



English Challenge (FA) Cup 1892-93

Winner: Wolverhampton Wanderers
Runner-Up: Everton

Wolverhampton Wanderers won Football Association Cup in 1893, beating Everton 1–0 in the final at [Fallowfield Stadium](#), Manchester, continuing the recent Midlands dominance of the FA Cup, after the success of West Brom, Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest the previous season.



The Wolverhampton Wanderers team that won the FA Cup in 1893. The team poses with the trophy (left). back row from left to right: Dickie Baugh, Billy Malpass, Harry Allen (Captain), William Rose, George Kinsey, George Swift; front row from left to right: Robert Topham, David Wykes, Joe Butcher, Harry Wood, Alf Griffin

Leicestershire were again represented in the competition by Leicester Fosse and Loughborough AFC. Loughborough's 1892-93 season was dominated by their Cup exploits. They dispatched Riddings (8-1) at home in the First Qualifying Round in October, followed by Heanor Town (3-1) also at home in the Second Qualifying Round and Kettering (2-1) away to reach the final qualifying round. Drawn away from home in front of 1500 spectators they demolished Buxton 6-0 in December 1892, playing on a pitch covered in deep snow. Celebrations of Loughborough's fans reached new heights with the prospects of a Football League side appearing at the Athletic Grounds in the First Round. Buxton won an appeal against the result due to the state of their own pitch. The game was replayed on New Year's Eve, the Luffs winning 3-0. By this time Loughborough knew that their opponents would be Northwich Victoria of the Second Division. The First-Round tie was a great spectacle on and off the pitch for the town of Loughborough. Although losing 1-2, gate receipts were £94, and the 5,000 spectators were well looked after. Straw was placed along the touchline keeping feet dry and for those lucky enough to be in the stand, which was opened for their first cup match of the season, had hot water bottles to keep them warm. Reporters were usually accommodated at a corner of the large stand in a good position, but for this game they were consigned to an "insignificant place on a stand in an extreme corner of the ground" from which it was next to impossible to witness part of the playing arena. For the all-important game the Loughborough executive selected the usual team and the players in the week leading up to the game underwent a special course of training, every attention being paid to them by William Cockain, the trainer. The ground was rather greasy and at times throughout the match the players

had difficulty in keeping their feet. Butterworth hit the bar for Loughborough after five minutes and displayed magnificent combination. Northwich had a goal disallowed for offside before Carnelly ran through and scored for the Luffs after about 20 minutes play. The lead lasted just ten minutes, with Bradshaw equalising for Northwich with a soft shot. Bugged down by heavy ground, the second half was disappointing with Drinkwater winning the tie for the Cheshire side. Val Smith [Loughborough] was carried off during the second half and several other Loughborough players received serious injuries. *"Northwich were not the better team, but they held the advantage in their aggressive play, the centre forward, Bradshaw, displaying splendid form..... Loughborough had the most of the play and are to be condoled with on the result, which ought certainly to have been reversed"*

Fosse's cup run was unspectacular by comparison. Having beaten Rushden (7-0) and Notts Olympic (7-0) after a replay in the English Challenge Cup, they succumbed 1-2 to Buxton. who Loughborough demolished to reach the First Round, at Walnut Street.

Results and Match Details

		Date	Home Team	Away		Match Details
1	1QR	15.10.1892	Leicester Fosse Lowe Webb (3) Dorrell (2 + pen)	7 (1)	0 (0)	Rushden Walnut-street Ground, Leicester. Quite a large crowd. First-ever encounter between the two clubs. Fosse's first English Challenge Cup victory.
2	1QR	15.10.1892	Loughborough AFC AN Other Butterworth (2) Start (2) Farmer Smith Carnelly	8 (4)	1 (1)	Riddings AN Other Athletic Grounds, Loughborough.
3	2QR	29.10.1892	Leicester Fosse Lowe Thompson (og) Freeman	3 (3)	3 (1)	Notts Olympic Buck Geary Mann Walnut-street, Leicester, A gale blew across the field of play. Game commenced at 3.05 pm. Dorrell [Fosse] "brought down the house with an astonishing display of trickery." Thraves [Fosse] in goal spent much of the first half as an inactive spectator. Freeman (Fosse) and a Notts player left the field following a collision – both returning with their "heads tied up" much to the amusement of the spectators. The referee stopped the game on account of indifferent light.
4	2QR	29.10.1892	Loughborough AFC Freestone Farmer Start	3 (1)	1 (0)	Heanor Town AN Other Athletic Grounds, Loughborough 3,000 spectators.
5	2QRr	5.11.1892	Leicester Fosse Dorrell (4) Slack Webb (2)	7 (4)	0 (0)	Notts Olympic Walnut-street Ground, Leicester. Dorrell opened the strong after a minute with a "beauty." An unequal game.
6	3QR	19.11.1892	Kettering Town AN Other	1	2	Loughborough AFC og Farmer Gloomy weather. "Moderate gathering" of spectators. This was time that Kettering had gone beyond the first qualifying round. Loughborough reached the final qualifying round for the second time.
7	3QR	19.11.1892	Leicester Fosse Freeman	1 (0)	2 (0)	Buxton Town Fred AN Other Walnut-street, Leicester. 5,000 spectators- including 200 who have travelled from Buxton by a special train. Buxton surprised everyone by beating Leicester.

