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Ptn		Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ave	Pts
1	Liverpool	30	14	1	0	65	11	8	1	6	41	21	3.31	46
2	Manchester City	30	12	3	0	37	9	9	1	5	26	29	1.66	46
3	Grimsby Town	30	14	1	0	51	9	6	1	8	31	29	2.16	42
4	Burton Wanderers	30	12	1	2	43	15	7	3	5	26	25	1.73	42
5	Newcastle United	30	14	0	1	57	14	2	2	11	16	36	1.46	34
6	Newton Heath	30	12	2	1	48	15	3	1	11	18	42	1.16	33
7	Woolwich Arsenal	30	11	1	3	42	11	3	3	9	16	31	1.38	32
8	Leicester Fosse	30	10	0	5	40	16	4	4	7	17	28	1.30	32
9	Darwen	30	9	4	2	55	22	3	2	10	17	45	1.07	30
10	Notts County	30	8	1	6	41	22	4	1	10	16	32	1.06	26
11	Burton Swifts	30	7	2	6	24	26	3	2	10	15	43	0.57	24
12	Loughborough	30	7	3	5	32	25	2	2	11	8	41	0.61	23
13	Lincoln City	30	7	1	7	36	24	2	3	10	17	51	0.71	22
14	Burslem Port Vale	30	6	4	5	25	24	1	0	14	18	54	0.55	18
15	Rotherham Town	30	7	2	6	27	26	0	1	14	7	71	0.35	17
16	Crewe Alexandra	30	5	2	8	22	28	0	1	14	8	67	0.32	13

Winner	Liverpool (2nd title)
Runner-Up	Manchester City
Wooden Spoon	Crewe Alexandra
Failed re-election	Crewe Alexandra, Burslem Port Vale, Rotherham Town
Matches played	240
Goals scored	943 (3.93 per match)
Top goalscorer	George Allan (Liverpool), 26
Biggest home win	Liverpool – Rotherham Town 10–1 (18 Feb 1896)
Biggest away win	Burton Swifts – Liverpool 0–7 (29 Feb 1896) Crewe Alexandra – Liverpool 0–7 (28 Mar 1896)
Highest scoring	Darwen – Rotherham Town 10–2 (13 Jan 1896)
Longest winning run	10 matches; Liverpool (7 Dec 1895 – 7 Mar 1896)
Longest unbeaten run	10 matches; Burton Wanderers (19 Oct 1895 – 4 Jan 1896) Liverpool (7 Dec 1895 – 7 Mar 1896)
Longest losing run	6 matches; Lincoln City (21 Sep 1895 – 26 Oct 1895)

Leicester Fosse finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 16

Loughborough finished 12<sup>th</sup> out of 16

Promotion and relegation between the two divisions was decided by a series of Test Matches. As in the previous season the top two clubs in the Second Division and the bottom two in the First Division met in a mini-league. Each club played four matches - home and away matches against the two sides from the other division. At the conclusion of the matches the first and second sides in the league played in the First Division and the third and fourth sides in the Second Division.

18 Apr 1896	Liverpool	4	0	Small Heath
18 Apr 1896	Manchester City	1	1	West Bromwich Albion
20 Apr 1896	Small Heath	0	0	Liverpool

20 Apr 1896	West Bromwich Albion	6	1	Manchester City
25 Apr 1896	Liverpool	2	0	West Bromwich Albion
25 Apr 1896	Manchester City	3	0	Small Heath
27 Apr 1896	Small Heath	8	0	Manchester City
27 Apr 1896	West Bromwich Albion	2	0	Liverpool

### Football League Test Match Series Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Outcome
Liverpool	4	2	1	1	6	2	5	Promoted
West Bromwich Albion	4	2	1	1	9	4	4	Retained
Small Heath	4	1	1	2	7	3	3	Relegated
Manchester City	4	1	1	2	15	3	3	Remained5

### Election for League Membership

Rotherham Town did not seek Re-Election so other two bottom clubs were required to seek re-election to the League. They were joined in the vote for League membership by 7 non-league clubs.

