



Leicestershire & Northants League 1894-95

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Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GA	Pts
1	Leicester Fosse Rovers	20	17	1	2	75	20	3.75	35
2	Finedon Revellers	20	14	2	4	76	32	2.375	30
3	Kettering Town Reserves	20	13	2	5	77	32	2.406	28
4	Loughborough Athletic	20	11	3	6	44	34	1.294	25
5	Wellingborough	20	10	4	6	46	35	1.314	24
6	Hinckley Town	20	8	1	11	51	51	1	17
7	Hugglescote Robin Hood	20	7	3	10	46	61	0.754	17
8	Shepshed Town	20	5	4	11	35	55	0.636	14
9	Leicester YMCA	20	4	4	12	22	40	0.55	12
10	Sileby Rangers	20	2	7	11	33	60	0.55	11
11	Melton Town	20	2	3	15	19	102	0.186	7
		93	34	93	522	522			

Winner:	Leicester Fosse Rovers
Runner-Up:	Finedon Revellers
Wooden-spoon:	Melton Town
Matches played:	110
Goals scored:	522 (4.8 goals per game)
Biggest home win:	Hinckley Town 13-0 Melton Town
Biggest away win:	Melton Town 1-6 Leicester Fosse Rovers
High scoring: 13;	Finedon 12-1 Melton and Hinckley Town 13-0 Melton Town
Longest winning run:	14; Leicester Fosse Rovers
Longest unbeaten run:	17; Leicester Fosse Rovers
Longest losing run:	6; Melton Town

Nearly three years after the collapse of the Leicestershire Football League, a meeting between representatives of different clubs of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire was held on Thursday 22 February 1894 at the Robin Hood Hotel, Gallowtree Gate, Leicester.

"In explaining the aim of the meeting Mr T S Ashmole, honorary secretary of the Leicestershire Association said they all knew that in these days of Leagues and Combinations continuous rounds of friendly matches did not draw sufficiently to sustain the interest in them throughout the season. It had therefore occurred to him that by combining the clubs of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire an interesting league might be formed, which would not only improve the football of the district but also produce a better balance sheet for the different clubs concerned at the end the season. Four Northamptonshire clubs had been invited – Rushden, Finedon, Wellingborough and Kettering. The latter two named clubs were represented at the meeting and with regard to Rushden and Finedon he had notified that each of those clubs had promised to join a projected Southern League, but if that organisation was into successfully formed then they would be glad to join this one. A Southern League was talked of and even organised last year [1893], but it then fell through, and from information he had received he did not think the new one would be carried. The Chairman [Mr Utting (Kegworth St Andrew's)] said although Leicestershire was well to the fore in Association Football, they were a little behind with regard to league football. He suggested that, owing to the inconvenience of travelling between North Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, a northern and a southern league should be formed. Mr Ashmole thought the difficulty could be overcome by a judicious arrangement of the fixture list to meet the train service. A suggestion was made to turn the Leicestershire Senior Cup into a league, but Mr Ashmole said he didn't think there were sufficient clubs of good standing and strength in Leicestershire to make an interesting league. A few clubs would quickly rise in the table, and interest would wane towards the

end of the season. Mr Hawkins (Hinckley Town) proposed that the projected league should be formed which was seconded by Mr Stapleton (Loughborough). In the course of discussions Mr Ashmole said the question of professionalism would not enter into the composition of the league as they would merely choose the senior clubs of the county. Of course, it would not be in the interests of either Fosse or Loughborough to play their first teams. Mr Lambert (Castle Donington) said his club was not opposed to the principle of the league the thing would experience great difficulty in getting home from matches. Mr Jordan said Shepshed were in favour of a league confined to Leicestershire. After further discussion, Mr Hawkins moved that in case the Northamptonshire clubs cannot join the league, a combination be formed of Leicestershire clubs only. This was agreed to, no one objected. Under the proposal of Mr. Lee seconded by Mr Woollerton, a sub committee consisting of Messrs Utting, Hawkins, Lee, Stapleton, Orchin, and Boot was appointed to further the matter and Mr Ashmole was chosen hon secretary pro temp." -*Leicester Dail Post - 23 February 1894*

In the end only three Northamptonshire teams joined the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Football League – Kettering Town Reserves, Wellingborough and Finedon Revellers. As eight Leicestershire clubs - Fosse Rovers, Hinckley, Hugglescote Robin Hood, Leicester YMCA, Loughborough Athletic, Melton Town, Sileby Rangers and Shepshed Town entered, three-quarters of the matches took place in that county. A ninth Leicestershire club – Castle Donington – unfortunately withdrew from the proposed League in May 1894 due to issues with the local train service. Attempts to induce other Northamptonshire clubs, in particular Kettering Hawks, to enter, failed.

League rules, and the fixture list were agreed in May 1894.

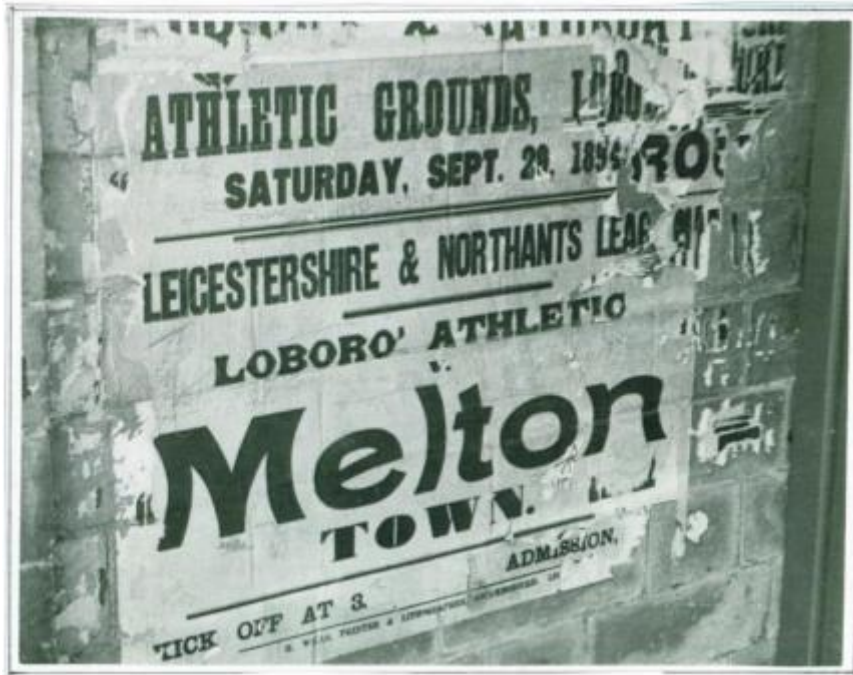
The Leicestershire and Northants League (LNL) was formed without the formal consent of Leicestershire Football Association. This caused some animosity between the two organisations. The situation was made worse when LNL clubs were informed that League games should take priority cup games.

The first League games were played on Saturday 1 September 1894 on the Athletic Grounds, Loughborough between Loughborough Athletic, the reserve team of Loughborough FC and Hugglescote Robin Hood. A one-sided encounter, ended with an easy 7-1 win for the home side.

When matches were postponed through inclement weather or the ruling of a referee as to the unfitness of the ground, and no gate being taken, the visitors were to receive traveling expenses for the second visit.

All three League games scheduled for 2 February – Leicester YMCA v Melton Town, Hugglescote Robin Hood v Wellingborough and Hinckley Town v Kettering, all of which were postponed on account of the bad condition of the grounds.

The championship match between Leicester Fosse and the Rest of the League was played at Kettering on Good Friday. A special half-day train excursion were run from Leicester, Leicester Fosse Rovers were presented with gold centre silver medals and the Rest of the League players with silver medals at the end of the game.



This old notice of a football match played on Loughborough's Athletic Ground in 1894 was brought to light when a wall was uncovered during alterations to the Cattle Market premises of George Hill in 1958, in the area of town of Stuart Westmoreland's opposite the Town Hall passage. Note that it was printed by H. Wills, later to become Wills & Hepworth of Ladybird Books fame.

	Home Ground
Finedon Revellers	Tower Field, Finedon
Hinckley Town	Hollywell Ground, Hinckley
Hugglescote Robin Hood	Garner's Ground, Hugglescote
Kettering Town Reserves	North Park, Kettering
Leicester Fosse Reserves	Walnut-street, Leicester
Leicester YMCA	Evington-lane, and other venues across Leicester
Loughborough Athletic	Athletic Grounds, Loughborough
Melton Town	Leicester-road-field, Melton
Shepshed Town	Dovecote, Shepshed
Sileby Rangers	?
Wellingborough	Bassett's Close ground, Wellingborough

All League games were completed. Several matches were postponed or abandoned mainly due to inclement weather. The onset of darkness caused several games to be terminated before time and were replayed at a later date.

Leicester Fosse Rovers won the inaugural Leicestershire & Northamptonshire League, winning 17, drawing one and losing 2 games. It was clear from the first weeks of the season that the Fosse were the best team and topped the table throughout the whole season. They won their opening 14 LNL games, dropping their first points in a draw against Wellingborough at home in late March 1895. Both defeats took place in the final two weeks of the season – YMCA at home and away at Wellingborough. Five points behind were Finedon Revellers. Melton Town claimed the wooden spoon winning just 2 of their 20 League games, conceding on average 5 goals per game.

Impudent Fraud on the Railway Company by Footballers. — John Hopewell and Wm. Chas. Hopewell, labourers, Kegworth, were charged with travelling on the Midland Railway at Sileby without having paid their fares on January 12.— Mr. Turner (Messrs. Beale and Co., solicitors to the Midland Railway Company) prosecuted, and asked the Bench to impose a heavy fine in view of the serious nature of the case. The defendant John was employed at Long Eaton and his-brother at Nottingham. Both defendants were football players, and on the day in question they were to play for Sileby Rangers at Leicester. They travelled from Kegworth to Sileby without obtaining tickets, and on the way were joined by the secretary of the club, who gave them excursion tickets from Sileby to Leicester. A detective of the railway company, who was travelling in the same compartment, gave information to the station-master at Sileby. Mr. Turner added that he was sorry he had not got the secretary of the club before the Court for aiding and abetting in this fraud, which had no doubt been perpetrated before. — Defendants pleaded guilty, and asked to be dealt with leniently. — The magistrates imposed a fine of 20s. on each defendant, or seven days in default, the Chairman remarking that he hoped the case would act as a warning to others.

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Results Grid

Leicestershire & Northants League 1894-5	Finedon Revellers	Hinckley Town	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Kettering Town Reserves	Leicester Fosse Reserves	Leicester YMCA	Loughborough Athletic	Melton Town	Shepshed Town	Sileby Rangers	Wellingborough
Finedon Revellers		4-1	5-2	4-1	1-2	2-1	0-1	12-0	W/L	10-0	3-2
Hinckley Town	1-2		9-3	1-5	2-5	1-0	1-4	13-0	3-0	1-0	2-1
Hugglescote Robin Hood	2-1	0-3		4-6	0-3	1-1	3-0	7-0	0-2	W/L	1-2
Kettering Town Reserves	0-3	6-2	8-0		1-4	5-0	6-1	9-1	3-0	5-0	3-0
Leicester Fosse Reserves	9-1	4-1	1-0	4-3		1-2	4-1	4-1	4-1	6-1	1-1
Leicester YMCA	2-2	2-3	1-4	0-2	1-4		1-1	1-1	3-1	3-1	1-3
Loughborough Athletic	1-3	3-1	7-1	3-2	0-4	2-0		6-1	4-0	1-1	0-3
Melton Town	1-7	2-1	0-0	0-4	1-6	0-1	1-4		5-1	1-1	0-4
Shepshed Town	2-2	5-3	4-5	3-3	0-3	2-1	0-0	6-0		4-2	2-3
Sileby Rangers	3-5	0-0	2-6	2-2	0-3	2-0	1-3	8-0	2-2		2-2
Wellingborough	0-3	3-2	2-2	3-1	2-0	2-1	1-2	7-3	4-0	3-3	

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Score Not Known

Results and Match Details

Date	#	Home	Away	Match Details
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01.09.1894	1	Loughborough Athletic Preston (4) Williamson Kidger (2)	7 (2)	1 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hood James	Athletic Grounds, Nottingham Road, Loughborough Loughborough were awarded 2 penalties.
08.09.1894	2	Hugglescote Robin Hood	0	3	Leicester Fosse Rovers Priestman Miller (2)	At Hugglescote.
08.09.1894	3	Melton Town	0	1	Leicester YMCA Tyler	At Melton. "Very fair crowd" Hugglescote Robin Hood arrived with just ten men and 50 minutes late. Plant (Melton full back) injured his ankle.
15.09.1894	4	Hugglescote Robin Hood	0	3	Hinckley Town Priestman Miller (2)	At Hugglescote.
15.09.1894	5	Kettering Reserves	5	0	Leicester YMCA	At Kettering. Leicester YMCA only had one regular forward in the starting line-up. Kettering scored within the first 3 mins. Kettering indulged in some "rough tactics and were frequently pulled up."
15.09.1894	6	Shepshed Town	0	3	Leicester Fosse Rovers	At Shepshed. Numerous spectators.. First Fosse goal appeared to be off-side which caused "irritation" within the home spectators. Fosse scored the second and third within 10 minute period.
15.09.1894	7	Wellingborough	1	2	Loughborough Athletic	At Wellingborough. First time these teams had met. Loughborough maintained their position at the top of the League on goal average from Fosse Rovers.
22.09.1894	8	Finedon Revellers	5	2	Hugglescote Robin Hood	At Finedon. Findon's first home League game. Hugglescote's fourth League game and fourth defeat.
22.09.1894	9	Hinckley	1	4	Leicester Fosse Rovers	Holy Well ground, Hinckley
22.09.1894	10	Leicester YMCA	1	1	Loughborough Athletic	At Leicester. The junior "Luffs" were without Kidger and Tucker. Loughborough were unlucky as they had by far the best of the game.
22.09.1894	11	Shepshed Town	3	3	Kettering Reserves	Shepshed. The home team were weakened by the poaching of several key players by other League clubs. Shepshed's first point.
22.09.1894	12	Wellingborough Town Smith AN Others	7	3	Melton Town Brewin Slawson	At Wellingborough. "Small company" of spectators. The Wellingborough team comprised almost entirely of professional players Melton were weakened by injuries.
29.09.1894	13	Hinckley Town	9	3	Hugglescote Robin Hood	At Hinckley. 800 spectators.
29.09.1894	14	Leicester Fosse Rovers Hughes (2) Narraway Rice	4	3	Kettering Town Panter (2) AN Other	Walnut-street, Leicester. Rovers first League game of the season Fair number of spectators
29.09.1894	15	Leicester YMCA Brown (2)	3	1	Shepshed Town Kidger	Aylestone-road, Leicester. Fair attendance.

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29.09.1894	16	Loughborough Athletic Kidger (4) Preston AN Other	6	1	Melton Town Brewin	Athletic Ground, Nottingham Road, Loughborough. Small number of spectators.
29.09.1894	17	Sileby Rangers AN Others og	3	5	Finedon Revellers Brockwell Clipstone (2) Baker Elson	At Sileby.
06.10.1894	18	Leicester YMCA Jacques T Brown	2	2	Finedon Revellers Brockwell Elson	Welford Road, Leicester.
06.10.1894	19	Wellingborough	3 (0)	2 (2)	Hinckley Town	At Hinckley. Hinckley were leading 2-0 at half-time.
06.10.1894	20	Melton Town	1	1	Sileby Rangers	Melton. Sileby played their strongest side; Melton only played their first team players.
06.10.1894	21	Leicester Fosse Rovers Pickard McArthur (2) Narraway	4	1	Loughborough Athletic Rose	Walnut-street, Leicester.
06.10.1894	22	Hugglescote Robin Hood	0	2	Shepshed Town	At Coalville.
13.10.1894	23	Wellingborough AN Others	2(3)	1	Leicester YMCA Brown	At Wellingborough.
13.10.1894	24	Shepshed Town AN Others Wilson West	6	0	Melton Town	At Shepshed. Game kicked off late - 3.30 pm Shepshed scored after 5 minutes Melton played throughout with 9 men
13.10.1894	25	Sileby Rangers	2	6	Hugglescote Robin Hood	At Sileby.
20.10.1894	26	Sileby Rangers	2	2	Wellingborough	At Sileby.
27.10.1894	27	Kettering Reserves Dixon (3) Starr (2) Peters Maslin Bastes	8 (5)	0 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hood	North Park, Kettering. 500 spectators. Kettering scored 5 times in the first half.
27.10.1894	28	Melton Town	1	7	Finedon Revellers	At Melton. Melton were "out-classed, out-played and generally upset."
27.10.1894	29	Leicester Fosse Rovers Hughes Milliken Priestman Narraway	4 (2)	1 (1)	Leicester YMCA Beadsworth	Walnut Street, Leicester. "small" attendance. Ground was soddened after recent heavy showers, which mitigated against anything like a "scientific exposition of the game." Milliken made his Fosse debut.
27.10.1894	30	Shepshed Town West (2) Knight AN Others	5	3	Hinckley Town Rickus Toone AN Other	Shepshed. Included in the Hinckley side was former Shepshed back Wortley.
3.11.1894	31	Hinckley Town	1	0	Sileby Rangers	At Hinckley.
3.11.1894	32	Hugglescote Robin Hood	1	1	Leicester YMCA	Garners Ground, Hugglescote.
10.11.1894	33	Finedon Revellers Baker	5	0	Kettering Reserves	At Finedon. 500 spectators.

