



Leicestershire Football Match Reports 1820-1879

On the 5th and 6th instant, a match at football was played in the field at Snarestone, for 12 guineas aside between twelve persons of Appleby, and the same number of Ibstock, which was not properly decided, in consequence of some unfair play on the part of the former. Although the Ibstock youths were deprived of their best player at the commencement of the game, owing to a sprain, yet they got 105 byes, while their opponents only obtained two. Several thousand persons assembled on the occasion.

Leicester Chronicle - 16 November 1822

On Monday last, a football match was played between fifteen of Great Wigston and the same number from Blaby for £6. The parties met in a field near the latter place. The Blaby men appeared the much stronger and tallest, but made sure of running, but soon after the game began, it was clear that the Wigston players were evidently the most active players. The Blaby men (says our informant) were thrown one after the other, and lay sprawling on the ground like butts of trees, and that Wigston won cleverly in a short time. It is expected that another match will be played near Kilby Wharf between the same parties for ten pounds aside, on Shrove Tuesday.

Leicester Chronicle - 14 February 1829

A correspondent, in allusion to the Foot-ball match at Wigston, observes – “Your informant says, that the Blaby men were thrown one after another, and lay sprawling like butts of trees, and that the Wigston won cleverly in a short time: this was not exactly the case, for it was allowed by a great number present, that I was quite the reverse. “Two of Wigston men were down to one of Blaby; I have the authority to state, that the Blaby men are willing to play them again on Shrove Tuesday, for double the money played for before, or any sum they please to mention, providing they will act as men, and play honourably and fairly.”

Leicester Chronicle - 21 February 1829

The foot-ball match at Blaby, between Wigston and Blaby, did not take place as previously agreed to, on Shrove Tuesday. The Blaby men were at their post at the time appointed, but the Wigston men did not attend.

Leicester Chronicle - 7 March 1829

Football —A match was played for £5. a side, on Shrove Tuesday, between 15 Blaby youths and 15 Wigston, field near to Countesthorpe, in the presence several thousand people from the adjacent villages. The goals being pitched, the men stripped. Wigston won the toss, consequently had the wind in their favour. The play war excellent on both sides for half an hour. The Wigston, finding they were got out of temper, and began kid: the youths, but they smartly returned have the play entirely to themselves, winning the goal. A rest then took place for half hour, after which the ball being put down, the having the wind, the contest was very short, they winning easily.

Leicester Journal -5 March 1852

FOOTBALL AT ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE

Mr EDITOR: A match of football was played on the 15th inst. between eleven youths of Enderby and the same number from Whetstone, in a meadow near the river Soar, about half-way between the two villages. At the commencement each party was confident of victory. During the first game some good play was shown on both sides. The Whetstone men, however, won this in twenty minutes. The Enderby appear to have undervalued their opponents taught them that the

Whetstone eleven were not to be despised. Great was the joy of the Whetstonians at their easy victory in the first game. Hats were thrown up, handkerchiefs waved in the air, and great was the shouting. The second game however, somewhat altered matters, for Enderby youths set to with determination to win, if possible; and win they did after a very good game. The state of affairs now seemed completely changed; bets were freely offered on Enderby, but few appearing willing to take them. The third game commenced well and was won easily by the Enderby Eleven in 21 minutes. They thus won the prize, winning two games out of three – Yours, &c, A SPECTATOR
Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle – 21 March 1852

MARKET HARBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. STOKE GOULDING GRAMMAR SCHOOL – On Friday, the 23rd ult., a football match was played between the above schools, when, after a well contested game, the Market Bosworth party came off victorious. After the game, the players were most hospitably entertained by the Rev. T. Bourne, whose kindness and generosity were the subjects of universal approbation. As a token of the gratitude entertained by the victorious party for the liberal manner in which they had been received, three hearty English cheers were vociferated at the moment of their departure. The following is the score: Market Bosworth – E Adam, R Adam, Turleton, Llod, Worthington, Grundy, and Gold. Stoke Goulding – Woodcock, Woodcock, Lawrence, Knight, Humble, Berry, Berry, and Preston.

Leicester Journal – 7 December 1855

FOOTBALL

SHEFFIELD v 58TH REGIMENT

This match, which had been delayed for some time, owing to the unfavourable state of the weather, was played on Monday last on the barrack ground at Hillsboro'. Considerable interest was caused by the fact that the regiment has amongst its officers several gentlemen who were formerly noted players at the public schools, and it was thought that our townsmen had at length met with their match. The game was throughout conducted in thoroughly good-tempered and friendly manner, and the pluck and stamina exhibited by both sides was undoubted. For some time, the garrison had slight advantage, but after an exciting struggle of more than two hours, the civilians secured a hard won victory, the result being as follows:- Sheffield one goal and 10 rouges, 53 Reg one goal and five rouges.

Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle – 23 December 1860

WILLOUGHBY

FOOTBALL - A return match at football was played on Thursday last at Willoughby, between eight of Willoughby and thirteen of Ancaster; and although Willoughby again won by four goals to three, it was a far better contested and more spirited match than the former, as is shown by the number of goals obtained by the respective sides. Mr. J. Sumner, the head of the Ancaster side, was again their chief support, playing capitally throughout. Mean, Hart and T. Career also played well for Ancaster; while for Willoughby, Messrs. N. Allix, Howe, and Talker, played well. The goals for Ancaster were obtained by Messrs. J. Sumner, W. Teat, and H. Teat; and for Willoughby, by Messrs. Allix, House, and Talkes.

Loughborough Monitor – 23 January 1862

ROTHLEY. An exciting game of football was played at Rothley, on Friday, March 30th, in a field belonging to Mr. Winterton, between two sides chosen by Mr. Crook and Mr. G. Webster. The sides were as follows: Mr. Crook's side: Messrs. Crook, F. TumM, D. Fowkes, W. Whiles, and T. Frisby. Mr. G. Webster's side: Messrs. G. Webster, J. Lewis, R. Gant, IL Arnold, and T. Dalton. The toss for choice of goal was won by Mr. Crook, but the toss for first kick was won by Mr. G. Webster. Mr. Crook's side gained the first goal. In the next they were not so successful, as Mr. Arnold made a splendid kick, winning the second goal. The next was won by the same party,

leaving them winners of the first game. The second game commenced by Mr. Lewis having the first kick, and after some good play on both sides, Mr. Webster's side were again bailed as Winner/ of the game. This finished the afternoon's play, everyone acknowledging that they had had an agreeable game.

Loughborough Monitor -12 April 1866

UPPINGHAM SCHOOL.
FOOTBALL CHALLENGE CUP.

REV. W. EARLE'S v. REV. W. F. WITT'S.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11.—On this day the contest for the Challenge Cup, which had been interrupted by the harbingers of Christmas—frost and snow—was renewed, the above houses representing the contending parties. Contrary to general expectation, the Rev. W. F. Witt's proved victorious. For the victors A. J. Spencer, J. Livesey, and F. Street were especially prominent, while H. Hough also played with great pluck and perseverance. For the vanquished J. Staughton set a good example to his men, and C. Hemsley and J. Budel also showed good form.

REV. T. B. ROWE'S v. REV. E. THRING'S.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12.—This match resulted in an easy victory for the former house. For Mr Thring's, H. D. Rawsley, B. Broadbent, J. Powell, and C. Childs played a good uphill game. For the winning house W. Alexander, J. Marshall, and W. B. Foster worked with unceasing energy.

FINAL TIE—REV. B. F. WITT'S v. REV. T. B. ROWE'S

FRIDAY, DEC. 13.—This afternoon was expected to decide the claims of the above rival competitors for the cup, but after a well contested and exciting game, the question of supremacy remained still in abeyance, as in spite of the strenuous efforts put forth by each party, no decisive result was obtained. For the Rev. T. B. Rowe's J. Marshall stuck to the ball in the gamest style; he was well supported by the steady back play of W. Alexander and F. Foster. For the Rev. B. F. Witts, J. Livesey and A. J. Spencer exhibited all their wonted excellence of form.

FIRST FIFTEEN (WHITE) v. NEXT THIRTY (RED).

SATURDAY, DEC. 14.—The Thirty apparently disheartened by the recollection of their previous defeat, showed up in very poor force. With the able assistance, however, rendered them by H. Candler, Esq., they made a very plucky stand against the superior skill of their opponents. For the first half-hour the game was strictly even, but at the end of that period, W. R. Hamley, after guiding the ball successfully down almost the whole length of the field, gallantly landed it between the posts. This success of the enemy appeared somewhat to dishearten the Thirty, as from this time until the conclusion of the game the ball was kept by the Fifteen constantly in the neighbourhood of their adversaries' goal. The resolute resistance, however, offered by the Thirty for some time effectually prevented the enemy scoring, H. W. Staughton at length securing the second goal for the Fifteen. Shortly afterwards this success was followed by another score for the Fifteen, as W. R. Hamley, after some excellent play, landed the ball a second time between the posts of the Thirty goal. A few minutes before the call of time C. Hemsley secured another goal for the Fifteen, but the claim was disputed, and the match thus terminated in favour of the Fifteen by three goals to none. For the Thirty C. Wadham, N. Neville, and H. Candler, Esq., played well, and L. Ackworth captained his men with great skill. For the victorious party, C. Hemsley, W. R. Hamley, and J. Budd played in a style especially worthy of commendation.

Field - Saturday 21 December 1867

SAWLEY. On Saturday, the 14th instant, football match was played at Sawley, between Ockbrook Moravian School and Sawley Football Club, which ended in favour of the latter. The time for the match to last was one hour-and-a-half. The Sawley side was rather the superior in weight, and in both the two first games proved victorious. The first goal was well-kicked by Mr. O. Lathbury, as was also the second by Mr. Windle. Time was called before the third game could be finished. The Moravians under their captain, L. Etein, Esq., played remarkably well, but one or two of their best players were unavoidably absent. The weather was very favourable, and there were numerous spectators witness the sport. The players on the Sawley side were Messrs. Chambers, Bennett,

Smith, Hogwood, Eaton, Johnson, Windle, Thompson, and Grundy, of the Sawley club, also Messrs. Wilson, Towle, Buxton, and Osborne, of Castle Donington, and Mr. G. Lathbury, of Shardlow.

Leicester Mail – 21 March 1868

SHARDLOW. On Saturday, the 21st instant, a football match was played in Shardlow, between the Sawley club, and side from Castle Donington and the neighbourhood under K. N. Wilson, Esq. The game was a well-contested one, and it would have been difficult to have chosen sides more equally matched. A goal was kicked for Donington, by Mr. Lathbury, of Shardlow, after about half an-hour's playing. This was the only one obtained, for, although constant efforts were made, one succeeded in doing so afterwards. This was chiefly owing to the vigilance of Mr. Wilson and Mr. R. Smith, of Sawley, who kept goal for their respective sides, for whenever the ball appeared within their domains it was invariably caught and sent back a drop kick far into the middle of the ground. The Sawley players were Messrs. Chambers, Bennett, Smith, Hogwood, Eaton, Johnson, Windle, Thompson, and Grundy, of the Sawley club, also Messrs. O. and F. Rawlins, Nutall, Rowlett, and Malts. On the Donington side were R. N. Wilson, Esq., Dr. Harwood, Messrs. Lathbury, Finney, Towle, Osborne, Denham, Chapman, Parker, BATTERY, By water, Oldershaw. &c

Leicester Mail – 28 March 1868

CASTLE DONINGTON

CASTLE DONINGTON. FOOTBALL —On Saturday, the 21st inst., a football match was played at Shardlow, between the Sawley Football Club, and a side from Castle Donington, under R.N. Wilson, Esq. The game was a well contested one, and the sides were equally matched. Early in the game a goal was kicked for Donington by Mr. G. Lathbury, of Shardlow. This was the only one obtained, for although constant efforts were made, the vigilance of the goal keepers (Mr. Wilson. and Mr. Smith, of Sawley) prevented them from succeeding. The names of the Sawley Club were—Messrs. Chambers, Bennett., Smith, Hogwood, Eaton, Johnson, Windle, Thompson, and Grundy.

Hinckley News – 4 April 1868

SAWLEY

On Thursday, the 21st inst., a match was played between the Nottingham and the Sawley Football Clubs, on the ground of the latter. The Nottingham men won the choice of the goals, and Sawley kicked off. The game was commenced with great earnestness, and after about half an hour's playing, Mr. H. Thompson, of Sawley, obtained a touchdown, and kicked goal. The contest was then renewed, and both sides obtained several ranges, but all failed when kicking the goal. The Notts, club were two players short, and were compelled to select substitutes from amongst the spectators. W. Osborne, and several other good members of the Sawley club were absent, but the services of Mr. L. Stein and Mr. Cade were obtained in their stead.

Leicester Mail – 30 January 1869

FOOTBALL – The return match between the establishments of Messrs. Morley and Sons, and Messrs. Marshall and Gill, played on Thursday last, and after an hour and a quarter's very spirited contest, ended in a victory for the former by one goal.

Leicester Journal – 5 March 1869

OCKBROOK

FOOTBALL MATCH AT OCKBROOK - On Saturday a capital football match was played at Ockbrook, between the Nottingham Forest Club, and the best fifteen of Ockbrook and Borrowash. There was a pretty good muster of both players and the general public, and the

weather was beautifully fine for the purpose. The ground was in very good condition. Play commenced at three o'clock, and after about twenty minutes "hunting" the Derbyshire men sent the ball home. Their opponents were by no means idle, for in a very short time afterwards they obtained a goal. Both sides played vigorously until half past four, when each side obtained a couple of goals. The game, of course, ended in a draw. We may say that the Foresters laboured under a considerable disadvantage, in consequence of the peculiar rules which the Derbyshire men play. The following is a list of the players.—Forest—W. R. Lymbery (captain), T. Woodbouse, H. Shuttleworth, H. Davies, R. P. Hawksley, C. J. Jacoby, F. W. Widdowson, W. B. Crisp, R. F. Hardy, J. G. Richardson, P. Radford, J. Tomlinson, W. Longmire, W. Brown, and S. Clifford. Umpire, Mr. J. D. Jacoby. Ockbrook - Smith (captain), T. Soar, R. T. P. Colons, E. P. Gibson, W. Tomlinson, C. K. Rawlins, J. Fletcher, W. Charlton, T. Charlton, T. Rogerson, C. Porter, W. Nadin, F. Wheldon, It. Wilkinson, and E. Wild. Umpire, Mr. A. J. Gibson.

