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WHITWICK.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.—The first annual athletic sports in connection with the Whitwick football club were held last Saturday in a field in Hall-lane, kindly lent by Mr. R. Sharp. The weather being fine, about 500 people were present. The Whitwick brass band played at intervals under the direction of Mr. A. Needham, and the meeting proved very enjoyable. Programme :—Football match, first round, Whitwick Town No. 1 beat Whitwick Town club No. 2, two goals to one. Coalville Town beat Sheppard's Rovers, three goals to none. Final : Whitwick No. 1 beat Coalville, two points to one.—Handicap flat race, 120 yards, first in each heat to run in the final : Heat 1 : T. Breally, 4 yards, 1 ; J. Williamson, 4 yards, 2 ; J. Baund, 7 yards, 3. Won by 3 yards. Heat 2 : T. Ottey, 2 yards, 1 ; McOugh, 2½ yards, 2 ; W. Moore, 4 yards, 3. Won by a yard. Heat 3 : T. Gocher, 6 yards, 1 ; W. Moore, 5 yards, 2 ; won by 5 yards. Heat 4 : A. Hallam, 4½ yards, 1 ; W. Burgess, 5 yards, 2. Won by 2 yards. Final : Breally 1, Hallam 2, Ottey 3, Gocher 4. A good race. Breally running in good form won easily. Gocher fell half way on Ottey's track, or the result might have been different, as Ottey was running strong.—Handicap flat race, 120 yards, for boys under 15 years : Heat 1 : T. Williamson, 13 years, 2 yards, 1 ; B. Concannon, 9 years, 10 yards, 2 ; W. Beckworth, 8 years, 12 yards, 3 ; won by two yards. Heat 2 : J. Limb, 12 years, 4 yards, 1 ; T. Hallam, 10 years, 8 yards, 2 ; won by six inches. Final : T. Williamson 1, J. Limb 2 good race, won by three yards.—Three-legged race, 120 yards : Heat 1, J. Breally and T. Tivey 1, W. Cutter and T. Garrett 2, T. Hull and J. Williamson 3. Heat 2, W. Moore and J. Middleton 1, J. Williamson and H. Moore 2. Final, W. Moore and J. Middleton 1, J. Breally and T. Tivey 2.—The umpires were Mr. T. Harris and Mr. E. Godfry ; starter, Mr. J. Harley ; handicapper, Mr. R. Devenport ; and honorary treasurer, Mr. J. Brooks.

Leicester Chronicle - 5 September 1885

ANSTY

FOOTBALL – A meeting was held at Crown Inn on Monday evening for the purpose of forming a football club, when the following gentlemen were present, viz. Dr F H Moore, Messrs. W Percival, D Pettifor, George Reeves, T Sleedon, W Mills, George Warren and others. It was decided to form a club, and the following gentlemen were elected officers: - President, Dr F H Moore; vice-president, D Pettifor, Esq.; captain, Mr A Astill; treasurer, Mr George Reeves; secretary, Mr W Mills.

Leicester Chronicle – 12 September 1885

LOUGHBURIANS FOOTBALL CLUB - On Wednesday last, at the Bull's Head Hotel, the annual general meeting of Loughburians' Football Club was held. There was a very good attendance. Mr. W. Wootton was unanimously elected chairman, upon which the treasurer's (Mr. Dexter) report was read, showing that the club had a small balance in hand. The hon. sec. (Mr. R. Bedford) then read his report, which was a very satisfactory one for a first season of a newly formed club. The first team have played twelve matches, of which two have been drawn, four won, and six lost, and they have scored 25 goals, against 27 scored by their opponents. A first-class list of fixtures been arranged for the coming season, and pack of harriers is in process of formation. Sixteen new members were elected, and the following gentlemen were appointed officers for the season 1885-6—Mr. J. B. Colgrove, M.A., president (re-elected); Mr. T. B. Cartwright, vice-president (re-elected); Messrs. W. Wootton (re-elected), F. Simpson, W. Moss, committee; Richard Heated (re-elected), sec.; C. Whitlock, financial secretary; Edward Dexter (re-elected), treasurer; C. H. Gadsby (re-elected), captain; Fred Gibb, vice-captain.