							When the train carrying the Buxton train arrived home, the station was densely packed, and the Harpur Hill band was in attendance to escort them through the town. On alighting some of the players were literally mobbed.
8	4QR	10.12.1892	Buxton Town	0 (0)	6 (3)	Loughborough AFC Start Carnelly (2) Butterworth, AN Others	First-ever meeting between the teams. 1,500 spectators – including more than 250 from Loughborough. The visitors came with a good reputation. The Loughborough players left town soon after nine and were followed at eleven by a special train which left Leicester at 10.45 and Loughborough at 11. “Heavy going and snow falling.” Pitch was covered with snow from 6 inches to a foot of snow, The referee stated ha he cup tie should be played if possible. Following by a protest by Buxton, the match was ordered to be replayed due to the state of the pitch.
9	4QRr	31.12.1892	Buxton Town	0	3	Loughborough AFC Spiby Carnelly Start	Played in a strong wind. With this win Loughborough became the first Leicestershire team to reach the final 32 of the Cup. A good number of Loughborough supporters travelled to Buxton on a football ‘special’ train.
10	R1	21.01.1893	Loughborough AFC Carnelly	1	2	Northwich Victoria Bradshaw (2)	Athletic Grounds, Loughborough 10,000 spectators – the stands were crowded, tickets for seats were quickly taken up beforehand.

Match Reports

ENGLISH CUP.

FIRST ROUND.

FOSSE v. RUSHDEN.

Played on the Walnut-street ground. Rushden have never met the Fosse before, either in an ordinary or competition fixture, and quite a large crowd entered the enclosure to witness the contest. Up to now the Fosse have played in the preliminary stages of the great competition twice before, but have never got over their first meet, and great interest has been for some time prevalent as to what the result of to-day's match would be. While Rushden commenced under the impression that they hardly would win, the Fosse were rather certain of victory.

Lichfield, amidst a shout of "Play up, Fosse," sent the leather into play, and a rush by the home forwards ended in some shooting over. Durrell followed with a magnificent run along his wing, but the pass to Freeman was ruled off-side, Rushden thus getting well out of an awkward position. Pendered and Claridge then helped the visitors by gaining ground, but Taylor met the latter, and returned to Webb, who sent on to Lowe, who shot out. From very fast play in the centre of the ground Dorrell again got away, getting in his centre from the goal-line near the corner flag after just having received a charge. Webb, however, just missed scoring. The Rushden forwards now got away, and Bailey received a ringing cheer for the manner in which he took the ball away from Lewis. A "free" to the homesters near the Rushden goal was kicked over by Silvester; and another a minute later was the outcome of a wide shot by Slack. The Fosse up to now had much the best of the game, but Claridge (outside left) eventually got away, and when he had a good

chance of freeing his forwards, madly kicked the ball out of play. This reverse against the Fosse caused Rushden to pluck up, and a rush down the left nearly caused a goal to Rushden, Pendered getting in a swift shot, which only just skimmed the cross-bar. Pretty play then followed by Freeman and Dorrell, which, later on, was indulged in by Slack, Webb, and Lowe, but nothing resulted but a kick from goal. The game now became very fast, and Rushden, through Stanley and Lewis, put the home side on the defensive, forcing a corner, which, however, resulted in a kick out from goal. Lowe and Webb made a capital run up the wing, the outcome of which were three corners, all nicely centred, but Clayton and Allen held the fortress intact. Thraves had to fist out a dangerous shot, and after a scrimmage near the visitors' goal Rushden got away, and after Bailey had shown his defensive powers, Owen followed his partner by stopping a most dangerous rush close to the home goal. Some spirited play then ensued among the home front rank, and from a grand centre by Dorrell Lowe headed it into the net, the first goal of the game, which was greeted with a long shout from the onlookers. Faster and faster the game now raged, the ball travelling from end to end in quick succession, and when resting in the home division the whistle for half time sounded:

FOSE, one goal;

RUSHDEN, nil.

Slack's kick in the second half gave Freeman and Dorrell the father, and after a dribble by these favourites they were well pulled up by the Rushden backs. Not to be beaten, however, they again got away, but on the ball being passed to Slack—and he was well on his way down the centre—he was most cowardly fouled, and the result of the "free" was a well-deserved goal from the foot of Webb. Rushden now appeared to sag considerably, and the homesters, being two goals to the good, seemed to work much better, and from Lichfield's mid-field kick the Fosse once more got away, the forwards showing splendid combination, Webb being able to add the third goal. Heaping on the pressure, another rush was made, and Dorrell, on