Hinckley News -26 November 1870

UPPINGHAM. Football at the School. - The School v. Rev. W. Sable's Team. - This match took place on Saturday week. The school having lost the toss, commenced under disadvantage of facing both wind and hill, and after a hard struggle for about half an hour the ball was neatly kicked through their goal by Kennedy. After this the boys, though much inferior in point of weight, played up with even more energy than before, but were unable to achieve the desired score until the last five minutes, when Faulknet brought the ball well up the field, and with the aid of Chester succeeded in obtaining a goal. Some very good play was shown on both sides, especially J Chester, P Lucas. and Skinner for the school; and G. Hough, Rev. W. Earle, Messrs. Anstey and Douglas for the opposition. *Rev. W. Earle Team:* Rev. W. Earle (captain), Rev. H. B. Upcher. Rev. T. B. Rowe, Messrs. A. Anstey H. Percy. F. Douglass, G Douglass, C. Kuhne, Rev H. Candler, A. Hughes, and two the second fifteen of the school.

Leicester Journal - 2 December 1870

UPPINGHAM

FOOTBALL AT THE SCHOOL - SCHOOL HOUSE v REV. W. F. WITT'S - This match was played on Tuesday week. The School House having won the toss, took the lower goal, and after about a quarter of an hour's play, Mr Witt's succeeded in forcing the ball through their opponent's goal. After this no advantage was gained by either side, the game, indeed, being very equal throughout. For the School House, French, Cameron, Powell and Blount, and for the opposition Hunt, Patterson, Wishaw, and Purser played well.

Leicester Journal - 9 December 1870

LUTTERWORTH

A football club has recently been formed at Lutterworth. The members met for their first day's play on Saturday last, in a field adjoining the Rifle Butts kindly lent for the occasion by H. Rodgers, Esq., of Gilmorton. About 16 were present; a side was picked, and soe very exciting games were played until dusk. It is hoped the above may be a prelude to other and better games. A match is about being made for Monday, Dec 29th.

Leicester Journal - 23 December 1870

UPPINGHAM

THE SCHOOL - FOOTBALL - The first game of the season was played on Wednesday week, the sides being those with A in their names (White) v the School (Red). - In numbers the school had a slight majority, but the game was very evenly contested throughout, and no goal was got by either side, though the Whites were at times hard pressed. For the latter Harrison, Hanley, and James, and for the Reds Chester ma, Hunt, Skinner, Simson and Turner mi., played particularly

well. The play on the whole was good, though, as usual at the beginning of the season, the ball was taken into touch a deal too often.

Leicester Journal – 13 October 1871

FOOTBALL – A football match was played on the Abbey Meadows, on Saturday last, between St Margaret's Club (Leicester), and Field House School, Belgrave. The game was well contested throughout, showing some good play on both sides. The school came off victors. St Margaret's club, 1 base; Field House School Belgrave, 3 bases.

Leicester Guardian – 8 November 1871

KEGWORTH

Trent College —Notts Forest Football Club v. Trent College —These two clubs met on the ground of the latter on Saturday last. The afternoon was fine, although the morning was rather damp. Play began soon after, three-o'clock. Trent College lost the toss and kicked against the wind. The game lasted for about one hour and half hours, during which time Notts gained three goals, and Trent nothing. Messrs. Hayes, Widdowson, and were the goal kickers. The Trent team played very well, but their opponents were too heavy for them. The following were the players: - Notts: Messrs. J. G. Howett (cap), W. Revie, W. Lymbery, H. Davies, W. Crisp, W. Brown, R. Hawkesley. W. Widdowson, T. Tomlinson, W. Mason, and E. Hayes.—Trent College: Messrs. Owen, V. Mackennie, A. Clarke, D. Chapman, F. Lott, F. Holyoake (cap), W. Nuttal, M. Leatherstone, C. Mosse, A. Wakefield, and T. H. Packe.

Leicester Journal – 23 February 1872

FOOTBALL AT TRENT COLLEGE - On Saturday last, a return match played between the College and Derwent Rowing Club. The Trent, after an exciting game, were victorious, having obtained four goals to none. The following were the players: - Derwent Rowing Club: C. Houseman (captain), Borman, Evans. A. Johnstone, W. Blaster, Vt. Clarke, J. Shatter, J. Clarke, Stansby, Richardson, B. Pike, and Woolhouse (a substitute for J. Clarke, who was hurt half way through the game. Trent College: J. R. B. Owen (captain), McKenny, F. Holyoak, A. Clark, D. Chapman, C. Meese, W. Nutall, F. Lott, M. Featherstonhaugh, W. Mayon. and T. Parke. During the past football session Trent College has played eight matches and on the whole has been successful. They are the following:- Ockbrook School, Bedford Middle Class, Ockbrook Rowing Club, South Derbyshire, and Notts. Foresters. The first four of those were won by Trent, the next three were ties. and the last was won by the Foresters; thus, they have only been beaten once, and the season before they won every match they played. The athletic sports will take place on April 18th.

Hinckley News – 13 April 1872

FOOTBALL — A match was played on Belgrave Pasture on Wednesday test between twenty of the Leicester Grammar School FBC and twenty of Field House School FBC, Belgrave. The first goal was gained by the Field House boys in twenty minutes by a kick from Wright, senr. Then followed some good play on both sides; the Grammar School boys trying well for the next base, but fortune was against them, for the ball after being kept for some time near the base was at last kicked in by Broome, senr., (Field House). The third goal was also gained by the Field House boys by Dicks, senr. The match was played in one hour and thirty-five minutes.

Leicester Chronicle – 16 November 1872

GRAMMAR SCHOOL v FIELD HOUSE SCHOOL – The return match between Leicester Grammar School and Field House School, Belgrave, was played on the Abbey Meadow, on Wednesday afternoon. The Leicester boys, having won the toss started with the wind, and after an hour's hard work, the base was won by a kick from Manners (captain for Belgrave). The Belgrave boys then went off with the wind in their favour and won the next base in twenty minutes, the Field

House captain again kicking the base. The Belgrave boys now finding their opponents about "pumped out", soon carried the ball past them, and had it within a few feet of the base, when the poles were drawn by the Leicester boys, thus saving the base.

Leicester Daily Post – 22 November 1872

FOOTBALL

On Saturday last the first game of Football on the Victoria park ground was played by the Football Club in connection with the "Leicester Athletic Society." There was a good attendance of members and after choosing sides, the captain (E B Gittins) side v C Fuller's and W Wheeler's side, a well contested game ensued, which resulted in favour of the former, who obtained two "rouges" to their opponent's one. No goal was obtained by either side. The club will play on every Saturday afternoon (weather permitting) until the close of the season, which will terminate the week before Easter. Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary on the ground.

Leicester Daily Post- 14 December 1872

FOOTBALL – The Lutterworth Football Club have now commenced play for the season. The ground used for practice is equal to any in the county, being a portion of the well-known Lutterworth Cricket Ground, and is therefore well adapted for matches which the club are desirous of playing. They are now open to a challenge from any club within a reasonable distance. The arrangements are under the management of Mr R C Burdett, the hon. secretary.

Leicester Journal – 13 December 1872

RUTLAND

Football: Uppingham School—On the 13th inst. this match, between the "Sixth Form" and "the School" (return) played on Van Dieman's, ended in the defeat of the School four goals to none. At the first onset the ball was kept steadily in the middle of the ground, till Hassal by a dodgy piece of play, succeeded in passing the School backs, winning the first goal for the Sixth. Grant then tried his hand at a goal, which was cleverly scored by Luddington. Until change the Sixth had to act entirely on the defensive, and notwithstanding all their endeavours, they lost three goals, kicked respectively by Champion, Lake, and Thring. After change the play became much more even, and the School held its own well, once or twice pressing the Sixth very closely. Towards the end of the game the School lost Steel, who was disabled in a charge, but they still worked with great energy, Mitchell making some very brilliant passes. For the sixth, A. J. Tuck, Brook, Champion, Hassall, and Thring (up), and Faulkner and Lake (backs) did most service. the School, Charsley, Luddington, Field, Mallam, and Lloyd (up), and Mitchell and Steel (backs), played best. The Sixth lost the services of Hamley, and the School were much weakened by the loss of Lindsay and Homing.—Sixth : Faulkner (captain), Hassall, Lake, Champion, Brook, Irwin, James, Grant, Thring, Williams, Hooper, Houghton, Kingsford, Newham, and A. J. Tuck, Esq.—School: Charsley (captain), Mitchell, Field, Luddington, Steel, Wilson, Lucas, White, Mallam, Lloyd, Pym, Acworth, and Belgrave.

Leicester Journal – 28 February 1873

FOOTBALL – A match was played on Saturday last, on the Abbey Meadow, between fifteen of St Margaret's F.B.C. and fifteen of Field House School Club (Belgrave). The school had the kick off, and after considerably over an hour's good play the St Margaret's men gained the first base. The play was pretty equal on both sides, and during the game many were the salutations paid to "Mother earth." The game was abruptly terminated by the balls being burst just before the time for drawing the poles. The game will be re-commenced on Saturday (to-day) at 3 o'clock.

Leicester Guardian – 19 March 1873

FOOTBALL - LEICESTER v STAMFORD - A match was played on Saturday afternoon last, on the Victoria Park, Leicester, between Leicester Athletic Society's Football Club and the Stamford Club (13 a side), which after an evenly contested game resulted in favour of the Stamford team, who obtained two "rouges" to their opponent's one. The play of Messrs. Ingram, Sharpe, Grisell, Maule and E Page, for the Stamford side; and of Messrs. Wheeler, Williams, Wale, Robinson and Wall, for the home team, was remarkably good. The players were, G Ingram, W Ingram, M G Maule, N F Nelson, E Page, W Rogers, R M Weldon, Warwick, M S Young. - Leicester: E B Gittins (captain), W Burgess, J Collier, C Fuller, H Gibson, W Howes, H Robinson, F Tebbitt, A Wall, W A Wheeler, H Williams, C Wilkinson and Wale.

Leicester Daily Post, 29 March 1873

LEICESTER ATHLETIC SOCIETY - A match was played Victoria Park, Leicester, on Saturday afternoon last, between the Leicester Athletic Society's Football Club and a scratch team formed by Mr. W. F. Hitchcock. The capital condition of the ground and the geniality of the weather drew together a large attendance of spectators. Play commenced at four o'clock and the scratch team having won the toss, chose the west goal - the ball being kicked off by their opponents. The scratch team playing pluckily and well together, gradually got the ball towards the east goal - obliging their opponents to touch it down in self-defence, but after several severely tested scrimmages the ball was at length got away, and the Athletic Society's team, following well up for the next half hour, obtained a capital goal was kicked by C. Wilkinson. On changing ends, the scratch team kicked off - but they could not keep the ball out of their own lines, and after their opponents had obtained three more rouges time was called, the result being one goal and four rouges for the L.A.S.F.C. to their opponents nothing. The players were—Leicester Athletic Society's Football Club Mr. Howes (captain), F. Adshead, C. Bailey, H. Baxter, R. Bell, W. Burgess, J. Collier, C. Fuller, H. Gibson, H. Robinson, F. Tebbitt, A. Wall, W. Wheeler, C. Wilkinson, and H. Williams. Scratch team —A. Dale (captain), B. Bloxam, T. Bodycott, R. C. Burdett, W. G. Chamberlain,- Ensor, W. F. Hitchcock, M. Lander, S. Noon, J. Sanders, F. Stafford, R. Shaw, - Stanger, A. Tebbitt, E. Walker, and F. Watts.

Leicester Guardian - 2 April 1873

FOOTBALL ON VICTORIA PARK—On Saturday afternoon last, a match was played on Victoria Park, between the Leicester Athletic Society's Football Club and a scratch team formed by Mr. F. Hitchcock. The capital condition of the ground and the geniality of the weather drew together a large attendance of spectators. Play commenced at four o'clock, and the scratch team having won the toss, chose the west goal—the ball being kicked off by their opponents. The scratch team played pluckily and well together, gradually got the ball towards the east goal—obliging their opponents to touch it down in self-defence, but after several severely contested scrimmages the ball was at length got away, and the Athletic Society's team followed well up during the next half-hour, obtaining a "rouge," from which an unsuccessful attempt at goal was made. A second "rouge," however, being obtained, a capital goal was kicked by C. Wilkinson. On changing ends, the scratch team kicked off—but they could not keep the ball out of their own lines, and after their opponents had obtained three more "rouges," time was called,—the result being one goal and four "rouges" to L. A. S. F. C., to their opponents nothing. The players were—Leicester Athletic Society's Football Club—Mr. Howes (captain), F. Adshead, C. Bailey, H. Baxter, R. Bell, W. Burgess, J. Collier, C. Fuller, H. Gibson, H. Robinson, F. Tebbitt, A. Wall, W. Wheeler, C. Wilkinson, and H. Williams. Scratch team—A. Dale (captain); B. Bloxam, T. Bodycott, R. C. Burdett, W. G. Chamberlain,—Ensor, W. F. Hitchcock, H. Lander, S. Noon, J. Sanders, F. Stafford, R. Shaw,—Stanger, A. Tebbitt, E. Walker, and F. Watts.

Leicester Journal - 4 April 1873

FOOTBALL MATCH – Victoria Park was on Saturday afternoon the scene of the closing match of the season of Leicester Athletic Society Football Club, the result after a long and well contested game, being a draw, each side scoring one rouge. The competitors were Mr Franklin's old pupils: R Bell (captain), F Adshead, Barron, C Fuller, H Gibson, H Entward, C Noon, Pickard, Pridmore, F Stafford, G F Stevenson, A wale, C Williams and S Williams. L.A.S team: J Howes (captain), C Miller, H Baxter, W Burgess, J Collier, W G Chamberlain, A W Gill, W F Hitchcock, H Lander, H Robinson, Thompson, J D Thompson, Wheeler, sent, Wheeler jnr., and F Wike.

Leicester Chronicle – 12 April 1873

FOOTBALL – On Wednesday, the 22nd inst., a match was played between the united sixteen of the Leicester Grammar and Mr Gordon's School Clubs, and sixteen of the Stoneygate Football Club, which resulted in an easy victory for the latter; the former gained no goals, while the latter secured six.

