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Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GA	Pts
1	Castle Donington	22	19	2	1	87	18	4.83	40
2	Sileby Rangers	22	12	3	7	56	27	2.07	27
3	Whitwick Town	22	13	1	8	61	23	2.65	27
4	Stanford St John's	22	10	5	7	45	38	1.18	25
5	Kegworth St John's	22	10	5	7	46	30	1.53	25
6	Ellistown Wanderers	22	9	5	8	46	37	1.24	23
7	Coalville Albion	22	9	5	8	36	33	1.09	23
8	Barrow Rising Star	22	9	3	10	41	30	1.37	21
9	Quorn Havelock	22	7	7	8	30	40	0.75	21
10	Syston Swifts	22	6	5	11	34	55	0.62	17
11	Hathern Victoria	22	4	3	15	27	68	0.40	11
12	Woodhouse Rovers	22	0	4	18	12	73	0.16	4

Note: some uncertainty about the goal against column

Winner:	Castle Donington
Runner-Up:	Sileby Rangers
Games Played:	132 (only includes results that contributed to league standings)
Missing Results:	10
Goals scored:	479 (3.6 goals per game)
Biggest home win:	Castle Donington 9-1 Quorn Havelock
Biggest away win:	Woodhouse 0-8 Sileby Rangers
Highest scoring:	10: Castle Donington 9-1 Quorn Havelock, and Woodhouse Rovers 4-6 Kegworth St John's

The League was established thanks to the energy of Mr J A Utting, of Kettering.

League President was Mr E Johnson-Ferguson, MP for Loughborough – whose interest in sports and past times were well known.

Formation of the North Leicestershire League was discussed by the Leicestershire Football Association along with proposals to establish an Ashby and District league and a Leicestershire Junior League at the beginning of 1895. The word "Junior" in this case refers to a lower standard than senior and is not age related. The Association sanctioned the formation of all three leagues subject to certain alterations. The chief alterations were with regard to the radius of the leagues as the Association wanted to guard against clubs being left out being sandwiched between the areas covered by the leagues. As of April 1895, eight clubs had entered the North Leicestershire League and the Association strongly recommended that the radius be increased from 9 to 10 miles from Loughborough. In the Ashby and District, in which 10 clubs had entered, the Association recommended that the radius be extended to 8 miles. The Leicester Junior League proposed to include Enderby, South Wigston and Anstey. The Association felt that 13 clubs were too many and that the League should be confined to clubs based in Leicester.

North Leicestershire League allowed club's to have as many professional players as they liked, but could not play more than three in any one match.

A Loughborough hotel was selected as the headquarters of the League, which would be "conducted on lines similar to those of the Midland League."

Loughborough were only represented by one club, Stanford St John's.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News published a fascinating set of pre-season notes on each club, which are given below:

Barrow Rising Star anticipate having a good record, as they have several clever players. Chas. Hall has been selected as the successor to Fould in goal, and G Ward still sticks to the club, for which he did excellent work last year. He has again been appointed captain, and the club are making another bid for the Junior Cup. The first League match will take place at Coalville on September 7th.

Castle Donington are determined to keep up the reputation they have achieved in past years, notwithstanding that several of the best players have left them and entered into professionalism. The PSA is the title of the club, which is conducted on strictly amateur lines and that Mr J. H. Lambert, the secretary states that the eleven that will do duty will be as strong, if not stronger, than in previous years. They will strive hard to retain possession of the Junior Cup, which they have won two years in succession, and they are very sanguine of being at the tip of the League, or at least be closely in the running.

