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Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Leicester Fosse Reserves ¹	20	14	1	5	63	18	3.5	27
2	Coalville Albion	20	11	4	5	47	27	1.74	26
3	Hinckley Town ²	20	12	5	3	50	13	3.8	25
4	Coalville Town	20	9	4	7	37	23	1.61	22
5	Loughborough Athletic	20	7	6	7	35	29	1.21	20
6	Ibstock Albion	20	8	4	8	30	43	0.70	20
7	Whitwick Town	20	7	5	8	36	37	0.97	19
8	Shepshed Town	20	7	5	8	34	37	0.92	19
9	<u>Barwell Swifts</u>	20	8	3	9	37	56	0.66	19
10	<u>Earl Shilton Town</u>	20	3	3	14	26	76	0.34	9
11	<u>Hugglescote Robin Hood</u>	20	2	4	14	16	52	0.31	8

1. Leicester Fosse Reserves deducted 2 points for fielding an ineligible player
2. Hinckley Town deducted 4 points

Winner:	Leicester Fosse Reserves
Runner-Up:	Coalville Albion
Wooden spoon:	Hugglescote Robin Hood
Games Played:	110
Missing Results:	1
Goals scored:	411 (3.74 goals per game)
Biggest home win:	Coalville Albion 10-0 Barwell Swifts
Biggest away win:	Earl Shilton 1-8 Leicester Fosse Reserve
Highest scoring:	10: Coalville Albion 10-0 Barwell Swifts 10: Loughborough Athletic 9-1 Earl Shilton Town

In consequence of 6 out of the 9 clubs having resigned, it was decided at the AGM to disband the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire League in May 1896. Following this decision, the Leicestershire clubs present decided to form a League confined to Leicestershire senior clubs. The construction of the proposed new League was left with Messrs E A Marson and J M Ferguson, the latter elected as Secretary. An application to form Leicestershire Senior League consisting of Fosse Reserve, Loughborough Reserve, Coalville Town, Hinckley Town, Hugglescote Robin Hood, Shepshed Town, Coalville Albion, Whitwick Town, Barwell Swifts, Ibstock Albion and Earl Shilton Town – was unanimously approved at the July 1896 meeting of the Leicestershire Football Association.

The inaugural Leicester Senior League comprised of 11 sides, only one, Leicester Fosse Reserves, were based in Leicester. Coalville were represented by two teams – Albion and Town and three others (Hugglescote Robin Hood, Ibstock Albion, Whitwick Town) were within walking distance of each other.

The majority of the Loughborough Athletic team comprised of players from the defunct North Leicestershire champions Stanford St Johns.

Leicester Fosse Reserves were clear favourites to win the first Leicestershire Senior League competition.

Several games were stopped short of time due to poor light and had to be replayed. The League ordered that kick off should take place no later than 2.30 during January and 2.45 during the month of February.

There was crowd trouble at Loughborough towards the end of the Senior League game between the Athletic and Coalville Town. With the score even, T York ran through for Loughborough, but just before the ball reached the net, referee (Mr J Ferguson, Leicester) blew his whistle for a foul by a Coalville player. Some Loughborough spectators were incensed at the award of free kick to Loughborough instead of goal. When the game ended, "spectators went for the referee, booing and menacing him in a deplorable manner." One individual made a rush for Mr Ferguson, but fortunately for the reputation of the Loughborough club an official knocked him down, allowing Mr Ferguson to escape.

All games had to be completed by the end of April. Teams had to play several games in a week in order to complete their fixture list. The actual dates when some these games took place are not currently known.

Leicester Fosse Reserves were eventually crowned Leicester Senior League Champions, winning 12, drawing 1 and losing 5 of their 20 games. Their points tally of 29 was matched by Hinckley who won 13, drew 5 and lost just 3 games. However, both teams were deducted points for fielding ineligible players. This unfortunately cost Hinckley dearly as they had a superior goal average.