Leicester Chronicle – 23 October 1873

FOOTBALL MATCH - A football match was played on Wednesday, Nov. 12th, on the Abbey Meadow, between the Grammar School F.B.C. (Leicester) and the Field House School F.B.C. (Belgrave). The Field House School boys got the first base in about twelve minutes, the ball being kicked in by Crick. The next two bases, kicked by Jackson, were also won by the Belgrave boys, leaving them the victors, having won three bases within the hour.

Leicester Journal – 14 November 1873

A football match took place on Saturday, Nov. 29, in the Bath Meadow, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, between the Grammar Schools of Appleby and Ashby, which resulted in a victory for the home club., the odds being four "touchdowns" to none. The following were chiefly noticed for their good play – for Appleby, Messrs. Arnott, Clarke, and belcher; for Ashby, Messrs. Haines, Buxton and H. Green.

Leicester Guardian – 3 December 1873

FOOTBALL MATCH – A football match between Stamford and Leicester clubs was commenced in Stamford meadows on Saturday afternoon last, but too late to admit of a full-time game, the train which should have brought the Leicester gentlemen to Stamford at 2:15 not arriving till nearly 3, and the playing ground being some distance from the railway station. The contest, as far as it went, was spirited, and afforded amusement to numerous spectators.

Leicester Chronicle – 20 December 1873

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH

The son of T Duncliff, Esq., a pupil in the latin school, while playing at football last week, fell and fractured his right arm.

Leicester Chronicle – 27 December 1873

LOUGHBOROUGH

FOOTBALL – Rev. J WALLACE'S HOUSE v. Mr HOLDEN'S – A return match between the above houses was played on the Loughborough Grammar School ground, on Saturday last. Mr Wallace's house won the toss and elected to play against the wind until half-time. The game was warmly contested throughout, and the result was as follows: Mr Wallace's house secured one goal (kicked by Lodder), and a touch-down gained by Mr Gulliver, against two touch downs gained by Messrs Gill and Dickenson. For Mr Wallace's house the most conspicuous players were Mr Gulliver, half-back; Lodder (Captain), Holmes and hall, forwards; and for Mr Holdens house,

Dickenson (Captain), Messrs Gill and Scorrer, forwards; Doughty and Marriott, half-backs. The Rev F S P Pyemont, and Rev J E Hewison acted as umpires.

Leicester Journal – 20 February 1874

ATHERSTONE

Football.—A match was played on the Atherstone cricket field between the clubs of the Atherstone Grammar School and the Ashby Grammar School, on Wednesday last which resulted in favour of the latter two goals and a touch down to nothing. The following were noticeable for their excellent play, on the Atherstone side: Thornton, Benton, and Sheavy; and for Ashby, Pyemont Buxton and Hall. It only fair to add the Ashby team consisted of much taller and stronger fellows than the Atherstone team.

Leicester Journal - Friday 27 March 1874

FOOTBALL – On Wednesday afternoon, March 25th, the Ashby Latin School went to Atherstone to play the Grammar School there at football. Ashby returned victorious having got two goals and one try to one touchdown. The youths observed for their good play on this occasion were Atherstone, Baker, Forbes, and Stanton, for Ashby Pyemons, Buxton and Hall.

Leicester Chronicle – 4 April 1874

FOOTBALL CLUB – the close of the second season of the Kettering Football Club was celebrated on Thursday evening, the 9th instant, at the Peacock Inn, when between 30 and 40 of the members sat down to supper, at the end of which the chair was taken by Mr G. W. Boughton, captain, treasurer and secretary of the Club, when the accounts of the past year were passed, and the customary toasts drank. Several members spoke of the services rendered to the club by the Chairman and regretting his early departure from the town.

Leicester Chronicle – 18 April 1874

FOOTBALL – A match was played at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Wednesday, the 14th inst., between Ashby Grammar School and Nuneaton Grammar School, which resulted in victory for the home team by four goals and six touch-downs to nothing. At 3.30 the but the ball was started by the home team, Nuneaton having the choice of goals. For the first few minutes the play was confined to the middle of the ground, but the ball falling to Pyemont (one of the half-backs), he secured a touchdown. Before half-time, the Ashby team had secured two goals and four touch-downs to nothing. Ends being changed the play continued the same, scoring two more goals and two touch-downs. For the home team, Pyemont, Hall, and A. Hill were most conspicuous; and for Nuneaton, Baling and Jobbing. The Ashby team were J. Dive (captain), and Pyemont (halfbacks), fit, Green and Montgomery (backs), Hall, A. Hill, Walker, S. Hill, Dunicliff, C. Knight, Champion, W. Dive and Ratcliff (forwards).

Leicester Journal – 23 October 1874

FOOTBALL – A match was played on Wednesday, on the Recreation Ground, between Mr Crick's club and Mr Gordon's, and ended in favour of the latter. Four goals being played for, all of which were gained by Mr Gordon's party. The first was kicked by J. Parsons, second P Carryer, third gained by J Parsons, fourth kicked by C. Carryer.

Hinckley News – 31 October 1874

FOOTBALL – A football match was played at Ashby, on Saturday, the 31st ult., between the Ashby Grammar School and the Albion Football Club, Burton, and resulted in a victory for the home team by three goals and seven touch-downs and rouges to nothing. At 3.33 the ball was started by the home team, and touchdown was almost immediately secured by them, but the try failed. From this point the result was never in doubt. The visitors were hemmed in, and touch-downs

were obtained in quick succession by T. Dive, Pyemont, S. Ratcliffe, and Turnbull. Green succeeded kicking the three goals for the school. The slippery state of the ground caused several failures. Besides those already mentioned for the school, W. Dive and C. Knight played best; while for the Albion club, R. Clarke/C. Clarke, Hollingsworth, and Edwards played best. The following comprised the Ashby team:—T. Dive (captain), Turnbull, S. Ratcliffe, Pyemont, Bott, H. Green, Hall, Walker, Montgomery, C. Knight, A. Hill S. Hill, W. Dive, Champion, and J. Ratcliffe. The Albion team : R. Clarke (captain), C. Clarke, B. Allison, Gills, Dimmock, Hollingswortb, Johnson, Capes, Edwards, Auber, Otterwell, Faulkner, Coultas, Gome, and Payne.

Leicester Journal - Friday 6 November 1874

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.

FOOTBALL.—ASHBY GRAMMAR SCHOOL v. EXCELSIOR F. C. BURTON.—On Saturday, in very fine weather, this match was played on the school ground between the above clubs with the following result: The ball was started at 3.30 by the home team, and the play was very spirited on both sides. A splendid run, however, by Pyemont for Ashby, resulted in a touch down between the posts from which a goal was reached by Green. The play was now very good on both sides and little advantage was obtained except that the Excelsior had to touch down twice in self defence. Just before half time another splendid run in by Pyemont secured a second try for the school which was this time missed. Ends being changed the Excelsior played up better, and though the ball for the greater part of the time was kept close to their goal, no further advantage was obtained, except two more rouges to Ashby, the school thus winning by one goal, one try, and four rouges to nothing. It is only fair to state that the strangers, though the heavier team, did not all thoroughly understand the rules. For Ashby besides those already named, Fowler, Hallet, H. Green, and S. Hill played best, while for the Excelsior, E. Veale, J. Veale, Rowbotham, and Marshall were most conspicuous. The teams were Ashby : T. Dive (Capt.), Fowler, Pyemont, Hallett, H. Green, Greasley, Montgomery, Turnbull, Hall, Walker, J. Knight, A. Hill, S. Hill, W. Dive, and S. Rateliff. Excelsior : E. Veale (Captain), H. Moore, J. Veale, Foster, Slater, Sharpe, Tomlinson, Nice, Allen, Webster, Newboro, Webb, Rowbotham, Marshall, and T. Moore.

Leicester Daily Mercury - Monday 23 November 1874

LEICESTER ATHLETIC SOCIETY v KIBWORTH - On Saturday a Second Twelve of the L. A. S. played at Kibworth, against Beauchamp House, Kibworth (Association rules), and after a very pleasant game proved victorious, as they scored two goals to their opponents' nothing. The school team, at the commencement, seemed to have rather the advantage, but in a short time the weight of the L.A.S. told, and after gradually pressing their opponents back Bailey kicked a goal for his side. On the ends being changed, notwithstanding the good play of the school captain Russell succeeded in placing a second goal to the credit of his side. These were the only two goals scored during the game. For the winning side Messrs. Russell, Ryder, Stafford, and Noon played well. The following wore the players for the L. A. S.: B. W. Russell (captain), F. Stafford, C. Noon, Ryder, F. Wheeler, A.R. Herman, Kemp, A. W. OW, A. Tebbit, C. Bailey, H. Lander, and I Ewing.

Leicester Guardian - 25 November 1874

Ashby Grammar School v. Leicester L.A.S. Football Club.—This match was played Ashby on Saturday, the 5th inst, and after a very pleasant game, resulted in a draw in favour of Leicester by five touch downs and two rouges to nothing. The weight of the strangers told greatly against the school, which played one man short. For Leicester, Howes, Fuller, Wale, and Noon played best; while for school Turnbull, Hull, and F. Ison were most conspicuous. Tho teams were— Leicester: W. Howes (captain), Fuller, Hincks, Crofts, Wheeler, Wale, Collier, Gibson, Noon, Hyder, Pickard, Scampton, Spurway, and Russell. Ashby: T. Dewes (captain), Turnbull, Orchard, Hollis, Green, Barnes, Allen, Hall. B. Dewes, F. Green, H. Ison, F. Ison, Ratcliffe and Wand.

Leicester Journal - Friday 11 December 1874

ST MARGARET'S v FIELD HOUSE ASSOCIATION SCHOOL - This match was played on Saturday last, on the Abbey Meadow, and resulted in favour of the former, who obtained three goals and nine byes to their opponent's nothing. St Margarets: R Elton (captain), J Parnham, T Jacques, W H Harding, J Facer, H Green, T Martin, T Jones, Mr Selvin, Mr Garner, C Palmer, J Pailthorp, T Carrow, J Miles and R Jarvis. Field House school: Mr Buzzard, Mr Chavalier, F Dilkes, R Astill, A Astill, W Jackson, J Ride, S Ride, A Hallam, C Driver, A Brake, W Marshall, J Marshall W Ward and J Astill.

Leicester Daily Post - 12 December 1874

FOOTBALL - Ashby-de-la-Zouch v Burton-on-Trent (Excelsiors) - On Wednesday last match was played on the Ashby ground between these clubs but owing to the ungentlemanly and unpleasant conduct of many of the Burton team, headed by their captain (Moore), it came to an abrupt conclusion soon after half-time was called. During the time the play continued the match was very much favour of the home team, owing no small measure to the playing Carter, Young, Timms, and West. The Ashby team consisted of Hallett (captain). Orchard, Turnbull, Musson, Hollis, Bangham, Bagnall, Carter, West, Timms, Young, Dive, Poynton (Jos.), Sturgess, and Stimson.

Leicester Journal - 18 December 1874

FOOTBALL - ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH v DERBY GRAMMAR SCHOOL - These teams met on Wednesday week on the County Ground at Derby, to play the return match, and after a well contested and pleasant game, resulted in a victory for the Ashby team by two goals to one gal, the goals for Ashby being kicked by Stimson and Carter, and for the school by Horsley. The following were the teams: Ashy: Hallett (captain), Turnbull, Carter, Ratcliff, Timms, Hollis, Musson, Poynton, Gathers, Stimson, Orchard and Tomlinson. Derby: Burgess (captain), Dovaston, Simpson, Sleigh, Jones senr., Jones jun., Horsley, Davis, Deacon, Claye, Garrary and other.

Leicester Journal - 12 February 1875

On Shrove Tuesday the usual match was played on the pasture between Field House School and the Village [Belgrave]. After two hours good play, the school club proved victorious, having obtained five goals to nothing.

Leicester Chronicle - 20 February 1875

Local and District News

On Shrove Tuesday the usual football match was played on the pasture between Field House School and the village. After two hours play, the school club proved victorious having obtained five goals to nothing.

Leicester Chronicle - 20 February 1875

FOOTBALL – LEICESTER ATHLETIC v ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH (Return, 12-a-side) - The above match took place at Ashby, on Wednesday afternoon, and resulted, after a hard fought game, in a tie, each side scoring a goal. The afternoon was very fine, so there was a fair attendance of spectators. The toss was won by the L.A.S., who elected to play with the wind at their backs, and with this advantage, soon after the off, the ball was kept in close proximity to the Ashby goal and several times kicked behind the goal line, but no score was made for some time, until J. A Gill, by a good kick, sent the ball through the posts, and scored a goal to Leicester. On ends being changed, the Ashby played up in good style, compelling the L.A.S., to act on the defensive, but notwithstanding their determined resistance the ball was shot between the posts by Ashby, thus making matters even. After ends had been again changed, some very good play was exhibited, the ball trowelling backwards and forwards the whole length of the ground, but the play was so even that up to the call of time no further advantage was by either side. The L.A.S. played well, and if we take into consideration that this was the first match in which the Association Rules were played by the L.A.S., and also that during the last half-hour of the game they played two men short, it will be seen their play was pretty good all round.—bide—L.A.S. —J. Collier (captain), H. A. Gibson, A. W. Crofts, Jordan Gill, B. W. Russell, J. A. Gill, T. R. Picketing, C. Fuller, J. L. Gill, A. Pickard, R. L. Catcheside, and A. Hemp. Ashby F.O.—W. A. Mumma (captain), Hill, Timms, Cholerton, Fawcett, Poynton, Stimson, Hollis, Ratcliffe, Turnbull, Bernell, and Orchard.
Leicester Guardian – 17 March 1875

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH

FOOTBALL – On Wednesday, the 10th inst., the return match between the Leicester Athletic Club and the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Club was played on the Bath Grounds, and after a very pleasant and well contested game resulted in a draw, each side having obtained the goal. The Ashby team obtained two other goals, but they were disallowed. Ratcliffe, Hollis, Fawcett and Cholerton played well for the Ashby team; and Fuller, Gill and Collier for the Leicester team. Ashby team consisted of Musson (captain), Fawcett, Hill, Cholerton, Ratcliff, Timms, Stimson, Poynton, Bagnall, Turnbull, Hollis, and Orchard.
Leicester Journal -19 March 1875