Votes	Club	End Result
19	Blackpool	Elected to the League
16	Walsall	Elected to the League
15	Gainsborough Trinity	Elected to the League
10	Burslem Por Vale	Not re-elected to the League
10	Luton Town	Not elected to the League
4	Crewe Alexandra	Not re-elected to the League
3	Fairfield Athletic	Not elected to the League
3	Glossop North End	Not elected to the League
2	Macclesfield	Not elected to the League
2	Tottenham Hotspur	Not elected to the League

Football League Second Division 1895-96 Home \ Away	Burslem Port Vale	Burton Swifts	Burton Wanderers	Crewe Alexandra	Darwen	Grimsby Town	Leicester Fosse	Lincoln City	Liverpool	Loughborough	Manchester City	Newcastle United	Newton Heath	Notts County	Rotherham Town	Woolwich Arsenal
Burslem Port Vale		1-0	2-2	2-1	3-3	1-4	1-1	0-1	5-4	1-1	0-1	2-0	3-0	0-4	4-0	0-2
Burton Swifts	2-1		0-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	0-2	4-0	0-7	1-2	1-4	3-1	4-1	0-0	2-0	3-2
Burton Wanderers	2-1	2-1		4-0	3-0	2-1	0-0	4-1	2-1	4-0	4-1	0-3	5-1	1-3	6-1	4-1
Crewe Alexandra	3-2	1-3	0-1		3-1	0-1	1-1	2-2	0-7	1-2	0-2	3-0	0-2	5-1	3-2	0-1
Darwen	8-2	3-0	3-0	6-1		3-3	4-1	5-0	0-4	1-1	2-3	4-4	3-0	2-0	10-2	1-1
Grimsby Town	6-1	3-0	2-1	2-0	5-0		7-1	4-2	1-0	2-0	5-0	2-1	4-2	3-0	4-0	1-1
Leicester Fosse	5-0	2-1	1-3	4-1	2-3	1-2		1-3	2-0	5-0	1-2	2-0	3-0	2-1	8-0	1-0
Lincoln City	4-2	1-2	1-2	6-2	1-0	2-5	2-3		0-1	4-1	1-2	4-0	2-0	2-3	5-0	1-1
Liverpool	5-1	6-1	4-1	6-1	0-0	3-1	3-1	6-1		1-0	3-1	5-1	7-1	3-0	10-1	3-0

Loughborough	3-0	2-2	1-1	4-1	4-1	0-1	1-4	3-0	2-4		2-4	1-0	3-3	1-3	3-0	2-1
Manchester City	1-0	1-1	1-1	4-0	4-1	2-1	2-0	4-0	1-1	5-1		5-2	2-1	2-0	2-0	1-0
Newcastle United	4-2	5-0	4-0	6-0	7-2	1-5	1-0	5-0	1-0	3-0	4-1		2-1	5-1	6-1	3-1
Newton Heath	2-1	5-0	1-2	5-0	4-0	3-2	2-0	5-5	5-2	2-0	1-1	2-1		3-0	3-0	5-1
Notts County	7-2	5-0	1-4	6-0	4-1	5-3	1-2	2-0	2-3	2-0	3-0	0-1	0-2		0-0	3-4
Rotherham Town	0-2	1-4	1-6	4-0	3-0	1-0	2-0	2-2	0-5	4-0	2-3	1-1	2-3	1-0		3-0
Woolwich Arsenal	2-1	5-0	3-0	7-0	1-3	3-1	1-1	4-0	0-2	6-0	0-1	2-1	2-1	2-0	5-0	

The 1895-96 season was full of "firsts" for the Luffs. Loughborough strengthened their squad for their first Football League campaign by recruiting goalkeeper Hugh Monteith from Glasgow Celtic and Charles Dickson, a prolific striker (12 from 22 appearances) from Newcastle United. Dickson was reputedly earning £2 per week plus a £5 per game win bonus with the Magpies. Dickson did not live up to his reputation and was offloaded the following year to Jarrow after scoring just 5 goals for the Luffs. Monteith on the other hand proved to be a great signing, an ever present in 1895-96 and only missing two games in the following season, before Luffs were forced to transfer him along with two other players to Bristol City to help alleviate the club's financial crisis. Preparations were significantly disrupted when Luffs trainer Jackson left the club to join Liverpool. Over 200 applicants were received for Jackson's replacement after the committee placed an advert in the national press. There was one outstanding candidate, Richard Prince who had trained Preston North Ends "invincibles" when they won the Football League and English Cup "double" in 1888-89.

