



# Hinckley & District League 1898-99

## Division I

### Hinckley & District League Division I

Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Burbage United	12	11	1	0	51	15	23
2	Hinckley Granville	12	7	1	4	38	19	15
3	Stoney Stanton	11	6	3	2	29	15	15
4	Earl Shilton Victor	10	4	1	5	21	21	9
5	Barlestone Rovers	11	4	1	6	23	34	9
6	Narborough	11	3	0	8	16	36	6
7	Croft Rising Star	11	1	1	9	8	42	3

*Hinckley Free Press - Friday 5 May 1899*

Shilton Town Reserves, Cosby, Stockingford Reserves, and Barwell Reserves all withdrew.

Winner: Burbage United  
 Runner-Up: Stoney Stanton  
 Wooden-spoon: Croft Rising Star  
 Games Played:  
 Missing Results:  
 Goals scored:  
 Biggest home win:  
 Biggest away win:  
 Highest scoring:

Burbage again won the championship of the Hinckley League without "tasting defeat" and reached the semi-final stage of both the Leicestershire Junior Cup and Nuneaton Minor Cups. "The Granville also had a successful season, but Shilton Victors have been disappointing. At the outset they looked like taking all before them, but they have finished in poor style – Hinckley Free Press – 5 May 1899.

It is no known why Stoney Stanton finished as runner-up.

A new ruling of the Leicestershire FA introduced during the season required the signing of all club members on new association forms before they could be recognised as bonafide members.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hinckley and District held at the Wentworth Hotel, Elmesthorpe on Saturday 17 December 1898:

- Stoney Stanton FC were reported by Stockingford for rough play and interference by spectators in their match at Stanton. The complaint of rough play was not upheld by the committee but they agreed that the Stanton Club be asked to have bills printed and posted in the field cautioning spectators;
- Mr W Spence, referee, reported Croft FC for being late in their match with Earl Shilton at Shilton on 3 December. Croft were cautioned;
- Mr T King, referee, reported Barlestone FC for being half an hour late on arrival at Burbage on 26 November, and Burbage FC complained of a loss on the gate owing to the late arrival of the visiting team.
- Barlestone were fined 5s and cautioned. The match was ordered to be replayed, the gate money to be divided equally between the teams.
- Granville FC were fined 3s and cautioned for failing to keep their fixture with Barlestone;
- Stoney Stanton FC reported the non-attendance of the referee in their match with the Reserve team on 26 November in the minor League. The match was won by Croft, who asked that the result stand as a league match. As the match was agreed upon before the commencement to be a

friendly it had to stand as such. The match was ordered to be replayed and the gate money equally shared. Mr Tomlinson, the referee in question, stated that he did not get the postcard until the day of the game. His excuse was accepted.

- Stockingford FC having been fined for late arrival at Stanton by the executive at a previous meeting, wrote asking that the result stand as a win for Stanton. The committee decided to stand by their former decision – that the match be replayed

At the January 1899 meeting of the Hinckley and District League, Mr Hawkins (hon. secretary) stated that the League had a balance from last year of £7, which, with subscriptions etc., had been brought up to about £16. Payments had been about £5, and there were due to clubs for deposit money about £8 8s, so that there would be about £3 to the good at the end of the year.

Over 800 players were registered to the League

### Results Grid

Hinckley & District League Division I	Barlestone Rovers	Burbage United	Croft Rising Star	Earl Shilton Victor	Hinckley Granville	Narborough	Stoney Stanton
Barlestone Rovers			4-1	6-3	3-5	4-1	1-1
Burbage United				3-0	3-0	6-3	
Croft Rising Star						1-3	
Earl Shilton Victor	3-1	2-3	5-0		1-3		2-2
Hinckley Granville	5-2	0-3		2-2		10-0	3-1
Narborough	2-0	0-4	4-0	1-2	1-2		1-3
Stoney Stanton	6-1	2-4	1-0		2-1	5-1	

