



Friendly Matches 1885-86

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3.8.1885	Coalville Town Whitwick Town Coalville Town	2(3) 1(1) 2(4)	0(1) 0(7) 0(0)	Long Eaton St Lawrence Burton Wellington FC Whitwick Town	Coalville Athletic Club Annual Sports. Up to 6,000 people attended the event. Football Contest - two heats and a final. Scoring goals (points).
29.8.1885	Whitwick Town No.1 Coalville Town Final: Whitwick Town No.1	2 3 2	1 0 1	Whitwick Town No.2 Sheppard's Rovers Coalville Town	First Whitwick Athletic Sports - held in a field in Hall-lane, kindly lent by Mr. R. Sharp.
26.9.1885	Hugglescote Robin Hood Captain's Team (W Wilkins) AN Other	1 (1)	2 (1)	Hugglescote Robin Hood Vice-Captain's Team (J Causer) W Cross (2)	Great number of spectators, "who frequently applauded the players..."
1.10.1885	Ansty FC	0	1	Thursday Half Holiday	
3.10.1885	Leicester Fosse J Johnson (2) West (2) Coleman Lewitt	6 (2)	0 (0)	Trinity Band of Hope	Victoria Park, Leicester. "During the whole of the first half of the game play was in the Trinity ground."
3.10.1885	Mountsorrel Town FC	0	1	Quorndon Havelock	Opening game of the season for both clubs. Game lasted 1 hour and 20 mins.
3.10.1885	Sheepshed Forest United	3	1	Coalville United	Good number of spectators, who apparently watched the game with keen interest. "The visitors were unable to keep pace with the home team."
3.10.1885	Singers (Coventry) FC	4 (3)	0 (0)	Hinckley Trinity	Binley-road Grounds, Coventry, "Many of the Trinity played very badly, and if the club is to be a success as in the past, they must adopt a more systematic mode of passing instead of attempting to dribble the ball in front of their own goal. At the same time, they must keep their own places in the field."
10.10.1885	Christ Church	1	0	Belgrave FC	The Pasture, Leicester
10.10.1885	Coalville	1 (0)	1 (1)	Castle Donington	
10.10.1885	Earl Shilton	3 (0)	1 (1)	Stoney Stanton	
10.10.1885	Earl Shilton	10	0	Enderby	
10.10.1885	Hathern Star	2	2	Whitwick Town	Well-contested game.
10.10.1885	Hinckley Trinity FC	6	0	Nuneaton Britannia	
10.10.1885	Leicester Town (2 nd Team) Nuttall (3) Barlow	4 (1)	0 (0)	Market Harborough (2 nd Team)	Nuttall hat-trick.
10.10.1885	Market Harborough	2	3	Wellingborough	Mr Goward's field, Market Harborough.
10.10.1885	Wellingborough	12	0	Oakham Amateurs	
17.10.1885	Coalville (2 nd)	1	1	Sheepshed Forest (2 nd)	
17.10.1885	Hinckley Trinity FC	A	A	Nuneaton True Blues	The game was abandoned after 15 mins play owing to ungentlemanly behaviour on the part of the

					Nuneaton players. During the 15 mins play the Trinity scored one goal and one disputed to nil.
17.10.1885	Oakthorpe	0	8	Coalville (1 st)	
17.10.1885	Wyggeston Boys School	1	4	Leicester Fosse	Victoria Park, Leicester.
21.10.1885	Loughborough Grammar School	1	1	Wyggeston Boots School	Victoria Ground, Loughborough.
22.10.1885	Thursday Half-Holiday Nuttall (2) C McAlpin	3	0	Mill Hill House	Victoria Park, Leicester. Game commenced at 4.15 pm.
24.10.1885	Hathern Star FC	0 (0)	1 (1)	Kegworth St Andrew's	Hathern managed to score, but it was disputed, which brought the game to an abrupt termination.
24.10.1885	Hinckley Trinity	1	0	Croft	The ground was in very bad condition owing to the recent heavy rains, and the play was made still worse by a strong south wind which was blowing the whole of the time
24.10.1885	Hugglescote Robin Hood W Parsons E Gale (2) S Briers	4 (3)	0 (0)	Whitwick FC	Large number of spectators. Very one-sided game.
