



Loughborough & District League 1897-98

Loughborough & District League 1897-8

Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1	Hathern Victoria	20	16	1	3	62	20	33
2	Barrow Rising Star	20	14	4	2	59	14	32
3	Quorn Havelock	20	14	1	5	66	17	29
4	Loughborough Victoria	20	10	3	7	34	28	23
5	Mountsorrel Castle	20	9	3	8	39	37	21
6	Loughborough Emanuel	20	8	3	10	31	35	18
7	Kegworth	18	5	6	7	22	28	16
8	Barrow Excelsior	18	5	5	8	30	33	15
9	Mountsorrel St Peter's	20	4	3	13	19	58	11
10	Markfield Albion	20	2	5	13	13	60	9
11	Woodhouse United	20	4	1	15	14	69	9

The goals for and against columns do not tally.

Winner:	Hathern Victoria
Runner-Up:	Barrow Rising Star
Wooden spoon:	Woodhouse United
Games Played:	108
Missing Results:	12
Goals scored:	344
Biggest home win:	Quorn Havelock 14-0 Woodhouse United
Biggest away win:	Markfield 0-5 Loughborough Victoria Markfield 0-5 Quorn Havelock
Highest scoring:	14: Quorn Havelock 14-0 Woodhouse United

Results published in newspapers are in line with the above league table above apart from Kegworth, for which there are some obvious anomalies. League tables published in early April state that Kegworth played 14, won 7, drew 1 and lost 7, yet in the final standings, they won 5, drew 6 and lost 7 out of the 18 games played.

Date	P	W	D	L
7 April	14	6	1	7
14 April	17	7	4	9
28 April	18	5	6	7

Sileby Rangers, holders of the Junior Cup, withdrew from the League in late January 1898 and collapsed. They started well, and promised to run a good race for the championship, but dissensions in their ranks led to several of their best players joining neighbouring clubs. They struggled on, but the passing of the three-mile rule prohibited them from getting players from distance, and they fell into arrear with their matches, through being unable to raise a team. The three-mile rule was introduced to keep teams as local as possible and to render professionalism almost an impossibility.

Loughborough Victoria should have gone to Kegworth in late January, but were unable to raise a team for a variety of reasons and consequently did not make the journey. The Vics gave the Kegworth club due notice of their difficulty, but the latter were disappointed as they had intended making a collection at the match of behalf of the relatives of a player who had recently been killed in Leicester.

A special League committee was appointed in late March to investigate charges made by Loughborough Victoria against Barrow Excelsior for approaching and registering Mounteney and Unwin who were already

members of the first-named club. Barrow were fined 18s having been found guilty of poaching both players. - Coalville Times – 8 April 1898

Results Grid

Loughborough & District League 1897-98	Barrow Excelsior	Barrow Rising Star	Hathern Victoria	Kegworth	Loughborough Emmanuel	Loughborough Victoria	Markfield	Mountsorrel Castle	Mountsorrel St Peters	Quorn Havelock	Woodhouse United
Barrow Excelsior		1-1	1-3	X	1-1	3-1	0-0	2-2	5-0	1-3	7-0
Barrow Rising Star	1-1		1-1	3-0	2-0	0-1	9-1	3-1	7-0	2-0	8-0
Hathern Victoria				2-0	2-1	3-1	12-0	2-1	5-1	2-0	4-0
Kegworth	X	1-0			3-2	0-3	2-0	2-2	4-0	1-0	
Loughborough Emanuel	1-0	1-3	1-5	4-0		0-2	1-0		2-1	1-0	3-0
Loughborough Victoria		3-3	1-2	2-0	4-0		0-0	1-2	1-1		
Markfield	1-3	1-5		1-1	0-5	0-1		1-1	1-2	0-5	1-0
Mountsorrel Castle	3-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	3-1	3-0			2-1	1-3	4-1
Mountsorrel St Peter's		1-2	1-4		4-1	2-4	2-2	4-3		1-5	5-0
Quorn Havelock	3-0	3-0	4-2	3-1	3-1	2-0	3-0	6-0	2-2		14-0
Woodhouse United	3-1	0-2	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	2-1	1-3	4-1	1-5	

