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Leicester Fosse and Loughborough Town Football Clubs have both entered for the English Association Challenge Cup during the forthcoming season. The draw for the qualifying round of that competition has been made, and No. 4 division, in which the Fosse and Loughborough play, comes out as follows:—

Gainsborough Trinity v. Lincoln City.

Loughborough v. Derby Midland.

Derby Junction v. Sheffield United.

Leicester Fosse v. Burton Wanderers.

Matlock v. Derby Leys.

Derby St. Luke's v. Belper.

Leeds Albion and Burton Swifts byes.

Loughborough and the Fosse are also to be invited by the Grantham and District Charity Cup Association to compete for the trophy last mentioned.

*Leicester Daily Post - 3 September 1890*

**"IVANHOE" FOOTBALL CLUB.—ANNUAL DINNER.—**

At the Bull Inn, Wood-street, on Thursday evening, between forty and fifty members and friends of the Ashby "Ivanhoe" Football Club held their annual dinner. Mr. M. C. Vinrace, the proprietor of the inn, is president of the club, and he prepared a substantial dinner, which was well-served in the club-room. The club has been in existence some two or three years, during which time the members have played many good matches, and, supported by the interest the president takes in them, are expected to become a first-class club next season. After the removal of the cloth, the Chairman, Mr. S. C. R. Mansfield submitted the usual loyal toasts. He afterwards proposed "Success to the subscribers and patrons," who, he said, had supported the club hitherto very well, and he hoped the latter would deserve the same in the future (applause).—Mr. John Nichol's proposed "Success to the Ivanhoe Club." In the club and the matches played by the club, he said he had and always would take a great interest (applause). He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. S. C. R. Mansfield, the captain (applause).—The Chairman, in replying to the toast, said he considered the club one of the best, and he was pleased to be the captain over it (applause). The position he esteemed an honour, and he thought, all being well, they would succeed in the coming season if they would play together and stick to each other, when, no doubt, encouragement would be afforded them by more spectators. When they commanded a large attendance at their matches more spirit was infused into the game, and he felt sure that next season they would have many more witnessing their matches (hear, hear).

and when next season had concluded the club would be in a better condition. He wished them success (applause).—Mr. J. H. Dunmore proposed the health of "Our President" (Mr. M. C. Vinrace) (applause). In Mr. Vinrace, he said, the club had not only a president in name, but one who took great interest in it—(hear, hear)—and seemed to derive pleasure in the matches. He had pleasure in asking the captain of the team (Mr. Cox) to present Mr. Vinrace with the challenge cup won by the team in a six a-side contest at Measham Friendly Societies' Sports (cheers).—Mr. Cox then handed the cup (which is engraved with the name of the team) to Mr. Vinrace, "our worthy president," amid applause. — The President accepted the cup, and said that he received it with very great pleasure. He would hold it in trust for the club. He saw the contest at Measham, and was pleased with their fine play. He had always taken an interest in football, though he could not indulge in it. He would preserve the cup, and promised that that evening they would have it filled (cheers). In acknowledging the toast of his health, proposed by the vice-chairman, he said that it always pleased him to see them play and win, but when they lost they played truly an uphill game, and lost on their merits. Against the teams they had met they played very creditably, and he felt sure that in another year they would gain patronage and they would improve. He wished the club every prosperity, and hoped they would continue to play and improve in the Bull Inn field (cheers).—The Chairman submitted next "The health of Lord Donington, Lord Loudoun, and other members of the Hastings' family." Lord Donington and Lord Loudoun, he said, were their best subscribers, and he trusted both of them would live long to subscribe to the Ivanhoe Club (hear, hear). — Their health was drunk with much enthusiasm. — The Chairman submitted the last toast, "The health of the host and hostess," to which Mr. Vinrace replied, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to songs by members of the company, and a ventriloquial performance by Mr. Daniel Swindle. The pleasant gathering terminated at eleven o'clock.

*Leicester Journal - 12 September 1890*

Included in the official list of professionals registered with the English Football Association are the undermentioned Loughborough players:— W. Cross, W. Freestone, W. Gibson, H. Griffin, W. Kelham, J. Plackett, A. Peters, V. Smith, and G. Spibey. Fancy little Loughborough being able to boast of no fewer than nine professional footballers! E. Coltman and S. Harris, as the only two amateurs in the team, enjoy a peculiar distinction, but one, nevertheless, which is not observed in the silly style we see in cricket. Amateur footballers enter the field by the same passage as professionals. All men are equal on the football ground, and so they should be in cricket.

*Leicester Daily Post - 15 September 1890*

**W**ANTED, a second-hand set of football poles, Association rules.—Write 1013, "Mercury" Office. 2263

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 19 September 1890*

**FOOTBALL FIXTURES.**  
**SYSTON WREAKE VALLEY.**

**FIRST TEAM.**

1890.

- Oct. 4—Syston Wreake Valley v Hugglescote Robin Hoods, Hugglescote  
 Oct. 11.—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Teachers, Syston  
 Oct. 18—Syston Wreake Valley v Coalville Town, Syston  
 Oct. 25—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Y.M.C.A., Syston  
 Nov. 1—Syston Wreake Valley v Shepshed Town, Shepshed  
 Nov. 8—Syston Wreake Valley v South Wigston, Syston  
 Nov. 15—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Senior Cup, first round  
 Nov. 22—Syston Wreake Valley v Hinckley Town, Hinckley  
 Nov. 29—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Victor, Syston  
 Dec. 6—Syston Wreake Valley v Melton Rovers, Syston  
 Dec. 13—Syston Wreake Valley v Anstey Town, Syston  
 Dec. 20—Syston Wreake Valley v Gresley Rovers, Syston  
 Dec. 26—Syston Wreake Valley v Hinckley Town, Syston  
 Dec. 27—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Fosse, Syston

1891.