the left wing line, sent in a stinger, which Frambridt tried hard to handle out, but its force proved to be too much for him, and a lusty shout greeted the fourth point. After the Fosse had worked well to drag in another goal, Lewis and Lichfield were instrumental in keeping Lord and Bailey at work for a little time. More brilliant combination by the local forwards was not checked by Minney and Bailey, who tried hard to put an end to the career of Freeman and Dorrell, and on the ball being passed to the other wing the irrepressible Webb still further increased the home score. Pendered, Claridge, and Lichfield dribbled nicely into the Fosse territory, but after a slight strain Bailey got in a huge kick, and away went the Fosse front rank once more, and after first shooting, and having his shot repulsed, Dorrell rushed well up, putting on the sixth goal. Rushden now livened the proceedings by a little pressure, Stanley being the most prominent in the attack. Bailey again got his head in the way, and mid-field play transpired for some time. Pendered, however, again got away, and was within an ace of scoring when he was tackled by both Owen and Thraves, the latter leaving his goal, and muddling the Rushden player. The visitors' goal soon became the scene of operations again, and Slack made a capital shot for goal, which was followed by a very fine one by Dorrell, who was fouled near the Rushden goal immediately after, for which the referee awarded a "penalty," Dorrell having the satisfaction of placing the seventh point to his side from the place-kick. Freeman now left the field, being followed by one of the opposing half-backs, the two colliding together in racing for the ball. The Fosse now seemed content with their score, and some loose play took place, Rushden taking advantage of it, and getting into close quarters; but Bailey and Owen, the former especially, showed fine form, and repelled several good things. The two injured men here returned on the field, both with their heads tied up, and caused considerable amusement among the spectators, and after two or three minutes' scramble the game came to a conclusion with the Fosse the heroes of a grand victory as below:

FOSSE, seven goals;

RUSHDEN, nil.

Fosse: Thraves, goal; Owen and Bailey, backs; Taylor, Silvester (captain), and Lord, half-backs; Lowe, Webbe, Slack, Freeman, and Dorrell, forwards.

Rushden: Frambridt, goal; C. Clayton and S. Allen, backs; T. Minney, A. Bailey, and C. Church, half-backs; J. Stanley, H. C. Leven, T. E. Lichfield, C. Pendered, and H. Claridge, forwards.

Linesmen, Messrs. H. Parker and M. Johnson. Referee, Mr. H. Weston (Wigston).

LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN v. RIDDINGS.

Played on the Athletic Ground, Loughborough. The visitors kicked off, and Carnelley got hold, and made a splendid run down, and shot at goal, but Gell fisted out. The visitors attacked, and from a goal-kick Gell (half-back) returned with a long shot, scoring a third goal. The home team pressed, Carnelley and Palmer experiencing hard lines in not scoring. A foul was given against the visitors. Smith kicked to Farmer, who sent the ball through. Butterworth scored the second goal for the home team with a long shot. The custodian attempted to save, but ran past the ball. After a few minutes' exciting play in front of the visitors' goal, Start headed the third goal, and also kicked the fourth for the home team, half time arriving with the score:—

LOUGHBOROUGH, four goals ;

RIDDINGS, one.

On resuming, Butterworth added the fifth goal by a screw shot from the right. By a good pass from Carnelley, Farmer scored the sixth goal. Smith added the seventh by a long ground shot, and Carnelley added the eighth goal. The visitors were completely outplayed in this half. Result:—

LOUGHBOROUGH, eight goals ;

RIDDINGS, one.

ENGLISH CUP.

LEICESTER FOSSE v. NOTTS. OLYMPIC.

Leicester Fosse, together with their great legion of supporters, have no cause to find fault with Dame Fortune so far this season. 'Tis true the players have suffered one or two reverses, but these have been more than atoned by meritorious victories. It is, however, apart from actual playing that good fortune has attended the club. Fosse came first out of the hat against Rushden in their first tie in the qualifying series of the English Cup competition. This enabled them to play on their own meadow a fortnight ago, and after winning that match easily the local club once more, by favour of the draw, claimed a similar advantage in the present match. Furthermore, the Leicester Rugby team were again playing away from home, whilst the weather left scarcely anything to be desired from a spectator's point of view, so that altogether those responsible for the management of the Fosse Club had good cause to congratulate themselves upon the lightness of their responsibilities. The players who have lately achieved such conspicuous success took the field to a man, and with Notts Olympic not now holding so prominent a position in the football world as of yore, the result of the match was held in no fear by Fosse partisans.

A gale of wind was blowing when, at 3.5, Buck started the ball, Fosse having the advantage of the rude Boreas. Fosse at once bore down on the Notts lines, and after passing in front of goal, Lowe shot a

lines, and after passing the yard wide of the net. Aided by the wind, Fosse kept their opponents well in their half, and corners were quickly conceded. Olympic, wisely content to put all their resources into defence, staved off some brilliant attacks for a time, the Fosse play being of a splendid character. Indeed, the football all round was of almost commendable kind, the home forwards displaying great trickery, and Mallett and Thompson repeatedly cleared in excellent style. Wright (in goal) once effected a wonderful save, but he was well beaten once the game had been in progress for ten minutes, Lowe heading the ball through from a remarkably cleverly placed flag-kick by Dorrell, whose previous play was mainly instrumental in forcing Mallett to give a corner. This early downfall of the visitors' goal was loudly cheered. And so was a display in the next few minutes by Dorrell, who fairly brought down the house with an astonishing exhibition of trickery. For the next few minutes the game was much more equally contested, Gibbs, Mann, and Buck putting in some effective forward work, which elicited plenty of applause. The Fosse backs, however, were never severely tested, and Thraves played the part of an entirely inactive spectator. Now and again the Fosse pressed heavily, and with a free kick for "hands," Owen lifted the ball close onto goal, and it glanced through off Thompson, who endeavoured to head away. This second goal was registered 20 minutes from the start, and within another minute the account was further augmented, a splendid attack taking the ball into the mouth of goal, and Freeman scuffed it through. Then, after some fairly equal play, Notts attacked, all the forwards participating in a remarkably good effort. Bailey had to concede a corner, and for three