### Results & Match Details

Date	Home		Away	Match Details
3.9.1898	Barwell Reserves		Burbage United	
10.9.1898	Barwell Reserves		Cosby	
10.9.1898	Stockingford Reserves	1	3	Hinckley Victor
17.9.1898	Barwell Reserves	0	6	Narborough
24.9.1898	Cosby			Hinckley Granville
24.9.1898	Stockingford Reserves	2	1	Barlestone Rovers
1.10.1898	Barlestone Rovers			Cosby
1.10.1898	Croft Rising Star			Stockingford Reserves
1.10.1898	Earl Shilton Town Reserves			Narborough
8.10.1898	Barlestone Rovers			Earl Shilton Reserves
8.10.1898	Burbage United			Stoney Stanton
8.10.1898	Cosby			Croft Rising Star
8.10.1898	Stockingford Reserves	10	5	Barwell Reserves
15.10.1898	Narborough	4	4	Stockingford Reserves
15.10.1898	Stoney Stanton Rising Star	6	0	Cosby
22.10.1898	Barlestone Rovers			Barwell Reserves
22.10.1898	Croft Rising Star			Narborough
22.10.1898	Earl Shilton Town Res			Hinckley Granville

29.10.1898	Barwell Reserves			Cosby	
29.10.1898	Stockingford	2	2	Narborough	Stockingford had played 7 games, 2 wins, 4 losses and 1 draw.
29.10.1898	Stoney Stanton Rising Star	6	1	Barlestone Rovers	
5.11.1898	Cosby			Narborough	
5.11.1898	Earl Shilton Town Reserves			Stockingford Reserves	
5.11.1898	Stoney Stanton Rising Star	8	1	Barwell Reserves	
19.11.1898	Stoney Stanton Rising Star			Stockingford Reserves	
26.11.1898	Barwell Swifts Res			Earl Shilton Town Res	
26.11.1898	Burbage United			Barlestone Rovers	
26.11.1898	Croft Rising Star			Stoney Stanton Rising Star	
26.11.1898	Narborough	1	2	Earl Shilton Victor	
26.11.1898	Stockingford Res			Hinckley Granville	
3.12.1898	Barwell Swifts Reserves	0	3	Stoney Stanton Rising Star	
3.12.1898	Burbage United			Cosby	
3.12.1898	Earl Shilton Victor	5	0	Croft Rising Star	
3.12.1898	Hinckley Granville			Barlestone Rovers	
3.12.1898	Stockingford Reserves			Earl Shilton Town Reserves	
10.12.1898	Burbage United	11	0	Barwell Reserves	
10.12.1898	Croft Rising Star			Hinckley Granville	
10.12.1898	Earl Shilton Town Reserves			Earl Shilton Victor	
10.12.1898	Stoney Stanton Rising Star	5	1	Narborough	
17.12.1898	Barwell Reserves	2	0	Barlestone Rovers	
17.12.1898	Burbage united			Stockingford Reserves	
17.12.1898	Hinckley Granville	2	2	Earl Shilton Victor	
17.12.1898	Narborough	4	0	Croft Rising Star	
17.12.1898	Stoney Stanton Rising Star			Earl Shilton Town Reserves	
31.12.1898	Barlestone Rovers			Earl Shilton Town Reserves	
31.12.1898	Barwell Reserves			Stockingford Reserves	
31.12.1898	Burbage United	6	3	Narborough	Burbage and Earl Shilton Victor remained unbeaten
31.12.1898	Hinckley Granville	3	1	Stoney Stanton	Lawn's Ground.
7.1.1899	Barlestone	1	1	Stoney Stanton	
7.1.1899	Burbage United	3	0	Earl Shilton Victor	Clash of the two unbeaten teams in he League.
7.1.1899	Narborough Brown Burgess (2) Stretton (3) Riley Williamson (2)	9	0	Barwell Swifts	At Narborough. 200 spectators.
14.1.1899	Earl Shilton Town Reserves			Cosby	
14.1.1899	Earl Shilton Victor			Stockingford Reserves	
14.1.1899	Hinckley Granville			Burbage United	