FOOTBALL – LEICESTER ATHLETIC SOCIETY TOWN v COUNTY - A match amongst the members of the L.A.S. Football Club wan played Saturday last, on the Racecourse, Leicester, the members residing the borough being pitted against the out-town members, who, with the assistance of several gentlemen residing in the county, made a very good stand against the home team. The game, which was witnessed by a large number of spectators resulted in favour of the town members, who score one goal (Collier) to nil. Sides:—Town: J Collier (contain), If. A. Gibson. A. W. Crofts, W. A. Wheeler, C. Fuller, D. Orange, W. G. Chamberlain, J. A Gill, S. Willcox, F. R. Wheeler, W. F. Hitchcock. A. R. Herman,. and A. W. Gill—County: A. Wale (captain) ,F. Stafford, H. Monnington. A. Monnington, B. W. Russell, T. R. Pickering. It. L. Catcheside. C W. Barnard, Jordan, Gill, H. Crane, A. Pickard, F. Johnson.
Hinckley News – 27 March 1875

FOOTBALL —Derby School v Ashby-de-la-Zouch - This match was played at Ashby, on Wednesday, 10th inst. and resulted in decided victory for the school by two goals to nothing. Owing to recent rains and a low position the ground was covered with about four inches water. This was however not sufficient stop the game, and three o'clock W. A. Musson, the Ashby captain, kicked off. The ball was well followed up home team, and for a few minutes was kept towards the School goal. But now, the Derby forwards getting a little accustomed to the peculiarities of the ground, some good runs were made by Horsley, Garrard, and Jones, and in very short time a goal was kicked from scrimmage by and Sinclair. After this success the School forwards slightly relaxed their efforts, and some good play was shown Hallett, Ratcliffe, and

Stimson for Ashby; none of whose runs, however, obtained even a shot at goal, so well was defended by Dovaston (back). In about half-an-hour the second goal was kicked by Garrad, after a short run up the ground. Until time was called none of the attempts school forwards were again crowned with success. The teams were —Ashby—W A. Musson (captain), N. J. H. Hallett, T. Pratt, C Pratt G. Orchard, —Turnbull, Ratcliffe, T. K. Bangham, Stimson, T. Bagnall, and Fawcett Hollins. The School— E. A. McG. Smythe (captain), W. A. Burgess, R. H. Sinclair, M. E. Dovaston, C. R. O. Garrard, R. Sleigh F. W. Simpson, A. M. Jones, C. P. Harvey, G. E. J. C Meakin, W. O. Tudor.
Leicester Journal - 19 November 1875

THE COLLIER'S FOOTBALL CLUB – The colliers of Whitwick have started a football club to be called the Whitwick Colliers' Football Club, and the vicar with leading gentlemen are going to give their hearty support to the club. During the winter months hitherto, the colliers at Whitwick could find no amusement but such as were of a more or less questionable character. On Saturday, notwithstanding the downpour of rain, the first game was played between the colliers and the tradesmen, the colliers proving the victors, Mr W Stenson kindly lending the field. After changing their garments, a dinner awaited them at Mr Adams Whitcraft's Crown and Cushion Inn, to which ample justice was done. The chair was taken by Capt. Lyne, and the vice-chair by Mr Thomas Phillips. A most enjoyable evening was spent, song, and sentiment following each other.
Leicester Chronicle - 20 November 1875

FOOTBALL – On Wednesday, the 17th inst., a match was played between the Ashby Club and the Derby Derwent Club, on the County Ground at Derby. The Derby Derwent club played two men short, were pressed heavily by the Ashby team during most of the game, although they succeeded in getting a goal just before half-time. The game, however, resulted in a draw, Ashby getting a goal soon after changing ends. For Derby Flynn, Norton and Riley, and for Ashby, Turnbull, J. Poynton and Emery were most conspicuous.
Leicester Journal - 26 November 1875

FOOTBALL - ASHBY GRAMMAR SCHOOL v SPONDON SCHOOL – This match was played on Wednesday last, the 29 ult., in the Bath Grounds. Ashby, having lost the toss, kicked off at 2.15, and throughout the greater part of the game, pressed the Spondon team, although they obtained only one goal, which was kicked by A Hill just before half-time was called. The Spondon boys, who were a lighter lot than their opponents, played up well and worked hard.
Leicester Journal - 3 December 1875

LUTTERWORTH

FOOTBALL MATCH – An excellent and well contested match played last Saturday, upon the Lutterworth cricket ground, between the Market Harborough Football Club and the Lutterworth Football Club. After a spirited contest the home team gained the victory by the goal to nothing. The Market Harborough club then played four men short, but to balance this there were several among the Lutterworth team who had never played in a match before, some of whom, with little more practise, promise to make good players.
Leicester Daily Mercury - 14 February 1876

FOOTBALL - COALVILLE FC v WIGSTON FC (SHEFFIELD RULES) – A match was played at Coalville on Saturday last between the above clubs. The weather being all that could be desired, a good game took place and resulted in a draw. Played commenced at about 3.45 pm and continued until 5.15. Coalville having won the toss elected to play with the wind. Wigston kicked off. The wind at this time being very strong, the Wigston backs had plenty of work to do to keep the ball away from the goal. In spite of their hard exertions, at one time the home team looked like obtaining a goal, but through a sharp bit of play on the part of Ware, the goal was averted,

and up to half-time no further danger was experienced. When half time was called the wind certainly favoured the home team considerably lowered, and though the Wigston team made repeated onslaughts on the home team's goal, nothing resulted. When time was called neither side had obtained a goal, which considering that this was the first match of the Coalville Football Club (the club having only just been started), must have been very satisfactory for them. For the home team H Moon, D Heward, W Gibbs and Sub played well, as did also W J Vann, Sibson, Ware and F Freer for the Wigston. Coalville – W Moon (sec), W Gibbs (captain), T A Wykes, C Harrison, D Heward, W Wardle, Sub, J Handley, F Hall, J Turner, G W Price and H Gibbs. Wigston – W H Vann, W J Vann, W G Forryan, H Hurst, R Broughton, W Freer, F Freer (forwards), J G Forryan, J Parker (quarter back), A Ware, J Sibson (captain) (half-back), Andrews (goal-keeper). The return will be played on Saturday, March 4th.

Leicester Guardian – 23 February 1876

MARKET HARBOROUGH

FOOTBALL – The return match between the Harborough and Leicester clubs was played at Harborough on Saturday last, when the Harborough players were successful.

Leicester Chronicle – 4 March 1876

FOOTBALL - A lively football match was played at Wigston on Saturday, when Coalville played against a home team. Play commenced the ball being kicked off Coalville, but the Wigston team quickly forced it into dangerous proximity to the goal of their rival., where it was kept until “half time” was called, without any important result on either side. On changing ends, the ball was again forced by the Wigston team nearly to the goal of their opponents, and good goalkeeping on the part of Coalville alone saved it in several instances from being taken. At the expiration of “time”, the game resulted in a “tie”, neither party having secured a goal. The play of on the Wigston side was good, as was also that of Freer, while Gibbs on the Coalville side showed little clever “dribbling.” The home team consisted of the following: - Anderson (captain), Broughton, Parker, Boothaway, Cooper, Sibson, Hurst, Dormer, Vann, Freer, J. Vann, and Forryan.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 11 March 1876

FOOTBALL – A football match was played between the Market Harborough and Wigston Clubs on Saturday last, on the ground of the former, and resulted in favour of the Harborians by one to nil.

Leicester Chronicle – 18 March 1876

COALVILLE

A capital game was played on Thursday, the 6th last, between the newly-formed Coalville Club and the Leicester Half-Holiday F.C., resulting in complete victory for the former team. The weather was very favourable, and the victors having won the toss, the home team kicked off at 3.45 pm; play till half-time being chiefly near the goal, but no result was obtained. Ends being changed, the Coalville team soon gained a goal from kick by H. H. Gibbs, and in five minutes afterwards another was scored on their behalf, the ball being splendidly run in F. Merchant, thus rendering them easy victors. The following were the players on the winning side: —W. Moon, F. Merchant, C. Harrison, H. H. Gibbs, G. Price, W. Wardle, T. Goodacre, 8. Dean, D. Heward, J. Tamer, T. J. Wykes, and W. J. Gibbs (captain). The game was witnessed by goodly number of spectators who seemed to enjoy the fun immensely. The Coalville Club have played four matches during this their first season, and only lost one, which is very satisfactory, and it is hoped that equal success will attend them through the cricketing season which is fast approaching.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 15 April 1876

Football Match. — A match was played on the Racecourse on Thursday, between the Coalville and Thurs-day Half -Holiday teams. The association rules were played; but after two hours' most excellent play, the game ended in a draw, neither side being successful in securing a goal.
Leicester Chronicle - 4 November 1876

WIGSTON

FOOTBALL — The Half-day Holiday (Leicester), and the Wigston Football Clubs played a match at football on Thursday. Leicester kicked off but did not succeed in making a goal. After some spirited play the ball was well goaled by G. Broughton, thus leaving the home team the best of the game. Hurst, a good player on the Wigston side, was disabled in a charge, and had to be led from the field.

Leicester Chronicle -11 November 1876

FOOTBALL - COALVILLE v ASHBY – On Wednesday last a match was played at Ashby, between the above clubs and ended in a decisive victory by 4 goals to 0. At 3.40 Merchant kicked off for Coalville, and the ball was at once rushed down to the Ashby goal, but Musson was at home, and he quickly returned it in to the centre of the field. A good run was then made by Hollis, who unselfishly crossed it to Poynton, and he in turn to Carer, who shot the ball through and obtained Ashby the first goal. The ball was then again kicked off, but it was soon seen Coalville was no match for Ashby, as they were soon completely penned in. At last Merchant, Clay and King, broke loose, and after working the ball well up, sent the ball outside the post. Orchard, with one of his huge kicks, sent the ball half way down the field, when Fawcett distinguished himself by a brilliant run all down one side, but his final shot was stopped by the Coalville goal-keeper, and the ball went outside the post. Stimson then made a pretty run, and with a splendid screw kick obtained a second goal for Ashby. Immediately the ball was then again kicked off Fawcett got hold of it, and after dodging it past the Coalville backs, lodged it right in the mouth of the goal, and it was rushed through by Carter and Thompson. Each was then changed, and for the next half hour shots after shots were made at the Coalville goal, but without effect. At last Poynton had a corner kick and landed the ball in front of the goal, and after a hot scrimmage, King, in the nick of time, sent the ball out of danger. After some admirable play by Hollis, Stimson and Ratcliffe, the ball was well crossed by Poynton to Fawcett, who, after a smart run, obtained the fourth goal for Ashby. Nothing further occurred until call of time, it being quite dark before the players left the field.

Hinckley News - 18 November 1876

FOOTBALL MATCH: MINEVA v GRESHAM – Played at Loughborough on Saturday last, and, after a fast game of an hour's duration, resulted in victory for the Minera by three goals to one. Sides: - *Minerva*: Perkins (captain), Leslie, Duthie, Hutton, Coppin and Neilson (forwards), Clarke, Dyson and Murray (half-backs), Anderson (back), and Connorton (goal). *Gresham*: Linfield (captain), Howard, Cooke, Denny, Sanders, Heasman and Armstrong (forwards), Prin and Jones (half-backs), Shera (back) and Dexter (goal).

Leicester Daily Mercury - 21 November 1876

FOOTBALL MATCH: WIGSTON v. COALVILLE - The return match was played at Wigston on Saturday, and although the weather was anything but favourable, a goodly number of spectators was present, and evinced, by repeated cheering, their interest. Wigston having won the toss, decided to kick with the wind, and it was at once evident that thus favoured they would give their opponents much trouble. Repeated shots were made at their goal, the ball being kept in close proximity all the time, but it was only just prior to the calling of half-time that Wigston secured their first goal by the aid of a good kick from Mr. J. G. Forryan. On ends being changed, the game became more exciting, as although Wigston this time encountered a strong wind they fought

together manfully, and eventually Mr. J. Parker secured a second goal for the home team. Coalville were now evidently bent upon reversing the state of the game, and repeated calls were made upon their men to "run her in," instead of which, however, after good a splendid kick was made by Mr. J. Parker, which secured third goal for his club. Upon the ball being again started, rain commenced. The play, however, was not stopped, and before the call of time a fourth goal was obtained Wigston, the ball this time being rushed in.—Sides :—Wigston:— Andrews, J. Sibson, W. J. Vann, G. Broughton, J. Broughton, R. Broughton, W. Freer, J. G. Forryan, A. Hackett, J. Tailby, B. Carter, and J. Parker. Coalville: R. King, W. Gibbs, H. H. Gibbs, W. G. Price, G. Lager, W. Lager, V. Hill, J. Gamble, A. J. Archer, C. Preece, and T. Orme, there being one man absent.
Leicester Daily Mercury – 22 November 1876

LEICESTER ATHLETIC SOCIETY v LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL - This match was played at Loughborough on Saturday (Association rules). The Leicester Athletic Society having won the toss, and the School kicked off. The former, not being accustomed to the rules found themselves at sea a good deal, and the School playing up well soon scored a goal, which was kicked by Turner. The ball being started again started, the Leicester Athletic Society played better together, and in a very few minutes Stephens kicked a goal, making one to each side. The ball was again started, the game proceeding as before and both sides playing up well tried hard to score another goal, without any success, although each side nearly succeeded several times. Time being called, side having scored a goal, the match was drawn. The dribbling of Turner, Gulliver, Wilson, Cooper and Newill was very good. For the Leicester Athletic Society J Collier, W. A. Wheeler, A Kemp, J. G. Parr. and F Shipman did good service. Sides —Grammar School: Turner, Gulliver, Wilson. Cooper, Newill, Walker, Smith, Brinckman, Brinckman. jun. Oliver, Stocker, Birra, Paget. Leicester Athletic Society: J. Collier (captain), W. A. Wheeler, A. Turner, A Kemp, J G Parr, F Shipman, F. W. Walker, A. Faire, J. Stephens, E. Eales, A. W. Gill, and W. Crane.
Hinckley News – 9 December 1876

FOOTBALL – Wigston v Market Harborough was a match played last Saturday in the neighbourhood of Wigston Fields. The home club won the toss, and kicked off, but no advantage was gained by either side at the expiration of half-time. On the change of ends taking place, the home team, after some spirited play, secured a goal. Ultimately another goal was made by the same club, thus making two goals to none. Out of the six matches played by the "locals" only one had been lost. Association rules were adhered to.
Leicester Chronicle – 9 December 1876

