



## News Stories 1893-94

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Fosse – Favourable Prospects for the coming season	<i>Loughborough Herald &amp; North Leicestershire Gazette</i> - 17 August 1893
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Barrow-upon-Soat fixture list 1893-94	<i>Loughborough Herald &amp; North Leicestershire Gazette</i> - Thursday 14 September 1893
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Proposed amateur association	<i>Leicester Daily Post - 2 March 1894</i>
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Football playing in the street	<i>Leicester Daily Mercury - 17 March 1894</i>
New Fosse centre forward	<i>Leicester Chronicle - 14 April 1894</i>
The Depot Leicestershire Regiment FC	<i>Leicester Chronicle - 14 April 1894</i>
Sibley Rangers FC annual supper	<i>Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette -27 April 1894</i>
Melton Town FC meeting	<i>Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - 27 April 1894</i>
Shepshed Town FC	<i>Leicester Chronicle - 28 April 1894</i>
Thurmaston Rovers FC	<i>Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - 20 April 1894</i>
Coalville Town Football Club	<i>Leicester Chronicle - 28 April 1894</i>
Melton Town FC meeting	<i>Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 3 May 1894</i>
Bardon Hill Wanderers FC	<i>Leicester Journal - 4 May 1894</i>
Loughborough Athletic Festival advertisement	<i>Leicester Daily Mercury - 12 May 1894</i>
Earl Shilton FC supper	<i>Hinckley Times - 5 May 1894</i>
Loughborough censured – Midland League	<i>Leicester Daily Mercury - 23 May 1894</i>
Ravenstone Druids FC	<i>Leicester Daily Mercury - 29 May 1894</i>
Leicester Fosse financial statement 1893-94	<i>Leicester Daily Mercury - 29 May 1894</i>
Loughborough FC under a cloud	<i>Leicester Daily Post - 31 May 1894</i>
Leicester Fosse FC – annual meeting	<i>Leicester Daily Mercury - 31 May 1894</i>
Leicestershire FA annual meeting	<i>Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News -31 May 1894</i>
Shepshed signings	<i>Leicester Chronicle - 9 June 1894</i>
Coalville Town FC annual dinner	<i>Coalville Times - 8 June 1894</i>
South Wigston FC general meeting	<i>Leicester Chronicle - 9 June 1894</i>
Ullesthorpe meeting	<i>Leicester Chronicle - 16 June 1894</i>
Hinckley& District Cottage Hospital Charity Cup advertisement	<i>Hinckley Times -16 June 1894</i>
Loughborough FC signings	<i>Leicester Daily Post - 21 June 1894</i>
Fleckney FC meeting	<i>Leicester Chronicle - 23 June 1894</i>
Hinckley Town FC season summary	<i>Hinckley Times - 23 June 1894</i>
Leicestershire cup medals	<i>Leicester Chronicle - 23 June 1894</i>
Shepshed fixtures 1894-95	<i>Leicester Chronicle - 30 June 1894</i>
Moirs Rovers meeting	<i>Leicester Chronicle - 21 July 1894</i>
Woodhouse Eaves Rovers FC meeting	<i>Leicester Chronicle - 28 July 1894</i>

## FAVOURABLE PROSPECTS FOR THE COMING SEASON.

Following the committee meeting of the above club on Monday evening, we have been supplied with the following items of interest: To-day the Fosse Club commence in earnest preparations for the coming season. With the exception of Seymour (who, by-the-bye, is a base-ball champion, and is playing in the final for the Middlesbrough Cup on Saturday) and Hill, who are not in town just now, all the playing members will meet on the Fosse enclosure this evening, and indulge in practice. These practices will be continued in future every Tuesday and Thursday evenings, commencing at six o'clock. Two practice matches will take place before the commencement of the season proper, the first on the 19th of August and the second on the 26th, when, amongst others, the following will take part:—Thraves, Smith, Bailey, Lord, Taylor, Henrys, Miller, Worrell, Slack, Darrell, Priestman, Rickus, May, Gawthorn, and Shaw, the three latter being played as trial reserves. To these matches the public will be admitted free, but only members will be admitted to the stand. Numerous alterations on the ground will be noticeable by the beginning of the season. A new members' stand, with a frontage of 72 feet, will be built; open stands (two-tier) at each goal end, and a long slope bank, full length 4d. side, and twenty feet deep, rising at the back about five feet, and estimated to accommodate 4,000 people, will also attract attention. New exit gates will be placed at the corner of Walnut-street, and a new thoroughfare for the public will be made good by the filling in of the hollow at the end of Filbert-street, which street in future is recommended as much more convenient for the public than Walnut-street. During the summer the ground has been drained, but owing to the exceptionally dry season the committee have had great trouble with

the turf; nevertheless, although not in the best of condition, it is considered to show an improvement. It is expected that quite 800 new members will be enrolled before the commencement of the season, all those elected before the 29th August being entitled to attend the general meeting (as per new rule) on Wednesday, August 30th, in the Co-operative Hall, High-street. The club has been fortunate in getting a bye in the preliminary round of the English Cup, and have arranged to meet Northwich Victoria (conquerors of Loughborough last season in the English Cup proper) on the date of the bye. The committee look forward to a most prosperous season, and believe the present team to be far ahead of any they have yet placed on the football field. Great care has been taken in the selection of the new players. The second team (Rovers) will be greatly improved, and will partake more of an amateur character than in the past, the only professionals signed, with the exception of the first team players, being Davis and De Ville. The committee and officers have been somewhat altered from the last card, as follows:—President and chairman of committee, Mr. Frank Ashwell; vice-president, Mr. J. J. Curtis; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Seddon; hon. secretary, Mr. E. A. Marson, 34, King Richard's-road; hon. financial secretary, Mr. W. J. Cooper, 87, Hinckley-road; committee, Messrs. F. Gardner, J. A. Hartopp, J. Johnson, W. G. Jones, C. W. Kilby, J. Lea, A. T. Porter, T. Warran, T. H. Woolerton. The season (September 2nd) will be opened against Gainsborough Trinity at Leicester. It will be remembered that on the last occasion these clubs met (on the Fosse ground) a most exciting game was witnessed by a very large number of spectators, the home side just winning by one goal. Below are the fixtures, and for the vacant dates no doubt strong teams will be arranged with:—