21.1.1899	Croft Rising Star			Barwell Reserves	
28.1.1899	Barwell Reserves	0	9	Croft	
28.1.1899	Burbage United	3 (1)	0 (0)	Granville	At Burbage. Fine weather. Large gate.
28.1.1899	Cosby			Stoney Stanton Rising Star	
4.2.1899	Earl Shilton Town Reserves			Barwell Reserves	
4.2.1899	Hinckley Granville Bolesworth (2) Martin Marshall (2)	5	2	Barlestone Rovers Warren (og) AN Other	Holywell Ground, Hinckley. Fair attendance. Slippery ground.
11.2.1899	Earl Shilton Town Reserves			Barlestone Rovers	
11.2.1899	Earl Shilton Victor			Narborough	
11.2.1899	Hinckley Granville			Barwell Reserves	
11.2.1899	Stoney Stanton Rising Star	1	0	Croft Rising Star	
18.2.1899	Croft	1	3	Narborough	
18.2.1899	Earl Shilton Victor AN Other	1 (0)	3 (2)	Hinckley Granville Worthington AN Other Marshall	
18.2.1899	Stoney Stanton Rising Star Raymond (2)	2 (1)	4 (3)	Burbage United Smith (2) Lucas AN Other (0)	Fair number of spectators.
4.3.1899	Earl Shilton Victor	2	2	Stoney Stanton	
4.3.1899	Narborough	1	2	Hinckley Granville	
11.3.1899	Barlestone Rovers AN Others	3	5	Hinckley Granville Wills (2) Marshall Payne Worthington	Very rough game.
11.3.1899	Barwell Swifts Reserves			Earl Shilton Victor	
11.3.1899	Narborough	0 (0)	4 (2)	Burbage United Lucas (2) Toone Smith	
18.3.1899	Barlestone Rovers	4	1	Croft Rising Star	
18.3.1899	Burbage United			Earl Shilton Town Reserves	
18.3.1899	Stoney Stanton Rising Star Chapman AN Other	2 (2)	1 (0)	Hinckley Granville	
25.3.1899	Barlestone Rovers	4	1	Narborough	
25.3.1899	Hinckley Granville	0	3	Burbage United	Holy well ground, Hinckley. Short time was played due to inclement weather.
25.3.1899	Stanton	1	0	Shilton Victor	
1.4.1899	Earl Shilton Victor	2	3	Burbage United	
1.4.1899	Narborough	2	0	Barlestone Rovers	
1.4.1899	Stoney Stanton	2	1	Earl Shilton Victor	
4.4.1899	Burbage United [Champions]	5	3	Rest of League	At Burbage.

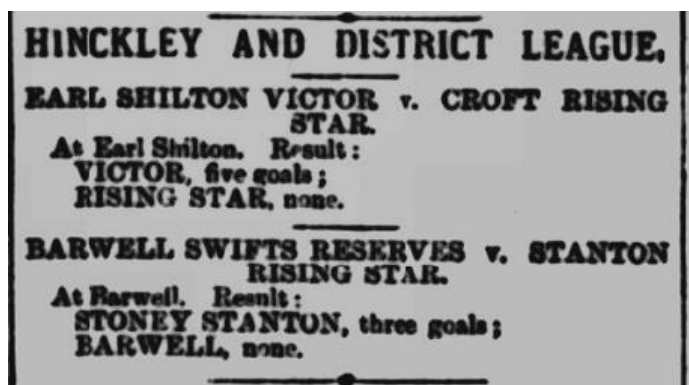
8.4.1899	Earl Shilton Victor	3	1	Barlestone Rovers	
8.4.1899	Narborough	1	3	Stoney Stanton	
15.4.1899	Hinckley Granville Worthington (4) Harris Martin Harding (pen +1) Marshall (2)	10	0	Narborough	Lawns Ground, Hinckley.
22.4.1899	Barlestone Rovers Martin Harding (2) Marshall (2) AN Other	6	3	Earl Shilton Victor AN Other	
	Hinckley Granville Sketchley AN Other	2 (1)	3 (1)	Burbage United Wheelock og Wood	Lawns Ground, Hinckley.

### Inter-League match

25.2.1899	Hinckley league	1 (1)	3 (2)	Leicester League	Holy Well ground, Hinckley. 400 spectators.
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### Match Report

A selection of published match reports.