Taking a lesson from the unprepared condition of some players at the beginning of the previous season, Leicester Fosse committee decided that training should commence one month before the first fixture of the season. New players for the season included Harry Davy (Blackpool), David Manson (Rotherham Town), Strachan, John Baird (Aston Villa), Richard Davies (Hanley Town), Harry Trainer (WBA), James Atherton (Blackpool) and Jack Walker (Manchester City), all of which were in residence in the town by August. Last seasons' men Jimmy Brown, Jimmy Thraves, Arthur Henrys, Willie McArthur, and David Skea were ready again to take up their positions. The only men missing were Harry Bailey who was fulfilling his professional cricket engagement in Scotland, Hugh Gallacher and Hogan who was playing in a baseball tournament in London. Training began under the stewardship of John Newton with a brisk walk!

The Luffs first-ever Football League game was in Newcastle on 7 September 1895, at St James' Ground in front of 6,000 Geordies.

Field line-up

Forwards: Ball, W. Ward, Cotterill, Clarke, A. Ward  
Half Backs: Hamilton, Middleton, Rose  
Backs: Swift and Berry  
Goal: Montieth

Four players made their Loughborough debut - Hugh Montieth, Joseph Clark and the Ward brothers, Walter, and Arthur. Montieth was an ever present in the Luff's inaugural Football League season along with John Hamilton, and Dolly Rose and only missed two games the following season. In 1903 Monteith won an English Cup winners medal whilst playing for Bury, beating Derby County 6-0 in front of over 63,000 spectators at Crystal Palace. Left back George Swift, who joined the Luffs from Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1891, signed for Leicester Fosse before the start of the following season, which caused a yet another rift between the two clubs. Three of the Luffs side were Scottish - Monteith, Hamilton and Clarke. Henry Middleton signed from Derby Junction in 1892 became trainer at Derby County on retirement and was one of the founders of Derby Baseball Club. There was not a single Leicestershire-born player present on the pitch. Loughborough's first taste of the Football League ended in 3-0 defeat and was met at what was described by the local press as "... wretchedly contrived misnamed St James Park". Outplayed and outclassed by the Magpies, Loughborough were lucky to keep the score down to just three! Newton Heath were Loughborough's first football League opponents at the Athletic Grounds the following Saturday. More than

2,500 watched the team in black and white draw 3-3, with Thomas Cotterill scoring the Luffs first-ever League goal with a spectacular volley.

The first Football League Leicestershire Derby took place at Walnut Street on 5 October 1895. There was as ever an immense amount of local interest in the game. The previous Saturday both Leicestershire clubs had faced opposition from Burton. The Luffs had beat Burton Swifts – their first scalp in the Football League – at their fourth attempt, whilst the Fossils were surprisingly beaten, at home by Burton Wanderers. As a result, the game was very open. A large contingent from Loughborough added to the excitable atmosphere of the 8,000 spectators. The Fossils had a cordial reception when they stepped on the field a couple of minutes before 3:30pm, but the visitors, who immediately followed received a rapturous ovation from their very vocal travelling support. Swift won the toss for the Luffs and the Fosse kicked off in the direction of the gasworks goal, against a fairly strong wind. The first half provided a very entertaining spectacle, but the longer the game went on the more dominating Leicester's forward line became. Inside left Skea, in particular was outstanding. Towards the end of the half the inside left got the ball and after eluding several of Luff players came across to the right where he centred, Brown scoring to the delight of Fosse faithful with a brilliant volley, Monteith in the Loughborough goal stood no chance whatsoever. As the rain began to fall, Skea darted past Berry and netted with a stinging low shot, doubling Leicester's advantage. Loughborough, who went into the break two down were shellshocked. As the second half proceeded the Fossils dominance increased. Loughborough lost their shape and when opportunities did arise, they shot badly. On the other hand, the Fossils forwards worked wonderfully as a coherent unit, and went on the offensive to improve the goal average. McArthur and Gallacher each in turn beat Monteith. Shortly before the end Skea collided with the goalkeeper and left the field and did not return. Fosse's fifth and final goal, resulted from an own goal after a hard low cross by Gallacher glanced off the Luffs back, Berry into the back of the net.