The revival of the old Albion Club as the chief topic of conversation in the football circles in the Coalville district, and the opening of the season is looked forward to with no small amount of interest. The first team form one of the clubs in the North Leicestershire League, and the reserve team have been admitted to the Ashby and District League. The club's supporters are confident that the coming season will be the most prosperous the club has experienced. They have a long list of players at their command, including Jos. Moore, Harry Moore, Jos. King, W. Blockley, T. Smith and T. Bradshaw, J. Tivey (late of Coalville Town and Hugglescote Robin Hoods), and A. Matley, J. Matley, E. Tyler, W. Upton (late of Coalville East End, and W. Jephcoat (late of Whitwick Town). A good account if expected of these men on the field. The majority of their players having played for the Senior Cup, or in the Leicester and Northants League, they are debarred from playing for the Junior Cup, so the club have decided to enter three competitions, the Senior, Junior and Coalville Cups. The committee hope to obtain a ground within a stone's throw of their headquarters, the Leicester Hotel, London-road. Practice matches have been played, and the form shown promises well. The following are the officers for the club: Secretary, Mr G Blockley; treasurer, Mr T Bowley; committee, Messrs. W. S. Stableford, H. K. Brown, W. King, A. Wright, S. Goacher, J. Potter, A. Boot, and T Yeomans. Captain, Mr Jos. Moore, vice-captain, Mr Harry Moore.

Since Mr Lee's connection with the Ellistown Football Club commenced two years ago, the club has perhaps made better progress than any young club in the Coalville district. At that time fixtures were only made with clubs of little standing, and the football played was not of the highest order. At Mr Lee's earnest request the club affiliated itself to the Leicester F.A. and the progress made since that time has fully justified his advice being taken. Last year they had the misfortune to be drawn in the first round for the junior cup against the strongest team who entered, viz., Ashby Albion. the first encounter ended in a draw, and the second in Ellistown's defeat by four goals, no score having been registered until fifteen minutes before time. They also last season defeated the present holders of the cup, Coalville Town 2nd, by four goals to nil. The captain and vice-captain of the first team, S. Moore (Leicester and Northants match 1894-5) and Woolerton, are able exponents of the game, and are well supported by the rest of the team, who are a strong lot. A new ground has been prepared at a large cost. This will be opened this season, and it has been said that it is one of the best in the county. The clubs run a second team, which was fortunate enough to gain admittance to the Ashby and District League and there seems to be every prospect of a satisfactory season's work.

Hathern Victoria instead having as successful a season as the last one. They have suffered a loss during the close season, their captain, David Thompson, having been incapacitated through an accident. The team will be pretty much the same as last year, and the junior cup and shield will again be competed for. The club can count on about 30 playing members.

With reference to the Kegworth FC, our local correspondent writes: The title of Kegworth Football Club sounds somewhat strange as the name of the amalgamated clubs, and however sanguine some may be that the amalgamation scheme will prove thoroughly successful, I cannot help feeling doubtful upon the point, and for this reason. The interest that has been taken in football during the past three seasons has been largely due to the intense rivalry that has existed between the opposition clubs, and now that this will be a thing of the past. Although we are told that there has only been 'fragments of teams' in Kegworth, I am certain of one thing, that according to the present outlook the team to take part in the North Leicestershire League will not be stronger than any one of the three clubs we had playing last winter. The defence will be sound enough, but it is not definitely settled where the

forwards are coming from. They certainly cannot be found in the village, but we are assured by the hon. sec., Mr G Beale, that he has an eye on some good men. Amongst the old players will be found Spencer, Horobin, Wallis, Clements, Rock, Parker, Halfpenny, Newton, Cook, Hayes etc. close on seventy names have already been registered at headquarters. All are anxious that the League should prove a thorough success, and the 7th September is eagerly awaited, with the hope that the newly formed club may secure two points of Stanford St John's.

Quorn Havelock are also anticipating a good season. The members of the team are indulging in earnest practice, and the club have again entered for the junior cup. Mr E H Warner is again the president, and there is a good list of presidents. J. Wykes is once more captain, and W Dalby, and A E Dalby captain of reserves, J. Rumsby is treasurer, and W. Thornton secretary. The colours this year will be red and black stripes and navy knickers. The team for the League will soon be completed, and, so far, the following players can be counted on A, Adcock, goal, J. Wykes and J. Davis, backs; . Disney, H. Shuttlewood and H. Bradley, half-backs; R. Oram (left), W. Thornton (centre), A. Disney (right), forwards. The club, therefore, still have to decide on the left and right winger, and they have plenty of members and a god reserve team.