*Leicester Daily Post - 5 December 1898*

### THE HINCKLEY LEAGUE

#### To Editor

Sir I should like to draw attention to the way clubs are withdrawing from the Hinckley and District League, Barwell Reserves being the latest club to draw out which makes club No 4 that has withdrawn this season Now why all this withdrawing is it because of the expense or is it because they have lost few matches ? Surely such teams Shilton Town, Stockingford and Barwell could run reserve teams; I expect this withdrawing disease will claim Croft for its next victim and then it may spread to other clubs leaving Burbage Granville to finish alone. Cannot this be a stop to ? Look the position of Narborough through it. Instead of having 14 points a good position on the League chart, they are next to bottom with to their credit. Now does it give any club encouragement to go and win points have them taken away again? Then there is the gate question. A club goes away from home an draws a good gate, and then when the return date arrives they find their late opponents have withdrawn they are left open dates. Luckily for Narborough they have done extremely well in their cup matches or they would have been in sore straights now if they trusted to the League matches for gate money. It would be as well if the hon sec of the League thought twice before he accepts the entries of those teams have withdrawn this year for next season Apologising for my trespass space .

I remain,

Your truly  
DISGUSTED  
Narborough Leicester Feb 20th 1899

*Hinckley Free Press -24 February 1899*

#### **HINCKLEY LEAGUE v LEICESTER LEAGUE**

This match played Holy Well Ground Hinckley before about spectators on The ground was in good condition teams were follows : Hinckley Goal Taylor (Burbage) backs Harding (Granville) and Hewitt (Burbage) half-backs (Stanton) Downe and Foster (Shilton Victor) forwards Lovitt (Stanton) (Burbage) (Granville) Crick (Croft) Sketchley (Granville) Leicester League - Goal Norman (Wigston Excelsior) backs Brown (Syston Swifts) and McKellog (17th Regiment) half-backs West (Market Harborough) (Waverley) and Atkins (Orson Wright's) forwards Scotton (17th Regiment) Harriman (Syston Swifts) (Orson Wright's) Buswell (Market Harborough) Hackett (Waverley) Referee Mr H Bradbury Harding won toss chose kick up-hill with the wind Leicester started quickly made for the Hinckley goal Harding returned and Lovitt in centre at the other end Smith being offside Parker received from the free-kick he was robbed by Downe who in weak shot which was saved by Norman Continuing to press Hinckley forwards made things their opponents keeping them continually on the defensive Hackett away from free-kick a good centre Harding cleared little difficulty Then Lovitt got m a grand centre Marshall headed into the net in splendid style visitors were aroused by Scotton down Hewitt Harding returned to mid-field where play continued for time The Leicester men attacked Scotton getting in good centre made the scores level Soon after this Harriman gave Leicester the lead interval score Leicester League 2 Hinckley League 1 Hackett got away from the re-start but Ellis returned Lovitt made run McKellog relieving Taylor good shot from Wright then Scotton away but wide continued in favour of Leicester team Hinckley defence having plenty to do Sketchley transferred to the other end kicked Buswell forced corner after centre by Scotton was well placed Taylor touched-the into net Leicester continued to press the finish Taylor saving shots from Wright Scotton Buswell time called the score read

Leicester League 3

Hinckley League 1

*Hinckley Free Press - 3 March 1899*

**HINCKLEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.**

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**GRANVILLE v. BURBAGE.**

These teams met on the Lawns Ground, in fine weather, on Saturday last. Burbage won the toss and the Granville defended the station end, being without Warren and Garrett. The home team opened the attack, but Burbage scored first by Wheelock. The Granville had the better of the game, and Sketchley found the net for them, the interval arriving with the scores equal. In the second half the game was even for a time, and then the home team scored from a penalty. About 10 minutes before time Norton had the misfortune to put through his own goal in trying to clear, and Wood scoring again for the United, the result was

Burbage United.....	3
Hinckley Granville .....	2

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**BARLESTONE v. SHILTON VICTOR.**

At Barlestone. Result :