The final outcome, 5-0, was very much more one-sided than anticipated, the Fosse claiming their largest ever winning margin against their archrivals in a competitive game. The "powerful purgative" which a Loughborough writer asserted was being prepared by Loughborough against the Fosse, missed fired and the cocksureness which the Luffs supporters openly paraded before the game, came to nothing. The result came as a complete surprise to even the most ardent Leicester supporter. It was a complete performance by the Fosse. Seldom, as the local press reported, "has the Fosse defence been so conspicuously successful. Thraves gave one of his best exhibitions of goalkeeping – sufficient testimony to a sterling display – and Baird earned high praise for his cool and scrupulously fair style, while Bailey rendered efficient service. Then when Fosse commenced to score Loughborough's light went out and as promising as it had been their commencement, the finale was most ignominious." Some Loughborough supporters blamed the rain, others were unhappy by Monteith's habit of kicking the ball when he ought to handle – "always a dangerous system, especially with a wet ball". As the Leicester Post football commentator stated at the end of his report on the game – "It may be that the powerful purgative spoken of before the game was administered to them [Loughborough] by mistake."

The reverse fixture at the Athletic Grounds took place 6 weeks later, on Saturday 16 November 1895 in front of around 4,000 spectators. Yet again the weather would play an important role in determining the outcome of a Leicestershire derby game. A brass band provided entertainment before the players appeared on the field of play, several minutes after the advertised 2:30 pm kick off time. Both teams were not in the best of form, winning just one game each in the period between the two derby days. Harry Trainer fell sick at the last minute for Leicester, and Richard Davies was called up from the reserves to complete an already weakened side. Fortunately for the Fosse the mainstay of the team, their half backs, were intact. Loughborough played the same side that had drew 1-1 with Burton Swifts the day before! This result raised Loughborough above the Fosse in the league table, which presumably gave the Leicester team extra impetus to beat their rivals and reverse this humiliating situation. The Luffs were clearly disadvantaged after their exertions just 24 hours earlier

**COOK'S EXCURSIONS FROM LEICESTER:—**  
SATURDAY, Nov. 16th, to BIRMINGHAM (for Rugby Football Match, Leicester v. Old Edwardians), 1.10, and to LOUGHBOROUGH (for League Football Match, Fosse v. Loughborough), 1.30 p.m.  
MANCHESTER RACES.  
SATURDAY, Nov. 23rd, to MANCHESTER, 8.25 a.m., KETTERING and NORTHAMPTON, 2.30 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 27th, to LONDON (Stanley Club Cycle Show), for 1, 3, and 6 Days, 7.45 a.m.  
Bills and Tickets at the Station, and at COOK'S NEW RAILWAY and STEAMSHIP PASSENGER BOOKING OFFICE, Gallowtree-gate.  
GEO. H. TURNER, General Manager, Derby.