		AN Others				
10.11.1894	34	Leicester YMCA Jones	1	3	Wellingborough Drage Shortland Goode	At Leicester.
17.11.94	35	Hugglescote Robin Hood Robins Moore Ellis Hall (4)	7 (3)	0 (0)	Melton Town	Fair number" of spectators.
17.11.94	36	Leicester YMCA AN Others	2 (0)	3 (1)	Hinckley Town Hickinbottom AN Others	Aylestone-road Ground, Leicester. Towards the end of the game, it was getting very dark, and little could be seen of the play. One of the forwards after a goal kick was heard to remark, "where is it?"
17.11.94	37	Loughborough Athletic	0 (0)	4 (0)	Leicester Fosse Rovers Stirling Milliken (2) Miller	Athletic Ground, Nottingham-road, Loughborough. Fair number of spectators.
17.11.94	38	Shepshed Town Grain (10 mins) AN Other	2 (1)	2 (1)	Finedon Revellers AN Others	At Shepshed. Large attendance. Finedon equalised 5 mins from time.
24.11.94	39	Finedon Revellers	12 (6)	1	Melton Town	At Finedon.
24.11.94	40	Hinckley Town	3 (2)	0 (0)	Shepshed Town	At Hinckley. c. 1,000 spectators. Hinckley scored immediately after the game kicked off.
24.11.94	41	Wellingborough	2 (0)	2 (1)	Hugglescote Robin Hood	At Wellingborough.
1.12.94	42	Hugglescote Robin Hood AN Others Clarke	4	6	Kettering Reserves AN Others og	Garners Ground, Hugglescote.
1.12.94	43	Loughborough Athletic	A	A	Hinckley Town	Abandoned: fog.
1.12.94	44	Shepshed Town	4	2	Sileby Rangers	
1.12.94	45	Melton Town Bishop	1	6	Leicester Fosse Rovers Stirling (2) Pickard (2) Miller (pen) Narraway	Fosse Rover's 8 th consecutive win in the League.
1.12.94	46	Wellingborough	0	3	Finedon Revellers York (2) Baker	Town Ground, Wellingborough. 700 spectators.
8.12.94	47	Leicester Fosse Rovers Miller Pickard (2) Narraway	4	1	Shepshed Town AN Other	Walnut-street, Leicester. Nearly 2,000 spectators.
8.12.94	48	Hinckley Town	1	2	Finedon Revellers	At Hinckley. 1,000 spectators. Henfrey (Finedon) ran into one of the goal posts snapping, it off at the ground causing a significant delay.
8.12.94	49	Melton Town Goodacre	1	4	Loughborough Athletic Kidger Rawlin (2) Plackett	Melton.
8.12.94	50	Kettering Reserves	3	0	Wellingborough	North Park, Kettering.

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15.12.1894	51	Melton Town Bishop Caldwell	2	1	Hinckley Town AN Other	At Melton.
22.12.1894	52	Kettering Reserves Start	1	4	Leicester Fosse Rovers Bailey Pickard Stirling (2)	
22.12.94	53	Finedon Revellers	0	1	Loughborough Athletic	At Finedon.
22.12.94	54	Sileby Rangers	0	0	Hinckley Town	At Sileby.
26.12.1894	55	Loughborough Athletic Butler (2) Rose Preston	4	0	Shepshed Town	Athletic Grounds, Loughborough. "good number" of spectators.
29.12.1894	56	Finedon Revellers	1 (A)	0 (A)	Wellingborough	Tower Field, Finedon. After exactly 10 minutes the referee abandoned game as the rain, sleet and snow fell at "terrific rate".
29.12.1894	57	Leicester Fosse Rovers Priestman	1 (A)	0 (A)	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Walnut-street, Leicester. The match was abandoned after 15 minutes scrambling around in the mud.
05.1.1895	58	Kettering Reserves	6	1	Loughborough Athletic	North Park, Kettering. 700 spectators. Ground was slippery due to the recent thaw.
05.1.1895	59	Wellingborough	3	3	Sileby Rangers	Town Ground, Wellingborough. Spectators broke onto field of play and were still on the pitch when the game kicked-off. Several Sileby players were loudly "hooted" by spectators for foul play and the referee came in for some "disapproval" for his decisions.
12.1.1895	60	Loughborough Athletic AN Other	1 (0)	3 (2)	Finedon Revellers Baker Garfield Yorke	Nottingham-road, Loughborough. c. 1,000 spectators. Bitterly cold weather. Loughborough's only goal was rather curious. The ball was sent in from the home left and went close on to the goal line near the posts. Finedon's goal-keeper under the impression that it had gone out took it up and placed it before the goal for a kick, when Preston kicked the ball into the net. The goal was allowed as the ball had not gone out.
12.1.1895	61	Leicester Fosse Rovers AN Other Priestman Miller (2) Narraway Pickard	6 (3)	1 (0)	Sileby Rangers	Walnut-street, Leicester. Large attendance.
12.1.1895	62	Shepshed Town Hallam (2) AN Others	4 (2)	5 (2)	Hugglescote Robin Hood AN Others	At Shepshed. Good number of spectators. Game commenced at 3pm.
12.1.1895	63	Hinckley Town	1	0	Leicester YMCA	At Hinckley. Tyler brothers were absent from YMCA's team.

						The only goal of the game appeared to be offside. YMCA strongly protested against the referee's decision to allow the goal.
19.1.1895	64	Loughborough Athletic Mounteney (2) AN Other	3	1	Hinckley Town AN Other	Nottingham-road, Loughborough. The game was stopped several times due to injuries to Hinckley players
19.1.1895	65	Sileby Rangers	2	3	Shepshed Town	At Sileby. Shepshed arrived late. The referee, Mr Smithson reported that the game had to be stopped 6 minutes before time due to poor light. Sileby claimed that their gate was affected, whilst Shepshed stated that they had left in good time, but a delay occurred on the road after one of the horses attached to the brake became ill. The League ordered the game to be replayed and Shepshed were ordered to pay Sileby travelling expenses. Game replayed 28 March.
21.1.1895	66	Finedon Revellers	4	1	Kettering Reserves	At Finedon . Game was played on a Monday.
26.1.1895	67	Leicester Fosse Rovers Pickard (2) Miller (4) Milliken Lord Stirling	9 (3)	1 (1)	Finedon Revellers Ellson	Walnut-street, Leicester. Fair number of spectators. First v second in the League. Fosse maintained their unbeaten record. Finedon prior to this game had only been beaten once.
26.1.1895	68	Leicester YMCA AN Other	1	4	Hugglescote Robin Hood Poxon Rice Brown AN Other	Victoria Park, Leicester. Very hard ground covered with a thin coating of snow.
26.1.1895	69	Shepshed Town	0	0	Loughborough Athletic	At Shepshed. Bills announcing the Shepshed v Loughborough Athletic were headed "Old Rivals" and during the mid-1890s there could be no truer definition. Loughborough played with 10 men for the latter portion of the game due to an injury.
2.2.1895	70	Leicester YMCA	P	P	Melton Town	Postponed.
2.2.1895	71	Hugglescote Robin Hood	P	P	Wellingborough	Postponed.
2.2.1895	72	Hinckley Town	P	P	Kettering Reserves	Postponed.
9.2.1895	73	Hugglescote Robin Hood Poxon Moore Rice	3 (0)	0 (0)	Loughborough Athletic	Garners Ground, Hugglescote. Numerous spectators.
16.2.1895	74	Shepshed Town	2	3	Wellingborough	At Shepshed. Ground was partially cleared of snow prior to kick-off.
16.2.1895	75	Loughborough Athletic Kidger Mounteney	2 (1)	0 (0)	Leicester YMCA	Athletic Grounds, Loughborough.
16.2.1895	76	Sileby Rangers	8	0	Melton Town	At Sileby. Sileby's first win of the season.
16.2.1895	77	Finedon Revellers	P	P	Leicester Fosse Rovers	Postponed -ground was unfit,
16.2.1895	78	Kettering	6	2	Hinckley Town	?
23.2.1895	79	Hinckley Town	13 (12)	0	Melton Town	

2.3.1895	80	Kettering Reserves	3	0	Shepshed Town	
2.3.1895	81	Leicester Fosse Rovers	4 (1)	1 (0)	Melton Town	Melton were poorly represented. It was expected that Fosse Rovers would win by a number of goals verging on double figures. It was only in the final quarter of the game that they really got the measure of their opponents.
2.3.1895	82	Sileby Rangers	1	3	Loughborough Athletic	Sileby.
9.3.1895	83	Melton Town	0	4	Kettering Reserves Starr (3) Panter	At Melton.
9.3.1895	84	Hinckley Town Lucas	1	4	Loughborough Athletic Rose Tucker AN Others	At Hinckley. Attendance: 400. Played in wet weather.
9.3.1895	85	Sileby Rangers	2 (1)	0 (0)	Leicester YMCA	At Sileby. After 30 minutes play Baxter left the field. Sileby scored a few minutes before half-time.
16.3.1895	86	Finedon Revellers	4	1	Hinckley Town	Tower Field, Finedon. Finedon were without three key players – Robinson, Henfrey and Baker.
16.3.1895	87	Hugglescote Robin Hood	1	2	Wellingborough	Garner's Ground, Wellingborough.
16.3.1895	88	Loughborough Athletic	3	2	Kettering Reserves	Athletic Ground, Loughborough. "good number" of spectators.
16.3.1895	89	Shepshed Town AN Other West	2	1	Leicester YMCA AN Other	At Shepshed. Game kicked off at 3.45 pm. Shepshed missed a penalty.
16.3.1895	90	Sileby Rangers	0	3	Leicester Fosse Rovers	At Sileby.
23.3.1895	91	Leicester YMCA	1	1	Melton Town	Victoria Park, Leicester. Strong breeze blew across the ground.
23.3.1895	92	Kettering Reserves	0	3	Finedon Revellers	
23.3.1895	93	Sileby Rangers	2	2	Shepshed Town	At Sileby. Replayed match. The original game was played on 19 January but owing to darkness it was declared a non-league match.
28.3.1895	94	Leicester Fosse Rovers Hammersby	1 (1)	1 (1)	Wellingborough Shortland	Walnut-street, Leicester. "fair number" of spectators. Ground in wretched condition due to heavy rain. Rearranged match. The original Fosse Rovers v Wellingborough match was postponed on account of the Birmingham Cup semi-final between Aston Villa and Loughborough played on the Fosse Ground. This was the first time that Fosse had failed to win in the LNL.
30.3.1895	95	Finedon	3	2	Wellingborough	Tower Feld, Finedon. Replayed game. 400 spectators.
30.3.1895	96	Leicester YMCA	3	1	Sileby Rangers	
30.3.1895	97	Kettering Reserves Starr Panter (2) Peters Hitchcock AN Others	9	1	Melton Town	At Kettering.

30.3.1895	98	Hinckley Town	2	1	Wellingborough	
30.3.1895	99	Hugglescote Robin Hood Rice (2)	2	1	Finedon Revellers AN Other	At Hugglescote. Hugglescote took the lead within 4 mins. And adding another directly after.
6.4.1895	100	Finedon Revellers	2 (1)	1 (0)	Leicester YMCA	At Finedon. Finedon scored the winning goals 2 mins before time.
6.4.1895	101	Leicester Fosse Rovers	5	3	Hinckley Town	At Leicester.
6.4.1895	102	Melton Town	0	0	Hugglescote Robin Hood	At Melton.
6.4.1895	103	Sileby Rangers	2	2	Kettering Reserves	At Sileby.
6.4.1895	104	Wellingborough	4	0	Shepshed Town	Wellingborough.
8.4.1895	105	Finedon Revellers	1	2	Leicester Fosse Rovers	Game commenced at 4.30 pm.
12.4.1895	106	Leicester Fosse Rovers Milliken (2) Priestman Pickard	4 (4)	1 (0)	Rest of the League Rice	At Kettering. Good Friday. Large attendance. Fosse scored three goals in 17 mins in the first half.
13.4.1896	107	Hugglescote Ronon Hood			Sileby Rangers	
13.4.1896	108	Melton Town	0 (0)	4 (3)	Wellingborough	Leicester-road Ground, Melton. Fair and enthusiastic number of spectators. Game commenced at 4 pm.
15.4.1895	109	Finedon Revellers	10	0	Sileby Rangers	At Sileby. Easter Monday. Sileby played two games on one day - losing both
15.4.1895	110	Kettering Reserves	5	0	Sileby Rangers	At Kettering.
15.4.1895	111	Loughborough Athletic	0	3	Wellingborough	Small gate.
15.4.1895	112	Leicester Fosse Rovers McFarlane	1 (1)	2 (0)	Leicester YMCA Knight Wykes	Filbert-street, Leicester. "fair number" of spectators. Fosse Rovers gave debuts to Abell and Wilkinson. Rovers first defeat.
?4.1895	113	Hinckley Town	1	5	Kettering Reserves	Hollywell Ground, Hinckley.
?4.1895	114	Leicester YMCA	0	2	Kettering Reserves	Victoria Park, Leicester.
20.4.1895	115	Fosse Rovers	3 (0)	1 (1)	Hugglescote Robin Hood Poxon	Walnut-street, Leicester. Fosse Rovers 4 th game in a week. Fosse scored 3 goals in the second half.
20.4.1895	116	Loughborough Athletic Priestman	1	1	Sileby Rangers Fisher	Athletic Grounds, Loughborough Game stopped for several minutes by a donkey which had wandered into the enclosure.
20.4.1895	117	Melton Town	5	1	Shepshed Town	
20.4.1895	118	Wellingborough	3	1	Kettering Reserves	800 spectators.
27.4.1895	119	Wellingborough	2 (1)	0 (0)	Leicester Fosse Rovers	At Wellingborough. Attendance c. 600. Heavy ground. Wellingborough scored after 10 mins.
?	120	Finedon			Shepshed Town	

Note: It appears that both Leicester Fosse Rovers v Leicester YMCA League encounters were played at Walnut-street.



Leicestershire & Northants League

Match Reports 1894-95

#1 Loughborough Athletic v Hugglescote Robin Hood

The Robin Hood journeyed to Loughborough on Saturday to meet Athletic FC in the Leicestershire and Northants League. The Robin Hood commenced operations from the Nottingham-road end and after a few minutes the home team attacked, pressing sharply, Ottey having to run out in order to save. The Athletics returned again, and secured a corner, which was not improved upon. The visitors then retaliated, and a corner was given, after which the game became open. About 20 minutes from the start, Preston succeeded in scoring the first goal for the Athletic, who then had the best of play for a while. The visitors showed good combination, but their opponents overwhelmed them by the vigour and dash of their attack. A clever rush by Robin Hood followed, and they nearly scored, but the ball went over the bar. The "Luffs" had a more narrow escape directly after, when the ball struck the bar from a nice screw shot. Preston then scored another goal with a low fast shot from a centre from the left. Nothing further was done up to half time when the score was:-

Athletic	2
Hugglescote	0

Resuming, the home team opened the attack, and after about five minutes made a hot rush on the Hugglescote goal. Ottey defended well, and the ball was nearly lost, but Tucker put it through. Two penalty kicks "hands" were given against the visitors, and then Preston scored the fourth goal for the Town. Williamson sent over the bar, and immediately after Kidger ran the ball down, and the former shot in. Ottey stopped the leather, but Williamson was on it at once, and passed it over his head into the net. Another rush was then made on the Hugglescote goal, and though Ottey staved off the first shot, he could not stop Kidger's kicks. The Robin's goal-keeper saved a sharp high shot from Williamson, and the visitors ran up the field, Coulton having to stop a shot from the left. Pressure on the Hugglescote stronghold was relieved by a free kick, and a corner was obtained in the home territory, but the ball went behind. Shortly before the whistle sounded, Coulton was again called upon, and then Kidger scored one more for the home team. In the last minute the visitors attacked the Loughborough goal and James secured their only point. Score:

Athletic	7
Hugglescote	1

Loughborough Athletic: C Coulton, goal; G Spibey and JW Paget, backs; C Colman, J W Plackett and V Smith, half-backs; A Tucker and W Rose, right wing; L Kidger, centre; G Preston and A Williamson, left wing.

Robin Hood: Ottey, goal; G Marriott and Armson, backs; Kendrick, J Marriott and Poole, half-backs; Ellis, King, Moore, Edwards and Jones, forwards.

Coalville Times - 7 September 1894

#2 HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD v FOSSE ROVERS

The Rovers won the toss, and took advantage of a strong wind, and the forwards keeping up a good pace, kept the leather pretty well in the home quarters. Nice combination on the part of Poole and Ellis took play beyond the Fosse halves. Thompson, however, saved, giving the ball to Bridgeford who ran down causing Otley to run out. Blockley averted danger for the moment, but Lord ran down, and passed to Priestman who put in a stinger beating the Hugglescote custodian. Restarting Tivey fouled from which Miller got possession and caused Otley to fist out. Miller again made a splendid shot. Otley saved and Hugglescote pressed. A nice pass by Narraway to Priestman transferred the play back to the home quarters, and Miller scored number two. The whistle shortly afterwards blew half-time, the Fosse goal at the time being in considerable danger. Re-starting Miller ran up and scored the third goal for his side. Here occurred the feature in the match. Hugglescote, pressing hard, put in shot after shot in rapid succession, but Chappell saved in marvellous form, his performance eliciting cheer after cheer from the onlookers. He undoubtedly saved the game although the Fosse at the time were three goals ahead. The wonder is that some of the really good shots were not effectual. Pickard got the ball away and made a magnificent run being vociferously cheered. Ottley conceded a corner, which Pickard shot over, and shortly afterwards hit the upright. Fairly even play followed, but the Robin Hood were having slightly the best of it when time arrived. Although the visitors showed the best combination, the home team were anything but hardly beaten the pick of their team being Eilis, James, and Blockley. Mr M Fellowes, of Hugglescote, was the referee. Result:

FOSSE ROVERS, three goals
HUGGLESCOTE, none.

Leicester Daily Post -10 September 1894

#3 LEICESTER YMCA v MELTON

At Melton Mowbray. The visitors arrived with ten men, fifty minutes late. A very even and fast game ensued. Tyler scored and Plant injured his ankle. Result:

YMCA, one goal;
MELTON, none.

Teams: Leicester: Picken, MacAlpin, Rowson, Harrison, Cartwright, Jones, T Brown, T B Brown, W Tyler, and S Bailey.

Melton: Caldwell, Belton, Bexon, Plant, Brown, A Orton, Rev Smith, J Wakerley, Bishop, J Atter and Slawson.

Leicester Daily Post -10 September 1894

#4 HINCKLEY TOWN v HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD

Hinckley journeyed to Hugglescote on Saturday to play off their first engagement in the Leicestershire and Northants League. Their opponents were the Robin Hood of Hugglescote. The teams representing the two towns have played home and away matches for several seasons past, and the games have always given rise to even well-fought encounters. Last year, two drawn were played. Both clubs have infused new blood into the teams, Hugglescote securing the services of Ellis and James, of Loughborough and making other alterations in their team. Saturday's team was the same as met the Fosse Rovers the previous week, except that Heywood kept goal instead of Ottley. Hinckley also had a change of custodians. Cassaday was expected to take his pace between the sticks, but for some cause failed to put in an appearance. Parnell was therefore placed between the uprights, and Carter played as right half-back. Wale appeared in the team though evidently unprepared for play. He took the position of inside left, Watts playing outside. Wale was apparently still suffering from the injury to leg, received at Hinckley on the previous Saturday, and was of no assistance to the forwards whatever.

