

LFA Leicestershire & Northants League 1895-96

Leicestershire & Northants League 1895-96 *(Leicester Journal 1 May 1896)*

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GA	Pts
1	Leicester Fosse Reserves	16	11	3	2	45	14	3.21	25
2	Finedon Revellers	16	10	2	4	36	20	1.80	22
3	Coalville Town	15	9	2	4	25	15	1.67	20
4	Loughborough Athletic	16	9	0	7	29	30	0.97	18
5	Kettering Reserves	16	8	1	7	32	27	1.19	17
6	Hinckley Town	16	7	2	7	26	23	1.13	16
7	Rushden Reserves	16	8	0	8	41	31	1.32	16
8	Hugglescote Robin Hood	15	3	0	12	16	41	0.39	6
9	Shepshed Town	14	1	2	11	9	38	0.17	4

Owing to Shepshed not fulfilling their last two fixtures the table is incomplete.

Note: Goals for and against columns do not tally.

It appears that based on goal average – Rushden should be in 6th and Hinckley in 7th position,

Champions:	Leicester Fosse Reserves
Runners-Up:	Finedon Revellers
Games played:	70
Missing Results:	2
Goals scored:	259 (F)/239(A)
Biggest Home win:	Kettering Reserves 10-1 Hugglescote Robin Hood
Biggest Away win:	Shepshed 0-4 Coalville Town
Highest scoring:	11; Kettering Reserves 10-1 Hugglescote Robin Hood

Just 9 clubs competed in the second Leicestershire and Northants League competition.

Only referees who had passed examination set by the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire League were allowed to officiate League matches.

Northamptonshire were represented by three teams – Finedon Revellers, Kettering Reserves and Rushden Town Reserves. Wellingborough FC left the league at the end of the 1894-65 season and were replaced by Rushden Town Reserves.

Leicester YMCA, Melton Town and Sileby Rangers all left the League at the end of the inaugural season.

Ashby and District, Hinckley and District, Leicester and District and North Leicestershire Leagues all started in 1895-9. These leagues sprung up owing to the success of the Leicestershire and Northants League.

Leicester Fosse Reserves were league Champions for the second time, losing just two (Hugglescote Robin Hood and Coalville Town) of their 16 games.

It is worth noting that there are discrepancies between the league table and the results grid constructed from published scores. For example, Leicester Fosse Reserves based on the above table W10, D2 and L4 compared with W9, D3 and L2 from published results. There are several possible explanations – results were incorrectly reported, games were replayed and the results have not been found etc. However, it seems likely that the league tables would have been supplied by the League and not constructed by the newspapers, and as a consequence are most likely to be correct.

Shepsheds failed to complete their last two fixtures – against Coalville Town and Hugglescote Robin Hood...

Rusden were fined 10s and the League awarded Kettering 50s compensation for non-fulfilment of a fixture.

Shepshed were reported for the non-fulfilment of a fixture at Hugglescote. The League awarded Hugglescote £4 9s compensation.

At the end of the season several clubs complained about the great expense incurred in playing fixtures across two counties. Two Northamptonshire clubs stated their intention to withdraw from the League, with the Leicestershire clubs unanimously deciding, with the consent of the Leicestershire Association to form a Leicestershire Senior League to replace the leicestershire and Northants League.

At the annual general meeting of the Leicestershire and Northants League, held at the George Hotel, Leicester, six out of the nine clubs resigned from on account of the expense and time entailed in journeying from one county to the other, and decided to disband the League. The League's balance sheet at the end of the season showed receipts of £47 4s 4d., including gate money of the championship match, £30 8s 6d. the total on the expenditure side was £45 7s 1d., of huhc £9 1s 6d was for medals for the champions and the Rest of League; £13 16s 6d expenses incurred in connection with the championship match. the balance in hand was £1 17s 3d and after deducting incidental expenses it was decided to divide the remainder equally between the clubs of the League.