Hinckley News – 3 October 1885

SHEEPSHED

PAROCHIAL MAGAZINE – The Sheepshed Parish Magazine for the month of October contains the following notes:- Church of England Temperance Society Football Club – The record of the season 1884-5: Matches played, 13; won 5; drawn 4; lost 4. The lay for the season has now commenced, and until December will be continued in a field at Iveshead field in Charley Way will be available. The officers are: President, the Rev J W Goodall; vice-presidents Dr Still and Mr H H Gibbs; treasurer, Mr H Freeman; secretary, W Johnson; captain, C Freeman, vice-captain, W Butler; committee, J Smith, G Ladkin, J H Stevenson, J Whitworth and W Adkin.

Hinckley News – 10 October 1885

COUNTRY HOUSE GOSSIP

"The terror of mothers, the dread of the timid, and the joy of athletes"; in these words I heard the game of football described the other day, and it struck me as being exactly suited to the pastime in which so many people engage. Loud is the cry of terror that ascends when one mentions that name in the presence of "maternals", who have much-loved ones at school. A boy at school, one generally finds, when he writes home, gives his mother a glowing account of the match he played in, say, yesterday; occasionally dropping an unmistakable exaggerated hint that he did not quite escape all the rough play, and is in fact, at the present time, hey sort of wounded hero. You must like he thinks, is the only way he is able to show how enjoyable the game is; Home birth mater as all the new group, more often differs from his abuse than not. Football has, of course, altered somewhat in style, if not then actual play, since the time that Tom Brown used to take part in it at Rugby; and serious accidents rarely occur now; hard knocks, as a rule, inseparable from good "forward"; But these are seldom felt at the time, and don't generally turn out to be much afterwards in fact, an old lady's opinion that that at football "men become beasts", is hardly just a fireball. Game like it's a sister cricket, is entirely an English one; and the site a lot of young fellas fall desperately anxious the game possession thank quote Hayden I am speaking for game as played under the rugby union rules causes a good deal of amusement, and often contempt to some of our foreign neighbours. Certainly the hottest of the two -Rugby and Association – is Rugby; the forwards are kept pretty hard at work and it requires a good deal of a stay and energy to play well in the scrimmages. Association which is played more generally - is called by his admirers football in contradistinction from Rugby, the players are allowed to pick up the ball and run with it. The admirer of each game of course has his argument by which he can persuade you that the rules under which he plays are the right ones. There is much to be said for both; but at any rate they are fine pastimes, and are properly appreciated by all lovers of healthy exercise, combined with some fun. Professionalism has not be allowed to make a stand, and the Scottish Football Association have issued an edict to the followers, that none of the clubs

shall employ or play against professionals. This is rather a good thing, as nearly every sport or game has its professional, and it is as well to keep one good old institution - if I may use the word from the troubles and turmoils of men who have their living to get by search amusements. The season is now in full swing, and all clubs have their matches arranged. I only hope for the benefit of the maternals and also for a contradiction to the old lady - that I shall see no appalling accidents fully detailed in the daily papers.

Leicester Journal - 30 October 1885

FOOTBALL.—The Laws of Football may be obtained at the *Chronicle Office, Coleshill,* at 2d. per copy.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - 14 November 1885