Play was fixed to commence at 3,30, but a heavy shower of rain delayed operations for a quarter of an hour. During the first half the visitors had the slope wind their favour. After a spell of mid-play, James raced down the left wing, but Carter stopped him cleverly and gave to Lucas, who speedily got the ball down and put in a nice centre. This was cleared, and then Carter sent in long shot, which Heywood fisted out. Watts, Rickus, and Lucas next participated in a good run, but the ball was put behind. James came away again, but Perry robbed Moore. A free kick then given in favour of Hinckley and good play by Rickus and Lucas the latter gave Heywood a handful, which he coolly disposed of. The home side pressed for a time, Garratt and Wortley being hard work in warding off attacks by Ellis on the right. James caused Parnell to handle, and then a series of throws-in occurred the left all in favour of the homesters. Perry pulled Ellis and gave to Hickenbottom, who showed good play. Lucas centred, but the backs cleared. Rickus and Lucas were again conspicuous on the right, and Lucas centred capitally. Hickenbottom received ball, and just shaved the post on the wrong side. Good passing play by Ellis, Poole and James brought the ball in front of the Hinckley goal, where Ellis put in a grounder, which Parnell did well to get rid of. Poole caused the custodian to throw out a moment afterwards. Hinckley attacked, but Tivey cleared, and Ellis and King made a fast run, the ball going into touch. From the throw-in Rickus headed to Lucas who passed on to Hickenbottom. An anxious time followed for home side, but at length Heywood threw out. The visitors continued to attack and after 16 minutes' play, Rickus scored with low shot. Rickus had followed ball from his own wing to the left, and passed to Hickenbottom, who returned, and Rickus banged it through, drawing first blood. This success roused the home side, and the ball was soon in front of Parnell who two saved good shots. The custodian was rather too anxious and running out, left the goal at the mercy of the Robin Hood, but Carter cleared just in nick of time, The home continued to have best of matters. The ball was well worked up by James and Moore and sent across to Ellis whose shot was intercepted by Perry. Play degenerated somewhat, and then the home side again has most of the play, the Hinckley defence being severely tested. Ellis made a number of good runs and shots and James also very active on the left wing. The Hinckley backs however proved equal to the occasion. Watts ran the ball from one end of the ground to the other, but found the home defence sound, and the ball was quickly at the Hinckley end. Just before half-time the visitors improved, and Hickenbottom was pulled for offside in good position. Both were visited, but half-time announced stood:-

Hinckley	1 goal
Robin Hood	0

On resuming Hickinbottom and Rickus worked the ball well up, the goalkeeper being called upon to handle. Ellis raced down, and Garratt kicked out The Hinckley right wing were next active, and Ellis another smart run for the home side. He finished up with a good centre, but though the other forwards were well up, the opening was lost, and the ball got away. Soon after, Ellis put in a wild shot and Moore robbed by Wortley in good position. The leather returned, and Moore equalised with grounder. Ellis had an opening moment later but made erratic shot, and Poole also shot over bar. King made good run, beating Spencer and Perry, but Carter received his centre. Hickinbottom showed up well and passing to Lucas, that winger in shot a foot off the post. Lucas seen making for goal again a moment later, and steadying himself about dozen yards from goal in shot which completely beat Heywood. There were still 25 minutes left for play. The Robin Hood were urged on by their supporters, and they made spirited effort to equalise. Garratt pulled up Ellis, and Lucas made another good run. Both goals were visited in turn Hickinbottom, showing good play for visitors. Parnell saved a warm shot and then the Town right wing went up the ground. Lucas gave to Rickus and he passed on to Hickinbottom who put the ball through for third time. An appeal for offside was disallowed. After rushing ball about a foot the wrong side of the post, the Hinckley centre again did the trick, Lucas passing to his partner, who banged across to Watts, this player centreing to Hickinbottom who lowered home colours for fourth time. After spirited by Ellis and Moore, Watts ran up centred finely, Lucas's shot striking Tivey. The home goal was in jeopardy moment later, Rickus putting in a terrific shot which struck the upright. Ellis transferred play to the other end, and gave the home forwards a h rare opening, which was not taken, several missing the ball. Carter ran up and kicked out. From comer, James shot well and after passing about the ball was returned to James who scored with high shot about minutes before time. Just before the whistle blew Ellis was again successful in beating the backs, but shot well cleared by Parnell. The game immediately after with the score:

HINCKEY 4 goals
HUGGLESCOTE 2 goals

Teams: Hinckley: Parnell, goal; Wortley and Garratt, backs; Carter, Perry and Spencer, halfbacks; Lucas and Rickus right; Hickinbottom, centre; Wale and Watts left. Hugglescote Robin Hood: B Heywood, goal; J Tivey and D Armston, backs; D Moore, J Marriott, and H Blockley half-backs; E Ellis and J King, right; J Poole, centre; J Moore and J H James, left. Referee, Mr E Brewin Loughborough.

Hinckley Times - 22 September 1894

#5 KETTERING v LEICESTER YMCA

Leicester kicked off. The home team went off with a dash and scored within three minutes. Kettering were far stronger and pressed continually. Kettering were far stronger and pressed continually. Kettering added another before half-time. The home team having scored a third the Young Men became thoroughly disorganised, having only one regular forward, the reserve men proving powerless. Kettering indulged in rough tactics, and were frequently pulled up:

KETTERING, five goals;
LEICESTER, none.

Leicester Daily Post -17 September 1894

#6 SHEPSHED v FOSSE ROVERS

These teams met at Shepshed in the presence of numerous spectators. In the first half the home team pressed, but with lack of combination failed to score. At half-time the Fosse had scored one, which appeared to be off-side and the decision caused irritation among the spectators. In the second half the Fosse scored twice within ten minutes, but the game was more equal towards the finish. Result:-

FOSSE ROVERS, three goals;
SHEPSHED, none.

Leicester Daily Post -17 September 1894

#7 WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN v LOUGHBOROUGH

There was a large attendance on the Town Ground at Wellingborough on Saturday, when the football season in that town opened with a match with Loughborough in the Northamptonshire and Leicestershire League, the size of the gate being due in a large degree to a desire to support the Club in its efforts to recover its position, and to the curiosity which has been excited as to the competency of the team that has been got together for the season. The game ended: Loughborough, two goals; Wellingborough, one goal.

Northampton Mercury - 21 September 1894

#8 FINEDON v HUGGLESCOTE

At Finedon before 500 spectators. Henfrey scored for Finedon after 30 minutes' play, and James responded for the visitors two minutes later, and at half-time the score was one goal each. Crossing over, play was very fast. Henfrey scoring after two minutes' play and the game eventually ended:

FINEDON, five goals;
HUGGLESCOTE, two

Leicester Daily Post - 24 September 1894

#9 FOSSE ROVERS v HINCKLEY TOWN

On the Holywell ground. Fosse kicked uphill and after a few minutes play their inside left scored. Priestman scored after a lot of hot pressed, and after more fine work in front of goal the same player scored his second goal. Fast play ensued, of which Hinckley had slightly the best, but could not score. Rickus making some fine shot at goal, and Chappell saving in marvellous fashion. Score at half-time: Fosse, three goals; Hinckley, none. Resuming, Hinckley had the best of the game, and after a lot of good work in front of goal, Lucas scored with a splendid shot which completely beat Chappell. Continuing, the home side still had all the best of the game, but play now slackened down. After a lot of excellent work, Rice scored a fourth. No further scoring took place, and after a really good fight the game ended:

ROVERS, four goals;
HINCKLEY, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 24 September 1894

#11 SHEPSHED v KETTERING

At Shepshed. Result

A DRAW, three goals each.

Leicester Daily Post -25 September 1894

#12 WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN v MELTON TOWN

At Wellingborough before a small number of spectators. Even play characterised the game in the first quarter of an hour, when Brewin for Melton scored the first goal. Wellingborough livened up. Smith equalising and Goode scored a second for the home team. the second half favoured Wellingborough. Goals were scored by H Drage (two), Cooper (two) and Shortland for Wellingborough and Slawson for Melton. Result:

WELLINGBOROUGH, seven goals; MELTON, three.

Leicester Daily Post - 24 September 1894

#13 HINCKLEY v HUGGLESCOTE

At Hinckley, before 800 spectators. Result:

HINCKLEY, nine goals;
HUGGLESCOTE, three.

Leicester Daily Post -1 October 1894

#14 FOSSE ROVERS v KETTERING RESERVES

The Rovers played their first home match in this league on the Walnut street ground in beautiful weather, before a fair attendance of the spectators. Both teams were well represented, each having the assistance of several of last year's first team Smith made his first appear after illness, and Hughes, Lloyd and Priestman also played. Fosse won the toss, and played towards the railway goal, thus having the advantage of a strong breeze. Kettering kicked off, had much the best of the opening exchanges, several times looked dangerous, but the backs managed on each occasion to clear, and the threatened danger was averted. Fosse then attacked and Hughes sent in a beautiful shot, which struck the crossbar. A minute later a free was granted to the home team for hands just in front goal. Lord took the kick and sent the ball to Hughes, who at once rushed it through. Hughes badly fouled one of his opponents, and by the aid of the free kick Kettering attacked strongly, Panter soon equalising. An appeal was made for off-side, but the referee refused to allow it. The Rovers worked their way to the visitors' goal, and Rice shot, but missed the net by several yards. Kettering then had a turn, but the defence was sound, Thompson and Chappell being equally prominent. After a spell of mid-field play, Fosse began to press, but Narrowway spoilt their efforts by a wild kick. The same

player a minute later at a very hard lines, his shot going over the bar. Kettering were given a free kick for a foul, and from the kick the ball was rushed through after a scrimmage in front of goal. During the next 10 minutes fouls were most prolific, one side being as much to blame as the other, but no advantage was gained from the "frees". Kettering were conceded a couple of corners in succession, both proved fruitless. Even play followed for some time, but eventually Kettering again attacked, and Panter scored another goal with a good shot. Half the time was then whistled, but after play had been stopped for a minute or so the referee found that there were 5 minutes more to play, and it was restarted amidst the laughter and jeers of the crowd. Kettering at once attacked, but where repulsed, and the Fosse by means of some pretty passing worked their way to the Kettering goal, and Narraway scored with a fine shot, so that when half time arrived the score stood:

KETTERING, three goals;

FOSSE, two goals

Soon after the restart Priestman at a fine opportunity to score, sent in a first shot, which Brompton cleverly saved. A minute or two later the ball was sent down to Smith, who with a beautiful kick, send the ball right into the goalmouth, and after a short struggle Hughes rushed it through. Both teams had now scored the same number of goals each, and the play became exciting, each team making strenuous efforts for supremacy. For a time the first attempt strongly, and Hughes had a splendid chance. He was within a dozen yards of the goal, and only had Brampton to pass, but his kick was a wild one, the ball went sailing over the crossbar. The home team returned to the attack, and Priestman then distinguished himself by putting the ball nearly out of the ground, while a minute later Hughes just missed the goal with a good shot. The Fosse goal then had a narrow escape, two of the Kettering forwards overrunning the ball when a goal would have been almost a certainty. A miss-kick by Thompson let in the Kettering forwards, and matters looked exceedingly dangerous, but a clever save by Chapel relieved the pressure, and after another spell of midfield play, Lord with a pretty run, transferred play to the Kettering half, where Priestman again missed a good chance. Narraway was applauded for an excellent shot, which just grazed crossbar. Hughes ran right through his opponents but on reaching the goal missed badly, although he had only the goalkeeper to beat. Kettering were given a free for hands, and Peters left who took the kick, simple straight into the goal, and as nobody had touched it during its transit, the goal was across disallowed. Proceeding, Fosse attacked by means of some pretty passing amongst the forwards, and from Hughes centre Rice scored the winning goal and the game ended:

FOSSE, four goals;

KETTERING, three

Teams:-

Fosse Rover: Chapel, goal; Smith and R A Thompson, backs; Davis, Lord and Atkins, half-backs; Pickard, Rice, Hughes, Priestman and Narraway, forwards.

Kettering: Brampton, goal; Chapman and Toseland, backs; Merchin, Peters and Phillips, half-backs; Bates, Maslin, Panter, Starr and McDermott, forwards.

Referee: Mr Smith, Hinckley.

Leicester Daily Post - 1 October 1894

#15 YMCA v SHEPSHED

Played on the Aylestone-road, before a fair attendance. The Young Men put the ball in motion, and got near their opponents' goal line, but failed to make good use of a good centre sent in by the right wing. A capital effort by the homesters was well sustained, and Tom Brown put in the finishing touch by scoring a nice goal, Jacques, and Tom Brown again were conspicuous, and the last-named was successful in notching a second point, YMCA continued to have much the best of the exchanges, but Newbold got the best of a tussle with Turner, and returned down the field when he looked in jeopardy. Later on, however, a nice bit of combination was seen in front of the Shepshed goal, the ball being headed about in bewildering fashion, until Turner directed the leather into the net. Shepshed came away with the goal-kick, and played up better, Kidger sending in a straight shot at Picken, but the latter kicked safely away. Brown eventually came away, and more nice play in front of the Shepshed goal was seen; Turner sent in a long shot, which Martin fisted out, though Tyler again headed straight in, but the Shepshed goal-keeper played up resolutely, and saved two or three sharp shots in quick succession. Relief was brought by Mills, Tyler returned to the attack, but sent two successive shots rather wide of the net. Shepshed then ran down by the aid of their right wing (Iliffe and West), and West put in a capital shot, which, however, just went over the bar. Shepshed had a

further look in from a free kick, taken by Newbold, but Beadsworth spoilt the visitors' efforts and a further free brought on half-time, with the score:

YMCA, three goals;
SHEPSHED, none.

Resuming, Shepshed stated with the further disadvantage of having to play uphill. A smart run by Jacques was the first feature; but then Shepshed attacked in determined fashion, their forwards all participating in good work. West, however, spoilt what looked a good chance by shooting wide. Rather desultory play followed, the visitors having slightly the best of exchanges but yet failing to seriously trouble Picken. Matters were subsequently enlivened with a pretty combined run by Jacques, Beadsworth and M Tyler, but the ball was sent over the net in the final shot for goal as was the case a minute later from an effort by Turner. Shepshed came away shot in really clever style. Another goal was disallowed for the Young Men for an infringement by Picken near the goal mouth, which enabled Kidger to easily score for the visitors. From the centre kick the homesters came away, and had the best of matters until the whistle sounded, the final score reading:

YMCA, three goals;
SHEPSHED, one.

Shepshed: Martin, gal; Needham and Mills, backs; Smith, Rose and Newbold, half-backs; Illiffe, West, Kidger, Green and Wilson, forwards.

YMCA: Picken, goal; Rowson and McAlpin, backs; Brown, Bailey and Jones, half-backs; C Turner, M Tyler, Tom Brown, Beadsworth and E B Jacques, forwards.

Melton Mowbray and Oakham and Uppingham News - 4 October 1894

#16 LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v MELTON TOWN

On the Athletic ground, Loughborough, before only a small number of spectators. Brewin started for Melton from the Nottingham-road end, and the Athletic soon pressed, a mis-kick by the visiting backs giving a corner. A pretty pass on the Athletic right took the ball back to the Melton ground, and Williamson shot well for goal without result. Kidger then had the Melton goal at his mercy, but the ball hit the post. Jackson saved smartly, and the homesters lost a capital opportunity. Play ruled quiet and uninteresting for a long time, then, after half an hour from the start, the home team managed to get well up, and Kidger landed the first goal. In less than a minute the Athletic right carried the ball up again, and Kidger receiving, shot into the net, but the point was disallowed for off-side. Loughborough continued to press, but were unable to do anything, Fuller saving well in goal, but Preston immediately afterwards scored the second point, half time arriving, with the score:

ATHLETIC, two goals;
MELTON, none

Re-starting play was mostly in Melton territory, but the home forwards could not get through the defence for some time, and when they did their shots went astray. Atonement was made for this within a short time when Kidger secured another point. Melton tried hard to make an impression, unable to keep up their attacks. Orton did some good work on the right but the forwards failed to break through the home backs. Loughborough then returned the leather to the other end, and Fuller ran out to meet it, missed it altogether and the ball rolled slowly between the posts. A minute or two later the Athletic were down again, and Kidger scored the fifth goal with a hard kick. The Melton right got away, and Orton centred well, placing the ball at the feet of Brewin, who scored the visitors first point. A deserving shot by Kidger struck the crossbar, and Preston then headed well in, but Fuller caught and cleared. The Melton backs and the goalkeeper again distinguished themselves, and the ball was taken to the other end, when Jackson had to handle a shot from the left. Play was mostly in the Melton half till the end, and Kidger scored the sixth goal about five minutes before the whistle blew. Result:

ATHLETIC, six goals;
MELTON, one goal.

Teams: Loughborough Athletic: W Jackson, goal; Gandy and J W Paget, backs; Coltman, Plackett and Smith, half-backs; W Rose, G Preston, Kidger, E Ward and A Williamson, forwards.

Melton: Fuller, goal, Dxxx and Rowdon, backs; Wakerley, Orchard and Avery, half-backs; Orton, A Atter, Brewin, Slawson and J Atter, forwards.

Referee, F Lowe.

Leicester Daily Post -1 October 1894

#17 SILEBY v FINEDON

At Sileby. Result:

FINEDON, five goals;

SILEBY, three.

Leicester Daily Post - 1 October 1894

#18 YMCA v FINEDON

This League match was played on the Welford-road. The YMCA kicked off and play for the first ten minutes was of an even character. A good run by Beadsworth and Jones on the left wing ended in Jones shooting over. After good play on the part of the visiting team, a corner was conceded. From a splendid bit of play by Tyler the visitors' goal was next reached. More good passing was exploited by Cartwright, M. Tyler and T. Brown. Good play by Beadsworth and M. Tyler and T. Brown was seen, but nothing resulted, the final shot going wide. After play in the visitors half T. Brown just shot over. A good passing run on the part of the Finedon men ended in Brockwell shooting a splendid goal. The visitors were soon on the aggressive again, and McAlpin kicked out. From the determined efforts of Finedon, Elson notched another point. The YMCA now woke up but Beadsworth spoiled a good chance by shooting wide. McAlpin was next noticeable for fine back play. Another corner was conceded but the ball was worked down towards the home goal. The home side were now playing up, and good passing ended in Jacques scoring. Very soon afterwards T. Brown put another in the net, which equalised the score. Half-time:

FINEDON, two goals;

YMCA, two goals

Finedon resumed the game and smart play by the home side gained ground. Finedon were now playing a rushing game. Each end was in turn visited and the Finedon custodian had to throw out. The home team now had the best of matters, and Dixon was repeatedly called upon. Directly afterwards Finedon broke away, but they soon had to act on the defensive again. Ellson was now conspicuous with fine play, but Rowson headed his shot away. The Young Men were now having much the best of the play, and good chance was spoiled by Bailey kicking wide. M. Tyler, who since half-time had been playing outside right, was playing a grand game. Two unproductive corners were conceded the visitors. Woolley next missed his kick and Beadsworth struck the upright. McAlpin was next called upon to clear his lines. Good play by T. Brown ended in the ball going over. Play towards the close was near the home goal but the visitors failed to score, and a pleasant game ended in a draw. Result:

YMCA, two goals;

FINEDON, two goals.

Teams:

YMCA: A. Picken, goal; Rowson and McAlpin, backs; E. A. Jones, S. Bailey and C. Cartwright, half-backs; E. B. Jacques, A. Beadsworth, T. Brown, M. Tyler and T. B. Brown, forwards.

