



# Nuneaton Junior Cup 1898-99

**Winner:** Foleshill Great Heath  
**Runner-Up:** Fazeley Swifts  
**No. of entries:** 16

Several results are missing - including the replay tie between Leicestershire's only representatives, Hinckley Granville and Glascote St Georges.

## Round 1

	Home			Away	Match Details
12.11.1898	Clifton Victorias	3	1	Dordon	Dordon protested about the late start - which was dismissed.
12.11.1898	Coventry Cravens	0	13	Foleshill great Heath	
12.11.1898	Coventry United	3	1	Polesworth United	Polesworth protested against United for the ground arrangements and the game was ordered t be replayed.
12.11.1898	Fazeley Swifts	15	0	Vine Street	
12.11.1898	Hinckley Granville	2	2	Glascote St Georges	
12.11.1898	Lord Street	4	4	Atherstone Town	
12.11.1898	Nuneaton Town	3	2	Stockingford	Coton Road, Nuneaton. Large crowd, A protest by Stockingford against Nuneaton for a late start was dismissed by the Executive Cup Committee.
12.11.1898	Two Gate Wanderers	2	2	77 <sup>th</sup> Field Battery, Royal Artillery [Coventry]	

## Round 1 Replay

	Home			Away	Match Details
?	Glascote St Georges			Hinckley Granville	

## Round 2

	Home			Away	Match Details
10.12.1898	Glascote St Georges	1	2	Atherstone Town	
10.12.1898	Nuneaton Town Gretton AN Other	2 (1)	3 (0)	Foleshill Great Heath AN Others	Great Health scored 3 times in 10 mins.
10.12.1898	Polesworth	2	6	Clifton Victorias	?
	77th Field Battery, Royal Artillery or Two Gate Wanderers			Fazeley Swifts	

## Semi-Finals

	Home			Away	Match Details
11.2.1898	Atherstone Town	0	1	Foleshill Great Heath	At Stockingford.
4.3.1899	Clifton Victora	1	5	Fazeley Swifts	Nuneaton Town's ground.

## Final

	Home			Away	Match Details
22.4.1899	Fazeley Swifts	1	2	Foleshill Great Heath	

## Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

### ASSOCIATION NOTES.

The largest crowd that has yet assembled to witness a football match in Nuneaton this season lined the Coton Road enclosure to witness the keen encounter provided by those well-known local combinations—Nuneaton Town and Stockingford—who as a result of the "hat trick" came together in the first round of the Nuneaton Hospital Cup competition. The weather, an all-important factor on such occasions as these, was just tolerable, but the ground after the recent "rimes" was of the heavy going order. Judging from the intense excitement and enthusiasm manifest at certain periods of the game, one is bound to come to the conclusion that there must have been a preponderance of Stockingford supporters, in spite of the fact that there was practically no counter-attraction in the town that day. A lucky and much-to-be-envied club that, which retains such loyal, and may I say affectionate, adherents to its "cause"!

Taking into consideration last season's experiences, only occasionally would the still small voice give utterance to his (or her) pent-up confidence as to the result of the match, while the majority spoke of the pleasure and vice versa of paying a return visit to the "slant," meaning of course the ground of the Stockingford club. It was certainly a very serious undertaking to view with complacency the scrimmages at either end of the field, even midway, which took place on Saturday. It was one of those so-called ideal cup-tie encounters, and in the excitement it created one was apt to forget all about the penetrating chilliness of a fast approaching November evening, which by the time the game was over rendered it impracticable to distinguish between the players.

It was an evenly contested affair throughout, the score—3 goals to 2 for Nuneaton—indicating the exact nature of the contest. Stockingford played their hard plodding (if not elegant) game, and their opponents gave way to tactics somewhat approaching similarity, but the nature of the proceedings, and the state of the ground, fully justified the adoption of any such measures.

Both sets of backs were found plenty of work in consequence. Here, it may be remarked, the respective merits of these players amounted to a total of two and two, Holt being, if anything, just a little below his associates in point of reliability. Some brilliant and marvellous saves were executed by both custodians, while there was a decisiveness about the goals scored against each which relieved Messrs. Garris and Smith as to their responsibility in the matter. Of the halves, the visitors were the more consistent trio as regards play, although Ball and Richards were the best men in this department. King was also very good but his vis-a-vis—Perry—was weakness itself.

In the forward ranks there was not a harder worker on the field than Holmes, who on this occasion proved a regular glutton—a charitable compensation for the lack of dash, judgment, or even competency, on the part of Griffiths at outside left, whose display all admit was a complete disappointment. So much for the weakest spot on the field. None could supercede in brilliance little Moorhouse, whose speedy runs and flying shots were a treat to witness. B. Carris was in no whit behind, lacking as he did any real support on the wing, and taking this into consideration his performance is all the more creditable. Edkins did not shine with the distinction as of old. Many were of opinion that he had deteriorated since quitting the ranks of the Town club. Rice again filled the vacancy caused by Gretton's absence, and although much more of him was required than he was able to perform, he

he stuck to his work pluckily. Hopes are entertained as to his efficiency as a centre man, and I trust the committee will give him further opportunities of developing his talents. Hollyoak, too, will have to look to his laurels if he doesn't use better judgment. In other respects he fully satisfies the expectations of the club's supporters.

Local talent was much in evidence in the front rank of the collier lads' team, the efforts of such as Stringer and Storer being deserving of encouragement. Now here's a chance for those aspiring Nuneaton Leaguers who are making their respective bids for the local championship.

