet of the play in this half, and many a good chance thrown away by bad shooting. whilst Windridge saved several times under the most exciting conditions, and when goals appeared certain. No further goals, however, were scored by either side, and Atherstone retired victors by 2 goals to 1. t

As to the team, the defence on both sides were very sound. 'The Atherstone forwards were smart in the first half, and put in some pretty work. but in the latter half they fell off. The "Ford" possess a good string of forwards, but they seemed not to get into their usual swing in the first half. In the second they attacked vigorously. and combined much more effectively, but their shooting was wretched, and many chances were thrown away.

After the match a large crowd gathered round the stand to witness the presentation of the cup, which was made by Nurse McCaul. Just before the commencement of the match. Mr. Councillor Thomas Horton, on behalf of cup committee, presented Miss McCaul with a lovely bouquet. Mr. Walter P. Evans, on rising to introduce Miss McCaul, said that they had witnessed an excellent same game, and he heartily congratulated the Atherstone club upon their success. From start to finish they had played in excellent style, although the must say that Stockingford were a bit unlucky in not making , a draw.

Referring to the cup, he said it had been the custom for it to be presented by some person of high position and note, but that afternoon it was to be presented by a heroine (applause). We had only to mention the name of Miss McCaul for them to realise the value in their midst of such a lady. Our soldiers went out to fight these fearful battles, and their heartiest thanks were due to those ladies who came forward to nurse the wounded. Although Miss McCaul did not reside at Nuneaton now, they looked upon as a Nuneaton woman. She was connected with a family that much respected in Nuneaton. The Cottage Hospital always had the support of the late Mr. J. H. Bland, who had shown his interest in it by leaving to it £100 (applause). These matches hail resulted in about £25 per annum being handed over to the hospital. He concluded by returning Miss McCaul's thanks to the committee for the bouquet that had been presented to her, and at his request he was given three hearty cheers. .

Miss McCaul then presented the cup to Wilson, the Atherstone captain, and the in responding, mentioned that that was the second time Atherstone had won it.

Cheers were then given for each of the teams, and votes of thanks were paned to Mr. and Miss McCaul, on the proposition of Mr. Phillips and Dr. E. N. Nason. The captain of the Atherstone team was carried of the field shoulder high.

Hinckley Echo - 25 April 1900

Additional Information

THE NUNEATON CUPS.
The draw for the first rounds of the Nuneaton cups resulted as follow :—Junior : Rugby Athletic v. Coventry Lord Street, Wilnecote Wanderers v. Dosthill, Fazeley Swifts v. Glascote St. George, Stockingford v. Earl Shilton Victor ; byes, Foleshill Great Heath, Burbage United, and Atherstone Town. Minor ; Bermuda v. Hawkesbury, Foleshill St. George v. Bulkington, Attleborough v. Earl Shilton, Hinckley United v. Hartshill ; byes, Exhall, Longford, Nuneaton, and Stockingford Reserves.

Kenilworth Advertiser - 21 October 1899

FOOTBALL!
TO-MORROW'S MATCH, at ATHERSTONE,
Second Round Nuneaton Cup,
ATHERSTONE TOWN
v.
BURBAGE UNITED,
Kick-off 3.15.
Admission, 3d. Reserved Enclosure, 1d. extra.
Boys, 1d. All Pay.

Atherstone News & Herald - 2 February 1900

FOOTBALL.
The following is the result of the draw for the semi-final round of the Nuneaton Charity Cups :—
JUNIOR CUP.—Atherstone or Burbage United v. Stockingford.
Foleshill Great Heath or Wilnecote v. Glascote St. George's or Lord Street.
MINOR CUP.—Stockingford Reserves v. Exhall Victorias or Hartshill.
Longford Forest or Hawkesbury v. Foleshill St. George's.

Midland Counties Tribune - 3 February 1900