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Cricket match between Leicester Fosse and Mill Hill House	<i>Leicester Chronicle -18 July 1885</i>

**TRINITY FOOTBALL CLUB.**—The annual meeting of this club was held at the Castle Coffee House, on Friday last, when the old members were present and elected sixteen new ones. Subsequently, officers were appointed as follows:—Rev. A. Strand, president; C. W. Emery, captain; W. Hurst, sub-captain; W. Orill, hon. secretary. The club will commence playing on Saturday, September 20th.

*Leicester Chronicle – 20 September 1884*

**LOUGHBOROUGH.**  
**FORMATION OF A FOOTBALL CLUB.**—At an influential meeting at the Bull's Head Hotel, Loughborough, on Wednesday evening, it was decided to form a football club, to be called the "Loughburians' Football Club." The usual officers were appointed, and sufficient members were enrolled to ensure the success of the club. The honorary secretary is Mr. J. Richard Heafford, of Swan street.

Leicester Chronicle – 27 September 1884

**FOOTBALL CLUB.**—A general meeting of the Oakham Amateur Football Club was held on Friday, Rev. C. J. B. Scriven (captain) in the chair, when the balance sheet was passed, showing a balance of 1s. 9d. in hand. The following officers were re-elected :—Rev. J. Mould, vicar, president ; Rev. C. J. B. Scriven, captain ; H. Stanger, sub-captain ; J. Price, treasurer ; G. S. Dexter, hon. sec. Challenges were received and accepted from Wellingborough School Leicester Association F.C., and Kegworth. The opening match will be played on Saturday, October 4th, v. Oakham School.

Loughborough Herald & North Leicestershire Gazette - 2 October 1884

**FOOTBALL CLUB.**—The annual meeting of the Uppingham and district football club was held in the Lecture Hall on Monday evening, Rev. E. Thring in the chair. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and adopted. Matches played last season, 8 ; won 4, lost 2, drawn 2. Receipts (including a balance of 14s. 11½d.), £7 4s. 5½d. ; expenditure, £6 5s. 4½d., leaving a balance in hand of 19s. 1d. The following were re-elected : Rev. E. Thring, president ; Mr. J. G. Thring, captain ; Mr. T. M. Cherrington, secretary ; Mr. W. Murfitt, treasurer. The following were elected to serve as a committee, with power to add to their number : Messrs. P. H. Fernandez, F. Hodgkinson, S. Arnsby, F. Drake, H. Drake, and B. Guy. The treasurer reported that the work of draining the field was proceeding satisfactorily, at a probable cost of £15, the landlord kindly providing the pipes. In consequence of this the field will not be fit to play in at present, as the turf cannot be relaid until rain falls, but this difficulty has been overcome by Mr. A. Seaton kindly offering the use of his field until the completion of the work. The Rev. E. Thring briefly returned thanks for his re-election, and the proceedings terminated.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 9 October 1884

**LOUGHBOROUGH.**  
**LOUGHBURIAN FOOTBALL CLUB.**—We have been requested to publish the following list of fixtures for this club :—  
Nov. 8, v. Nottingham St. Catherine's, at Loughborough.  
Nov. 15, v. Coalville, at Coalville.  
Dec. 6, v. Derby St. Luke's, at Loughborough.  
Dec. 20, v. Long Eaton Rangers, at Loughborough.  
Jan. 3, v. Loughborough Victoria, at Loughborough.  
Jan. 10, v. Nottingham Wanderers, at Loughborough.  
Jan. 17, v. Leicester Association, at Leicester.  
Jan. 24, v. Wreake Valley, at Syston.  
Jan. 31, v. Coalville, at Loughborough.  
Feb. 14, v. Derby St. Luke's, at Derby.  
Feb. 28, v. Grammar School, at Loughborough.  
March 7, v. Nottingham Wanderers, at Nottingham.  
March 14, v. Wyggeston School, at Leicester.  
March 21, v. Wreake Valley, at Loughborough.  
March 28, v. Leicester Association, at Loughborough.

Leicester Daily Mercury - 7 November 1884

ACCIDENTS IN THE FOOTBALL FIELD. TO EDITOR.