# FIRST TEAM.

- Sept. 2.—Gainsborough Trinity, Leicester.  
 " 4.—West Bromwich Albion, Leicester.  
 " 9.—\*Burton Wanderers, Leicester.  
 " 16.—Sheffield United, Leicester.  
 " 23.—\*Long Eaton, Leicester.  
 " 25.—Notts. County, Leicester.  
 " 30.—\*Gainsborough Trinity, Gainsborough.  
 Oct. 4.—Northwich Victoria, Leicester.  
 " 7.—\*Loughborough, Loughborough.  
 " 14.—1st Round E.C.C.  
 " 21.—\*Mansfield Town, Leicester.  
 " 28.—  
 Nov. 4.—2nd Round E.C.C.  
 " 11.—  
 " 18.—\*Doncaster Rovers, Leicester.  
 " 25.—3rd Round E.C.C.  
 Dec. 2.—\*Newark, Leicester.  
 " 9.—\*Mansfield Greenhalgh, Leicester.  
 " 16.—\*Grantham Rovers, Grantham.  
 " 23.—\*Grantham Rovers, Leicester.  
 " 26.—Casuals (H. Bailey's benefit), Leicester.  
 " 27.—  
 " 30.—  
 Jan. 6.—\*Loughborough, Leicester.  
 " 13.—\*Gainsborough Trinity, Leicester.  
 " 20.—\*Doncaster Rovers, Leicester.  
 " 27.—1st Round Prof. E.C.  
 Feb. 3.—\*Long Eaton Rangers, Long Eaton.  
 " 10.—  
 " 17.—\*Newark, Newark.  
 " 24.—\*Kettering, Leicester.  
 Mar. 3.—\*Mansfield Greenhalgh, Mansfield.  
 " 10.—\*Burton Wanderers, Burton.  
 " 17.—  
 " 24.—\*Kettering, Kettering.  
 " 26.—  
 " 27.—  
 " 31.—Loughborough, Loughborough.  
 April 7.—\*Mansfield, Mansfield.  
 " 14.—Loughborough, Leicester.  
 " 21.—  
 " 28.—

\*League matches.

## THE LEICESTER FOSSE FOOTBALL CLUB. PREPARATIONS FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

The inspiring cry, "Play up, Fosse!" seems hardly to have died away ere there are unmistakable signs of the approach of another football season. We have left August Bank Holiday behind, and three weeks hence the opening matches in the Association code will have been played. At this particular stage a few items of news about the preparations of the Leicester Fosse F.C. will be read with interest.

### PRACTICE.

On Tuesday night the first practice was engaged in, and this will be succeeded by practices in the evenings of Tuesdays and Thursdays. Next Saturday there will be a test match, when all the first team players, with the exception of Hill and Seymour, will appear. There will also be seen in the field on that occasion several Notts players, who are joining the Fossils in a little practice, notably May, Gawthorne, and Shaw. Webb, Priestman, and Davis will also take part in the practice. On the following Saturday another test match will be played, when Hill and Seymour are expected to put in an appearance.

### THE TEAM.

As our readers have been from time to time posted up in the various changes effected in the first eleven of the Fosse, lengthy comments upon them at this moment are unnecessary. The defence will be again entrusted to Thraves, in goal, and Smith and Bailey, backs, and and it would be difficult to find a worthier trio on the level of the Midland League. Henrys, who soon established himself among the favourites in the few matches he played with the Fosse at the back end of last season, will no doubt again figure in the position of centre half, being supported on his right and left by Lord and Taylor respectively. It will thus be seen that the club almost wholly relies

upon its old blood in the back divisions. It is in the ranks of the attacking party that the alteration will be felt most. Starting from the right there will be Hill, from Middlesbrough Ironopolis; Miller, from the Burton Wanderers, on the inside; Worrall, who opened his connection with the Fosse last season, in the central position; Seymour, a recent addition from Middlesbrough Ironopolis, on the inside left, and Durrell on the outside left. Whilst this order will, we doubt not, be observed in the opening engagements, it does not follow, of course, that the positions thus assigned will be binding. The actual plan of the field depends entirely upon the form shown and the results attained. For example, Seymour is a capital half-back, and, if it became necessary to put the ex-Nop player in the middle division, there is Slack to be placed as a partner with Durrell. Moreover, Slack could, if need be, take centre forward, as he frequently officiated in that capacity for the Fosse last season. Miller is also a good centre, and thus distinguished himself for the Burton Wanderers. It will, therefore, be seen that there is ample scope for the consolidation of the forward rank, and there ought not to be a repetition of the complaints of weakness in that direction next winter. The committee's adoption of a go-ahead policy was imperative if the club is ambitious at all, as we believe it is, and it now remains with the football-loving public to show due appreciation of the arrangements made.

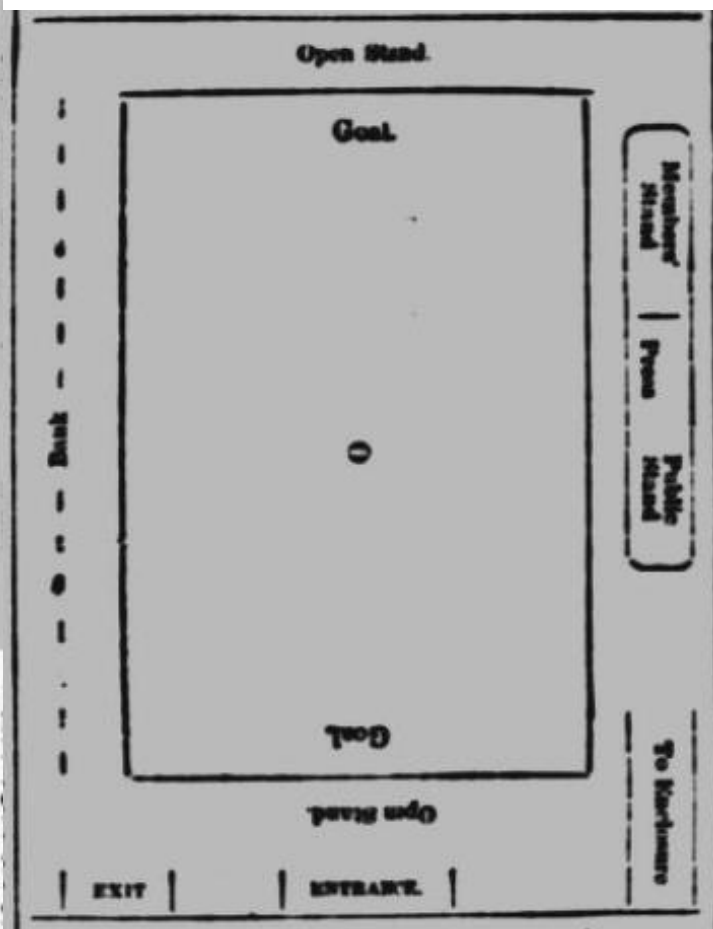
All the men are specially engaged to live in the town, and the committee have spared no pains to obtain players whose moral character is as good as their football reputation. All of them, except Hill and Seymour, will be housed in Leicester by this week end, and the pair excepted will be in attendance at the end of the following week, the whole prepared to get themselves generally fit for the arduous campaign of the winter. We append the positions of the men as they are planned to appear on the field, but it needs be borne in mind that they are subject to re-arrangement:—

Thraves      Bailey  
 Smith      Henry      Taylor  
 Lord      Worrall      Seymour  
 Hill      Miller      or Slack

### O THE GROUND.

It was glaringly evident at certain matches last season that the public accommodation at Walnut-street Ground was inadequate. Visitors to the enclosure on the occasion of the first match on September 2nd will find that extensive improvements have been made on their behalf. At each goal end open stands will be found erected. On the enclosure side there will be a new stand, 72 feet long, for members only, this erection being a continuation of the present public stand at the Gasworks end. A secretary's office will also be recognised as a great convenience. On the opposite side of the ground, an extension and heightening of the banks is expected to afford points of vantage for about 4000 people. There will be special exit gates at the corner of the ground nearest Filbert-street, and, in view of the building operations which are being conducted in Walnut-street, it will probably be found necessary to divert the line of ingress and egress from the latter thoroughfare to the former.