One year's connection with the Leicester and Northants League was sufficient for the Sibley Rangers' club. They made scarcely any headway while the finances were placed in a rather low condition. Consequently, they have discarded that combination in favour of the recent one. This club will also be run on amateur lines. Mr W. H. Sharpe is the president, and the vice-presidents are Messrs. F. Sharpe, D. Lovett, G. Eaton, M. Wilkinson and Dr Garvin. The committee which is a thoroughly hardworking ne is composed of Messrs. Walter Smith, H. Brooksby, W. Wells, G. Perkins, G. Foulds, E. Taylor and C. ward. Mr John Ball is the secretary and Mr Thomas Chamberlain treasurer. The captain of the first team if J. Yates and G. ward runs the second team

Stanford St John's are to the front again. They have secured Mr cooper's field down Bottle Acre, on which they have pulled off many noteworthy performances. They anticipate another successful season; indeed they have always had a god record when the accounts are reckoned up. The club will play pretty nearly the same team as last year, the only alteration being in the defence, which it is hoped will be strengthened somewhat. Joe Hardy has again been appointed captain, while Mr J. S. West has charge of secretarial duties.

Syston are also in a healthy condition. They are getting together a strong team, which will test its capabilities in a field on the Ratcliffe-road.

Whitwick Town has not yet settled on the constitution of their eleven. They intend to play only local men. Moore, who formerly was at inside left has joined Hugglescote Robin Hoods as a professional. The club expect to get one or two of the Coalville Town to join them. The ground secured is the old sportsground.

Woodhouse Eaves have come to the front this year, and by entering the League have taken a bold step, which they believe will greatly enhance the interest taken in the game in the village. Mr Fred Whatnall has done well to get the fixtures card out so early. Stockwell will be the goal-keeper and the players will be almost the same as last year. The Rev. A. J. W. Hiley is the president, while the following are vice-presidents: Rev. T. S. Millington, Col. Henry, Col. Dashwood, Capt. Heygate, Dr W. R. Tuckett, Messrs. T. Ritchie, G. H. Wade, W. U. Heygate and C. T. Parker. Mr J. Sxxe is the captain, and A. Squires vice-captain.

Club secretary's were required to inform visiting teams and the referee the whereabouts of their ground and the kick off time.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.	
Result:	ST. MARY'S ROVERS, one goal ; ANSTEY TOWN, one.
NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE LEAGUE.	
STANFORD ST. JOHN'S v. COALVILLE ALBION.	
At Stanford. Result :	ST. JOHN'S, three goals ; ALBION, one.
QUORN HAVELOCK v. HATHERN VICTORIA.	
At Hathern. Result :	QUORN, three goals ; HATHERN, one.
ELLISTOWN v. WHITWICK TOWN.	
At Ellistown. Result :	ELLISTOWN, two goals ; WHITWICK, one.
SILEBY RANGERS v. WOODHOUSE ROVERS.	
At Sileby. Result :	RANGERS, one goal ; ROVERS, one.
CASTLE DONINGTON v. BARROW RISING STAR.	
At Castle Donington. Result :	CASTLE DONINGTON, two goals ; BARROW, none.

Castle Donington were favourites to win the inaugural North Leicestershire League title, having won the Leicestershire Junior Cup two out of last three seasons, losing at the third attempt (last year) through not being able to put out their full-strength team in the field.

The first game of the League was played at Woodhouse on Saturday 7 September 1895 when the local club met Castle Donington. The clubs had not previously met, except in a Leicestershire Sheild tie when the Dons reserves won by a goal at Woodhouse. Despite kicking downhill with the sun behind and forcing the game during the earlier stages. Fifteen minutes before the interval Donington's whole forward line, backed by the trio of halves and supported at the rear by the backs, swept up the field with such force that the Woodhouse defence stood no chance. When half-time arrived, the Dons were leading by three goals to none.

North Leicestershire League's secretary stated in December that some clubs failed to send him the results of matches, which he had to take from the newspapers. As a result it was decided that the home club was responsible for notifying the League of match results

and fines of 2s 6d would be issued for noncompliance.