24.10.1885	Ibstock Wanderers H Pearce AN Others	3	3	Newhall Rangers AN Others	Flying Horse grounds, Ibstock. Large number of spectators.
24.10.1885	Leicester Bates (2) Allington	3	0	Belgrave	Victoria Park, Leicester. Belgrave had the best of the game in the first half owing to the very strong wind blowing from goal to go, but Leicester scored first,
24.10.1885	Leicester Fosse	1	1	Market Harborough (2 nd Team)	Victoria Park, Leicester. Harborough first team were playing at Bedford in the Northamptonshire and District Challenge Cup competition.
24.10.1885	Leicester Park Rovers	0	2	Wigston Working Men's Club	The Pasture, Leicester. Unfavourable weather
24.10.1885	Leicester Town	1	1	Mountsorrel Town	Victoria Park, Leicester. "The weather was very rough, a very strong wind blowing across the ground."
24.10.1885	Mountsorrel (2 nd)	1	1	Quorndon Havelock (2 nd)	
24.10.1885	Singer's (Coventry)	4	0	Stoney Stanton	Binley-road Ground, Coventry. "If it had not been for the wind blowing very strong, they [Singer's] would no doubt, have scored a great many more goals."
29.10.1885	Mountsorrel Town AN Others	3 (2)	2 (2)	Leicester Thursday Half Holiday W Clarke AN Others	Weather was fine. Game commenced at 3.45 pm.
31.10.1885	Belgrave (2 nd Team)	1	1	Quorndon (2 nd Team)	15 mins played each half.
31.10.1885	Enderby FC	0	1	Mountsorrel	Game lasted 20 mins
31.10.1885	Kettering	3	1	Market Harborough	
31.10.1885	Quorndon FC	1	0	Belgrave	Owing to the late arrival of the Belgrave team they were unable to play more than 10 mins each way.
7.11.1885	Coalville	3	0	Blackfordby	Fox and Goose ground, Coalville.

7.11.1885	Enderby	0	2	Earl Shilton Old FBC	"When it [the ball] was being played down again one of the players kicked the ball in the end of the lace hole which was not laced up, causing the quarter to give away, which stopped play."
7.11.1885	Hinckley Rising Star FBC	0	0	Trinity FBC	Victoria Park, Hinckley.
7.11.1885	Mill Hill House Sturges	1 (0)	0 (0)	Leicester Fosse	Victoria Park, Leicester. Game lasted 1 hour 40 mins. The only goal of the game was scored a few mins before time was called.
7.11.1885	Whitwick Rovers	1	0	Swadlincote Town	New Inn Ground, Whitwick. Fast and exciting game.
7.11.1885	Wyggeston Boys	1	1	Park Rovers	Victoria Park, Leicester.
14.11.1885	Belgrave	0	3	Leicester Fosse J Johnson E Johnson West	
14.11.1885	Blackfordby	1	3	Ravenstone Druids	
14.11.1885	Earl Shilton Rising Star	0	1	Barwell Villa	
14.11.1885	Glascote Heath United Archer	1	3	Wilnecote Rangers A Tooley J Townsend T Allsop	"Spirited" game.
14.11.1885	Hinckley Trinity FC	1	0	Stoney Stanton	The visitors did not arrive until late, and only 40 mins play was possible.
14.11.1885	Loughborough Olympics	0	2	Mountsorrel	Recreation Ground, Loughborough.
14.11.1885	Nether Whiteacre FC	2	4	Coleshill and District FC	Both were newly formed clubs.
14.11.1885	Wreake Valley (A)			Leicester Town (A)	At Syston. The Valley played very rough but could not stop the combined runs of Leicester's five forwards.
21.11.1885	Coalville	9	0	Barlestone	Fox and Goose Hotel, Coalville
21.11.1885	Hathern Star FC	2 (2)	2 (2)	Sheepshed Town FC	Hathern backs made a goal which was disallowed for offside. A discussion was raised about this incident, which continued until dark.
