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#		P	W	D	L	F	A	GA	Pts
1	Moira Rovers	12	6	4	2	42	17	2.47	<b>16</b>
2	Ibstock Albion	12	7	2	3	32	21	1.52	<b>16</b>
3	Overseal Town	12	7	3	2	57	17	3.36	<b>15</b>
4	Gresley Swifts	12	7	1	4	33	25	1.32	<b>15</b>
5	Measham Wanderers	12	3	2	7	24	27	0.89	<b>8</b>
6	Hugglescote Robin Hood Reserve	12	3	2	7	10	36	0.28	<b>8</b>
7	Ellistown	12	1	2	9	11	68	0.16	<b>4</b>

Overseal two points deducted for playing Lyons whilst under suspension.

Winner:	Moira Rovers
Runner-Up:	Ibstock Albion
Games Played:	42
Missing results:	?
Goals Scored:	209 (4.98 goals per game)
Biggest Home Win:	Moira overs 9-90 Hugglescote Robin Hoods
Biggest Away Win:	Ellistown 0-10 Overseal
Highest Scoring:	10: Ellistown 0-10 Overseal

Approval for the formation of the Ashby and District, Leicester Junior, North Leicestershire and Loughborough and District leagues was given by the Leicestershire Football Association in April 1895. To ensure that no clubs were left out in the cold by being sandwiched between areas covered by the leagues, the radius of the leagues were changed. In the North Leicestershire League where 8 clubs entered the radius was increased from 9 to 10 miles from Loughborough. In the Ashby and District which has 10 clubs entered the radius was extended to 8 miles. The Leicester Junior League proposed to include 13 clubs. Amongst which were Enderby, Anstey and South Wigston. The Leicester Football Association Executive Committee that that this was too many and that voted by 11 to 5 votes that the league should be confined to Leicester clubs, stating that if there was a desire on the part of Anstey, South Wigston and Enderby to have a League there was nothing to prevent them from "throwing in their lot" with clubs in the Hinckley district for that purpose.

The Ashby and District fixture list for Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves is given below.

Sept. 14	Ashby Albion Reserves, away
Sept. 21	Gresley Swifts, away
Sept. 28	Gresley Pool Village, home
Oct 11	Gresley Swifts, home
Oct. 12	Ibstock Albion, home
Oct. 26	Moira Rovers, away
Nov. 2	Overseal Town, home
Nov. 9	Gresley Village Pool, away
Nov.16	Whitwick Town, away
Nov. 23	Ibstock Albion, away
Nov. 30	Ellistown, home
Dec. 14	Ellistown, away
Dec. 21	Overseal, away
Dec. 28	Measham Wanderers, away
Jan. 11	Moira Rovers, home
Jan. 25	Coalville Albion Reserve, home
Feb. 1	Blackfordby, away
Feb.8	Blackfordby, home
Feb. 22	Coalville Albion Reserves, away
March 7	Whitwick Town
March 28	Ashby Albion Reserves, home

Blackfordby were replaced by Whitwick Town before the first matches were played.

Eleven (11) clubs started the season – Ashby Albion Reserve, Coalville Albion Reserve, Ellistown, Gresley Pool Village, Gresley Swifts, Hugglescote Robin Hood Reserves, Ibstock Albion, Measham Wanderers, Moira Rovers, Overseal Town, and Whitwick Town.

Gresley Swifts were founded just 2 years earlier in 1893.

Only 7 clubs completed the season. The four clubs who failed to complete their fixtures were – Ashby Albion Reserves, Coalville Abion Reserves, Gresley Pool Village, and Whitwick Town (resigned late December). Numerous games were replayed mainly games being shortened due to poor light often resulting from the late arrival of the away team. All results found to date are included in the results grid above.

Moira Rovers lodged a protest against Overseal in September 1895 on the ground of playing ineligible men. After an investigation a committee decided that the game should not count as a League match and that the teams should meet again at Overseal, and that the gross gate should be paid directly to the League.