LEICESTER FOOTBALL CLUB.—The annual concert in connection with the Leicester Football Club took place at the Museum Lecture Hall last (Wednesday) evening. The programme included the names of a number of well-known local vocalists, and it is almost needless to say that the concert proved most successful and enjoyable. There was a very good attendance. The following was the programme:—Song, "Thou art so near and yet so far," Mr. F. Morley; song, "Masks and Faces," Miss Hincks; song, "Rank and File," Mr. Elton; song, "Home Dreams," Miss Adderly; song, "The Death of Nelson," Mr. A. Page; pianoforte solo, Mr. Stanyon; duet, "O that we two were Maying," Miss Hincks and Mr. A. Page; song, "At Bay" (by request), Mr. H. T. Clarkson; humorous song, "The Nice Old Maid," Mr. Curtis; song, "Good Night, Beloved," Mr. F. Morley; song, "The Kissing Bridge," Miss Adderly; song, "Beyond the Gates," Mr. Elton; song, "Golden Love," Miss Hincks; song, "The Three Beggars," Mr. H. T. Clarkson; recitation, Dr. Bremner; song, "Marion May," Mr. A. Page; humorous song, "The Huntsman," Mr. Curtis. Mr. Stanyon acted as accompanist.

Leicester Chronicle - 14 November 1885

FOOTBALL MATCHES.

* No charge is made for the insertion of reports of football matches, but in order to insure insertion in the *Independent* they must reach our office not later than Monday night. All reports must be legibly written on one side of the paper only.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - 9 January 1886

HINCKLEY TRINITY AND RISING STAR FOOTBALL CLUBS

Sir - Allow me through the columns of your paper to contradict a report that appeared in your last week's issue, under Hinckley intelligence. It is the report of a football match played between Hinckley Trinity and "Rising Star" Football Clubs, and states that the rising star Football club were victors by three goals to one. Now this is quite wrong, and altogether misleading. The fact is this: the match ended in a draw, each side scoring two goals, and

in proof of this I will call your correspondents' attention to the following laws, which, after being considered, will, I hope, leave not a shadow of a doubt as to the consequence of my statements. Law IX provides "that when any player, other than the goal keeper, wilfully stops a ball in the vicinity of his own goal by using his hands when, in the opinion of the umpire, the would have passed through the goal posts, a goal shall be scored to his opponents." This laws was broken by two or three of the Rising Star team using their hands in defence of their goal from a corner kick put in by the Trinity men. Again, law XII, provides, "that in no case shall a goal be scoored from any free kick," and this law was also broken by their claiming their last goal from a free kick. F course we might have argued the points at the time of play, but the disgraceful proceedings necessitated a speedy retreat.

Thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of is, I remain, your obediently,

W EMERY, Capt HTFC

Hinckley News - 13 February 1886

HUGGLESCOTE

ROBIN HOOD FOOTBALL CLUB—On Saturday evening the annual supper of this club was held at Mr. W. Wilkins, the Gate Inn, when about 40 members and friends sat down to an excellent repast, provided by the host and hostess. After supper, in the absence of the president, the Rev. H. E. Broughton, who was not able to attend, the vice-president Mr. T. H. Heward, was voted to the chair, and Mr. W. Tillson to the vice-chair.—After the loyal toasts, the Chairman proposed "Success to the Robin Hood Football Club," and in the course of his remarks said the club was now in a very flourishing condition, there being 48 members on the books and a balance to the good of £4 7s. 6½d., which was chiefly owing to the late successful football contest. The club had experienced many disappointments during the past season, several teams having failed to turn up and play the return matches ; but what were played showed a very great success. Twelve matches were played, of which nine were won, two drawn, and only one lost.—" The health of the Officers" was the next toast proposed. coupled with the name of Mr. L. (Simeon, treasurer, which was heartily drunk, and responded to by Mr. Gimson on behalf of his brother officers, and by Mr. W. Andrews.-- Several other toasts followed, and the proceedings were enlivened at intervals by songs and musical selections by the Hugglescote Brass Band.