During the summer the ground has been thoroughly drained, and the sunken parts raised, every attention being given to it; the exceptionally dry season has, however, operated against the efforts in this department, and the turf is not in such a satisfactory condition as the committee intended it to be. The following sketch will convey some idea of the ground under the new provisions:—





#### THE SEASON'S PROGRAMME.

The first match of the season will be against Gainsborough Trinity on September 2nd, as already stated. Then follows during the same month several very important and attractive engagements, notably with Sheffield United, West Bromwich Albion, Notts County, and other teams of note. Later on, there is every reason to hope for a match against Northwich Victoria, the conquerors of Loughborough in the English Cup Competition last season, the probable date being October 14th. The London Casuals will be met again at Christmas, and the committee propose to play a very graceful part in this particular game, devoting it to the benefit of Harry Bailey, the left back, who has given such marked satisfaction to the club for several seasons. Bailey is bound to secure a bumper. The following are the Midland League fixtures:—

Sept. 9—	Burton Wanderers	Home
Sept. 23—	Long Eaton Rangers	Home
Sept. 30—	Gainsborough Trinity	Away
Oct. 7—	Loughborough	Away
Oct. 21—	Mansfield Town	Home
Nov. 11—	Grantham Rovers	Away
Nov. 18—	Doncaster	Home
Dec. 2—	Newark	Home
Dec. 9—	Mansfield Greenhalgh's	Home
Dec. 23—	Grantham Rovers	Home
Jan. 6—	Loughborough	Home
Jan. 13—	Gainsborough Trinity	Home
Jan. 20—	Doncaster	Away
Feb. 3—	Long Eaton Rangers	Away
Feb. 17—	Newark	Away
Feb. 24—	Kettering	Home
Mar. 3—	Mansfield Greenhalgh's	Away
Mar. 10—	Burton Wanderers	Away
Mar. 24—	Kettering	Away
April 7—	Mansfield Town	Away

Leicester Journal - Friday 18 August 1893

#### THURSDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

A meeting of the above newly-formed League was held at the White Swan Hotel, Market-place, on Thursday evening. Mr. T. S. Ashmole occupied the chair, and the following delegates were present:—Mr. J. F. T. Hall (Banks), Mr. A. King (Victoria), Mr. E. B. Smithson (Post Office), Mr. Deacon (Cheviot), Sergt. Clover (Leicestershire Depot). The rules drawn up for the government of the League were presented, and with a few alterations were passed. The League fixtures for the coming season were arranged, and the following gentlemen placed upon the League list of referees:—Messrs. A. J. Basford, Banks; J. F. T. Hall, Banks; Quarter-Master Sergt. Lord and Sergt. Clover, Leicestershire Depot; W. Holland and E. B. Smithson, Post Office; J. Hipwell, Victoria; T. Wollerton, Post Office; and T. S. Ashmole, English Football Council.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 19 August 1893

## FOOTBALL IN LOUGHBOROUGH.

### THE FORTHCOMING SEASON.

What promises to be the most fascinating and exciting epoch in the history of Leicestershire Association football will soon be commenced in real earnest. The bat in a few days will be laid aside, and in its place the Association ball will form the chief feature. The question as to which club, Loughborough or the Fosse, will this season obtain the championship of the county has been discussed over and over again. The controversy has caused the committees of each club to be wide-awake in the selection of new players. Loughborough Town were particularly fortunate last year in having a pretty good team throughout the season, but the forward rank was at times very much below the desired standard, consequently some of the old players have had to seek "pastures new." The latest acquisitions of the Town club are Harry Storer, goalkeeper, late of Gainsborough; J. Mellors, outside right, late of Heanor; and W. Storer, centre forward, late of Derby County. It will thus be seen that the changes have not been by any means extensive, but it is expected that one or two more players will sign ere long, so that the composition will be altered occasionally during the season. The accommodation on the Athletic Grounds has also occupied a great deal of attention on the part of the committee, as it was palpable last season that the accommodation, especially at a thoroughly good match, was far from sufficient. The side of the ground at the rear of the houses in Freehold-street will be set apart as a reserved enclosure, for admission to which a small extra charge will be made, and the remainder of the ground will be free of extra charge. The seating accommodation is now

extra charge. The seating accommodation is now receiving attention, but up to the present nothing definite has been decided. A proposal to erect a temporary stand is being discussed, and the general opinion is very favourable to such a course being adopted, as the club would undoubtedly realise a good sum if the price were a popular one. The committee have need to seriously consider the best means of raising the receipts of the club, and secure the comfort of their supporters, so that at the end of the season a good surplus may be announced, instead of a similar statement to that which was issued at the conclusion of the past season. We are assured that enthusiastic supporters will do their best to assist the club, and it is to be hoped that the players and committee will fully appreciate their efforts by doing their best to please them, the former by giving a good account of themselves on the field, and the latter by their judicious selection of the players. Practice commenced last week, but the intense heat prevented the players keeping at it for any length of time. The trainer, Mr. William T. Cockain, is, we are sorry to say, prevented from fulfilling his duties through an accident, but his place is being ably taken by Mr. A. D'Arcy, who occupies a similar position in respect to the Athletic team. Kent, the left full back, is not expected to play in the first two or three matches, neither will Storer, the centre forward, as he will be engaged with a cricketing tour, so that the team for the first match will most likely be as follows:—

H. Storer,                      Coulton,  
Spiby,                      Plackett,  
Mellors, Carnelley, Farmer, Freestone, Sharpe.

The first match of the season is no light matter for the club which plays away from home, and Loughborough, who play Mansfield away, will have to look to their laurels. The Notts. club last season played very good games on their own ground—Loughborough defeating them by only one goal to love—but when visiting, their form was, as a rule, the reverse of satisfactory. Loughborough, although having conquered them at home and away, must not be idle, or certain defeat will befall them, and should this happen the club's history will repeat itself. Loughborough, in addition to having entered for the English Cup, have also joined the Birmingham Association. The officers of the club are as follow: President, J. E. Johnson-Ferguson, Esq., M.P., J.P.; financial secretary, Mr. H. Taylor; general secretary, Mr. Walter Cockain; committee, Messrs. W. A. Thompson (chairman), F. Stapleton, J. King, F. Lowe, T. Orton, T. A. Cotterill, C. Lakin, H. Lockwood, L. Watkin, and E. Brewin. We have been unable to obtain the list of fixtures for this week's issue. A practice match has been arranged to be played this evening between selected teams.