Newspaper interest in the League appears to have waned as the season progressed. In September, Burton-on-Trent newspapers in particular devoted several column inches to match reports, but by the end of the year coverage was sparse. This was undoubtedly in part to several clubs withdrawing from the League and the incompletion of many games due to poor light.

The League table below includes results up to Saturday 23 November 1895

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Gresley Swifts	12	8	2	2	38	17	18
Moira Rovers	9	7	0	2	37	7	16
Ibstock Albion	7	4	1	2	20	15	10
Ashby Albion Reserve	7	3	2	2	15	9	8
Overseal Town	5	3	2	0	23	9	6
Whitwick Town	6	2	3	1	12	18	6
Pool Village	9	2	6	1	15	20	5
Measham Wanderers	7	1	4	2	9	18	4
Ellistown Wanderers	5	1	3	1	4	24	3
Hugglescote RH Reserve	8	1	6	1	8	33	3
Coalville Albion Reserve	5	1	4	0	6	17	2

A match should have been played at Hugglescote on 7 March, but the Hugglescote secretary failed to advise the League secretary that the fixture had been rearranged. The referee consequently attended, only to discover that there was no match.

Mr J Sherwin, the referee in the Ibstock v Moira match reported that he had made an error, stopping play 15 minutes before time. The match was ordered to be replayed, with Moira paying Ibstock's travelling expenses, with the net gate split equally between the two clubs. The referee was also censured.

In April 1896 Overseal Town FC protested against their match with Ibstock standing as a League match, alleging that the referee stated that the ground was unfit to play. After hearing evidence from the Overseal captain, Mr Patrick, and a letter from the referee the League Committee decided that the match should stand, and returned the 'protest' deposit of 10s to Overseal.

Measham Wanderers reported Overseal Town for playing Lyons at Measham on Good Friday, that player being under suspension for misconduct on the field. Mr Daves, Overseal's secretary stated that he had no notification of Lyon's suspension from the Leicestershire Football Association. After conducting a thorough investigation Overseal were deducted points. In addition, Overseal officials were fined 10s and suspended until the start of the 1896-7 season.

In consequence of this decision Overseal failed to become champions (on goal average) and were relegated to third place. Moira Rovers secured the championship by goal average from Ibstock, having scored 10 more goals.

Ellistown finished bottom of the table, with just 4 points from the 12 matches that counted towards the final league positions.

The planned Champions v. Rest of League match was not possible "on account of shortness of time".

### Results Grid

Ashby & District League 1895-96	Ellistown	Gresley Swifts	Hugglescote RH Reserves	Ibstock Albion	Measham Wanderers	Moira Rovers	Overseal
Ellistown			1-2	6-0		1-8	0-10
Gresley Swifts			5-2	4-1	5-2	1-2	4-1
Hugglescote RH Reserves	0-0	0-3		1-1			
Ibstock Albion	9-1	4-2	4-0		3-1	3-1	
Measham Wanderers		2-3	0-3				
Moira Rovers	7-1	1-1	9-0	0-0	1-1		
Overseal	6-0	5-2		3-3	6-0	4-1	

Home win
  Away Win
  Draw
  Result Not Known/Game not played

### Results and Match Notes

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.9.1895	Ellistown Bowley Horrobin Heward Watts Smith Moore	6 (4)	0 (0)	Ibstock Albion	At Ellistown. First match played on the new ground. 400 spectators.
7.9.1895	Gresley Swifts	5	2	Measham	
7.9.1895	Moira Rovers Coe Barsby (2)	3 (0)	1 (0)	Ashby AN Other	Very large number of spectators - record gate. Barsby scored twice in the last 10 mins.
7.9.1895	Pool Village Wanderers	3	1	Overseal Town	Overseal played a weak team.
14.9.1895	Ashby Albion Reserves	4	2	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	
14.9.1895	Ellistown Wanderers AN Other	1	8	Moira Rovers Lenton (2) Coe (2) Bradford Hoult Dennis	Fairly good gate
14.9.1895	Ibstock Albion	1	1	Whitwick Town	
14.9.1895	Overseal Town	6	0	Measham Wanderers	Overseal played with 10 men from 5 mins from the start, the referee Mr J H Holbrooke objecting to the boots won