Barlestone Rovers .....	6
Shilton Victor .....	3

*Hinckley Free Press - 28 April 1899*

## BURBAGE (Champions) v. REST OF LEAGUE

Played at Burbage on Easter Tuesday. The Champions were without Wheelock and Wood. The game opened in favour of Burbage, Cutter cleared and then at the other end Elverstone shot over. Play then continued in midfield until Carter secured and sent to Orton who put in a fine centre, but Cutter cleared with a fine kick. Harding then pulled up Smith when in a dangerous position. Burbage were playing the best game, and at length Smith scored. Shortly afterwards Toone added a second from a centre by Orton. After Harding had cleared, Smith made a neat pass to Elverstone, and through a misunderstanding, Crick eluded the backs and scored for the League. From the kick-off the Burbage forwards got well up. Orton received and the ball then went to Lucas who raced away and scored. Nothing further was done before half-time. Nothing of any importance was done in the second half. Taylor scored twice for Burbage and Lovett and Elverstone scoring for the League. Final.

Burbage.....	5 goals.
Rest of League.....	3 goals.

Hinckley Free Press -

7 April 1899

### Additional Information

## HINCKLEY AND DISTRICT AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

On Saturday evening a meeting of the Executive Committee of this League was held at the Wentworth Hotel, Elmesthorpe, when there were present: Mr. H. Orton (Earl Shilton), chairman, Mr. H. Bradbury (Earl Shilton), vice-chairman, Messrs. R. Warren (Croft), J. Waring (Burbage), F. Kenney (Hinckley), J. Worthington (Earl Shilton), and the hon. secretary, Mr. J. T. Hawkins (Hinckley).—Stoney Stanton F.C. were reported by Stockingford for rough play and interference by the spectators in their match at Stanton.—The complaint of rough play was not upheld by the committee, but they agreed that the Stanton Club be asked to have bills printed and posted in the field cautioning spectators.—A letter of sympathy to the secretary of the Stanton F.C. was ordered to be sent from the committee in his recent illness, wishing him a speedy recovery.—Mr. W. Spence, referee, reported Croft F.C. for being late in their match with Earl Shilton at Shilton on December 3.—Croft F.C. were cautioned.—Mr. T. King, referee, reported Barlestone F.C. for being half an hour late on arrival at Burbage on November 26, and Burbage F.C. complained of a loss on the gate owing to the late arrival of the visiting team.—It was resolved that Barlestone be fined 5s., and that the match be replayed, the gate-money to be divided between the teams, and that Barlestone be cautioned.—Hinckley Granville F.C. were reported for failing to keep their fixture with Barlestone on December 10.—Granville were fined 3s. and cautioned.—Stoney Stanton F.C. reported the non-attendance of the referee in their match with the Reserve team against Croft Reserves on November 26 in the minor League. The match was won by Croft, who now asked that it might stand as a League match.—The committee, however, decided that as the match was agreed upon before the commencement to be a friendly it must stand as such, and that the match be replayed, each team to share in the gate-money.—Mr. Tomlinson, the referee in question, stated that had he known it was a minor match he would have attended, but he did not get the postcard until the day he was to go, and his excuse was accepted.—Stockingford F.C. having been fined for late arrival at Stanton by the executive at a previous meeting, now wrote and asked that the match might stand as a win for Stanton.—The committee decided to stand by their former decision—that the match be replayed.—The Secretary reported that he had made satisfactory progress re the inter-League match with the Leicester and District League, and had secured the Hinckley Town ground for the match. He also intimated that at the next annual meeting he would have to tender his resignation through lack of sufficient time for the work.—The Chairman remarked that Mr. Hawkins's intimation could only be received with sincere regret, and he hoped that he would reconsider the matter.