WIGSTON

FOOTBALL – In the football match, Wigston v the Leicester Amateurs, the local club scored three goals to the Leicester team's one. Association rules were the order of the day.
Leicester Daily Mercury – 18 December 1876

FOOTBALL MATCH – A match was played on Saturday at Coalville between Coalville and St Margaret's Club, Leicester. St Margaret's having won the toss, Coalville kicked off against the wind, when some sharp scrimmaging took place; neither side did anything particular until half-time. When ends were changed, and the ball started again the Coalville players were determined to change this aspect of the game, and accordingly Mr W Handley and Mr J Clay played together in good style, thus enabling Mr Clay to secure three goals in succession for the Coalville team and winning by 3 to 0. The Coalville players were Messrs Handley, Wardle, Merchant, Clay, Price, Gibbs, Kirk, Coulson, Harrison, Heward, Preece, Archer, Moore and Minto.
Leicester Chronicle – 23 December 1876

ST MARGARET'S v COALVILLE FC – The return match between these clubs was played on the Abbey Meadows, on Saturday last (Association Rules). Played commenced at 3.30 pm. Coalville having won the toss, S.M. kicked off, and good play was soon compelled to stand on the defensive, they only succeeded in driving their opponents back upon their goal two or three times, although the ball was over their own goal line constantly, and several hard struggles took place in front of goal, where kicks were plentiful, but S.M. did not succeed in getting the ball through the posts. Play continued until half-time, when ends were changed. The wind, which at first had been very slight, had now increased, and rendered play more equal. The ball going very close to S.M. goal two or three times, a few more “byes” were obtained, and good play shown in all parts of the field, till time was called at 5 pm, the game thus resulting in a draw in favour of S.M. The following are the names of the players: - St Margaret's: D. Corby (captain), R. Elton, J. Real, J. Facer, F. Coleman, W. Harding, J. Miles, R. Pick, T. L. Ladbrooke, J. Cherry, J. Garrett, and T. Palmer. Coalville: W.J. Gibbs, H. S. Shipley, W. Wardle, F. W. Merchant, J. Clay, S. Dean, A. J. Archer, W. Jordan, J. Bird, W. Lager and W. J. Vann.

Leicester Daily Post -20 January 1877

FOOTBALL – A match was played on Saturday last on the Athletic Society's ground between the Leicester Amateurs and the Wigston Football Clubs, when the Wigston players gained an easy victory of five goals to none.

Leicester Journal - 26 January 1877

FOOTBALL – WIGSTON v THE LEICESTER AMATEURS - This was a match played at Wigston last Saturday in splendid weather. Leicester kicked off. The home team quickly secured a goal on play commencing, and a second was made before half-time was called. Three other goals were subsequently scored without any advantage being gained by the "Amateurs." A very good "run down" was accomplished by Messrs. Sibson j Freer, and Broughton. Messrs. Boothaway, Freer, and Broughton secured the goals. The ball burst during the day, but the game was continued.

Leicester Chronicle - 27 January 1877

FOOTBALL - Another wreath has been added to the laurels lately secured this season by the Coalville Football Club, by their defeating, on Saturday last, the representatives off the Wetmore Football Club cover Burton on Trent, in the return match on the Coalville ground. The weather for some time past has been very unfavourable, the incessant rain rendering the ground a quagmire. Few, if any, of the players escaped without outward and visible signs of contact with Mother Earth. Coalville kicked off, and after an arduous struggle a goal was kicked by W. J. Gibbs, just before half time. On that changing ends the same as secured another goal for his side, leaving Coalville victors by two goals to nothing.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 2 February 1877

COALVILLE – FOOTBALL - Another wreath has been aided to the laurels secured this season by the Coalville Football Club, by their defeating on Saturday last the representatives of the Wetmore Football Club, where Burton-on-Trent, in the return match on the Coalville ground. The weather for some time past has been very unfavourable for this game, the incessant rain rendering the ground a perfect quagmire, and in this way preventing the exhibition of such science and skill as might be developed under more favourable circumstances. It is doubtful, however, whether the spectators of the game would have appreciated the good points of the players quite so much as they did the unquestionable ardour manifested in pursuit of the game points under such difficulties as surrounded it on this occasion. Few, if any, of the players escaped without any visible signs, of contact with mother earth. and if trade unions exist among laundresses and, shoeblacks, a strike may be expected. The various mishaps appeared to increase the enjoyment of the lookers without interfering with the spirits of the players, and

game was well contested throughout. Coalville kicked off and after an arduous struggle a goal was kicked by W. J Gibbs just before half time. On changing ends, the same player secured another for his side, thus leaving Coalville victors by two goals to nothing. The forward play on both sides was remarkably good and it is needless to particularise further. Mr. John Turner stood umpire for Coalville, and the teams were as follows Coalville: W. Wardle, W. J. Gibbs, R. H. Gibbs, F. Merchant. Forsyth, W. G. Price (forward). A. J. Archer, J. Gamble, T. Heward, C. Preece, R. King (backs). D. Heward (goal and captain). Burton Wetmore: W. Cheshire (captain). J. Grimley. H. Pets, G Rowbotham, A. Locker, W. Barton. A. Wail, O. Lea, W. Smithard, J. Page, J. Stenson, Cornes.
Hinckley Times - 3 February 1877

FOOTBALL - A match was played upon the Lutterworth Ground, on Saturday last between Wigston and Lutterworth, and after a long and well contested struggle the home team gained a victory over their opponents.

Leicester Daily Mercury - 9 February 1877

FOOTBALL "ASSOCIATION RULES" - WIGSTON v. LUTTERWORTH —The return match played Lutterworth on Saturday last, and after some first-class play both sides, resulted in a tie. Owing to the defeat of the Lutterworth in their first encounter, it was rightly anticipated that they would muster additional strength in this match. Wigston, however, were unable to secure good a team as that pitted against them in the home engagement, or the match might have resulted in their favour. It may be stated, however, that Wigston never exhibited such form as that shown Saturday, the kicks being of exceptional character. The result of first-class play for an hour-and-a-half was one goal each, the first being scored by Wigston, Lutterworth scored a second goal just before the call of lime, but this was disallowed, being "offside."

Leicester Daily Mercury - 9 February 1877

COALVILLE.FOOTBALL: COALVILLE v HUGGLESCOTE — The return match between these two clubs was played on Saturday last at Coalville. The weather and ground were all that could be desired, and exceedingly good play was the result. A large concourse of spectators gathered to witness the match, and highly appreciated the excellent play of several members of the Coalville team. Hugglescote won the toss, and had a strong wind somewhat in their favour, but failed to goal. Mr. J. Cay had the honour of securing the first goal, and Mr. J. Coulson the second, both being by the Coalville team — thus securing the victory of two goals to none. Throughout the whole season. so far gone, Coalville has in nearly instance, proved victors in this increasingly-popular game.

Leicester Chronicle - 24 February 1877

FOOTBALL - LEICESTER AMATEURS v COALVILLE - This match was played on the Race-course on Saturday. The drizzling rain, which was falling most of the day, rendered the ground very slippery and uncomfortable for the players. Association rules were adhered to. Coalville won the toss and preferred to kick down hill with a slight breeze in their favour. For some time, the amateurs kept the ball in their opponent's quarters; but by some hard kicking from the Coalville half-backs, it was eventually landed over the amateurs' heads, and taken down to the front of their goal. A good kick now placed it in the hands of the goal keeper, but Handley failed to knock the ball and its keeper through the goal. However, in a short time, Wardle succeeded in kicking the first goal for Coalville. Nothing further of importance occurred until half-time. Ends being changed; the amateurs seemed inspired with encouragement, on account of their having to kick down hill with the wind at their backs. Soon after the ball was started — to the astonishment of the amateurs — Wardle succeeded in kicking the ball just underneath the goal line. The amateurs again kicked off, but on account, of the skill and excellent crossing of the Coalville players they had to act on the defensive; and are long a third goal -was added to the credit of

Coalville by a good shot from Wardle. Again, the ball was started, and the amateurs seemed determined to change the aspects of the game. Accordingly, the captain rearranged his men, which made some improvement, and wind began to blow with increased strength; so that these two changes combined did for a short time make matters more favourable, but the continued hard kicking of the Coalville backs and half-backs prevented them getting the ball near their goal. By-and-bye Coalville managed to get away with the ball, and very, speedily a fourth goal was added by Gibbs, Coalville winning by 4 to 0. Leicester played one man short. During the season Coalville has played fifteen matches, eight of which they have won, drawn three, which have been decided in their favour, and lost four. Players— Leicester; W. B. Porter (captain), Craven, Haddon, Willis, Walker, Burford, Read, Tyrrell, Green, Cave, and Gibbins. Coalville: D. Heward (captain). Clay, Gamble, Gibbs, Gibbs, Merchant, Wardle, Price, Archer, Lagor, Handley, and Orme.

Leicester Chronicle -3 March 1877

FOOTBALL; LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL (2nd ELEVEN) v MR CARTER'S SCHOOL, LEICESTER – The above match was played on the Grammar School Ground Wednesday, the 29th ult. The home team proved be rather too heavy for their opponents, who, though playing up-hill game, stuck to their work pluckily. For Leicester Turner, Newby, and Harrison showed good form, though they failed to obtain any 'advantage over their antagonists who scored seven goals—kicked by Campion 2. Gregg 1, Oliver 1, Finney 1, Newill 1, and Goodliffe to nothing.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 9 March 1877

FOOTBALL: COALVILLE v IBSTOCK -This match was played on Saturday last, at Coalville, and the home team again added another victory their list by three goals to none, although they played a man short. Anyone would have thought that both teams were exceedingly "fond" to engage in the play on such a day. The breaking up of the frost, the dissolving of the snow, with the recent rains, caused the ground to be anything but a comfortable state. In some places lakes were found several yards in area, and one or two of the more unfortunate players had the happiness of measuring their depths, only to find them too shallow swim in, but too deep for their comfort.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 9 March 1877

LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL v MR S COLEMAN'S—On Saturday, Mr. S. Coleman, an old boy, brought over a scratch team from Leicester, against the school. The match terminated in draw after a most exciting contest of an hour-and-a-half. Conspicuous for Loughborough were Gulliver, Turner, Wilson, and Edwards; for Leicester, Johnstone, Coleman, and another.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 9 March 1877

WIGSTON

The football match arranged between the local club and a Burton-on-Trent club did not come off on Saturday through the non-appearance of the latter team.

Leicester Chronicle -17 March 1877

FOOTBALL: COALVILLE v FAWCETT'S TEAM— This match, which was played here on Saturday last, caused a small stir among the lovers of this fine game. It had got wind that the Coalville team were to try their skill in the game with a team of professionals selected by C. A. Fawcett, from Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Derbyshire, consequently a large number of spectators were present, anticipating that some fine play would be witnessed. The ground was in good condition, and the weather fine, with a strong north-east wind blowing up the field. Fawcett having won the toss, preferred kicking with the wind. For a short time, the home team had to play on the defensive, and were successful in preventing their opponents getting too near their goal with the ball. The play on both sides was excellent, the teams being so well matched that at half-time

neither side had been able to secure a goal. Ends being changed the aspect of affairs changed too. The home team played with remarkable vigour and kept the ball well up in their opponents' half of the field. About a quarter of an hour before time was called, much excitement prevailed amongst both players and spectators, owing to the fact that neither side had as yet secured a goal. In a short time, however, Mr. Jno. Handley succeeded in procuring a goal for the home team. In the time left it was impossible for the professionals to reverse the tide of fortune, though they tried hard to do so; thus, leaving Coalville victorious by one goal to nothing. This game certainly speaks well for the Coalville team, both for pluck and ability, more especially when we consider the fact that their club is scarcely 15 months' old. — Players. — Coalville: R.F. King (captain), Preece, Price, Merchant, Wardle, Gibbs, Gibbs, Handley, Gamble, Clay, Sagor, Shipley, A. E. Archer (umpire). Professionals: C. A. Fawcett (captain), Tomlinson, Wignall, Horton, Chaplain, Shaw, Walden, Pringle, Thompson, Emery, and J. Allen (umpire).
Leicester Chronicle -21 April 1877

COALVILLE

JUVENILE FOOTBALL MATCH — A match was played on Wednesday between the Juvenile F.C. v. Lily Club Ashby, when the Coalville boys proved that they were too much for their opponents by winning with six goals to none.

Leicester Chronicle -13 October 1877

FOOTBALL - Coalville on Wednesday, between the Coalville Juvenile Football Club, and the Ashby Grammar School, which resulted in an easy victory for the home team, which beat by five goals to none. The play of the Coalville was very animated, and the captain (Master Walter Wharmby) secured four goals out of the five, Master Church booking the first. The Ashby troop bore their defeat with good humour but promise for Coalville a good beating at the return match, to be played at Ashby. The Coalville staff is as follows: —Walter Wharmby (captain), John Franks (sec.), J. H. Hawthorn (chairman), Charles Marry, Charles Church, Frederick Gibbs, Jno. Storer, and Joseph Spencer,

Hinckley News - 13 October 1877

FOOTBALL MATCH -COALVILLE v HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD — This match was played at Coalville, on Saturday, the first of the season. The weather was most favourable, and the inhabitants turned out in goodly numbers to witness the contest. The home team were not so successful as we should have expected, as we have known them to be more victorious when they had much better teams to play against than on Saturday. Evidently the Robin Hood players were afraid to leave their own goal and seemed for the most part satisfied to play on the defensive, thus preventing their antagonists gaining much advantage. After some exciting play, which is only undescribed through the late hour at which the report came to hand, Coalville won by two goals to one. The secretary for the Coalville Club, Mr. J. Gibbs, has made arrangements for eleven matches, and is engaged filling up his programme for the season, so that the members may have plenty to do this year.