Leicester Chronicle - 16 November 1895

and it showed during the first half as they had to compete against both the Fosse and the wind. Players had the utmost difficulty in commanding the ball, turning the game into a lottery. Leicester pinned the Luffs into their own half for most of the first 20 minutes. Bishop opened the scoring for the Fosse after 7 minutes. Fosse were simply too strong for Loughborough. Lynes obtaining possession, passed to Davies, who doubled the lead with a strong shot. A third goal on 40 minutes resulted from the first corner of the game with a low powerful strike by Davies as the ball became free. All Loughborough's attempts were thwarted by the strong wind blowing against them. A change of ends saw a dramatic improvement, perhaps not surprisingly, given the inclement weather, in Loughborough's form. Luck, however, was not on their side. A combined rush gave McArthur an opportunity that he did not waste, scoring with a low shot to claim Leicester's fourth. Although four down Loughborough refused to lie down. From a throw in Loughborough scored, the ball going directly through into the net after a miskick by Leicester's Davy five minutes from the close. The game ending with the score Loughborough 1-4 Leicester Fosse.

Loughborough had a dreadful sequence of results following the Fosse encounter, not winning a Football League game until leap year day, when they beat Woolwich Arsenal 2-1 at home. They managed just two points in 11 games and were firmly rooted to the bottom of the table. Attendances dramatically dropped to less than half of that of the opening fixtures. Running costs remained high plus the debt carried over from the following season meant the financial situation was dire. The Loughborough Monitor football reporter commented, " ... I have wondered how the club manage to live at all under its heaviest. The expenditure is continuous, whether the gate receipts are much or little and it have had a hand to mouth existence for some time." The only way out was for the club was to offload some players. Having reduced the wage bill, the Committee signed proven striker James Logan from Newcastle in a final attempt to lift themselves off the foot of the table. A proven goal-scorer Logan had scored a hat trick for Notts County during the Trent Bridge club's 4-1 triumph over Bolton Wanderers in the 1894 English Cup Final. Remarkably it worked. Logan revitalised the team and helped secure the Luffs highest-ever placing (12<sup>th</sup>) in the Second Division, winning 7 of their last 10 games. Logan's career and life ended in tragic circumstances. Loughborough on their way to play Newton Heath (Manchester United) on 4 April 1896 discovered that their kit had been lost. Unable to borrow any shirts, Loughborough had to take to the field wearing their ordinary clothes. Rain fell heavily throughout the 90 minutes, and at the end of a 0-2 defeat, Loughborough's players had to return home wearing the very clothes they had played the match in. Logan caught a cold, which he managed to shake off, but not long after scoring in a 4-1 victory in the final game of the season against Crewe Alexandra, Logan relapsed. He developed pneumonia (inflammation of the lungs) and died on Monday 25 May 1896, with his father present, just one month short of his 26<sup>th</sup> birthday. Whilst in Loughborough he rented a room from John Berry, the Luffs full back, at 108 Leopold Street. According to his obituary in the Leicester Journal (May 1896): *Logan, like so many other League players, belonged to Scotland, having been brought up on the Duke of Portland's agate in Ayrshire. He crossed the border five or six seasons ago, becoming engaged to the Sunderland club. From the north he came the Midland district, joining the ranks of Aston Villa. At about this period of his career he gave great promise of developing into a line player. He was, however, not long at Birmingham, his services being transferred to Notts County, and it was while wearing the colours of this club that he attracted moat attention. He it was who scored the winning goal for Notts County when they secured the English Cup at Everton on March 31st. 1894. In that season which was Logan's best lie spired 60 goals for Notts. His position was then centre forward. The beginning of last season found Logan in the north again, Newcastle United obtaining command of his services. In the first week of the new year, however, he returned to these parts. Loughborough succeeding in gaining his transfer from Newcastle. It was hoped that in Logan the local club had captured just the centre forward they wanted, and certainly some excellent performances were accomplished subsequent to his admission into the home ranks. He was of a quiet and retiring disposition and made many friends wherever he went. The football world will lie all the poorer for his untimely decease. His loss will be keenly felt in Loughborough, as the club had signed him on again for next season, so satisfied were the committee of his displays in the Town colours. A large sum of money was paid by the club for his transfer from Newcastle. Logan was a married man, ..... as a mark of respect, the Midland League championship flag was hoisted half-mast high at the Athletic Ground. The unexpected death of so bright an ornament in the professional football ranks casting a gloom in sporting circles. Logan's many connections having caused him to be widely known and highly respected.*

Although a large number of people attended the funeral, John Berry was the only member of the first team present. The rest had already left town to return to their homes for the summer break. Also in attendance

was Jimmy's widow Mary, his father James and the wife of David Calderhead, his ex-teammate and captain at Notts County. He lies in an unmarked grave in Loughborough cemetery.

