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		P	W	D	L	F	A	GA	Pts
1	Leicester Fosse Rovers	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	8	1	7	29	30	1.0	17
5	Rushden Town Reserves	16	7	2	7	41	31	1.32	16
6	Kettering Reserves	16	8	0	8	32	27	1.19	16
7	Hinckley Town	16	6	2	8	24	26	0.92	16
8	Hugglescote Robin Hood	15	3	0	12	16	41	0.39	6
9	Shepshed Town	14	1	2	11	9	53	0.17	4
			63	14	63	257	257		

Winner:	Leicester Fosse Rovers [aka Leicester Fosse Reserves]
Runners-Up:	Finedon Revellers
Games played:	70
Missing Results:	2
Goals scored:	257
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 and final 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.

Leicester YMCA, Melton Town, Sileby Rangers and Wellingboough all left the League at the end of the 1894-95 season. Two new clubs joined – Rushden Town Reserves and Shepshed Town

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 Rovers were again crowned champions, losing two (against Hugglescote and Coalville), and drawing 3 of their 16 League games; conceding just 14 goals. Finedon Revellers finished in second place for the second consecutive season.

Just 4 points separated League newcomers, Coalville Town in 3rd from Hinckley Town in 7th place.

Shepshed finished bottom on 4 points, with just one win and two draws; with Hugglescote 2 points above them in 8th.

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

Rushden 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 which £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 Rovers	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	W/L	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 Rovers	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		1-1	2-4	0-1	

X= games not played.

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Result Not Known

Note – the Results Grid data does not fully agree with that given in the League table.

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 Reserves	0	2	Leicester Fosse Rovers North Park, Kettering. Capital attendance. The game was "watched with great interest especially by the ladies, who at times singled 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	2	1	Kettering Reserves Hugglescote's first-ever league match.

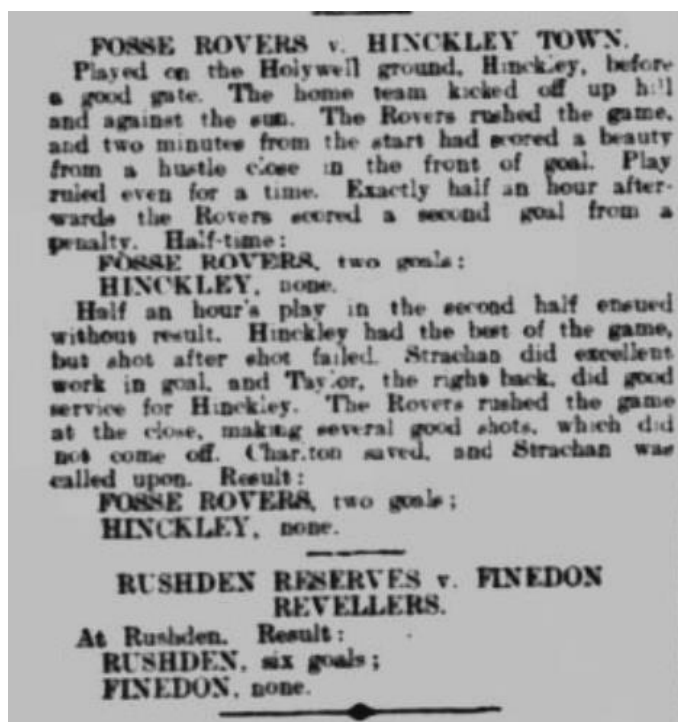
	Moore J Smith	(2)	(0)	McMain	Moors ground.
7.9.1895	Coalville Town Gibbs (2) Ayres Benistone	4 (3)	2 (1)	Hinckley Town AN Others	Waggon and Horses Ground, Coalville. Large number of spectators.
14.9.1895	Rushden Town Reserves	1	2	Loughborough Athletic	
21.9.1895	Hinckley Town T Davis	1	0	Coalville Town	
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 to the front 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	Holywell Ground, Hinckley. 1,000 spectators. 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's Ground, Hugglescote. Large number of spectators. Coalville ended the game with 10 players after Nicolls retired 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	1	1	Coalville Ttown	Walnut-street Ground, Leicester.

	Lord			AN Other	Heavy pitch. Towards the finish a large number of spectators got tired both of the wind and the game and left 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 the second 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 state, being covered with half-melted 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, Kettering.
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 3.00 pm, 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 Rovers	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 Sheepard Measures Hiughman	3	1	Rushden Town Reserves G Marriott	Garner's Ground, Hugglescote. Dull and foggy 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, he 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 ahd 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 League 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 groynd, 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 th ground for a second eam 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 atendance. 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 AN Others	
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	
?	Shepshed Town			Kettering Reserves	

Match Reports



Leicester Daily Post – 30 September 1895

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHAMP-
TONSHIRE LEAGUE.**

**FINEDON REVELLERS v. HUGGLESCOTE
ROBIN HOODS.**

At Finedon. A good game, but the home team in the second half did all the pressing. Result :—
FINEDON, two goals ;
HUGGLESCOTE, one.

HINCKLEY v. SHEPshed.

On the Holywell Ground, before 1,000 spectators. Hinckley kicked off with the wind in the first half. Play was very fast, Hinckley having most of the game, Martin saving several good shots. Half-time : No score. The homesters had all the play in the second half, corner after corner falling to them, but the defence was very fine. Martin saved a penalty kick from Law and innumerable shots in splendid form. Result :
A DRAW, no score.

Leicester Daily Post – 4 November 1895

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHAMP-
TONSHIRE LEAGUE.**

HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOODS v. RUSHDEN.

At Hugglescote. Rushden started, and at once commenced to press, scoring two minutes from starting through Marriott's miss-kicking. This roused the Robins, who showed a decided improvement in their combination from previous occasions, scoring two goals by Sheppard and Measures. Up to half time the Robins pressed continuously. During the latter half Houghtman scored the third. Final :
ROBINS, three goals ;
RUSHDEN, one.

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 Fossils' 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 (Shepshed) 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

**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.

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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