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Result Not Known
X – Not played

Match Results and Details

Date	Home		Away	Match Details
4.9.1897	Hathern Victoria	6	0	Rothley Swifts
4.9.1897	Loughborough Emanuel	2	1	Mountsorrel St Peter's
11.9.1897	Barrow Excelsior	1	1	Loughborough Emanuel
11.9.1897	Loughborough Victoria	3	3	Barrow Rising Star
11.9.1897	Rothley Swifts	1	4	Hathern Victoria
11.9.1897	Sileby Rangers	3	0	Mountsorrel St Peter's
18.9.1897	Barrow Excelsior	5	0	Mountsorrel St Peter's
18.9.1897	Mountsorrel Castle	3	1	Rothley Swifts
18.9.1897	Quorn Havelock	1	1	Barrow Excelsior
18.9.1897	Sileby Rangers	3	1	Loughborough Victoria
25.9.1897	Markfield Albion	1	1	Mountsorrel Castle
25.9.1897	Mountsorrel St Peter's	1	1	Sileby Rangers
25.9.1897	Woodhouse United	0	1	Loughborough Victoria
2.10.1897	Hathern Victoria	6	0	Sileby Rangers
2.10.1897	Mountsorrel Castle	3	1	Loughborough Emanuel
2.10.1897	Woodhouse United	4	1	Mountsorrel St Peter's
9.10.1897	Loughborough Emanuel			Sileby Rangers
16.10.1897	Barrow Excelsior	1	3	Hathern Victoria
16.10.1897	Markfield Albion	0	5	Loughborough Emanuel
16.10.1897	Mountsorrel St Peter's	2	4	Loughborough Victoria
16.10.1897	Rothley Swifts	1	4	Mountsorrel Castle
23.10.1897	Hathern Victoria	2	1	Mountsorrel Castle
23.10.1897	Mountsorrel St Peter's	2	2	Markfield Albion
23.10.1897	Quorn Havelock	3	1	Loughborough Emanuel
23.10.1897	Rothley Swifts	1	3	Barrow Excelsior

30.10.1897	Barrow Excelsior	2	3	Sileby Rangers	
30.10.1897	Loughborough Emanuel Rodwell	1	3	Barrow Rising Star Williamson Sharp AN Other	Both clubs were playing "away" – this League game was played on the Athletics Grounds, the proceeds for the benefit of locked -out engineers. Emanuel's goal resulted from a piece of luck- as Jacques ran out to clear, but kicked the ball on Rodwell, it rebounding into goal
30.10.1897	Mountsorrel St Peter's	1	5	Quorn Havelock	
13.11.1897	Loughborough Emanuel	1	5	Hathern Victoria	
13.11.1897	Woodhouse United	2	1	Markfield Albion	
20.11.1897	Barrow Excelsior	1	3	Quorn Havelock	
20.11.1897	Loughborough Victoria	4	2	Loughborough Emanuel	
20.11.1897	Woodhouse United	0	2	Barrow Rising Star	
27.11.1897	Barrow Rising Star	7	0	Mountsorrel St Peter's	
27.11.1897	Mountsorrel Castle	2	3	Loughborough Victoria	
27.11.1897	Quorn Havelock	4	2	Hathern Victoria	
4.12.1897	Barrow Rising Star	2	0	Quorn Havelock	
4.12.1897	Kegworth	2	0	Markfield Albion	
4.12.1897	Loughborough Victoria	1	0	Mountsorrel St Peter's	
4.12.1897	Mountsorrel Castle	4	1	Woodhouse United	
11.12.1897	Barrow Excelsior	2	2	Mountsorrel Castle	
11.12.1897	Barrow Rising Star	1	1	Hathern Victoria	
11.12.1897	Loughborough Victoria	2	0	Kegworth	
11.12.1897	Woodhouse United	1	5	Quorn Havelock	
18.12.1897	Quorn Havelock	2	0	Loughborough Victoria	
18.12.1897	Sileby Rangers	2	2	Mountsorrel Castle	
25.12.1897	Barrow Rising Star	W		Sileby Rangers	
27.12.1897	Kegworth	3	2	Loughborough Excelsior	
1.1.1898	Hathern Victoria	1	2	Mountsorrel St Peter's	Referee stopped the game early on account of poor light.
1.1.1898	Loughborough Emanuel	4	0	Kegworth	Kegworth were late in arriving, had a weak team and three of their players turned out in ordinary clothes.
1.1.1898	Markfield	P	P	Sileby Rangers	Sileby failed to make the journey to Markfeld
1.1.1898	Mountsorrel Castle	3	1	Barrow Excelsior	Castle were 3 goals up before half-time.
8.1.1898	Barrow Excelsior	3	1	Loughborough Victoria	
8.1.1898	Kegworth	1	0	Barrow Rising Star	The game should have been played at Barrow, but floods prevented the game from taking place. The clubs decided to play the game at Kegworth instead. Big crowd.
8.1.1898	Mountsorrel St Peter's	4	3	Mountsorrel Castle	Derby Day. 300 spectators.
8.1.1898	Quorn Havelock	14 (5)	0 (0)	Woodhouse United	A League record highest score. The Quorn goalkeeper only kicked the ball away once and never handled the ball.
15.1.1898	Mountsorrel Castle	1	3	Quorn Havelock	
22.1.1897	Barrow Rising Star	9	1	Markfield	First time these clubs had ever met. Marchant [Markfield was sent off early in the second half. This result took Markfield to the bottom of the League.
22.1.1897	Kegworth	P	P	Loughborough Victoria	Kegworth were unable to raise a team for a variety of reasons and consequently did not make the journey. The Vics had given Kegworth due notice, but the latter were disappointed as they intended to make a