- Jan. 5—Syston Wreake Valley v South Wigston, Wigston  
 Jan. 10—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Victor, Leicester  
 Jan. 17—Syston Wreake Valley v Quorn Havelock, Syston  
 Jan. 24—Syston Wreake Valley v Melton Rovers, Melton  
 Jan. 31—Syston Wreake Valley v Quorn Havelock, Quorn  
 Feb. 14—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Teachers, Leicester  
 Feb. 21—Syston Wreake Valley v Coalville Town, Coalville  
 Feb. 28—Syston Wreake Valley v Shepshed Town, Syston  
 Mar. 7—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Y.M.C.A., Leicester  
 Mar. 14—Syston Wreake Valley v Hugglescote Robin Hoods, Syston  
 Mar. 21—Syston Wreake Valley v Gresley Rovers, Gresley  
 Mar. 28—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Fosse, Leicester  
 April 4—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Abbey Park Rangers, Leicester

**RESERVES.**

1890.

- Oct. 4—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Abbey Park Rangers, Leicester  
 Oct. 11 Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Teachers Reserves, Leicester  
 Oct. 18—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Y.M.C.A. Reserves, Leicester  
 Oct. 25—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Free Gospel Hall, Syston  
 Nov. 1—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Victor Reserves, Syston  
 Nov. 8—Syston Wreake Valley v South Wigston Reserves, Wigston  
 Nov. 15—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester St. Margaret's, Syston  
 Nov. 22—Syston Wreake Valley v Hinckley Town Reserves, Syston  
 Nov. 29—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Junior Cup, first round  
 Dec. 6—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester St. Margaret's Wanderers, Syston  
 Dec. 13—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Highfield Swifts, Syston  
 Dec. 20—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Victor Reserves, Leicester  
 Dec. 26—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester St. Saviour's, Syston  
 Dec. 27—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Abbey Park Rangers, Syston

1891.

- Jan. 3—Syston Wreake Valley v South Wigston Reserves, Syston  
 Jan. 10—Syston Wreake Valley v Belgrave St. Michael's, Belgrave  
 Jan. 17—Syston Wreake Valley v Hinckley Town Reserves, Hinckley  
 Jan. 24—Syston Wreake Valley v Staynes and Smith (Leicester), Leicester  
 Feb. 7—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Highfield Swifts, Leicester  
 Feb. 14—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Teachers' Reserves, Syston  
 Feb. 21—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester St. Saviour's, Leicester  
 Mar. 7—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester Y.M.C.A. Reserves, Syston  
 Mar. 14—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester St. Margaret's Wanderers, Leicester  
 Mar. 28—Syston Wreake Valley v Leicester St. Margaret's, Leicester  
 April 4—Syston Wreake Valley v Staynes and Smith (Leicester), Syston

## THE VICTOR.

### FIRST TEAM.

1890.

- Oct. 11—Victor v Fosse Reserves, Victoria Park  
Oct. 18—Victor v Loughborough Grammar School, Loughborough  
Oct. 25—Victor v Melton Swifts, Victoria Park  
Nov. 8—Victor v Hinckley Town, Victoria Park  
Nov. 15—Victor v Quorn Havelock, Quorndon  
Nov. 22—Victor v Fosse Reserves, Mill Lane  
Nov. 29—Victor v Syston Wreake Valley, Syston  
Dec. 6—Victor v Hill-street, Victoria Park  
Dec. 13—Victor v Y.M.C.A., Evington-lane  
Dec. 20—Victor v Teachers' Reserves, Evington-lane  
Dec. 27—Victor v South Wigston, Victoria Park

1891.

- Jan. 10—Victor v Syston Wreake Valley, Victoria Park  
Jan. 17—Victor v Teachers' Reserves, Victoria Park  
Jan. 24—Victor v Hill-street, Hill-street Ground  
Jan. 31—Victor v Hinckley Town, Hinckley  
Feb. 7—Victor v Quorn Havelock, Victoria Park  
Mar. 7—Victor v South Wigston, South Wigston  
Mar. 14—Victor v Y.M.C.A., Victoria Park  
Mar. 21—Victor v Melton Swifts, Melton  
Mar. 28—Victor v Loughborough Grammar School, Victoria Park  
April 4—Victor v Victor "Reserves," Victoria Park

### RESERVE TEAM.

1890.

- Oct. 4—Victor v London-road, Victoria Park  
Oct. 11—Victor v Gospel Hall, Victoria Park  
Oct. 18—Victor v St. John's, Welford-road  
Oct. 25—Victor v London-road, Victoria Park  
Nov. 1—Victor v Wreake Valley Reserves, Syston  
Nov. 8—Victor v Hinckley Reserves, Hinckley  
Nov. 15—Victor v St. Matthew's Vicarage, Victoria Park  
Nov. 29—Victor v Gospel Hall, Pasture  
Dec. 6—Victor v St. Saviour's, Victoria Park  
Dec. 13—Victor v Y.M.C.A. Reserves, Victoria Park  
Dec. 20—Victor v Wreake Valley Reserve, Victoria Park  
Dec. 27—Victor v St. Saviour's, Victoria Park

1891.

- Jan. 3—Victor v East End Victoria, Belgrave  
Jan. 24—Victor v St. John's, Victoria Park  
Jan. 31—Victor v Hinckley Reserves, Victoria Park  
Feb. 7—Victor v St. Margaret's, Victoria Park  
Feb. 21—Victor v St. Matthew's, Victoria Park  
Mar. 7—Victor v East End Victoria, Victoria Park  
Mar. 14—Victor v Y.M.C.A. Reserves, Evington-lane  
Mar. 21—Victor v St. Margaret's, Pasture  
April 4—Victor v Victor "First Team," Victoria Park

Leicester Daily Post - Tuesday 30 September 1890

## FOOTBALL.

TO SECRETARIES OF FOOTBALL CLUBS.—Please note that we shall be glad to have a list of club fixtures for insertion as soon as they are completed.

Reports of matches played on Saturday must reach the office not later than Wednesday morning in the week following.

The Sapcote Football Club have several open dates in December, February and March, and would like to arrange matches with Hinckley clubs.