21.11.1885	Leicester Fosse	3	0	St Mary's	Victoria Park, Leicester.
21.11.1885	Sheepshed FC (2 nd Team)	6	0	Whitwick Charnwood Forest FC	
21.11.1885	Havelock 1 st Team	3 (1)	1 (1)	Cotton's 1st	Played at Quorndon.
21.11.1885	Whitwick Rovers	1	0	Harriman's' Factory, Sheepshed	
21.11.1885	Whitwick Town	2	1	Ibstock Rising Star	
28.11.1885	Beeston	3	3	Hathern FC	
28.11.1885	Loughborough Olympic	0	1	Sheepshed Forest United	
28.11.1885	Lutterworth	0	0	Hinckley Trinity	
28.11.1885	Mill Hill House Marriott (3) McAlpin (2) Donisthorpe Nuttall Sturges	8 (7)	0 (0)	Leicester Association (2 nd)	Victoria Park, Leicester.
28.11.1885	Ravenstone	0	3	Coalville	
28.11.1885	St James'	1	0	Excelsior	Welford-road Recreation Ground. The only goal of the game was "disputed."

28.11.1885	Whitwick Rising Star	1	0	Sheepshed Town FC (2 nd Team)	
5.12.1885	Ashby Ivanhoe	D	D	Measham North Star	A dispute rose before time over alleged foul play on the part of the North Star team. Several of the Ashby team were injured.
5.12.1885	Huncote FC	0	1	Hinckley Trinity FC	
5.12.1885	Leicester Association AN Others	2	2	Market Harborough AN Other Underwood	Harborough equalised 5 mins from time.
5.12.1885	Market Harborough (2 nd Team)	7	0	Wyggeston School	
19.12.1885	Kegworth St Andrew's	4	0	Bulwell Forest FC	
19.12.1885	Keyworth (Notts)	W		Sheepshed FC (2 nd)	
19.12.1885	Sheepshed Church of England Temperance Society FC	1	0	Hugglescote St John's	
19.12.1885	Sheepshed Forest United	0	2	Coalville Town	Forest United had a weakened side as several of their best players did not attend.
19.12.1885	Stoney Stanton	0	3	Hinckley Trinity FC	
19.12.1885	Wigston FC	2	0	Park Rovers FC	
25.12.1885	Ashby Foresters	1	2	Ashby Ivanhoe (2 nd)	
25.12.1885	Ashby Ivanhoe (1 st)	5	0	Ashby ('picked') Team	
25.12.1885	Quorndon Havelock FC	1 (0)	3 (1)	Mountsorrel Clarke	Large number of spectators. Game started at 3 pm.
25.12.1885	Barkby FC	0	0	Syston FC	
26.12.1885	Ashby Ivanhoe	1	1	Moira	
26.12.1885	Barwell Villa FC	11	0	Earl Shilton Rising Star	Barwell played a good passing game throughout.
26.12.1885	Barkby FC	0	0	Syston FC	
26.12.1885	Loughborough Victoria	2	0	Sheepshed	"The unfavourable state of the weather rendered the game somewhat uninteresting and prevented a large number from witnessing the encounter." Sheepshed scored a "disputed" goal.
26.12.1885	Ravenstone Druids	2	0	Blackfordby	
2.1.1886	Barwell Villa	5	1	Hinckley Rising Star	Owing to the late arrival of the visitors the game lasted just 40 mins.
2.1.1886	Sawley	1	4	Castle Donington	The home team began to play rough, but they found that they were not match for their opponents. Sawley's only goal - 10 mins from time - was due to an error by the Dons goalkeeper.
9.1.1886	Ashby Ivanhoe	3	0	Blackfordby Young Britons	
9.1.1886	Loughburians	P	P	Loughborough Victoria	Game was not played owing to bad weather.
9.1.1886	Markfield	1	12	Hugglescote Robin Hood	
9.1.1886	Wigston	A	A	Croft FC	Abandoned on account of the weather.
16.1.1886	Ashfordby	2	0	Somerby	
16.1.1886	Barrow	0	1	Sheepshed	Fine weather. Good attendance.
16.1.1886	Derby Primitives	0 (1)	1 (0)	Castle Donington J Lees	Castle Donington's record to this point was impressive - played 18 and lost 1 - a defeat against the Primitives earlier in the season.

