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COALVILLE.

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THE FOOTBALL CLUB.—Preparations are now being made for the football campaign of 1881-2, and a meeting was held on Friday, at the Fox and Goose Hotel, to appoint officers. The chair was taken by Mr. Jacob Clay. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the past officers. Mr. Charles Peach was elected captain, Mr. W. Wardle, vice-captain, Mr. Jas. Joyce, secretary, and Mr. William Butler, (the host) treasurer. It was resolved to purchase jerseys and caps for the members, playing in all matches. The association rules were to be observed, and challenges are invited.

LIST OF FOOTBALL MATCHES FOR 1881-2.—Sept. 24th, opening match; Oct. 1st, Sheepshed *v.* Hugglescote, at Hugglescote; 8th, ditto *v.* Thringstone, at Sheepshed; 22nd, ditto *v.* Loughborough Alliance, at Sheepshed; 29th, ditto *v.* South Notts., at Nottingham; Nov. 12th, ditto *v.* Barrow Victoria, at Barrow; 19th, ditto *v.* Mountsorrel, at Sheepshed; 26th, ditto *v.* Loughborough Athletic, at Loughborough; Dec. 3rd, ditto *v.* Ansty, at Ansty; 10th, ditto *v.* Hugglescote, at Sheepshed; 17th, ditto *v.* Coalville, at Coalville; 24th, ditto *v.* Thringstone, at Thringstone; 27th, ditto *v.* Ravenstone, at Ravenstone; Jan. 7th, ditto *v.* Coalville, at Sheepshed; 21st, ditto *v.* Loughborough Alliance, at Loughborough; 28th, ditto *v.* Castle Donington, at Sheepshed; Feb. 11th, ditto *v.* Mountsorrel, at Mountsorrel; 18th, ditto *v.* Barrow Victoria, at Sheepshed; 25th, ditto *v.* South Notts., at Sheepshed; March 4th, ditto *v.* Loughborough Athletic, at Sheepshed; 11th, ditto *v.* Ansty, at Sheepshed; 18th, ditto *v.* Ravenstone, at Sheepshed; 25th, ditto *v.* Castle Donington, at Castle Donington: April 1st, the closing match.—Second team matches: Oct. 1st, Sheepshed *v.* Hugglescote, at Sheepshed; Nov. 5th, ditto *v.* Quorndon, at Quorndon; Nov. 12th, ditto *v.* Barrow Star, at Sheepshed; Dec. 10th, ditto *v.* Hugglescote, at Hugglescote; 17th, ditto *v.* Coalville, at Sheepshed; 26th, ditto *v.* Hathern Star at Hathern; Jan. 7th, ditto *v.* Coalville, at Coalville; Feb. 4th, ditto *v.* Quorndon, at Sheepshed; 18th, ditto *v.* Barrow Star, at Barrow; 20th, ditto *v.* Hathern Star, at Sheepshed.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 03 September 1881

FOOTBALL.—The annual meeting of the Hinckley Football Club was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, the Rev. A. F. Aylward presiding. The accounts for the year were passed, and officers for the season elected. E. J. Simpson, Esq., was elected captain and S. Davis, jun., re-elected secretary.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 17 September 1881

LEICESTER FOOTBALL CLUB.

The annual dinner of the Leicester Football Club was held at the George Hotel, in the Haymarket, on Monday evening, Mr. A. E. Brica, vice-president of the club, occupying the chair, and Mr. A. T. Porter, the captain, the vice-chair. A very elaborate meal, provided by Hostess Marston, having been done full justice to, the chairman gave the "Queen and the Royal Family," which was responded to with enthusiasm. In doing so, the chairman said that when such scenes had taken place in a country united to us by blood, he meant the scenes that had been enacted across the Atlantic, and especially when they remembered what was happening there that day, they felt that Her Majesty was not only dear to them, but all over the world. The kindly sentiment of sympathy sent by her to Mrs. Garfield would long be remembered—(applause), and it was worth notice that the only wreath upon President Garfield's coffin, notwithstanding the fact that there were a large number sent, was that sent by Queen Victoria (applause). The chairman proposed "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," to which Mr. Langham, of the volunteers, responded in suitable terms. The chairman, in proposing the next toast, said last year they had one of the old captains of their football club for president during the first year of the Leicester Football Club. That gentleman was one of the old captains of the L. A. S., and took a great interest in starting the Leicester Club. As he had resigned the position, they had been fortunate enough to get the services of Major General Burnaby, M.P., as president. He had to regret the absence of General Burnaby, and had great pleasure in proposing "The Health of the President."—The Chairman then proposed the toast of the evening, "Success to the Leicester Football Club," and said the club was established last year, as they were all aware.