Hinckley Times - 4 October 1890

**ATHLETIC GROUND.**

**M**IDLAND FOOTBALL ALLIANCE MATCH  
 next SATURDAY, Oct. 18th,  
**LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN**  
 VERSUS  
**HEANOR TOWN.**

The MAYOR (Alderman Griggs) has kindly promised  
 to kick off at Three o'clock.

*Loughborough Herald & North Leicestershire Gazette - 16 October 1890*

**FOOTBALL FIXTURES.**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25.**

**RUGBY.**

Leicester v Edgbaston Crusaders, Belgrave-road Ground  
 Leicester 2nd v Swifts, Victoria Park  
 Leicester Crusaders v Leamington Town, Victoria Park  
 Leicester Crusaders 2nd v Burton Juniors, Victoria Park  
 Leicester Swifts 2nd v Nelson, latter's ground  
 Stoneygate v Bedford County School, Stoneygate  
 Stoneygate 2nd v Belgrave St. Peter's, Belgrave  
 Leicester Rovers v South Wigston, Wigston  
 Aylestone-road v St. George's Guild, Welford-road Ground  
 Wimbledon v Oadby, Oadby  
 South Wigston v Nuneaton St. Mary's, Nuneaton

**ASSOCIATION.**

Leicester Fosse v Wellingborough Grammar School, Mill-lane  
 Ground  
 Leicester Teachers v Coventry Singers, Evington-lane Ground  
 Leicester Teachers 2nd v St. Matthew's, latter's ground  
 Syston Wreake Valley 2nd v Leicester Free Gospel Hall, Syston  
 Coalville Town v Melton Rovers, Coalville (Leicestershire  
 League)  
 Greasley Rovers v Shepshed, Greasley (Leicestershire League)  
 Victor v Melton Swifts, Melton  
 Victor 2nd v London-road, Victoria Park  
 Y.M.C.A. v Wigston Wesleyans, Wigston  
 Y.M.C.A. v Syston Wreake Valley, Syston  
 Wigston Congregational Guild v Oxford-street, Leicester  
 Staynes and Smith's v Hinckley Trinity, Hinckley  
 Newby-street v St. Paul's Reserves, private ground  
 Ansty Rovers v Markfield, Ansty  
 St. Paul's v Huncote, Huncote  
 Shepshed 2nd v Loughborough Albion, Shepshed  
 Highfield Swifts v. Ansty Town, Welford-road Ground

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 24 October 1890*

### COALVILLE.

**FOOTBALL CLUB.**—The annual general meeting of this club was held at the Fox and Goose Hotel on Tuesday evening. Mr. S. Bertenshaw presided, and there was a good attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :—President, Mr. J. Jones, C.C.; vice-presidents, Dr. L. Houghton, Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt, Mr. J. P. White, and Mr. W. D. Stableford; captain, Mr. J. Curtis; vice-captain, Mr. J. Smith; treasurer, Mr. W. Butler; secretary, Mr. S. Bertenshaw; committee, Messrs. A. E. Price, S. Brown, J. Moore, T. Smith, W. Brownlow, W. Upton, and J. Bailey. The following gentlemen are patrons of the club :—Mr. C. Booth, Mr. A. J. Loseby, Mr. W. H. Gibbs, Mr. A. J. White, Mr. J. W. Richardson, and Mr. T. H. Heward, C.C.—The Secretary announced that notwithstanding that their last season was rather disastrous there was a balance in hand. The prospects of the club for the present season were considerably brighter, and there was a good increase of members.—It was decided to alter the name of the club to the “Coalville East End Football Club.”

*Leicester Daily Post - 24 October 1890*

**A FOOTBALL CHALLENGE CUP.**—Mr. F. H. Peplow, jeweller, of Station-street, has offered to give a handsome silver cup, value £10, to be competed for by clubs within a radius of seven miles from Coalville. A meeting has been held at the Railway Hotel to consider the matter. It was decided to call the cup the “Coalville and District Association Challenge Cup,” and that it must be won three years in succession before becoming the absolute property of any club, the winners each year to be presented with medals, and to hold the cup for 12 months. Mr. S. Bertenshaw was appointed secretary pro tem., and requested to invite the clubs within the radius mentioned to join the association.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 11 November 1890*

**COALVILLE AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.**  
 —A meeting of this association was held at the Railway Hotel on Thursday evening. Mr. F. Peplow presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. Waring and F. Elliott (Shepshed Town F.C.), S. Boot and A. Brownlow (Coalville Town F.C.), Mansfield and Swindle (Ashby Ivanhoe F.C.), J. Smith and A. E. Price (Coalville East End F.C.), Dempsey and A. Smith (Whitwick Town F.C.), and Tivey and Clay (Coalville Albion F.C.).—On the motion of Mr. Mansfield, seconded by Mr. Elliott, it was resolved that an executive committee be formed to consist of one representative from each club.—Mr. Mansfield proposed, and Mr. Dempsey seconded, that Mr. S. Bertenshaw be elected honorary secretary to the association, and this was carried.—Mr. S. Boot proposed that the secretary take the necessary steps for affiliating the association with the English F.A.—This was seconded by Mr. A. E. Price, and carried.—An excellent set of rules was framed for the government of the association.—Mr. Waring proposed, and Mr. Dempsey seconded, that Mr. Peplow be elected president, which was unanimously carried.

*Loughborough Herald & North Leicestershire Gazette - 20 November 1890*

**COALVILLE AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.**  
 A meeting of the executive of this association was held at the Committee-room, Railway Hotel, on Saturday evening. Mr. S. Boot (Coalville Town) presided.—The SECRETARY (Mr. S. Bertenshaw) laid before the meeting an application from the Gresley Rovers for the radius to be extended so as to include their club.—It was decided to keep the radius unaltered for the first year, but to consider the application of the Rovers at the next annual general meeting.—It was decided to keep back Coalville Town and Shepshed Town until the junior clubs had played a "qualifying" competition, the two junior finalists to be then drawn with the two clubs withheld.—The draw was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—  
 Hugglescote St. John's v. Coalville Albion.  
 Coalville East End v. Whitwick Town.  
 Ashby Albion and Shepshed United byes.