#### WOODGATE BAPTIST F.C.

It was inadvertently stated last week that Mr. H. H. Speight was the secretary of the club formed by the bible class of the Woodgate Baptist Sunday school. The officers of the club are as follows:— Captain, H. H. Speight; vice-captain, L. E. Yeomans; treasurer, F. H. Smith; secretary, Alfred Whatnall.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 24 August 1893*

At a meeting of the Melton Town Football Club on Monday it was decided to join the Leicestershire Senior and Junior and the Grantham Charity Cup Competitions. A smoking concert was arranged for this (Tuesday) evening, when the medals won in the Grantham Minor Cup Competition last year will be presented to the players who took part in the final. The club anticipate a good season and have already arranged some good fixtures.

*Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - Tuesday 29 August 1893*

#### ASHBY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB.

The following list of fixtures in connection with the Ashby Albion Football Club has been arranged. The club is now on a sound basis, and is affiliated with the League. The League team particularly is composed of sturdy athletes. Mr. Walter Brown, King's Head, is president, and Mr. Charles Ratcliff vice-president, with Mr. W. Neal as hon. sec. The first League match will be against Gresley Rovers at Gresley:—

##### LEAGUE TEAM.

1893

- Sept. 9—\*Gresley Rovers, away  
" 16—Coalville East End, away  
" 30—Burton St. Paul's, away  
Oct. 7—\*Woodville, away  
" 14—L.F.A.C.C.C.  
" 21—\*Gresley Swifts, home  
" 28—Coalville East End, home  
Nov. 4—\*Gresley Rovers, home  
" 11—L.F.A.C.C.C.  
" 18—Hugglescote Robin Hoods, away  
" 25—\*Burton Ivanhoe, home  
Dec. 2—\*Swadincote, home  
" 9—L.F.A.C.C.C.  
" 16—\*Coalville Town, away  
" 23—Hugglescote Robin Hoods, home  
" 26—\*Coalville Town, home  
" 30—Shepherd Town, away

1894

- Jan. 6—\*Burton Ivanhoe, away  
" 13—L.F.A.C.C.C.  
" 20—\*Woodville, home  
" 27—Burton Corinthians, home

Feb. 3—\*Gresley Swifts, away  
 „ 10—\*Swadlincote, away  
 „ 17—\*Burton St. Paul's, home  
 „ 24—\*Tutbury, away  
 Mar. 3—Shepshed Town, home  
 „ 10—Coalville Albion, away  
 „ 17—\*Newhall, away  
 „ 23—Burton Midland, home  
 „ 31—\*Newhall, home  
 April 7—Burton Corinthians, away  
 „ 14—\*Tutbury, home  
 „ 21—Burton Midland, away  
 „ 28—Coalville Albion, home  
 \*Signifies League match.

#### RESERVE TEAM.

1893

Sept. 9—Gresley Rovers, home  
 „ 16—Burton St. Paul's, home  
 Oct. 7—Woodville, home  
 „ 21—Gresley Swifts, away  
 „ 28—Gresley Rovers, away  
 Dec. 2—Swadlincote, away  
 „ 16—Coalville Town Swifts, home  
 „ 23—Woodville, away

1894

Jan. 20—Pool Village, away  
 „ 27—Hornington Institute, away  
 Feb. 3—Pool Village, home  
 „ 10—Swadlincote, home  
 „ 17—Burton St. Paul's, away  
 „ 24—Gresley Swifts, home  
 Mar. 3—Coalville Town Swifts, away  
 „ 17—Newhall, home  
 „ 24—Hornington Institute, home  
 „ 28—Ibstock Albion, away  
 „ 31—Newhall, away  
 April 7—Ibstock Albion, home

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 31 August 1893*

#### LEICESTER SWIFTS FOOTBALL CLUB.

An adjourned meeting of this club was held on Tuesday night at headquarters, the Old Horse, London-road, when Messrs. Moore, Neale, and Johnson were elected to serve on the committee in place of Messrs. Smart, Hurlbutt, and Cottingham, resigned. The club will go into training next week in anticipation of their opening match with the St. Matthew's team.

*Leicester Daily Post - Thursday 31 August 1893*

## LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB.

### IMPORTANT ACQUISITIONS.

The Committee of the Loughborough Town Football Club have been busily engaged during the past week, several meetings having been held. At the meeting on Tuesday evening the committee signed two new players, viz., "Golly" Rose and Samuel Mills, late of Derby County. Rose, who is a half-back, was looked upon last season as a reserve man, though engaged on several occasions with the premier team, whilst Mills is an excellent acquisition, being able to play on the right wing either inside or out. He figured in most of the Derby County matches last year, and proved a worthy member of the team. These latest additions will enable the Loughborough Club to put one of, if not the strongest Midland League team in the field during the season, and in case of emergency there will always be a good reserve to draw upon. The supporters of the club are highly delighted at the turn affairs have taken, and most of them appear confident that Loughborough will retain the championship of the county, which they so thoroughly deserve in view of the excellent endeavours they have made to foster Association football in the district. The committee have also under consideration the comfort of the players, and we are pleased to state that baths have been provided in rooms adjoining the grounds, and in the depth of winter the rooms will be warmed with heating apparatus. A

#### TRIAL MATCH

has been arranged for this (Thursday) evening on the Athletic Grounds, when it is expected that every member of the first team (with the exception of W. Storer) will take part. The Loughborough Club have now the following number of signed players for the coming season:—

**GOAL-KEEPER:** Harry Storer.

**BACKS:** Jack Kent, G. Spiby, and C. Coulton.

**HALF-BACKS:** J. W. Plackett, T. Culley, W. Rose, and V. Smith.

**FORWARDS:** J. Mellors, A. Carnolley, S. Mills, W. Storer, O. Farmer, W. Freestone, and W. Sharpe.

The following are the elevens for the trial match this evening:—

**A TEAM:** F. Cockain, goal; G. Spiby and C. Coulton, backs; V. Smith, W. Rose, T. Rose, half-backs; W. Mellors, S. Mills, right wing; A. Carnolley, centre; O. Farmer and W. Sharpe, left wing.

**B TEAM:** H. Storer, goal; R. Gorse and J. Kent, backs; C. Coltman, J. Plackett, and T. Cutler, half-backs; E. Ellis and J. Jackson, right wing; W. Freestone, centre; A. Beetlestone and J. James, left wing.



### ASHBY ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB.

A general meeting of this club was held on Thursday evening at the King's Head, Mr W. Brown presiding over a good attendance. A number of new members were elected, and the meeting considered the selection of teams for Saturday's trial match. After considerable discussion, the teams were chosen as below:

A Team: A. Warrilow, goal; W. Neale, B. Rowbotham, backs; E. Perry, W. Grundy, W. Martin, half-backs; F. Robey, W. H. Stone, right wing; F. Sheavyn, centre; H. Dennis and J. Cox, left wing.