Leicester like the Luffs also staged a revival finishing the season mid table (8<sup>th</sup>) after the return of their old hero Billy Dorrell from Aston Villa in March. Interestingly Dorrell missed his train for the Rotherham Town home fixture, which a hastily reorganised forward line won 8-0. The season ended on a rather disappointing note, as Grimsby striker Tommy McCairn putting six (6) past Thraves in a humiliating 7-1 defeat at the Mariners Abbey Park ground.

The Leicester Chronicle in its review of the season of the Fosse commented that..... "It the beginning of last September, then, the prospects of a brilliant season were quite the reverse of obscure, but the Walnut-street crowd were not long in discovering the unwelcome fact that some of the changes at any rate were for the worse. The loss of five matches out of the seven played during September bought this home in startling fashion, but the troubles of the executive were then only commencing. It was quickly evident that the whole and sole fault lay with the forwards, who, however they ' were changed about, displayed an irritating inability to reach the desired height of combination and power. The intermediate and rear divisions were undoubtedly as strong and perhaps stronger than formerly, but so feeble was the scoring department that the defence naturally could not continually stand the strain. A few of the newcomers were quickly relegated to the second team, an obscurity from which they have never emerged, while some of the recognised first eleven professors shaped throughout in a style far from satisfactory. The inevitable search for new blood was attended by no more, happy results, and what with accidents to players and other causes which it is not desirable to specify, the executive found their position a most difficult one. So, the first half of the season passed, and when New Year came Fosse had won only five out of eleven League games; and what was of perhaps as much importance at that particular stage, had, been disgracefully beaten in the English Cup matches [defeated at home 1-2 by Kettering] even before they entered the competition proper. Two or three short spells of success, brilliant while they lasted, invariably gave way to these disappointing relapses, and so the reason dragged on. The re-engagement of a player [Dorrell] who had much to do with the early rise of the club lent a flip up to the proceedings towards the end, but the spurt was short-lived and the feelings of the club's supporters at the present: time are not entirely enthusiastic. The five cup competitions in which the first team entered were especially disastrous. Excepting the three purely village teams beaten in the earlier stages of the national competition, not a single cup match was won; not even one final was reached; on the contrary, the club's cup-fighting abilities were proved to be wretchedly weak. With such an unreliable combination to represent the ambitious Fossils, it is a matter for surprise that the club has attained even eighth position in the League list. One or two matches have been splendidly won, notably Liverpool, Newton Heath, and Notts County, but contemplation of these meritorious performances - showing plainly that the men had the ability if they would but utilise it - only deepens the regret that at least four presumably easy matches were simply thrown away. Happily, the end of the season brings with it an opportunity, previously impossible, cf. ridding the club of that appreciable proportion of the staff that has simply acted as a brake to its progress. With a practical footballer now, to all intents, at the head of affairs, we may fairly suppose that the egregious blunders of the past will not be repeated. The constitution of the team for next year, having regard to the experiences of the period just passed, is a work of much difficulty and delicacy. Many other clubs, ill-favoured like the Fosse in the selection of their players, are striving to improve their strength, and the search for worthy men is exceedingly keen, but we can only hope that the professors the executive have in view will prove a more reliable lot than those who are now severing their connection with Leicester.