					by J Wright, which had iron plates at the heel.
21.9.1895	Coalville Albion Reserves	2	3	Whitwick Town	Large number of spectators
21.9.1895	Gresley Swifts J Roe C Orme Tebbutt	5 (3)	2 (1)	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves AN Other og	
21.9.1895	Ibstock Albion	3	2	Pool Village Wanderers	
21.9.1895	Measham Wanderers	1	1	Ashby Albion Reserve	Large number of spectators.
21.9.1895	Overseal Town AN Other Gilliver Morris Lyons	4 (1)	1 (1)	Moirra Rovers Dennis (20 min)	Record gate. Moirra Rovers lodged a protest against Overseal on the ground of playing ineligible men. After an investigation a committee decided that the game should not count as a League match and that the teams should meet again at Overseal, and that the gross gate should be paid directly to the League.
28.9.1895	Ashby Albion Reserves	6	0	Coalville Albion Reserves	
28.9.1895	Ellistown Wanderers	0	10	Overseal Town	
28.9.1895	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves			Gresley Pool Village	
28.9.1895	Moirra Rovers Lenton	1 (1)	1 (0)	Gresley Swifts AN Other	Very good gate Broiling weather
5.10.1895	Coalville Albion Reserves	1	5	Moirra Rovers	Very one-sided
5.10.1895	Gresley Pool Village	0	2	Ashby Albion Reserves	
5.10.1895	Gresley Swifts	4 (1)	1 (1)	Ibstock Albion	
5.10.1895	Overseal Town	W		Whitwick Town	Whitwick players failed to put in an appearance. The home team, with the referee in attendance, turned out and kicked a ball, and this claimed the match.
12.10.1895	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	0 (0)	3 (3)	Gresley Swifts J Roe (2) G Roe	
12.10.1895	Moirra Rovers	4	0	Gresley Pool Village	Pool Village objected to Mr J H Holbrooke as referee as he was Moirra's club secretary and agreed to play a friendly game instead.
15.10.1895	Ibstock Albion	2	1	Coalville Albion Reserves	
19.10.1895	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserve	1	1	Ibstock Albion	
19.10.1895	Whitwick Town	0 (0)	5 (3)	Moirra Rovers Lenton (4) Coe	Lenton scored a first-half hatrick
26.10.1895	Ashby Albion Reserve	1	1	Ellistown Wanderers	
26.10.1895	Moirra Rovers Lenton (2) Davis (2) Coe (3) Evans Kirby	9 (3)	0 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	Coe scored a second half hat-trick
26.10.1895	Overseal Town AN Other	5	2	Gresley Swifts Tebbett (2)	Hughes scored 4 time for Overseal