B Team: G. Harpur, goal; J. Slater, A. Grundy, backs; T. Cox, H. Perry, W. Millergill, half-backs; A. Harpur, T. Robey, right wing; A. Dolman, centre; J. Smith and E. Lowe, left wing.

The committee will meet on Monday evening to select the team to battle against Gresley Rovers in the first League engagement on the 9th inst.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - Friday 01 September 1893*

### LEICESTER FOSSE FOOTBALL CLUB.

#### SEPTEMBER MEETING.

With the desire of open co-operation with their members the executive of the Fosse Football Club arranged for a meeting to be held just before the commencement of the season of 1893-4 to discuss football matters in general and the Fosse prospects and standing in particular. The gathering duly came off on Wednesday evening, and the Co-operative Hall, which was utilised for the meeting, was full of eager and enthusiastic followers of the "socket" code of the national winter pastime. Perfect satisfaction was expressed on all hands at the preparations made by the committee to cope with the arduous programme the Fosse people have set themselves to carry out in the ensuing eight months, and an entirely successful season is confidently looked forward to. Mr. Frank Ashwell (president of the club) occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by Messrs. J. J. Curtis (vice-president), E. A. Marson, T. Seddon, F. Gardner, W. J. Jones, A. T. Porter, and T. Warren, while among the audience were most of the well-known Fosse supporters.

In opening the proceedings, the CHAIRMAN said there was no real business to come before them, as they had transacted all the various matters that were necessary at the usual business gathering, so that that meeting would partake more of the character of a social than a business assembly. It seemed only the other day since they had a large meeting in that hall, so that really there was not very much to be said. Still it was evident there were plenty of members who were willing to come to hear about the club and take an interest in their doings, and the committee were most anxious to take all the members into their confidence as far as possible. It seemed at

present more suitable to talk about cricket than football, but he was afraid they could not congratulate themselves on this matter so heartily as they could when talking about the winter game. He thought it would be better if they could introduce a little more enterprise and enthusiasm into the County Cricket Club, but of course the game itself had a great deal to do with the question. They wanted waking up a little in Leicester in the cricket world, and though he did not want to speak in a captious spirit, he thought they should all work to bring that about. Mr. Ashwell went on to offer some criticisms of the way in which the County Club was managed, and also talked about the Warwickshire match. Turning to the subject of the meeting, he said when they compared the Fosse Club with any of the other great clubs in the country they could congratulate themselves on the position they occupied. Up to that night they had enrolled 840 members, and other applications were coming in by every post. It had been hoped they would reach a thousand, and though at one time that scarcely seemed probable, he hoped the number would be reached and passed before the season was very old. This was a striking advance when they considered that last year the paying members only numbered 236. The chairman proceeded to refer at great length to various matters of detail in the club's management. Speaking with reference to members' subscriptions, he said the committee felt they might with great advantage have been fixed at 10s. 6d. instead of 7s. 6d. as now, and that would have been a great benefit to the club financially, and would have paid for the extensive alterations to the ground. He hoped members would again think over the matter at the next meeting, for it depended in a measure



upon the amount of money they had as to the team they played and what sort of a position they took in the football world. Mr. Ashwell next turned to the report that the Fosse had been offered a place in the second division of the League. He said they hoped to be in the Second League next year, though they could not enter it for the forthcoming season. There was certainly some rumour about the Second League being broken up shortly, but there was little doubt if that did happen they would join whatever combination was formed in its place. If they did connect themselves with a higher combination they would want considerably more money, as the travelling expenses would be greater, and the whole concern would be on a larger scale, but they must not mind paying a little more to see better football. The committee had had a lot to do since the last meeting, but they were getting on well together, and he saw no reason why they should not go through this season as pleasantly as they did the last. Next the speaker referred minutely to the ground accommodation, and gave lengthy details of the alterations that had been accomplished, and the extended conveniences that would be provided. As to the ground itself, he must confess they had been disappointed. The dry summer had left the turf perhaps even worse than it was when the last season was finished. They had had many discussions in committee about it, but they would have to do the best they could. Early in the close season they set to work to have the ground properly drained—a work which, though expensive, was quite necessary—and if they had some rain an improvement might take place. Reverting again to the Second Division question, Mr. Ashwell said at the meeting of the Midland League the Fosse promised that they would not leave the League this season, having made up their minds to keep in it for

another season at least, and they felt honourably bound to keep to their decision for the ensuing season. He could promise, however, that next year they would endeavour to get into the second division. The insurance of the players had not worked satisfactorily, the restrictions being too great, so they had decided not in future to insure their footballers, but instead help their injured players from a fund raised for the purpose. Touching next on the players themselves, the president said it had been a great temptation to the committee to "plunge." They had had many offers from well-known men, and the only drawback was that they could not pay the high wages required. He thought, however, they had a sufficiently good team to win most of their League matches, though he quite expected they would lose some of them. That was about as much as they could expect. They would win other matches, but their main aim would be to get to the top of the League. They were, of course, most anxious to advance well into the English Cup Competition, and from the draw this appeared likely. It was probable that the fight in this instance would be with Loughborough, whom he thought they had a good chance of beating. The individual players were referred to by Mr. Ashwell in turn, and he mentioned that Shaw, alias "Archer," had been signed on, and that Henrys had been selected as captain of the team for the first few matches. If any of the men failed them they had plenty of good reserves to draw upon. Of the second team Rickus and Sweeney had both signed, and he hoped that under the supervision of Mr. Gardner the Rovers would win a large number of their matches. He had before him a statement of the Fosse Sports, from which it appeared that the total receipts had been £383 3s. 11d., and the expenditure, including a two-guinea donation to the Infirmary Sports fund, amounted to £277 18s. 7d., leaving a very acceptable balance to hand over to the club of £105 5s. 4d., while they had also in hand for future use £10 worth of fixtures, &c. The president's remarks, which were frequently applauded, were brought to a conclusion with best wishes for the club's prosperity.

Councillor HUDSON, while congratulating the club upon the favourable prospects for the coming season, thought they would make a mistake if the subscription was raised to 10s. 6d., for they wanted to attract the people, and would not do that by imposing a large entry fee. He also hoped the players would not be shifted about as they were last season, but that the Selection Committee would give the men a good opportunity of working themselves into the team.