## HINCKLEY AND DISTRICT AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

On Saturday night a special meeting of this League was held at the Wentworth Hotel, Elmes-thorpe Station, presided over by Mr. J. Waring of Burbage, when the following representatives were present Burbage: Messrs. H. Gent, and J. Waring; Hinckley Granville, Messrs. F. Kenney and T. Baker,; Stoney Stanton, Messrs. A. Farn-done and J. J. Jarvis; Shilton Victor, Mr. H. Bown; Narborough, Messrs. T. H. Ward, and J. H. Sharpe,; Barwell, Messrs. W. Bray and A. C. Bywater; Earl Shilton Town, Messrs. J. Worth-ington and H. Orton; Croft, Messrs. W. Warren and A. Smith; and the hon. secretary, Mr. J. T. Hawkins, Hinckley. In reference to the new ruling of the Leicester F. A. re the signing of all members of every club on the new association forms before they could be recognised by that body as bona-fide members, it was agreed that all clubs in the League be granted till February 6 to get their members' signatures, but that the clubs use their influence to get members signed before that date. The resignation of the secretary, was next considered, and after regret had been generally expressed at his retirement from the post, Mr. Arthur Grewcock, of Barwell, was appointed. It was also agreed to start a fund for the purpose of presenting Mr. Hawkins with a testimonial at the end of the season, when his resignation takes effect. Mr. Hawkins subsequently stated that the Selection committee for the inter-league match with Leicester District had the matter well in hand, and the final selection would shortly be made and the match played at Hinckley on February 25. Asked how the funds of the League stood at the present time, Mr. Hawkins stated that they had a balance from last year of £7, which, with subscriptions, &c. had been brought up to £16. The payments had been about £5, and there was due to clubs for deposit money £3 8s, so that there would be about £3 to the good at the end of the year. He might say that they had over 800 registered players in their League.

## THE HINCKLEY LEAGUE.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I was rather surprised to see a letter from Narborough about the clubs drawing out of the Hinckley and District League, but was more surprised to see that he had mentioned Croft as a club likely to draw out. I should like to know where my Narborough friend had his information from, as I know there has not been a word said about it. I think our friend was very personal to say such a thing about Croft, and being next door neighbours. I think our friend ought to be the last to say anything, seeing where they would stand in the chart if such a thing was to happen. They would not only be bottom, but stand pointless and not much chance of getting a point this season. I think Croft have had almost as hard luck over the drawing out as Narborough have. They have had six points taken away from them and four of these were obtained away from home. I can assure our friend that Croft will not withdraw from the League. They were one of the clubs to make the League, and have always kept loyal to it, and I know they will not be faint-hearted enough to withdraw just because they are bottom of the chart. It is the first time they have been bottom. They have always stood in a good position at the close of the season until this year. I think I can lay it to bad luck this season more than anything else, but I say cheer up, boys; better luck next season, with three cheers for the Hinckley League.

Yours faithfully,

A TRUE SUPPORTER OF THE LEAGUE.

*Hinckley Free Press - 3 March 1899*

HINCKLEY AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—A general meeting was held at the Railway Hotel, on Monday evening, under the presidency of Mr. H. Horton (Earl Shilton). There were also present—Messrs. A. Farndon (Stanton Reserves), H. Bown and A. Jordan (Shilton Victor), J. Waring (Burbage United), C. A. Bywater (Barwell), T. Ward (Narborough), F. Kenny (Granville), E. Biddles (Hinckley Victor), and J. T. Hawkins, hon. sec.—A letter was read from Mr. A. Grewcock, of Barwell, resigning his position as secretary, and Mr. H. Bradbury was unanimously appointed, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Bywater. — The date for the championship match was fixed for Tuesday, April 4th, at Burbage, when that team will be opposed by a team selected from the clubs in the League as follows:— Lovell (Barlestone), goal; Harding (Granville), right back; Cutler (Narborough), left back; Ellis (Stanton), right half-back; Martin (Granville), centre; Barker (Barlestone), left half-back; Ball (Shilton Victor), outside right; Lovett (Stanton), inside right; Smith (Narborough), centre forward; Crick (Croft), outside left; Elverstone (Shilton Victor), inside left. Referee, Mr. J. T. Hawkins; linesmen, Messrs. T. Ward (Narborough), and H. Bown (Shilton Victor).—It was resolved to ask Mr. C. C. Hurst to kick off.—A discussion ensued with reference to the match on Saturday last between Stanton and Shilton Victor Reserves. In consequence of the referee being unofficial, Mr. Farndon protested against the match, and contended it should be replayed.—Mr. Bradbury moved: “That the protest be lodged in the usual way.”—Mr. Biddles seconded.—Mr. Waring proposed as an amendment that the match be replayed, and Mr. Farndon seconded.—On being put, three voted for the proposition and five against. The match will be replayed, and also the matches between Granville and Burbage first and second teams, Shilton Victor first and second teams on the usual cup-tie terms. The date of the match between Shilton Victor Reserves and Shilton B team was altered from April 8th to April 22nd.—The medals were chosen, and subscription lists handed round for the proposed testimonial to the late secretary, Mr. J. T. Hawkins.

