



Friendly Matches 1881-82

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17.9.1881	Thornborough	0	0	Measham	Played on a field kindly lent by Mr. John Richards. Game commenced at 2.30 pm. "A very numerous company of spectators were present, including a few ladies." The game was "fast" throughout. After the match the members of both clubs and a number of friends, adjourned to the Queens Head Inn, Thornborough, where sample refreshments were provided. Mr and Mrs Spencer, the host and hostess, were very assiduous in their attention to the company, and a very pleasant evening was spent.
1.10.1881	Barrow Rising Star	3	1	Loughborough Victoria	Barrow fielded a weak team.
1.10.1881	Bedworth FC	0	2	Earl Shilton Rising Star	
1.10.1881	Coalville FC Captain's Team	2	1	Coalville FC Vice-Captain's Team	Played on Coalville's new ground in Fox and Goose-lane. After the game most of the members sat down to a nice spread given by the proprietor of the Fox and Goose Hotel, where an enjoyable evening was spent.
1.10.1881	Hugglescote	1	0	Sheepshed	
5.10.1881	Ashby 'Our Boys'	1	1	Ashby Grammar School	Game commenced at 2.30 pm. Ashby's first-ever match.
8.10.1881	Coalville	2	0	Linton	Linton were late in arriving. Game commenced at 4 pm.
8.10.1881	Hinckley	0	1	Nuneaton	Opening match of the season for both clubs. Nuneaton scored a goal, which was objected to by the Hinckley men. The latter, however, soon scored a goal under precisely similar circumstances, and this was objected to by the Nuneaton captain. Nuneaton (whose representatives played well) eventually won the first match of the season by one goal.
8.10.1881	Hugglescote Robin Hood	1	0	United Sunday Schools	Both teams were based in Hugglescote.
8.10.1881	Mountsorrel	2	0	Barrow FC	
8.10.1881	Swannington H Glover	1 (1)	0 (0)	Coleorton	Opening match of the season for both clubs
8.10.1881	Uppingham & District FC East	0	5	Uppingham & District FC West	The "Westenders" played with 2 more players than their opponents.
15.10.1881	Ansty	0	2	Leicester Victoria	Game commenced at 3.30 pm.
15.10.1881	Syston FC	2	1	Barrow Victoria FC	The Barrow goal was disputed - Syston players claimed that the ball went under the tape and Barrow players that it went over.
19.10.1881	Ashby 'Our Boys'	6	0	Gresley Perseverance	Bath grounds, Ashby. Game kicked off 3.30 pm. Gresley team only brought six men and had to make up their team off the ground
22.10.1881	Coalville	0	1	Burton og	Miserable weather.
22.10.1881	Sheepshed Forest United FC	4	0	Loughborough Nottingham-road FC	
22.10.1881	Oakham Grammar School	5	0	Oakham Town Club	School Cricket Ground. Weather was wet and the ground very slippery and bad for play.

22.10.1881	Sheepshed FC	2	1	Loughborough Alliance FC	Played on Mr. J. H. Poyner's field (kindly lent). The day was very wet, and consequently the ground was not in very good condition, and neither side was able to show to the best advantage.
29.10.1881	Hinckley F.C.	0 (0)	5 (3)	Walsall Swifts (second eleven)	"Before the Hinckley team can hope to compete successfully against such clubs as the 'Walsall Swifts' the players have evidently to practice more frequently, and in matches to play not so much for individual glory, as for the general good of the team. Too much "dribbling" and too many attempts at "runs" helped to lose the match on Saturday."
29.10.1881	Melton	0	2	Oakham Club	
29.10.1881	Leicester Great Meeting FC AN Other	1 (1)	5 (0)	Ansty A Smith C Willett Astill F Willett AN Other	South End Recreation Ground, Leicester. Game commenced at 3.30 pm.
29.10.1881	South Notts FC	2 (0)	0 (0)	Sheepshed FC	King Meadows, Nottingham.
29.10.1881	Thornborough	0	1	Rose & Crown (Thringstone)	Large number of spectators. After the match the players adjourned to the Queen's Head Inn, where a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.
29.10.1881	Wigston United	2	0	Market Harborough	Wigston's first game of the season. "The home team had had no practice, and did not expect to do much with their opponents, who are evidently a good team. After a hard struggle on both sides, two goals were secured by the Wigstonians. and none by their opponents. The game passed off in a very friendly and peaceable manner, all appearing to enjoy the sport."
2.11.1881	Ashby "Our Boys"	3 (3)	3 (0)	Ashby Grammar School	Game commenced at 2.45pm. The School won the toss and elected to kick against the wind
5.11.1881	Ashby Grammar School	1	1	Horninglow	
5.11.1881	Barrow Victoria	0	1	Mountsorrel	Rough game.
5.11.1881	Coalville	1	3	Castle Gresley	Coalville were without three key players (Fern, Walmley, and Wardle). "Coalville seem to be going downhill in their choice or quantity of good men, and in their general play. Mr. Gibbs' style was very good indeed, and his light play proved more beneficial both to him- self and his side than any amount of rough play could have been."
5.11.1881	Hinckley	1 (1)	1 (0)	Earl Shilton	
5.11.1881	Melton FC	4	0	Market Harborough FC	
5.11.1881	Mountsorrel 2 nd Team	3	0	Barrow Rising Star	
5.11.1881	Sheepshed Forest Rangers	2 (2)	2 (0)	Hugglescote United FC	Sheepshed' Forest Ranger's first-ever match. Played in a field kindly lent by Mr E Wale.
9.11.1881	Ashby "Our Boys"	3 (4)	1 (1)	Swadlincote United	Bath Grounds, Ashby. Fine weather. 60-70 spectators. Game commenced at 3.30pm.
9.11.1881	Nuneaton School	0	2	Ashby Grammar School	