					collection at the match on behalf of relatives of a player recently killed in Leicester
22.1.1897	Loughborough Victoria	1 (1)	2 (1)	Hathern Victoria	
22.1.1897	Quorn Havelock	2	2	Mountsorrel St Peter's	
22.1.1897	Woodhouse United	1	1	Loughborough Emanuel	
29.1.1898	Markfield Albion	1	0	Woodhouse United	
29.1.1898	Sileby Rangers	A	A	Barrow Rising Star	Sileby had resigned from the League.
5.2.1898	Hathern Victoria	2	1	Loughborough Emanuel	
5.2.1898	Loughborough Victoria	1	1	Mountsorrel St Peter's	Due to the first match ending early due to darkness – this match was played on “cup tie terms.”
5.2.1898	Mountsorrel Castle	1	2	Barrow Rising Star	
5.2.1898	Quorn Havelock	3	1	Kegworth	Poor gate.
5.2.1898	Woodhouse	3	1	Barrow Excelsior	Moderate gate. A member of the Barrow committee complained of the roughness of Woodhouse play and stated that their team would not visit them again unless they received a “little more consideration at their hand.”
12.2.1898	Barrow Rising Star	3	1	Mountsorrel Castle	
12.2.1898	Hathern Victoria Randon Neddy Thompson	2 (2)	0 (0)	Quorn Havelock	
12.2.1898	Loughborough Victoria Henson Limbet W York C West	4 (1)	0 (0)	Loughborough Excelsior	Excelsior had a substitute playing in goal.
12.2.1898	Markfield	1	1	Kegworth	Kegworth had two players sent off for infringement of Rule 11.
12.2.1898	Mountsorrel St Peter's Baker (2) Kirchin Turner Hallam	5	0	Woodhouse United	The Woodhouse centre half was cautioned several times for rough play. He was ordered to leave the ground, which he refused to do.
19.2.1898	Loughborough Victoria	0	0	Markfield Albion	
19.2.1898	Mountsorrel St Peter's	1	2	Barrow Rising Star	Good crowd
19.2.1898	Quorn Havelock	6	0	Mountsorrel Castle	
26.2.1898	Barrow Excelsior “Nobby” (2) Oram (2) Toyle Towle	7 (4)	0 (0)	Woodhouse United	Woodhouse could only muster 7 players in the first half – in the second half they played with 8 men.
26.2.1898	Barrow Rising Star Wood AN Other	2	0	Loughborough Emanuel	Brooks (Emanuel) retired injured after the Stars scored their first goal. The victory sent Barrow to the top of the League.
26.2.1898	Hathern	3	1	Loughborough Victoria	
26.2.1898	Markfield	1 (1)	2 (1)	Mountsorrel St Peter's	
26.2.1898	Mountsorrel Castle	2	1	Kegworth	
5.3.1898	Barrow Rising Star	3 (1)	0 (0)	Kegworth	Mill-lane, Barrow.
5.3.1898	Loughborough Emanuel	1	0	Quorn Havelock	500 spectators. Benefit game for T Harper who had been from work for 22 weeks through an injury sustained at the Falconn Works.
5.3.1898	Markfield Albion	0	1	Loughborough Victoria	