*Leicester Daily Post - 24 November 1890*

**LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB.**  
 —  
**COMPLIMENTARY DINNER** to English Cup Players, on **SATURDAY, January 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.**  
**Chairman: His Worship the Mayor (Ald. Burns).**  
**Tickets, 2s. 6d.**

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 25 December 1890*





## LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB.

A complimentary dinner to the players who so creditably represented the club in the preliminary rounds of the English Cup competition was given by the committee on Saturday evening in the pavilion of the Greyhound Hotel. The Mayor (Ald. Bumpus) presided, and was supported by Mr. J. Fisher and Mr. D. Grudgings (vice-chairmen), Messrs. H. Lockwood, W. Coltman, W. A. Thompson, T. Lakin, E. Barker, H. Taylor, F. Cross (committee); Messrs. J. Peer, H. Perkins, Wilfred Moss, Hedley, and W. Cockain (secretary and umpire). The players present were Messrs. A. Peters (captain), E. Coltman, W. Lowe, Harris, J. Plackett, G. Spibey, Griffin, Kelham, Freestone, and Val Smith. There were about 70 persons present, including Messrs. W. Vial, C. Monk, F. Morley, W. H. Wells (Long Eaton), W. T. Hampton, Wallace Adcock, J. Tucker, E. Onions, W. Bell, J. W. Scott, J. Lockwood, and others. A capital dinner was well served by Mr. J. Cooper, the host. On the removal of the cloth the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Queen," which was received with musical honours. Letters of apology for absence were read from Mr. J. Paget and Mr. J. King.

The MAYOR proposed "The health of the team and prosperity to the club." (Applause.) He heartily congratulated the team, and he was sure all of those present did—(hear, hear)—upon their success. They all knew they had achieved a great amount of success, and he believed no football team in Loughborough had ever done so well before. (Applause.) They were now playing a series of very strong clubs in the Alliance matches, and, having begun somewhere about the bottom of the list, they were gradually climbing up step by step to the top.

Having alluded to the necessity of sound financial support to the club, he said the committee were in a much more satisfactory position in that respect than they had been in the habit of being in the past. He hoped the club would continue in its victorious career, and be adequately supported by the public at large. Bearing in mind the history of other clubs devoted to athletics he looked forward to greater success another winter, and he hoped that should they have the misfortune to meet reverses they did not anticipate they would be steadily supported by the public. (Hear, hear.) He hoped defeat was very far distant, and he thought there was every probability if the public adequately supported the club it would give a good account of itself in future contests. It was remarkable to see how the love of football had spread in recent years. It did not seem more than five or six years since it was a matter of astonishment to hear of two or three thousand people attending a football match in the winter, but now such matches were witnessed by many thousands in the United Kingdom. He hoped the enormous increase that had accrued in the public interest arose in the main from the fact that the game had very much changed—that it was not now as it once was, a brutal contest, in which sheer violence won the day, but had become what might be described as a scientific contest. (Hear, hear.) It was because football had so changed and raised its character that the public took such an interest in it. Athletic sports had their abuses, as the best things in the world had, but he emphatically believed the good immensely outweighed the evil in football, cricket, and similar sports. For athletic sports they wanted the human body in its highest state of perfection. It had been proved by experience that if a man wanted his body in the highest pitch of perfection he must live temperately, moderately, healthily, wholesomely. The Australian cricketers came over here and were more careful in the management of

their habits than were the English cricketers, and they very soon got the biggest scores. It behoved English cricketers to behave themselves, and then it became evident that they could get as good scores as the Australian cricketers, and perhaps better. The Mayor also referred to the development of the physique which characterised the ancient Greeks, the result of their training in athletics. He should like to see English people honour and respect athletes, and show it by their attendance at matches and participation, so far as possible, in athletics. (Hear, hear.) If all classes came and took part in that manner perhaps abuses would diminish. Be that as it might, he thought they had a perfectly defensible cause, as well as a pleasurable one, in giving their support to their great athletic sports as now conducted. He believed if they were maintained on their present lines they would prove not only a safety-valve for their younger people, but a beneficial training for the large masses of the people. Alluding to the players, the Mayor said the Loughborough team had never been beaten on its own ground, and he could not understand why it should have been beaten on other grounds. (Laughter.) With the toast he coupled the names of Mr. Peters, the captain, and Mr. Walter Cockain, the secretary. —The toast was received with cheers.

Mr. PETERS, in responding, said he was proud to occupy the position of captain of the Loughborough team, which had not lost a match this season on their own ground. He hoped they would be victorious in the future, and on behalf of the players thanked the company for the manner in which they had received the toast. (Applause.)

Mr. WALTER COCKAIN also responded. He had pleasure in stating that up to the present the season was the most successful they had ever experienced. They had played 20 matches, won 11, drawn 4, lost 5, and scored 54 goals against 37. They had beaten

Derby Midland, Burton Wanderers, Leicestershire, Notts County Rovers, and London Casuals. It would always be a great pleasure to him to do his utmost for the Loughborough football team. (Applause.)

Mr. H. PERKINS proposed "The Hon. Members." He spoke of the improved status of the club, and of the successes it had won this season.—Mr. D. GRUNDINGS responded. He said it was a great pleasure to him to be an hon. member, and to see the players when they met their opponents. His interest in the club increased with every match he witnessed. He hoped at the end of the year the committee would be able to say they had enrolled more hon. members than in any of the past years. (Applause.)

The toast of "The Chairman" was proposed by Mr. W. A. THOMPSON.—In responding, Ald. BUMPS said while he was Mayor he desired to be Mayor both of the rich and of the poor—(applause)—and of all parties and creeds without distinction. (Hear, hear.) So far as it entered into his power he should endeavour to follow upon those lines. They had in Ald. Griggs so excellent a first Mayor of Loughborough. He did not feel himself able to equal Ald. Griggs in many branches of energy and activity, but so far as his resources were at command he should endeavour in an impartial spirit to discharge the duties of the Mayoralty while he held his present honourable position. (Applause.) He wished the club hearty success with the new year.