Results Grid

Leicestershire Senior League 1896-7	Barwell Swifts	Coalville Albion	Coalville Town	Earl Shilton Town	Hinckley Town.	Hugglescote R.H.	Ibstock Albion	Leicester Fosse Res.	Loughborough Athletic	Shepshed Town	Whitwick Town
Barwell Swifts		3-4	2-0	4-1	1-1	5-2	3-3	0-1	3-1	3-0	2-0
Coalville Albion	10-0		1-3	3-1	0-1	0-1	6-3	1-0	4-2	3-0	2-2
Coalville Town	8-1	1-2		1-3	1-1	5-0	2-1	2-1	0-2	3-1	1-0
Earl Shilton Town	1-7	2-2	1-0		0-5	4-3	0-2	1-8	1-2	3-3	2-5
Hinckley Town	2-0	4-0	0-0	1-1		4-0	7-0	4-2	3-1	8-0	2-1
Hugglescote R.H.	1-1	0-4	1-5	4-0	0-1		0-2	1-5	1-1	1-2	1-1
Ibstock Albion	5-1	0-1	D/D	4-2	0-4	1-0		2-1	1-1	2-0	1-5
Leicester Fosse Res.	5-0	1-1	1-0	7-0	1-0	2-0	3-0		4-1	5-0	8-0
Loughborough Athletic	1-0	0-2	1-1	9-1	3-0	1-1	0-0	3-1		3-1	1-2
Shepshed Town	6-0	1-1	4-0	3-0	1-1	3-0	5-1	1-2	1-0		0-0
Whitwick Town	L/W	2-0	1-3	3-2	3-1	6-0	1-2	1-5	2-2	1-1	

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Result Not Known

All results are known but scores are not known for the following games: Ibstock v Coalville and Whitwick v Barwell Swifts and Ibstock v Coalville Town.

Results and Match Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.9.1896	Coalville Town	2 (2)	1 (0)	Leicester Fosse Reserves	Waggon and Horses Ground, Coalville Fair number of spectators Game started in heavy rain.
5.9.1896	Hugglescote Robin Hood	0	1	Hinckley Town Beardsworth	Played in drenching rain
5.9.1896	Loughborough Athletic	0 (0)	2 (0)	Coalville Albion Brierley Dickens	Athletic Ground, Loughborough.

					"Weather was of the worst description and scarcely fit for play." Attendance was very small.
12.9.1896	Barwell Swifts Peace Haywood (2)	3 (1)	0 (0)	Shepshed Town	
12.9.1896	Coalville Albion	4 (4)	2 (0)	Loughborough Athletic	Park Ground, Coalville.
12.9.1896	Earl Shilton Town AN Other	1 (0)	8 (4)	Leicester Fosse Reserves Trainer (3) Cole (og) Jones Wooding (2) Harris	
12.9.1896	Hugglescote Robin Hood Poxon	1 (1)	1 (0)	Whitwick Albion AN Other	
19.9.1896	Coalville Town	2 (1)	0 (0)	Ibstock Albion	Waggon and Horses Ground, Coalville. Beautiful weather. Good gate.
19.9.1896	Loughborough Athletic McBride	1	1	Hugglescote Robin Hood Sancott	Sancott's equaliser was "ridiculous" as the Loughborough backs apparently made no effort to stop the ball.
19.9.1896	Shepshed Town West (30 mins)	1 (1)	1 (0)	Coalville Albion AN Other	Additional interest in this game as the teams would shortly meet each other in the first round of the Senior Cup. Kick off- 3.50 pm. Shepshed adopted 'kicking out' tactics. Coalville missed a penalty but equalised 4 mins from time.
19.9.1896	Whitwick Town	3 (3)	2 (1)	Earl Shilton Town	Good gate.
26.9.1896	Earl Shilton Town	2	2	Coalville Albion	
26.9.1896	Hinckley Town	3	1	Loughborough Athletic	
26.9.1896	Hugglescote	1	5	Coalville Town	700 spectators.
26.9.1896	Ibstock Albion	2	0	Shepshed Town	
26.9.1896	Leicester Fosse Reserves Jones (2) Trainer (3) AN Other Harris Wooding	8 (3)	0 (0)	Whitwick Town	Fosse's first Senior League home match. Fair gate. At the same moment that the Fosse scored their third, the half-time score of the Fosse v Loughborough game, showing 2-0 in favour of the Fosse was hoisted on the scoreboard, a loud cheer signalling the double event. Trainer hat-trick
3.10.1896	Loughborough Athletic McBride (2) T York	3 (2)	1 (1)	Leicester Fosse Reserves AN Other	Athletic Ground, Loughborough Good crowd.
10.10.1896	Barwell Swifts	P	P	Earl Shilton	Match postponed so that Earl Shilton could replay their drawn game with Hinckley Granville in the Hinckley Charity Cup.
10.10.1896	Leicester Fosse Rovers			Coalville Albion	Albion did not fulfil the fixture.