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5.3.1898	Mountsorrel Castle Wykes Palmer	2 (2)	1 (0)	Mountsorrel St Peter's Pendy	Derby Day. 400-500 spectators.
12.3.1898	Barrow Rising Star Wood (3) J Williamson (2) Black Paxton Monk	8 (5)	0 (0)	Woodhouse United	All Barrow forwards scored.
12.3.1898	Kegworth	0 (0)	3 (0)	Loughborough Victoria Swann Henson	Good attendance. Kegworth adopted rough tactics and the "spectators did not treat the referee with such respect." At the end of the game the referee was met with very hostile demonstration
12.3.1898	Mountsorrel Castle	1	2	Hathern Victoria	
12.3.1898	Quorn Havelock Thornton (2) Lockwood (og) Mounteney	3 (1)	0 (0)	Barrow Excelsior	
19.3.1898	Loughborough Victoria	1 (0)	2 (2)	Mountsorrel Castle	
19.3.1898	Markfield Marshall	1	5	Barrow Rising Star Black (2) Wood Spence (og) J Williamson	
19.3.1898	Mountsorrel St Peter's	4	1	Loughborough Emanuel	
26.3.1898	Barrow Excelsior	1	1	Barrow Rising Star	Boisterous day.
26.3.1898	Hathern Victoria	5	1	Mountsorrel St Peter's	Game played under cup tie rules
26.3.1898	Kegworth	1	0	Quorn Havelock	
26.3.1898	Loughborough Emanuel Hitchen	1	0	Markfield	
26.3.1898	Mountsorrel Castle	3	0	Loughborough Victoria	Replayed match. After paying the referee only 1 shilling remained. Vics fielded a weak side.
2.4.1898	Barrow Rising Star	0	1	Loughborough Victoria	Barrows' first ever home defeat in the League League favourites managed just 1 point of their last 2 games. If Hathern won their last 4 games and the Stars won their last match then the clubs would be on the same number of points.
2.4.1898	Markfield	1	3	Barrow Excelsior	
2.4.1898	Mountsorrel St Peter's	1 (1)	4 (1)	Hathern Victoria	
2.4.1898	Woodhouse Wainwright	1 (1)	3 (3)	Mountsorrel Castle Bollard (2) Haynes	
8.4.1898	Woodhouse United	1	0	Kegworth	Cup tie terms. Neither side was fully represented.
9.4.1898	Barrow Rising Star	1	1	Barrow Excelsior	
9.4.1898	Hathern Victoria	2	0	Kegworth	Game was arranged to start at midday - but due to the late arrival of Kegworth the game did not commence until 2pm. Good gate.
9.4.1898	Loughborough Emanuel*	3 (2)	0 (0)	Woodhouse United	Woodhouse started with only 9 players.