Mr. WILFRED MOSS, in appropriate terms, proposed "The Host," to which Mr. COOPER suitably responded.—During the evening songs were given by Messrs. W. T. Hampton, A. Brooks, W. H. Wells, and others, instrumental music being given by a quadrille band.

### COALVILLE.

COALVILLE AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION. —A meeting of this association was held at the Railway Hotel on Friday evening. Mr. S. Mansfield (Ashby Ivanhoe) presided, and there were also present Messrs. S. Boot (Coalville Town), J. Beresford (Shepshed United), J. Smith (Coalville East End), R. Pruden (Hugglescote St. John's), S. Goacher (Coalville Albion), and S. Bertenshaw (secretary).—The Secretary said he had received notifications from the Coalville Albion and Hugglescote St. John's F.C.'s that their teams had played a friendly match on the 27th of December instead of the cup-tie owing to the state of the ground, but the clubs not having complied with Rule 12 of the Association the match would have to be regarded as a cup-tie. The tie was ordered to be replayed on January 10 on the Coalville ground. The secretary read a letter from Mr. T. S. Ashmole, inviting the Association to appoint a deputation to meet the Leicestershire F.A. to discuss the question of affiliation. Mr. Bertenshaw was requested to represent the Association at the meeting of the Leicestershire F.A. The draw for the second round in the challenge cup competition was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—Ashby Ivanhoe v. Whitwick Town, Shepshed United v. Coalville Albion or Hugglescote St. John's.

*Leicester Daily Post - 5 January 1891*

THE FOSSE FOOTBALL CLUB.—In acknowledgment of the services rendered to the "Suffering Humanity Fund" by the Fosse F.C., who, with the Loughborough Club, played to a large crowd on December 29, the members were entertained to a dinner at the Victoria Hotel on Tuesday at the invitation of Ald. T. Wright, J.P., J. H. Cooper, Esq., and T. Fielding-Johnson, Esq. The company numbered about 30, and, having partaken of an excellent dinner, were subsequently presided over by J. D. Harris, Esq. Amongst those present were Messrs. J. Johnson (captain), F. Gardner (hon. sec.), J. Atter, F. W. Atter, E. A. Nuttall, J. Flint, C. Walker, W. Davis, E. Johnson, W. Johnson, A. T. Porter, A. West, W. F. Hillman, E. A. Marson, C. Bentley, E. Smith, C. F. Ashby, A. J. Stubbs, C. Squires, G. Lomas, R. H. Dingley, and J. McRobie. Royalty having been honoured, letters of apology for absence were read from Ald. T. Wright, J.P., Messrs. J. H. Cooper, T. Fielding-Johnson, F. Brett, and W. Major, after which the Chairman gave "The Promoters of the Suffering Humanity Fund and of the Charity Football Match." He spoke in highly appreciative terms of the worthiness of the object; of Mr. W. Major's "happy thought" suggesting the Loughborough v. Fosse match; and of the zeal displayed by Mr. A. T. Porter and others in pioneering the project to a successful issue.—With the toast was coupled the name of Mr. A. T. Porter, who replied in a speech of characteristic enthusiasm, and then proposed "The Fosse Football Club." They had come to the front, he said, by leaps and bounds, and much of their success was attributable to the possession of zealous officers. Moreover, the Fosse had earned a name for playing football of a

gentlemanly type, and with a continuance of that conduct, together with the support of the public, he predicted for them a speedy progress to the forefront of Association football in England.—The names of Mr. J. Johnson and Mr. F. Gardner were associated with the toast, and each replied in appropriate terms, the assurance being forthcoming that the Fosse would ever be ready to take the field in assisting the cause of charity.—Mr. STUBBS gave "The Visitors," which Mr. F. W. ATTER acknowledged, and "The Press" (allusion being made to the assistance given by local newspapers in aid of the charity match); "The Chairman" and "Host" followed.—Mr. Clifford Bentley sang several comic songs in exceedingly good style, and other vocal efforts considerably added to the harmony of the evening.

**PEOPLE'S DISPENSARY.**—The annual meeting of this institution was held on Tuesday evening at the Co-operative Hall, High-street. The Rev. A. A. Isaacs presided, and among those present were the Rev. F. S. Griffith, Messrs. H. W. Duckworth, W. Dyson, and C. S. Pettifor.—The Chairman, in the course of a long speech, said he was very glad to have the opportunity of meeting the members of the People's Dispensary and to be able to present them a good and favourable report of the work of the past year. Referring to unfavourable reports, which Mr. Isaacs alleged had been circulated with reference to the Dispensary, he said not only was it not going to be dissolved but it was now in a very healthy and satisfactory condition. It had also been stated that they could not pay their way, and that the tradespeople they employed were unable to get their money. This was not so, as all accounts were paid very

shortly after the end of each quarter. They had never overdrawn, and though they had not a large balance the institution was in a very good condition. It was reported that certain important medicines could not be obtained by the members. This was not true, and, moreover, they paid a higher price to their chemists than many similar institutions in order that what was supplied might be of the very best quality. The balance-sheet showed that at the beginning of last year they had a balance in hand of £175 16s. 9d. They had received through the collectors £1,205 2s. 7d., and £266 17s. 9½d. was paid into the office by members. The medical staff had received during the year £839 15s. 10d. and the chemists £473 15s. Rent amounted to £31 8s., and other items brought the total expenditure to £1,674 19s. 8d., leaving a balance against the institution of £11 2s. 6½d. Since the Dispensary was started, a year and five months ago, 11,745 members had been enrolled, and at the end of last year the number actually on the books was 10,092. He was sure the members would agree with him that they had made a very satisfactory and healthy start, both as regarded their numbers and their accounts, and he was sure they would be satisfied that they had done well, and were certain to do better. They would find more and more every day that there was no institution in the town so safe, with such advantages, worked in such a simple and satisfactory manner, and likely to conduce so thoroughly to the interests and well-being of the working-classes.—Messrs. Duckworth, Dyson, Bennett, Hallett, and Sawday were appointed as the Board for the ensuing year, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 21 January 1891*

#### LEICESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the executive of this body took place at the Victoria Hotel on Monday evening, Mr. F. Gardner (Fosse) presiding. The following players were chosen to represent Leicestershire against Northamptonshire on the Fosse ground, Thursday, March 12:—Crooks (South Wigston), goal; Rowson and Davis (Fosse), backs; Perry (Fosse), Linaker and Martin (Teachers), half-backs; Atter and E. J. Johnson (Fosse), left wing, forwards; Medley (South Wigston), centre; Handford (Teachers) and Flint (Fosse), right wing. The semi-final Junior Cup between Fosse Reserves and Quorn Havelock was ordered to be replayed on Saturday next on the Fosse ground, and the final on the same ground on April 4. The final for the Senior Cup was fixed for March 21, probably at Loughborough. It transpired that the association had lost £10 by the recent semi-finals and the county match at Coventry.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 3 March 1891*

The Y.M.C.A. Football Club (Association laws), in whose aid a match will be played this evening on the Fosse ground, have contested 30 first eleven fixtures, winning 11, losing three, and drawing six. They have kicked 46 goals against 15 registered by their opponents, and the defensive tactics of the Y.M.C.A. is enhanced when it is recorded that the biggest score against them in any match was two goals. The second team have won four games, lost six, and drawn two. By the way, the annual competition for medals by the gymnasts of the Y.M.C.A. takes place to-night.

The members of the Leicester F.C. dine together on Friday, April 24.

OBSERVER.

Leicester Daily Post - 13 March 1891

## FOOTBALL FIXTURES.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7.

### RUGBY.

#### MIDLAND COUNTIES CHALLENGE CUP.

Mossley, a bye.

Edghaston Crusaders v. Stourbridge, at Edghaston.

Old Edwardians v. Nottingham, at Nottingham.

Handsworth v. Leamington, at Leamington.

Rugby v. Ashby, at Ashby.

Leicester v. Bromsgrove, at Leicester.

Burton v. Warwick, at Warwick.

Coventry v. Stratford, at Stratford.

Leicester 2nd v Loughborough, Loughborough

South Wigston v Leicester Rovers, Wigston

Swifts 2nd v Belgrave St. Peter's, Belgrave

Stonegate v Swifts, Victoria Park (League match)

Crusaders v Wimbledon, Mere-road Ground

Nelson v Coventry Excelsior, Leicester

Nelson 2nd v Albion Rovers, latter's ground

St. George's Guild v Crusaders 2nd, Victoria Park (Qualifying round, Junior Cup Ties)

Aylestone-road v South Wigston 2nd (Junior Cup)

Lutterworth 2nd v Stonegate 2nd (Junior Cup)

### ASSOCIATION.

Leicester Fosse v Doncaster Rovers, Doncaster

Fosse Reserves v Quorn Havelock, Mill-lane Ground (replayed semi-final Junior Cup)

Loughborough v Long Eaton, Loughborough

Loughborough Athletic v Hinckley Town, Hinckley

Teachers v Milton Rovers, Evington-lane Ground (Leicestershire League)

Gresley Rovers v Shepshed, Shepshed (Leicestershire League)

Teachers Reserves v South Wigston 2nd, Wigston

Syston Wreake Valley v Y.M.C.A., Evington-lane Ground

Victor v South Wigston, South Wigston

Y.M.C.A. Reserves v Wreake Valley Reserves, Syston

St. Matthew's v Staynes and Smith's, Forest-road Ground

Ansty Rovers v St. Saviour's, Spinney-hill Park

St. Peter's v St. Margaret's, Victoria Park (semi-final Y.M.F.S. competition)

St. Paul's v St. John's former's ground

St. Paul's Reserves v Excelsior, Pasture

East End Victoria v Hill-street, latter's ground

East End Victoria Reserves v St. Peter's Guild, Belgrave-road Ground

St. Mary's Swifts v Syston Swifts, Syston

Newby-street v Ourson-street 2nd, Spinney Hill Park

May Villa v Wigston Wesleyans, Wigston

London-road v Ansty Town, Ansty

Wigston Congregational Guild v Hinckley Reserves, Wigston

Leicester Daily Mercury - 6 March 1891

## CORRESPONDENCE

### ROWDYISM AFTER FOOTBALL MATCHES.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—A most disgraceful sight occurred after the Fosse and Notts. Forest match on Saturday as the players left the field to go into the dressing-room. When the Notts players arrived at the doors they were greeted by hooting, showers of mud, stones, etc., and were spat on by a crowd of boys of 10 to 14 years of age, who knew no more of football than that the Fosse had lost. Now I could have understood the demonstration if the Notts. men had played a rough and foul game, but they did not. They played a very pleasant game. It is often the case that visiting teams get hooted for nothing more than being superior players. I hope the police authorities will take the matter up. I may add that I have continually heard Mr. W. Cooper, the Fosse umpire, ask these boys to give all the players a kind and hearty reception, but all to no purpose.—

Yours, &c.,

A LOVER OF ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

March 16th.