10.10.1896	Whitwick Town	1	1	Shepshed Town	1,000 spectators.
24.10.1896	Coalville Town AN Other	1	2	Coalville Albion Dicken (2)	Wagon and Horses ground 1,000 spectators.
24.10.1896	Earl Shilton Town	2	7	Barwell Swifts	
24.10.1896	Hinckley Town Hitchcock AN Other	2	1	Whitwick Town Woodin	Showery weather. Very rough game.
24.10.1896	Ibstock Albion	1	0	Hugglescote Robin Hood	
24.10.1896	Shepshed Town Thompson (20 mins)	1 (1)	0 (0)	Loughborough Athletic	Kicked off at 3.15 pm. Shepshed forward line included 3 ex-Loughborough Shepshed's first League win.
31.10.1896	Barwell Swifts	1	1	Hinckley Town	
31.10.1896	Ibstock Albion	4	2	Earl Shilton Town	
31.10.1896	Whitwick Town	2	0	Coalville Albion	First defeat of League leaders Whitwick Town.
7.11.1866	Hinckley Town			Coalville Town	
7.11.1896	Hugglescote Robin Hood AN Other	1(0) (0)	2 (2)	Loughborough Athletic	Miserable weather. Loughborough arrived 1 hour late. Referee stopped the game earlier owing to darkness. Robin Hood scored their only goal 5 mins into the second half.
7.11.1866	Whitwick Town AN Other Moon	2 (0)	5 (2)	Leicester Fosse Reserves AN Other Trainer	Rain fell throughout and the ground was heavy.
14.11.1896	Barwell Swifts	4	1	Earl Shilton Town	
14.11.1896	Hinckley Town	0	0	Coalville Town	The match was stopped 8 mins before time owing to darkness and was ordered to be replayed.
14.11.1896	Whitwick Town	6	0	Hugglescote Robin Hood	
28.11.1896	Coalville Albion	0	1	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Park-road ground, Coalville.
28.11.1896	Hinckley Town	2 (0)	0 (0)	Barwell Swifts	Great excitement was caused by this encounter. 400 spectators.
28.11.1896	Shepshed Town Rose (3 mins) AN Other (5 mins) Kidger Gran Mills	5 (3)	1 (1)	Ibstock Albion AN Other (15 mins)	Numerous spectators. Shepshed not at full strength – Thompson suspended for playing in a six-a-side contest; West had a small bone broken whilst playing against the Whitwick team the previous Saturday and star player Len Kidger was prevented at the last moment through illness.
28.11.1896	Whitwick Town	1 (1)	3 (0)	Coalville Town	Coalville started the second half with a rush and scored a goal in 5 mins and a further 5 mins later, and again close to time.
5.12.1896	Barwell Swifts Cobley (3 mins) Haywood	2 (1)	0 (0)	Whitwick Town	
5.12.1896	Coalville Town	5 (2)	0 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Splendid gate. The Robins did not get over the halfway line in the second half.
5.12.1896	Ibstock Albion	0	1	Coalville Albion	

5.12.1896	Loughborough Athletic Brewill (2) Brailsford	3 (2)	1 (0)	Shepshed Town West	Good attendance – large number of visitors from Shepshed. The Loughborough linemen was spoken to by the referee on several occasions for inaccurate decisions. Shepshed missed a first half penalty.
12.12.1896	Barwell Swifts Haywood (2) Cobley (pen)	3 (3)	3 (1)	lstock Albion Lenton (2) Cooper	Miserable weather. Pitch was in a bad state due to heavy rain, players had difficulty keeping their feet. Loughborough scored first.
12.12.1896	Leicester Fosse Reserves Bishop (3) Jones	4 (2)	1 (1)	Loughborough Athletic AN Other	Game was spoiled by the weather. Rain fell heavily at kick off and the ground, which had been sodden by previous rains, was soon in a very bad state, and the players had some difficulty in keeping their feet. Howes [goalkeeper] allowed the ball to slip through his hand to give Loughborough the lead. Bishop scored his third a minute from time.
12.12.1896	Shepshed Town Len Kidger (2) Rose	3	0	Earl Shilton	Miserable weather – which rendered “correct play impossible.”
19.12.1896	Barwell Swifts	0	1	Leicester Fosse Reserves	Barwell's first home defeat of the season.
19.12.1896	Coalville Albion Jeffcoat	1 (0)	3 (2)	Coalville Town AN Other Paget	Park-road, Coalville. Good gate. Enthusiastic crowd - “partisanship ruled high Much interest was centred in the match the result would determine which team would lead each other in the League. Smith, of the Albion and Orton, of the Town were sent off for foul play.
19.12.1896	Hinckley Town	8	0	Shepshed Town	Unexpected as they drew in a close encounter when they last met.
19.12.1896	Hugglescote Robin Hood Poxon (2) Swift Hall	4	0	Earl Shilton Town	
25.12.1897	Coalville Albion AN Others Dicken	6 (2)	3 (2)	lstock Albion AN Others	Park-road ground, Coalville. Beautifully fine weather. Record gate for the season, c.1,000 spectators. Colville scored within 3 mins of the start and lstock rapidly equalised.
26.12.1896	Coalville Town	A	A	Hinckley Town	Ground was in such a bad state that the referee decided a League fixture could not take place. A friendly was played and ended in a draw of one goal.