					Foulds [Woodhouse] was ordered off the field after making several "expressions" to the referee. he refused to go and every time he touched the ball a free kick was given against Woodhouse. Eventually Foulds left the field.
9.4.1898	Quorn Havelock	3	0	Markfield	
11.4.1898	Barrow Excelsior	0	0	Markfield	
11.4.1898	Kegworth	4	0	Mountsorrel St Peter's	
12.4.1898	Hathern Victoria	4	0	Woodhouse	
16.4.1898	Kegworth	2	2	Mountsorrel Castle	
16.4.1898	Loughborough Emanuel*	0	2	Loughborough Victoria	
16.4.1898	Markfield	0 (0)	5 (2)	Quorn Havelock Thornton (2) Davis Barwell Wykes	Good attendance. Game commenced at 3.46 pm.
16.4.1898	Woodhouse	0	1	Hathern Victoria	Good crowd.
23.4.1898	Hathern Victoria Warren Randon Thompson AN Others	12	0	Markfield	This victory gave Hathern the Championships. Game commenced at 4 pm.
29.4.1898	Loughborough Emanuel	1	0	Barrow Excelsior	Athletic Grounds, Loughborough. Last match in connection with the League. According to a league ruling the gate was to be divided between the clubs - but the clubs arranged to devote the proceeds to the Whitwick disaster fund. Barrow were only able to field 10 players.
30.4.1898	Hathern (League Champions) Warren (2) Thompson Roper	4	5	Rest of the League Thornton Wainwright (2) Mounteney Williamson	Athletic grounds, Loughborough. Rain fell heavily throughout the morning and continued until shortly before kick-off. After the game the players adjourned to the pavilion where Mr H Dunn (League President) presented medals to both teams and the match ball to Thornton (Quorn Havelock), captain of the Rest of the League team.

* Some reports state Emanuel others state Excelsior

Match Reports

A selection of match reports.

LOUGHBOROUGH & DISTRICT LEAGUE

MOUNTSORREL CASTLE v. BOTHERLEY SWIFTS.

At Mountsorrel. Result:
MOUNTSORREL, three goals;
BOTHERLEY, one goal.

BARROW EXCELSIOR v. MOUNTSORREL ST. PETER'S.

At Barrow. Result.
BARROW, five goals,
MOUNTSORREL, none.

QUORN HAVELOCK v. BARROW RISING STAR.

At Quorn. Result:
BARROW, one goal;
QUORN, none.

SILEBY RANGERS v. LOUGHBOROUGH VICTORIA.

At Sileby. Result
SILEBY, three goals.
LOUGHBOROUGH, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 20 September 1897

LOUGHBOROUGH AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS :-

At Mountsorrel—Quorn three, Castle one.
 At Kegworth—Kegworth three, Markfield none.

RESULTS UP TO DATE :-

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Draw.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Quorn Havelock...	12	9	2	1	45	11	19
Barrow Star ...	10	7	1	2	39	6	16
Hathers...	10	6	3	1	29	14	13
Loughboro' Vict.	11	6	4	1	21	20	13
Mountsorrel Castle	11	4	4	3	24	29	11
Kegworth ...	8	5	3	0	12	11	10
Sileby Rangers ...	8	3	2	3	13	20	9
Loughboro' Emi.	11	4	6	1	22	24	9
Barrow Excelsior	10	3	5	2	18	22	8
Markfield ...	7	1	4	2	7	17	4
Woodhouse ...	9	2	7	0	8	35	4
Mountsorrel St Pts	13	1	10	2	12	41	4

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 20 January 1898

MOUNTSORREL ST PETER'S F.C.

This club celebrated their victory over the Castle in a right royal manner on Monday evening, at their headquarters, the Stag and Pheasant, when over 50 sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Mr. W. Johnson. After the cloth had been removed, the president of the club, Mr. A. W. Turner, presided, and remarked that he was pleased the Saints had at last beaten the Castle, and that he hoped the Castle would come up next time as brave as ever, as the St. Peter's had in the past. The health of the president, captain (Mr. P. Turner), host, and officers were drunk. Mr. Freer proposed the healths of Mrs. Chadfield and Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson for the use of the field, and Mr. Tomlinson promised that the field would be lent the St. Peter's as long as they existed. Songs were sung by Messrs. Thompson, Foulds, Kirchin, Boyer, Freer, Payne, and Woodhouse. The St. Peter's club is now in a good position, several supporters having contributed, between £3 and £4 being in hand, while there are several good home matches.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 20 January 1898

MOUNTSORREL CASTLE v. QUORN HAVELOCK.