Leicester Chronicle -13 October 1877

Football - STONEY STANTON v EARL SHILTON - A very pleasant game was played on the ground of the latter, on Tuesday, Oct. 30, and a close contest was the result. Having won the toss, the Rev. W. A. W. Evans kicked off, and Stanton, following up well, kept the ball for the first few minutes well in the Shilton territory, until a good run by F. Ball brought the leather into neutral ground. Here it remained some time, despite the plucky efforts of Briggs, Jervis, and Newcombe for Stanton, and of Armstrong, Hopkins, and Marvin for Shilton, to get away. There was tendency to kick outside the flags too much, but this was partly due a rough cross wind. This spell, however, was broken by fine run up the left side by Tansey and Bothan, but the shot goal

by the latter failed. At half time the ball was again in neutral ground. Soon after the new kick off, Stanton claimed hands some thirty yards from the Shilton fortress, and their captain, by an accurate kick, placed the ball well between the posts: but the goal was, of course, disallowed, no goal being obtainable by free kick. The match was evenly and spiritedly contested until time was called and the match pronounced drawn." On both sides the back play was good, the Stanton backs only being twice passed. Stanton pressed their opponents rather at first, but subsequently the game was very even.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 9 November 1877

FOOTBALL – A football match was played on Saturday, on the Grammar School Grounds, between the school eleven and eleven of the Loughborough Athletic and Football Club, resulting finally in favour of the School, which made two goals to the club nil.

Leicester Chronicle -10 November 1877

THURSDAY HALF-HOLIDAY v HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOODS - The above match was played on the Victoria Park, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when a well-contested game ensued, each team playing in first-class style. The home team kept the ball well round their opponents' goal until time was called. The ball, being again placed in the centre, was kicked off by the home team, and was well followed up, but very speedily returned, causing the home team to play on the defensive. However, a good kick from Mr. Matts soon put an end to the danger. Time was then called, and the play terminated in a draw. Players. Home Team: Lamb (captain), Matts, Lovell, Lowe, Green, Palmer, Beerford, Withers, Eyden, Morley, Bray, and Duckering. Visitors: J. Gamble (captain). Brice, Newbold, Collins, Newbury, Tabenor, Andrews, Wilkins' Hall, Shaw, Hitchcock, and Hallard. Umpires, Baker and Oglesby.

Leicester Chronicle -24 November 1877

HUGGLESCOTE – FOOTBALL - A return match was played on Saturday by the Snibstone "Rising Star" Football Club and Hugglescote Football Club, the "Robin Hood," at Hugglescote. The ball was kicked off by Mr. Gamble (captain of the Robin Hood team) but owing to the good play on both sides no goal was made; the game ending rather in favour of the "Rising Star" team by several points.

Hinckley Times- 8 December 1877

FOOTBALL - Thursday Half-Holiday v. Coalville — This match was played on the Victoria Park on Thursday, the 13th. Play commenced at 2.30, and Coalville kicked off the ball from the rink end, but it was quickly returned by the home team, and, after some good play on both sides, Ridgeway succeeded in kicking a goal for the T.H.H. On resuming the game play became very fast, frequent cries of "hands" resulting in a number of free kicks. Coalville claimed one of these just in front of the home goal. They kicked the ball between the posts, and it just touched the goal-keeper's hands, he being behind the posts. The goal was claimed but disputed. On half-time being called, the ball was kicked off by one of the home team, and after some good play by Matts, Ridgeway, Lowe, and Lamb for the home team, and Price, Heward, and Gamble for Coalville, the match ended in a victory for the T.H.H. by one goal to a disputed one. T.H.H. :— -J. Lamb (captain), S. Matts, E. Hipwell, H. Withers (backs), A. J. Burford, S. Burchwell, H. Barwick, E. Barwick, T. Ridgeway, J. Lowe, H. Oglesby, T. Withers (forwards). Coalville: — J. Herne, T. Heward, W. Wardle, D. Gamble, J. Clary, C. Leger, G. Price, J. Burke, W. J. Griffin, J. Gutheridge, W. Bradshaw, J. Coulson.

Leicester Chronicle – 22 December 1877

ASHBY

FOOTBALL MATCH – Coalville v Hugglescote Robin Hood – This match was played on Dec. 29th, with one goal each ending in favour of the Robin Hood team.

Hinckley News – 5 January 1878

FOOTBALL: CROFT v. STONEY STANTON — A match was played at Croft, on Saturday, between 17 of Croft and eighteen of Stoney Stanton. The ball was set in motion by the Croft winning the toss. The game was well contested till 3.15, when the visitors succeeded in winning a goal. At half-time ends were changed, the visitors keeping the ball well at their opponents' end, but they did not succeed in getting another, so they came off the victors by one goal to none. Players: Stoney Stanton— Rev. M. Martin (captain), Messrs. J. Tansey, J. Tansey, W. Tansey, A. Tansey, A. Tansey, D. Taylor, J. Taylor. C. Taylor, J. Simpson, T. Simpson, D. Simpson, Fox, Norton, Wallis, G. Middleton, J. Middleton, Jarvis. Croft. — C. Brookes, Esq. (captain), Raynor, Jones, Fellowes, A. Hurst, L. Hurst, Crick, J. Smith, Wood, Crick, J. Place, W. Place, Pratt, Anley Deacon, Clarke, Marlow, Wright, and E. Smith, umpire.

Leicester Chronicle – 19 January 1878

FOOTBALL: HINCKLEY v BARWELL - A match was played on Saturday between these clubs. The Rev. W. Evans started the ball for Barwell. At first the Hinckley men were better pressed; however, no goal was obtained for the first 35 minutes, at the end of which time a short delay was caused by the bursting of the ball. Ends were changed at half-time. Hinckley then kicked off, and in a few minutes Mr. Simpson, after a fine bit of dribbling, scored a goal. Very shortly afterwards Barwell scored a goal, and very even play followed. Hinckley then took the ball right up to their opponent's goal, where, after a hot scrimmage, they secured a second goal. No other goal was scored; and thus, Hinckley remained the victors by two goals to one.

Leicester Chronicle – 19 January 1878

FOOTBALL MATCH – ASHBY IVANHOE F.B.C. v HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD F.B.C. - This match was played on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at Ashby, and after a well-contested game, in which really good play was shown on both sides, resulted in a draw in favour of Ashby, neither side obtaining a goal. The Ashby team were as follows: —G. Poyser (captain), W. Pringle, H. Dockerty, E. Hollis, G. Munn, G. Thornley, W. H. Gibson, C. Hicklin, J. Ruck, R. Cheatle, T. Grundy, and A. Wootton. The names of the Robin Hood team were not ascertained.

Hinckley Times – 26 January 1878

COALVILLE

Coalville v. Leicester— The above match took place on Saturday, between the S.C.R.S. Coalville and the Amateurs of Leicester. Walker won the toss for Leicester, and at 3.20 W. Fearn, the Coalville captain kicked off, and the ball was well followed up by the Coalville. The game ended in favour of Coalville by 1 goal 2 points to Leicester one point.

Leicester Chronicle – 26 January 1878

FOOTBALL – HINCKLEY v STONEY STANTON — This match was played on the Stanton ground on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a good number of spectators. Stanton winning the choice of goals, Hinckley kicked off about 2.30, and, for the first hour, the Stanton players had the best of it, but failed to obtain a goal. At half time ends were changed, and the Hinckley men frequently had the ball near their opponents' goal, and during the second hour, some very good play was witnessed on both sides, the Stantonians being very hardly pressed. When time was called no goal had been obtained on either side. H. Disney, Esq., acted as captain for the Hinckley side, and the Rev. J. Martin for the Stanton side.

Leicester Chronicle – 26 January 1878

WIGSTON MAGNA FOOTBALL CLUB v LEICESTER HALF-HOLIDAY CLUB - From some inexplicable cause the annual meeting of this popular club was so considerably deferred that the present secretary has experienced great difficulty in arranging matches. However, the first was played at Wigston, on Tuesday. The home team, to some extent crippled by the absence of expected players, soon exhibited its resources, the vacancies being quickly filled by reserves. The toss-up favoured Leicester with the first attack, the Wigston lines, however proved impregnable, and on the call of half-time no goal had been obtained. On play being resumed, Wigston at once repulsed their opponents, and obtained their first goal by a well-supported scrimmage. During the remainder of the game, the home team rarely permitted the ball to trespass on their territory. The result of the contest was three goals to Wigston, whilst Leicester were unable to score. Sides— Wigston: A. Hackett (captain), J. Snowden, W. Freer, C. Boothaway, G. Broughton, T. Coleman, W. Boothaway, J. Boulter, A. Findley, E. Foulston, G. Herbert, and Warburton. Leicester: Lowe, Lovell, Burford, Thompson, Barwick, Duckering, Oglesby, E. Borwick, T. Hipwell, S. Hipwell, Gardiner, Withers, and Burchnell.

Leicester Chronicle - 26 January 1878

FOOTBALL - ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH v. ATHERSTONE.— The return match between the above clubs was played at Ashby on Wednesday, January 30th. A capital game was played, but the Atherstone team, who played one man short, were not strong enough for their opponents, who playing well forward succeeded in keeping the ball near the Atherstone goal for the greater part of the game. Three goals were secured by Ashby, and five tries; the goals were kicked by Hallett, one from a drop kick, and two from place kicks. Hollis, Ratcliff and Bell made some good runs for the home team, and Hallatt's play throughout was of the highest order; while for the visitors A. W. Phillips, C. A. Phillips, and Wilne played exceedingly well —The Atherstone team were: A. W. Phillip, (captain), C. A. Phillips, Spencer, Forbes, Bourke, Clare, Luckcock, Neville, Rogers, Wilne, and another. The Ashby team—G. D. Orchard (captain), W. A. Human], and G. Poynton, becks, N. J. H. Hallett, and F. Bell, half-backs, J. Hollis, S. Rateliff, I. W. Thompson, W. Carter, E. I. Chamberlin, C. Knight, and H. Dockerty.

Hinckley News - 9 February 1878

FOOTBALL - COALVILLE FC. v. LOUGHBOROUGH F.C. —Last Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of spectators, the above match was played on Mr. Bromhead's cricket ground. Play commenced at 3.15, Coalville winning the toss. Very soon after the kick off it was evident the home team was overmatched, the visitors having the advantage both in weight and age. H. Gibbs and his brother showed some good forward play on the Coalville side, and the excellent play of H. Perkins, E. Armstrong and J. Price for the home team deserves special mention. The game terminated at five o'clock in favour of Coalville by two goals to nothing.

Hinckley News - 9 February 1878

FOOTBALL - WIGSTON v. SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE. — A game of football between the above clubs game off in the vicinity of Wigston Fields, on Saturday. The weather was beautifully fine, and a fair sprinkling of lookers on were present. The "Rovers" won the toss and kicked with the wind, which at the commencement of the game was rather favourable for them. They worked hard for a goal, but to no purpose. When half-time was called, sides were changed, and the Wigston side, now kicking with the wind, secured what was considered a goal; this, however, was disputed. Two goals were subsequently scored for the home team by H. Boothaway and G. Broughton respectively, while several good tries were made. The following comprised the local

players: — A. Hackett, (captain), J. Parker, E. Foulston, J. Snowden, T. Coleman, J. Boulter, J. Broughton, B. Broughton, H. Boothaway, J. Sibson, G. Broughton, and C. Boothaway.
Leicester Chronicle – 23 February 1878

FOOTBALL - A very interesting match was played at Ravenstone on Wednesday, February 20, between the Coalville Juvenile Football Club and the National School Club, Ravenstone, which resulted in an easy victory for the home team (Coalville) which beat by nine goals to none. The play of Master George Walton was very animated. The captain (William Moore) secured one goal out of the nine, Ambrose Gocher one, Stanley Bertenshaw one, Thomas Pickering two, George Walton two, and Joseph Pickering two. Ravenstone bore their defeat in good humour. The Coalville staff is as follows: —Master William Moore (captain), Joseph Pickering George Walton, Ebby Hewes, Ambrose Wood, Sire Chambers, Stanley Bertenshaw, George Pickering. The Ravenstone had eighteen players and Coalville only nine.

Hinckley News – 2 March 1878

FOOTBALL – IBSTOCK v ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH —This match was played at Ibstock, on Saturday last. The ball was started by the Ashby captain, C. A. Fawcett, and before half time was called the ball was cleverly brought up to the Moira goal twice by Messrs. R. Adcock, W. Glover, S. Adcock, and W. Adcock, who would have secured two goals for the team but for the clever play of the Moira goal-keeper. During the last half time the Ibstock players exerted themselves to their utmost, and, notwithstanding the excellent play C. A. Fawcett, W. W. Pringle, Muir, and others on the Ashby side, the ball got to the play of R. Preston who quickly played to Glover, and, after a well-directed shot, a goal was secured for the Ibstock team, leaving Ibstock winners by 1 goal to 0. The Ibstock players were as follows:—R. Adcock (captain), J. Dixon, Atkins, R. Preston, J. Bettridge, W. Bettridge, W. Glover, W. Adcock, S. Adcock, Malley, G. W. Cartwright, and E. Badcock (goal).

Hinckley News – 2 March 1878

FOOTBALL - A match was played between the Coalville and Market Bosworth Junior football clubs, at Bosworth, which resulted in an easy victory for Coalville. The play of the Bosworth team was very good, but they were not equal with Coalville. The Coalville team got six goals and the Bosworth none, the first goal being secured by Joseph Pickering, the second by Frank Starkey, the third by Frank Starkey, the fourth by Walter Wharmby, the next by Frank Starkey, and the last by Joseph Pickering. The Bosworth team bore their defeat with good humour, and threatened the Coalville a beating next time. Coalville staff was as follows —Walter Wharmby (captain), Frank Starkey, George Walton, William Moore, Joseph Clay, George French, Ebby Hewes, Henry Wood, Frederick Gibbs, and Joseph Pickering. The Coalville had ten players, and the Bosworth thirteen. George French kept the Coalville goal the first half time, and Ebby Hewes the last.

Hinckley News – 13 April 1878

COALVILLE

FOOTBALL – A very interesting football match was played at Barlestone, on 17th inst., between the Coalville and Barlestone juveniles, which resulted in an easy victory for Coalville by five goals to none.

Leicester Chronicle – 28 September 1878

HUGGLESCOTE

FOOTBALL: COALVILLE v. LOUGHBOROUGH - This match took place on Saturday, and the game was decided in favour of the home team. The visitors were compelled to play on the defensive, and no scheming of the home team could withdraw the visitors from their goal, they being quite determined not to leave it. The result was a drawn game. Teams Loughborough: Tyler, Pickering (captain), Cartwright, Bromhead, forwards; T. Cartwright and Fluin, half-backs ; T. Bowley, H.