Mr. F. GARDNER put in a word for the Rovers team. He said altogether they had 17 professionals signed, and as they had a number of good amateurs there was no lack of talent. They had entered for the Kettering and Leicestershire Cups, and were looking forward to a successful season.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

## ASHBY IVANHOE FOOTBALL CLUB.

### LIST OF MATCHES FOR 1893-4.

Sept. 16.—Ibstock Baptist, away.  
 " 20.—Moirs Rovers, home.  
 Oct. 7.—Burton St. Margaret's, away.  
 " 14.—Thringstone Ivanhoe, home.  
 " 21.—Swannington Rovers, home.  
 " 28.—Griffydham Swifts, away.  
 Nov. 4.—Moirs Rovers, away.  
 " 11.—Swannington Rovers, away.  
 " 18.—Heather Rovers, home.  
 " 25.—Overseal Town, away.  
 Dec. 2.—Ellistown Rovers, away.  
 " 9.—Overseal Swifts, home.  
 " 16.—Ibstock Baptist, home.  
 " 23.—Overseal Town, home.  
 " 30.—Thringstone Ivanhoe, away.  
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 Jan. 1.—Derby Wanderers, away.  
 " 13.—Whitwick Robin Hoods, away.  
 " 20.—Burton St. Margaret's, home.  
 Feb. 3.—Overseal Swifts, away.  
 " 10.—Whitwick Robin Hoods, home.  
 March 3.—Griffydham Swifts, home.  
 " 17.—Heather Rovers, away.  
 " 24.—Ellistown Rovers, home.

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## THE Y.M.C.A. FOOTBALL CLUB.

This rising amateur team enter upon the season's list of engagements with some of the best clubs in the Midlands, with every prospect of success. The Belgrave-road Grounds have been taken, and thus great financial responsibilities rest upon the committee, but realising the fact that they have a great number of friends and supporters they have no fear that the expenses will fail to be fully met. Evidently the club's reputation has reached far and wide, as will be seen by the fixtures below. Kettering Town, Notts. Forest Swifts, Rushden, Finedon, Wellingborough Grammar School, Wellingborough Town, and other well-known clubs have given dates. Fortunately, few only of last year's players have left the team, therefore, with good men who have joined, the club will be even stronger than last season. H. Tyler will appear once more as captain, on the right wing.

September 9th.—Melton, away.  
 September 16th.—Shepshed, away.  
 September 23rd.—Kettering, away.  
 September 30th.—Fosse Rovers, away.  
 Oct. 7th.—Rushden, home.  
 Oct. 14th.—Kettering Hawks, home.  
 Oct. 21st.—Finedon, away.  
 Oct. 28th.—Wellingborough Grammar School,  
                   home.  
 Nov. 4th.—Rushden, away.  
 Nov. 11th.—Notts. Forest Swifts, away.  
 Nov. 18th.—Wellingborough Grammar School,  
                   away.  
 Nov. 25th.—Open.  
 Dec. 2nd.—Fosse Rovers, home.  
 Dec. 9th.—Open.  
 Dec. 16th.—Finedon, home.  
 Dec. 23rd.—Wellingborough Town, away.  
 Dec. 30th.—Loughborough Athletic, away.  
 Jan. 6th.—Hinckley, home.  
 Jan. 13th.—Shepshed, home.  
 Jan. 20th.—Coventry Singers, away.  
 Jan. 27th.—Market Harborough, home.  
 Feb. 3rd.—Kegworth St. Andrew's, away.  
 Feb. 10th.—Notts. Forest Swifts, home.  
 Feb. 17th.—Wellingborough Town, home.  
 Feb. 24th.—Hinckley, away.  
 March 3rd.—Loughborough Athletic, home.  
 March 10th.—Kettering Hawks, away.  
 March 17th.—Melton, home.  
 March 24th.—Open.  
 March 31st.—Open.  
 April 7th.—Market Harborough, away.  
 April 9th.—Kettering, home.  
 April 14th.—Open.  
 April 21st.—Kegworth St. Andrew's, home.  
 April 28th.—Coventry Singers, home.



## HEMINGTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB.

On Saturday a general meeting of this club was held. There was a very good attendance, and upwards of thirty members were enrolled. The following were elected for the ensuing season: Mr. H. Harper Crowe, president; Mr. E. Finney, permanent chairman; H. Hickingbottom, captain; A. White, vice-captain; A. Gee, honorary secretary; committee, A. Williamson, T. Chall, W. Bywater, A. Whieldon, J. White, Jasper Dakin; gate-men, T. White, G. Driver, and J. Dakin; Association referee, Mr. W. Bywater; delegate to Association, Mr. A. Gee. The fixtures are as follow:

Sept. 16.—Tanby, home.  
Sept. 23.—Loughborough Athletic, home.  
Sept. 30.—Long Eaton D.R., away.  
Oct. 7.—Beeston, home.  
Oct. 14.—First round Junior Cup, Castle Donington, home.  
Oct. 21.—Kegworth St. Andrew's, home.  
Oct. 28.—Castle Donington, away.  
Nov. 25.—Shepshed Town, home.  
Dec. 2.—Long Eaton United, away.  
Dec. 16.—Coalville Albion, home.  
Dec. 25.—Loughborough Athletic, away.  
Dec. 30.—Long Eaton Derby-road, home.  
Jan. 6.—Kegworth St. Andrew's, away.  
Jan. 13.—Long Eaton St. James, away.  
Jan. 27.—Beeston, away.  
Feb. 3.—Sawley, away.  
Feb. 10.—Hugglescote, home.  
Feb. 17.—Shepshed Town, away.  
Feb. 24.—Long Eaton United, home.  
March 3.—Coalville Albion, away.  
March 10.—Ilkeston Alliance, home.  
March 17.—Long Eaton St. James, away.  
March 24.—Hugglescote, away.  
April 7.—Ilkeston Alliance, away.

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## CASTLE DONINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

This club, which commenced the season last Saturday, has for its president the rector, the Rev. J. C. Roney-Dougal, and the following are the vice-presidents, Messrs. J. G. Shields (Isley Walton), W. S. Eaton, C.C. (Cavendish Bridge), J. Simpson, L. Stevenson, H. H. Sanford, G. T. Eaton, A. Dalley, G. Welch, E. Baguley, Dr. Fletcher, and Dr. Butler. Mr. Fredk. Rowstone is the treasurer, and Mr. J. H. Lambert honorary secretary. Appended is a list of the fixtures.

Sept. 16.—Coalville Albion, home.  
 Sept. 23.—Shepshed Town, home.  
 Sept. 30.—Gedling Grove, home.  
 Oct. 7.—Melbourne Town, home.  
 Oct. 14.—Shepshed Town, away.  
 Oct. 28.—Hemington United, home.  
 Nov. 4.—Long Eaton St. James', home.  
 Nov. 11.—Kegworth St. Andrew's, home.  
 Nov. 18.—Long Eaton St. James', away.  
 Nov. 25.—Long Eaton D.-road Swifts, away.  
 Dec. 2.—Sileby Rangers, home.  
 Dec. 9.—Coalville Albion, away.  
 Dec. 16.—Melbourne Town, away.  
 Dec. 30.—Kegworth Town, away.  
 Jan. 6.—Sileby Rangers, away.  
 Jan. 13.—Kegworth Town, home.  
 Jan. 20.—Ockbrook and Borrowash, home.  
 Jan. 27.—Ockbrook and Borrowash, away.  
 Feb. 3.—Long Eaton D.-road Swifts, home.  
 Feb. 10.—Hugglescote Robin Hoods, away.  
 Feb. 17.—Kegworth St. Andrew's, away.  
 March 3.—Barrow Rising Star, away.  
 March 10.—Long Eaton United, home.  
 March 17.—Hugglescote Robin Hoods, home.  
 March 24.—Long Eaton United.  
 March 31.—Hemington United.  
 April 7.—Barrow Rising Star,  
 April 28.—Leicester Fosse Rovers,