Results Grid

Leicestershire & Northants League 1895-6	Coalville Town	Finedon Revellers	Hinckley Town	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Kettering Reserves	Leicester Fosse Reserves	Loughborough Athletic	Rushden Town Reserves	Shepshed Town
Coalville Town		1-1	4-2	2-1	1-0	1-0	4-0	3-1	X
Finedon Revellers	3-0		2-1	2-1	2-0	0-2	4-1		5-0
Hinckley Town	1-0	3-2		2-1	2-3	0-2	2-1	1-2	0-0
Hugglescote Robin Hood	0-1	0-1	1-2		2-1	1-3	3-4	3-1	X
Kettering Reserves	2-1	3-2	1-1	10-1		0-2	1-4	2-0	2-0
Leicester Fosse Reserves	1-1	1-1	5-1	1-2	3-0		4-0	8-2	5-0
Loughborough Athletic	2-0	0-3	1-0	3-0	1-3	0-1		3-2	2-0
Rushden Town Reserves	1-3	6-0	3-2	4-0	4-1	3-6	1-2		4-1
Shepshed Town	0-4	1-5	0-2	3-1	W/L	1-1	2-4	0-1	

X= games not played.

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Result Not Known

The game between Coalville v Shepshed which was stopped due to darkness in November 1895 was not replayed.

Results and Match Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.9.1895	Kettering Reseves	0	2	Leicester Fosse Reserves	North Park, Kettering. Capital attendance. The game was "watched with great interest espceially by the ladies, who at timessingled out players, whose play they appreciated,"
7.9.1895	Loughborough Athletic Handley (2)	2 (2)	0 (0)	Coalville Town	

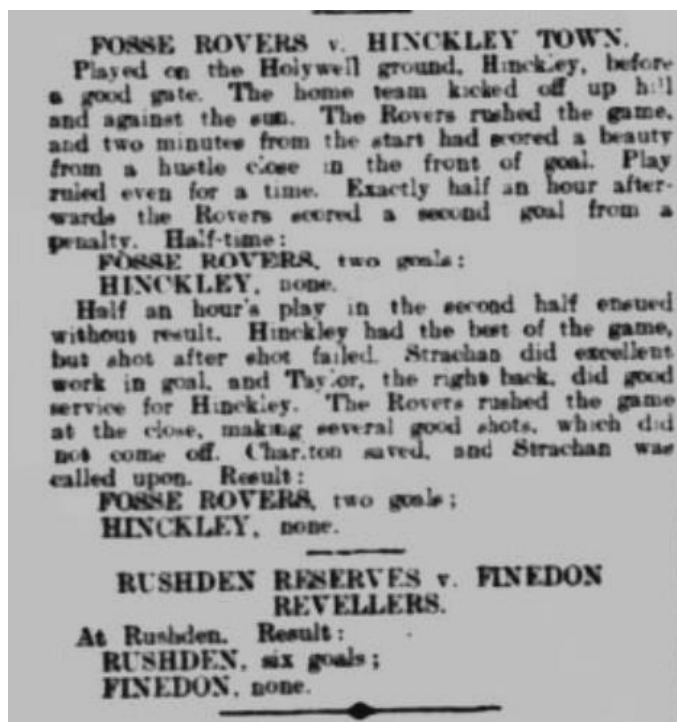
7.9.1895	Rushden Town Reserves	3	2	Hinckley Town	
7.9.1895	Hugglescote Robin Hood Moore J Smith	2 (2)	1 (0)	Kettering Reserves McMain	Hugglescote's first-ever league match. Moors ground.
7.9.1895	Coalville Town Gibbs (2) Ayres Benistone	4 (3)	2 (1)	Hinckley Town AN Others	Waggon and Horses Ground, Coalville. Large number of spectators.
14.9.1895	Rushden Town Reserves	1	2	Loughborough Athletic	
21.9.1895	Hinckley Town T Davis	1	0	Coalville Town	
21.9.1895	Leicester Fosse Rovers Bishop Pollard Turner AN Other	4 (0)	0 (0)	Loughborough Athletic	Filbert-street enclosure, Leicester. 2,000 spectators. Sunny weather. Newspaper report gave Fosse Rovers third as 'joint' goal.
28.9.1895	Coalville Town	2	1	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Wagon and Horses Ground, Coalville. Large crowd (c. 1,000)..
28.9.1895	Hinckley Town	0 (0)	2 (2)	Leicester Fosse Rovers AN Other (1 + pen)	Holywell Ground, Hinckley. Good gate. The Rovers rushed the game and two minutes from the start had scored a beauty from a hustle close on fron of goal. Hinckley had the best of the second half.
28.9.1895	Loughborough Athletic Handley Preston	2 (0)	0 (0)	Shepshed Town	Fair crowd. Blazing sun.
28.9.1895	Rushden Town Reserves	6	0	Finedon Revellers	
5.10.1895	Finedon Revellers	0	2	Leicester Fosse Rovers Hogan Bishop	Played in drenching rain.
5.10.1895	Loughborough Athletic Ward	1 (0)	3 (1)	Kettering Reserves og (Foulds) Panter AN Other	Athletic Grounds, Loughborough. Small number of spectators. Wet weather.
12.10.1895	Shepshed Town Grain (2) Wade	3	1	Hugglescote Robin Hood Read	4.00 pm kick off – referee arriving 25 mins late.Shepshed scored 2 goals in the final few minutes of the game.
26.10.1895	Hugglescote Robin Hood	3 (3)	5 (4)	Loughborough Athletic	Hugglescote opened the scoring.
26.10.1895	Kettering Reserves	3	2	Finedon Revellers	
26.10.1895	Rushden Town Reserves AN Others	3 (1)	6 (4)	Leicester Fosse Rovers Hibberd (2) Manson Hogan AN Other	Fosse had a "beautiful" goal disallowed.
2.11.1895	Finedon Revellers	2	1	Hugglescote Robin Hood	
2.11.1895	Hinckley Town	0	0	Shepshed Town	1,000 spetators. Holywell Ground, Hinckley Martin (Shepshed) saved a penalty kick from Law
9.11.1895	Loughborough Athletic Ward (2) AN Other	3 (2)	2 (0)	Rushden Town Reserves Warner Denton	Athletic Grounds, Loughborough Good attendance Loughborough won the game with just a few minutes remaining
9.11.1895	Hugglescote Robin Hood	0	1	Coalville Town Orton	Garner'sGround Large number of spectators. Coalville ended the game with 10 players after Nicolls retited with a twisted knee.

