



Grantham Minor Cup 1892-93

Winners: Grantham Thursday

Runners-Up: Melton Town

No. of entries: 12

Leicestershire were represented by Melton Town, who overcame Grantham Colts, and Newark Reserves to reach their first-ever final, where they were beaten by Grantham Thursday. On arriving home, the Melton team were met with *"gibs and jeers by their fellow townsmen"*.

Round 1

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
22.10.1892	Grantham Herald	0	10	Newark Swifts	
22.10.1892	Grantham Town Reserve		W	Grantham Rovers Reserve	
19.11.1892	Grantham Wanderers	3	4	Grantham Town (B Team)	
19.11.1892	Lincoln St Andrew's			Lincoln Apprentices	
19.11.1892	Melton Town	14	0	Grantham Rovers Colts	
24.11.1892	Sleaford	0	4	Grantham Thursday	

Round 2

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
14.1.1893	Grantham Rovers Reserve	1	1	Lincoln St Andrew's	At Grantham 200 spectators Very snowy weather – the ground was in wretched condition.
11.2.1893	Newark Swifts Armstrong AN Other	2	3	Melton Town Priestman Berridge AN Other	Over 50 Melton supporters travelled to Grantham.

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Round 2 Replay

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
14.1.1893	Lincoln St Andrew's		W	Grantham Rovers Reserve	

Semi-Finals

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
25.3.1893	Melton Town	1	0	Grantham Rovers Reserve	
9.3.1893	Grantham Thursday	3	0	Grantham Town B Team	Moderate number of spectators.

Final

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
15.4.1893	Grantham Thursday	2 (0)	1 (1)	Melton Town	At Grantham. Large crowd.

Match Reports

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GRANTHAM THURSDAY v. MELTON TOWN

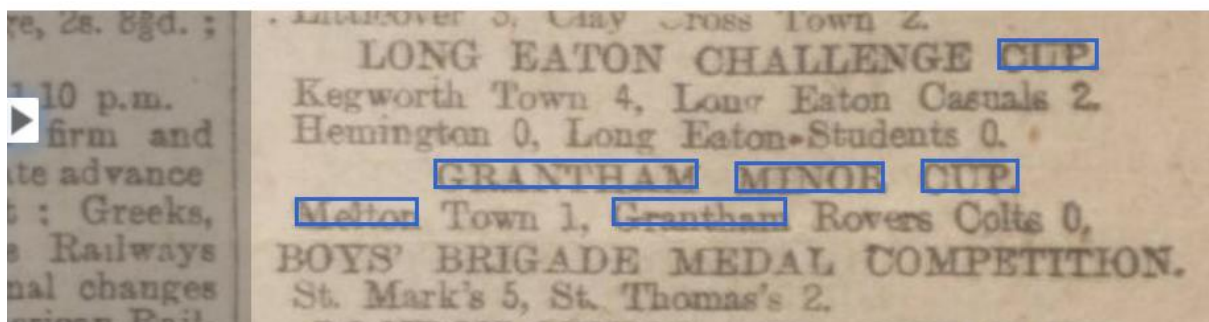
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GRANTHAM MINOR CUP—On Monday the draw for the first round resulted as follows :—
Grantham Town Res. v. **Grantham** Rovers' Res.
Lincoln S. Andrew's v. Lincoln Apprentices.
Melton v. **Grantham** Rovers' Colts.
Sleaford v. **Grantham** Thursday.
Grantham Wanderers v. **Grantham** Town (B team).
Grantham Herald v. Newark Swifts.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES.

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charge for admission to a single lecture is eighteen-pence.

GRANTHAM MINOR CUP ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of this Association was held at the Blue Dog Inn, Watergate, on Tuesday evening last, Mr. H. Keal presiding over a fair attendance of delegates. The minutes of the last meeting were not signed, an unauthorised person having voted on that occasion. It was ordered that the Melton v. Newark match be played at Newark by February 11th. **Lincoln** St. Andrews and the **Grantham** **Rovers** Reserve having tied at **Lincoln** Feb. 11th was the date also selected for them to re-play the match at **Grantham**. The semi-final draw was then made, the dates and ground being left open for the present :—
Melton or Newark v. **Rovers** Reserve or **Lincoln** St. Andrew's.
Grantham Thursday v. **Grantham** B team.