### **BARROW-ON-SOAR RISING STAR F.C.**

The following are the fixtures of this club for the present season:—

Sept. 16.—Leicester Wanderers, away.  
Sept. 23.—Shepshed Town, home.  
Sept. 30.—Sileby Rangers, away.  
Oct. 7.—Shepshed Town, away.  
Oct. 14.—First round Junior Cup, Shepshed, away.  
Oct. 21.—South Wigston, home.  
Oct. 28.—Shepshed Church of England, home.  
Nov. 4.—Belgrave St. Peter's, away.  
Nov. 11.—Loughborough Victoria, home.  
      —Shepshed Church of England, away.  
Nov. 25.—Quorn Havelock, home.  
Dec. 2.—South Wigston, away.  
Dec. 9.—Belgrave St. Peter's, home.  
Dec. 16.—Leicester Hornets, home.  
Dec. 23.—Loughborough Victoria, away.  
Dec. 26.—Shepshed Town, home.  
Jan. 13.—Kegworth St. Andrew's, home.  
Jan. 20.—Leicester Hornets, away.  
Jan. 27.—Sileby Rangers, home.  
Feb. 3.—Kegworth Town, away.  
Feb. 10.—Open.  
Feb. 17.—Leicester Excelsior, home.  
Feb. 24.—Quorn Havelock, away.  
March 3.—Castle Donington, home.  
March 10.—Kegworth St. Andrew's, away.  
March 17.—Open.  
March 24.—Leicester Excelsior, away.  
March 31.—Kegworth Town, home.  
April 7.—Castle Donington, away.

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### **ACCIDENTS IN THE FOOTBALL FIELD.**

#### **A HINCKLEY MAN INJURED.**

During a game on Saturday between the St. Nicholas and Wesleyan teams, at Nuneaton, a player named Randle had his leg broken in two places; whilst a match—Stockingford v. Hinckley—was stopped owing to a Hinckley man getting his collar-bone broken. -

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## MARKET HARBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB.

The following is a complete list of the fixtures for the season 1893-4:—

### A TEAM.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Against.</i>	<i>Where played.</i>
Sept. 30.—	Desborough Unity ...	away
Oct. 7.—	Northampton S. Peters ...	home
Oct. 14.—	Wellingboro' Grammar School ..	away
Oct. 21.—	Rugby Gerontes ...	home
Oct. 28.—	Kettering Hawks ...	away
Nov. 4.—	Kettering Crusaders ...	home
Nov. 11.—	Uppingham ...	away
Nov. 18.—	Melton Town... ..	home
Nov. 25.—	Wellingborough Town ...	away
Dec. 2.—	Desborough Unity ..	home
Dec. 9.—	Leicester Fosse Rovers ..	home
Dec. 16.—	Kettering Church Institute ...	away
Dec. 30.—	Kettering Crusaders ...	away
Jan. 6.—	Uppingham ..	home
Jan. 13.—	Burton Latimer ...	home
Jan. 20.—	Kettering B Team ..	away
Jan. 27.—	Leicester Y.M.C.A. ...	away
Feb. 3.—	Kettering Hawks ..	home
Feb. 10.—	Burton Latimer ...	away
Feb. 17.—	Wellingboro' Grammar School... ..	home
Feb. 24.—	Melton Town... ..	away
Mar. 3.—	Kettering Church Institute ...	home
Mar. 17.—	Kettering B Team ...	home
Mar. 24.—	Northampton S. Peter's ..	away
Apl. 7.—	Leicester Y.M.C.A. ..	home

### B TEAM.

Sept. 30.—	Burton Latimer Temperance ...	home
Oct. 7.—	Rothwell Swifts ...	away
Oct. 14.—	Kibworth ..	home
Oct. 21.—	Desborough Albions ...	away
Oct. 28.—	North Kilworth ..	home
Nov. 4.—	Wellingborough Reserves ...	away
Nov. 11.—	Welford ...	home
Nov. 18.—	Rothwell Town ..	away
Nov. 25.—	Wellingborough Reserves ...	home
Dec. 2.—	Kettering St. Edwards' ...	away
Dec. 9.—	Kettering Crusaders' Reserves ...	away
Dec. 16.—	Desborough Unity Reserves ...	home
Dec. 23.—	Leicester Ivanhoe Swifts ..	home
Dec. 30.—	Rothwell Town ...	home
Jan. 6.—	North Kilworth ...	away
Jan. 13.—	Desborough Unity Reserves ...	away
Jan. 20.—	Desborough Albions... ..	home
Jan. 27.—	Kettering Crusaders' Reserves ..	home
Feb. 3.—	Kibworth ...	away
Feb. 10.—	Rothwell Swifts ...	home
Feb. 17.—	Burton Latimer Temperance ...	away
Feb. 24.—	Kettering St. Edward's ..	home
Mar. 3.—	Welford ...	away
Mar. 10.—	Kettering Fuller Institute ...	home
Mar. 17.—	Kettering Fuller Institute ..	away

### THURSDAY TEAM.

Sept. 28.—	Leicester Banks ...	home
Oct. 12.—	Kettering Church Institute ...	away
Oct. 26.—	Northampton Banks ...	away
Nov. 16.—	Leicester Victoria ...	home
Nov. 23.—	Leicester Post Office ...	away
Dec. 7.—	Kettering Thursday ...	away
Dec. 28.—	Kettering Church Institute ...	home
Jan. 4.—	Leicester Post Office ..	home
Jan. 11.—	Leicester Victoria ...	away
Jan. 25.—	Kettering Thursday ...	home
Feb. 8.—	Leicester Banks ...	away
Mar. 1.—	Northampton Banks ...	home

**COALVILLE AND DISTRICT  
CHARITY FOOTBALL CUP  
COMPETITION.**

**APPLICATIONS for Entrance to the above should  
be sent in before September 30th to  
J. S. BERTENSHAW,  
Hon. Sec.,  
London Road, Coalville.**

*Coalville Times - Friday 29 September 1893*

**A FOOTBALLER'S FUNERAL.**—An unusual spectacle was witnessed in Leicester on Thursday afternoon. The funeral cortège of a young man who was a member of a well-known local football club passed through the streets about two o'clock, and excited considerable curiosity, the bearers who walked on each side of the car containing the coffin being clad in full football attire—black jerseys, white knickers, football boots, but no hats. On the coffin was placed a football.

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## Football Fixtures, 1893-4.

### COALVILLE TOWN F.C.

Secretary : Mr. S. Boot, Berrisford Street, Coalville.