This League match was played on the Castle Ground, before the largest gate of the season. The Castle team was again altered from the previous week, C. Lovett taking his brother's place in goal in his first League match, and A. E. Wykes donned the colours for the first time this season, and played centre half, Whitehouse going inside left. Quorn had full strength, with the exception of Price. The game started very fast. Lovett cleared well in the first few minutes, and the ball being taken to the other end, Palmer looked like opening the score, but the final kick went just outside. The ball was continually going from end to end, and Lovett, once rushing out, missed his kick. The ball was gently trundling towards the goal, when Pendry rushed in, and cleared from near the goal-line in good style. Soon afterwards the Quorn goalkeeper failed to clear, and the ball was rushed into the net. The Castle did not hold the lead long. A bouncing shot, altering its course on the uneven ground in front of goal, was only stopped by the goalkeeper, who, falling, failed to clear, and the ball was promptly popped into the net. Soon afterwards Quorn were awarded a penalty kick for an alleged foul by Bishop, one of the Castle backs, but Thornton placed over the bar. Close on half-time Quorn scored again, the goal being similar to the previous one, Lovett stopping the ball, but failing to clear. On resuming, Bollard got away nicely, and struck the Quorn crossbar with a good shot. The game continued very fast, and both goals had narrow escapes, Bollard on one occasion beating his half-back and back easily, but failing with only the goalkeeper a few yards away. Thornton was the most dangerous for Quorn with his runs down the wing, Palmer having to keep a keen eye on him. With about twenty minutes left to play, Barwell further increased the score with a good shot, which Lovett touched, but failed to turn, and Quorn ran out winners by three to one. It was a well-contested match from start to finish, and was much more even than the score indicates. Mr. P. Clark, of Leicester, was the referee.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 20 January 1898

HATHERN v. WOODHOUSE.

These clubs should have met last Saturday, but they could not come to an agreement as to which ground the match should be played on. It seems that the first fixture called for Woodhouse to go to Hathern, but owing to the latter being engaged in the Junior Cup, the match could not take place, and a date was arranged which did not prove suitable to Woodhouse, who secured the League's permission for a re-arrangement, by which last Saturday's match for Hathern to go to Woodhouse came first, but as the latter did not play the return last season, Hathern would not go to Woodhouse until they had visited them. This, Woodhouse were not inclined to do, and as the clubs do not appear likely to come to an arrangement, the probability is they will not meet this season. Hathern were at fault for arranging the match originally on a Junior Cup day, but for which the misunderstanding would have been avoided.

LOUGHBOROUGH VICTORIA v. MOUNTSORREL CASTLE.

Played at Loughborough. The Vic's forward rank was considerably weakened through two players going to Barrow Excelsior, and York being away. Upon starting the Castle raced away, and in the first minute Bollard put in a grand centre, which curled into goal, Moss being just unable to reach it. For a few minutes the Castle pressed, but the Vic's defence was safe, and the home lot taking up the attack, Swann centred finely, and Adcock had a grand chance of equalising, but he sent the ball full at the goalkeeper, who cleared easily. The absence of the Vic's forwards told considerably on their attack, but still the game was pretty even, though the Castle had more shots at goal than the Victoria. Once Lole got clean through, and had only the goalkeeper to beat, but Moss ran out and cleared finely. At the interval the Castle were leading by a goal to none. Ten minutes after the resumption Rudkin put the Castle still further ahead with a grand shot. Then the Victoria appeared to pull together, and had a deal the better of matters. Mee scored for them, and Bailey put in a good shot, which Lovett saved. Adcock struck the bar, and Pym, who caught the ball on the rebound, shot outside. Later on Lovett cleared finely a shot that ran along the front of the bar. The Victoria did all the attacking for some time, but they allowed several opportunities of scoring to pass, and the end came with their defeat by two goals to none.

MARKFIELD v. WOODHOUSE.