Woodville asked the League for their match with Hathern on November 16 to be replayed. They stated that owing to the non-arrival of the appointed referee they consented to a Hathern man officiating, but short time was played owing to the lateness of the start. Hathern's version was that 10 minutes short was played owing to the late arrival of Woodhouse, and that both teams agreed to the curtailment. The Woodhouse representative denied this. The match was ordered to stand.

Hathern and Kegworth played 18 minutes short at Hathern on December 7th, and both asked for the match to be replayed. The score stood one goal each. As both teams were late in arriving, the match was ordered to stand.

Castle Donington ran away with the title, losing just one (Coalville Albion) and drawing two games (Kegworth St John's and Ellistown Wanderers), accumulating 40 out of a possible 44 points.

The wooden spoon went to the appropriately named Woodhouse Rovers who failed to win a single League game. They finished 7 points adrift of Syston Swifts in 11th position.

In no fewer than 4 teams had their League position determined by goal average.

Whitwick ran Sileby a very close race for second place, the Rangers just beating them "on the tap",

Coalville Albion started the season splendidly, but they played poor in the latter half, though they won their last four matches. They were pretty nearly invincible at home, only one team, and that of the champions, taking points away with them. They did not win a match after 2 November.

Kegworth St John's conduct towards other teams was often reported to be 'disgraceful'.

Hathern Victoria finished much lower in the League table than expected. Two of their four victories were obtained by narrow margins, but the majority of their defeats were very decisive. Whitwick beat them twice, scoring nine goals to nil; Stanford piled on eight goals to one in the two matches, and Sileby eleven goals to two. They beat Woodhouse twice (4-1 and 2-0), the other two victories being Syston 1-0 and Ellistown 5-4. Draws were made with Quorn Havelock (2-2), Kegworth (1-1) and Barrow (1-1).

Ellistown made a moderate start, drawing just one game on the first month, but towards Christmas they pulled up wonderfully and secured 16 points out of the succeeding 10 matches, only one of which was lost, and that at Sileby.

Syston finished up well, 17 of their 34 goals being obtained in the last five matches. They failed to score on 7 occasions, and their opponents on three. Their biggest win was at Hathern.

The very existence of the North Leicestershire League came into question at the end of the 1895-96 season. This arose out of a proposal placed before the Leicestershire Association to establish a League for the whole of Leicestershire out of the Senior Cup competition.

Results Grid

North Leicestershire League 1895-96	Barrow Rising Star	Castle Donington	Coalville Albion	Ellistown Wanderers	Hathern Victoria	Kegworth St Johns	Quorn Havelock	Sileby Rangers	Stanford St Johns	Syston Swifts	Whitwick Town	Woodhouse Rovers
Barrow Rising Star		3-4	2-1	2-1	5-1	3-2	0-1	3-1	1-3	2-1	1-1	
Castle Donington	2-0		2-0	7-0		1-1	9-1	6-0	4-0	7-0	4-1	3-2
Coalville Albion	3-1	4-2		1-1	2-1	2-2	7-1	D/D	0-0	4-1	1-0	1-0
Ellistown Wanderers	4-1	1-1	6-1		3-1	1-4	1-1	2-0	2-0	6-0	2-1	3-0
Hathern Victoria	0-1	x		5-4			1-3	L/W	0-4	5-2	0-4	4-1
Kegworth St John's	x	1-3	1-1		3-1		2-0	3-1	1-1	4-1	3-1	2-1
Quorn Havelock	1-1	0-6		2-0	2-2	3-1		1-1	1-0	D	0-3	
Sileby Rangers	2-1	1-3	5-0	3-1	5-2	6-0	3-0		0-2	3-0	3-0	1-1
Stanford St Johns	4-3	0-3	3-1	2-2	4-1	4-2	4-3	0-2		0-3	1-0	6-1
Syston Swifts	3-2	1-3	2-0	1-1	0-1	1-4	2-2	W	2-2		3-1	4-1
Whitwick Town	2-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	5-0	2-0	2-1	1-0	2-0			5-0
Woodhouse Rovers	0-3	0-5		0-3	0-2	4-6	0-1	0-8	2-2		0-5	

X- game was not played

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Result Not Known

Many matches played between November and February had to be replayed due to the short time as darkness made it impossible to continue. All results have been included in the grid above.