12.11.1881	Barrow Victoria	1	3	Sheepshed FC	Sheepshed were 2 men short. They had to play with substitutes, one of whom became disabled during the first half.
12.11.1881	Coalville SRS	1	0	British Workman	
12.11.1881	Coleorton S Robinson	1	0	Thringstone Robin Hood	Return match. Unfavourable weather conditions.
12.11.1881	Hugglescote Robin Hood	0	0	Loughborough Alliance	"Play was much in favour of the Hugglescote players."
12.11.1881	Loughborough Rising Star	1	0	Sheepshed Rising Star	Recreation ground, Loughborough.
12.11.1881	Sheepshed FC (2 nd Team)	W		Barrow Excelsior	
16.11.1881	Wyggestion Hospital School	0	0	Ashby Grammar School	
19.11.1881	Ansty	2	1	Leicester	Played under Association rules.
19.11.1881	Beeston Wanderers FC	2	2	Hathern Victoria	
19.11.1881	Sheepshed FC	4	1	Mountsorrel FC	Large number of spectators.
19.11.1881	Sheepshed Forest United	2	2	Sheepshed Rising Star	
19.11.1881	United Sunday Schools (Hugglescote St Andrew's)	0	0	Sheepshed Forest Rovers	At Hugglescote. Return match. Game commenced at 3pm. Sheepshed played 8 men in defence. United's goalkeeper only played the ball twice in the game.
23.11.1881	Ashby Grammar School	4	0	Loughborough Grammar School	Very one-sided game.
23.11.1881	Ashby 'Our Boys'	2	0	Ibstock Rising Star	
23.11.1881	Hinckley Grammar School	2	1	Nuneaton Grammar School	
26.11.1881	Ansty	0	1	Earl Shilton Rising Star	The wind and rain made it very uncomfortable for both players and bystanders.
26.11.1881	Hinckley FC	1	0	Croft FC	Croft claimed a goal 15 mins from time which was disputed by their opponents.
26.11.1881	Horninglow (Burton)	2	0	Ashby Grammar School	
26.11.1881	Wigston FC	4	1	Hinckley FC	Sibson-road, Wigston Fields.
30.11.1881	Atherstone	D	D	Ashby Our Boys	Played under Rugby rules.
20.11.1881	Ashby Grammar School (Latin)	2 (0)	1 (1)	Wyggestion Hospital School (Leicester)	Return match. Large number of spectators.
7.12.1881	Barrow Victoria 2 nd Team	1	1	Barrow Rising Star	
3.12.1881	Ashby 'Our Boys' Peplow Thompson	2 (2)	1 (1)	Ravenstone AN Other	Played under "London Association Rules".
3.12.1881	Atherstone Grammar School	0	2	Ashby Grammar School	Large crowd.
3.12.1881	Barrow Victoria	1	1	Quorndon	Due to the late arrival of the Quorn, the game did not kick off until 3.30pm.
26.12.1881	Barrow Rising Star	0	1	Mountsorrel (2 nd team)	
3.12.1881	Coleorton AN Other	1 (0)	1 (1)	Derby Heart of Oak S Robinson	Large number of spectators. "One of the fastest games witnessed at Coleorton." After the match the players all retired to Mr. Charville's Beaumont Arms Inn where the visitors were entertained by the home club. After refreshments a most enjoyable evening was spent, songs being sung and toasts given amidst much applause. The Derby team returned about 8.30 pm, much delighted with their days outing.
3.12.1881	Hinckley	1 (1)	0 (0)	Croft	Croft scored a disputed goal 15 mins from time.