26.12.1896	Shepshed Town West	1 (1)	2 (1)	Leicester Fosse Reserves Bishop AN Other	Boxing Day. Kicked off at 2.50 pm Large crowd.
2.1.1897	Ibstock Albions	3	1	Barwell Swifts	Hastings Arms Ground, Ibstock. Good company
	Leicester Fosse Reserves Bishop Cufflin (og) AN Other	2 (0)	0 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Good attendance. After a night's frost, the ground was hard and lumpy in places. Fosse fielded a weakened side. Trainer, Lord and Bevans being absentees.
9.1.1897	Coalville Town	0 (0)	2 (2)	Loughborough Athletic	Wagon and Horses Ground. Small gate. Snowstorm. Loughborough arrived late, delaying kick off by 40 mins.
9.1.1897	Earl Shilton Town AN Others	5	2	Whitwick Town Middleton Whitmore	
9.1.1897	Hinckley Town Beardsworth Knight Orrell AN Other	4 (1)	2 (0)	Leicester Fosse Reserves AN Other Gamble	Fosse briefly 2-1 early in the second half.
9.1.1897	Hugglescote Robin Hood Gourley Jeffcote Bradshaw Brockley	4	0	Coalville Albion	Miserable weather. About 15 mins before time, an accident Poole [Hugglescote] sustained a fracture of the leg,
16.1.1897	Coalville Albion	1 (0)	0 (0)	Leicester Fosse Reserves	Park-road Ground, Coalville Splendid gate. The only goal of the game was scored a minute before time.
16.1.1897	Earl Shilton Town	1	0	Coalville Town	
16.1.1897	Loughborough Athletic AN Other Roulstone Taylor (og)	3 (0)	0 (0)	Hinckley Town	Athletic Ground, Loughborough
16.1.1897	Shepshed Town	2	1	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Dull, cold weather
23.1.1897	Barwell Swifts Cobley Herbert Bennett	3 (1)	1 (0)	Loughborough Athletic Blackett	
23.1.1897	Hinckley Town AN Other	1 (0)	1 (1)	Earl Shilton Town J Cole	Holywell Ground, Hinckley. Hinckley scored from a corner.
23.1.1897	Leicester Fosse Reserves Gamble Bevan Gamble	3 (1)	0 (0)	Ibstock Albion	Ground covered in several inches of snow. 150 spectators. Fosse team had been completely rearranged, and included Worthington, Blore, Tomlin and Cassell. The game was marred by an unfortunate incident - Bailey and the opposing half met in midfield and kicked Bailey in the face and was sent off.

					Rough play followed. Blore was badly tripped just as he was going to shoot and looked almost certain to score. Amidst loud cheering referrer (Mr Ferguson) awarded a penalty (instead of the usual free kick) which was scored by Bevans.
30.1.1897	Barwell Swifts Peace AN Others	3 (2)	4 (1)	Coalville Albion AN Others	Ground was covered in snow
30.1.1897	Coalville Town Orton White Smith	3 (3)	1 (1)	Shepshed Town AN Other	Moderate attendance. Wintry weather. Shepshed commenced with 10 men owing to the late arrival of Picken.
30.1.1897	Leicester Fosse Reserves Bevans	1 (0)	0 (0)	Hinckley Town	Favourable gate.
30.1.1897	Whitwick Town Whitmore Wooding	2 (1)	2 (2)	Loughborough Athletic AN Others	
6.2.1897	Barwell Swifts Pickering Cobley	2	0	Coalville Town	Fearfully bad ground.
6.2.1897	Hinckley Town AN Other (1 min) Beardsworth Pollard (2)	4 (2)	0 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Good number of spectators.
6.2.1897	Ibstock Albion Allen	1	5	Whitwick Town Middleton (3) Tugby Haywood	Hastings Arms Ground, Ibstock. Ground was covered in snow.
6.2.1897	Leicester Fosse Reserves Jones	1 (0)	1 (0)	Coalville Albion Sellars	Fair attendance. Ground in a wretched condition.
6.2.1897	Loughborough Athletic Hardy (pen) Monk (2) Knightley Roulstone AN Other Bexon Turner Yorke	9 (4)	1 (0)	Earl Shilton Town AN Other	Moderate gate.
13.2.1897	Coalville Town Kendrick	1 (0)	0 (0)	Whitwick Town	c.1,000 spectators
13.2.1897	Earl Shilton Town	0	5	Hinckley Town	One-sided game.
13.2.1897	Hugglescote Robin Hood	1	2	Shepshed Town	The Robins commenced with only 7 players. Shepshed scored after 3 mins.
13.2.1897	Ibstock Albion	2	1	Leicester Fosse Reserves	Replayed fixture. 1,000 spectators
13.2.1897	Loughborough Athletic E Yorke	1	0	Barwell Swifts	Athletic Ground. Loughborough. Brewill [Loughborough] missed a penalty.
20.2.1897	Hinckley Town	0 (0)	0 (0)	Coalville Town	1,000 spectators
20.2.1897	Hugglescote Robin Hood	1	1	Barwell Swifts	Good gate.
20.2.1897	Leicester Fosse Reserves AN Other Wood (3)	7 (3)	0 (0)	Earl Shilton Town	Owing to the Fosse ground being used for a Birmingham Cup semi-final match, the game