Finedon: Dixon, goal; H. York and Woolley, backs; Henfrey, Moore, and Boddington, half-backs; Ellson, G. Yorke, Clipston, Baker and Brockwell, forwards.

Leicester Daily Post - 8 October 1894

#19 WELLINGBOROUGH v HINCKLEY

At Wellingborough. Hinckley soon scored followed by another, and Wellingborough pressed after this, but could not score. Half-time: Hinckley, two goals; Wellingborough, none. The home team on restarting, scored by A. Shortland. Wellingborough scored again, and G Shortland scored from penalty.

Result.

WELLINGBOROUGH, three goals;

HINCKLEY, two.

Leicester Daily Post - 8 October 1894

#19 WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN v HINCKLEY TOWN

This match was played at Wellingborough on Saturday, and, after a hotly-contested game ended in a victory for the home team by three to two. In the first half the visitors had somewhat the better of the play, and at the interval led by two goals to nil. The change of ends, however, saw a change in the game, for the home players went away, and, scoring three times, won in good style by the above margin.

Northampton Mercury - 12 October 1894

#20 MELTON v SILEBY

At Melton. A very even game. Sileby brought their strongest team, while Melton played only first team men. The first goal was obtained by Sileby in the first half from a combined rush and Caldwell was repeatedly compelled to save. In the second half Melton pressed, and shots were numerous. The ball was sent through from Sundays by the Sileby goal-keeper. The Sileby right wing played well. Atter and Slawson were the best for Melton, but the home halves were weak. Result:

A DRAW – one goal each

Leicester Daily Post- 8 October 1894

#21 FOSSE ROVERS v LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC

Played on the Walnut-street ground. Neither team has been beaten in the League, and great interest centred in the match, as on the goal averages the teams were practically equal. Loughborough have scored 15 goals against four, and the Fosse 15 against four. As soon as the game commenced the Fosse began to press and within five minutes drew "first blood", Pickard running down the wing and passing to Onions, who banged the ball into the net. Even play followed for a time, and then Loughborough equalised through Rose. During the rest of the half play was very fast, and at times exciting, but nothing further was scored. Re-starting, Pickard obtained possession near the centre, and after a grand run up the field, he passed across to McArthur, who headed the ball through. For the next half hour, the Fosse had much the best of play, and several times very nearly scored. About ten minutes from the finish Loughborough attacked strongly, and matters became very exciting. On several occasions the Fosse goal had a very narrow escape, but eventually the backs managed to clear, and the danger was averted. Pickard who all through the match had been playing a splendid game, made a couple of fine runs, but he was badly supported and consequently availed the Fosse very little. Heads gave the Rovers a chance and Lord placed the ball well in front of goal, when Narraway spoilt the effort. Onions and Narraway brought the ball down from the latter's pass, McArthur banging the ball into the net. From the kick-off Fosse were again enabled to attack by means of a good run by Priestman and Narraway atoned for his former error by scoring the fourth goal with a splendid long shot. Result:

FOSSE ROVERS four goals'

LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC, one goal.

Teams:

Loughborough Athletic: Jacson, goal; Paget and Spibey, backs; Smith, Plackett, and Coltman, half-back; Williamson, Ward, Kidger, Preston and Rose, forwards.

Fosse Rovers: Chappell, goal; Bailey and Thompson, backs; Davis, Lord and Atkins, half-backs; Onions, Pickard, McArthur, Narraway and Priestman, forwards

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#22 The Robin Hood cannot win a match, although they try very hard every time they take the field. At Hugglescote they were beaten pointlessly by two goals, and as the "reds" from all accounts are not so strong as they have been, it does not say much for the Hugglescote men, with their new team, to be defeated by them. the game was a poor one, science being at a discount. In the first half Shepshed pressed, and the Robins goalkeeper had plenty of work to do – and did it well too. In the other portion the visitors had the best of matters, but the "reds" packed their goal in such a manner that it was impossible to get through, and the match ended as stated above. For Hugglescote, Blockley (half-back) and King (forward) worked hard. Shepshed won by their superior weight, the light forwards of the Robins being no match for their burly opponents. To-morrow, the Robins meet Sileby at Sileby, and if they don't return home victorious I shall begin to thin that they will go through he season without winning a single match.

Coalville Times - 12 October 1894

#23 YMCA v WELLINBGBOROUGH

At Wellingborough. The YMCA kicked off and the forwards running down W Brown shot over. After Wellingborough had forced two corners, the forwards combined well, and Beadsworth passed to W Brown who scored. At half-time the Young Men led by one goal. Wellingborough equalised directly after the re-start. Tyler and T Brown then put in shots but the Wellingborough left put them ahead. Play was very exciting until the end. Result:

WELLINGBOROUGH, two goals

YMCA, one.

Leicester Daily Post -15 October 1894

#24 SHEPSHED v MELTON

At Shepshed. Wilson kicked off at 3.30, and Shepshed scored after five minutes. The homesters continued to have the best of the game, but some of the players persisted on trying to score instead of playing a passing game. Atter was applauded for a splendid run and shot a goal. The Shepshed forwards then got the ball, and Wilson scored another goal.

Hal-time:

SHEPSHED, three goals;
MELTON, none

The second half opened with play of very tame description. Kidger then centred from a corner kick, and Grain ought to have scored. Slow play followed, but at last the homesters roused up, and from some good play scored. From this point Shepshed had the best of the game, and West added another point. The visitors had two men absent throughout the game. Result:

SHEPSHED, six goals
MELTON, none.

Leicester Daily Post -15 October 1894

#25 Hugglescote R.H. 6 v Sileby Rangers 2

Grantham Journal - 20 October 1894

#26 WELLINGBROUGH v SILEBY

These teams met at Sileby on Saturday, when an interesting game resulted in a draw. Score:

Wellingborough, two goals, Sileby, two goals.

Northampton Mercury - 26 October 1894

#27 KETTERING v. HUGGLESCOTE

The game went all in favour of Kettering in the first half, five goals being scored, but the second half the Robins, had a little more of the game, although unable to score. Result:

KETTERING. eight goals;
HUGGLESCOTE, none.

Leicester Daily Post -29 October 1894

ANOTHER big let-down for Hugglescote Robin Hood! At Kettering on Saturday they were beaten by no less than 9 goals to love, and yet when I saw the players on the return journey they didn't seem to be a bit put out about it. It is a good thing that they are able to bear their defeats so philosophically – it at least shows that they do not mean to say “die” just yet, and doubtless the team will come up smiling against Leicester on Garner's ground tomorrow. One of the Robins told me that Kettering were far and away superior to Hugglescote and fully deserved their victory. The ground, owing to the heavy rains, was in a bad condition and the Robin Hood were all at sea on the sticky surface. The “Kets” however, were able to show very pretty combination and this was where they won. The home team I suppose very strong, the majority of last year's Midland league men being included.

Coalville Times - 2 November 1894

#28 MELTON v. FINEDON

Played at Melton. Result:

FINEDON, seven
MELTON, one.

Leicester Daily Post -29 October 1894

#29 LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHANTS LEAGUE

FOSSE ROVERS v YMCA

This League match was played on the Walnut-street Ground, before a small attendance. After the recent heavy showers, the ground was sodden, and this mitigated greatly against anything like scientific exposition of the game: in fact the players had great difficulty in standing. Rain fell heavily through the greater part of the game. A good deal of interest centred in the first appearance of Milliken for the Fosse. Fosse started and the forwards at once got down, but Brown relieved. and with a good run took the ball right up to the

Fosse goal. His shot, however, was a weak one, and Chappell had no difficulty in clearing. The game for a time was very even, each goal-keeper being called upon in turn to save. Then the Fosse commenced to attack, and the Y.M.C.A. goal had several narrow escapes. Pickard once grazing the post with a fast shot. Encouraged by this, the home team again pressed strongly, and Priestman sent in a good shot, and before the goal-keeper could clear, Hughes rushed them both into the goal. The Fosse continued to have much the best of matters. but shooting was exceedingly poor, owing probably to the slippery nature of the ground. The Y.M.C.A. then put a little more dash into their play, but they were to make much progress, the Fosse players, using their heavy weight on the lighter forms their opponents in a most relentless manner. Through a pretty bit of play by Tyler, Jacques with was given a chance, and sent in an excellent shot, but Chappell saved splendidly. Mid-field play followed for some time, but just before half-time Milliken added another goal for the Fosse, the score then being:

FOSSE ROVERS, two goals;
Y.M.C.A.. one.

Restarting, the Fosse mule tracks for their opponents' goal but the effort was spoiled by Lord kicking over the bar. They soon returned to the attack and Priestman registered the third goal with a good shot. For a time the play became very fast, and the Y.M.C.A. defence was strongly tested. Picken saved one shot in a marvellous manner, while on another occasion Hughes kicked wildly over the cross-bar when he only had the goal-keeper to beat. The Reds then had a turn, the forwards getting away nicely and the effort culminated in Bedsworth scoring their first goal. Keeping up the pressure they were conceding corners, but after some warm work in front of goal, the bail was got away to midfield. A good run by Pickard enabled the home team to and a number of shots were sent in, but Picken was equal to the occasion, and he kept his charge intact, but at last the Fosse broke through their defence, and Narrowway added the fourth goal. The rest of the game was very even, and uninteresting, owing to the wretched state of the ground, and when time arrived the score stood:

FOSSE ROVERS. four goals;
Y.M.C.A., one goal.

Fosse Rovers: Chappell. goal: Thompson and Davis, backs; Miller, Lord, and Atkins, half-backs; Narrowway, Milliken, Priestman, Pickard, and Hughes, forwards.

Y.M.C.A.: Picken, goal; Rowson and McAlpin, backs; Bailey, Jones, and Harris, half-backs; M Tyler, Turner, Brown, Jacques, and Bedsworth, forwards.

Leicester Daily Post -29 October 1894

#30 SHEPSHED v HINCKLEY

More than ordinary interest was centred in the above match. which was played at Shepshed today, in view of the fact that Shepshed stood five points in the League, and Hinckley four, and should victory fall to the latter, the position of the clubs would be reversed. Another feature of interest was the appearance of Wortley for Hinckley. That player has done excellent service for the Shepshed club in the past but was engaged by the Hinckley club for the present season as was also Wale, another of last season's Shepshed players, the latter, however, being unfortunately injured just a few weeks ago. This is the first time this season that the clubs have met, and despite the recent rains, the somewhat uncomfortable state of the ground, there was a good attendance. The following were the teams:— Shepshed Martin, goal; Mills and Needham, backs; Newbold, Smith, and Rose, half-backs; West. Wilson, Kidger, Hewitt. and Grain, forwards. Hinckley; Pratt, goal: Wortley and Garratt, backs; Carter. Perry. and Spencer, half-backs; Lucas, Rickus, Higginbottom, Toone and Watts, forwards.

The visitors the toss. and kicked towards the town goal. After three minutes' play, Lucas made a pretty run. and Rickus scored. After 25 minutes' play, West equalised, and just before half-time Knight scored a second. Half-time score: Shepshed two, Hinckley one. After the restart West scored in the first five minutes. Toone shortly afterwards scored for Hinckley. Other goals were scored, Shepshed playing splendidly. Result:

SHEPSHED five;
HINCKLEY. three.

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LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHANTS LEAGUE.										
Results of matches up to date.										
			Goals							
			Plyd.	Wa.	Lost.	Dra.	For.	Agst.	Pts.	
Fosse Rovers	..	..	6	6	0	0	27	6	12	
Loughborough Athletic	..	..	5	3	1	1	17	8	7	
Wellingborough	..	..	5	3	1	1	15	10	7	
Finedon	..	..	4	3	0	1	19	8	7	
Shepshed	..	..	6	3	2	1	17	12	7	
Leicester Y.M.C.A.	..	..	7	2	3	2	9	15	6	
Kettering Reserves	..	..	4	2	1	1	19	7	5	
Hinckley	..	..	5	2	3	0	18	16	4	
Sileby	..	..	4	0	2	2	8	14	2	
Hugglescote	..	..	8	1	7	0	13	29	2	
Melton	..	..	6	0	5	1	6	28	1	

Leicester Daily Post - 29 October 1894

#31 HINCKEY TOWN v SILEBY RANGERS

Played at Hinckley. Result:-

HINCKLEY,, on goal;

SILEBY, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 5 November 1894

#32 HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD v LEICESTER YMCA

At Hugglescote. Result:

YMCA, one goal;

HUGGLESCOTE, one goal

Leicester Daily Post - 5 November 1894

#32 HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD v LEICESTER YMCA

Played on Garner's Ground, Hugglescote, on Saturday. The visitors brought a strong team, but the homesters made several changes in their ranks to the eleven that did the duty for them the previous Saturday, and the fresh arrangements worked well. The Marriotts were not present when the game commenced, the Robins starting with nine men. YMCA kicked off against the wind, and at once commenced to press, Walker fisting out a quick shot from the right at the expense of a corner, which was cleared. For a minute of two the home custodian had an anxious time, several shots being put in, none of which, however, took effect. George Marriott appeared at this stage and took his place at back, whilst John also went to centre-half. An improvement at once became noticeable, and the Robin's front rank broke away, McAlpin returning. The home team came again, and had "hard lines" in not scoring. A pretty bit of combination by Ellis and Glover ended in the latter putting in a shot which "YM" goal-keeper had some difficulty in stopping. Soon after the same player had another good try, and James also put in a good shot from near the half-way line, but try as they would, the Robins, could not score, and at half-time the result was:

Robin Hood	0
YMCA	0

Ellis had his leg injured just before the interval but was able to resume a few minutes after the game had re-commenced. The Robins continued to have the best of matters against the wind as they had with it and the visitor's defence was kept busy for a time. The "Young Men" had a look in, and Walker splendidly saved two shots, both of which deserved to score. James and Glover, both being well fed by the backs, made incursions on either wings, but their shots were always successfully dealt with, until James was right through and scored amidst loud cheers. It was now getting dark and the ball could hardly be seen by spectators. The referee (Mr Ashmole, Burton) was facetiously asked if he required a candle, but the game continued and the YMCA getting up, a melee ensued in front of goal, with the result that the score was equalised. Shortly after, time was called, the result being:

Robin Hood	1
YMCA	1

Coalville Times -9 November 1894

#34 LEICESTER YMCA v WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN

This match was played on the ground of the former. Both teams are fairly well up in the competition, and no small interest therefore attached to the result of the match. Neither team played its full strength. Knight, a member of the YMCA second team, making his appearance in the home team in the place of Turner and Caper and Ekins captain and vice-captain, being supplanted by Mays and Griffin in the visiting team. When these teams met a short time ago in Wellingborough the YM lost by one goal to three. H Drage kicked off for the visitors but the ball was soon returned by T M Brown and Jacques made a good shot a goal, which, however, was saved, and play was taken to the centre of the field. For some time the visitors seemed to have the best of matters, but a foul by one of their players gave the home team a chance of again acting on the aggressive, a shot at goal however going over. Some good passing enabled Bailey to keep the visitors on the defensive, but hands for a time stopped their career. Pursuing their forcing tactics, Jacques essayed a shot from the left corner, but the ball was driven behind. The pressure was relieved for a short time in the form of another foul against the YMCA, and the venue was transferred to midfield, where it remained for brief space. The home citadel was again assailed, M Tyler sending the ball across and Jacques heading for a corner. Tyler by means of a good run was enabled to secure another corner. Desultory play was succeeded by Beadsworth making a splendid run and shot from a pass by Jacques but nothing resulted. Sundry fouls were given against both sides, and play vacillated from end to end, the home team having rather the best of the game. Eventually a corner was taken by G Shortland off McAlpin. The kick was well placed in front of the goal, and Drage headed through, the first point thus being obtained by the visitors, at which the game stood when the whistle was blown for half-time. Directly following the resumption, Picken was obliged to save and YMCA had their turn at pressing. The ball was quickly brought back again, and a foul by one of the home half-backs gave the visitors a free kick just in front of the goal. Picken, however, repulsed finely, the relief was not for long for Shortland almost directly headed in a pass by Goode, and the latter player shot in a third, which completely beat the custodian. The visitors were now doing all the pressing, but Bailey came to the assistance of his side by carefully heading out a free kick. Getting back to the other end, Jones shot in well, but the ball was fisted out. Maintaining their advantage, Jones succeeded at last in heading through. The remainder of the game was uninteresting until close to the end, when YMCA obtained a penalty kick close to the visiting goal, but were unable to score, and the game ended:

WELLINGBOROUGH, three goals;

LEICESTER YMCA, one goal.

Teams: Wellingborough Town: Robottom, goal; Mays and Brickstock, backs; W Drage, Smith and Tomlinson, half-backs; G Shortland, A Shortland, H Drage, Goode and Griffin, forwards.

YMCA: Picken, goal; Rowson and McAlpin, backs; Jones, Bailey and T Brown, half-backs, A Beadsworth, Jacques,, T M Brown, M Tyler and Knight, forwards

Leicester Daily Post - 12 November 1894

#35 HUGGLESCOTE v MELTON

Play went all in favour of the Robins, Moore, Hall, and Ellis each scoring. Half time: Hugglescote, three goals, Melton, none. On the restart Hugglescote pressed continually, Hall scoring four more goals. Ellis and Marriott did good work at half back, but the Robins showed the best form all through. Result:

HUGGLESCOTE, seven goals;

MELTON, none

Leicester Daily Post - 19 November 1894

#36 HINCKLEY TOWN v LEICESTER YMCA

Played on the YMCA ground, Aylestone-road. The homesters set the ball in motion, but Toone quickly robbed Tyler and Rickus receiving, the game went to the home and. The YMCA backs cleared, and placing well among their forwards the latter came away in a body, but the final shot went outside, as did another directly after. The visitors right went down in good style, but they were well met by the McAlpin, who cleared a spirited attack indecisive fashion. Toone and Watts next made an attack on the home goal from the left wing, and Toone put in a shot which troubled Picken to get rid of. However, he managed to throw away, although he was charged down immediately afterwards. Hey combined attack by the home forwards was next witnessed, Brown and Jacques putting in some effective work. The former put in a grand straight shot, which Worley stopped, however; but the homesters continued to have slightly the best of the exchanges at this point, and forced a fruitless corner. Free cakes availed the homesters nothing, Bert page Tyler was conspicuous with a smart run down the field and a capital shot for goal, but the leather was met by Garrett running in. The visitors made a sharp run down the field, and the home backs seeming to be somewhat at Hickinbottom had a clear opening, and shot a capital goal. The Young Men after this reverse attacked determinedly, and H Tyler how did the multiplication to see a shot from his xxx drop on the crossbar, one which Pratt could hardly have saved. Beadsworth and Jacques were next conspicuous but the latter was adjudged off-side when sending in a splendid shot. Hinckley made another attack, and Watts struck one of the uprights with a fast shot, which brought on half time, the score thus being:

HINCKLEY TOWN, one goal:

YMCA, none

Resuming operations, the home half was again the centre of exchanges for some little time, but then M Tyler changed the venue, and with the advantages of the slope the Young Men attacked very strongly. Some exceedingly clever work was done by Beadsworth and Jacques, which enabled M Tyler to direct a shot at pratt, who, however, managed to get rid of it in excellent fashion. A visit was paid to the home end, Pratt was again called upon saving in good stock. Round down the field the ball travelled rapidly, and then Lucas what's the means of enforcing a corner. the flag cake missed by most of the visiting forward, but before it could be cleared 2 send in a beautiful shop, which completely beat Picken. The homesters would not long in reply to this, show really splendid work with now seen by am Tyler, who, when hampered, passed over to Beadsworth. The latter sent in a verify centre, and a bit of a mele the ball was rushed into the net. Another fruitless corner to the hamsters, and Lucas came away again, confreres swarming around home goal, things looked ominous began for the young man, but arose and cleared, work near stronghold. The "tin hats" could not get the ball away for some time, but at length splendid work by the home forwards was rewarded by the score being equalised. The "tin hats" now played up desperately to obtain supremacy, and it was not long before Toone again gave his side the lead. It was now getting very dark, and very little could be seen of the play, one of the forwards after a goal kick being heard to remark, "Where is it?". Eventually the game ended:

HINCKLEY TOWN, three goals;

YMCA, two

The teams were as follows:

Hinckley: Pratt, goal; Wortley and Garrett, backs; Carter, Perry and Spencer, half-backs; Lucas, Rickus, Hickinbottom, Toone and Watts, forwards.