Results and Match Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.9.1895	Coalville Albion Goacher (2) AN Other	3	1	Barrow Rising Star AN Other	Park-road Ground., Coalville. Moore (Barrow) wrenched his knee and had to retire.
7.9.1895	Quorn Havelock	D	D	Syston Swifts	
7.9.1895	Stanford St John's Clarke AN Other Pym (2)	4	2	Kegworth AN Other	Bottleacre Ground, Loughborough.
7.9.1895	Woodhouse Rovers	0 (0)	5 (3)	Castle Donington	
14.9.1895	Coalville Albion	4	1	Syston Swifts	

14.9.1895	Castle Donington	7	0	Ellistown Wanderers	
14.9.1895	Kegworth St John's	2	0	Quorn Havelock	
14.9.1895	Woodhouse Rovers	0	3	Barrow Rising Star	
21.9.1895	Ellistown Wanderers	1	1	Quorn Havelock	
21.9.1895	Sileby Rangers	1	3	Castle Donington	
21.9.1895	Stanford St John's Birkin AN Others	4	3	Barrow Rising Star E Ward Lewin Williamson	Bottleacre Ground, Loughborough. Small gate.
21.9.1895	Syston Swifts	2	0	Coalville Albion	
21.9.1895	Whitwick Town	5	0	Hathern Victoria	
21.9.1895	Woodhouse Rovers	4	6	Kegworth St John's	
28.10.1895	Barrow Rising Star Kidger Bailey (2)	3	4	Castle Donington Hickingbottom Hodgkiss Roulestone (2)	Mill-lane Ground, Barrow. Fair gate. Kick off- 3.58pm.
28.10.1895	Coalville Albion	1	0	Woodhouse Rovers	
28.10.1895	Keyworth St John's	2	1	Ellistown Wanderers	Long-lane Ground, Kegworth.
28.10.1895	Quorn Havelock	0	3	Whitwick	Small attendance.
28.10.1895	Sileby Rangers	0	2	Stanford St John's West Pym	
5.10.1895	Castle Donington Roulston (2)	2	0	Coalville Albion	Station-road Ground. Large number of spectators Just after the Dons took the lead one of the Albion fullbacks fell and twisted his knee and had to retire.
5.10.1895	Ellistown Wanderers	4	1	Barrow Rising Star	
5.10.1895	Kegworth St John's	3	1	Sileby Rangers	
5.10.1895	Quorn Havelock	2	2	Hathern Victoria	
5.10.1895	Stanford St John's	6	1	Woodhouse Rovers	
19.10.1895	Barrow Rising Star Kidger	1	0	Kegworth St John's	Mill-lane Ground, Leicester. Small gate.
19.10.1895	Quorn Havelock	1	1	Sileby Rangers	
19.10.1895	Stanford St John's	2	2	Ellistown Wanderers	Bottle Acre Ground, Loughborough.
19.10.1895	Syston Swifts	3	1	Whitwick Town	
26.10.1895	Castle Donington	6	0	Sileby Rangers	
26.10.1895	Hathern Victoria	0	4	Stanford St John's York (2) West og (Parrot)	
2.11.1895	Barrow Rising Star Kidger (2)	2	1	Syston Swifts Bullimore	Mill-lane Ground, Leicester. Barrow's third successive victory
2.11.1895	Coalville Albion	4	2	Castle Donington	The Dons only defeat in the League. Dons were missing four of their regular League players
2.11.1895	Stanford St John's Pym (2) Fisher West	4	3	Quorn Havelock Robertson AN Other Thornton	Stanford played against a strong wind in the first half and came from 3-0 to win the game. Quorn had a fourth goal disallowed in the first half.