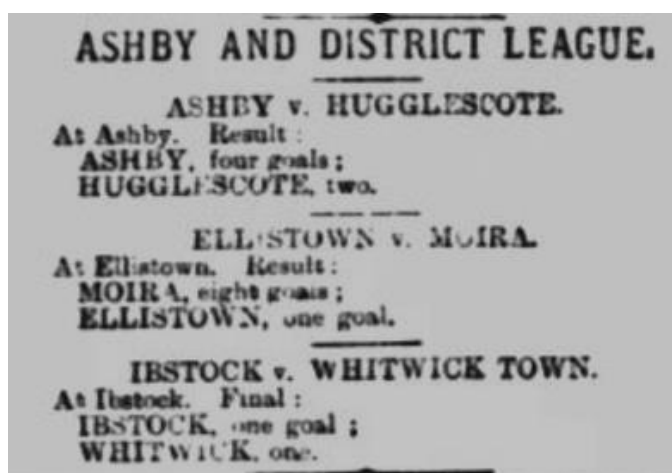
	J Hughes (4)	(1)	(2)		
2.11.1895	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	A	A	Overseal Town	Game stopped 20 mins before time due to the late arrival of Overseal. Game was ordered to be replayed
2.11.1895	Whitwick Town	6	8	Ibstock Albion	
9.11.1895	Gresley Swifts		W	Ellistown Wanderers	The match ended 25 mins before time through darkness. The League decided that the match should stand as a win for Ellistown, but that the fine incurred by Gresley for not reporting the match was remitted. This decision was later overturned and the game was ordered to be replayed.
9.11.1895	Gresley Pool Village	A	A	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	Game abandoned due to poor light.
16.11.1895	Ellistown Wanderers			Ibstock Albion	
16.11.1895	Measham Wanderers	2	3	Gresley Swifts	
16.11.1895	Gresley Pool Village			Moirs Rovers	
16.11.1895	Whitwick Town			Ashby Albion Reserves	
23.11.1895	Coalville Albion Reserve	2	1	Gresley Pool Village	
23.11.1895	Gresley Swifts	4 (1)	1 (1)	Overseal Town	
23.11.1895	Ibstock Albion Allen AN Others	4 (1)	0 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	
23.11.1895	Moirs Rovers	1 (1)	1 (0)	Measham Wanderers	Record gate. A Measham correspondent signing himself "Fair Play" complained of the rough play of the Moira men, particularly Allen, one of the full backs, who he says was cautioned no less than three times. "Such a team", he says "never ought to be allowed to contest in a League competition ..... and the sooner it is dispensed with the better it will be for the players."
30.11.1895	Gresley Swifts Boddice	1	2	Moirs Rovers Coe Lenton	Coalville Times states the score was 1-1.
30.11.1895	Ibstock Albion Reserves	1	1	Gresley Swifts	Ground was in a bad condition.
30.11.1895	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	0	0	Ellistown	Garners Ground, Hugglescote. Fair number of spectators.
7.12.1895	Ashby Albion Reserves			Overseal Town	
7.12.1895	Coalville Albion Reserves			Gresley Swifts	
7.12.1895	Moirs Rovers	1	1	Ibstock Albion	
7.12.1895	Measham Wanderers			Gresley Pool Village	Measham Wanderers reported Pool Village for non-fulfilment of fixture, and claimed £52 10s. for loss of gate. etc. — After hearing the evidence of both clubs, the offenders were ordered by the League to play two matches at Measham, instead of a match at either village, and that no fine be imposed on Pool Village
7.12.1895	Whitwick Town	1	0	Coalville Albion	

14.12.1895	Ellistown Wanderers	1	2	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	
14.12.1895	Whitwick Town			Measham Wanderers	
21.12.1895	Ashby Albion Reserves	2 (1)	6 (5)	Moira Rovers	Good gate. Ashby played with 9 men in the first half.
21.12.1895	Ellistown Wanderers	6	1	Gresley Pool Village	
21.12.1895	Ibstock Town Dr Davis (2) Beeson (pen)	3 (1)	1 (1)	Measham Wanderers C Ridgway	Hotel Ground, Ibstock. Hard and slippery ground.
21.12.1895	Overseal Town			Hugglescote	
25.12.1895	Measham Wanderers			Ibstock Albion	
25.12.1895	Moira Rovers			Overseal Town	
26.12.1895	Whitwick Town			Coalville Albion Reserves	
28.12.1895	Ibstock Albion	4	2	Gresley Swifts	
28.12.1895	Measham Wanderers	0	3	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	Measham claimed that the match should not be allowed to stand as the game was stopped before time owing to the rain. The referee reported that the match was not abandoned until the Measham captain gave the match to Hugglescote, who were at the time leading 3-0. The League decided that the match should stand.
28.12.1895	Moira Rovers	7	1	Ellistown Wanderers	
28.12.1895	Gresley Pool Village	0	11	Overseal Town	
4.1.1896	Ashby Albion Reserves	3	0	Measham Wanderers	
11.1.1896	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves			Moira Rovers	
25.1.1896	Ashby Albion Reserve	0	1	Gresley Swifts	
25.1.1896	Ibstock Albion Black (3)	3 (0)	1 (0)	Moira Rovers Lenton	Good number of spectators.
25.1.1896	Measham Wanderers	6	1	Gresley Pool Village	
1.2.1896	Whitwick Town			Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	
1.2.1896	Pool Village Wanderers	0	3	Ibstock Albion	
8.2.1896	Ashby & District League	2	0	Leicester & District League	At Moira.
8.2.1896	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves			Whitwick Town	
15.2.1896	Ibstock Town	9	1	Ellistown Wanderers	
22.2.1896	Ashby Albion Reserve	2	3	Ibstock Town	
22.2.1896	Coalville Albion Reserves			Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	
29.2.1896	Ellistown	7	1	Ashby Albion Reserves	
29.2.1896	Overseal Town	3	3	Ibstock Albion	
7.3.1896	Hugglescote Robin Hoods Reserves	A	A	Overseal Town	
14.3.1896	Moira Rovers	0	0	Ibstock Albion	