	West Bishop (2)				had to be played on the Victoria Park, before only a handful of spectators. The ground was in a horrible state after recent heavy rains.
20.2.1897	Whitwick Town	1	2	Ibstock Albion	
27.2.1897	Loughborough Athletic	0 (0)	0 (0)	Ibstock Albion	Athletic Ground, Loughborough
27.2.1897	Shepshed Town	0	0	Whitwick Town	Largest gate of the season.
6.3.1897	Coalville Albion Gourlay (2) Jeffcoat	3	0	Shepshed Town	Park-road Ground, Coalville Fairly good gate.
6.3.1897	Earl Shilton Town	1	2	Loughborough Athletic	
6.3.1897	Ibstock Albion	4	0	Hinckley Town	Hastings Arms Ground, Ibstock. Capital attendance. Benefit game for Mr Beeson, the captain of the club – a sum of £5 5s was raised.
6.3.1897	Leicester Fosse Reserves	5	0	Barwell Swifts	Filbert-street, Leicester. One-sided game.
13.3.1897	Shepshed Town AN Other Jordan Briers	3 (1)	0 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hood	3.40 pm kick off.
20.3.1897	Barwell Swifts	5	2	Hugglescote Robin Hood	
20.3.1897	Earl Shilton Town	0	2	Ibstock Albion	
20.3.1897	Leicester Fosse Reserves Blore	1 (1)	0 (0)	Coalville Town	Good attendance.
20.3.1897	Shepshed Town Grain	1 (1)	1 (0)	Hinckley Town AN Other	
27.3.1897	Loughborough Athletic AN Other	1 (1)	1 (1)	Coalville Town Smith	Athletic Ground, Loughborough. Crowd trouble which resulted in the closure of the ground.
3.4.1897	Hugglescote Robin Hood Poxon	1 (0)	1 (1)	Loughborough Athletic York	Neither side were strongly represented.
3.4.1897	Shepshed Town	4	0	Coalville Town	
10.4.1897	Coalville Town	1 (0)	1 (1)	Hinckley Town	Wagon and Horses, Ground, Coalville. Fine weather. Fairly good gate.
10.4.1897	Earl Shilton Town	4	3	Hugglescote Robin Hood	The two teams occupied the bottom two places in the League table.
10.4.1897	Ibstock Albion	1	1	Loughborough Athletic	Good gate. Fine weather.
10.4.1897	Leicester Fosse Reserves Bamford (3) AN Other Coulson	5 (3)	0 (0)	Shepshed Town	Fair attendance. Beautiful weather. Bamford scored a first half hat-trick.
16.4.1897	Hugglescote Robin Hood	0	2	Ibstock Albion Lenton AN Other	Jackson's Ground, Hugglescote. Played on Good Friday morning. Rain fell heavily in the second half and by the time the game ended nearly all the spectators had left.
17.4.1897	Coalville Albion	0	1	Hinckley Town	Park Road Ground Poor attendance
17.4.1897	Coalville Town	8	1	Barwell Swifts	Waggon and Horses Ground, Coalville.