or four minutes afterwards the homesters had to do all they knew to successfully withstand a well-sustained siege. Eventually Freeman headed to Dorrell, and that renowned left-winger raced away with a clear field, but his final shot went behind. Even play ensued until Mounteney passed out to his right wing, Gibbs and Mann coming away unchecked. Mann got in a splendid centre, and Buck dashed the ball through for a well-earned goal, Thraves having no earthly chance to save. For the most part Fosse pressed to the finish, but ineffective—not to say weak—shooting prevented them from further augmenting the score, which at the change of ends read:

FOSSE, three goals;

OLYMPIC, one.

Restarting, Fosse at once got down, and twice in the first sixty seconds Wright was sorely perplexed, whilst bad shooting on the part of the home forwards supplied a further feature of the game. Notwithstanding that they now had the aid of the wind, Notts could make no headway, and it was not long ere the visitors' citadel was placed under bombardment. Free kicks and corners in favour of the Fosse threatened danger to the Olympic, but Mallett, Thompson, Towers, and Mounteney showed the most admirable defence, and successfully repulsed the warmest invasions. Now Notts broke away, Geary and Carrington playing well on the left, and receiving plenty of assistance from Buck. Bailey, Owen, and Thraves were at length put fully on their mettle. Whilst the backs just named kicked with fine judgment and good effect, Thraves twice ran out to clear, and next brought about an extraordinary save by throwing himself on the ground to screw the ball round the net, giving a corner which, fortunately for the home side, proved of no great advantage to

Notts, the flag-kick being badly placed. After a visit to the other end, the visitors again attacked, and shots at goal were made in rapid succession, but the wind hampered the men considerably, and the ball invariably went yards wide of the mark. Similar misfortune befell the attacking division of the Fosse a minute or two later, when good combination took them close to goal. Try as they would, the Fosse forwards could not get the ball through, Dorrell, in particular, having hard lines in just putting the ball over the bar with a superb shot from the touch line. Although the game was not very fast it was splendidly contested. Notts, as they had done, indeed, from the start, made a braver show than had been expected by most folks, and were now making Fosse do their level best to keep them out. Once Notts threatened a certain goal, but Carrington got off side, though Thraves succeeded in cleverly fisting out just as the whistle sounded. The free kick was well repined to, and the Fosse goal once more placed under assault, principally by the aid of Geary, Carrington, and Buck. A goal-kick only resulted, and then Fosse got off, Dorrell being conspicuous with a fine sprint, and crossed to Lowe, whose shot at goal was kicked away. Very equal indeed was the game now, and as the outcome of splendid combination by Notts, Geary kicked a grand goal. This occurred ten minutes from the finish, and of course served to render the issue more open, thereby arousing the greatest enthusiasm. Encouraged by their success, Notts played up grandly. They showed exceeding smartness on the ball, and taxed the Fosse defenders to their uttermost. So well did they play, in fact, that they richly merited a reward which fell to them a minute or two from the finish, Mann putting the final touch to an excellent bout of passing, and in beating

Thraves with a shot the home custodian had no chance to get to, he made the score "three all." Time was called with the game in this state, so extra time had to be played.

Notts had the wind first, and at once pressed, notwithstanding that the Fosse now played four half-backs, Lowe having fallen back to that position with the design of strengthening the defence. The homesters, however, soon succeeded in breaking up their opponents' combination, and came away with a rattle, a shot from Dorrell forcing a corner. The downfall of the Notts goal looked sure, but Freeman, when having Wright almost at his mercy, kicked over the bar. Still pressing, Fosse forced another corner, and the battle waged hotly in front of the Notts goal. Once Wright looked certain to be beaten, but he cleared his charge marvellously. With the wind against them Fosse showed remarkably good form, the half-backs in particular shining to better advantage than at any period of the game. The Notts backs repeatedly had to kick out, and indeed they could do nothing else, seeing the pressure they were under. From a well-placed flag-kick Mallett fouled the ball, but Fosse did nothing with the free, and ends were changed with the score still even. Resuming, the Fosse attacked, and Lowe shot wide, and with the Fosse still pressing the referee stopped the game on account of the indifferent light. The match will thus have to be replayed. Result:

Posse :— Thraves, goal ; Owen and Bailey, backs ; Taylor, Silvester (captain), and Lord, half-backs ; Lowe, Webbe, Slack, Freeman, and Dorrell, forwards.

Notts. Olympic :— W. H. Wright, goal ; W. H. Mallett : F. Thompson, backs ; E. Towers, W. G. Mountney, A. Jackson, half-backs ; W. E. Gibbs, J. W. Mann, right wing ; E. Buck, centre ; G. Geary and A. Carrington, left wing.

Referee, Mr F. Bates, Nottingham.

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LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN v. HEANOR.