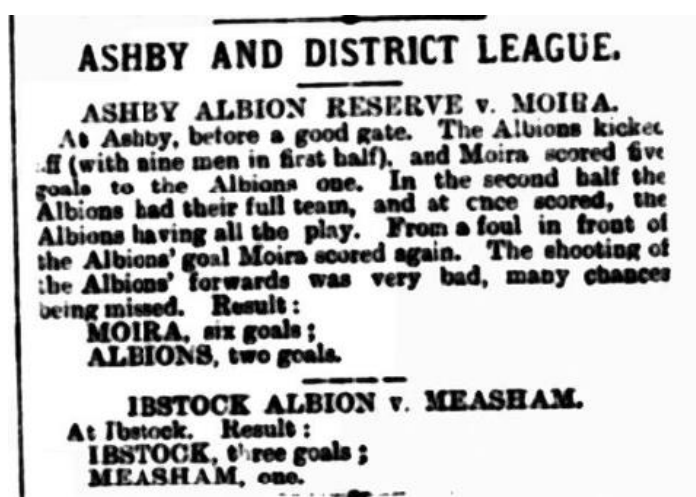
21.3.1896	Ashby Albion Reserves	19	0	Gresley Swifts	
21.3.1896	Moira Rovers	13	0	Gresley Pool Village	
28.3.1896	Ashby Albion Reserves	1	0	Moira Rovers	
3.4.1896	Ashby Albion Reserves	0	0	Gresley Swifts	Holmes Meadow. Unusually large gate, though in the second half most of the spectators were driven from the field by a severe rainstorm. Had Ashby won they would have gone top of the league.
3.4.1896	Coalville Albion Reserves			Ibstock Albion	
11.4.1896	Ashby Albion Reserves			Ibstock	

## Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.



*Leicester Daily Post - 16 September 1896*



*Leicester Daily Post - 23 December 1895*

## **Ashby & District League**

### **Robin Hoods Reserve v Ellistown**

This match was played on Garner's Ground, Hugglescote, on Saturday last before a fair number of spectators. Ellistown won the toss, and elected to play with the wind. In the first half the visitors had the best of the game, but could not penetrate the Robins back division. Brearley and Hall made some good runs, but were stopped by Moore and Burton, who played a good game for the homesters. Half-time arrived with the score standing:

Ellistown	0
Hugglescote	0

During the second half Poole had to leave the ground, and Hall received some injuries which prevented him from playing, consequently the home team had to play with nine men. Nevertheless they pressed nearly all the time but owing to the wretched shooting were not able to score and the game ended in a pointless draw.

Ellistown	0
Hugglescote	0

Robin Hoods: Walker, goal; F Ghent and T Ghent, backs; J Brearly, Burton and Moore, half-backs; Hall, Hardlington, Smith, Reed and Edwards, forwards.

Ellistown: S watts, goal; J Wollerton and J Moore, backs; J Kendrick, W Sharpe, A H Neville, half-backs; Asmith, S Smith, A Rowell, F Bowley and S Heywoods, backs.

*Coalville Times - 6 December 1895*

## **ASHBY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE**

### **POOL VILLAGE v OVERSEAL**

At Gresley. Result:

OVERSEAL, eleven goals;
POOL VILLAGE, none.

*Leicester Daily Post - 30 December 1895*

### **MOIRA v ELLISTOWN**

At Mira. Played in torrents of rain and a rather one-sided game finished.