					Rain fell throughout the whole afternoon and consequently there were very few spectators. Coalville played 5 reserve men – 3 engaged in a county match and the other 2 resting. “A most extraordinary match” as Coalville were losing 1-0 at half-time.
17.4.1897	Earl Shilton Town	3	3	Shepshed Town	Very even game.
17.4.1897	NORTH	4	2	SOUTH	Fosse ground, Leicester.
19.4.1897	Coalville Albion	10	0	Barwell Swifts	Park-road Ground, Coalville. Osbourne [Barwell], who was intoxicated, collided heavily with two players fracturing his leg below the knee in two or three places. He was taken to Leicester Infirmary on an ambulance carriage
19.4.1897	Hinckley Town	7	0	Ibstock Albion	Ibstock sent a weakened team.
20.4.1897	Coalville Albion	2	2	Whitwick Town	Park Road ground, Coalville. Heavy rain. Poor attendance.
?4.1897	Coalville Town	1	3	Earl Shilton Town	
?4.1897	Hugglescote Robin Hood	1	5	Leicester Fosse Reserves	Jackson's Ground, Hugglescote.
?4.1897	Loughborough Reserves	1 (1)	2 (1)	Whitwick Town	Athletic Ground, Loughborough. Game interrupted by a thunderstorm. Neither goalkeeper had much to do. Game ended 15 mins early.
?4.1897	Whitwick Town	0	1	Barwell Swifts	
21.4.1897	Coalville Albion	3	1	Earl Shilton	
21.4.1897	Whitwick	3	1	Hinckley Town	
24.4.1897	Hinckley Town	4 (2)	0 (0)	Coalville Albion	Jackson Ground, Hugglescote. 2,000 spectators. The final for the Championship of the Leicestershire League. Hinckley scored after 90 sec and a second 10 mins before half-time.

19.4.1897	North Orton (2) York AN Other	4	2	South AN Others	Fosse ground. Heavy rain falling throughout/strong wind. Poor attendance
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Match Reports

Typical match reports

SHEPSHED v. COALVILLE ALBION

Additional interest was added to the above match, which took place on the Shepshed ground, from the fact that the teams will shortly have to meet again in the first round of the Leicestershire Senior Cup. Since last season the Shepshed committee have been obliged to introduce new blood into the team, and there is every confidence that later on in the season their performances will justify the committee's selections.

Shepshed won the toss, and elected to kick with a strong breeze. Jeffries started at 3.50. Play was fast, both goalkeepers having repeatedly to save, Martin especially distinguishing himself. West scored after thirty minutes' play, and half-time arrived without any addition. In the second half the visitors pressed, and Shepshed adopted kicking-out tactics. Coalville failed to utilise a penalty, but scored four minutes before time. Result :

A DRAW, one goal each.

Leicester Daily Post – 16 September 1896

HINCKLEY v. WHITWICK

At Hinckley, in showery weather. The visitors pressed at the start by long kicking. Eventually the home lot got the upper hand, and Hitchcock headed a beautiful goal from Beadsworth's centre. Then Whitwick pressed again and, after a mull in the goal mouth, Woodin made the score level. Resuming, the game was very rough. Hinckley scored from a ruck of players. Result :

HINCKLEY, two goals
WHITWICK, one goal.

COALVILLE TOWN v. COALVILLE ALBION

On the Wagon and Horses ground, before a thousand spectators. The Town played downhill and quickly forced three corners the last one being successfully converted. Rushing up, the Albion soon equalised. Resuming after half-time, both teams pressed, and, after some good play Dicken scored a second goal for the Albion. The same team continued to press, and had numerous shots at goal, but they went wide. Result :

ALBION, two goals,
TOWN, one.

Leicester Daily Post – 26 October 1896

LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE.

COALVILLE ALBION v. COALVILLE TOWN.

This match was played on the Park ground, before a good gate. Much interest was centered in the match, as it would practically determine which team should head the other in the League chart. Partisanship ruled high. Albion played down hill, and fast play ensued from the start. Smith ran up for the Town, but Noon cleared. The Town then looked dangerous in front of goal, but were stopped for off-side. Albion then ran down and forced a corner, but it proved fruitless. The Town then held a similar advantage, but it also proved of no avail. Soon afterwards, however, they scored from a grand kick across the goal. Albion then attacked, and had a shot at goal, but the custodian easily cleared. Immediately afterwards Paget scored number two for the Town. Play was then rather even, but the Town afterwards assumed the aggressive again, and twice nearly scored. Play then went to mid-field, and at half-time the score was:

TOWN, two goals;

ALBION, none.

Resuming the second half the Albion ran up, and forced a corner, which went out. The Town then transferred play, and quickly added another goal. Smith, of the Albion, and Orton, of the Town, were subsequently ordered off the field for foul play. Towards the close the Albions pressed considerably, Jeffcoat scoring their first goal. Still pressing, they ought to have scored twice, but their shots just failed to go through. Result:

TOWN, three goals;

ALBION, one goal.