3.12.1881	Kegworth	W		Sheepshed Charnwood FC	
3.12.1881	Leicester FC	0 (0)	1 (1)	Earl Shilton Lynes	Victoria Park, Leicester. The game was "finished in moonlight."
3.12.1881	Leicester Victoria	0 (0)	2 (0)	Market Harborough FC	Recreation Ground, Leicester. Game was "governed by Association rules."
3.12.1881	Mountsorrel (2 nd Team)	4	1	Night School FC	
3.12.1881	Sheepshed FC	2	0	Ansty	
3.12.1881	Sheepshed FC (third team)	3	0	Sheepshed Rising Star	
7.12.1881	Ashby Grammar School	W	0	Atherstone Grammar School	Played under Rugby rules. Ashby won by 2 goals and 2 tries.
7.12.1881	Ashby "Our Boys"	2	1	Ravenstone	Played under London Association rules.
7.12.1881	Uppingham School Turner Rickard	2	0	Rev A Tuck's Team	Rev Tuck's team was comprised of school teachers.
8.12.1881	Leicester Amateurs	2	0	Alliance	Victoria Park, Leicester.
10.12.1881	Ansty (2 nd Team) S Geary	1	0	Leicester Great Meeting	Ansty ground.
10.12.1881	Coalville	3 (2)	0 (0)	Ibstock	Game commenced at 3.15 pm.
10.12.1881	Leicester Victoria Woodwood	1	0	Barrow	Welford-road Recreation Ground. Played under Association rules.
10.12.1881	Mountsorrel 2 nd Team	1	1	Sheepshed Forest United	
10.12.1881	Quorndon Rising Star J Burrows (2)	4 (2)	0 (0)	Mountsorrel Night School	Game commenced at 2.15 pm.
10.12.1881	Ravenstone	4	1	Coalville	Game commenced at 3.30 pm. "The rule of off-side was observed in the match, and in consequence the play was better and more interesting than is the case when Sheffield rules are played."
10.12.1881	Rushden FC	1	0	Market Harborough	"The home team succeeded in scoring a goal shortly after commencing, but some unpleasantness was afterwards caused, and the match was concluded before time was called."
10.12.1881	Uppingham and District Dorman AN Other	2 (2)	0 (0)	Stamford	Victoria Ground, Uppingham. Association rules.
21.12.1881	Castle Gresley Perseverance	1 (1)	0 (0)	Ashby Our Boys	Game kicked off at 4pm.
24.12.1881	Earl Shilton Rising Star	3	0	Broughton Astley FC	
24.12.1881	Earl Shilton Rising Star	2	1	Croft FC	
24.12.1881	Loughborough Alliance	2	0	Leicester Great Meeting	
24.12.1881	Loughborough Victoria	3	2	Sheepshed Forest Rangers	
24.12.1881	Sheepshed FC	2	0	Hathern FC	Large number of spectators. Game kicked off – 2.30 pm Gate money, which was donated to the poor of Sheepshed, amounted to £6 2s. It was hoped that General Burnsby MP would be present to witness the game, but he was detained too long in Melton. He did, however, appear at the end of the game, making a speech in his usual "genial" manner."
25.12.1881	Earl Shilton Rising Star F.C	3	0	Broughton Astley F.C.	Played at Earl Shilton.