Perkins, and W. Wright quarter-backs; W. Cockayne and J. Mills, backs ; G. Hague, goal-keeper – Coalville: - J. Clay (captain), A. Kirk, and A. Archer, backs ; F. Merchant and W. Tivey, half backs ; G. Price, goal keeper ; H. Gibbs, C- Harrison, G. Lager, quarter-backs ; H. Kirk, W. Gibbs, and W. Wardle, forwards.

Leicester Chronicle – 26 October 1878

FOOTBALL – LOUGHBOROUGH F.C. v COALVILLE F.C. - This match was played on Saturday afternoon at Coalville, when play was fast throughout the game, which terminated in a draw, neither side being able to obtain a goal. The players for the home team were :—W. J Gibbs, C. Harrison, W. Wardle, front; H. Gibbs, H. Kirk, G. Lager, quarterbacks; F. Merchant, W. Tivey, half-backs; J. Clay (captain), A. Kirk, A. Archer, backs; G. Price, goal. The visitors' team were S. Cartwright, J. Cartwright, J. Flinn, front; J. Mills, W. Wright, H. Perkin. quarter-backs; Tyler, Pickering (captain), half-backs; W. Cockain, G. Broomhead, T. Howley, backs ; G. Hague, goal. After the game the visitors sat down to a good tea provided at the Leicester Hotel.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 26 October 1878

FOOTBALL – HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD v MOIRA - This match was played at Hugglescote on Saturday, the home team having all their own way throughout the game, and after half-time was called the Robin Hood team managed to get one goal to one.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 26 October 1878

FOLESHILL

FOOTBALL – ST. PAULS v OLD CHURCH – A match was played on Saturday last, at the Old Church Club Ground, between the above clubs, and resulted in a victory for the Old Church.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 26 October 1878

FOOTBALL – ASHBY v LEICESTER (ALERT) - A match was played at Ashby, on Wednesday, Nov. 6th, under the Association rules, between the above-mentioned teams. Leicester, having won the toss, the Ashby team kicked off, and the ball was immediately sent within a few yards of the Leicester goal. After playing for a few minutes a goal was scored for Ashby, which was soon followed by another. Ends being now changed, the home team scored two more goals, and thus caused the game, to be terminated in favour of the Ashby team by four goals against nothing. The play was very good all throughout, the Ashby team playing well together. Appended is a list of both teams:— Ashby : W. Knight (captain), N. J. H. Hallett, W. J. Hutchings, J. Hollis, A. Stimson, J. Ratcliffe, F. Ison, J. Dawes, H. Embry, F. Emery, W. Green, W. H. Gibson. Leicester: H. Warner (captain), W. Gibbing. W. H. Tomlinson, J. Parsons, J. Ellis, W. Sheffield, W. Sergeant, F. Green, C. Wain•wright, W. Judd, R. Underwood, A. Hill.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 16 November 1878

BICYCLE HANDICAP AND FOOTBALL MATCH BY ELECTRIC LIGHT

About 3,000 people put in an appearance at Bromhead's Grounds, Loughborough, on Wednesday last, to witness the above novelties. Owing the continuous downpour of rain during the day the track was in a sodden state. For the bicycle race there were eleven entries, but five only put in an appearance, with the following results:- W Wood, Whitwick, scratch, 1; J H Taylor, Loughborough, 220 yards start, 2; J Grudgings, Loughborough BC, 150, 3; W A Thompson, Loughborough BC, 180, 0; G H Upton, Loughborough BC, 0. Won by eight yards; same distance between second and third. The football match which followed was between the Loughborough Club and the Leicester Alert Club. The visitors laboured under the disadvantage of playing for the first time under Sheffield Association Rules instead of the Rugby ones which they usually play,

and in addition they were greatly overweighted buy their opponents. Before half-time turner had scored a goal for Loughborough, and afterwards Perkins and Bowley each achieved a similar success for the same side, Loughborough eventually winning by five goals (two of which were pushed through by scrummages) to nothing. Sides:

LOUGHBOROUGH - W Tyler, goal; W Cockayne and Gulliver, three-quarter backs; G Bromhead and T mills, half-backs; G F Pickering (captain), T Bowley, H Perkins, J Cartwright, T Cartwright, Turner and W Harris, forwards.

LEICESTER ALERT – H Warner (captain), goal; C Wainwright and F Green, half-backs; W Ridley and P Carrier, three-quarter backs; W Judd, W Sheffield, W Thompson, W Gibbings, A Hill, H Salmon and Burford, forwards.

Athletic News – 4 December 1878

FOOTBALL

STONEY STANTON v BROUGHTON ASTLEY AND EARL SHILTON – On Nov 23d a friendly match was played at Stoney Stanton between the elevens of Stoney Stanton and Broughton Astley, which resulted in a victory for the home team by three goals to none – On Nov 30th another match was played at the same place between Stoney Stanton and the Earl Shilton Juniors, in which the juniors were again victorious by getting two goals to none.

Leicester Daily Post – 6 December 1878

COALVILLE

FOOTBALL MATCH – On Saturday afternoon a football match came off between Coalville and St Paul's. Burton, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by seven goals to none. It became evident almost as soon as the game commenced, that the visitors were no match for their opponents, the superior play of the home team carrying all before it. The day being fine, the match was witnessed by a large number of people.

Leicester Chronicle – 14 December 1878

FOOTBALL—This classic game is once more reviving. A match was played between Snibston Rising Star, Coalville, and Earl Shilton, at Coalville, on Saturday last. Play commenced at four o'clock, the Coalville team losing the toss. After some very good play for half-an-hour no goal was made on either side. Several points were made on both sides, and it was a very good game throughout. The match ended in favour of the home team by one goal to Earl Shilton nothing.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 1 February 1879

FOOTBALL - A match at football played on Bromhead's Ground on Saturday, between the second of the Loughborough Football Clubs and the Falcon Club. The Falcon Club won the toss, and the ball was kicked off by A. Mountney. After some good play two shot, were made at the L.F.C. goal, and the play then very even until half-time, when ends were changed. The L. F. C. then made a more determined effort, and in spite of the superior strength of their opponents, succeeded in obtaining two goals, the first of which was kicked by R. Gall, and the second by G. Lydall. After playing an hour and a half time was called, leaving the L.F.C. winners by two goals to none. Mountney and Lydall played well for the L.F.C., and Harriman and Silby for the Falcon Club. The following were the players—Loughborough Football Club: G. H. Hickling (captain), G. Lydall, H. Lockwood. J. Watson, A. Mountney, F. Ellis, J. Pegg (forwards), R. Gall, J. Pallett, A. Fisher, R. North (backs), J. Sharp (goal). Falcon team: N. Bamford (captain), B. Silby, T. Askew, W. Dolby, W. Harriman, C. Lakin, T. Hitchcock (forwards), H. Hatchitt, G. Hebson, A. Webster, J. Thornton (backs), J. Morley (goal).

Hinckley News – 8 February 1879

FOOTBALL – COALVILLE v HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOODS – This return match was played on the Coalville ground between the above clubs, on Feb. 15th, play commencing at half-past three o'clock, and after a quarter-of-an-hour's good play, Wilkins obtained a goal for the Hugglescote team of a well-played ball from Andrews. This seemed to sharpen the play up for a bit for the opposite team, but it soon became evident that the Robin Hoods were too strong for their opponents, and after a spirited game, ended in favour of the Hugglescote team with one goal to none. The Hugglescote team consisted of the following players:- W. gamble, captain, W. Andrews, W. Collins, D. Gimson, T. Armson, A. Shaw, W. Wilkins, D. Newbold, Rev. H. E. Broughton, Joseph Hall, R. Hitchcock, and W. Haywood, goal keepers.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 22 February 1879

MOIRA

FOOTBALL – MOIRA — A match was played on Saturday between Moira and S. R. S. Coalville at Moira. Play commenced at 4.15, the Coalville team losing the toss. With the day being so fine some very good play was seen on both sides; but no goal was got at half-time, although several points were made by each team. Shortly after the change of ends a goal was got by the visitors. The game ended in favour of S.R.S. by one goal to nothing. The names of the captains were C. A. Fawcett for Moira and W. Fearn for Coalville.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 1 March 1879

FOOTBALL – LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB v HUGGLESCOTE - One of the most interesting football matches of the season was played on Bromhead's Ground on Saturday afternoon between the Loughborough and Hugglescote Clubs. Soon after the commencement of play a goal was secured by the Hugglescote team, and W. Harris also kicked one for the Loughborough team. Some very fast play on both sides then ensued, and subsequently another goal was secured by the Hugglescote men. Shortly after this the home team succeeded in getting the ball down to their opponents' goal where a sharp scrimmage ensued, during which the ball passed through the goal posts, but the goal was disputed, and ultimately given against the Loughborough Club, the game thus remaining two goals to one. Nothing daunted, however, the Loughborough men resumed play, the ball being kicked off in a line with the goal posts and was very neatly shot straight through the goal by Bromhead, thus making a score of two goals each. Ends were then changed, and some excellent play ensued, but owing to the even strength of the teams. no advantage could be gained by either, notwithstanding that both struggled hard to obtain another goal, and at the conclusion of play the match resulted in a draw, each side having obtained two goals.

Hinckley News – 1 March 1879

FOOTBALL - A match of football was played on Saturday between Moira and S. R. S. Coalville at Moira. Play commenced at 4.15, the Coalville team losing the toss. With the day being so fine some very good play was seen on both sides; but no goal was got at half-time, although several points were made by each team. Shortly after the change of ends a goal was got by Coalville team. The game ended in favour of S.R.S. by getting one goal to Moira nothing. The names of the captains were C. A. Fawcett for Moira and W. Yearn for Coalville.

Hinckley News – 1 March 1879

FOOTBALL - On Saturday the football match on a Bromhead's ground was between the Loughborough Football Club and the Nottingham Forest Club, who last week succeeded in defeating the Oxford team for the Challenge Cup. A large number of spectators assembled to witness the play, which was excellent throughout the whole of the match. The home team won the toss, and their opponents kicked off the ball. After playing about a quarter of an hour the Nottingham men succeeded, after some skilful dribbling, in obtaining a goal. The Loughborough players now made a more determined effort, and shortly before half time Turner neatly dribbled

the ball towards the Nottingham goal, where an exciting scrimmage and ensued, during which the ball was cleverly shot out, when it struck the inside of goal post, and glided through, this scoring a goal for the local team. Nothing of important then occurred until half time, when ends were changed and the Nottingham team cleverly showed the advantage of playing to the south end of the field, the ball being almost continually down at the Loughborough goal during the remainder of the play. Notwithstanding this, however the Loughborough team played very creditably and struggled hard against their opponents, who, it could be seen from the first were the best team. Several unsuccessful tries were made at the Loughborough goal, owing to the splendid manner in which the goal was kept by W. Tyler, but ultimately, after more than half an hours play a second goal was obtained by Nottingham. The ball was once or twice run up to the Nottingham goal after this, mountain a showing himself very useful in this respect, but the Loughborough team failed to obtain a second goal and with this defeated by two goals to one, though they deserve praise for the plucky manner in which they played against searching an excellent team as that which opposed them. The following are the names of the players: - Nottingham- G. Golland (capt.), E. Jardine, A. Barlow, C. Hill, J. Johnson, J. B. Ward, H. Saville, W. Kettle, T. Davis, A. Newton, Snook. Loughborough: G. Pickering (capt.), J. Cartwright, G. Turner, T. Mills, A. Armstrong, T. Cartwright, W. Tyler, H. Perkins, G. Bromhead, W. Cockain, A. Mountney.
Hinckley News – 8 March 1879

FOOTBALL – LOUGHBOROUGH AMATEUR F.C. (2nd Eleven) v HUGHES FALCON WORKS F.C. (2nd Eleven) - A match was played on Saturday last on the Recreation Ground between the above teams, which resulted in a victory for the latter, they having obtained one goal (which was kicked by W. Swan) to their opponents none. Clarke and Brown played well for the Amateurs team, and Harriman and W. Swan for the Falcon team.
Hinckley News – 8 March 1879

MOIRA v SWANNINGTON – A football match took place at Moira on Saturday and resulted in a victory for Moira by one goal to none. The ball was kicked off at 4 pm by Fawcett, the Moira captain, and the play up at half-time was very even, each team in turn making some good runs and shots at goal. After half time the home team settled down to their work and shot after shot was made at the Swannington goal; but the ball was well thrown out by Price, their goal-keeper. At last, Topliss made a short run, but was stopped by Minto, who soon, however, left the ball in charge of Fawcett, and he with a well-directed shot put the ball in the mouth of the Swannington goal, and Shuttleworth seizing the opportunity on the spur of the moment, rushed in, and obtained the first and only goal, one minute before the call of time.
Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 15 March 1879

SWANNINGTON

FOOTBALL MATCH - A capital game was played at Swannington on Saturday between the Swannington and Hugglescote teams. The result was a victory for the home team by one goal to Hugglescote nothing.
Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 5 April 1879

LOUGHBOROUGH v COALVILLE FC – The L.F.C. brought the season to a successful termination last Saturday on Bromhead's ground by winning match with their old antagonists, the Coalville Club. A very even game was played throughout, no goal being obtained by either side before half-time. The ball was once sent between the Coalville goal posts by a well-aimed corner kick of turner, and the Loughborough men claimed a goal, but it was disallowed because the ball passed between the posts before it was touched by any of the players. After changing ends, both sides tried hard to gain an advantage, and the Coalville team had slightly the best of matters keeping the ball nearer to the Loughborough goal than was pleasant to its defenders; however, a

little before "time" was called the Loughborough forwards made a dash taking the ball well into the Coalville quarters and J Cartwright neatly scored a goal. After this nothing was added to either score, and the L.F.C. thus won by one goal to none. Gibbs played well for Coalville, and clay made a thoroughly safe back as usual. The dribbling of Turner for the L.F.C. was exceedingly clever, and was much admired, but it was evident to nearly everyone that the days of "dribbling" are gone, and that "passing" has superseded it; in fact, we believe it is axiom amongst football players of the present day that two players acting in concert can take the ball from the most accomplished "dribbler". The players were as follows: J Clay (captain), W Wardle, H Gibbs, W S Gibbs, G Lager, W Fern. T Fern, J Burton, T Watts, W Tivey, Blockley and Bradshaw.