9.11.1895	Shepshed Town	1	2	Kettering Reserves	Play did not begin until late and there was not enough time for the match to be completed.
16.11.1895	Leicester Fosse Rovers Lord	1	1	Coalville Ttown AN Other	Walnut-street Ground, Leicester. Heavy pitch. Towards the finish a large number of spectators got tired both of the wind and the game and let the field
16.11.1895	Rushden Town Reserves	4	1	Shepshed Town	
23.11.1895	Finedon Revellers	2	0	Kettering Reserves	Played in a strong wind.
30.11.1895	Coalville Town	0	0	Shepshed Town	Good number of spectators. Match was timed for 2.30 but owing to the late arrival of the visitors the ball was not set in motion until 3.20 pm. The referee stopped the game early in thesecond half due to darkness.
30.11.1895	Hinckley Town Law (3)	3 (2)	2 (0)	Finedon Revellers Garfield AN Other	Law scored twice in the first 10 mins for Hinckley.
30.11.1895	Loughborough Athletic	0 (0)	1 (1)	Leicester Fosse Rovers Skea	Good attendance. The winning goal was thought by many to be offside.
30.11.1895	Rushden Town Reserves	4	1	Kettering Reserves	
7.12.1895	Kettering Reserves	2	1	Coalville Town	
7.12.1895	Leicester Fosse Rovers Skea (2) AN Other Trainer (3) Ambridge (og) Manson	8 (3)	2 (1)	Rushden Town Reserves Latchfield Denton	Walnut-street, Leicester. Ground was in a terrible tstate, being covered with half-meleted snow Skea's second goal was scored from near the halfway line.
7.12.1895	Loughborough Athletic Clarke	1	0	HinckleyTown	Small gate.
14.12.1895	Kettering Reserve	1	1	Hinckley Town	Norh Park, Ketering.
14.12.1895	Shepshed Town	1	5	Finedon Revellers	
21.12.1895	Finedon Revellers	3	0	Coalville Town	Rough game.
21.12.1895	Hinckley Town Narroway (2)	2	1	Loughborough Athletic Cutler	Good crowd
21.12.1895	Hugglescote Robin Hood AN Other	1	3	Leicester Fosse Rovers AN Other Hogan (2)	
21.12.1895	Kettering Reserves	2 (2)	0 (0)	Shepshed Town	Played commenced at 3pm, 15 mins after the advertised time.
28.12.1895	Coalville Town	1	0	Kettering Reserves	Good gate. Played in a heavy down pour of rain.
28.12.1895	Hinckley Town	2	1	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Played in drenching rain
28.12.1895	Shepshed Town	1	1	Leicester Fosse Reseves	Hard frosty ground. "Five minutes before time some of the finest play ever witnessed on the Shepshed ground was shown by the home forwards and the result was that the game was made equal."
4.1.1895	Hugglescote Robin Hood Shepard Measures Hiughman	3	1	Rushden Town Reserves G Marriott	Garner's Ground Dull and foggt weather
4.1.1896	Loughborough Reserves	0 (0)	3 (1)	Finedon Revellers	
4.1.1896	Shepshed Town	0	2	Hinckley Town	Rough game. Wale left the field of play after becoming injured.