Leicester Daily Mercury - 18 March 1891

**FOSSÉ FOOTBALL CLUB.**—The annual dinner of this Association Club was held last evening at the Victoria Hotel, London-road, when there was a company numbering upwards of 50. Mr. F. Ashwell presided, Mr. J. D. Harris occupied the vice-chair, and in addition to the officers and members of the club there were present Messrs. G. E. Bouskell, C. J. Walker, C. W. B. Ford, T. S. Ashmole, H. Smith, G. Brown, E. A. Marson, T. Warren, E. Mouel, W. Finney, and F. Simpson.—A capital dinner having been partaken of, the toast list opened with the customary loyal sentiments, following which Mr. J. D. Harris proposed "Success to the Fosse Football Club." All must feel proud, he said, of the remarkable progress made by the club during a seven years' existence. "From a very small beginning they had advanced with giant strides, evidence of which was forthcoming in the fact that public support to the extent of nearly £30 was given to the match played last Monday evening. It was noticeable, too, that some of their losing games had produced equally as good football as others in which they were successful, and in that respect it was gratifying to find their supporters so well satisfied.—Mr. F. Gardner (hon. sec.), in acknowledging the toast, said they could conscientiously congratulate themselves upon the remarkably successful season just ended. Although their fixture list comprised much stronger matches than they had previously essayed, they had won 23 of the 37 contested, nine being lost and five drawn; whilst 113 goals had been kicked for the Fosse, and only 57 against them. The reserve, too, had fared well, winning nine of the 19 played, five each being lost and drawn, whilst the Fosse Rangers had won four of the six played, one each being lost and drawn. The Reserves had scored 57 goals to the 29 recorded by their opponents. Good football had characterised their games, and so long as that feature was continued he had no fear for the future of the Fosse, because, so far from being in antagonism to the Rugby Club, there was plenty of room in Leicester for two great football organisations. Encouraged by their past successes the Fosse had decided to apply for admission into the Midland Alliance, and he had reason to believe they would be welcomed. The Reserves (under the name of the Fosse Reserves) would play in the Leicestershire League, and a full fixture list would also be arranged for a third team.—The Chairman proposed "The Teams," to which Mr. J. Johnson (the captain) replied, and the medals won in the Leicestershire Challenge Cup competition were then presented to the successful players.—Other toasts followed, and songs, &c., were contributed.

*Leicester Daily Post - 1 May 1891*

#### OAKHAM

**AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB.**—During the season the members of the club played fourteen matches, and only one game was lost. The goals show an excellent record, the Amateurs scoring 44, and their opponents only 9.]

*Leicester Chronicle - 2 May 1891*



**FOOTBALL CLUB.**—The annual meeting was held on Saturday evening at the Railway Hotel, and there was a fair attendance.—The Secretary presented the report and balance sheet, which were passed. These showed a balance in hand of £3 8s. The report stated that 25 matches had been played, of which 15 were won, seven lost, and three drawn; 95 goals were scored for the club, against 58 for their opponents.—A vote of thanks having been accorded the officers for the past year, the following were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. S. Harriman; treasurer, Mr. J. Parker; secretary, Mr. J. Waring; captain, Mr. T. Iliffe; vice-captain, Mr. J. Newbold; captain reserve team, Mr. J. Briers; committee, Messrs. A. Newbold, W. Johnson, J. Danvers, J. Wortley, and T. Waldron.—The annual supper followed, about 50 members and friends sitting down. Mr. S. Harriman presided at the subsequent proceedings, which included a number of toasts and songs. The most interesting part of the programme was the presentation of the medals to the Shepshep team as "runners-up" in the Coalville and District Challenge Cup competition, most of the players being present to receive them.

*Leicester Chronicle - 16 May 1891*

**FOOTBALL CLUB SUPPER.**—Nearly seventy members and supporters of the Robin Hood F.C. sat down to the annual supper, provided by Mr. W. Wilkins in the club room at the Gate Inn, on Saturday evening. After supper the chair was taken by the Rev. H. E. Broughton, president of the club, and Rev. W. Fowler, a vice-president, occupied the post of vice-chairman.—The Chairman proposed the toast of the evening, "The Robin Hood Football Club," and stated he was much interested in the club, and was pleased to see them so successful year after year. The strength of the club was admitted among the chief clubs of the county, with most of whom the Robin Hoods had tried conclusions. The Robin Hoods had good rules, to which the members adhered, and as a rule were most punctual in keeping their appointments. Apologies for non-attendance had been received from Mr. T. H. Heward, Mr. Mellings, and others.—Mr. D. S. Moore, treasurer, replied, and submitted the balance sheet. The expenditure (including £2 10s. balance from last year's accounts) was £14 7s., and the receipts £13 8s. 10d., against £11 3s. last year, leaving a balance out of hand of 18s. 2d.—Mr. Marriott, captain, also replied to the toast, and informed the company that the balance had been wiped off by Mr. Bishop giving 3s., Rev. W. Fowler 5s., Mr. T. H. Heward 5s., and the members of the Hugglescote and Ellistown Band 5s. He would like to have the expressions of the supporters of the club as to the advisability of entering the League and the Challenge Cup Competition. The club had been out to play matches under the County Association, and the clubs had come to play the return matches. It was true the clubs referred to had been fined for not keeping the engagements, but the fines went to the Association, and the Robin Hoods, after making a

"gate" away from home, got nothing in return.—Song, "Arise, ye sons of Briton," by Mr. Cornfold.—The Vice-chairman proposed "The Hugglescote and Ellistown brass band," to which Mr. Eyre (bandmaster) and Mr. Joseph Newberry, sen., replied.—Glee, "We steal along," Messrs. Eyre, Gimson, Hill, J., Newberry, sen., and J. Newberry, jun.—Mr. Eyre proposed "The guests," to which Messrs. E. Berrisford, T. Bishop, and A. Fogg replied, each promising the club their support and goodwill in future.—Song, "The orphans," Mr. Robert Walker.—Mr. T. Bishop proposed "The chairman," to which the vicar replied.—Mr. Moore proposed "The vice-chairman," to which Mr. Fowler replied.—The chair was afterwards filled by Mr. Thos. Bishop, and a convivial evening was spent. The club during the past season played 20 matches, won 11, drawn 1, and lost 8.

Loughborough Herald & North Leicestershire Gazette - Thursday 11 June 1891

**FOSSE FOOTBALL CLUB.**—A general meeting of this club was held on Monday at the Victoria Hotel, Mr. F. Ashwell presiding. There was a capital attendance of members. The report of the hon. secretary dealt chiefly with the past season's accomplishments, a synopsis of which has already appeared in our columns, and the balance-sheet presented by the hon. treasurer showed the club to be in a sound position. Starting the season with an adverse balance, there is now in hand a sum of £15. Guarantees and gate receipts amounted to £280, this showing a remarkable increase on former years. Each report gave satisfaction, and was unanimously adopted.—On the motion of Mr. W. G. Jones, a vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers, and Mr. Gardner's services as hon. sec. were requited by a handsome presentation. Rules were revised, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. F. Ashwell; vice-presidents, Sir Jas. Whitehead, Ald. T. Wright, J.P., Rev. H. J. Fortescue, Messrs. J. D. Harris, J. Johnson, J. H. Cooper, J. Spencer, and H. Farratt; captain, Mr. E. A. Nuttall; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Johnson, sen.; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Gardner; financial secretary, Mr. W. Cooper; committee, Messrs. Angrave, Atter, Stubbs, J. Johnson, W. Johnson, and W. G. Jones. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a protracted meeting.