MOIRA, seven goals;
ELLISTOWN, one goal.

*Leicester Daily Post - 30 December 1895*

## **ASHBY AND DISTRICT v LEICESTER AND DISTRICT**

Teams chosen from the two leagues met at Moira before a large gate. Leicester started with a strong wind behind them, and pressed. The home contingent retaliated, and play ruled even. An offside against the home team prevented a score. Ridgway, for the home team, scored after 25 minutes. The visitors' left wing was dangerous, but Holbrooke cleared well, and soon after the same player was penalised for carrying. After the interval the home side pressed, and forced two corners, which were cleared. The visiting backs were working hard, and kept the home forwards from scoring. Harrison, for the two visitors. Was fouled for carrying, but cleared well. The home side continued the pressure, but failed to get through. Lenton scored from a foul, but the ball went through without being played the second time. Just before time Denis scored from a good centre by Coe. Result:

ASHBY LEAGUE, two goals;
LEICETER LEAGUE, none.

*Leicester Daily Post - 10 February 1895*

**FOOTBALL** - On Good Friday afternoon, Ashby Albion FC met Gresley Rovers Reserves in the Ashby and District League Competition, on the Holmes Meadow. There was an unusually large gate, though in the second half of the game most of the spectators were driven from the field by a severe rain storm. The game was fast throughout, the advantage, if any, being on the side of Ashby, though no goals were scored on either side. The defence of both sides was remarkably good, but the forwards were extremely weak and the shooting erratic. Had Ashby won it would undoubtedly have placed them at the head of the league, but as it is, even though they come off victors in the replayed match they will have to take second place.

*Leicester Journal - 10 April 1896*



## Additional Information

**FORMATION OF LEAGUES.**—The Association proceeded to consider the report of the committee re the proposed North Leicestershire League, Ashby and District League, and Leicester Junior League. The Secretary stated that the committee had gone carefully through the rules, and subject to certain alterations they recommended the Association to give their sanction to their formation. The chief alterations were in regard to the radius of the Leagues, as the committee had to guard against any clubs being left out in the cold by being sandwiched between the areas covered by leagues. In the North Leicestershire League there were eight clubs entered, and the committee recommended that the radius be 10 miles from Loughborough instead of nine. In the Ashby and District League, which had 10 clubs entered, the committee recommended that the radius be extended to eight miles.—The Association gave their sanction to the formation of these Leagues, with these and certain other minor alterations.—The Leicester Junior League proposed to include 13 clubs, amongst which were Enderby, Anstey, and South Wigston.—The committee felt that 13 clubs were too many, and that the League should be confined to purely town clubs. If the three country clubs named were admitted clubs in the Hinckley district which have had fixtures with them up to the present time would have a difficulty in future seasons in arranging matches. If there was a desire on the part of Anstey, South Wigston, and Enderby to have a League there was nothing to prevent them throwing in their lot with the clubs in the Hinckley district for that purpose.—The Association by 11 votes to five endorsed the committee's opinion, and confined the League to Leicester clubs only.

*Leicester Daily Post - 26 April 1895*

## ASHBY AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Mr. McNicol presided over an emergency meeting of this League at the King's Head Inn on Wednesday evening, when there were also present Messrs. W. Reed (Hugglescote), W. Gee (Gresley Swifts), J. H. Holbrooke (Moura), and G. J. Lee (hon. sec.). Hugglescote protested against their match of Nov. 2 with Overseal counting as a League match, as the referee had to stop play 20 minutes before time on account of insufficient light. The Hugglescote secretary alleged that this was due to the late arrival of the Overseal team, and asked that the Emergency Committee would order the match to be played on some other day. The committee decided that the match should be replayed at Hugglescote, the two clubs to mutually arrange, and in the event of their not doing so the secretary of the League to fix a date. The referees for November and December were appointed as below, and all matches ordered to be commenced not later than 2.30 p.m. :-

