



Bass Cup 1896-97

Winner: Burton Swifts
Runner-Up: Burton Wanderers
No. of entries: 4

Almost a repeat of the previous seasons' competition. Leicestershire were represented by Leicester Fosse and Loughborough AFC. Both were knocked out in the semi-finals by Burton-based clubs

In an all-Burton Final, staged at Peel Croft, the Swifts beat the Wanderers 2-1.

Semi-Finals

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1	25.3.1897	Burton Wanderers [Holders]	1	0	Leicester Fosse	Peel Croft, Burton. 5,000 spectators. Fosse were without Baird, Skea, Gallacher and Dorrell.
2	1.4.1897	Burton Swifts Campbell Willocks	2 (1)	1 (0)	Loughborough Jones	Derby Turn Ground, Burton Wednesday evening.

Final

#	Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3	?4.1897	Burton Swifts Arnott	2 (0)	1 (1)	Burton Wanderers Garfield	Peel Croft, Burton 4,000 spectators.

Match Reports

#1 THE BASS CHARITY CUP. BURTON WANDERERS (HOLDERS) v. LEICESTER

This semi-final tie the Swifts' ground Burton last (Wednesday) night, before 5,000 spectators. The first portion of the game was fast and exciting, but neither side could score. Early the second half Cunningham, of the Wanderers, retired hurt, but returned after being medically treated. Play continued remarkably even for a further twenty minutes, when Garfield scored a grand goal for the Wanderers. Nothing further was scored, and the game ended - Burton Wanderers, one goal; Leicester Fosse, nil.

Sporting Life - 26 March 1896

#2 BASS CHARITY CUP

BURTON SWIFTS v LOUGHBOROUGH

Played last evening on the Burton Wanderers' ground. Both sides were well represented, and a good game ensued. Campbell scored in the first half and 30 minutes after the change of ends, Willocks put the Swifts two ahead. E. Andrews next scored for the visitors. Result:-

BURTON SWIFTS 2 goals

Loughborough 1 goal

Sheffield Daily Telegraph - 2 April 1896

#3 BASS CHARITY CUP-FINAL

BURTON WANDERERS v BURTON SWIFTS

Played on Peel Croft Burton, in lovely weather, before 4,000 fans. Both clubs were well represented West (the Swifts) being the only absentee. In the first half Garfield scored for the Wanderers after 13 minutes play. During the second portion Arnott scored twice for the Swifts, who played much better than in the first half. Result:

BURTON SWIFTS 2 goals

BURTON WANDERS 1 goal

Sheffield Independent - 23 April 1896

Additional Information

**BASS CHARITY FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION.**
GRAND FINAL.
**PEEL CROFT GROUND, BURTON,
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21st.**

Burton Chronicle - 15 April 1897