Other results in the Nuneaton Cup competition are as follows:—

- Coventry United 3, Polesworth United 1
- Fazeley Swifts 15, Coventry Vine Street 0
- Foleshill Great Heath 13, Coventry Cravens 0
- Clifton Victorias 3, Dordon Albions 1
- Hinckley Granville 2, Glascoote St. George's 2
- Coventry Lord Street 4, Atherstone Town 4
- Two-gates Wanderers 2, Royal Artillery 2

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## NUNEATON JUNIOR CUP—FINAL.

### FOLESHILL GREAT HEATH v. FAZELEY SWIFTS.

The result of last Saturday's final for the Nuneaton Cottage Hospital Junior Cup secured for the Foleshill Great Heath Club a unique experience in the history of its existence, and the proud position it holds in the pot hunting sphere of association football is one sufficient to turn many another club green with envy, inasmuch as Saturday's victory secured for them their third cup this season, viz., the M.D.T., Foleshill, and Nuneaton trophies. Fazeley Swifts have also established a record in cup ties by no means to be despised. In addition to having gained well-merited victories over Atherstone Town and Nuneaton Town by no less a margin than 3 goals to 1, the previous week they carried off the Polesworth Nursing Cup, and are in the final for the Leaming. trophy.

As to their chances of success, supporters of both sides were pretty confident of the issue, but from a review of their respective work this season it would have been a difficult matter to give an accurate forecast, as the style of play of the one club differs materially from that of the other.

#### THE COTON ROAD GROUND

was the scene of the encounter, and the afternoon was an ideal one for the occasion. There was an utter absence of breeze so that the winning of the toss meant practically no advantage. For over half-an-hour prior to the kick-off spectators trooped in, many displaying favours—or, lacking even these means of displaying their loyalty, voicing, with here and there a little uncalled-for and out-of-place emphasis, the superiority of their favourites. The selection of referee was a matter which was highly satisfactory to all parties, and Mr. Bailey, of Leicester, is to be congratulated on the firm and impartial manner in which he carried out his duties. The enclosure was densely lined when the teams,

The enclosure was densely lined when the teams, some few minutes late in turning out, arrived on the scene. Great Heath led the way, and their appearance was the signal for an outburst of cheering, which was renewed when Fazeley came on. Both teams were strongly represented, and lined up in the following order:—

FOLESHILL GREAT HEATH.				
	Wareham			
	Smith		Glover	
Cooper		Twygger		Cattell
Tasker	Grindley	Chatland	Tedds	Walton
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Martin	Fitch	Baxter	Hubble	Wain
	Beaman	Dooley		Radford
	Stone	Richardson		
		Buchanan		

#### FAZELEY SWIFTS.

Losing the toss, Fazeley kicked off, and were the first to assume the aggressive. Baxter, however, missed a good opening, while by means of strong kicking on the part of the Heath halves Walton came just as near opening his account. Play was kept very close for a time, and fouls were frequent, but none of these threatened very seriously. Still, it was more a matter of good fortune than good judgment that the Swifts' goal escaped downfall. Walton and Tasker occasionally made matters warm for Buchanan and Co., while Smith and Glover proved a little too good for Fazeley forwards—for a time at least. Great Heath experienced exceptionally hard lines when Buchanan having rashly left his charge, Chatland had the goal at his mercy, but Beaman headed away what appeared to be a certain goal. Another attack by "Reds" gave the opposing defenders a disagreeable surprise, for just after Martin had all but succeeded in converting a lightning shot from Hubble, Wain, after 35 minutes play, secured a brilliant goal for Fazeley, Wareham having no chance what...

Wareham having no chance whatever. This reverse was apparently not at all to the liking of the "Old Five," and some exciting play was witnessed near the Swifts' goal, and five minutes after the first goal the Heathens equalised from a well placed corner. The interval arrived with honours easy.

Mr. Bailey allowed a very brief interval, and the re-opening exchanges were of a mild character. Tripping, however, was soon in evidence, and things began to look serious for both sides. The Swifts made very little progress against the Heath defence, and Cooper and Twigger were jointly responsible for an attack on the Fazeley goal, which eventually resulted in what proved to be the winning goal, ten minutes after the re-start from a fast high shot by Tedds. For some time after this the Heathens looked like winning "hands down," Fazeley never seeming to fully recover their equilibrium. Fitch spoilt many a good forward attempt by keeping to the ball too tightly, with the almost invariable result that he easily fell a prey to Twigger. Walton experienced "hard enough lines" certainly on one occasion when catching the ball at full swing across the Swifts' goal he tipped it just over the bar instead of under, while Martin was loudly applauded for a clever individual attempt on the other goal. Baxter having missed a golden opportunity of equalising, some more exciting play near the road goal was witnessed, the "Heathens" eventually adding a third point, which, owing to off-side infringements, was disallowed. There was no time for further scoring, and when the whistle sounded the score stood :-

Foleshill Great Heath .....	2
Fazeley Swifts .....	1

COMMENTS

Nuneaton Observer - 28 April 1899

Additional Information

**NUNEATON COTTAGE HOSPITAL  
CHARITY CUPS ASSOCIATION.**

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# **FOOTBALL!**

To-Morrow's Match—

**NUNEATON HOSPITAL CUP.—SEMI-FINAL.**

**ATHERSTONE TOWN**

v.

**FOLESHILL GREAT HEATH,**

**At STOCKINGFORD.**

**Kick-off at 3.30. Thos. R. PROLES, Hon. Sec.**

*Atherstone News and Herald - 10 February 1899*