HINCKLEY LEAGUE.—In connection with this league a meeting was held in the Railway Hotel, on Monday evening last. There was a fair gathering of members present, but the business was not very great. The Granville football club was reported for non-fulfilment of fixture on April 8th. and was fined 2/6 and ordered to pay referee's expenses, and was censured. This match was to be played on the Granville ground. This club was also reported for the same thing at Earl Shilton on April 4th., and had to pay 2s. for ground marking. Both these matches were ignored from the league chart. The league decided to present the secretary (Mr. J. Hawkins) with a gold albert with pendant, and a silver watch, on his retirement.

Hinckley Free Press - Friday 28 April 1899

## STONEY STANTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

### ANNUAL DINNER.

On Friday evening the annual dinner of the Rising Star F.C. was held at the National Schools, where an excellent meal was ably served by Mrs. Newcombe of the Star Inn, to which about 90 persons sat down. Amongst the supporters and visitors present were Messrs. W. Bowes, W. Russell, J. Smith, J. H. Baum, D. Simpson, M. Stevens, G. Vernon, J. Elliott, A. Tansey, J. W. Foxon, J. Warren, W. Jones, H. Pegg, W. Peters, G. Hewitt, Jno. Chesterton, H. Arrowsmith, R. Holyoak, T. W. Ladkin, Ashford, Isaac Stevens and many others. After the dinner was over Mr. Bowes was voted to the chair and congratulated the club upon the excellent condition they stood and the position they occupied in the Hinckley and District Amateur League. The first team had come out second on the chart in the first division, whilst the second team had won the championship of the minor league and he felt sure that what the second team had done this year, the first team could do next. In fact he looked upon them as the best lot of footballers in the County for a village team. (Hear hear).

The hon. sec. Mr. Arthur Farndon next submitted the annual report which proved to be of a most gratifying character. The membership had been over 30 in number. The receipts had amounted to £25 12s. 3d., and the total expenditure had been £21 7s. 10d. leaving a balance in hand of over £4 with several other subscriptions to come in. (Applause). During the past season the first team had played 12 matches, out of which they had won 6, lost 2 and drawn 4; they had scored 30 goals for, against 16, with points 16. (Applause). The second team had played 14 league matches, and had won 10, lost 1, drawn 3, with goals for 55 against 21, and points 23, having gained the championship of the Minor League and medals for that honour. (Applause). In addition to these the second team had also played 5 friendly matches and won them all, scoring 25 goals against two. (Hear hear). The club had a promise made them last year of 20/- for the first team and 10/- for the second team if they got within the top three of their respective divisions, and he was pleased to say they won that, and he might say that the same promise stood good for next year. (Applause).

The chairman said there appeared to be no place like Stanton for raising money, and he congratulated the club upon their financial position. He felt sure there would be no difficulty in raising subscriptions sufficient to purchase for that club gold medals for next year, should they be fortunate enough to head the League, if the League would allow them to subscribe the extra money. He was pleased however that they had this year won the silver medals and he now had a most pleasing duty to perform and that was to present those medals to the players of the second team, as champions of the Minor League. The trophies enclosed in a neat little morocco case were then presented by the chairman to the following players: T. Shuttlewood (captain), W. Wright, G. Brown, C. Burrows, Walter Vernon, G. Simpson, R. Jones, P. Briggs, R. Knight, S. Worth and H. Hincks. After the ceremony three cheers were given for the champions, and the whole assembly joined in singing "For we are champions of the Minor League," to the tune of "Soldiers of the Queen."