The three old clubs—the L.A.S., the Amateurs, and the Alert were amalgamated into one, and the amalgamation had been a successful one during the season. They won a great many more matches than they lost, and they secured twice as many goals and touches as their opponents. It was some 15 or 16 years ago since the Rugby Union was established in England, and before that time football was simply a matter of kicking the ball about, through a place, or at a wall, without any particular rules as to off-side or anything else. Since then the game had been reduced to a systematic code of laws through the influence of several gentlemen, who called themselves the Rugby Union. A year previous to that an association called the "Association Union," was formed. The Leicester Club was not averse to that Union, but he did not think there were sufficient in Leicester to form an association club. As there were not sufficient clubs in the immediate vicinity to play the Rugby Union matches, they, therefore, had to arrange some association matches in which they were eminently successful, except when short handed on the occasion of the match against Derby School. The team sent over to meet that school was an extremely weak one. If they remembered playing the Loughborough team and beating them by three goals to none, they would see that they had been successful. A difficulty they had to surmount was in getting together three teams for the same Saturday. They had altogether a most successful season, and he thought when he saw the number of gentlemen assembled that night, and at another meeting when he resigned his captainship, they would be a very successful club. At that meeting he saw 15 as good men as they could get in the Midland Counties. The secretary was arranging a list of matches for the year, and they would have some good clubs to meet.

some good clubs to meet. One of these would be Moseley, who broke arms, injured collar-bones, and shook them about in various manners on former occasions. Amongst the clubs would be the Edgbaston Crusaders, and they had also to meet them when they went to play for the Midland Counties Challenge Cup. When they had beaten that club, they would have to meet Leamington. They must make up their minds to walk over Edgbaston, and he hoped they would beat them. Moseley was also in the Challenge Cup matches, and would have to meet Kettering, and that would probably be a stiff combat. Rushden had to meet Stourbridge at Rushden. The first practice of their club ought to have been on Saturday last, but owing to the bad weather he believed that was not held. He hoped there would be a practice next Saturday, and that all the members would turn up and prepare themselves for the coming season. In proposing the toast, he had great pleasure in coupling with it the name of Mr. A. T. Porter (applause). When he mentioned the

name of Mr. Porter, he had not the slightest hesitation in saying that he mentioned the name of one of the very best players in the Midland Counties. During the last season he (the speaker) played twice for the Midland Counties at Oxford University, and against Gloucestershire, and was sure they had no three-quarter back with anything like the powers of Mr. Porter. He hoped nothing would happen to prevent Mr. Porter from playing next season such as happened towards the end of last season (loud applause).—Mr. A. T. Porter, the captain, who was well received, responded.—Other toasts followed, and the rest of the evening was spent in conviviality.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES.

COALVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB.

October 22.—Burton, at Coalville.
October 29.—Hathern, at Hathern.
November 5.—Castle Gresley, at Coalville.
November 12.—Melbourne, at Melbourne.
November 19.—Kegworth, at Coalville.
December 3.—Loughboro' (Alliance), at Coalville.
December 10.—Ravenstone, at Ravenstone.
December 17.—Sheepshed, at Coalville.
December 17.—Sheepshed (2nd team), at Sheepshed.
December 26.—Ravenstone, at Coalville.
January 7.—Sheepshed, at Sheepshed.
January 7.—Sheepshed (2nd team), at Coalville.
January 14.—Burton, at Burton.
January 21.—Loughborough (Athletic) at Coalville.
January 28.—Hathern, at Coalville.
February 4.—Castle Gresley, at Gresley.
February 11.—Loughborough (Alliance), at Loughborough.
February 18.—Leicester (Town), at Coalville.
February 25.—Loughborough (Athletic) at Loughborough.
March 4.—Kegworth, at Kegworth.
March 11.—Derby (St. Luke's), at Coalville.
March 18.—Linton, at Linton.
March 25.—Melbourne, at Coalville.
April 1.—Leicester (Town), at Leicester.
J. Joyce, Secretary.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 22 October 1881

ASHBY "OUR BOYS" FOOTBALL CLUB.

Below is a list of the matches already arranged to be played by this club. The return with Atherstone School has not yet been arranged:—

Oct. 26.—At Atherstone, Atherstone School.
Nov. 2.—At Ashby, Ashby Grammar School.
Nov. 9.—At Ashby, Woodville.
Nov. 23.—At Ashby, Ibstock Rising Star.
Dec. 7.—At Ashby, Ravenstone.
Dec. 21.—At Gresley, Gresley Perseverance.
Dec. 28.—At Woodville, Woodville.
Jan. 11.—At Ibstock, Ibstock Rising Star.
Feb. 1.—At Ravenstone, Ravenstone.