YMCA: Picken, goal; Rowson and McAlpin, backs; Cartwright, Bailey and Jones, half-backs; H Tyler, T Brown, M Tyler, Jacques and Beadsworth, forwards

Leicester Daily Post - 19 November 1894

#37 LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v FOSSE ROVERS

These teams met on the Athletic Ground, Loughborough, before a fair number of spectators. The visitors kicked off from the Nottingham-road goal, and Loughborough at once obtained a corner, but the ball was cleared. Give-and-take play followed in midfield, neither side gaining any advantage. Loughborough got down to the Rovers' goal, and a shot went in from the right with no effect. The visitors broke away and threatened the home goal, aided by smart play by Pickard and Stirling. Returning to the Fosse end, Thompson and Davis were hard pressed, but succeeded in keeping out their opponents, and the next shot went over the bar, an attack on the home goal was followed by a very pretty exhibition of passing by Rose, Tucker and Kidger, who by clever combination took the ball along the right wing close up to goal, and a corner was forced, but led to nothing. Foul play was penalised on both sides, and the game ruled rather fast

on neutral territory. Fosse then attacked sharply, and an exciting struggle ensued before the Loughborough goal, the ball striking the post and being finally safely cleared by the goalkeeper. A corner followed, and the pressure was relieved by a free kick for hands. The Rovers speedily returned to the attack, but lost some good chances by delay in shooting. Just before half-time play went down into the Fosse half, and Plackett sent over the bar. Hal-time:

NO SCORE

Kidger setting the ball in motion in the second half, his side were the first to attack, but Tucker shot wide. The Rovers took the game down to the Athletic end, and with a determined rush very nearly scored. Milliken ran in and upset the goalkeeper as the latter was clearing, and Moss only succeeded in saving his goal by throwing the ball behind as he lay on the ground. Nothing came of the corner, but returning in a minute or two, Hughes sent a long shot into the goal mouth. Moss cleared the ball away, and although an appeal was made for the point and disallowed, it was a close shave. A corner against the Athletic was not followed up. Moss made another smart save, and two free kicks for fouls within a few yards of goal proved abortive, the leather being quickly taken to the other end. The Fossils were not long in returning, and Moss ran out, but he missed. Paget just saved the goal by giving a corner. From the flag-kick, which was well placed, Stirling put the ball into the net and scored the visitors first goal. This took the steam out of Loughborough, and in a few minutes they were again mastered, and Milliken headed through, directly afterwards he again got through the home defence, and scored the third goal. A corner followed against the Rovers, who were for a short time on their defence, but the Athletic could make no stand against the attack that ensued, and Miller scored another. Result:

FOSSE ROVERS, four goals;

LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC, none.

Teams:-

Fosse Rovers: Chappell, goal; R A Thompson and W Davis, backs; J Lord, A Hughes and T Atkins, half-backs; J Pickard, J Stirling, W Miller, J Milliken and W Narraway, forwards.

Loughborough Athletic: A E Moss, goals; Spilby, and Paget, backs; Coltman, Plackett and J Smalley, half-backs; Tucker, W Rose, L Kidger, Preston and Mounteney, forwards.

Referee: Mr Fellows, of Hugglescote.

Leicester Daily Post - 19 November 1894

#38 SHEPSHED v FINEDON

At Shepshed, in the presence of a large number of spectators. The homesters won the toss, and Grain scored in ten minutes. Shepshed had five corners in quick succession, but without result. The visitors equalised just before half-time. Play was very equal in the second half. Finedon scored first, and five minutes before time Shepshed equalised. The excitement to the finish was intense. Result:

SHEPSHED, two goals;

FINEDON, two goals.

Leicester Daily Post - 19 November 1894

#40 HINCKLEY TOWN v SHEPSHED TOWN

At Hinckley, before 1,000 spectators. Soon after starting Hinckley scored, and before half-time added by a further point. Restarting, some splendid passing call of time Hinckley scored their third goal.

HINCKLEY, three goals;

SHEPSHED, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 26 November 1894

#41 WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN v HUGGLESCOTE

At Wellingborough. Hugglescote were the first to score, the home team playing very indifferently. Half-time: Hugglescote, one goal; Wellingborough scored just after the restart. Hugglescote got through again, but then Wellingborough draw level, and the game ended in

A DRAW, two goals each.

Leicester Daily Post - 26 November 1894

#42 Hugglescote Robin Hood v Kettering

These two teams played the return League match on Garner's ground, Hugglescote, on Saturday. In the first fixture it will be remembered that Kettering were victorious by no less than 8 goals to none, but since then

the form of the Robin Hood has considerably improved, the homesters tried two new men in Somerville of Loughborough and Rice, of Burton. The visitors lost the toss and kicked off up-hill. After the opening exchanges the Robins got down, and one of the visitors backs missing his kick, the ball was hustled through. The homesters had the best of matters for a considerable time, but could not score, and then the Kettering forwards came away in a body, their passing being very neat. Walker was beaten by the centre-forward, the score being equalised. Shortly after the visitors scored again by a shot from left which Walker ought certainly to have stopped. Swarming round the home goal Kettering gave its defenders a warm time of it, and just before half-time a splendid screw shot by the outside left placed the visitors still further ahead. At the interval, the score still further ahead. At the interval the score stood was:

Kettering	3
Robin Hood	1

On resuming the visitors were the first to show up, and they scored after a few minutes play. Then Jones ran away and put in a good centre which was breasted through. Play was very fast, and Kettering were continually on the aggressive, but Ellis and Clarke played a grand game at half-back and gave the home forwards plenty of chances. At last Kendrick, in trying to kick away a shot from the Kettering left, put the ball through his own goal, this making point No 5 for the visitors. Notwithstanding this disheartening lead, the home team kept pegging away, and as the result of a visit to the Kettering quarters, a foul fell to them close to goal. Ellis took the kick and passed to one of the home forwards who shot through amidst cheers. Not many minutes elapsed before a corner fell to the Robins, and Ellis put in a splendid shot, Clarke again scoring. With the visitors now only one goal ahead visions of a draw, or even a win, began to present themselves to the homesters, and they played strongly and, for a time, pressed hotly, Hall had a splendid chance of equalising, having only the goalkeeper to beat, but he kicked wide, and shots by Ellis and Cutler were also futile. Kettering outside left raced right down the field, and eluding the halves and backs scored a capital goal. No further scoring took place, the result being:

Kettering	6
Robin Hood	4

Coalville Times - 7 December 1894

#43 LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v HINCKLEY TOWN

Owing to the dense fog which prevailed at Loughborough, this match, which was to have been played on the Athletic Ground, was abandoned,
Leicester Daily Post - 1 December 1894

#44 SILEBY RANGERS v SHEPSHED

Shepshed and Sileby on the ground of the former. The visitors won the toss, and the homesters scored immediately, the visitors equalising within five minutes, Shepshed scored again, but before half-time the game was equal. In the second half the home team scored and had the best of the game. Result:

SHEPSHED, four goal,
SILEBY, two.

Melton Mowbray and Oakham and Uppingham News - 6 December 1894

#45 FOSSE ROVERS v MELTON TOWN

Played in foggy weather, before a small number of spectators. Immediately after the kick-off Stirling scored a goal, which was followed within two minutes by a second from the feet of Pickard. From the restart Fosse rushed down, and a Melton back fowled Miller who took the penalty, and successfully steered the ball by Fuller. Narraway scored the fourth, Stirling the fifth and Pickard the sixth. Bishop scored for Melton from a rush.

FOSSE, six goals
MELTON, one

Leicester Daily Post - 1 December 1894

#46 FINEDON v WELLINGBOROUGH

Played at Wellingborough. Result:

FINEDON, three goals;
WELLINGBOROUGH, none

Leicester Daily Post - 1 December 1894

#46 WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN v FINEDON

This match was played on the Town Ground, Wellingborough, on Saturday, in dull and cold weather, before about 700 spectators. Wellingborough won the toss, and the visitors, kicking against a rather strong wind, soon got up to the home goal, York shooting when he had the goal at his mercy. G Shortland did ditto a minute later after, and then Munns "fouled" Shortland, but nothing came of the kick. Loomes saved grandly from Clipston, and a minute after, Dixon made a lucky save from G Shortland. Just as Belton started his man on a good run, the Linesman gave the ball out. The visitors got up to, and York scored with a low, swift shot. Re-starting, they got up again, and in less than another minute, York had notched another goal. "Hands" for the home team having been got away, W Elson put in a stinger, which hit the post. Soon after A Shortland had a good chance, but he was too slow. Nothing of further interest occurred before halftime, which found the score standing: Finedon two goals; Wellingborough, nil. On re-starting, a "foul" was given against Boddington, but it was got away, and the home men returned, Goode putting over. Elson got away, but put over. The home men now exerted themselves, and taxed the visitor's defence severely. Boddington was penalised for "fouling" and the visitors got down, Clipston putting over. Shortly after, Clipston again got possession, and gave to Baker, who scored with a splendid shot. The home team at length got up, and from a grand shot by W Drage, Dixon had to give a corner, but "hands" off Ekins relieved, and shortly after, Belton had hard lines in not scoring, but the ball was got away. The visitors now got down, and after some very sharp play in front of goal, Ekins cleared grandly, and A Shortland got away, and shot well, but it went off one of the visitors backs, and the corner availed nothing. The whistle blew a minute later, with the scores: Finedon, three goals; Wellingborough Town, nil. Teams:

Wellingborough – Loomes, goal; Ekins and Brigstock, backs; Mayes, W Drage and Smith, half-backs; Goode and H Drage, right wing; G and A Shortland, left wing; G Belton, centre.

Referee: Mr F S Styles. Linemen; Mr T Threadgill and Mr F Parrott.

Finedon: H E Dixon, goal; E Barker and A Robinson, backs; J Munns, F Moore and H Boddington, half-backs; W Brockwell and H Baker, right wing; A Clipston, centre; G York and A Elson, left wing.

Northampton Chronicle & Echo – 3 December 1894

#47 FOSSE ROVERS v SHEPSHED

On the Walnut-street ground, before nearly two thousand people, on the ground rather sodden. Shepshed won the toss, and had the advantage of a slight breeze. Foster kicked off, and for a few minutes play was very even, each side attacking. Then Fosse forced a corner, but the backs cleared from the flag kick. Thompson returned the ball to the goal, and Pickard had no difficulty in putting it through, but it was palpably offside at the time, and the point was of course disallowed. The home team kept up the pressure, and Sterling sent in a grand centre from near the goal line. Miller rushed up and looked certain to score but he got his foot too far under the ball, and lifted it over the bar. From the goal kick the Rovers again reached their opponents goal, and the backs and goalkeeper had a rather warm time of it. The latter cleared several shots in fine style, but at last he failed to throw out far enough, and before he could again reach the ball Miller put it through. Shepshed then paid a visit to the other end, but Chappell was safe, and Fosse were soon back again in their opponents' quarters. Priestman sent in a beautiful high shot, which Martin just managed to save by handling it over the bar. Nothing resulted from the ensuing corner. A few minutes later the home team looked like adding another point, football dropping right in front of the Shepshed goal, but the effort was spoiled by Pickard kicking wide. Following this Fosse had still another chance, but this time Sterling was the offender, the ball missing the goal by a dozen yards. Shepshed then broke away and quickly made tracks for the home goal, and equalised with a splendid shot from the right wing. Encouraged by this somewhat unlooked for success, Shepshed placed Fosse on the defensive. Thompson with long kick to Pickard to relieve the pressure, and Stirling, who received the ball from Pickard, almost scored with a fast shot which passed across the goal mouth. After a spell of very even play Lord put in a nice shot from half-way, which dropped right into the goal. Stirling, however, charged the goalkeeper before he was really playing the ball, and the goal was disallowed. Half-time the arrived, with the score:

FOSSE ROVERS, one goal;

SHEPSHED, one goal.

Restarting from the kick-off the Rovers went away with a rush and playing with a great amount of vigour and dash, they taxed the defensive power of their opponents to the utmost. Several times they reached the Shepshed goal, but Mills and Needham were very safe, and on two or three occasions cleared when goals seemed almost certain. A free kick for hands close to the goal gave the home team a chance, but the ball

was sent wide. This spell of strong attack and defence seemed to tire both teams somewhat, for the play degenerated a good deal, but was chiefly composed of miss kicks. At last the Fosse again woke up to their position, and after some sharp play in front of goal. Pickard put the ball through. Even play followed for some time, and then Fosse still further increased their lead. Atkins sent a long shot to Pickard, which the latter headed between the posts, although he was at least a dozen yards from the net. For this feat he was deservedly applauded. The Fosse still kept up the pressure, and the Shepshed goal escaped on several occasions in a marvellous manner, the ball going everywhere except in the right place. One shot was going in at the corner of the goal, but Martin just managed to save it by throwing himself on top of the ball, and he had only time to push it round the post before several of the forwards reached him. The ensuing corner, however, was fruitless. A few minutes later Martin again distinguished himself by fisting out a very fast shot from the right wing. Narraway had a splendid opportunity to score, but kicked the ball wildly over the bar. Two or three most exciting scrimmages were soon in front of the Shepshed goal, but the backs played splendidly, and the efforts of the Fosse were not rewarded with any tangible result. Eventually their endeavours were successful, Narraway adding a fourth goal. Nothing further was scored, the match ending:

FOSSE ROVERS, four goals;

SHEPSHED, one.

Teams:

Fosse Rovers: Chappell, goal; Thompson and Bailey, backs; Priestman, Lord and Atkins, half-backs; Stirling, Pickard, Miller, Milliken and Narraway, forwards.

Shepshed: Martin, goal; Needham and Mills, backs; Smith, Rose and Newbold, half-backs; Hedger, West, Price, Knight and Greis, forwards.

Leicester Daily Post - 10 December 1894

#48 FINEDON v HINCKLEY

Played Hinckley on Saturday, before over 1,000 spectators and won by the Finedon men by two goals to one. Finedon won the toss and the home team kicked down hill and had the best of the opening exchanges; but the visitors defence was equal to the occasion, Dixon having no difficulty in defending his charges. Finedon then got together, and Elson securing, ran through the home backs, but had hardlines in not scoring, the ball rebounding into play off the goal-keeper. The backs, however, could not clear, and the home backs had an anxious time, the ball being kept very near the goal-line until one of the home backs handled. The referee promptly gave the "free" and Henfrey scored a splendid goal from the kick taken by Moore. From the kick-off Hinckley pressed, but seldom got dangerous, although good work was put in by Hickingbottom, ably assisted by the right wing. Barker and York were, however, safe in their positions, the former kicking remarkably well. Finedon then had a turn. Brockwell centred well, and Henfrey just missed. Finedon still pressed and dealt with two barren corners; but half-time arrived with the score: Finedon, one goal; Hinckley, none. Soon after resuming, Hinckley drew level after good play by the right wing. The delight of the spectators at this period was tremendous, but their enthusiasm was short-lived, as from the restart the Finedon forwards completely ran through the home defence. Henfry, who fairly cut his way through, sent in a beautiful shot, which happened to hit the goalkeeper; but Clipstone, being well up, notched a second goal. Henfrey, who was travelling at tremendous speed, ran into the goal-post, snapping it clean off level with the top of the ground, net and posts falling in a confused heap. This caused some little delay. Fortunately, Henfrey received no injury. The game finished with someone holding the goal post up. From this stage to the close Finedon were the aggressors, but no further scoring took place, the result being Finedon, two goals; Hinckley, one. Finedon: Goal, H E Dixon; backs, E Barker, and H York; half-backs, H Boddington, F Moore, and A Robinson; right wing, W Brockwell and Baker; centre, A G Henfrey; left wing A Clipstone and A Ellson. Referee; Mr Marson, Leicester.

Northampton Chronicle & Echo - 10 December 1894

#48 HINCKLEY v FINEDON

At Hinckley: Result:

FINEDON, two goals;

HINCKLEY, one goal

Leicester Daily Post - 10 December 1894

#49 MELTON v. LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC

At Melton. The home team attacked early, and Goodacre scored a splendid goal. The home team continued

to play an improved game, but fell off before the first half closed, and Kidger scored for Loughborough, and Rawdin, a home back, put two through for the visitors. The second half was tamely contested, Plackett scoring the last goal for the visitors. Result:

LOUGHBOROUGH, four goals'

MELTON, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 10 December 1894

#50 KETTERING v WELLINGBOROUGH

At Kettering. Result:

KETTERING, three goals;

WELLINGBOROUGH, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 10 December 1894

#50 KETTERING RESERVES v WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN

This match was played on the North Park, Kettering, on Saturday, before about 1,000 spectators, and resulted in a win for Kettering by three goals to nil. Both teams were strongly represented, and a good, even game was anticipated. Kettering kicked off in the direction of the Town goal, and at once dealt with a fruitless corner, following which Bates put in a real beauty, which Johnson was fortunate in getting away. For the ensuing ten minutes the pressure on the Wellingborough goal was very warm, and Brigstock and Attley required all their skill to keep the "Reds" out. At length Wellingborough got to the other end, but Brampton kicked into touch when the danger became imminent. Kettering again took up the aggressive, but Johnson finely negotiated shots from Hitchcock and Maslin. The "Reds" continued the pressure, and the half backs playing a judicious game. After 35 minutes play Maslin broke through, and out pacing Attley, scored with a shot that gave Johnson just touching the leather round the upright. From the flag kick Panter, jun., just headed over the cross-bar. Half-time arrived with the score: Kettering, one; Wellingborough, nil. The second half also went considerably in favour of the homesters, but for some time the sterling defence of Attley and Brigstock prevented any additional point being added. After 20 minutes play - Johnson placed the ball through his own goal, and, after Goode had registered an off-side goal for the visitors, Panter, jun., added a third point for the home team, the final result being: Kettering, three; Wellingborough, nil. Teams: Kettering: Brampton, goal; Chapman and Meesham, backs; Panter, Bates and McDermott, half-backs; Hollowell and Starr, left wing; Hitchcock and Maxxlin, right wing; E Panter, centre.