Played on the Athletic Grounds, Loughborough, before a large number of spectators. A number of the supporters of Heanor were also on the ground. The teams were:

Loughborough: W. Ward, goal; G. Spibey and J. Kent, backs; V. Smith, J. W. Plackets, and Culley, half-backs; Butterworth, Carnelley, Farmer, Start, and Freestone, forwards.

Heanor: J. Carlin, goal; R. Wright and R. Wheeldon, backs; J. Timson, J. Peace, and S. Carlin, half-backs; H. Webb, Mellors, Thorpe, Widdowson, and R. Jardine, forwards.

Heanor started the ball, and play became rather exciting. The visitors pressed, and good play was witnessed in front of the home goal. An attack was made, but Ward fisted out, and a foul was given against the home team. Webbe, who took the kick, shot over. The home team then had a turn, the forwards making some excellent passes. Culley made a good attempt, but kicked over. Freestone next had a try, but the ball went just over the cross-bar. The last named in making another attempt was forced to kick out through being hard pressed by Wright. Heanor's forwards again ran down, and Farmer in attempting to clear conceded a corner. Freestone then ran down, but was overtaken by Webbe, who kicked to Culley, the latter returning to Butterworth, who shot wide. The home team kept up the pressure. Farmer made a sharp run down the right, and shot at goal, but the wind carried the ball wide. The visitors were next fouled. Carnelley took the kick, and passed to Butterworth, who shot over. Farmer from the centre kicked wide.

Clever passing amongst the forwards culminated in Start shooting wide. The home forwards kept up the pressure, and forced a corner. Val Smith nicely placed the ball, and after exciting play Freestone scored the first goal. The visitors' forwards from the kick-off ran down, and Ward gave a corner. From the goal-kick the home right ran down, Butterworth shooting over. Half-time arrived with the score:

LOUGHBOROUGH, one;

HEANOR, nil.

On resuming, the visitors had the best of the opening

exchanges, and attacked. but Kent and Spibey saved. The Heanor forwards made several sharp runs down, but on each occasion the home backs relieved in an excellent manner. After a spell of exciting play in front of the visitors' goal, Freestone passed to Carnelley, who headed over. Plackets collided with Thorpe, who had temporarily to leave the field. Butterworth made several attacks, but kicked over. Ten minutes before time the visitors' forwards pressed very hard, and finally the left-half side put the ball through. The home team, after this reverse, fought desperately, and Butterworth kicked to Carnelley, the latter passing to Start, who rushed the ball through. Nothing further of interest occurred, and the home team proved the victors amidst the applause of the spectators. Result:

LOUGHBOROUGH, three goals;

HEANOR, one.

KETTERING v. LOUGHBOROUGH.

At Kettering, before 2,000 spectators. Play was very fast throughout. Panter was the first to score for Kettering, Freestone equalising just before the interval. The pace did not slacken in the second half, Dixon and Freestone making good efforts for their respective sides. Loughborough did the most pressing, and just as time was called Farmer put on a second. Loughborough won by two goals to one.

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ENGLISH CUP.
QUALIFYING TIES.
THIRD ROUND.

LEICESTER FOSSE v. BUXTON.

Played on the Walnut-street Ground, before a number of spectators. At the last moment E. Nuttall took the place of Taylor in the Fosse team. The Buxton team is entirely composed of amateurs. In the first half Buxton, winning the toss, had a strong breeze behind them, and they immediately pressed, Owen having to give a corner in the first minute of the game, as the result of fine wing play by F. and B. Kitchen. Nuttall headed the ball away from the flag kick, but huge kicking by W. Kitchen drove the Fosse back, and after Thraves had thrown away a good shot he was completely beaten in a subsequent bombardment by C. Finney, who scored the first blood for Buxton within five minutes of the kick-off. Roused by the reverse, Fosse bore down on the Buxton stronghold, and Webbe and Lowe with clever over-head kicks were each within an ace of scoring. The ball went behind, and then for a short period Buxton had to play a man short, B. Kitchen being hurt in an encounter with Silvester. Considering the greasy state of the ground, the game was fast, the Fosse evidently being nettled by their early reverse. Making the pace a cracker now, Fosse pressed hotly, Dorrell being freely fed, and getting in several centres. Twice Chappell ran out and kicked away straight shots.

twice Chappell, and then a warm bully was seen in front of goal, Buxton being penalised. The ball was got away, and Harrison and the brothers F. and B. Kitchen attacked the Fosse quarters. Owen cut short their career by kicking over his own line, but the subsequent flag-kick proved of no avail to the visitors. Some fairly equal play of an attractive nature was next witnessed. The Buxton forwards participated in some admirable dribbling, but spoilt their efforts by indifferent shooting at goal. At the other end, in turn, Chappell effected a wonderful save from a fine shot by Slack, who had received a good centre from Dorrell. Next a very pretty bit of passing was exhibited by Goodman, C. Finney, and Harrison, but Nuttall pulled them up eventually, and the ball went behind. Lowe was conspicuous in exceedingly good wing play, but nobody was up to accept his centre, and W. Finney kicked up the field. The invasion was successfully resisted, and Fosse had a turn at the attack, but Webbe shot wide. Then, with most effective combination amongst all the forwards, Buxton seriously threatened the home citadel. Its capitulation, however, was avoided by Thraves. Fosse now pressed considerably, but there was some little hesitation in shooting, and Buxton escaped. A corner conceded by W. Finney looked dangerous for Buxton, "hands" in the goal mouth being allowed, but the "free" was well cleared, and Buxton had a good innings at the other end. Thraves, though, was not seriously put to it, for Bailey and Owen defended splendidly, and eventually a well-contested 45 minutes ended with the score:

BUXTON, one goal;
FOSSE, none.