25.12.1881	Earl Shilton Rising Star F.C. Wright AN Other	2	1	Croft AN Other	Played at Earl Shilton.
26.12.1881	Barrow Rising Star	0	1	Mountsorrel (2 nd team)	
26.12.1881	Kegworth	1	8	Loughborough Alliance	
26.12.1881	Kegworth Wanderers	6	1	Representatives of the Town (Mr Wade's team)	
26.12.1881	Loughborough Rising Star	1	0	Loughborough Charnwood FC	Recreation ground, Loughborough.
26.12.1881	Lutterworth	W		Market Harborough	Mr Lee's field. Score not reported.
26.12.1881	Oakham Amateurs	0	4	Uppingham Wanderers "scratch team"	Played at Oakham. The ground was very wet. A large number of spectators were present, and it was found rather trouble- some to keep them outside the flags.
26.12.1881	Sheepshed Football Club	2 (0)	7 (5)	Hathern Football Club	Charley-road, Sheepshed. Benefit game for Sheepshed's aged poor- £5 15s 9d raised (after expenses). Game commenced at 2.30 pm. Attended by many well-known ladies and gentlemen. 700-800 spectators. Shepshed wore blue jerseys and white knickers - Hathern appeared in a yellow and black costume.
26.12.1881	Stoney Stanton	0	5	Mountsorrel	
31.12.1881	Barrow Victoria FC	1	0	Great Meeting FC	Owing to the late arrival of Great Meeting, play did not commence until 3.55pm.
?1.1882	Barrow Rising Star FC	1	0	Syston FC	
7.1.1882	Barrow Rising Star	1	0	Mountsorrel Rising Star	
7.1.1882	Loughborough Victoria FC	2	0	Loughborough Rising Star	Recreation ground, Loughborough.
7.1.1882	Melton Mowbray FC	0 (0)	3 (1)	Hope Gent Esq Mr Hope Grant (2) AN Other	All England Ground, Melton. Hope Gent had a fourth goal disallowed for offside.
7.1.1882	Mountsorrel (2 nd)	2	0	Loughborough Charnwood Forest FC	
7.1.1882	Sheepshed FC (2 nd team)	1	0	Sheepshed Forest Rangers	
7.1.1882	Sheepshed Forest United	5	0	Quorndon Rising Star	
7.1.1882	Syston	3 (0)	0 (0)	Leicester Victoria	
7.1.1882	Uppingham Wanderers	3 (0)	0 (0)	Oakham Athletic	
14.1.1882	Earl Shilton Rising Star FC	3	0	Bedworth FC	
14.1.1882	Loughborough Athletic and FC Batty Heafford	2 (2)	1 (0)	Nottingham All Saints FC AN Other	Play commenced at 3.15pm.
14.1.1882	Quorndon FC	1	3	Barrow Rising Star	
14.1.1882	Quorndon Rising Star	0	3	Loughborough Charnwood	
21.1.1882	Barrow Victoria FC	2	0	Leicester Victoria FC	Played at Barrow on a field lent to them for the occasion.
21.1.1882	Coleorton	1	0	Ibstock	

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21.1.1882	Earl Shilton Rising Star	3 (2)	0 (0)	Ansty FC	
21.1.1882	Leicester Great Meeting Club	0 (0)	1 (1)	Barrow Rising Star	Welford-road Recreational Ground
21.1.1882	Oakham Amateurs	0	2	Stamford Town	Oakham Amateur's first season.
21.1.1882	Quorndon FC	0	7	Hathern FC	
21.1.1882	Sheepshed FC	1	1	Loughborough Alliance	
21.1.1882	Sheepshed Forest Rangers FC	2	0	Sheepshed Charnwood FC	
23.1.1882	Sheepshed FC (2 nd Team)	0	0	Sheepshed Forest United	
28.1.1882	Coalville Fellows Wharmby	2	3	Hathern FC AN Others	"This match was one of the finest ever witnessed in this neighbourhood." Hathern were unbeaten. The play was very fast throughout, and the good lifting kicks of the Hathern players were much admired, A dispute followed a good shot by one of the Hathern forwards. No one thought it was a goal until a few outsiders called "Goal, Hathern!". The Hathern captain claimed it, the Coalville players were not willing to give in. The Hathern players put on their clothes and were for leaving the ground,. The Coalville captain reluctantly allowed the goal, but under dispute.
28.1.1882	Loughborough Alliance FC	2	0	Beeston FC	Cayless Cricket Ground.
28.1.1882	Mountsorrel Rising Star	1	0	Quorndon Rising Star	
28.1.1882	Sheepshed FC	4	0	Castle Donington Church FC	The teams adjourned to the large room of the Victoria Arms, where a pleasant half-hour was spent prior the Castle Donnington team returning home.
28.1.1882	Uppingham and District FC Thringstone	4 (2)	0 (0)	Team captained by Rev G M Edmonds	Heavy rain in the morning made the ground very slippery.
4.2.1882	Ansty	0 (0)	1 (0)	Leicester Victoria	Victoria Park, Leicester. Game commenced at 3.40 pm. Early in the second half Taylor [Victoria] was disabled by a nasty kick on the ankle when making a shot at goal and was incapacitated from taking further part in the game.
4.2.1882	Barrow Rising Star FC	2	0	Mountsorrel Rising Star	
4.2.1882	Kettering Town	2 (0)	0 (0)	Oakham Amateurs	Kettering scored two goals in less than 10 mins
4.2.1882	Leicester Great Meeting	0	0	Barrow	South-end Recreation Ground.
4.2.1882	Melton F.C.	0 (0)	1 (0)	Leicester F.C. Porter	Return match played under Association rules. Meltonians frequently penned into their goal, stationed three men on the goal line to prevent the visitors scoring further. Twenty minutes before time the ball burst, and some delay ensued before another was obtained. This also met with a similar fate and it was decided the close the game,
4.2.1882	Ravenstone	3	2	Ashby	
4.2.1882	United Sunday Schools	3	2	Ravenstone	Game commenced at 3.00 pm.
11.2.1882	Barrow Rising Star FC	3	0	Leicester Great Meeting FC	