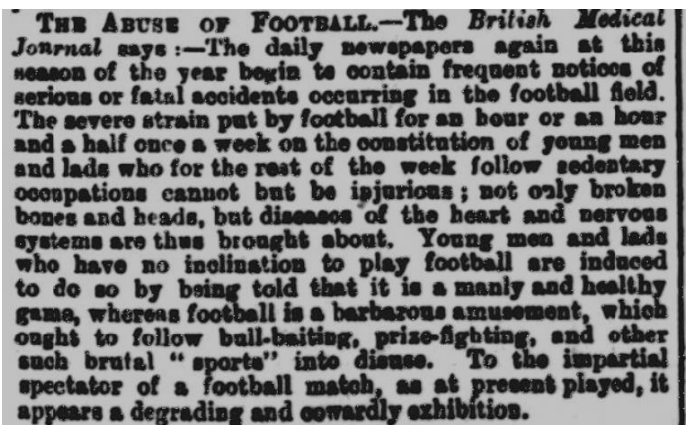
To the Editor

Sir,—I have often thought that something should be done by footballers to help those of their more unfortunate brother players in case of accident. Some time ago I witnessed an accident to a young fellow, who must have been, through it, incapable of working for some time. This kind of thing is often occurring in this rather rough but very enjoyable pastime. I would like, through the medium of your journal, to make a suggestion that a meeting of the officers of the various clubs in the town should be held, to see if it would be advisable to start a fund, on the principle of the Oddfellows' Society. By the payment of a small sum per member weekly it would be possible to greatly relieve the distress of those who are unfortunate enough to be disabled from work. Most of the young men who indulge in this game are working men, and are dependent on their earnings for their living, and if something of the kind I suggest could be started, I am sure it would prosper; and would induce many young men to join in this manly game, who are now prevented from fear of an accident. Hoping this will receive some attention from your numerous football playing readers,

I am Sir, yours truly

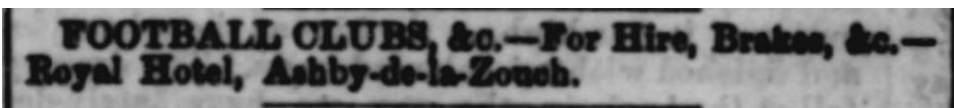
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*Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - 15 November 1884*



**THE ABUSE OF FOOTBALL.**—The *British Medical Journal* says :—The daily newspapers again at this season of the year begin to contain frequent notices of serious or fatal accidents occurring in the football field. The severe strain put by football for an hour or an hour and a half once a week on the constitution of young men and lads who for the rest of the week follow sedentary occupations cannot but be injurious; not only broken bones and heads, but diseases of the heart and nervous systems are thus brought about. Young men and lads who have no inclination to play football are induced to do so by being told that it is a manly and healthy game, whereas football is a barbarous amusement, which ought to follow bull-baiting, prize-fighting, and other such brutal "sports" into disuse. To the impartial spectator of a football match, as at present played, it appears a degrading and cowardly exhibition.

*Derbyshire Advertiser and Journal - 12 December 1884*



**FOOTBALL CLUBS, &c.—For Hire, Brakes, &c.—  
Royal Hotel, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.**

*Hinckley News - 17 January 1885*

#### **WIGSTON**

**ACCIDENT** – Whilst playing at football at Croft, on Saturday, F Boulter, of this place, met with an accident by which his arm was broken. The game had only just begun when the accident happened.

*Leicester Chronicle - 31 January 1885*

#### **FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.**

To THE EDITOR. Some of your readers no doubt know that a Football Association called the East Midland Counties' Football Association has lately been formed. I shall be obliged if you will allow me to say a few words with regard to this organisation. The Association consists of Clubs in the counties of Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Northamptonshire, and Rutland, playing under the Association Rules, the annual subscription of each club being 5s. The object of the Association is the improvement and extension of Association football in the above named counties; to attain this object Inter-/s matches will be played, and although the E.M.C.F.A. is as yet barely three months old, Tour matches of this kind have been arranged for this season, namely, with a Second Eleven of the London Association; West End Association: and Cambridgeshire (2); whilst next season matches will in all probability be arranged with such powerful

organizations as Staffordshire, Derbyshire, &c. It is only natural that the E.M.C.F.A. should decide to play these matches at those towns from which they obtain the greatest support, and I therefore appeal to the people of Luton, if they wish to give this Association their support, to show forth this so laudable desire, by their presence at the match to be played on the Luton Excelsior ground on Saturday, March 7th., against a Second Eleven of the London Association. I may also add that on March 21st, the E.M.C.F.A. will play the West End Association on the ground of the Luton Town Club.