Mr. Geo. Hewitt then proposed success to the Rising Star F.C. and wished them every success in the future. The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, which was renewed directly afterwards, when the chairman rose and announced that Mr. Hewitt had promised to become an annual subscriber to the club of 10/-. Mr. J. T. Jarvis proposed the health of the hostess Mrs. Newcombe for the excellent repast they had so much enjoyed that night and hoped that their hostess might be spared to cater for them in future. The toast was drunk with musical honours, and the toast list was concluded with the health of the officers of the club and the chairman. During the evening the proceedings were greatly enlivened by songs, duets etc., which were ably contributed by Messrs. J. Ratt, F. Frere, T. W. Ladkin, T. Shuttlewood, J. W. Foxon, T. Baum, A. Buckle, J. Chapman and Ashford. Mr. Swain presided at the piano and a most successful and enjoyable time was spent.



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## HINCKLEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

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### PRESENTATION TO MR. J. T. HAWKINS.

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On Thursday last the medals gained by Stoney Stanton, "the rest of the league," and Burbage United were presented to the players in the various teams, at the Railway Hotel, by Mr. W. Smith of Barwell. There was a good attendance. The gathering also formed the occasion of a presentation to the retiring secretary Mr. J. T. Hawkins of a silver watch and chain by the members of the league. During the evening songs etc. were given and much appreciated, the party breaking up at 11 o'clock.

Mr. W. Smith (Barwell) presided, and he was supported by Messrs. Duncombe, E. Garner, G. Herbert, J. Waring, and J. T. Hawkins, secretary.

After the presentations, the chairman in the course of his remarks said the idea of having a second division was a splendid one. They were training those who would ultimately step into the first division. The want of it was felt with the Barwell club. They had no one to take the place, no one in training, and so there were no prospects. He congratulated Stoney Stanton upon the fight they had made. He was glad the goal average did not count. He did not believe in it. Supporting his views, he said clubs low in their funds would do almost anything. They could be squared for a pecuniary consideration. For instance, had Newton Heath beaten the Fosse by five goals to four, and had then squared Darwin for four goals. Newton Heath would have gone to the 1st. division over the Fosse and Glossop. The principle was bad. It left Darwin in the position to say who should be in the first division.

Mr. Duncombe also spoke. Although he had never played football, he took an interest in the game, and hoped they would practice being able to lose as well as to win. It was necessary in every walk of life. It was not practiced so much in Hinckley as he could wish for. He himself had had experience of it with the Hinckley bakers. As they were doubtless aware he was a competitor for the workhouse bread contract and he could have lost it as well as won it. But they would notice in the local papers that the Hinckley bakers did not carry out this spirit, and had been throwing out nasty insinuations. He was sorry to see that the editor of the *Free Press* had sanctioned that spirit. It was not a nice spirit at all. It might cause sweating! well it would not make him sweat if it did't the Editor. As true sportsmen they should be able to lose as well as win.

Mr. Garner also spoke.

### PRESENTATION TO MR. HAWKINS.

The chairman said he had the pleasure of making a presentation to Mr. J. T. Hawkins who was resigning the secretaryship of that League. No words could adequately express the good Mr. Hawkins had done to the League. (Hear hear). He was chiefly instrumental in the League being formed, by his energy, determination and persistence. He had felt compelled to resign, and the executive felt they could not allow the occasion to pass without making him some kind of present. He had therefore great pleasure in asking Mr. Hawkins to accept a silver watch and chain as a token of their feelings and esteem. The present would have been much more valuable had their funds been better. However it was a sincere gift for his work in introducing the League into the district. (Applause).

Mr. Hawkins who was well received thanked them heartily for the present. He was sorry to have to give up the secretaryship but he had not the time necessary to spare. He would however render every assistance to Mr. Towers who had been appointed to succeed him. Hinckley Town were not considered good enough for the Leicester and District League so they formed their own league. After referring to the notable successes of the clubs in the league, he asked the secretaries of the various clubs to make the new secretary's work as light as possible by promptness in correspondence, &c. The League was not quite at its best at the present time, but there was a lot of work to be done. He hoped the League would prosper and continue for many years. (Applause). The usual votes of thanks closed the proceedings.