### November.

- 9.—Moura v. Blackfordby, E. Rowbotham.
- 9.—Gresley v. Ellistown, J. Sherwin.
- 9.—Pool Village v. Hugglescote, J. H. Holbrooke.
- 16.—Whitwick v. Ashby, G. Swain.
- 16.—Ellistown v. Ibstock, C. W. Pegg.
- 16.—Measham v. Gresley, G. Blockley.
- 16.—Pool Village v. Moura, G. J. Lee.
- 23.—Coalville v. Pool Village, Alf Middleton.
- 23.—Gresley v. Overseal, G. J. Lee.
- 23.—Ibstock v. Hugglescote, J. H. Holbrooke.
- 23.—Moura v. Measham, T. Moss.
- 30.—Overseal v. Coalville, E. Rowbotham.
- 30.—Gresley v. Moura, T. Moore.
- 30.—Gresley v. Moura, R. Gamble.

### December

- 7.—Ashby v. Overseal, G. Swain.
- 7.—Coalville v. Gresley, J. Sherwin.
- 7.—Measham v. Pool Village, G. Adcock.
- 7.—Moura v. Ibstock, J. Shuttleworth.
- 14.—Whitwick v. Measham, A. H. Middleton.
- 14.—Hugglescote v. Ellistown, T. Moss.
- 21.—Ashby v. Moura, G. Blockley.
- 21.—Overseal v. Hugglescote, E. Rowbotham.
- 21.—Measham v. Ibstock, J. H. Holbrooke.
- 25.—Moura v. Overseal, J. Sherwin.
- 26.—Ellistown v. Pool Village, T. Moore.
- 26.—Whitwick v. Coalville, R. Gamble.
- 22.—Moura v. Ellistown, C. W. Pegg.
- 22.—Ibstock v. Gresley, G. Swain.
- 22.—Overseal v. Pool Village, J. Shuttleworth.
- 22.—Hugglescote v. Measham, E. Rowbotham.

On the ground of the first-named club.

*Leicester Chronicle -9 November 1895*

### ASHBY AND DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

In the absence of Mr McNicol, Mr. Gee (Gresley Swifts) presided over an emergency meeting of this league at the King's Head Inn, on Wednesday evening last. There were also present Messrs. J. H. Holbrooke and G. J. Lee. — Evidence which was not heard at the last meeting was produced as to the match between Gresley Swifts and Ellistown, at Gresley, on November 9, and the committee ordered that the match should not count as a league fixture, but that it be played on a date and ground to be mutually arranged by the two clubs, and that the proceeds of the match, after having paid the visiting team's travelling expenses, be equally divided between the two competing clubs. — Measham Wanderers reported Pool Village for non-fulfilment of fixture on December 7, and claimed £52 10s. for loss of gate, etc. — After hearing the evidence of both clubs, the offenders were ordered to play two matches at Measham, instead of a match at either village, and that no fine be imposed on Pool Village, the re-arranged fixtures to be reported to the secretary

of the league within 14 days of the meeting. — The case of non-fulfilment against Whitwick by Moira was again adjourned for the production of further written evidence alleged to be held by Whitwick. Moira Rovers reported Ibstock Albion for late arrival on December 7, in consequence of which full time was not played, the game being stopped when both sides had scored a goal, and Moira having considerably the best of matters.— They were ordered to replay the match at Moira on March 14, the net gate to be divided between the two clubs. — A letter was read from the secretary of the Leicester and District League, confirming the arrangement for the inter-league match, and the secretary was requested to write Mr. Jordan as to colours. — Coalville Albion's resignation was agreed to, and the committee decided that their deposit be forfeited to the league, as per rule — The committee also decided to strictly enforce the rule requiring fees with protests.

*Leicester Chronicle – 21 December 1895*

#### **ASHBY AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

Mr. J. H. Holbrooke presided over an emergency meeting of this league on Wednesday evening, at the King's Head Inn, when there were also present Messrs. W. Geo (Gresley Swifts) and G. J. Lee, hon. secretary and treasurer.