ALFRED PRETTY

Hon. Sec. E.M.C.F.A.

The Grammar School, Wellingborough

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1885

*Luton Times and Advertiser - 6 March 1885*

**MIDLAND RAILWAY.**

**COOK'S EXCURSIONS from LEICESTER**  
(Midland Station).

**SATURDAY, March 7th.**  
To Wellingborough (for Football Match), at 1.10 p.m.,  
returning at 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY, March 10th.**  
To Rugby (for Hunt Steeplechases), at 11.0 a.m., re-  
turning at 6.45 p.m.

**MONDAY, March 16th.**  
To Derby and Nottingham-road Station (for Steeple-  
chases), at 10.20 a.m., returning from Nottingham-  
road Station at 5.50, Derby 5.55 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, March 18th.**  
To Loughborough (for Steeplechases), at 11 a.m., re-  
turning at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets, bills, &c., at the Stations, also any time in  
advance at  
**COOK'S EXCURSION OFFICE,**  
7, Gallowtree-gate, Leicester.

*Leicester Journal - Friday 6 March 1885*

#### **HUGGLESCOTE v. BARWELL**

To the Editor. Sir, — In your impression of Feb. 23th the Barwell football team are reported as having defeated Hugglescote Robin Hoods by five goals to two. As this is very misleading to the football fraternity, I hope you will permit me to state the facts of the match. The ground was slanting, and wind blowing down hill. Barwell, taking the double benefit of down hill and wind at their backs, kicked four goals. After changing ends, Hugglescote shaped for heavy scoring, for in a short time two goals were registered for them, and a third immediately followed, which, however, their opponents disputed, and left the ground to save defeat. Thus, legally the Hugglescote were victorious through their opponents withdrawing from the competition in anticipation for the insertion of the above, I remain, yours respectfully,

*Hugglescote, March 5. J. Draycott.*

*Leicester Chronicle - 7 March 1885*

**ACCIDENT.** — On Saturday last part of the football team were riding in Mr. Moulds' wagonette to Ullesthorpe Station, when on going down one of the hills the horse went at a rather rapid rate, and the driver, a lad named Simms, jumped or was jerked off, and Mr. Granger leant forward to try and get hold of the reins and fell off the carriage, and was badly bruised about the face and arm.

*Leicester Journal - 20 March 1885*

**THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND PROFESSIONALISM.** – At a meeting held on Monday evening at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, the legalisation of professionalism at football was again rejected, the numbers voting being – for, 106; against, 69, less than the requisite two thirds majority. A compromise, however, has been suggested, the basis to be settled by a sub-committee appointed by the meeting.  
*Leicester Chronicle – 28 March 1885*

#### **SHEEPSHED**

**TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB** – The list of matches was concluded on last Saturday, and the result of the season shows that 23 games have been played, 14 won, six lost, and three drawn. Seventy one goals have been obtained by the club, against 28 by their opponents.

*Leicester Chronicle – Saturday 4 April 1885*

#### **COALVILLE**

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*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 4 April 1885*

**EXCELSIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.**—The members of this club held their annual tea and entertainment at the Albert Coffee House on Saturday last, when about 55 persons sat down. After tea the following programme was gone through:—Song, "The Little Hero," Mr. Sharpe; recitation, "Nat Rickett," Mr. C. Smith; song, "Dream Faces," Mr. Peasland; conjuring entertainment, Professor Rebmuh; song, "Let your tears kiss the flowers on the grave," Mr. Sharpe; sketch, "Mr. Wetter's resolve, or happy again," the Lighthouse Temperance Lodge; recitation, "Bob Brocklow," Mr. C. Smith; song, "The monkey and the masher," Mr. Smith. Games were indulged in during the remainder of the evening.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 7 April 1885*

**QUORNDON HAVELock FOOTBALL CLUB.**—A meeting of the above club was held at the Café on April 8th. The accounts for the past season were read by the secretary, and audited by two of the members. During the past season 20 matches had been played—12 were won, 3 drawn, and 5 lost. The number of goals scored by the Havelocks were 36, and 5 disputed, against 17, and 1 disputed. Considering that this was the first season of the club, it was thought to be a fairly successful one. As more members were expected next season, it was decided to arrange a better list of matches, and it was finally settled that all the first team matches should be played under the Association off-side rules. Votes of thanks were passed to the secretary for services rendered, and to the chairman, Mr. H. Facer, jun., after which the members dispersed.