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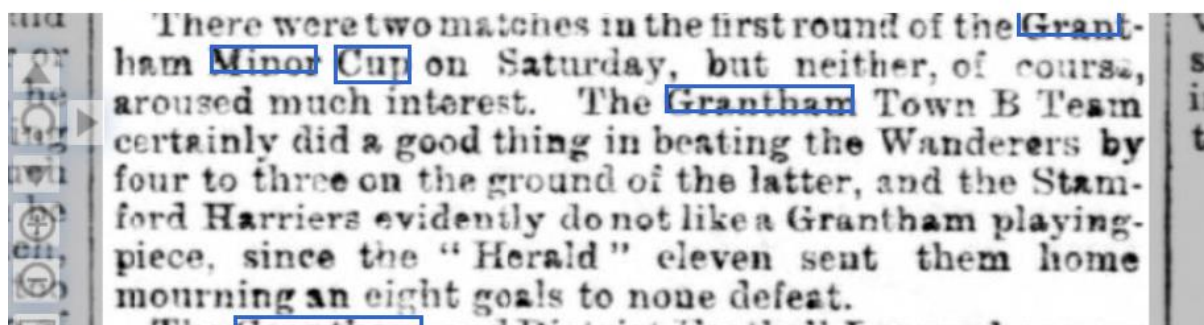
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GRANTHAM MINOR CUP.—**Draws** for the second round : Newark Swifts v. Melton Town ; Lincoln S. Andrew's v. **Grantham** Rovers' Reserve. Byes : **Grantham** B team and **Grantham** Thursday. To be played on or before Jan. 14th.

GRANTHAM ROVERS v. LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Saturday