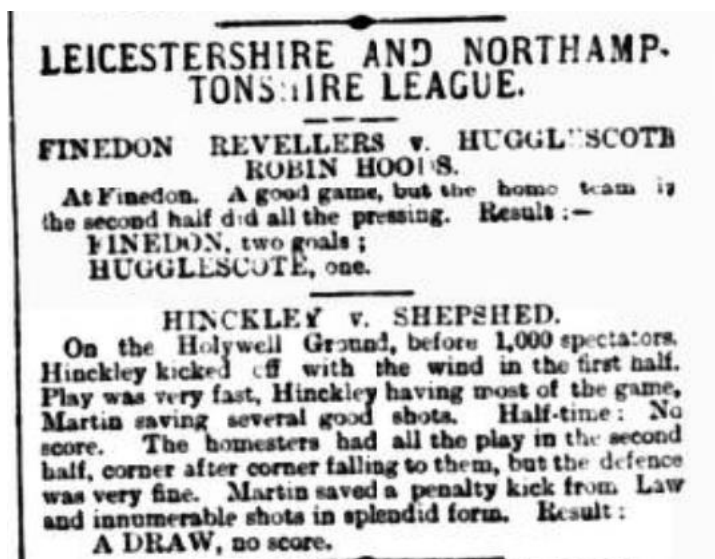
18.1.1896	Finedon Revellers	2	1	Hinckley Town	Lovely weather. The game was even and exciting throughout, the home team eventually winning the match.
18.1.1896	Leicester Fosse Rovers McArthur Hibberd Pickard	3 (2)	0 (0)	Kettering Reserves	Walnut-street Ground, Leicester. Beautifully fine weather. Fosse's first goal was credited to McArthur and Pickard.
18.1.1896	Rushden Town Reserves Groome	1	3	Coalville Town AN Others	
25.1.1896	Coalville Town AN Other Beniston (2) Orton	4	0	Loughborough Athletic	Good gate.
25.1.1896	Kettering Reserves	10	1	Hugglescote Robin Hood	
1.2.1896	Hinckley Town	2 (1)	3 (1)	Kettering Reserves	
8.2.1896	Leicester Fosse Rovers Hibberd	1 (1)	1 (1)	Finedon Revellers Yorkes	Good attendance. Strong wind. In the second half both Trainer and Pickard and the Finedon goal at their mercy, but failed in "an unaccountable fashion" to score.
8.2.1896	Loughborough Athletic Roulstone Cutler (2)	3 (1)	0 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Athletic team included Thornton, of Quorn and Roulstone of Castle Donington.
15.2.1896	Leicester Fosse Rovers Davis (2) AN Other Lynes Hogan (pen)	5 (2)	0 (0)	Shepshed Town	Good attendance. Hogan's first penalty kick was straight at the goal-keeper who saved. But the kick was ordered to be retaken after one of Shepshed forwards ran forward before Hogan had taken the kick.
22.2.1896	Coalville Town	3	1	Rushden Town Reserves	
22.2.1896	Hugglescote Robin Hood	0	1	Finedon Revellers	The Robins were three short of their first team.
22.2.1896	Leicester Fosse Rovers Lynes (2) Pickard Trainer Strachan	5 (4)	1 (1)	Hinckley Town Beadsworth	For the third consecutive week the Fosse Rovers were the attraction on the Filbert-street ground. Good attendance. This win clinched the Championship for the Fosse Rovers
22.2.1896	Shepshed Town Kidger AN Other	2	4	Loughborough Athletic AN Others	
29.2.1896	Finedon Revellers York (2) Clipstone Garfield	4 (2)	1 (0)	Loughborough Athletic Ford	Tower Field, Finedon. Large attendance. Considering the state of the ground, the game was a fast one. Finedon forward play was very fine at times, Garfield especially being conspicuous.
29.2.1896	Shepshed Town	0	4	Coalville Town	Drizzling rain. Small number of spectators. Kick off 3.30 pm.
7.3.1896	Champions - Leicester Fosse Rovers Skea Hibberd (2) AN Other	4	1	Rest of League Cutler	2,000 to 3,000- highest gate at the ground for a second team match this season. Rest of the League led at half-time
7.3.1896	Hugglescote Robin Hood	1	2	Hinckley Town	
21.3.1896	Finedon Revellers	5	0	Shepshed Town	