We shall be glad to receive further notices of Football Fixtures.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 22 October 1881

NEW FOOTBALL CLUB.—On Monday evening a large meeting of the members belonging to the Working Men's Club was held in the room with a view to forming a football club. Mr. W. Lowe, jun., presided, and in a few remarks introduced the business. After considerable discussion it was resolved to form a football club; but that it should not be binding on the persons who wished to join that they should be members of the Working Men's club; but that all persons should be permitted to join, in the hope that they would eventually see the benefits of the Working Men's club and act accordingly. A committee of five members was formed to draw up rules, &c., and present them to an adjourned meeting to be held on Saturday evening.

Leicester Chronicle - 22 October 1881

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Once again is our national winter sport in full swing. Clubs have donned their new jerseys of astonishing colours, laid in a stock of those bright brown spheres which now hang in profusion at the doors of saddlers' shops in our towns, and all is excitement over the pleasant prospect of a successful season, while the "thud" of the kicks resound from many a playing field.

In truth football is an excellent sport, *experto crede!* Many pleasant recollections I have of hard won matches, though the "wind" was occasionally lost, and the "bark" of one's shins peeled slightly! I would not debar the cricketer from his favourite game—our national summer sport—I happen to be of the same county as England's champion bat—

Not here provincial, my business in this state
Makes me a looker on, here in Vienna

—but I say football beats cricket. To any young man, healthy in mind and body, it affords excellent training, whatever the few dry-as-dust writers, who are practically ignorant of the game, and too-loving mammas may say to the contrary.

They have an idea that football at the best is but a brutal game—a lot of kicking and plunging about like mad bulls—but any one who has seen a club like the old Sheffield Club, Queen's Park (Glasgow), or Aston Villa (Birmingham) play a good match with "foemen worthy of their steel," would be inclined to alter their opinion. Since the "passing on" game has been introduced—first brought to great perfection by the Sheffielders—"charging" is at a discount, although a very necessary point in the game at times.

I am glad to note the presence of numerous Association Clubs in this district—their number seems to be increasing yearly. I would not abolish Rugby Rules, but for new clubs, the members of which have not already learnt a code of rules, I should recommend the rules of the Association, as they are few in number and easy to learn, while those of Rugby almost require a seven years' apprenticeship to master them.

In growing enthusiastic over my favourite sport, I fear I may intrude too much on your space, but I mean to have a peep at some local matches, and if acceptable, may pen a few further notes on the clubs and players.

BLUE JERSEY.

Coalville.

Jupiter Pluvius visited most football fields on Saturday last, and rendered things awkward for players and spectators. But most footballers ignore bad weather, knowing that a wet jersey is soon "peeled," and a good swill and brisk rub down will put one to rights. To play football with any degree of pleasure an entire change of clothes is necessary, and no player should think of remaining in a damp jersey after exertion, such as football requires.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 05 November 1881

I noticed that in common with too many football grounds, the Hugglescote one had an inadequate supply of boundary flags. Now scarcely anything is so productive of disputes as this little matter. Umpires are often powerless to prevent wrangling as to whether a ball was or was not over the line. Properly the boundary should be distinctly marked with a line cut in the turf, or otherwise with whiting or sawdust. This reduces the chances of dispute. In the match just referred to, charging or (to use the local vernacular) "jutting," was frequent, and several players were placed *hors de combat*.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 19 November 1881

It is a matter of surprise to me to see that most local clubs play the old rules—discarded three years ago—of the Sheffield Association. They kick the ball from the side instead of throwing it, and permit a side to place a man up near their opponents goal. These two points were—on the amalgamation of the London and Sheffield Associations—abolished. Sheffield accepted the “off-side” rule, and London gave up the rule of throwing in at right angles with the touch line, and allowing a throw in in any direction. When the amalgamation of London and Sheffield took place under the name of the Football Association, most clubs, seeing the benefit of having one universal code, gladly accepted them. If by any chance our local clubs played any club of good standing further afield, they would probably find out the mistake of playing obsolete rules.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 19 November 1881

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Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 3 December 1881

FOOTBALL DISPUTES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to draw the attention of the Sheepshed football players, and also the witnesses of the game, Sheepshed v. Hugglescote, at Sheepshed, to the following rule:—“When the ball is kicked over the bar of the goal it must be kicked off by the side behind whose goal it went, within six yards from the limit of their goal. The side who thus kick the ball are entitled to a free kick in whatever way they please.” This rule is No. 7 in the Old Sheffield (no off side) Association. As I promised to let the Sheepshed players know of the existence of this rule, and having thought it would get the greatest publicity by being in your paper, I should feel very thankful if you would give it that publicity, and oblige, yours truly,