Leicester Journal - 30 April 1886

COALVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB DINNER.—The annual dinner of the Coalville Football Club was held at the Fox and Goose Hotel on Tuesday evening last. There was a good attendance, about 40 persons sitting down to an excellent repast provided by Mr. Butler, to whom praise is due, not only for the capital spread, but also for the manner in which all the arrangements were carried out. After the cloth was removed, Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt was unanimously voted to the chair, and Mr. Shepherd to the vice-chair. The loyal toasts having been heartily drunk, Mr. Amos Clarke sang "Little Ben Lee," which was followed by the toast of the "Army and Navy," proposed by Mr. Butler, and acknowledged by Mr. J. Scasebrook. Mr. F. Judge sang "Only a pansy blossom," and after a short interval Mr. Shepherd proposed "Success to the Coalville Football Club," which was received with enthusiasm.—Mr. John Burton, the secretary, in reply, thanked Mr. Shepherd for the kind way in which he had spoken of the club, and presented the report, which showed that of 18 matches played 14 were won, three drawn, and one lost. (Loud cheers.) The number of goals scored by the club was 42, to their opponents' six. They had also competed in a football contest, arranged by the cricket club, and in which some of the best teams in the county had played, and he was pleased to inform them they had succeeded in winning the first prize. Financially the club was in a flourishing condition, the income for the year being £9 10s. 1d., and the expenditure £7 15s. 8d., leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of £1 14s. 5d. (Cheers.)—Song, "Flag of the brave," by Mr. Joseph Burton.—The health of the president and vice-president (Mr. Jas. Jones and Mr. W. D. Stableford), who were unavoidably absent, was then drunk with musical honours.—Mr. F. Peplow sang "The battlefield," and in response to calls of "encore"

gave "The minstrel boy." He was followed by Mr. A. Clarke in "Nancy Lee" and "Say a kind word."—Mr. W. Tivey proposed the health of the visitors, which was responded to by Mr. F. Peplow.—Song, "Charming little Ada," by Mr. Shepherd.—Dr. Burkitt, who was greeted with cheers, said he had been a player of football nearly all his life, and in his opinion there was no English game that could be compared with it. It was a manly and invigorating exercise, and perhaps there was no other game which was so healthy. He had been used to playing under the Rugby rules, and was sorry there was not such a club in that district. Many people looked upon the Rugby game as one in which there was a deal of horse-play and rough work. There was nothing of the kind; indeed, there was less of rough play in the Rugby game than there was sometimes in that played under the Association rules. He hoped there would soon be a Rugby club started in Coalville. He had watched the play of this club during the past season, and was quite convinced that they would make a splendid Rugby team. He was especially pleased with their play during the late football contest. They had to contend with a much stronger and heavier team than their own, but nevertheless they had been victorious. That proved that football was not won by mere brute strength, but required some brain work. They would always find that the more scientifically a team played the greater would be its success. He should do all in his power to forward the game in that neighbourhood, and although he could not wish for a better record than that just read by Mr. Burton, yet he hoped the club would increase both numerically and financially. (Cheers.)—Songs were afterwards sung by Mr. F. Judge, Mr. Peplow, Dr. Burkitt, and Mr. Jos. Burton.—The health of the host and hostess was proposed by Mr. Shepherd.—Mr. Butler suitably responded.—A vote of thanks to the chairman and vice-chairman, both of whom replied, closed the meeting, after a very pleasant evening had been spent.

Loughborough Herald & North Leicestershire Gazette - 20 May 1886

FOOTBALL MATCH [Coalville Athletic Sports Club]—First prize, six silver tankards, value £3 3s. (presented by Mr. J. Jones, vice-president); second, six butter coolers, value £1 10s. (presented by Dr. Houghton).—This event was contested by the Coalville F.C., Castie Donington F.C., Long Eaton Alexandra F.C., and Burton Crusaders F.C. It was decided in two heats, the first being played by the Coalville and Castle Donington teams. The visitors from the first showed that they were masters of the situation, and won by three goals three points to nil, exhibiting excellent form. The second heat also witnessed some good play, and fell to the Long Eaton Club by two goals and three points. The final thus lay between the Long Eaton and Castle Donington teams, and was closely contested. When half-time was called Long Eaton had scored a goal and a point, and in the latter half of the game Castle Donington also secured a goal and a point. Before time was over, however, the Eaton men obtained two more points, and the game was therefore decided in their favour by one goal three points to one goal one point.

Leicester Chronicle - 7 August 1886