*Hinckley Times – 18 April 1885*

### THE PERILS OF FOOTBALL.

Now that the football season has come to an end, a timely opportunity occurs of drawing attention to the exceptional amount of danger run by the votaries of a much abused (in every sense of the word) form of amusement and exercise. Since October last we have taken the trouble to cut out the record of each case of accident at football that we have met with in the papers, without, be it noted, any special search for them. The following is the result:—Oct. 10th: At Eton, Mr. W. J. C. "had his right leg broken by a cross kick."—24th: Mr. C., a student of St. Augustine's Missionary College, Canterbury, "had his leg broken."—25th: W. M'G., "while engaged in a match, was kicked in the stomach, but, feeling better afterwards, he finished the game. He died some time afterwards from internal injuries."—29th: Mr. W. P. G. "had his collar bone broken."—Nov. 17th: W. A. "had his leg badly broken below the knee."—Dec. 1st: Mr. H. W. P.'s "left leg was broken clean through."—6th: Mr. E. G. B. "received a severe kick on his left leg, by which two bones were broken just above the ankle-joint."—13th: Mr. H. H. G., a well-known athlete, sustained an injury to his right ankle which, in sporting parlance, "effectually put a stopper on his engaging in those pursuits of which he was such a rattling exponent." On the same day, in one match, two players received injuries which compelled their retirement; in another

the captain of one of the teams had his leg broken; in a third a fracture of the collar-bone occurred (in this last it is added, "the play is described as having been rough"); in a fourth, "One of the Flint men had his collar-bone broken through being violently charged by one of the opposing team."—16th: A broken leg.—22nd: Broken collar bone.—27th: Broken leg and severe internal injuries.—29th: Fracture of right leg just above the ankle.—Jan. 5th: H. L. "received a violent kick in the stomach, which completely prostrated him and caused him intense pain;" he died two days later from his injuries.—19th: A player "received serious internal injuries."—Feb. 2nd: Case of fracture of collar-bone.—9th: Two cases of fracture of collar-bone and one of fibula.—March 9th: W. "had his ankle bone completely broken by a kick."—30th: T. S. "was accidentally kicked in the face; his lips, nose, and cheek were cut, and he was removed to a hospital."—April 4th: Broken leg.—13th: Broken arm. In this case "the game is said to have been characterised by a good deal of rough play." This list, which of course in no way represents the total amount of the season's football casualties, amply suffices to recall attention to the exceptionally dangerous nature of the game. No other popular game with which we are acquainted has the same amount of peril attached to it. It may be urged that accidents are bound to occur in all sorts and kinds of amusement, and that hunting is responsible for even worse and more frequent accidents than football; this may be so, but hunting is free from the objectionable element of personal conflict which pervades football. The game requires reform; we say reform, because we think it would be unwise, and on the whole undesirable, to follow a recent American proposal, and demand its prohibi-

tion in our schools. To put a stop altogether to the principal winter amusement of thousands of young people would, we are sure, be impossible. Nor is it needed; for football, under such restrictions as would reduce the number and severity of these frequent accidents, is capable of far more good than harm. What those restrictions should be is not for us to decide, but we would venture to call the attention of the Rugby Union and the Association authorities to "collaring" and "charging" respectively. Reform there must be, for the game is still only too well described by an old writer as a "friendly kind of fight rather than a play or recreation—a bloody and murdering practise than a felowly sporte or pastime."—*The Lancet*.

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 9 May 1885*

### **HUGGLESCOTE**

**FOOTBALL CLUB** – The "Robin Hood" Football Club held their annual meeting on Saturday evening, when supper was provided by Host Wilkins, at the Gate Inn. After the club had been withdrawn, the chair was occupied by the president, the Rev H E Broughton, and a statement made by the secretary, Mr J Draycott, showing that there were now 52 members, and that during the past season they had played 19 matches, won 13, drawn 3, and lost 3 only. The number of goals obtained by the club was 44, and by their opponents 13. The treasurer's report showed a fair balance in hand. A number of toasts and songs followed, and some good suggestions as to future action were made, notably the adoption of the "off-side rule" and the formation of a second team.

*Leicester Chronicle - 16 May 1885*

**MILL HILL HOUSE v FOSSE** – Played on the Victoria Park on Saturday. Score:- Fosse, 54 Mill Hill House, 47.

*Leicester Chronicle - 18 July 1885*