2.11.1895	Woodhouse Rovers	0	5	Whitwick Town	
16.11.1895	Castle Donington Will Richards (2) Taylor (2) AN Others White Brewin Hickingbottom	9	1(0)	Quorn Havelock Oram	Quorn arrived with only 10 players. The Dons kicked off against a perfect hurricane. Quorn scored first.
16.11.1895	Kegworth St John's	4	1	Syston Swifts	
23.11.1895	Quorn Havelock Thornton	1	0	Stanford St John's	Poor gate.
23.11.1895	Sileby Rangers	4	1	Kegworth St John's	
23.11.1895	Syston Swifts	4	1	Woodhouse Rovers	
30.11.1895	Barrow Rising Star	5	1	Hathern Victoria	
30.11.1895	Castle Donington	1	1	Kegworth St John	Surprise result especially as Kegworth fielded a weakened team.
30.11.1895	Stanford St John's Pym	1	0	Whitwick Town	Bottleacre Ground, Loughborough.
30.11.1895	Woodhouse Rovers	0	8	Sileby Rangers George Brown E Wood (2) James (3) Earl Fred Wood	
7.12.1895	Stanford St John's	0	2	Sileby Rangers	
7.12.1895	Syston Swifts	A	A	Ellistown	Ellistown failed to make the journey to Syston.
7.12.1895	Whitwick Town	1	0	Coalville Albion	
14.12.1895	Barrow Rising Star	3	1	Sileby Rangers	
14.12.1895	Castle Donington	4	1	Whitwick Town	
14.12.1895	Hathern Victoria	5	4	Ellistown Wanderers	
14.12.1895	Syston Swifts	1	4	Kegworth St John's	
14.12.1895	Woodhouse Rovers	2	2	Stanford St John's	
21.12.1895	Castle Donington	4	0	Stanford St John's	
21.12.1895	Ellistown Wanderers	6	1	Coalville Albion	Nash's Ground, Ellistown.
21.12.1895	Kegworth St John's	3	1	Hathern Victoria	
21.12.1895	Sileby Rangers	3	0	Quorn Havelock	
21.12.1895	Whitwick Town	5	0	Woodhouse Rovers	
25.12.1895	Quorn Havelock	1	1	Barrow Rising Star	
25.12.1895	Sileby Rangers	3	0	Whitwick Town	Kick -off timed for 2.30 but owing to the late arrival of Whitwick, a start was not made until 3 pm.
26.12.1895	Barrow Rising Star	1	3	Stanford St John's	
26.12.1895	Kegworth St John's	1	3	Castle Donington	
26.12.1895	Sileby Rangers	5	0	Coalville Albion	400-500 spectators.
28.12.1895	Barrow			Woodhouse	Coalville Times - result "not yet to hand"
28.12.1895	Coalville Albion	1	0	Whitwick Town	North Leicestershire League ruled that the result of the game should stand despite only 69 minutes were played.

					The game was stopped by the referee owing to wretched weather. Whitwick being only a goal behind with the wind in their favour at the time perhaps not surprisingly were unhappy with the ruling.
28.12.1895	Ellistown Wanderers	6	0	Syston Swifts	
28.12.1895	Kegworth St John's	1	1	Stanford St John's	
28.12.1895	Sileby Rangers	5	2	Hathern Victoria	
4.1.1896	Coalville Albion	2	1	Hathern Victoria	Park-road ground, Coalville
4.1.1896	Ellistown Wanderers og (Hardy) AN Other	2	0	Stanford St John's	Ground was in a "very bad state."
4.1.1896	Quorn Havelock Thornton AN Others (pen)	3	1	Kegworth St John's	Kegworth Captain, Wallis, was ordered off the field after insulted the referee after giving away a penalty
4.1.1896	Sileby Rangers George Brown E Wood Preston	3	0	Syston Swifts	500 spectators. Two Rangers players – Yates and Preston collided. The latter severely hurt, but would not leave the field
4.1.1896	Whitwick Town	1	2	Castle Donington	Large attendance. Dons obtained 23 out of a possible 26 points
11.1.1895	Kegworth St John's	2	1	Woodhouse	
18.1.1895	Castle Donington	2	0	Barrow Rising Star	Large "house." As a result of this win, the "Dons have 25 points with a goal average that is simply magnificent."
18.1.1895	Ellistown Wanderers	2	1	Whitwick Town	
18.1.1895	Hathern Victoria	1	3	Quorn Havelock	
18.1.1895	Sileby Rangers	1	1	Woodhouse Rovers	
18.1.1895	Stanford St John's	3	1	Coalville Albion	
25.1.1896	Coalville Albion	2	1	Kegworth St John's	Coalville Times reported a 2-2 draw, Leicester newspapers a win for Coalville.
25.1.1896	Ellistown Wanderers	3	0	Woodhouse Rovers	Game stopped at half-time
25.1.1896	Stanford St John's	0	3	Castle Donington Archer Taylor Hodgkins	Played at Athletic Grounds, Loughborough
25.1.1896	Syston Swifts	0	1	Hathern Victoria	
25.1.1896	Whitwick Town	2	1	Barrow Rising Star	
1.2.1896	Sileby Rangers E Wood (2) AN Other	3	1	Ellistown Wanderers AN Other	Kick off delayed until 3.50 due to the late arrival of Ellistown, who led 1-0 at half-time. Referee stopped the play 11 mins before time through darkness.
1.2.1896	Syston Swifts	1	3	Castle Donington	Dons captained was injured by a severe kick after 15 mins and spent the rest of the game as a "passenger" Syston scored first.
1.2.1896	Woodhouse Rovers	0	1(2)	Quorn Havelock Dalby AN Other	This was Quorn's third consecutive win in the league.
15.2.1896	Barrow Rising Star	3	2	Kegworth St John's	