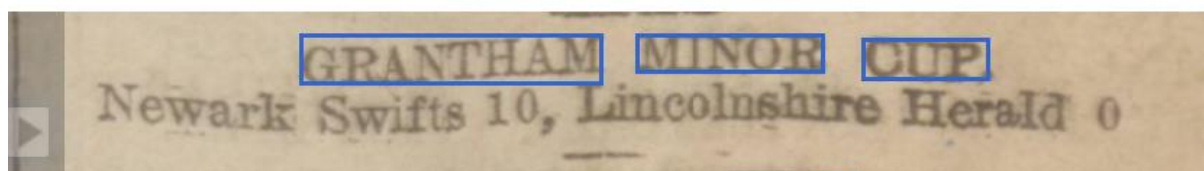
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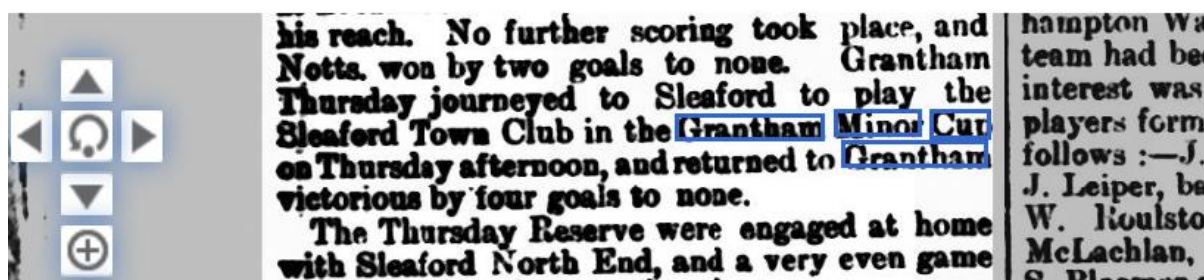
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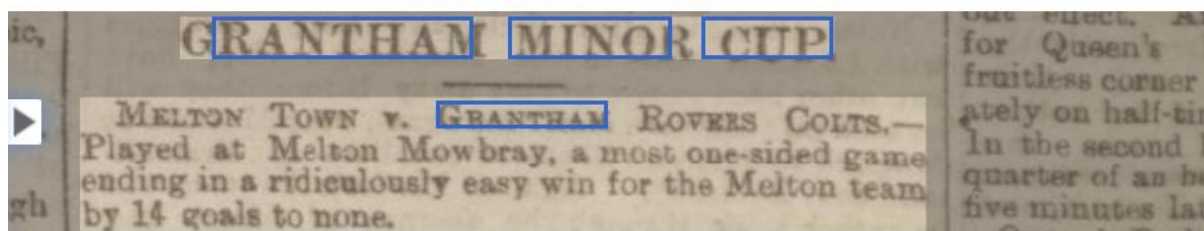
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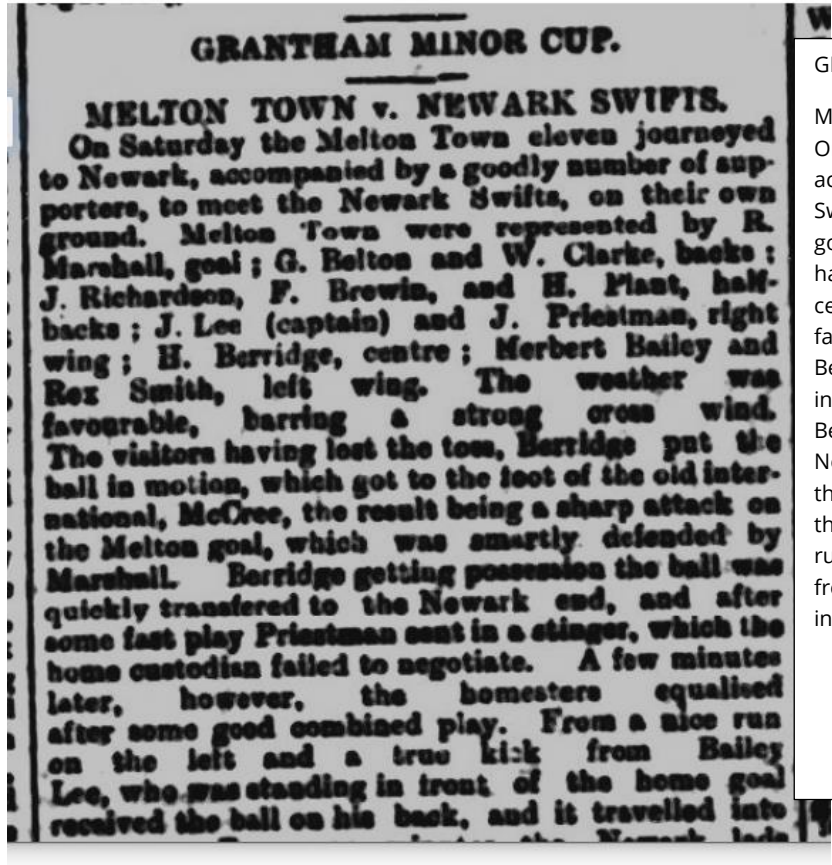
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GRANTHAM MINOR CUP

MELTON TOWN v NEWARK SWIFTS

On Saturday the Melton Town eleven journeyed to Newark, accompanied by a goodly number of supporters, to meet Newark Swifts, n their own ground. Melton were represented by R Marshall, goal; G Bolton ad W Clarke, backs; J Richardson, F Brewin and H Plant, half-backs; J Lee (captain) and J Priestman, right wing; H Berridge, centre; Herbert Bailey and Rex Smith, left wing. The weather was very favourable, barring a strong cross wind. He visitors having lost the toss, Berridge put the ball in motion, which got to the foot of the ld international, McCree, the result was smartly defended by Marshall. Berridge getting possession the ball was quickly transferred to the Newark end, and after some fast play Priestman sent in a stinger, which the home custodian failed to negotiate. A few minutes later, however, the homesters equalised after some good combined play. From a nice run on the left and a true kick from Bailey, Lee who was standing in front of the home goal received the ball on his back, and it travelled into the net.

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