11.2.1882	Croft	0	3	Earl Shilton Rising Star	Game played on a very narrow field. All throughout the game the ball was continually out.
11.2.1882	Hathern FC	3 (2)	0 (0)	Sawley FC	Grand weather. Both sides went into this game unbeaten in 1881-82.
11.2.1882	Leicester FC Taylor Brice Towers	3 (2)	0 (0)	Hinckley	Racecourse, Leicester. Association match.
11.2.1882	Mountsorrel	0	0	Sheepshed FC	Return match.
11.2.1882	Oakham Grammar School	1	0	Oakham Amateurs	
?2.1882	Barrow Victoria	A	A	Kegworth FC	
18.2.1882	Mr Geary's Teas (selected from Hugglescote District)	4	0	Mr Peploe's Team (selected from Ashby and Coalville)	At Hugglescote
18.2.1882	Hugglescote Castle Rovers	8	0	Hugglescote St John's	Rovers remain unbeaten.
18.2.1882	Kibworth Grammar School		W	Market Harborough Grammar School	
18.2.1882	Sheepshed FC	2	0	Barrow Victoria FC	Return match.
18.2.1882	Sheepshed FC (2 nd)	2	1	Barrow Rising Star FC	Exciting game.
18.2.1882	Sheepshed Charnwood FC	0	7	Charnwood Forest United FC	
18.2.1882	Sheepshed Forest Rangers	2	0	Loughborough Victoria FC	
18.2.1882	Snibston Rising Star Elton	1 (1)	1 (1)	Melbourne A Dolman	At Snibston.
18.2.1882	Stamford FC	2	0	Uppingham and District	Very unfavourable weather owing to a heavy gale of wind and rain, which made the ground very slippery.
25.2.1882	Oakham School	0	0	Uppingham & District FC	High wind. 80 minutes played.
25.2.1882	Shepshed FC	0	1	South Notts FC	Wind and rain Number of spectators was not as large as anticipated.
25.2.1882	Shepshed FC (2 nd)	0 (0)	1 (0)	Hathern Morning Star	
25.2.1882	Wigston	2	0	Barrow-on-Soar	
4.3.1882	Barrow Rising Star	0	1	Mountsorrel (2 nd Team)	Just before half-time Mountsorrel scored, but the home team opposed it on the grounds that the ball went over the goal line. The visitors would not continue unless they could have the goal the home team refused, and the game was abandoned.
4.3.1882	Hathern FC	1	1	Loughborough Victoria FC	
4.3.1882	Leicester FC	2	1	Market Harborough FC	Victoria Park, Leicester Played under Association rules.
4.3.1882	Leicester Victoria FC	1	2	Syston FC	Welford-road Recreation Ground.
4.3.1882	Sheepshed FC (2 nd Team)	0 (0)	1 (0)	Hathern Morning Star FC	
11.3.1882	Coalville	0	3	Derby	
11.3.1882	Coleorton	4	0	Ravenstone	
11.3.1882	Earl Shilton Wanderers	0	2	Leicester FC	Return match.
11.3.1882	Leicester Victoria FC	1	1	Market Harborough	

18.3.1882	Mountsorrel F.C.	2	1	Barrow Rising Star F.C.	
18.3.1882	Uppingham & District FC	3	0	Oakham Institute FC	Fine weather. Good number of spectators. Uppingham played 8 matches in 1881-82, winning 4, losing 3 and drawing 1.
20.3.1882	Geo. Sharp's Team	8	1	W Ullyett's Team	At Syston.
25.3.1882	Coalville	1	2	Melbourne	"The defeat was somewhat due to Wilkins who was certainly the lion of the day, having to leave at half-time."
25.3.1882	Sheepshed	5	0	Castle Donington Church FC	Final match of the season. Sheepshed FC - played 29 games- winning 15, losing 10 and drawing 4.
1.4.1882	Leicester Victoria Parsons	1 (1)	1 (0)	Leicester Town	Racecourse, Leicester. Played under Association rules. Game commenced at 3.30 pm. Victoria played with the wind in the first half. Town equalised just 2 mins from time.