This was the only League match last Saturday, and was played at Markfield, it being the return game. Mr. G. J. Lee, the secretary of the Ashby and District League, officiated as referee. Spence, the home captain, won the toss, and Markfield had the benefit of a stiff breeze in the first half, when play was of a very even description, the visitors playing well against the wind. Markfield once put through, but the goal was off-side and at the interval the score sheet was clear. With the wind, the United anticipated bagging the points. The game was restarted in determined fashion and both goalkeepers were called upon. Woodhouse, however, eventually pressed strongly, and Webster effected some splendid clearances. They had most of the play for some time, but could not net the ball. Half a minute from time, from a throw-in, Mee got off, and centred beautifully, Weston putting the ball through amidst great excitement. The ball had scarcely been set in motion again when time sounded, with Markfield winners by one goal to none.

Additional Information

LOUGHBOROUGH AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

A general meeting of the League was held on Wednesday evening at the Greyhound Hotel, Loughborough, when there were present. Messrs. M. Billson (chairman), J. Burrows (Quorn), F. Whatnall (Woodhouse), T. Hunt (Victoria), G. E. Peel (Emmanuel), J. E. Frier (Rising Star), T. Mee (Markfield), C. Black (Kegworth), F. Holmes (Castle), J. Kirchin (St. Peter's), and W. Bates (hon. secretary).

Markfield reported Sileby Rangers for non-fulfilment of fixture, on January 1st, and claimed 15s. Sileby were fined 2s. 6d., and ordered to pay Markfield's claim.

It was reported that the Hathern and St. Peter's match was stopped 25 minutes before time owing to fog and darkness, the St. Peter's being late. The latter were fined 2s. 6d., and the match was ordered to be re-played on cup-tie terms.

A report was read from Loughborough Emmanuel of disorderly proceedings at Kegworth on December 27th, but as the matter had also been reported to the Association it was left with that body to deal with.

The hon. secretary mentioned that several clubs had played ineligible players, but that the opposing clubs had not protested through being ignorant of the infringements. After much discussion, and, on the motion of Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Burrows, the hon. secretary was requested to report clubs direct to the League in future.

A letter was read from Mr. S. James, resigning his position as a referee for the League, in consequence of the report made against him by the Emmanuel club.

For the match Kegworth v. Loughborough Victoria at Kegworth, on January 29, Mr. J. James was appointed in place of Mr. S. James.

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The kick-off for February was fixed at 2.45, and referees for that month were selected as follows:—

- 5.—Quorn Havelock v. Kegworth, M. Billson.
- 5.—Woodhouse v. Barrow Excelsior, T. Hunt.
- 5.—Hathern v. Loughborough Emmanuel, G. Beale.
- 5.—Mountsorrel Castle v. Barrow Stars, J. W. Bailey.
- 12.—Hathern v. Quorn, E. Beeby.
- 12.—Mountsorrel St. Peter's v. Woodhouse, A. Blora.
- 12.—Barrow Star v. Mountsorrel Castle, H. Rudkin.
- 12.—Markfield v. Kegworth, R. Gamble.
- 19.—Mountsorrel St. Peter's v. Barrow Stars, E. Beeby.
- 19.—Quorn Havelock v. Mountsorrel Castle, J. W. Bailey.
- 19.—Loughborough Victoria v. Markfield, G. Shaw.
- 19.—Hathern v. Woodhouse, T. Hunt.
- 19.—Kegworth v. Barrow Excelsior, J. H. Lambert.
- 26.—Markfield v. Mountsorrel St. Peter's, G. Bishop.
- 26.—Barrow Stars v. Loughborough Emmanuel, F. W. Wildman.
- 26.—Barrow Excelsior v. Woodhouse, E. Beeby.
- 26.—Hathern v. Loughborough Victoria, M. Billson.
- 26.—Mountsorrel Castle v. Kegworth, J. James.

Owing to Barrow Excelsior playing their Junior Cup tie at Market Harborough, the match with Sileby Rangers, at Sileby, was postponed. Consequently there were only two League matches last Saturday.

Markfield and Kegworth replayed their match at Kegworth, and although there was a pretty good attendance, the share the Markfield received, after expenses had been deducted, was only 1s. 1½d. This was owing to a large number of Kegworth folk getting their sport "cheap." The game was not a very brilliant affair, and Kegworth won by three goals to none, an improvement upon the last meeting. The first goal was scored after 25 minutes' play, a long shot from the left being dropped over the goal line by Webster. This was the only goal in the first half. Ten minutes after restarting Webster, who was several yards out of goal,

fisted at the ball, and, sending it over his head, the Kegworth forwards darted up, and put through. The third and last goal came a few minutes afterwards. Markfield made several smart efforts, but were weak in the front rank against the sturdy Kegworth defenders. Spence saved several good shots.