FOSSE, HOME.

Buxton were first to assume the aggressive after the interval, all their forwards joining in a splendid bout of passing. Beautiful shots were directed at Thraves, but that custodian dealt with them in his customary skilful manner, and so the citadel did not fall as threatened. The Fosse right ran down, and Lowe sent in a wonderfully fine shot, which skimmed across the goal and went behind, whilst a continuance of the pressure enabled Webbe to have a shy, but again the ball just missed its mark. After a brief visit to the other end, Fosse again attacked. Dorrell went along the wing brilliantly, and centred splendidly. Lowe dashed up to put in a well-intentioned header which went over the bar. Buxton were now hard pressed for a time, but the Fosse could not score, the visitors showing brilliant defence. A spell of even play ensued until some clever play by Nuttall and Dorrell enabled the homesters to attack again, but try as they would the Fosse could not register the equalising goal. Once the men on the right seemed to have Chappell's charge absolutely at their mercy, but with the Buxton backs joining in a general melee, the ball was scuffed behind. Goodman and C Finney came down, but were pulled up by Bailey, and then Nuttall and Dorrell put in fine work. Freeman made poor use of Dorrell's centre, and Buxton bore down, with similar unfruitful results. Then a furious bombardment was directed at the Buxton goal. Chappell, however, played superbly, and threw and kicked away everything discharged at him. Then all of a sudden the brothers Kitchen and Harrison broke away, and Owen being at fault, F. Kitchen put Buxton's admirers on good terms with themselves by scoring with a good shot. So far from being dismayed by two goals against them at a late stage of the game, the Fosse players set about their work with increased zest, and to the unbounded delight of their supporters their exertions

unbounded delight of their supporters were rewarded with a well-earned goal, Freeman heading the ball through from a bully in front of goal. This occurred a quarter of an hour from the finish. Signs were not wanting now that most of the players had had enough of it, the heavy state of the ground and the pace of the play being responsible for this. Still the game was carried on with spirit, the Fosse striving all they knew to draw level, and once they had had lines in failing, Webbe missing the mark by only a few inches. Each attacked in turn, and excitement remained at a high pitch to the finish. Eventually the end came, with Buxton in possession of a highly meritorious victory. In combination Buxton excelled. Their forwards played together beautifully, but on the Fosse side there was more individualism. The best team, taken all round, gained the day, though the Fosse were a trifle unlucky—as well as indifferent in marksmanship—in shooting at goal. Result:—

Buxton two goals;

Fosse, one goal.

The teams were as follow:—

Buxton: J. Chappell, goal; W. Kitchen and W. Finney, backs; J. Skidmore, C. Flint, and E. Fletcher, half-backs; S. Goodwin, C. Finney, J. Harrison, F. Kitchen, and B. Kitchen, forwards.

Fosse: Thraves, goal; Owen and Bailey, backs; E. A. Nuttall, Silvester (captain), and Lord, half-backs; Lowe, Webbe, Slack, Freeman, and Dorrell, forwards.

Linesmen, Mr. T. A. Angrave and Mr. G. H. Sutton.

Referee, Mr. A. H. Turner, Long Eaton.

BUXTON v. LOUGHBOROUGH.

Despite a snow covered ground, it was decided by the referee to play a Cup tie. Loughborough showed grand forward play, and at half-time led by three to none. The visitors continued to press almost continuously, and added three more goals. Final result—Loughborough six goals, Buxton none.

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ENGLISH CUP COMPETITION.
QUALIFYING ROUND—REPLAYED TIE.
LOUGHBOROUGH v. BUXTON.
LOUGHBOROUGH STILL WINNING.

The Loughborough team came victorious out of the fifth English Cup Tie in which they have been engaged this season, and are consequently able to join the 31 other clubs which take part in the competition proper, their next opponents being Northwick Victoria. Loughborough have had an eventful career in the part they have played in the qualifying ties, and it may not be out of place to here put a short history before our readers. Loughborough's early stages were fairly easy. They first beat Riddings, and then had to encounter Heanor Town, whom they beat in an exciting game by a narrow majority. Next they had to face Kettering, and then Buxton, who had previously beaten the Fosse, and the Derbyshire amateurs had the choice of ground. The match was played three weeks ago, and ended in an easy victory for Loughborough by six goals to none. The ground, however, was in a fearful condition, though the executive of the home team had had plenty of time and every opportunity of getting it cleared of a thick layer of frozen snow. Buxton lodged a protest with the referee, Mr. West, of Lincoln (who had previously advised Mr. Walter Cockain, the Loughborough secretary, that the ground was fit), and on the matter being reported to the Emergency Committee of the Association the game was ordered to be replayed on or before the 31st December. The 31st happened to be the day fixed for the return Midland League match between Loughborough and the Fosse, and bearing in mind the great amount of interest which was centred in the second meeting of Leicestershire's two crack