15.2.1896	Quorn Havelock	0	6(7)	Castle Donington	
15.2.1896	Syston Swifts	0	5	Sileby Rangers	
15.2.1896	Whitwick Town	2	0	Stanford St John's	
15.2.1896	Woodhouse Rovers	0	3	Ellistown Wanderers	The result was allowed to stand despite the fact that only 45 mins were played
22.2.1896	Barrow Rising Star	1	1	Whitwick Town	
22.2.1896	Castle Donington	3	2	Woodhouse Rovers	
22.2.1896	Ellistown Wanderers Bowley Sharpe	2	0	Sileby Rangers	Good gate. Played in a "stiffish" breeze.
22.2.1896	Kegworth St John's	1	1	Coalville Albion	
22.2.1896	Stanford St John's	4	1	Hathern Victoria	
29.2.1896	Hathern Victoria			Barrow Rising Star	
29.2.1896	Syston Swifts	2	2	Stanford St John's	Referee did not attend. Friendly game played instead
29.2.1896	Whitwick Town	2	0	Kegworth	
7.3.1896	Coalville Albion	7	1	Quorn Havelock	Park-road Ground, Coalville. Fair number of spectators.
14.3.1896	Castle Donington	7	0	Syston Swifts	
14.3.1896	Hathern Victoria			Coalville Albion	
14.3.1896	Kegworth	3	1	Whitwick Town	
21.3.1896	Coalville Albion	1	1	Ellistown Wanderers	
21.3.1896	Sileby Rangers G Wood E Wood	2	1	Barrow Rising Star	600-700 spectators Yates (Barrow) at the beginning of the second half and the home captain (Lewin) collided violently. Yates received a nasty cut on the head and had to retire. Statham (Sileby) received a nasty kick on the leg which stopped play for several minutes.
21.3.1896	Syston Swifts	2	2	Quorn Havelock	
21.3.1896	Woodhouse Rovers	0	2	Hathern Victoria	
28.3.1896	Barrow Rising Star	2	1	Coalville Albion	
28.3.1896	Ellistown Wanderers	1	4	Kegworth St John's	
28.3.1896	Hathern Victoria	0	1	Castle Donington	
28.3.1896	Whitwick Town	1	1	Sileby Rangers	Sileby were without three of their first team forwards. The ground was in a very bad state. Sileby's goal-keeper in throwing the greasy ball out struck the post, and the ball slipped into the net.
28.3.1896	Syston Swifts	4	4	Stanford St John's	
4.4.1896	Coalville Albion	0	0	Stanford St John's	
4.4.1896	Quorn Havelock	2	0	Ellistown Wanderers	
4.4.1896	Sileby Rangers	6	0	Hathern Victoria	
4.4.1896	Whitwick Town	2	0	Kegworth St John's	
6.4.1896	Barrow Rising Star	0	1	Quorn	