HINCKLEY v. FOSSE RESERVES.

The game opened with a bad foul by Lord. Hinckley pressed, but Thompson was safe, and the Fosse left played finely, but Charlton saved splendidly. Hitchcock, Pollard, and Beadsworth worked the ball up, but Thompson again relieved. Beadsworth scored for Hinckley just before half-time. Half-time score:

HINCKLEY, one goal;

FOSSE RESERVES, none.

The second half opened with a goal for the Fosse from a corner, and Gamble gave them the lead soon after. Hinckley now took up the running, and had all the game, but Thompson played well. Hinckley scored again from a grand centre by Knight. Orrell soon after scored with a grand shot. The homesters continued to have the best of the game. Result:

HINCKLEY, four goals;

FOSSE, two goals.

COALVILLE TOWN v. LOUGHBOROUGH RESERVES.

On the Wagon and Horses Ground, before a small gate. Loughborough played down hill, and soon scored, quickly adding a second. The Town then ran up, and had a good shot, the goalkeeper just clearing. Even play ensued, and at half-time the game stood:

LOUGHBOROUGH RESERVES, two goals;

COALVILLE, none.

The second half was played under miserable conditions, and Coalville pressed considerably, but nothing resulted, a moderate game ending:

LOUGHBOROUGH RESERVES, two goals;

COALVILLE, none.

FOSSE RESERVES v. BARWELL SWIFTS.

Played on the Filbert-street Ground. Fosse had matters all their own way, and won easily, the final score being:

FOSSE RESERVES, five goals;

BARWELL SWIFTS, none.

COALVILLE ALBION v SHEPSHED TOWN.

On the Park-road ground. The Albion played down hill, and quickly forced two fruitless corners. Directly afterwards they scored number one, the second following soon after. Shepshead then had two good shots at goal, but Underwood easily cleared. The second half was greatly in favour of the Albions, Jeffcoat scored the third goal, a good game resulting:

ALBION, three goals;

SHEPSHED, none.

EARL SHILTON TOWN v. LOUGHBOROUGH RESERVE.

At Earl Shilton. Result:

LOUGHBOROUGH, two goals;

EARL SHILTON, one.

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LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE.

Last evening a meeting of this league was held at the George Hotel, Mr. H. T. Duan (Loughborough), in the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. W. Fellowes, occupying the chair. He was supported by the following delegates, viz., Messrs. T. Moss (Hugglescote), G. Blockley (Coalville Albion), T. Earp (Coalville Town), G. Bishop (Ibstock Albion), W. Powers (Barwell Swifts), J. E. Harris (Whitwick Town), G. Marshall (Hinckley), and J. M. Ferguson (hon. secretary). The action taken by the secretary respecting himself and the Leicestershire Football Association was confirmed by the League. —Fosse Reserves reported Coalville Albion for nonfulfilment of fixture on October 10. Both clubs were represented, and after hearing their evidence, the League decided that the clubs mutually agree upon a fresh date within a month, failing which the matter to be dealt with by that body, who would then appoint a day on which the match should be played. —The remainder of the business was the appointment of referees for the months of November and December as follows:—

November 7.—Whitwick Town v. Fosse Reserves, Mr. G. Blockley. Hugglescote Robin Hoods v. Loughborough Reserves, Mr. F. Gardner.

November 14.—Fosse Reserves v. Shepshed Town, Mr. W. Cockaine. Hinckley Town v. Coalville Town, Mr. J. M. Ferguson. Whitwick Town v. Hugglescote Robin Hoods, Mr. F. Earpe. Earl Shilton Town v. Barwell Swifts, Mr. A. E. Marson.

November 28.—Shepshed Town v. Ibstock Albion, Mr. T. Moss. Hinckley Town v. Barwell Swifts, Mr. Lovell. Whitwick Town v. Coalville Town, Mr. G. Swain. Coalville Albion v. Hugglescote Robin Hoods, Mr. W. Cockaine.

December 5.—Loughborough Reserves v. Shepshed Town, Mr. J. M. Ferguson. Barwell Swifts v. Whitwick Town, Mr. F. Gardner. Ibstock Albion v. Coalville Albion, Mr. W. Fellowes. Coalville Town v. Hugglescote Robin Hoods, Mr. Blora.

December 12.—Shepshed Town v. Earl Shilton Town, Mr. C. W. Pezz. Barwell Swifts v. Ibstock Albion, Mr. J. W. Ferguson. Fosse Reserves v. Loughborough Reserves, Mr. G. Blockley.