Wm. ANDREWS, Capt. H.R.H.F.C.
Hugglescote, Dec. 14th, 1881.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 22 December 1881

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS TO THE AGED POOR - The proceeds (after paying all expenses) of the football match, which was played on the Sheepshed ground on Christmas Monday, between Sheepshed Football Club and Hathern Football Club, for the benefit of the aged poor, amounted to £5 15s. 9d. During last week the committee, through a sub-committee appointed by them, judiciously distributed the money to 110 of the aged and deserving poor, each one receiving a shilling. It had been suggested that a tea party be given instead of money, but upon consideration the committee found this to be impracticable, as many of those to whom they wished to give were either too old or infirm to go out, especially towards evening. The number over 60 years, who have received the shilling, amounts to exactly 100; over 70 years, 69; over 75 years, 53; over 80 years, 31; over 85 years, 13; over 88 years, 1; and over 90 years, 1. The oldest man was 91 years of age, and the oldest woman 89. The united age of one married couple, who received a shilling each, amounted to 164 years, the man being 91, and his wife 87. The united ages of another married couple amounted to 166 years, the husband being 87, and the wife 79. The united ages of three other married couple, amounted to 161 years, 159 years, and 158 years respectively, the husband in each case being the oldest. Many were the expressions of gratitude for the kindness, and the good wishes the recipients were generally as expressed for the success of the football club.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 12 January 1882

DEATH OF Mr E R NUTT - We regret to announce the death of Tuesday evening, at the residence of his uncles, Messrs. W C and C K Morris, at the early age of 21, of Mr E R Nutt. It will be remembered that some months ago he met with an accident during a football match which resulted in concussion of the brain. Since that time he has never been able to speak except one or two little words, after a long lingering illness, symptoms of the gravest kind set in on Sunday and the deceased breathed his last about ten o'clock on Tuesday. By all who knew him he was universally liked, and all will sincerely sympathise with his friends in their loss.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 20 April 1882

FOOTBALL CLUB - The annual meeting of members of this club was held in the institute on Monday evening. Mr. A. Kidger presided, and there was a fair attendance of members. After a few remarks by the chairman the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The report was then read by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. G. Foston) as follows: “The football season having now drawn to a close, your committee have called you together to lay before you their report and balance sheet. During the season 29 matches have been played, 15 were won, 9 lost, and 4 drawn. Though this may not appear so encouraging as in previous years, yet your committee believe that increasing experience will enable you in future seasons to become more proficient and thus secure undivided victory. There is cause for regret that the interest taken by the members in the game has somewhat declined, and they express a hope that this gentle hint will have the desired effect, viz., of arousing your energies in the right direction in future seasons. Considerable annoyance has been caused by the large number of clubs who have disappointed you by not playing the matches, which were arranged at the commencement of the season which are as follows —Coalville 1st team (two matches), Coalville 2nd team (two matches), Quorndon 1st team (one match), (Quorndon 2nd trans (two matches), Kegworth Town Club (two matches), Thringstone (two matches), Ansty (one match), Loughborough Athletic (one match). Vigorous action on the part your committee enabled them to add an interesting feature in the shape of a match for the benefit of the aged poor of the village, which

was played against Hathern F.C. on Christmas Monday. Unexpected success was the result, and your committee have great pleasure to report that the sum of £5 16.. was judiciously distributed to 116 of the aged and deserving poor. Your committee, and doubtless the membership generally, feel fully repaid by the gratitude which was expressed by the recipients. Your committee were somewhat unfortunate in the selection of a day to hold their first annual soiree, consequently the receipts were not so favourable as anticipated. The finances of your club are in a healthy condition, and will now be laid before you." The receipts amounted to £12 9s 6d and the expenditure to £124s. 6d., leaving in hand 5s. F. Argyle read the captain's report, which gave an account of the number of matches each member had played in.—The reports were accepted and ordered to be printed.—A cordial vote of thanks was to the honorary subscribers, and else to the officers for the past year.—On the motion of Mr. A. Neale, seconded by Mr. J. Pollard, it was resolved that the club be made a town dub.—It was further resolved that the subscription be raised from 1s 6d. to 2s. per annum, the whole to be paid in advance.—The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows; President, Mr. K. Husbands; vice president, Dr. Wilson; treasurer, Mr. W. Lovitt; hon. secretary, Mr. J. G. Foston; captain, Mr. A. Kidger; vice-captain, Mr. A. Smith; captain of second team Mr. H. Needham; vice-captain of second team. Mr. J. Pollard; committee, Mews. J. Thurman, J. Cotton, and C. Tivey.—A vote of thank.' was given to the chairman, and the meeting terminated.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 18 May 1882