Wellingborough: Johnson, goal; Brigstock and Attley, backs; Mayes, Smith and Drage, half-backs; Goode and Cheetham, right wing; Ekins and A Shortland, left wing; Drage, centre.

Linesmen, Messrs. A Peters and A Adnitt; referee, Mr Ferguson, Leicester.

Northampton Chronicle & Echo - 10 December 1894

#51 MELTON TOWN v HINCKLEY TOWN

At Melton. Melton played with the slop in the first half and kept up a continuous attack. Bishop opened the scoring with a hot shot, and from a scrimmage in goal Caldwell scored the second. On crossing over the game became fast and exciting. Melton defended gallantly, and the first goal was registered against them owing to an unfortunate slip by Fuller. The game continued fast but nothing further was done. Result

MELTON, two goals;

HINCKLEY, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 17 December 1894

#52 FOSSE ROVERS v KETTERING

At Kettering. The homesters started against the wind, and after ten minutes play Bailey scored from a free. Pickard followed with another and Stirling added the third just before half-time. The game was very even in the second half, Start scoring for Kettering and Stirling for the Fosse. Result:

FOSSE, four goals;

KETTERING, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 24 December 1894

#53 FINEDON v LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC

At Finedon. Result:

LOUGHBROUGH, one goal;

FINEDON, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 24 December 1894

#54 SILEBY RANGERS v HINCKLEY TOWN

At Sileby. Result:

A DRAW, no score.

Leicester Daily Post - 24 December 1894

LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHANTS LEAGUE.									
Results up to date :-									
					Goals				
	Plyd.	Wn.	Lost.	Drn.	For.	Agst.	Pts.		
Fosse Rovers	.. 10	..10	.. 0	.. 0	.. 4	.. 9	..20		
Finedon	.. 9	.. 6	.. 1	.. 2	..38	..13	..14		
Loughborough Athletic	.. 9	.. 6	.. 2	.. 1	..26	..13	..13		
Hinckley	.. 11	.. 5	.. 5	.. 1	..27	..22	..11		
Wellingborough	.. 9	.. 4	.. 3	.. 2	..20	..19	..10		
Shepshed	.. 11	.. 4	.. 5	.. 3	..24	..27	..10		
Kettering Reserves	.. 7	.. 4	.. 2	.. 1	..29	..15	.. 9		
Leicester Y.M.C.A.	.. 10	.. 2	.. 5	.. 3	..13	..22	.. 7		
Hugglescote	.. 12	.. 2	.. 8	.. 2	..27	..48	.. 6		
Sileby	.. 7	.. 0	.. 4	.. 3	..10	..19	.. 3		
Melton	.. 11	.. 1	.. 9	.. 1	..11	..58	.. 3		

Leicester Chronicle 29 December 1894

#60 FINEDON v WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN

Played at Finedon on Saturday in boisterous weather before a small attendance. Each club was well represented and a good game was not expected, as rain, and wind with sleet and snow, fell most of the time the game was in progress. Play had been on exactly xx minutes, and as rain, sleet and snow was falling at a terrific rate, the referee stopped the game.

Northampton Mercury - 4 January 1895

#58 KETTERING v LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC

At Kettering. Result:

KETTERING, six goals;

LOUGHBOROUGH, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 7 January 1895

#58 KETTERING RESERVES v LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC

In connection with the above, this match was played on North Park, Kettering, on Saturday. There were about 700 people present, but accurate play was almost impossible owing to the slippery condition of the ground after the thaw. A one-sided game ended: Kettering, six goals; Loughborough, one.

Northampton Mercury - 11 January 1895

#59 SILEBY v WELLINGBOROUGH

At Wellingborough. Result:

A DRAW, three goals.

Leicester Daily Post - 7 January 1895

#59 WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN v SILEBY RANGERS

This match was played on the Town Ground, Wellingborough on Saturday, in threatening weather, and on very slippery ground. Sileby won the toss, and had a slight wind in their favour. Result: Three goals each. Some of the visitors were loudly hooted for their "foul" play, and the referee came in for a share of disapproval for his decisions.

Northampton Mercury - 11 January 1895

#60 LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v FINEDON

On the Nottingham-road ground, Loughborough, the return League match was played between these clubs. Considerable interest was evinced in the match, as the Athletic were the only team that had beaten the Northants team in the competition. The match was also interesting from another point of view, as it gave Loughborough an opportunity to place themselves second in the chart- by changing places with Finedon, the latter having 14 points and the Athletic 13.

The match was played in bitterly cold weather, before only a small number of spectators. Finedon won the toss and Loughborough kicked off from the Nottingham-road end. The visitors pressed, and Loughborough then retaliated, and a free for hands before the Finedon goal gave an opportunity which was not taken advantage of, West's kick landing the ball on the top of the cross-bar, whence it rolled behind. After a similar attack at the other end, the visitors got down. and G. Yorke centring, the bail was well met by Baker, who, put it through. Elson got away in a long run, but obviously was offside. and Mounteney offending similarly directly after, was speedily pulled up by the referee. Play until now was of a very poor description, but warmed up slightly, and Finedon frequently. Loughborough getting away into the visitors territory, a corner was given on the right. but the ball soon returned to midfield. Finedon again giving the home team much trouble and after two frees, Garfield scored the second goal for his side with a first-rate kick. Loughborough made a good attempt to score after this, and Mounteney centring, Tucker's shot went over. Half-time:

FINEDON, two goals,

LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC, none

Loughborough apparently were determined to make an impression on resuming, but failed to take advantage of their opportunities, missing several good chances. Two fell to them in quick succession, but they did not hold the upper hand for long, as Neale was soon called upon to save. An easy attack on the home goal ended in G. Yorke scoring the third point for the visitors. Loughborough repeatedly attacked, but could do nothing the strong defence until shortly before time, when a rather curious goal was obtained. The ball was sent in from the home left and went close on the goal line near the posts. The custodian, evidently under the impression that it had gone out, took it up. and placed it before the goal for a kick, when Preston smartly put it into the net and the point was allowed, the ball never having gone out. The rest of the game was very uninteresting. Result:

FINEDON. Three goals;

LOUGHBOROUGH, one goal.

The following were the teams:

Loughborough Athletic; Neale. goal; Paget and Spiby, backs: Coltman, Plackett. and West, half-backs; Tucker, Rose, Kidger, Preston, and Mounteney, forwards.

Finedon: Dixon, goal: Parker and B. Yorke, backs; Munns, Moore, and Boddington, half-backs: Brockwell, Baker, Garfield, G Yorke and Elson, forwards.

Referee: F Gardner

Leicester Daily Post - 14 January 1895

#60 FINEDON v LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC

This match was played at Loughborough on Saturday last, before 1,000 spectators. The ground was rather hard, owing to the severe state of the weather, but there being a thin coat of snow on the top gave the players a good foothold, which made it much better. It will be remembered that these teams met at Finedon on December 22nd, when Loughborough were extremely lucky in winning by one goal to nil. On Saturday, although Finedon were without the services of Henfrey, Robinson and Clipstone, they played one of their best games of the season, and won a very fast game by three goals to one.

Northampton Mercury - 18 January 1895

#61 FOSSE ROVERS v SILEBY RANGERS

This Leicestershire and Northants League match was played on the Walnut-street Ground; before a large number of spectators. The Rovers up to the present have not known defeat in this competition, having proved successful on ten occasions, whilst their opponents for the match under notice have contested eight games and have failed to gain a win. Little fear was therefore entertained of their country friends bringing about their defeat, the going was in a fair condition, considering the continued frost. Twenty minutes after the advertised time, a start of made, Lord not being favoured in the spin of the coin, Miller kicked off for the Fosse who immediately made tracks for their opponents goal, the Fosse front string attacking in earnest. After some pretty passing on the part of Miller, Priestman, and Pickard, the latter shot over. Sileby broke

away, getting near the home goal but offside play spoilt a good opening. Pickard on the left got away, and from his centre Hopewell had to concede a corner, from which nothing more than a goal kick resulted. From the kick, Thompson return the ball, and Lord, lying up well, landed in beauty into the left, for which he received the usual applause. Sileby again broke away, Thompson stopped their good intentions and the leather was soon being banged about in front of visitors goal as the outcome of which an offside goal was scored. Davis, Lord, and Hughes were in fair form, keeping the forwards well fed, and they were thus enabled to keep the ball continually in the visitors half. Miller shot at goal, but Rowson, in attempting to save, fell, but Priestman gave the ball a finishing touch, scoring number two for the Rovers. The next feature was a corner conceded to the Fosse, and from Pickard's flag kick a free was awarded the homesters for an infringement, but Millers kick, from a good position in front of goal, was a miserable failure, A shot from Narraway soon after had no better effect. Fosse were having matters all their own way, and from a fine centre by Millikan, Miller no difficulty in beating Yates for the third. Priestman, Narraway, and Miller were next conspicuous with a pretty forward movement, Davis's final shot missing by few inches Rodgers and Wood carried the ball to the Fosse goal, but it was quickly back in his home quarters. The Rangers, although they occasionally attacked, were never really dangerous, the home defence being too good for them. The Rovers were now having hard lines, as they have several good opportunities, but failed when in front of goal kicks by Narraway and Priestman just missing. Hopewell placed his side in an advantageous position, gave nicely to Wood, who spoilt by chance score. Half-time arriving soon after with the score:

FOSSE ROVERS, three goals'

SILEBY, none

On crossing, Fisher sent the ball in motion, and the Rovers soon took of the aggressive, Yates having to save from good attempt by Narraway and Milliken. Rovers were evidently bent on increasing their score, and they kept up a continued bombardment of the visitors citadel. Lord, Narraway, Miller, Milligan show me some pretty foot work. Subsequently G Wood ran down the left wing, but speedily Thompson transferred the ball to midfield where Milliken got possession, and dribbled down, and Yates making a poor attempt to save, Narraway rushed the ball into the net. The Rangers, however, at length made their presence felt. F. Rodgers and E. Wood making a splendid run, although Fisher failed to score from E. Wood's centre, G. Wood was up, and with the lightning shot beat Chappell and did the needful. This aroused the young Fossils for they were not long before they swarmed around the Rangers goal. Nothing tangible resulted, Narraway and Milliken missing grand opportunities when they had the goal at their mercy. After a period of play which was principally confined to the forwards, Milliken was given another chance of atoning his previous fails, but he fared no better, his shot going over the bar. The Rovers were applauded for their combination, and although they were time after time within an ace of scoring, through weaknesses in front of goal they failed to put the ball in his right place. The frequent attacks keeping Yates employed while Chappell was rarely visited. The monotony was last broken, the home forwards playing up in a most determined manner, and Pickard with the assistance of Miller, added the fifth goal. The visiting forwards had a turn in attacking, but there was no sting in their shooting, nothing beyond a goal kick. Lord initiated some pretty passing in which Milliken, Pickard and Miller took part, the latter eventually placing the sixth goal to the credit of Rovers. Play was all in favour of the home team right up to the finish, a one-sided game ending:

FOSSE ROVERS, six goals

SILEBY, one goal

Fosse Rovers: Chappell, goal; Thompson and Bailey, backs; Davis, Lord and Hughes, half-backs' Pickard, Milliken. Miller, Narraway and Priestman, forwards.

Sileby: Yates, goal; J Hopewell and S Rowson, backs; F Wood, W Hopewell and H Tedds, half-backs; A Taylor, G Wood, Fisher, F Rodgers and E Wood, forwards.

Referee, Mr H Weston, Wigston.

Leicester Daily Post - 14 January 1895

#62 SHEPSHED v. HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD.

This return match between Shepshed and Hugglescote was played at Shepshed before a good number of spectators. The visitors won the toss. Kidger kicked off at three o'clock and Hallam quickly scored for the homesters. The visitors scored the next two goals. Hallam equalising just before half-time. In the second half, Shepshed scored twice quickly, but the visitors luckily scored three within five minutes. Result:

HUGGLESCOTE, five goals;

SHEPSHED. four goals.

Leicester Daily Post - 14 January 1895

#63 LEICESTER YMCA v HINCKLEY

At Hinckley. The Brothers Tyler were absent from the Young Men's team. The visitors kicked off, and play was even to half-time. In the second half the visitors pressed continuously but could not get through. Hinckley scored through what appeared to be an offside goal which the referee allowed, although a strong protest was made against it. Result

HINCKLEY, one goal;

YMCA, none,

Leicester Daily Post - 14 January 1895

#64 LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v HINCKLEY

On the Athletic ground. Hinckley kicked off and Loughborough attacked at once, and had the best of the play, but could not score, the defence being good, while several players were ruled off-side. After 20 minutes play, Mounteney scored for the Athletic from a corner, and a minute or so later Hinckley equalised from a free kick. Towards the interval Athletic had corner, and the ball being well placed was rushed through. Half-time: Athletic, two; Hinckley, one. The earlier stages of the second half were fairly even, but later on the Athletic had decidedly the best of matters, and scored again through the efforts of Mounteney, a goal by Kidger being disallowed for off-side. The game was stopped several times through injuries to Hinckley players. Result:

ATHLETIC, three goals

HINCKLEY, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 21 January 1895

#65 SILEBY RANGERS v HINCKLEY

At Sileby. Short time played. Result@

HINCKLEY, three goals

SILEBY, two

Leicester Daily Post - 21 January 1895

#66 KETTERING RESERVE v FINEDON - This match in the above League was played at Finedon on Monday. The home team played strongly throughout, and won by four goals to one.

Stamford Mercury - 25 January 1895

#67 FOSSE ROVERS v FINEDON

Played at Leicester. The Rovers had much the better of the opening exchange, and put on three goals through Miller (2) and Pickard. Finedon then had a turn, Ellson scoring. Half-time: Fosse, three goals, Finedon, one. In the latter portion the Rovers had matters all their own way, and won by nine goals to one.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 31 January 1895

#68 YMCA v HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD

This match in connection with the above League was played on the Victoria Park. The circumstances were not favourable for football, the severe frosts of the last day or two having a marked effect on the ground was exceedingly hard, and was covered with a thin coating of snow. Both clubs occupy positions towards the bottom of the league chart. The visitors had scored eight points of the seven of the YMCA, but had played in 13 matches, three more than the local team, who had won two, lost six, leaving three drawn. The Robin Hood had won three games, lost eight, two being drawn. Hugglescote won the toss, and elected to defend the Park-road goal. The ball having been put in motion for the YMCA, the visitors pressed during the opening stages, McAlpin and Miller both stopping dangerous rushes, but the Robin Hood went for them again, Picken fisting away a hot shot. Play then took a turn in favour of the YMCA, a free for hands giving them a distinct advantage. Miller mis-kicked when taking a shot at goal, and the ball was ultimately sent wide of the posts. Going on, the Hugglescote right wing went off finely, and took the game close to goal where Picken was unable to stop a shot by Poxon, and thus the visitors drew first blood. M Tyler was conspicuous with pretty play, but his run was cut short by G Marriott, and being driven back to their own territory, the Reds had to concede a corner, which proved fruitless. A clever run by M Tyler again transferred play, and Emms centred, but a goal kick was the only result. The visitors had three frees in their favour in rapid succession, and with them were able to bombard their opponents' goal, Rice eventually

heading through the second goal. The last-named put in a pretty run later, but Picken was just in time in turn the final shot outside the post. After this further reverse, the YMCA played up, and for a long time stormed Hugglescote's goal, which had several narrow escapes, H Tyler, in particular, putting in a dashing run before shooting. However, Walker was playing a safe game, and twice saved nicely. Hugglescote were not long before they had their opponents aching on the defensive, and for hands close in, the ball was kicked to Moore, who sent through, Picken being unable to get away. Picken a few minutes later saved from a remarkable hot shot, clearing a he expense of a corner. Still pressing, Hugglescote kept the YMCA for a long time penned in their own half, and Poxton kicked over the bar. Then the Reds broke away, H Tyler sprinting down his wing, but T B Brows, when shooting, kicked high over the bar, and Emms just after missed the desired spot by a yard or so. Walker had shots to save hereabouts, and each time proved equal to the occasion. The visitors did not allow the game to stop at this end of the ground for long, for by means of pretty combined play they were soon storming round the YMCA's goal. McAlpin was called on to save, but heading away he sent to Rice, who easily beat Picken. Soon after half-time was arrived, the game standing:

HUGGLESCOTE, four goals;

YMCA, none.

On resuming, the homesters were the first to press, Baley putting in a dashing run, passing to H Tyler, who sent on to T B Brows, for the latter to put on a goal for the Reds. A moment later the last-named had another shot at goal, the ball just missing its mark. T Brown went down his wing nicely, but was prettily tricked by ice and McAlpin had to clear. Both ends were then visited, H Tyler twice centring, each time to find the visitors' backs safe. At the other end Moore shot for goal, but Picken, running out, effected a clever save, McAlpin also clearing nicely. The visitors' right wing later, took the ball half the length of the field, and on it being centred to Rice, he shot straight at Picken, who again ran out and cleared. Another grand run by Rice, which was frustrated by an infringement, James was within an ace of scoring, the ball grazing the post. Combined run by Rice and James put the YMCA goal again in danger, and the former kicked over the bar a moment later Picken saving a shot from the same player. For a long time, the home team could not get the ball out of their half. This was at last accomplished by means of a neat run by Bailey, but only the result was a coupe, of goal kicks, and Moore captured a pass a moment later when the Reds were getting dangerous, play going once more to the other end, where a fruitless corner was forced. Give and take play characterised the finishing stages, although the Young Men were having rather the best of matters. They forced a couple of corners, and just before the whistle was blown, Bailey took a long shot at goal, which Walker succeeded in fisting away. The final result was:

HUGGLESCOTE, four goals;

YMCA, one

Teams: YMCA: W Picken, goal; McAlpin and J Rowson, backs; C Cartwright, S Bailey, and R Miller, halves; H Tyler, T B Brows, M Tyler, T Brown and H Emms, forwards.