21.3.1896	Kettering Reserves Hollowell	1 (0)	4 (3)	Loughborough Reserves Clarke AN Others Sommerville	North Park, Kettering. Pitch was in a "terribly miry condition." Small attendance. Hitchcock [Kettering] sent in a low shot early in the game which the spectators claimed went through, but the referee did not award a goal. Sommerville scored from the halfway line. Kettering played with 10 men in the second half.
28.3.1896	Coalville Town	1	1	Finedon Revellers	
28.3.1896	Shepshed Town	0	1	Rushden Town Reserves	Shepshed players and officials were reported to Leicestershire Football Association for their appalling conduct.
4.4.1896	Coalville Town	1 (0)	0 (0)	Leicester Fosse Rovers	Large gate.
4.4.1896	Hinckley Town Narraway	1	2	Rushden Town Reserves	
6.4.1896	Kettering Reserves AN Other Starr	2 (0)	0 (0)	Rushden Town Reserves	North Park, Kettering.
18.4.1896	Leicester Fosse Rovers Hibbert	1 (0)	2 (2)	Hugglescote Robin Hood AN Others	"Capital" gate. Hugglescote arrived without a goal-keeper, but picked up up Picken of the YMCA- who was Man of the Match.
25.4.1896	Rushden Town Reserves og (10 min) Litchfield (11 min) Groome (15 min)	4 (3)	0 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Moderate attendance.
?	Finedon Revellers			Rushden Town Reserves	
?	Shpshed Town			Kettering Reserves	