clubs, the Loughborough people wished to arrange another date—one, for instance, during the Christmas holidays. Buxton, however, would not listen to this, much to the disgust and indignation of Loughborough, and thus it came about that at considerable inconvenience the Loughborough eleven again visited Buxton last Saturday. It was at first thought that the Loughborough forward combination would be considerably weakened by the absence of Carnelley, who was injured the previous Saturday against Grantham, but he turned up on the field at the last moment, and played a great game. Buxton, too, had made arrangements for a good team to represent them, and P. Shaw, of Cambridge University, took a place at inside left, though Walter Kitchen was away from the back. A good number of confident supporters of the Loughborough team took advantage of a special which was run to Buxton, and the Loughborough Town Band was in attendance, and played a selection of music on the ground. The weather during the week had been very frosty, and this naturally had its effect on the ground, though the surface was in fair condition.

A strong breeze blew almost straight up the ground, and, fortunately, Loughborough, winning the toss, were able to take advantage of this in the first half. On the ball being put into motion, Sharpe at once ran up, but the brothers Finney relieved, and Spibey had to kick out. The Buxton forwards, however, went off with a rush, but shot badly against the wind; and then Carnelley got off, a free for a foul against Buxton placing Loughborough on the aggressive. Pretty play by the favourites ought to have resulted in a scoring point, but Sharpe failed when a good chance presented itself. The game had opened very quietly, but was interesting to watch, as both sides appeared pretty evenly matched, though Loughborough had scarcely got into their stride. Buxton were playing

nically amongst the front rank, but when Loughborough woke up the homesters were clearly outplayed, and seemed to have no chance against their better organized opponents. Sharpe and Carnelley got off capitally, and B. Kitchen had to give a corner in his effort to clear, which Sharpe placed behind. While Loughborough were still maintaining their advantage a foul was given against Buxton (who, as on the occasion when the teams met before, were not slow to take any unfair advantage), but after a bit of quick work in front of goal Sharpe headed over on to the net. A stoppage was next caused by an injury to Harrison, who had to retire, but reappeared on the field after a quarter-of-an-hour's absence. Loughborough pressing, Sharpe shot behind, and then Spibey was applauded for fearless tackling. Another free kick having been given against the homesters close in goal, Plackett sent in a good shot, which Butterworth headed behind. Kent, who so far had not had much to do, put in a magnificent long kick, sending the ball right to the Buxton goal, and Butterworth again headed outside. Sharpe, Start, and Farmer were next conspicuous with good combination, and a shot was directed at Chappell, but that custodian was equal to the emergency, and threw out. Start then had a try, and the ball was only cleared at the expense of a corner, which was also cleared. Loughborough now for some time had the game all to themselves, and their backs got too far up the field, with the result that Buxton were let into their ground, but Spibey succeeded in averting danger. The visitors, of course, received considerable assistance from the strong wind, and continued their aggressive play, Carnelley missing the mark with a ground shot by the merest shave. A minute later, however, enthusiastic cheering greeted Loughborough's first goal, which, curiously enough, was scored by a back, Spibey sending in a well-judged shot which went over Chappell's head

into the net. The applause was redoubled the next minute when the referee gave a penalty kick against the homesters, J.W. Finney having deliberately caught the ball during a mêlée in the Buxton goal. Carnelley took the kick, and getting the ball past Chappell scored a second point. The Buxton goal remained in a state of siege right up to half-time, and several corners were given in saving the many attempts to add to the score. When the interval arrived the score was:—

LOUGHBOROUGH, two goals ;
BUXTON, none.

After a selection of music by the Loughborough band the second half was entered upon, and with Loughborough playing against the wind (which had not dropped in the least) the match still looked good for Buxton, though as events proved they had even less of the play in the second as compared with the first half. Having led off with a rush to the Loughborough end, Buxton were placed on the defensive through nice combination on the part of Sharpe, Start, and Farmer, but Sharpe centred badly, the wind making accuracy in shooting from any distance almost impossible. After a short visit to Ward's end, Carnelley, Farmer, and the left-wing again went away in a row, and Farmer had a shot at goal, which went straight but was carried high by the wind. Spibey gave a free for a foul, which was of no use, and after the Loughborough right had made ground the Buxton forwards returned to the other end, and for the first time in the match Ward was called upon to clear, but the shot was a long one, and went straight to his hands. Still Loughborough proved themselves to be the best team, and the Buxton defence was taxed to the utmost, both Kitchen and Finney finding plenty to occupy their attention. The attack came principally from Butterworth, Carnelley, and Farmer, but Sharpe played a fine game and was well looked after by the opposing backs. Sharpe once sent in a good centre,