Hugglescote: Walker, goal; G Tivey and G Marriott, backs; Ellis, J Marriott and Cutler, halves; Clarke, Poxton, Rive, James and Moore, forwards.

Referee, Mr Wolley (Kegworth)

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News -31 January 1895

#69 SHEPshed TOWN v LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC

The bills announcing the above match, which was played at Shepshed, were headed "Old Rivals", and probably there could be no truer definition. For many years these clubs have met in friendly rivalry to try conclusions on the football ground long before the professional element was introduced in the neighbourhood, and it might with truth be said that it was in those palmy days that Loughborough caught largely the Shepshed football enthusiasm. However, much has happened since then, and whilst Loughborough have progressed by "leaps and bounds" in the football world, Shepshed have for obvious reasons continued the even tenour of their way. The first match between the teams this season was played on Boxing Day, but the Shepshed club were not fully represented, and the match ended in a victory for the home team by four goals to love. The return match today was anticipated with keen interest. Several gentlemen in Shepshed who take considerable interest in the game, in the earlier part of the week decided to invite the rival teams after the match to dinner in the skittle alley of the Liberal Club at six o'clock, when Mr J Harriman JP was expected to preside.

The ball was started at three o'clock and the game at once became very fast. Despite all efforts, however, when half-time was called no goal had been scored. The game was even in the second half, though

unfortunately one short during the latter portion of the game. There was a good number of spectators present. Result:

A DRAW, no score.

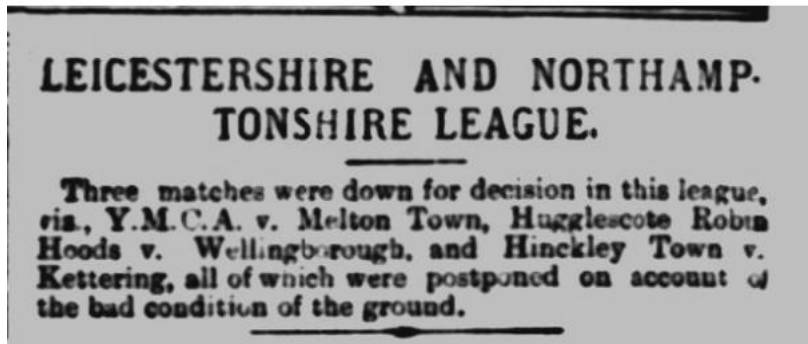
Teams;

Shepshed: Martin, goal; Mills and Needham, backs; Newbold, Smith, Wilson, half-backs; West, Hallam, Kidger, Grain, Ang raves, forwards.

Loughborough: Near, goal; Spibey and Gorse, backs; Coltman, Plackett and West, half-backs; Tucker, Kidger, Rose, Preston and Mounteney, forwards.

Leicester Daily Post - 28 January 1895

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#73 ROBIN HOOD v LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC. — This match, in the Leicester and Northants League, was played on Garner's Ground on Saturday, before a fairly good attendance, and on ground in pretty good condition. Athletic kicked off, and playing downhill, pressed, but in trying to score kicked out. Exchanges ensued at either end. Walker fisting out, and Gorse conceding a fruitless corner. Marriott made a good kick from mid-field, all but scoring. The Athletic made strenuous efforts to score, Walker and the home backs having a hard time of it. After play in neutral ground Plackett missed his kick, and let in James and Moore, who worked the leather well up, Moore narrowly missing the uprights. In the second half, the Robins' pressed and forced a corner, which was beautifully placed, but not converted, although the visiting backs were severely taxed, Poxon shortly afterwards beating Neale. Hands against the Robins close in goal made matters look extremely dangerous for the homesters, the ball being got away only with difficulty. Mid-field play ensued, until the Robins' forwards forcing their way up. Moore sent in a very swift shot, which Neale caught, the force knocking him backwards. The referee allowed the goal, but his decision was questioned, and a short stoppage caused by the Loughborough players. Hugglescote gave two unsuccessful corners, and the Robins getting away, nice combination on the part of the forwards gave Rice the desired opportunity. Walker had little to do in the latter portion of play, which slowed down considerably, the Robins keeping the upper hand, and having the best of matters. Result : — Robin Hood, three goals ; Loughborough Athletic, none. Mr. W. G. Jones, of Leicester, was the referee.

Leicester Chronicle - 9 February 1895

#74 SHEPSHED v WELLINGBOROUGH

At Shepshed. The ground was partly cleared of snow. The visitors played during the first half in the face of the sun, but managed to score twice to their opponents' once, and during the last twenty minutes Shepshed continually pressed, but were unable to increase their score. Result:

WELLINGBOOUGH, three goals'

SHEPSHED, two.

Leicester Daily Post - 18 February 1895

#75 LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v LEICESTER YMCA

The return match between these teams was played on the Athletic ground, Loughborough. On the former occasion they made a draw of one goal each. The visitors kicked off from the entrance goal, and after the opening exchanges the Reds got down into the home ground, and Neale had to save. A free for hands ensued near the home goal, and the ball went through, but without scoring. The Athletic rushed down and Kidger nearly scored, but Picken saved well, and Paget returning immediately to the attack, Rowson gave a corner. Pressure on the visitors' goal was relieved by Miller taking the ball down into the home half where

M Tyler centred, but H Tyler shot wide. The Reds returned to the attack, and Bailey put in a long shot which only just went over the bar. After this the Athletic pressed for a while, a long kick by West taking the ball close to goal. Play reverted to midfield but did not remain there. Long and fast work in the centre ended in the ball being rushed down by Paget, who shot hard in, and Cartwright saved at the expense of a corner. A fast run on the Athletic left looked dangerous, but McAlpin cleared, the ball returning to the right, where Paget spoilt a good chance by shooting wide. M Tyler put in some useful play on the left wing, but was robbed by Gorse and Val Smith effectively cleared. Short passing by the YMCA proved effective, but H Tyler could not get past Plackett. Another bad shot by Paget was followed by another free for hands, which enabled Spiby to place the ball well in the goal mouth, but only a corner resulted. Again, the Athletic got in well, and stormed the visitors' goal, but appeared quite unable to score. Another melee took place round the goal, and the ball went behind, while in an ensuing attack Kidger ran in, but his attempts proved unsuccessful. The leather, having paid a short visit up the field was speedily returned, and Mounteney nearly scored, Picken saved smartly at the cost of a corner. After about half an hour's play Kidger succeeded in putting the ball through, scoring the first goal for his side. Another unfruitful corner was given against the visitors, but though the home team continued to press, they could not score. Half time:

ATHLETIC, one goal;

YMCA, none.

Rose restarted, and his side at once assumed the aggressive tactics which characterised them in the first portion of the game. Picken ran out and cleared the first attack. The visitors then worked the ball down into the home ground but were unable to get to close quarters. Play was faster in the YMCA ground and several sharp attacks were made on their stronghold. Then H Tyler broke well away, but could not get home, and the ball was taken over to the other side and back into the visitors' end. A corner was given there, but nothing resulted, and play was at once transferred to the other end, where M Tyler lost a capital opportunity by bad shooting. Play then proved quieter in neutral territory for a time, and then went to the Athletic left, where Mounteney and Preston were conspicuous, Picken twice being called upon to clear. A free kick in the mouth of the home goal, fortunately, had no further result and two frees took the ball up the field into the visitors ground. Another free for hands on the right was well placed by Gorse, and in the scrimmage a corner was given, Mounteney's shot just missed the post. Again, the Athletic attacked, but the defence was good, and the ball was taken up the field on the right, where H Tyler was stopped by Spiby. The ball passed to the Loughborough right, placing Paget in possession, but he shot wide. An ensuing attack by the home left enabled Mounteney to get in, and he succeeded in heading through the second goal for the home team. Nothing further was done before time, play being fairly even. Result:

ATHLETIC, two goals;

YMCA, none.

Loughborough Athletic: Neale, goal; Gorse, and Spiby, backs; Val Smith, Plackett, and West, half-backs; Paget, Kidger, Rose, Preston and Mounteney, forwards.

YMCA: W Picken, goal; A Deter and J Rowson, backs; Cartwright, S Bailey and J McAlpin, half-backs; H Tyler, T B Brows, T Brown, R Miller and M Tyler, forwards.

Referee: Mr Woolley (Kegworth).

#76 SILEBY RANGERS v MELTON TOWN

At Sileby, a one-sided game ending:-

SILEBY, eight goals; MELTON, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 18 February 1895

#77 FOSSE ROVERS v FINEDON

This match, which should have been played at Findon, was postponed on account of the ground being unfit.

Leicester Daily Post - 18 February 1895

#78 KETTERING RESERVES v HINCKLEY

This match was played at North Park, Kettering on Saturday, in the presence of a fair number of spectators. The visitors were completely outmatched, and were defeated by six goals to two.

Northampton Mercury - 22 February 1895

#79 HINCKLEY TOWN v MELTON TOWN

At Hinckley. A one-sided game ended with the following result.

HINCKLEY, 13 goals;
Melton, none.

Leicester Daily Post – 25 February 1895

LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHANTS LEAGUE.							
Results of matches up to date :—							
	Pld.	W'n.	L'st.	Drn.	For	Agst.	Pt.
Fosse Rovers ..	12	12	0	0	55	11	24
Loughboro' Athletic	16	8	5	2	33	26	18
Finetou ...	11	7	2	2	42	23	16
Hinckley ..	15	7	7	1	43	31	15
Shepshed ...	15	5	7	4	33	27	14
Kettering Reserves	9	6	2	1	41	18	13
Wellingborough	11	5	3	3	26	24	13
Hugglescote ...	15	5	8	2	39	53	12
Leicester Y.M.C.A.	13	2	8	3	14	29	7
Sileby ...	11	1	6	4	24	31	6
Melton ...	13	1	11	1	11	78	3

Coalville Times – 1 March 1895

#80 Kettering Reserve v Shepshed

At Kettering. Result:

Kettering 3
Shepshed 0

Coalville Town – 8 March 1895

#81 Fosse Rovers v Melton Town

At Leicester. Result:

Fosse 4
Melton 1

Coalville Town – 8 March 1895

#82 Sileby Rangers v Loughborough Athletic

This match was played at Sileby, a fast game ending:

Loughborough 3
Sileby 1

Coalville Town – 8 March 1895

#83 MELTON v KETTERING

At Melton. In the first half play was pretty even, Starr scoring for Kettering. Melton missed several chances of equalising, but the score remained unaltered at the interval. For the greater part of the second half Melton attacked, but fell away towards the finish, and Starr scored twice in quick succession, and Panter added a fourth just before the call of time. Result:

KETTERING, four
MELTON, nothing.

Leicester Daily Post – 11 March 1895

#84 HINCKLEY v LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC

Played at Hinckley, in wet weather before 400 spectators. The visitors played uphill and after sixteen minutes play Pratt ran out and kicked the ball on to Rose, whence it rebounded into the net. Tucker headed the second goal, and at half-time the visitors led by two goals to none. In the second half, Lucas scored but Loughborough added two more goals. Result:

ATHLETIC, four goals;

HINCKLEY, one.

Leicester Daily Post - 11 March 1895

#85 LEICESTER YMCA v SILEBY

At Sileby. YMCA won the toss, and Sileby kicked off against the wind. After 20 minutes play Baxter left the field injured. Sileby scored a few minutes before half-time. With the wind, Sileby pressed considerably, and YMCA had great difficulty in keeping them out. Rowson of YMCA, retired hurt just before time Result:

SILEBY, two goals

LEICESTER YMCA, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 11 March 1895

#86 FINEDON v HINCKLEY

This return match in connection with the above League was played in the Tower Field. Finedon before a moderate attendance on Saturday. Hinckley was well represented, but Finedon missed the services of Robinson, Henfrey, and Baker. Result: Finedon, four goals; Hinckle, one.

Northampton Mercury - 22 March 1895

#87 HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD v WELLINGBOROUGH

On Garner's ground, Hugglescote. The visitors started, and the game was equal for some time. Then Wellingborough scored. Immediately on resuming the Robins equalised, a keen struggle for the winning point ensued. The visitors managed to put one through and the game ended:

Wellingborough 2

Robin Hood 1

Coalville times - 22 March 1895

#88 LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v KETTERING RESERVES

These teams met on the Athletic Ground, Loughborough, before a good attendance of spectators, and both sides were of a fairly average strength. Result: Loughborough Athletic, three goals; Kettering Reserves, two goals.

Northampton Mercury - 22 March 1895

#88 LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v KETTERING

At Loughborough. Result:

Athletic 3

Kettering 2

Coalville times - 22 March 1895

#89 SHEPSHED v YMCA

At Shepshed. Result:

Shepshed 2

YMCA 1

Coalville Times - 22 March 1895

#90 FOSSE ROVERS v SILEBY

At Sileby. Result:

Rovers 3

Sileby 0

Coalville Times - 22 March 1895

#91 LEICESTER YMCA v MELTON

Played on the Victoria Park, the ground was in a capital condition for a fast game, but a strong breeze blew across the round, somewhat marring the chances of an average exposition of the am, while giving no material advantage to the other side. An average team turned up for the homesters, but Melton arrived one short. To commence with, YMCA defended the Clarendon Park-road end. The home forwards got down, but after some rapid exchanges in front of Crooks, the Melton backs cleared, and Bishop got the best of a tussle with M Tyler, and with Goodacre made tracks for the home goal, getting a clear opening. However,

Bishop spoilt a good effort by playing off-side, and play again came to the other half, when the homesters forced a corner, which was well placed by H Tyler, but again White cleared. Johnson tried a shot at goal, but the ball was well returned, and play of a pretty even nature went on near the centre line. At length, the visitors' right wing broke away, and Brewin tried a shot at goal from a long range. It travelled straight enough, but Picken easily cleared, and H Tyler raced down the wing again, paly settling down in the visitors' half for some time, though the home forwards seldom got the opportunity to shoot. Johnson had another "pop" at goal, the leather travelling just outside, while Crooks had to save a fast ground shot from the same player immediately afterwards. M Tyler placed to his brother, who centred nicely to Knight, the last-named putting in a capital shot at Crooks, but the latter was equal to the emergency, and cleared in excellent fashion. The Melton forwards next came away with a bit of combined play, but McAlpin sent them back. Baxter next shot high over, while Crooks had to save at the expense of a corner from Brown, the flag kick being played behind. Going on, the visitors' right win got nicely off, but sadly missed the absent man, and e whistle sounded for the interval with

NO SCORE

After changing ends, Melton were further reinforced but the homesters had slightly the best of the opening exchanges, and quickly forced a corner. It was well cleared and the Melton forwards came away in a line, Picken being called on to save from Goodacre. Melton were having considerably the best of the exchanges just now, attacking in determined fashion, but McAlpin was very safe, and sent them back repeatedly. A cessation was caused by the ball lodging in one of the trees on the Clarendon Park-road and refusing to come down until a small boy had climbed into the higher branches. Bishop got he best of an encounter with M Tyler, and enabled Richardson to shoot when in a favourable position and a goal all but came of the attempt. Keeping it off, Bishop shot in for his wing, but the ball travelled across the goal mouth. Smith, however, was handy, and sent in a fast shot, which first struck the outside post, and then curled in at the corner, thus scoring the first goal. The Young Men played up after this reverse, and forced another corner, only however, for Rawdin to clear. Play was kept well in the Melton half and a god centre came in from the right wing, but the shooting was sadly "off". H Tyler nicely placed a flag kick, and in a bit of a melee that ensued placed in front of goal the ball was rushed through for the Young Men to draw level. After this the game continued of an exciting nature to the end but no further scoring took place, and the result was:

A DRAW, on goal each.

Subject to alteration during the progress of the game, the players and positions were as follows:
Melton: Picken, goal; Dexter and McAlpin, backs; G B Brown, Bailey and Miller, half-backs; H Tyler, Knight, Baxter, Johnson and M Xxx, forwards.

YMCA: Crooks, goal; White and Rawdin, backs; Plant, Lee and Wakerley, half-backs; Brewin, Smith, Richardson, Goodacre and Bishop, forwards.

Referee, Mr Adnett, Wellingborough.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 28 March 1895

#92 KETTERING RESERVE v FINEDON -This match in the above league was played at Kettering on Saturday. A good game was witnessed, but the visitors were much more dangerous in front of goal than were the Reserve. When the whistle sounded for time the score read – Finedon three goals, Kettering none.
Stamford Mercury - 29 March 1895

#93 FOOTBALL – The Shepshed team journeyed to Sileby on Saturday to replay their match in the Leicestershire and Northants League. The match was played on January 19th, but owing to the darkness coming on it was declared a non-league match, and the Shepshed team were ordered to pay another visit. The home team, playing with a strong wind, held the lead for a considerable time, but before the close the Shepshed men equalised, and despite every effort the result remained: Shepshed, two goals; Sileby, two.
Leicester Chronicle - 30 March 1895

#94 FOSSE ROVERS v WELLINGBOROUGH

This match was postponed Cup on account of the Birmingham Cup semi-final between Aston Villa and Loughborough played on Fosse ground, was brought off yesterday afternoon. This was the first meeting of the two clubs in the above League, but their form was pretty well known as they had met in the Wellingborough Cup Competition on the Walnut-street ground Christmas-day, when the Rovers asserted their superiority by defeating Wellingborough by six to nothing. Under the circumstances the ultimate result of the match under notice was looked upon as a good thing for the Rovers, and that they would add

another to their already lengthy list of wins, although were playing without Miller and Stirling, who were greatly missed. The visitors played up in a surprising manner, and the Rovers must consider themselves very lucky to get off with a draw, for it was absolutely the worst game they have played this season. The ground was in a wretched condition owing to the heavy rains during the day and with a choppy wind blowing accurate football was out of the question, but this did not account for the utter failure on the part of the Rovers. When the teams lined there was a fair attendance, and Lord having lost the toss, Milliken started the ball from the entrance goal, the visitors left wing immediately breaking away, but Edwards kicking too hard a goal-kick resulted. Hammersley then dashed away up the wing, during which he was applauded for some tricky play, by means of which he reached the visitor's line, Brigstock, however, sent him back, but Milliken returned, and caused Ekins some trouble, and before the latter could properly clear Priestman had a pop, the ball going wide. Play then ensued of an uninteresting character, the ball being strictly confined to mid-field. Hands having been given against Pickard the game opened out somewhat, Wellingborough leading up to hot attack and looked certain to score through a mistake by McFarlane. A tough scrimmage was then fought in front of the Rovers' goal and to relieve the pressure Thompson conceded a corner. From the flag-kick Pickard got away, but was robbed of the ball by Edwards, who Goode again forced a corner. This time the flag-kick was more successful, as T Shortland, standing well in did the needful after 15 minutes' play. Restarting, Wellingborough continued to show a bold front although Rovers occasionally broke away they could not get past Brigstock and Ekin who were playing a splendid game. The home forwards now got away in a line, some pretty passing being witnessed, but the effort was spoilt by Narraway shooting erratically, the ball travelling high over the bar, Priestman following xxx with one a minute later. Lord failed to stop the left wing, but Thompson was safe. Hammersley was again prominent in an attack, but from his centre Milliken's shot was cleverly kicked away by Johnson. Priestman then passed over to Hammersley, the latter, with a good shot, despatching the leather into the net, which made the score equal. Johnson was kept busy for some minutes, having to stop shots from Pickard and Priestman, eventually giving a corner, which gave the home team little advantage, as play settled down in mid-field. Here a penalty was given against one of the visitors. Thompson took the free, but with a huge kick sent over the line. McFarlane again failed to stop a rush, and the Fosse goal was once more in jeopardy, but the whistle brought about the much needed relief by sounding half-time with the score.