16.1.1886	Excelsior FC	1	0	Park Rovers FC	The Pastures, Leicester.
16.1.1886	Ibstock Wanderers	0	0	Barwell Villa	
16.1.1886	Ketton FC	0	7	Uppingham FC	
16.1.1886	Loughburians Gadsby	1 (1)	0 (0)	Loughborough Victoria	Nottingham-road, Loughborough. This match was hastily arranged after Beeston failed to turn up for a game again. Loughburians and Kegworth did not arrive for their game against Victoria. Neither club sent any notice.
16.1.1886	Market Harborough	0 (0)	4 (0)	Kettering Town	Harborough had a strong wind in their favour during the first half.
16.1.1886	Messrs Harriman's Factory (Sheepshed)	0	1	Whitwick FC	
16.1.1886	Sheepshed (2 nd Team)	7 (6)	3 (0)	Heather Sparkenhoe F.C.	
16.1.1886	St James' FC	4	1	St Paul's FC	Welford-road Recreation-ground
23.1.1886					"Football in the Leicester District was again drawn blank last Saturday, as notwithstanding that the frost had almost entirely disappeared, heavy snow fell during Friday night [22 Jan] and on Saturday morning it lay on the Victoria Park to a depth of nearly half a foot." – <i>Leicester Chronicle</i> 30 January 1886
23.1.1886	Loughborough Victoria FC	2	1	Sheepshed FC	This was Sheepshed's second defeat of the season.
23.1.1886	Nuneaton	0	0	Whitwick Crusaders	The Crusaders played a splendid game against a much superior team.
30.1.1886	Leicester Fosse J Johnson (2) E Johnson	3	0	Mill Hill House	Fosse played one man short. McAlpin's [Mill Hill House] play elicited applause from both sides.
30.1.1886	Ravenstone Druids Sam Collier	1 (0)	0 (0)	Hugglescote St Johns	The winning goal was scored 5 mins before time.
6.2.1886	Coalville Ibstock FC	2 3	1 0	Hugglescote Nelson's Team (Sheepshed)	Football Contest. 6-a-side; 10 mins each way.
6.2.1886	Melton Rovers	1	1	Ashfordby	Mr Firbank's field, Ashfordby-road.
6.2.1886	Mr J Smith's Team (Sheepshed)	2	3	Mr J Arnold's Team (Whitwick)	
6.2.1886	Stoney Stanton	0	2	Hinckley Rising Star	
6.2.1886	Heat 1 Waldron's Team Heat 2 Coalville Heat 3 Nelson's Team (Sheepshed)	4 2 0	0 0 3	Stanley's Team Hugglescote Ibstock FC (Select)	Football Contest – 6-a-side. Ram Hotel Grounds, Ibstock. The teams were composed of six men each, and the time for play was 10 minutes each way.
6.2.1886	Wyggeston Boys School	0	1	Leicester Fosse	
13.2.1886	Coalville	3 (3)	0 (0)	Ravenstone Druids	Fox and Goose Hotel, Coalville. Many spectators.
13.2.1886	Hathern	2	1	Loughborough Olympic	
13.2.1886	Sheepshed	W		Coalville	Football Contest. Ram Hotel Grounds, Ibstock.
13.2.1886	Quorndon Havelock	W		Ansty	Owing to the visitors bringing a very weak team the game resulted in an easy victory for the Havelock.
13.2.1886	Quorndon Havelock (2 nd)	3	2	Woodhouse Eaves (1 st)	Woodhouse's first-ever match.
13.2.1886	Sheepshed	W		Coalville	Football Contest Final – 6-a-side. Ram Hotel Grounds, Ibstock.

13.2.1886	Syston Wreake Valley	1	2	Leicester Fosse J Johnson E Johnson	
20.2.1886	Keyworth	W		Sheepshed FC (2 nd)	
20.2.1886	Leicester Fosse Gardner	1	0	Belgrave	Victoria Park, Leicester.
20.2.1886	Moira FC	1 (0)	1 (0)	Ashby Ivanhoe	
20.2.1886	Church of England Temperance Society FC	1	0	Hugglescote St John's	At Sheepshed.
20.2.1886	Sheepshed Forest United FC	0	2	Coalville Town FC	Several of Forest's key players did not turn up.
27.2.1886	Coalville Town	3	1	Barwell	
27.2.1886	Hinckley Trinity	4	2	Lutterworth FC	Much interest was taken in the match, as the clubs had previously drawn three matches.