December 19.—Hinckley Town v. Shepshed Town, Mr. H. Tomlinson. Hugglescote Robin Hoods v. Earl Shilton, Mr. W. West. Coalville Albion v. Coalville Town, Mr. W. Fellowes. Fosse Reserves v. Barwell Swifts, Mr. J. T. Hawkins.

December 25.—Coalville Albion v. Ibstock Albion, Mr. G. Swain.

December 26.—Shepshed Town v. Fosse Reserves, Mr. T. Earpe. Coalville Town v. Hinckley Town, Mr. T. Moss.

LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE.

A meeting of this League was held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Monday afternoon. Mr. H. T. Dunn (Loughborough) presiding, in the absence of the chairman, Mr. W. Fellowes (Hugglescote), through illness. There were also present Messrs. J. Marriott (Hugglescote), W. H. Harris (Fosse), G. Bishop (Ibstock), W. Powers (Barwell), H. S. Goucher (Coalville Albion), T. Kelley (Whitwick Town), G. Marshall (Hinckley Town), T. Earp (Coalville Town), and J. M. Fergusson (hon. secretary).—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and before proceeding with the ordinary business, on the proposition of Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Dunn, it was unanimously resolved that a vote of condolence be sent to the widow and family of the late Mr. Frank Ashwell, who was a vice-president of the League.—The referee in the match between Hinckley Town and Coalville Town, played at Hinckley on November 14, reported that the match was stopped eight minutes before time in consequence of darkness.—After hearing evidence of both clubs, it was decided that the match be re-played on a date to be mutually arranged between the two clubs in question, and the proceeds of the gate to be equally divided on cup-tie principles.—A report from the referee in the match between Hugglescote and Loughborough Reserves, played at Hugglescote on November 1, was similarly dealt with.—It was decided that the kick-off in League matches should take place not later than 2.30 during January, and 2.45 during the month of February.—The remainder of the business was the appointment of referees for the months of January and February as under:—

January 2, 1897, Fosse Reserves v Hugglescote R.H. Referee, Mr. W P Wooley.

January 9, Earl Shilton Town v. Whitwick Town, Mr. J. T. Hawkins; Hinckley Town v. Fosse Reserves, Mr. A. Lovell; Coalville Town v. Loughborough Reserves, Mr. C. Price; Hugglescote R.H. v. Coalville Albion, Mr. W. H. Harris.

January 16, Shepshed Town v. Hugglescote R.H., Mr. G. Blockley; Earl Shilton Town v. Coalville Town, Mr. J. Waring; Loughborough Reserves v. Hinckley Town, Mr. J. M. Fergusson; Ibstock Albion v. Barwell Swifts, Mr. W. Fellowes; Coalville Albion v. Fosse Reserves, Mr. W. Cockain.

January 23, Hinckley Town v. Earl Shilton Town, Mr. A. Blore; Fosse Reserves v. Ibstock Albion, Mr. G. Swain; Barwell Swifts v. Loughborough Reserves, Mr. J. T. Hawkins.

January 30, Coalville Town v. Shepshed Town, Mr. H. S. Marshall; Fosse Reserves v. Hinckley Town, Mr. W. Cockain; Hugglescote R.H. v. Ibstock Albion, Mr. G. Blockley; Barwell Swifts v. Coalville Albion, Mr. A. Lovell; Whitwick Town v. Loughborough Reserves, Mr. J. E. Carpenter.

February 6, Fosse Reserves v. Coalville Albion,
 Mr. J. T. Hawkins; Loughborough Reserves v.
 Earl Shilton Town, Mr. T. Earp; Hinckley Town
 v. Hugglescote R.H., Mr. F. Gardner; Ibstock
 Albion v. Whitwick Town, Mr. J. M. Fergusson;
 Barwell Swifts v. Coalville Town, Mr. A. Blore.
 February 13, Hugglescote R.H. v. Shepshed
 Town, Mr. C. Pegg; Earl Shilton Town v. Hinck-
 ley Town, Mr. H. Tomlinson; Coalville Town v.
 Whitwick, Mr. F. Gardner; Ibstock Albion v.
 Fosse Reserves, Mr. J. W. Bailey; Loughborough
 Reserves v. Barwell Swifts, Mr. W. H. Harris.
 February 20, Whitwick Town v. Ibstock Albion,
 Mr. J. M. Fergusson; Hugglescote R.H. v. Bar-
 well Swifts, Mr. J. W. Bailey.
 February 27, Shepshed Town v. Whitwick Town,
 Mr. G. Blockley; Fosse Reserves v. Earl Shilton,
 Mr. W. Cockain; Loughborough Reserves v. Ib-
 stock Albion, Mr. F. Gardner.

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