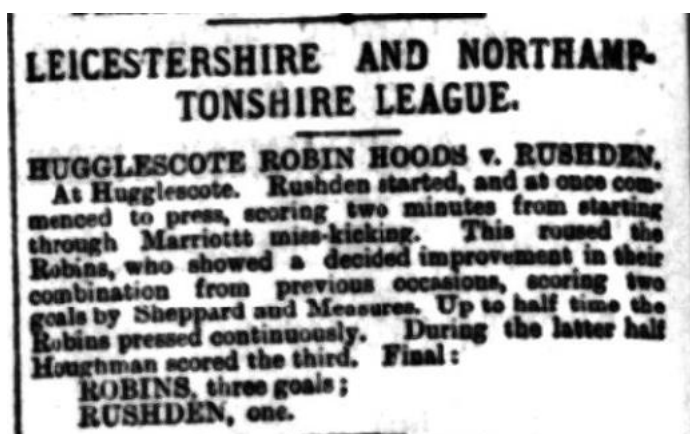
Match Reports



Leicester Daily Post – 30 September 1895



Leicester Daily Post – 4 November 1895



Leicester Daily Post – 6 January 1896

THE CHAMPIONS v REST OF THE LEAGUE

The customary championship match between the champions of the L and N League – who this year are again Leicester Fosse Reserves – and a team selected from the rest of the League was brought off today off on the Walnut-road Ground, Leicester, before a large attendance of spectators. An interesting game was anticipated, as the Fosse's Reserves put their best team in the field, whilst the team representative of the rest of the League was a very strong combination, and was under the captaincy of the veteran "Jimmy" Panter, of Kettering renown. The energetic secretary of the League, Mr John M Ferguson, was in charge of the whistle, the teams lining up as follows:

Rest of League: - Martin (Shepshead) goal; Toseland (Kettering) and H York (Finedon), backs; Patterson (Rushden), A B Panter, captain (Kettering), and Atkins (Hugglescote), half-backs; Hitchcock (Kettering) and Rice (Hugglescote), right wing; Kendrick (Coalville) centre; Narraway (Hinckley) and Cutler (Loughborough), left wing.

Fosse Reserves: Underwood, goal; Thompson and Hoga, backs; Cassell, Atherton and Bevans, half-backs; Pickard and Hibbard, right wing; Skea, Centre; McArthur and Bishop, left wing.

Linesmen, Messrs. W Reed (Hugglescote) and H T Dunn (Loughborough).

The Fosse won the toss and rushed the ball to the other end, but Martin saved finely. Each end was visited in turn, and the game became very fast, the Fosse having slightly the best of the play. Martin, however, kept his charge well. After half an hour's play the Rest of the league penned up the Fosse. A good centre by Cutler struck the corner of the post, and, rebounding, the same player banged it into the net. In the second half the Fosse had the best of the game, Skea scoring twice, McArthur once and Bishop once. Result:

FOSSE RESERVES 4

REST OF THE LEAGUE 1

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LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHANTS LEAGUE.

COALVILLE TOWN v. FOSSE ROVERS

On Coalville Town ground, before a good gate. Fosse kicked with the wind, and the game commenced fast, and for a time ruled even. From a corner Fosse nearly scored, but Bunting cleared. A second corner was also fruitless. Coalville pressed, and forced a corner, but nothing resulted. Orton made a good shot from midfield. Fosse had to give a corner, but Coalville failed to score. Half-time

NO SCORE.

Coalville pressed in the second half, and scored once. Result:

TOWN, one goal;
FOSSE, none.

HINCKLEY v RUSHDEN.

At Hinckley. Play was even until 25 minutes from the start, when Narraway scored for Hinckley. Tucker put the ball through again, but the point was disallowed for offside. Half-time: Hinckley, one; Rushden, none. Playing with the wind, Rushden made every effort to score. Twenty minutes from the end Charlton failed to stop a shot from the right wing, and Rushden scored again. Result:

RUSHDEN, two goals;
HINCKLEY, one.

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Additional Information

LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHANTS LEAGUE.

The annual general meeting of this League was held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Tuesday, Mr. A. E. Marson presiding. Consequent on six out of the nine clubs forming the League having resigned on account of the expense and time entailed in travelling from one county to the other, it was decided to disband the League. Some discussion followed as to the formation of a League confined to Leicestershire, and eventually a suggestion that a League be formed, to include the Leicestershire senior clubs met with the entire approval of the Leicestershire representatives, and this course it was virtually understood would be adopted.—The balance-sheet showed receipts £47 4s. 4d., including gate money of the championship match, £30 8s. 6d. The total expenditure was £45 7s. 1d., of which £9 1s. 6d. was for medals for the champions and Rest of League this year, and £4 3s. 9d. for the same thing last year; and £13 16s. 6d. expenses incurred in connection with the championship match. The balance in hand was £1 17s. 3d., and after deducting incidental expenses, it was decided to divide the remainder equally between the clubs of the League.—The Chairman presented Mr. Fergusson, on behalf of the League, with a handsome gold watch chain in recognition of his services as secretary during the past two years. — The presentation was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Fergusson.

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