Leicester Chronicle - 6 June 1891

## LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB.

The annual meeting of the members of this club was held last night in the pavilion adjoining the athletic grounds. Mr. Jas. Cartwright occupied the chair, and there were present Messrs. W. A. Thompson, H. Perkins, J. Fisher, H. Lockwood, W. Webster, jun., W. Coltman, A. Bakewell, G. Stevenson, F. Cross, J. King, A. Cross, F. Stapleton, E. Barker, W. Cowling, W. Cockain (secretary), and others.—Mr. COCKAIN read the sixth annual report and balance-sheet. The report stated that the past season's results had been most satisfactory. The success obtained at home had been somewhat remarkable, as they only suffered defeat once throughout the season—(hear, hear)—and taking into consideration that they met clubs of higher reputation than last season the record was certainly first-class. The club had played 36 matches, won 22, drawn five, and lost nine. They had scored 107 goals against 56, and defeated Derby Midland, Belper Town, and Burton Wanderers in the qualifying rounds of the English Cup competition, but were defeated on going to Sheffield to play Sheffield United in the final round. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £5 13s. 5d., whereas last year there was a debt upon the club of £58 11s. 1d. With a balance of £30 14s. from the Whitsuntide sports they would commence the season with £36 8s. 3d in hand. (Applause.) The club were unanimously elected members of the Midland Counties League, the third league in the country, and he hoped in the matches which would be played in connection with those

league fixtures there would be much larger gates, as there would be much better football; and, with an adequate training for the club, they would hold their own with any of the teams they would meet. The balance-sheet showed that the receipts amounted to £289 4s. 10d., of which £238 13s. 5d. was for gate-money and guarantees and £26 8s. for subscriptions. The expenses included players' wages and refreshments, £113 7s. 11d.; travelling expenses, £40 16s. 10d.; visiting teams, £48 10s. 9d.; and ground rents, £10; the balance at the end of the year, with the profit on the Whitsuntide sports, being £36s. 8s. 3d. (Applause.)—Mr. W. A. THOMPSON, the sports secretary, read the report and balance-sheet of the sports. He referred to the falling off at the gate in consequence of the inclement weather and the epidemic, and to the fact that less entries were received. This was particularly noticeable in the cycle races, the recent innovation of the pneumatic tyres having caused many riders of the ordinary machines to give up the path. The receipts at the gate were £137 5s. 2d., as compared with £145 19s. 10d. last year; the entrance fees £12 13s. 6d., against £16 11s.; the total receipts £164 19s. 2d., against £197 13s. 4d. last year. Of the payments £4 4s. extra was incurred by the championship race. In 1890 the amount received by the football club from the sports was £76 8s., and this year it was £30 14s. 10d. Thanks were accorded to those officials who kindly gave their services, and reference was made to the secretary of the athletic section having been appointed district representative of the Midland Counties A.A.A. The balance-sheets showed that

the gate money amounted to £127 5s. 2d., the entrance fees to £12 13s. 6d., and private donations to £14 10s., the total being £164 19s. 2d. With £6 10s. for the band and £127 14s. 1d. other expenses, the balance in hand amounted to £30 14s. 10d.—The CHAIRMAN moved adoption of the reports in a highly eulogistic speech, in which he complimented the club upon their success during the past season, and hoped with their association with the Midland League they would improve their position in the Midlands. Referring to the financial status of the club the chairman said he did not think any club ought to trust its existence to the weather on a certain day, which he believed the football club did. It was worth consideration whether some steps could not be taken in order to place the club on such a financial basis that it would not be dependent upon that alone. He trusted the committee they would elect that night would take the matter into consideration.—Mr. F. STAPLETON seconded, and the reports were adopted.—On the motion of Mr. ROGERS, seconded by the CHAIRMAN, the Mayor (Ald. Bumpus) was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year. Messrs. H. Perkins and Ernest Coltman were elected auditors, Mr. Walter Cockain secretary, and Mr. H. Taylor treasurer.—Upon the question of the captain being raised Plackett and Peters were mentioned, but on the motion of Mr. H. PERKINS, seconded by Mr. A. Cross, the appointment was left with the committee, as the team might be differently constituted at the close of the season to what it was now. The following were nominated to serve on the committee:—Messrs. J. Cayless, W. A. Thompson, H. Lockwood, T. Lakin, F. Cross, E. Brewin, A. Cross, A. Wells, J. King, and F. Stapleton. Messrs. T. Orton and A. Gibson were also nominated but not elected.—With respect to the reserve team, on the motion of Mr. ANGRAVE, seconded by Mr. HAYES, a recommendation was made to the committee that better steps be taken for the organisation of the reserve team during the ensuing season.—The SECRETARY remarked that the reserve team had been entered for the Leicestershire Junior Cup Competition.—The CHAIRMAN moved a hearty vote of thanks to the committee, which was cordially received and responded to by Mr. LOCKWOOD, the chairman of the committee. He remarked that the committee had done their best for the advancement of football, and for himself he should endeavour to do his best to maintain the good name the club had held in the past.—A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

Leicester Daily Post - 3 July 1891

**W**ANTED, a junior Football Team or good football players to play against the Mountebanks, Thursday, August 6, at Belgrave-road Grounds.—Apply with terms to Wood, 10, Southampton-street, Leicester.

Leicester Daily Post - 5 August 1891

**T**HE Hinckley Town Football Club hold a meeting at the Holy Well Inn, on September 1st. All wishing to join please to attend at 8.30.

*Hinckley Times - 29 August 1891*