27.2.1886	Markfield	0	4	Coalville	
27.2.1886	Singers (Coventry)	1	2	Hinckley Rising Star	
6.3.1886	Hugglescote Robin Hoods	0	1	Coalville	A strong wind continued to blow during the whole game.
6.3.1886	Leicester Park Rovers	2	0	Christ Church FC	The Pastures, Leicester.
6.3.1886	Stoney Stanton FC	0	2	Barwell	
13.3.1886	Ashby Grammar School Emery J Joyce	2	1	Swadlincote AN Other	
13.3.1886	Barwell Mutual improvement Society FC	3	0	Stoney Stanton FC	
13.3.1886	Whitwick Crusaders	1	1	Sheepshed	
20.3.1886	Gotham FC	1	2	Sheepshed	
20.3.1886	Hinckley Trinity FC	3	0	Huncote	
20.3.1886	Kettering	5	2	Oakham School	Game commenced at 2.30 pm.
20.3.1886	Oakham Amateurs	3	1	Uppingham Town FC	
20.3.1886	Mountsorrel	1	0	Leicester Wanderers FC	Leicester Wanderers F.C. had not lost in 1885-86 season prior to this game. Mountsorrel had played 18 matches, winning 11, drawn 5, and losing 2.
22.3.1886	Kegworth (Notts)	2	3	Sheepshed	Large number of spectators
27.3.1886	Ashfordby A W Burton AN Other	2	1	Oakham Amateurs AN Other	The game was thoroughly enjoyed throughout, notwithstanding the unfavourable weather.
27.3.1886	Markfield	0	0	Northgate-Street Wesleyan Chapel	Rain fell nearly all the time. The game was a short one, ending in a draw, neither side scoring
3.4.1886	Castle Donington J Lees Fawcett (2) AN Others	13 (3)	0 (0)	Melbourne Town	Game commenced at 3.30 pm
3.4.1886	Coalville Sheepshed Hugglescote Robin Hoods	0(0) W 1(1)	0(1) L 1(0)	Hugglescote Barwell Sheepshed	Football Contest £3 first prize. Large number of spectators. Money taken at the gate amounted to about £4 10s compared with £3 the previous week. Scores - goals (points) Barwell failed to put in an appearance - so Sheepshed were awarded the game. Sheepshed beat the Robin Hood's in the final by one goal and one point to one goal.

10.4.1886	H Gamble's Team (Quorndon Havelock)	0	1	W Dalby's Team (Quorndon Havelock)	Played on a field, kindly lent by Mr. Geo. Cooke.
10.4.1886	Messrs Stableford & Co.'s Coalville Town (2 nd) Mr Wharmby's Team Coalville Town	1 (1) 0 (2) 0 (2) 1 (1)	1 (3) 0 (0) 0 (1) 0 (1)	Messrs Wootton Brothers Coalville (2 nd) Whitwick Sheepshed	Football Contest arranged by the Coalville Cricket Club in aid of their funds played on the Fox and Goose Ground. Many spectators Scores - goals (points). Referee: Mr J M Bertenshaw; Mr Fellowes and Mr W Nield, as umpires,
10.4.1886	Mill Hill House (Past and Present) C McAlpin (2) Sturges	3	0	Leicester FC	
10.4.1886	Sheepshed FC	3	1	Heather Sparkenhoe	
17.4.1886	Castle Donington (2 nd)	6 (2)	12 (1)	Sawley Rangers	Game commenced at 3.30pm
17.4.1886	Leicester Fosse Bankart (2)	2	0	Leicester Town AFC	Victoria Park Game kicked off at 3.45 pm
26.4.1886	Messrs Wootton Bros Coalville Town A Coalville	1 (5) 1 (2) 1	0 (2) 2 (3) 0 (1)	Coalville Coalville Town B Coalville Town B	Coalville Cricket Club Football Contest First prize £3 10s and second prize £2. Scores - goals (points).
1.5.1886	Ravenstone Druids (Married)	1	0	Ravenstone Druids (Single)	Ravenstone's final match of the season.