and Butterworth kicked across the front of the goal. From a free kick taken by Culley, Sharpe and Farmer made futile attempts to score, and then Chappell had some difficulty with a kick from Carnelley. The Loughborough right and centre worked splendidly together, but once when Burton got up Piackett gave a penalty in front of the Loughborough goal—an effectual damper on the ardour of the spirits of the Loughborough people. The kick was taken by Shaw, who was warmly cheered on kicking over, Loughborough thus luckily escaping. Another bout of grand passing between Butterworth, Carnelley, and Farmer was next witnessed, and the latter sent in a shot which Chappell only just managed to save with his knee. Playing a rushing game Buxton got off, and aided by a free for a foul C. Finney directed a long shot at Ward, who had plenty of time to get rid of the ball, and Loughborough were quickly again in their old posi-

tion. Sharpe executed a good bit of tricky play, taking the ball right down to the Buxton goal, where after a sharp tussle Start rushed it through. The Luffs now held a substantial lead, but did not slacken their efforts in the least, and many brilliant bits of play were forthcoming from Farmer, Carnelley and Butterworth, who were in their best form, Carnelley, in particular giving a splendid exhibition of passing and trickiness. Towards the end Buxton made an expiring effort, and matters looked ominous when Kent fouled a Buxtonian in attempting to clear, but Culley kicked out of danger. The ensuing play was fairly even, though Loughborough always had the pull over their opponents, and were pressing when the whistle blew, leaving the score of a match in which Loughborough proved themselves decidedly superior :

LOUGHBOROUGH, three goals : ————
 BUXTON, none.

The players appeared in this order:—Loughborough: Ward, goal; Spibey and Kent, backs; Smith, Piackett (captain), and Culley, half-backs; Butterworth, Carnelley, Farmer, Start, and Sharpe, forwards. Buxton: T. Chappell, goal; B. Kitchen and W. Finney (captain), backs; J. Skidmore, C. Flint, and S. Goodwin, half-backs; C. Finney, J. Finney, J. Harrison, P. Shaw, and F. Kitchen, forwards. Referee: Mr. Tomlinson (Sheffield).

LOUGHBOROUGH v. NORTHWICH VICTORIA.

A FINE GAME AND NARROW VICTORY.

(By Big Tom.)

They had the football fever bad at Loughborough on Saturday, and all over the little town could be seen evidence of the great Cup match to be played during the afternoon. Reminders of the event in one form or another were flying all over the place, and a goodly number of houses down one street had been converted into places for the sale of tickets, and a merry trade the vendors were driving. Although somewhat young in the football world, from what I saw on Saturday Loughborough are bound to make a big splash soon. The gate arrangements of the afternoon were excellently arranged and managed, and a crowd of from six to seven thousand were passed through without the slightest confusion. Now, for a place numbering only 20,000 inhabitants to draw together a crowd of 6,000 is a record, and inside the ground the arrangements were carried out with the same judgment and management that characterised the work outside and at the gate. On the reserve ground were two good stands well filled, and all round the field a thick layer of clean straw had been laid, while numerous drays, temporary stands, and other contrivances enabled every one in the field to see well and comfortably. Northwich Victoria made the journey overnight, and the teams faced each other as follows:—

LOUGHBOROUGH.—Ward, goal; Spiby and Kent, backs; Smith, Plackett (captain), and Culley, half-backs; Butterworth, Carnelly, Farmer, Start, and Sharpe, forwards.

NORTHWICH VICTORIA.—Gow, goal; Postles and Nisbett, backs; Stanley, Crozier, and Ramsay, half-backs; Drinkwater, Fecitt, Bradshaw, Finnerhan, and Hargreaves, forwards.

Referee: Mr J H Strawson, Lincoln.

Both teams looked well, and were physically well matched, Loughborough holding the balance in weight. From the first kick it would be seen the match was going to be one of the earnest and never-say-die sort, and pell mell went the whole twenty-two into the fun. Playing with a strong wind, Loughborough had the advantage in the opening exchanges, and they were opposed by the most stubborn defence, but some tricky passing by the visitors relieved the pressure. After some genuine football on both sides, Hargreaves, for Northwich, shot through, but was promptly penalised for off-side. Although every inch of the ground was stoutly contested, after twenty minutes' play Loughborough got through, Carnelly, after some rare work among the forwards, making a splendid individual effort, and banging the ball into the net. The goal was well worked for, and fully deserved. Loughborough had considerably the best of the exchanges for some time, but Northwich rallied strongly, and would have scored easily, but both Hargreaves and Finnerhan got into off-side positions, and this robbed them of a certain goal. Bradshaw, in the centre, was working hard and playing a pretty game, and, after missing with a grand

shot only by about two inches, he tried a long one, which Ward fumbled, and the scores were equal, and, although fine football was shown by both teams right up to half-time, no more scoring was accomplished. The home team commenced the second half with great dash and spirit, and North-wich for fully ten minutes were dreadfully hampered the shots flying all around Gow, but the defence came through the pressure and the game opened out. Half an hour of the second half had elapsed before Fecitt, from a pass by the right wing, completely beat Ward and kicked the winning goal. Shortly after Loughborough lost Smith, who was injured, but they pressed hotly with ten men for a time, and the game terminated with North-wich kicking a corner. Both teams played football of really high class, and although there was any amount of spirit and energy displayed, there was little or no roughness, and there would be few better games played in the first round than this one. For the winners, Gow in goal, Postles back, and Bradshaw and Fecitt forward, were the pick; and on the other side Carnelly was decidedly the best man, although every man in the team worked hard and well.

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