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LOUGHBOROUGH AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Sileby Rangers' connection with the League has been a very brief one. They started well, and promised to run a good race for the championship, but dissensions in their ranks led to several of their best players joining neighbouring clubs. They struggled on, but the passing of the three mile rule prohibited them getting players from a distance, and they fell into arrear with their matches, through being unable to raise teams. The three-mile rule was put into force as to keep teams as local as possible, and to render professionalism almost an impossibility. The Rangers, however, expressing their willingness to continue in the League, providing the three-mile rule was rescinded, a vote of the other eleven clubs was taken, and

resulted in eight being against an alteration, two for, and the other neutral, so that Sileby's connection with the League is now a thing of the past.

Barrow Rising Star were to have visited the Rangers last Saturday, and were considerably disappointed at not being able to meet them as they were anxious to emphasise the decisive victory they secured on the Mill-lane grounds on Christmas Day. Next Saturday the Stars journey to Mountsorrel, where an interesting match is expected with the Castle.

Sileby Rangers not having paid fines due to the Loughborough and District League and affiliated clubs, the club and members have been suspended until the amount is paid. Neighbouring clubs will do well to note this fact.

Loughborough Victoria should have gone to Kegworth, but were unable to raise a team through a variety of causes, and consequently did not make the journey. The Vics gave the Kegworth club due notice of their difficulty, but the latter were keenly disappointed, as they intended making a collection at the match on behalf of the relatives of the player recently killed at Leicester

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LOUGHBOROUGH AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

A general meeting of the League was called for last Thursday evening at the Greyhound Hotel, Loughborough, but only six clubs were represented. Mr. M. Billson presided.—The hon. secretary stated that the Loughborough Town Club had offered the League the free use of the Athletic Grounds for the championship match on April 23rd, but on a vote the offer was rejected, and the match will therefore take place on the Castle ground. Mountsorrel St. Peter's, Mountsorrel Castle, Quorn Havelock, and Hathern voted for Mountsorrel, and Emmanuel and Victoria for Loughborough.—The League cannot be congratulated on their decision, for not only is Loughborough the headquarters of the League, but it is right in the centre of the district, whereas Mountsorrel is at the extreme end, and it will be impossible to expect many if any to come from Kegworth and Hathern, while Loughborough, which sends two clubs, will scarcely be represented at all. The decision is regrettable for other reasons, for not only is the Athletic Ground superior in accommodation to that of the Castle club, which is not protected with ropes or any fence whatever, but there was every prospect of a large number of Loughborough people showing their sympathy with the League. The success of last season's championship match on the Athletic Grounds ought to have been sufficient reason for accepting the Loughborough club's generous offer. It is feared the League will suffer financially as a result of their decision, and they will only have themselves to blame.

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THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

The football season will be wound up in Loughborough next Saturday by the playing of the championship match of the Loughborough and District league, on the Athletic Ground, when Hathern (the Champions) will meet an eleven selected from the other clubs in the League. The ground has been placed at the disposal of the league by the Loughborough club. Mr. H T Dunn, who is to kick off, is providing the ball which will be presented to the captain of the winning team. The eleven are expected to line up as follows:

Hathern: Poxon, goal; Mitchell and Lindsey, backs; Berrington, Hutchinson and Taylor, half-backs; Newham, Thompson, Roper, Warren and Randon, forwards.

League team: Webster (Markfield) goal; Noon (Mountsorrel St Peter's, Lockwood (Barrow Excelsior) backs; Preston (Loughborough Emanuel), Whitehouse (Mountsorrel Castle) and T R Hopewell (Kegworth), half-backs; Mounteney (Loughborough Victoria), Wainwright (Woodhouse), Thornton (Quorn Havelock), Ward and J Williamson (Barrow Rising Star), forwards.

Referee, Mr. Walter Cockain.

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