Overseal's claim for the match played between them and Pool Village, December 28, was upheld. Whitwick's resignation from the league was accepted, and the committee decided that their deposit be forfeited to the league, and in consequence of this decision the matters standing over for consideration against this club so far as they affect Moira fall through. The committee decided that Mr. Blockley's application to remain on the league list of referees be acceded to. A letter was read from Measham Wanderers asking that their match on December 28 with Hugglescote be not allowed to stand a league match in consequence of it being stopped before time owing to the rain. The referee reported that the match was not, abandoned until the Measham captain gave the match to Hugglescote, who at that time were leading three goals to nil, and the committee decided that the match stand. The committee decided to recommend to the members of the league that Mr S. Bertenshaw (of Coalville) be appointed chairman of the league in place of Mr. McNicol, resigned. The Moira Club were awarded the sum of ten shillings for expenses' incurred in their replayed match with Oversea, on December 14. The following team was chosen to represent the league against the Leicester and District League at Moira, on February 8: — Goal, Cotton (Moira); right full-back, S. Beeson (Ibstock) ; left full-back, B. Evans (Moira) ; right half-back, W. Hassall (Gresley) ; centre half-back, J. Hughes (Overseal!) ; left half-back, F. Farmer (Ashby) ; forwards, out- side right, H. Lyon (Overseal!) ; inside right, W. Dennis (Moira) ; centre, A. Lenten (Moira) ; ' out- side left, C. Ridgeway (Measham); inside left, G. Tebbutt (Gresley). Reserves: G. E. Hart (Over- seal), Dolman (Overseal.), B. Sindall (Measham). Mr. W. Mason, of Moira, was appointed linesman, and Mr. Holbrooke reported that white shirts would be placed at the disposal of the league by his committee.

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### ASHBY AND DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Mr. W. Reed, Hugglescote, presided over an emergency meeting of this League on Monday evening at the King's Head Inn, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, when there were also present Messrs. W. Gee (Gresley), J. H. Holbrooke (Moir), and G. J. Lee (hon. sec.).—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.—Overseal asked for some compensation in consequence of their having to visit Hugglescote twice, the match in the first instance not being played out in consequence of darkness. The committee ordered Hugglescote to pay Overseal half the net gate. Hugglescote were ordered to pay Mr. R. Webster his fee as referee. A match should have been played at Hugglescote on March 7, and the Hugglescote secretary failed to advise the League secretary that the fixture had been rearranged. The referee consequently attended, and there was no match.—The referee (Mr. J. Sherwin) in a match Istock v. Moira reported that he had made an error in the time of play, in consequence of which the match was stopped 15 minutes before time. The committee decided that the match be replayed at Moira on a date to be mutually arranged within seven days, Moira to pay Istock traveling expenses, and after printing and referee's expenses are deducted the net gate to be divided between the two clubs. The referee was also censured.—The Moira club were awarded 3s. 6d., being expenses incurred by them in procuring players for the inter League match with the Leicester and District League. A Rules Revision Committee was afterwards held.

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### ASHBY AND DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Mr. W. Read (Hugglescote) presided over an emergency meeting of this League at the King's Head Inn, Ashby-da-la-Zouch, on Tuesday evening. There were also present Messrs. W. Gee (Gresley Swifts), J. H. Holbrooke (Moir Rovers), and G. J. Lee (Ellistown).—Overseal Town F.C. protested against their match with Istock standing as a League match, alleging that the referee stated that the ground was unfit for play.—After hearing evidence given by the Overseal captain, Mr. Patrick, and a letter from the referee, the committee decided that the match should stand, and returned the deposit fee of 10s. to Overseal.—Measham Wanderers reported Overseal Town for playing Lyons at Measham on Good Friday, that player being then under suspension for misconduct on the field.—Mr. Davies, the Overseal secretary, stated that he had no notification of Lyon's suspension from the Leicestershire Association, and the committee decided to let the matter stand over until the secretary could supply satisfactory information as to whether due notice of the suspension had been given to Overseal.—For misconduct on the field, consistent roughness, and bad language towards the referee on Good Friday, Neville Woodward, of the Measham F.C., was suspended from taking part in any League match during the rest of the season.—Pool Village F.C. wrote regretting their inability to carry out the League fixtures, and asking for permission to withdraw from the League, which was granted.

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