The Fosse balance sheet at the end of the season showed a total turnover of £3979 9s 8 ½ d; the overdraft stood at £457 13s 7 ½ d; against £383 17s 1d at the end of the previous season. On the receipt side of the account, the gate money amounted to £2373 19s 7d, membership subscriptions of £883 16s 6d, £150 accrued from the sports of last season and £47 from transfer fees. The least productive Second Division gate, the match with Crewe Alexandra, amounted to £49 10s and the friendly with the Luffs bought in a further £21 4s 6d. At the AGM held in May, it was stated that McMillan signed for next season “was a good man in the centre position, and that they had some good reports of the former Luff, Carnelley”, who had also agreed to play for the Fosse. During the meeting, a telegram was received to the effect that William Freebairn had just been signed from Partick Thistle, as an outside right. Season ticket prices for 1896-97: covered stand 12s 6d; ditto including lady’s ticket 17s 6d; reserved stand, single ticket 20s; ditto including lady’s ticket, 25s.

The Luffs finances were in an even worse state! The cost of bringing the Football League to Loughborough had been high, reporting an end-of-season deficit of £652 9s 3d. This included the sale of Benjamin Bull to Liverpool and William Owen to Wolves for £40 and £50, respectively. During the season there had been something like 40 plus professionals on the clubs’ books. Players wages were in excess of £36/week. The treasurer at the AGM was surprisingly upbeat, “looking at the whole concern, the loss sustained during the year was easily accounted for, and another year, I have no hesitation in saying, instead of a financial loss the club would be able to show a profit.” This meant that a desire to make the club into a limited company had to be put on hold until the debt was cleared. A range of funding raising activities were organized, including a fete, bazaar, gala, and a shilling subscription in an attempt to improve the club’s finances.

#### STARTING THE FOOTBALL SEASON –

Harry Trainer, football player, 42 King-street, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and using obscene language, in the Market-place, on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst, - After hearing the evidence, the magistrate convicted, and fined him 10s, or seven days’ imprisonment in default.

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Trainer had embarrassed the Fosse and was dropped. He returned to the team and scored six goals during the latter part of the campaign but was released at the end of the season. The Welsh international was no stranger to breaking the law. In February 1894, Trainer was charged with assaulting James Holt, the landlord of the Talbot Hotel, following Westminster Rovers’ 5-3 win over Wrexham in the semi-final of the Welsh Cup. Trainer apologised and donated £5 to the Wrexham Infirmary and Holt agreed to drop the case. He was also convicted of housebreaking, and in January 1901 pleaded guilty to charges of breaking and entering, and theft of 42 gold rings, 13 gold brooches, 12 silver watch chains, eight gold pendants, six watches, four silver serviette rings, two silver button hooks, one jewelled gold bracelet, one gold pencil case, one silver fruit knife, one silver matchbox, one scent bottle and one silver medal, worth a total of more than £40, Trainer to nine months’ imprisonment with hard labour.

### Leicester Fosse Football League Division 2 Results

Date	Opposition	Result	Score	Scorers	Attendance
07.09.1895	Burton Swifts (H)	W	2 - 1	Gallacher, Skea	5,000
14.09.1895	Manchester City (A)	L	0 - 2		9,000
21.09.1895	Darwen (A)	L	1 - 4	Skea	1,000
28.09.1895	Burton Wanderers (H)	L	1 - 3	McArthur	6,000
05.10.1895	Loughborough (H)	W	5 - 0	Brown, Skea, McArthur, Gallacher (2)	7,000
19.10.1895	Burton Wanderers (A)	D	0 - 0		2,000
26.10.1895	Darwen (H)	L	2 - 3	Trainer, Davies	5,000
09.11.1895	Liverpool (A)	L	1 - 3	Bishop	7,000
16.11.1895	Loughborough (A)	W	4 - 1	Bishop, Davies (2), Lynes	7,000
30.11.1895	Liverpool (H)	W	2 - 0	Davies, McArthur	8,000
07.12.1895	Woolwich Arsenal (A)	D	1 - 1	Lynes	5,000
21.12.1895	Crewe Alexandra (H)	W	4 - 1	Skea (2), McArthur, og	3,000
01.01.1896	Newcastle United (A)	L	0 - 1		7,000