Loughborough: G Pickering (captain), H Perkins, G Bromhead, W Tyler, G Turner, J Cartwright, T Cartwright, W Rogers, A Mountney, North, A Sharp, H Hickling - This season just concluded is only the second the L.A.C have made football a part of their programme, and an investigation of their list of matches played shows very good result and taking into consideration the fact that last season nearly the whole of the team were "raw material" and with the exception of two or three members have never played a football match before, we think that the results are exceptionally good and creditable to all concerned, and that the material, though "raw" was of the right quality. The club has played 26 matches during the season winning 14, losing seven, and the remaining five drawn. In the 26 matches 37 goals were kicked by the Loughborough Football Club. Nother fact worthy of notice to show the rapid improvement there has been, is that the first match last season was against the Grammar School and resulted in a rather easy victory for the latter; this season the Loughborough Football Club have defeated the Grammar School three times, and in one of their latter matches were only beaten by one goal by a first class team the Notts Forest Football Club. We hope that next season the club may be still more successful and that in time they may even aspire to, and win that prize, which all association football players desire (and which has narrowly escaped being taken off this season by our neighbours the Nottingham Forest Club), viz the Association Challenge Cup.

Leicester Daily Post - 5 April 1879

FOOTBALL - COALVILLE BRITISH v ASHBY GRAMMAR SCHOOL - This match was played on the Ashby Ground on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 1879, and it resulted in an easy victory or the home team by six goals to none.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - 18 October 1879

FOOTBALL- LOUGHBOROUGH AMATEURS v. FALCON WORKS -The Amateurs played their first match this a season against the Falcon F.C., on the Recreation Ground on Saturday afternoon. The Falcon Works won the toss, and the ball was kicked by the Amateurs. Some determined play was shown by both teams, but neither side had obtained a goal when half-time called, although some good shots had been made. After play was resumed a goal was got very neatly for the Falcon Club by H. Hickling (captain). The Amateurs now made a very determined effort against their opponents, the result being that in a few minutes a goal was placed to their credit by some very good play on the part of several members. Another goal was shortly afterwards added by the Amateurs, when a dispute arose respecting this last goal, and play, was not resumed, the result being Amateurs two goals to Falcon Club one. The following were the players:- Amateurs: J. Sharpe (goal), W. T. Savage and T. Clarke (backs), J. H. Pallett, J. Weston, and T. Hammond (half-backs), W. F. Simpkin (captain), W. Pallett, jun., H. Brown, W. Brown, T. Brown, and O. Doughty (forwards). Falcon Works: Lakin, Cutts, Russell, Harriman, Hickling (captain), Askew, Murphy, Swann, Mowbray, Parker, Fisher, and Wild.

Hinckley News - 18 October 1879

FOOTBALL - LOUGHBOROUGH v COALVILLE - The opening match of the season was played by our local team at Coalville, on Saturday last, and, after a well contested game, ended in a draw,

each side having scored two goals. After a short rest the Loughborough team started for home about 7 p.m., calling by special invite at the country residence of our well-known towns man, Mr. Samuel Dakin, where a hospitable entertainment of a truly rural character had been prepared for them, after which, giving three cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Dakin, they drove homewards through the bleak, cutting winds and drizzling rain.

Hinckley News – 18 October 1879

FOOTBALL – BURTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL v ASHBY GRAMMAR SCHOOL – This match was played on the Ashby Ground on Saturday, Oct. 18th and resulted after a splendid game of an hour and a quarter, in a victory for the home team by one goal to none. The ball was played up the middle of the ground by W. Knight, and then passed on to E. A. L. Thompson, who put it through in splendid style.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 25 October 1879

COLEORTON

A football match was played on the Cricket Ground on Saturday, between Coleorton and Swannington Football Clubs. Each side at the end of the game had scored a goal.

Leicester Chronicle – 1 November 1879

WIGSTON

FOOTBALL – On Saturday, a match was played between the Loughborough and Wigston Football Clubs, in a field adjoining the cricket field. On the Leicester road. The game ended in a draw, each side having obtained a goal.

Leicester Chronicle - 1 November 1879

COALVILLE

COALVILLE v. LEICESTER – At Coalville, 29 ult., a football match was played between these clubs. Owing to the state of the ground there was scarcely such good play shown as there might otherwise have been. No goals were obtained by either party.

Leicester Chronicle – 8 November 1879

FOOTBALL - The opening match for the season of the Earl Shilton Junior Football Club, played at Earl Shilton on the 27th of October, with Broughton Football Club, and resulted in a victory for the home team, by three goals to one.

Hinckley News – 8 November 1879

WOODVILLE

FOOTBALL: WOODVILLE V. SWANNINGTON. -This match was played on Saturday last, on the ground of the former, and resulted in a draw, no goals being obtained by either side. The play of both teams, considering the state of the weather, was remarkably good.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 8 November 1879

SWANNINGTON

FOOTBALL – SWANNINGTON v GRESLEY AND LINTON – This match was played at Swannington on Saturday, and after a well-contested game, resulted in a victory for the home team by one goal to none.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 15 November 1879

LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB v GRAMMAR SCHOOL - A very interesting match at football was played on Saturday afternoon on Bromhead's Ground, between the Loughborough Football Club and the Grammar School. Unfortunately, the Grammar School team were under a great

disadvantage in being much the weaker team of the two; but notwithstanding this they played in a very plucky style, and the capital manner in which some of the younger players worked the ball together was highly commendable. For some time, the play was very even, and no advantage was gained by either side; but at last Biggs obtained the ball, and by excellent cross play, neatly run it down to their opponents' end, and succeeded in scoring a goal for the Grammar School, for which he loudly cheered by the spectators. In less than a quarter of an hour after Turner got possession of the ball, and again displayed his usual skill in dribbling, by means of which the ball was again sent up the end of the Loughborough Football Club, and after some sharp play another goal was secured for the Grammar School. Shortly afterwards, half time was called, the game remained two goals to none. Ends were then changed, and on resumption of play the positions of some of the Football Club men were changed, and they went to work in earnest, the result being that in a few minutes the ball was well passed by Mountney to J. Cartwright, who, by a well-directed kick, landed the ball through the Grammar School goal, and thus obtained the first for the Loughborough Football Club. The energy and freshness of some of the younger players in the Grammar School team now appeared to lagging, and though they once or twice made a spirited attempt to obtain another goal, they signally failed, whereas the Loughborough Football Club kept up their fast play, apparently working in a much more manner, and succeeded in gaining three more goals before the game closed, thus leaving them victors by four goals to two. The following are the names of the players:—Loughborough Club—H. Perkins (captain), G. Bromhead, G. F. Pickering, W. Cockain, right, J. Cartwright, T. Mills, A. Mountney, H. North, H. Hickling, Dickson, and J. Sharps— Grammar —Messrs. Turner, Paget (captain), Oliver, Gregory, Champion, Hamilton, Brown, Bigg, Irving, Handford, Dexter, and Pochin.

Hinckley News - 15 November 1879

LOUGHBOROUGH AMATEURS v FALCON WORKS -This return match was played on the Loughborough Recreation Ground, on Saturday. The toss was won by the Falcon team, who chose the goal nearest Nottingham-road, leaving the Amateurs the kick off. During the first half a spirited game was maintained without any result, several unsuccessful shots having been made by both sides. During the last half some very determined play was shown by both teams, and a goal was neatly secured for the Amateurs during a scrimmage, J. Hammond, which was followed by another just before time called, leaving the Amateurs winners by two goals to their opponents none. The players were as follows: —Amateurs: W. F. Simpkin, (captain) W. Pallett, H. Fisher, R. Hill, W. Brown, J. Hammonds (forwards), J. Hallam, J. Main, J. Martin, A. Whalebone, T. Savage, (backs). T. Clarke, (goal). Falcon Works: W. Harriman (captain), W. Swan, J. Allen, T. Wough, A. Yeomans, J. Cartwright, C. Mee (forwards), W. Cutts, T. Askew, H. Gibson, J. Gutteridge, (backs), C. Lakin, (Goal).

Hinckley News - 15 November 1879

OAKHAM.

FOOTBALL. —On Saturday a football match was played on the School Cricket Ground, between the Oakham Grammar School and Oakham town, the result being an easily won victory for the school.

Hinckley News - 22 November 1879

COALVILLE v SWANNINGTON – A football match was played at Coalville on Saturday, and after an hour's pleasant play, resulted in a draw. The ball was started by the visitors about 3.45, and for the first half was slightly in their favour, owing to the home team being too much on the defence. On ends being changed, neither side could claim the advantage, as the ball was in close proximity to each other's goals.

Hinckley News - 22 November 1879

COLEORTON v CASTLE GRESLEY – These clubs met at the Beaumont Arms on Saturday. Some good play was witnessed for the first, Coleorton getting the first goal, after which darkness set in, and Gresley team being the stronger of the two, they obtained two goals in the dark. The players afterwards spent a convivial evening together.

Hinckley News – 22 November 1879

COALVILLE v BURTON – A match was played on Saturday afternoon on the Coalville ground being Coalville and Burton Britannia. The toss was won by the Coalville team, leaving the Britannia the kick off. The ball was played back by Coalville and a goal was made in five minutes by the home team. the capital manner in which both teams worked the ball was highly commendable. The home team made several shots at the Britannia goal the first half-time. At the change of change of ends several more shots were made by Coalville. It was a very good game throughout, Coalville winning the game by one goal to none. Coalville team: J. Hodgetts (captain), W. Frears, R. Fearn, J. Fearn, J. Moore, G. Clark, W. Measures, J. Measures, T. Locker, A. Elton, J. Smith, J. Duffin, T. Lager, F. Stevens; umpire W. Cooke – Burton team: A. Cliff (captain), F. Cawser, W. L. Cliff, T. Wilson, G. Hardy, W. Dolman, H. Goodwin, E. Goodin, J. Ward, A. Goddard, T. Croft, C. Buxton, A. Sherratt, T. W. Burton; umpire, W. Towell.

Hinckley News – 22 November 1879

NUNEATON AND NEIGHBOURHOOD

FOOTBALL CLUB - The first game of football in connection with the above club was played in the Newdegate Anne meadow, on Saturday. The sides consisted of an equal number of members chosen by Mr. H. Rowbottom (Bedworth), and Mr. C. Townsend (the captain). The game resulted in a decisive victory for the former team.

Hinckley News – 22 November 1879

FOOTBALL—EARL SHILTON (RISING STAR) v. CROFT— This match was played at Croft, on Saturday. Croft winning the toss the ball was put into play by the visitors, when after half an hour's sharp play a goal was secured by the Shilton team. The ball was again put in motion, and when half-time was called neither side had gained any more advantage. Play commenced again by a long kick from the Croft captain, but the ball was soon returned by the visitors to their opponents' goal and was kept there nearly all the remaining part of the game. Several good attempts were made to obtain another goal, but in vain. When "time" was called Shilton were victors by one goal to none.

Hinckley News – 29 November 1879

OAKHAM FOOTBALL – On Saturday a football match was played on the School Cricket Ground, between the Oakham Grammar School and Oakham town, the result being an easily won victory for the school.

Hinckley News – 29 November 1879

FOOTBALL - On Saturday a match was played on the Sheepshed ground between the Sheepshed Institute Football Club and the Loughborough Rising Star. There was a large number of spectators. The Sheepshed captain (Mr. Argyle) having won the toss, the ball was kicked off by their opponents. When half time was called the Sheepshed team had secured four goals to their opponent, none. Play having commenced again; the Loughborough team accidentally secured a goal. Two more were secured by the Sheepshed team. When time was called the game stood as follows: — Sheepshed I.F.C. six goals; Loughborough R.S.F.C, one goal. The following were the players: — Sheepshed: Messrs. Argyle, Kidger, Thurman, Bennett. J. Smith, Bonier, Gough, Hollis, Hardy, Atkins, and A. Smith Loughborough: Messrs. W. Rudkin, Watson, Spencer, Mills, Froney, Winters, J. Mills Dexter. H. Rudkin, Sheffield, and Squires; umpires, Merrin and Foster.

Leicester Chronicle – 6 December 1879

NEWHALL

FOOTBALL MATCH – MOUNT PLEASANT (2ND) v NEWHALL WANDERERS (2ND) – This match was played on Saturday last, on the ground of the latter, and after a pleasant and well contested game resulted in a victory for Mount Pleasant team by one goal to none.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 13 December 1879

FOOTBALL MATCH – CASTLE GRESLEY v COLEORTON – This match was played on Saturday last, and resulted in favour of Gresley by one goal to nothing, kicked by T. Landford.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette – 13 December 1879

SHEEPSHED

FOOTBALL CLUB - On Saturday a match was played between the newly formed Sheepshed Football Club and the Loughborough Athletic and Football Club, which resulted in an easy victory for the former. The visitors, at first showed some excellent play and secured the first goal. Afterwards the home team, plucked up their spirits and secured the next three goals. The Loughborough team, then, by some random play secured another goal. This terminated in three goals for Sheepshed and two for Loughborough. The players were as follows: —Sheepshed, F. Argyle (captain), Thurman, T. Adkin, W. Lovitt, J. Wood, A. Smith, A. Hollis, T. Blood, C. Hillier, C. Bennett, J. Smith, and A. Kidger. —Loughborough, Hickling (captain), J. Watson, T. Woof. A. Pegg, W. Harriman, C. Lakin, F. Cross, 11. Gibson, E. North, W. Hathey, H. Lockwood, and J. Hickling. This is the second match played by the newly formed Sheepshed Club, both have been successful.

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HATHERN

FOOTBALL – A match was played between Hathern Football Club and Loughborough Athletic Society, on the Recreation Ground, Loughborough, on Saturday, and after a very spirited game resulted in a draw, neither side having obtained a goal. The following are the names of the players:—Hathern: J. Price (captain), K. Sibson, J. Ratcliffe., A. Rowley, C. Sibson, C. Farrow, T. Randon, R. Kelham, W. Hunt, W. Hickling, G. Hickling, H. Kelham. Loughborough: H. Perkins (captain), T. Cartwright, T. Mills, H. North, J. Randle, G. Pickering, W. Tyler, J. Sharpe, Clarke, W. Simpkin, Hammonds, G. Bromhead.

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