7.4.1896	Coalville Albion			Sileby Rangers	
11.4.1896	Ellistown Wanderers	1	1	Castle Donington	
11.4.1896	Syston Swifts	3	2	Barrow Rising Star	
11.4.1896	Whitwick Town	2	1	Quorn Havelock	Havelock scored from a penalty. Whitwick were not up to their usual form, not having fully recovered from the festivities attending their winning the Coalville Cup.
11.4.1896	Woodhouse Rovers			Coalville Albion	
18.4.1896	Barrow Rising Star	2	1	Ellistown	
18.4.1896	Quorn Havelock			Coalville Albion	
18.4.1896	Stanford St John's	3	0	Syston Swifts	
25.4.1896	Hathern Victoria	5	2	Syston Swifts	
25.4.1896	Whitwick Town	2	1	Ellistown Wanderers	Reported that the referee erred in favour of Whitwick. When the goalkeeper got his hand entangled in the net in clearing, no goal was awarded.
?	Barrow Rising Star	1	1	Whitwick Town	
?	Coalville Albion			Quorn Havelock	
?	Coalville Albion			Woodhouse	
20.4.1896	Stanford St John's	0	3	Syston Swifts	
?	Syston Swifts	1	1	Ellistown	

The matches without no scores were listed by newspapers as taking place. Whether they did or didn't is not currently known.

Additional Information

	Home Ground
Castle Donington	Station-road Ground
Sileby Rangers	
Whitwick Town	
Stanford St John's	Bottle Acre ground (Mr Cooper's field)
Kegworth St John's	Long-lane Ground
Ellistown Wanderers	Nash's ground
Coalville Albion	Park-road Ground.,
Barrow Rising Star	Mill-lane
Quorn Havelock	
Syston Swifts	Ratcliffe-road
Hathern Victoria	
Woodhouse Rovers	

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.

NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

At the Greyhound Hotel, Loughborough, on Thursday evening, a meeting of the North Leicestershire Football League was held. It was attended by Messrs. J. A. Utting, hon. sec. (Kegworth), G. J. Lee (Ellistown), J. H. Lambert (Castle Donington), C. Pegg (Whitwick), G. Beale (Kegworth), Martin (Sileby), Bosworth (Castle Donington), G. Blockley (Coalville), and Thornton (Quorn). — Mr. Lee was voted to the chair, and the first business was the consideration of a report from Coalville, who complained of Ellistown playing an unregistered man, W. Sharpe. This was shown to be owing to an inadvertence on the part of the secretary, who had misread the name W. Thorpe instead of W. Sharpe. Coalville accordingly received their protest fee of 5s. back again. — Notification of the annual meeting of the Leicestershire Football Association was put in, together with a suggestion from Mr. J. E. Carpenter that the proposed League competition for the Senior Cup should be considered prior to that meeting, so that the association might be guided in the steps it should take. — Mr. Utting said that Castle Donington intended to continue with the North Leicestershire League, and on the motion of Mr. Pegg, seconded by Mr. Bosworth, it was unanimously resolved to continue the League as near as possible on the same lines as last season. — It was stated that Whitwick and Coalville Albion might not rejoin, preferring the Leicestershire Senior Cup League, but Mr. Utting announced that he had received two applications for admission from fresh clubs. — The Chairman suggested that deposits for the ensuing season should be paid on or before Saturday, June 27th, on which date the constitution of the club be decided upon and the fixtures ratified. — This was made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blockley, and carried. — The Hon. Secretary reported that 4s. was outstanding for rules. The total amount received was £3 8s., and the total expended £4 11s. 8d. This was, under the circumstances, considered fairly satisfactory. — The question of some recognition of Castle Donington as champions of the league by presenting a flag or medals was raised. — Mr. Lee suggested that each club should contribute 2s. 6d. to a fund for providing a trophy or medals. — Mr. Blockley moved this, Mr. Beale seconded, and it was so ordered. — Mr. Pegg thought a fine ought to be imposed on those clubs who failed to be represented at the meetings of the league.