04.01.1896	Newton Heath (H)	W	3 - 0	McArthur (2), Manson	7,000
11.01.1896	Notts County (H)	W	2 - 1	Manson, Skea	10,000
18.01.1896	Rotherham Town (A)	L	0 - 2		1,000
25.01.1896	Woolwich Arsenal (H)	W	1 - 0	Lynes	6,000
03.02.1896	Newton Heath (A)	L	0 - 2		1,000
08.02.1896	Notts County (A)	W	2 - 1	McArthur, Manson	11,000
15.02.1896	Lincoln City (A)	W	3 - 2	McWhirter, Manson, og	2,000
22.02.1896	Crewe Alexandra (A)	D	1 - 1	McArthur	3,000
29.02.1896	Lincoln City (H)	L	1 - 3	Trainer	3,000
07.03.1896	Burslem Port Vale (A)	D	1 - 1	OG	1,500
21.03.1896	Burslem Port Vale (H)	W	5 - 0	Lord (2), Gallacher, Trainer, Dorrell	5,000
28.03.1896	Burton Swifts (A)	W	2 - 0	McArthur, Gallacher	3,000
03.04.1896	Rotherham Town (H)	W	8 - 0	Trainer (5), McArthur, Manson, OG	5,000
04.04.1896	Manchester City (H)	L	1 - 2	McArthur	4,000
06.04.1896	Grimsby Town (H)	L	1 - 2	Dorrell	4,000
07.04.1896	Newcastle United (H)	W	2 - 0	Trainer(2)	5,000
11.04.1896	Grimsby Town (A)	L	1 - 7	Manson	3,000

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Date	Opposition	Result	Score	Scorers	Attendance
07.09.1895	Newcastle United (A)	L	0-3		6,000
14.09.1895	Newton Heath (H)	D	3-3	Cotterill (2), Clark	2,500
21.09.1895	Liverpool (H)	L	2-4	Middleton, Swift	3,500
28.09.1895	Burton Swifts (A)	W	2-1	Gordon, Middleton	
05.10.1895	Leicester Fosse (A)	L	0-5		7,000
26.10.1895	Lincoln City (H)	W	3-0	Middleton, Clark, Bull	
09.11.1895	Lincoln City (A)	L	1-4	Cotterill	2,000
15.11.1895	Burton Wanderers (H)	D	1-1	Smith	
16.11.1895	Leicester Fosse (H)	L	1-4	OG	7,000
30.11.1895	Grimsby Town (A)	L	0-2		
07.12.1895	Liverpool (A)	L	0-1		1,000
21.12.1895	Grimsby Town (H)	L	0-1		
25.12.1895	Notts County (A)	L	0-2		
26.12.1895	Burton Swifts (H)	D	2-2	Dickson, Middleton	
28.12.1895	Notts County (H)	L	1-3	Middleton	
04.01.1896	Woolwich Arsenal (A)	L	0-6		
20.01.1896	Burton Wanderers (A)	L	0-4		800
01.02.1896	Manchester City (H)	L	2-4	Hamilton, Logan	1,500
22.02.1896	Darwen (A)	D	1-1	Logan	300
24.02.1896	Manchester City (A)	L	1-5	Logan	2,000



29.02.1896	Woolwich Arsenal (H)	W	2-1	Clark, Roulston	2,500
07.03.1896	Newcastle United (H)	W	1-0	Rose	2,000
14.03.1896	Rotherham Town (A)	L	0-4		
21.03.1896	Darwen (H)	W	4-1	Roulston, Logan, Andrew	2,500
03.04.1896	Crewe Alexandra (A) *	W	2-1	Ward, Jones	
04.04.1896	Newton Heath (A)	L	0-2		4,000
06.03.1896	Rotherham Town (H)	W	3-0	Andrews, Jones, Hamilton	3,000
07.04.1896	Burslem Port Vale (H)	D	1-1	Andrews	
11.04.1896	Burslem Port Vale (A)	W	3-0	Jones, Roulston, Berry	1,000
18.04.1896	Crewe Alexandra (H)	W	4-1	Andrews, Jones, Logan, AN Other	1,500

\* Played at Sandbach since Crewe's ground had been closed due to crowd trouble