ONE GOAL EACH

On resuming, Drage set the ball in motion. Pickard annexing the leather, and making tracks for his opponents' goal. T Shortland drove them back, and Edwards getting possession ran down his wing, but the wind carried the ball out from the throw in Pickard ran down the field and centred to Milliken, who sent in a mild shot, from which Johnson unnecessarily conceded a corner, this gave the Fossils but little advantage as Ekins was the means of the ball reaching the other end, where hands was given against Brigstock close in goal. The visitors packed their goal, and although the Rovers made strenuous efforts to break through they failed to improve matters. Then Thompson caused some amusement by dribbling down the field, but from the ensuing kick at goal Hammerley was fouled by Brigstock. The position was a good one, but Atkins failed to improve upon previous efforts, and it was certainly an off day with the Rovers. Encouraged by the shouts of the crowd, the Rovers played up much better, and for some time kept up a hot siege round the visitors' goal in which Pickard, Narraway, Hammersley, and Thompson took a prominent part. The visitors failed to make much headway from a foul against Priestman. By far the prettiest bit of work was witnessed among the Fosse players, but as was the case in many previous efforts they broke down in front of goal. As time was now drawing on the visitors resorted to kicking out, time arriving with the following result.

A DRAW – one goal each.

Fosse Rovers: Chappell, goal; Thompson and McFarlane, backs; Davis, Lord and Akins, half-backs; Priesman, Pickard, Milliken, Narraway and Hammersley, forwards.

Wellingborough: Johnson, goal; Brigstock and Ekins, backs; A Martin, Smith, and T Shortland, half-backs; G Shortland, W Shortland, H Drage, Goode and Edwards, forwards.

Referee, Mr J E Carpenter

Leicester Daily Mercury - 29 March 1895

#96 FINEDON v WELLINGBOROUH – This replayed match was brought off in the Tower Field, Finedon on Monday afternoon, before about 400 spectators. Both teams were well represented, although Finedon was without the services of their captain, F Moore, who is suffering from an injured ankle. Wellingborough won the toss. Finedon won an exceedingly rough game by three goals to two.

Northampton Mercury - 5 April 1895

#97 KETTERING RESERVES v MELTON – In connection with the above League these teams met on the North Park, Kettering on Saturday afternoon, victory resting with the home club by the large margin of nine goals to nil.

Northampton Mercury – 5 April 1895

#99 HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD v FINEDON

At Hugglescote. Finedon started, the Robins at once beginning to press, Rice scoring in four minutes, and adding another directly after. The Robins still kept up the pressure, forcing succession, but could not add to their score. After half-time play ruled very fast, Finedon scoring from a scrimmage. Nothing more was scored on either side, the game ending:

Robin Hood	2
Finedon	1

Coalville Times – 5 April 1895

#100 YMCA v FINEDON

At Finedon. Finedon won the toss, and played with the wind, and after thirty minutes play Finedon scored from a corner. Finedon continued to press till half-time. The YMCA restarted, and continually pressed. McAlpin equalised. The Leicester forwards showed fine form, especially H Tyler. Finedon scored with a fine shot two minutes before time. Picken played a sound game. Result:

FINEDON, two goals;
LEICESTER, one.

Leicester Daily Post – 8 April 1895

#101 Fosse Rovers v Hinckley

At Leicester. Result:

Fosse	3
Hinckley	2

Coalville Town – 12 April 1895

#102 Melton v Hugglescote

At Melton, ending in

A DRAW, no score.

Coalville Town – 12 April 1895

#103 Kettering v Sileby

At Sileby. Result:

A DRAW, two goals each.

Coalville Town – 12 April 1895

#104 Wellingborough v Shepshed

At Wellingborough, a fast game ended:

Wellingborough	4
Shepshed	0

Coalville Town – 12 April 1895

#105 FOSSE ROVERS v FINEDON

The return League match between the above league teams which was interfered with by the frost was ordered by the local association to be decided on Monday, at Finedon. To represent the Rovers, the following players were selected and travelled by the same train as the seniors: Chappell, goal; Thompson and Whitelaw, backs; Seymour, Davis and Atkins, half-backs; Priestman, Pickard, Milliken, Stirling and Narraway, forwards. From the above it will be seen that Chappell resumes his usual position in goal and as a kind of trial run Seymour takes his place in the field after an absence on the injured list extending over nearly two months. The kick-off was arranged for half past four. A good game ended:

FOSSE ROVERS, two goals;
FINEDON, one.

Leicester Daily Post – 9 April 1895

#106 LEICESTER FOSSE ROVERS (CHAMPIONS) v REST OF THE LEAGUE – Played on Kettering on Friday before a large gate. Fosse Rovers had much the best of the opening exchanges, and scored three goals in seventeen minutes through Milliken (two) and Priestman. Pickard scored another before the interval. The second half was very even, and the only goal scored by Rice for the League. Result: - Fosse Rovers, 4 goals; Rest of the League, 1 goal.

Stamford Mercury – 19 April 1895

#107 HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD v SILEBY RANGERS

A MATCH in the Leicestershire and Northants League will be played at Hugglescote on Saturday between Sleby and Hugglescote the following team being chosen for Sileby: - Geo Brown, goal; S Rowson and J Statham, backs; Fred Wood, H Preston and H Tedds, half-backs; Jos Yates and M Billson, right wing; Geo wood and E Wood, left wing; T Fisher, centre. Referee, Mr Wolley, Kegworth; linesman, Mr Wilfred Martin. Leave Sileby by the 1.32 train.

Melton Mowbray Times and Belvoir Gazette – 12 April 1895

#108 MELTON TOWN v WELLINGBOROUGH

The return match between the above clubs in the Leicestershire and Northants League was brought off on the Leicester Road Ground on Saturday afternoon, before a very fair and enthusiastic number of spectators. It will be remembered when the Town visited Wellingborough they were defeated to the tune of seven goals to three, and the homesters were determined to turn the tables, if possible, this time, but were disappointed as usual. Owing to the late arrival of the visitors, play did not start until 4 p.m. Wellingborough won the toss, and the game opened very fast. From a foul Wellingborough were able to score the first goal soon after starting, but the homesters on several occasions had hard lines in not scoring. Immediately afterwards, the visitors again luckily scored, and although good defence was shown by the home backs, Wellingborough scored No. 3 just before half-time, when the record stood: Wellingborough three goals, Melton Town none.

Restarting, Wellingborough were very hard pressed, and it was not long before the Town scored from a foul, Plant doing the needful. All through this half the homesters played a plucky game, but could not get through again, and from a corner Wellingborough were able to notch a fourth point, this putting the issue of the match beyond all doubt. The game all through was very keenly contested, both sides showing up well, but the visiting party displayed better combination, consequently, were more often dangerous, and the game ended:

Wellingborough four goals,

Melton Town one goal.

The home players were:—Marshall, goal; Plant and White, backs; Wilmott, Lee, and Brewin half-backs; Barnes, Farrows, Slawson, Bishop, and G. Goodacre, forwards.

Referee, Mr. Smith, of Sileby.

Melton Mowbray Times and Belvoir Gazette – 19 April 1895

#109 FINEDON v SILEBY – Finedon played their last match in the League on Monday, beating Sileby, at home, by 10 goals to nil.

Stamford Mercury – 19 April 1895

#110 KETTERING v SILEBY -Played at Kettering on Monday, the home team winning by five goals to nil.

Stamford Mercury – 19 April 1895

#111 LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v WELLINGBOROUGH

Played on the Nottingham-road Ground, Loughborough before a moderate attendance of spectators. Athletic licked off, and made a run down the field, but the visitors soon got possession, and Drage scored the first goal for them two minutes from the start. The visitors again made a headway, Goode put in a grand shot, but just went over the crossbar. From the flag kick West, passed to Smith, who put in a long, shot, which the visitors' custodian saved in grand style. The visitors again pressed, and made a grand run down the field and scored a second goal. At halftime the score stood:—Wellingborough, two goals; Loughborough, none. On resuming the home team pressed, and were conceded an unproductive corner. From the flag-kick Rose got possession and sent grand shot which the goalkeeper had difficulty in saving.

Again the home team pressed, Rose and Preston putting in some grand shots, which the visitors' custodian saved in good style.' The home team again made a rush down the field, and Preston put in shot, but it went wide From the goal kick the visitors got possession, H. Drage passing to W. Shorthand, who scored.

Result:— Wellingborough, three goals; Loughborough Athletic, none.

Nottingham Evening Post – 15 April 1895

#111 WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN v LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC – At Loughboro' on Easter Monday, the visitors winning by three goals to nil.

Stamford Mercury – 19 April 1895

#112 FOSSE ROVERS v YMCA

Continuing their League fixtures the teams met the Filbert-street ground yesterday before fair number of spectators. The Rovers tried two new men in Abell and Williamson. It was somewhat after the advertised time before a start was made owing to late arrival of the Young Men. Thompson won the toss, and faced the sun in the first half. Knight kicked off, Atkins at once putting in his side in a good position, and although McAlpin failed to stop Pickard, nothing but a goal-kick resulted. Then Wykes and Andrews raced down and with Thompson performing a similar feat to McAlpin they reached the home quarters. Milliken then got a good shot at the other end from a long range, only just missing Bailey relieved matters by a bit of tricky work followed by a nice run H Tyler, who sent in a capital centre but there was no one up. Subsequently Andrews was applauded for some smart work down the left wing, but his career was checked by Thompson. Pickard having headed through an off-side goal, a run by H Tyler and a mis-kick by McFarlane threatened danger to the Rovers goal. Atkins transferred to the other end, where Picken was called upon to fist away shots from Milliken and Stirling. Stirling immediately afterwards forced a corner from Rowson, and McFarlane landed a grand goal. Both sides played up in most determined fashion, the Rovers holding a slight advantage, frequently calling upon Rowson, McAlpin, and Picken, who were playing a fine game. Free kicks having been taken by both sides; two corners fell to the Rovers in quick succession but nothing resulted. E C Wykes (of Rugby fame) proved a great source of trouble just now to McFarlane, and he exchanges between the pair the between the pair generally ended in favour of the former. Mid-field ensued for some time, but this at last was broken by Milliken sending over to Narrawav on the wing, the latter transferring the leather at a terrific pace goalwards, Picken clearing in fine style. Milliken hard lines in not scoring. Abell twice let the Young Men's right wing down. On the second occasion the Rovers' goal underwent a hot siege, and it appeared as the visitors must score. However, the exertions of Seymour, Abell and Atkins brought much-needed relief Several favoured the Rovers and Williamson having put ball on the net half-time came with the score:

FOSSE ROVERS, one goal

YMCA none

Play in the half proved interesting. Suffice to say that YMCA notched two goals, the game ending:

YMCA two goals

FOSSE ROVERS, one goal

Rovers: Chappell, goal; Thompson and Abell, backs; Atkins, Seymour, and McFarlane, halfbacks; Pickard, Milliken, Williamson, and Stirling forwards.

YMCA: Picken, goal; Rowson and McAlpin, backs; M Tyler, Bailey and Brown, half-backs; H Tyler, Andrews, Knight, and Johnson, and E C Wykes forwards.

#113 HINCKLEY v KETTERING

At Hollywell Ground, Hinckley. The visitors had a very strong side, including two of the first team. Hinckley, on the other hand, were without both their backs. Shipman and Lowe of Barwell, filling their vacancies.

Kettering scored twice in ten minutes, and then play was fairly even. In the second half Hinckley were without an ace of scoring several times. Then Kettering scored times in almost as many minutes. Hinckley had the best of matters afterwards but could only score once. Result:

KETTERING five goals

HINCKLEY one

Leicester Daily Post – 18 April 1895

#114 YMCA v KETTERING RESERVES

On the Victora Park, Leicester. Result:

KETTERING, two goals;
YMCA

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 18 April 1895

#115 ROBIN HOOD v FOSSE ROVERS

Played on the Walnut Street Ground Leicester on Saturday before a large number of spectators. In the first half, the Robins had all the best of matters, and Poxon scored, Chappell afterwards having to save shots from Rice and Cutler. In the second half the Fosse scored three times, and the game ended:

FOSSE ROVERS, 3 goals

ROBIN HOOD 1 goal

Coalville Times – 26 April 1895

#116 LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC v SILEBY RANGERS

Played on the Athletic ground, Loughborough before a very small attendance. The visitors kicked off twenty minutes late from the entrance goal, and Loughborough soon obtained a corner by Paget, which was quickly followed by Smith shooting well in, the ball only just missed and the attack on the Sileby goal was resumed, and Tucker headed in, but Hall fisted away, and Rose sent over. A pretty piece of play by Preston gave West a shot and he made a good attempt. The visitors got down into the home ground for a short spell, and secured a corner, but the ball was placed behind. E Wood made a fair run down, and Yates nearly scored. The Athletic returned, and Hall fisted away, but following the ball into the field, caught it again and was penalised. A struggle took place round the home goal but the leather was got safely away, and he Athletic pressed, Hall stopping well. In an ensuing attack, Tucker had the Rangers goal at his mercy, but kicked high over. A hot melee followed within a few yards of the goal, and Loughborough came very near to scoring, but Hall and the backs defended well and a "free" for hands relieved the pressure. The ball, however, was speedily returned and Preston succeeded in putting the leather through for Loughborough, just before half-time when the score stood:

LOUGHBOROUGH, one goal;

SILEBY RANGERS, none.

On Rose re-starting Sileby took the lead and Clarke was called upon to save. He sopped the first shot, and gave a corner off the second. Nothing came of a flag kick at the other end, and after midfield play, the Rangers attacked strongly and Fisher equalised. Play runs very slow all along and the game was both uninteresting and devoid of incidents. Loose kicking all over the field was the principal feature of the whole of the second half. After desultory play, Loughborough pressed slightly, and W West put in a nice shot, which only went a few inches outside the posts. Sileby assumed the aggressive for a time, but although they kept the ball well in the home half, they were unable to do anything. A good deal of rough play followed and several penalties were given against both teams. The Athletic then got down, and Tucker shot and struck the upright, Colman following up with a shot which just went over the bar. Hall was again compelled to clear, and nothing further was done. The game was stopped for a few minutes by the presence of a donkey which wandered into the enclosure and time was called almost directly after it had been driven off. Result:

LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC, one goal;

SILEBY RANGERS, one goal.

Teams:

Athletic: Clarke, goal; Spiny and Gorse, backs; W West, V Smith and Colman, half-backs; Tucker, Paget, Rose, C West and Preston, forwards.

Rangers: Hall, goal; Statham and Rowson, backs; S Wood, Preston and Gedge, half-backs; J Yates, G Wood, T Fisher, Bird and E Wood, forwards.

Leicester Daily Post – 25 April 1895

#117 MELTON TOWN V SHEPshed TOWN

The football season, so far as the Melton Town Club is concerned, terminated on Saturday last, with the final match in the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire League, the opposing team being Shepshed. Form and everything else pointed the customary victory for the visiting team—the match was played at Melton — especially seeing that the home side was more than half reserve men, but the Meltonians not only succeeded in winning, but did in the most decisive manner, five goals to one being the result. This was as gratifying as it was unexpected to the players and their supporters.

From the manner in which the game started, it looked as if the visitors intended piling a big score. The forwards, however, did not prove themselves crack shots. Soon matters assumed a more even aspect, for although the visitors were stones heavier than their opponents, the light ground enabled the latter to put plenty of speed on, and before long they were attacking with a will. From good play Barnes and Bullimore, Bishop was enabled credit Melton with their first goal. A few minutes later, from a corner by Plant, Bishop headed the second goal, and then things grew somewhat interesting.

Once having got fairly under weigh, the Melton forwards proved irresistible, and it was not long before Bishop once more banged the ball past Martin , while, directly after this, from a capital run by Bullimore, Bishop for the fourth time did the trick. The Melton spectators were now in thorough enjoyment, for nothing approaching this remarkable rate of scoring had been experienced before this season, and half-time arrived ere it was realised that the game had been in progress three-quarters-of-an-hour. Melton crossing over with the substantial lead of four goals.

The second half, however, was not interesting, though Shepshed made matters more even. The home side were the first to score again, Bishop centering Barnes, who shot, and the ball went through off the goal-keeper. From this point, Melton fell off somewhat, and Shepshed, taking advantage of this, were not long before they scored one goal. They were unable to do more, however, and thus lost as stated. Melton team :—Marshall, goal; White and Rawdin, backs; Webbe, Brownlow, and Plant, half-backs; Bullimore and Caldwell, right wing; Barnes, centre; Wilmott and Bishop, left wing. Linesman, Mr. J. E. Goodacre; referee, Mr. Blore, Leicester.

This match winds up the Melton season, and a most unprofitable one for the Club it has been. The only two matches won by the first team were the League tourney, in which they easily occupy the bottom position. Surely, comment needless, and without further ado, give the results of the matches played under the "banner" of the Club. The Town team proper have played 25 matches, won 2, lost 20, and drawn 3, the goals registered being 23 for and 120 against. The Town Swifts played 20 matches, winning 6, losing 10, while 5 were drawn, their goal record being for and against. The Vics, or third team, have had engagements, 5 of which they won, and lost 1, scoring 32 goals against 11, and so have by far the best record; while the Thursday team have had matches, won 5, lost 4, drawn 3, and scoring 31 goals to The total number of matches played by the Club was 63, of which 17 were won, 85 lost, 11 drawn, while the goal record stands 127 for and 219 against.

Grantham Journal - Saturday 27 April 1895

#118 WELLINGBOROUGH v KETTERING RESERVES – At Wellingborough on Saturday, before 800 spectators, the play was of a give-and-take character from the start to finish, but Kettering had the most luck and won in the end by three goals to one.

Stamford Mercury – 26 April 1895

#11 FOSSE ROVERS v WELLINGBOROUGH

At Wellingborough, before 600 spectators. Fosse won the toss, and played with a slight wind. Wellingborough scored ten minutes from the start. Half-time: Wellingborough, one goal; Fosse Rovers, none. Result:

WELLINGBOROUGH, two goals;

FOSSE ROVERS, none.

Leicester Daily Post – 29 April 1895