Oct 14—1st round of English Cup, Stourbridge,  
away

Oct 21—L. Gresley Rovers, away

Oct 28—L. Woodville, away

Nov 4—2nd round of Leicestershire Cup

Nov 11—1st round of Walsall Cup

Nov 18—1st round of Coalville Cup

Nov 25—L. Gresley Rovers, home

Dec 2—L. Burton St. Paul's, home

Dec 9—L. Swadlincote Town, away

Dec 16—L. Ashby, home

Dec 23—Shepshed, home

Dec 26—L. Ashby, away

Dec 30—2nd round of Coalville Cup

Jan 6—Hugglescote Robin Hood's, away

Jan 13—L. Burton St. Paul's, away

Jan 20—3rd round of Leicestershire Cup

Jan 27—3rd round of Coalville Cup, or Shepshed,  
away

Feb 3—Hugglescote Robin Hood's, home

Feb 10—L. Newhall, home

Feb 17—L. Newhall, away

Feb 24—Semi-final, Coalville Cup

Mar 3—L. Burton Ivanhoe, away

Mar 10—Semi-final Coalville Cup

Mar 24—L. Gresley Swifts, away

Apr 7—L. Tutbury Hawthorn, home

Teams with L. prefixed are Burton League fixtures

### HUGGLESCOTE ROBIN HOOD F.C.

Secretaries: Messrs. Joseph Armson and James Taylor, Leicester Road, Hugglescote.

Oct 21—Hinckley Town, home  
Oct 28—Shepshed Town, away  
Nov 11—Burton Athletic, away  
Nov 18—Ast.by Albions, home  
Nov 25—Loughborough Swifts, away  
Dec 2—Gresley Rovers, away  
Dec 9—Shepshed Town, home  
Dec 16—Gresley Swifts, home  
Dec 23—Ashby Albions, away  
Dec 26—Rev. H. E. Broughton's XI, home  
Dec 30—Fosse Rovers, home  
Jan 6—Coalville Town, home  
Jan 13—Gresley Swifts, away  
Jan 27—Melbourne Town, home  
Feb 3—Coalville Town, away  
Feb 10—Castle Donington, home  
Feb 17—Fosse Rovers, away  
Feb 24—Loughborough Athletic, away  
Mar 3—Loughborough Swifts, home  
Mar 10—Gresley Rovers, home  
Mar 17—Castle Donington, away  
Mar 24—Woodville Town, away  
Mar 31—Coalville Albions, home  
Apr 7—Woodville Town, home  
Apr 14—Melbourne Town, away

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### RESERVES (ST. JOHN'S) FIXTURES.

Oct 14—Lennard Bros., Leicester, away  
Oct 21—Quorn (Shield), home  
Oct 28—Thornborough Rovers, away  
Nov 4—Ashby Albions, home  
Nov 11—Shepshed Church of England, home  
Nov 18—Ashby Albions, away  
Nov 25—Swannington Robin Hoods, home  
Dec 2—Gresley Rovers Reserves, home  
Dec 16—Coalville East End, away  
Dec 23—Measham Wanderers, away  
Dec 26—Rev. H. E. Broughton's XI, home  
Dec 30—Thornborough Rovers, home  
Jan 6—Swannington Robin Hoods, away  
Jan 13—Lennard Bros., Leicester, home  
Jan 20—Barwell Swifts, away  
Jan 27—Woodville Boundary Albions, away  
Feb 10—Ibstock Albions, away  
Feb 17—Earl Shilton Excelsior, home  
Feb 24—Measham Wanderers, home  
Mar 3—Shepshed Church of England, away  
Mar 10—Gresley Rovers Reserves, away  
Mar 17—Hinckley Town Reserves, away  
Mar 24—Ibstock Albions, home  
Apr 7—Earl Shilton Excelsior, away  
Apr 14—Barwell Swifts, home

### HUGGLESCOTE VICTORIA F.C.

Secretary : Mr. James Sharpe, Forest Road,  
Hugglescote.

Oct 14—Ellistown Rovers Reserve, home  
Oct 21—Whitwick Victorias, home  
Oct 28—Coalville Athletic, away  
Nov 11—Thornborough Rovers Reserve, home  
Nov 18—Moirs Rovers Reserve, home  
Nov 25—Ibstock Albion Reserve, home  
Feb 3—Moirs Rovers Reserve, away  
Mar 3—Ibstock Albion Reserves, away

### To Secretaries of Football Clubs.

We shall be glad to receive lists of fixtures from  
club secretaries for publication.

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### LEICESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

#### CUP DRAWS.

A meeting of the Leicestershire Football Association was held on Tuesday evening at the Robin Hood Hotel, Gallowtree-gate, for the purpose of transacting the ordinary business of the association and making the draws for the next round of the senior and junior challenge cups. Mr. Allan Lovell occupied the chair, and the following delegates were in attendance :— Messrs. T. Cartwright (Y.M.C.A.), H. Curtis (Belgrave St. Michael's), Förster (Earl Shilton Town), Ferguson (Leicester Victoria), Powers (Barwell Swifts), Moore (Coalville East End), Wesley (St. Saviour's Athletic), Newberry (Newby-street), Cooper (Syston Swifts), Lock (Melton Victoria), Walker (Belgrave St. Peter's), Waring (Shepshed Church of England), Jordan (St. Mary's Swifts), Armonson (Hugglescote Robin Hoods), Lee (Ellistown Wanderers), Weston (South Wigston), Carter (Earl Shilton Excelsior), Padburn (St. Paul's Victor), Neale (Ashby Albion), Jones (Oxford Rovers), Pegg (Whitwick Town), Gilmore (Craven), Stapleton (Loughborough Town), Pears (Excelsior), Hawkins (Hinckley), Marson (Leicester Fosse), Johns (Melton), Woolley (Kegworth Town), Bailey (Woodhouse), Lambert (Castle Donington), Burton (Stanford Choir), Starbuck (Measham Wanderers), Gee (Hemington), White (Enderby), Thompson (Hathern), James (Barrow-on-Soar), Utting (Kegworth St. Andrew's), Sampson (Wanderers), and T. S. Ashmole (hon. sec.)

The draw for the semi-final ties of the senior cup resulted as follows :—

Fosse Rovers v. Loughborough Athletic, at Barrow-on-Soar, January 27th. Referee, Mr. T. S. Ashmole.

Melton Town v. Shepshed Town, at Kegworth, February 10th. Referee, Mr. A. Lovell.

The draw for the fourth round of the junior cup came as follows :—

Castle Donington v. Belgrave St. Michael's.

Coalville East End v. Barrow or Kegworth.

Earl Shilton Town and Leicester Excelsior byes.

Shepshed Church of England club lodged a protest against the match they played against Hugglescote Robin Hoods in the shield competition on the ground that short time had been played.—The match was ordered to be re-played.—The match Barrow-on-Soar v. Kegworth was ordered to be played at Kegworth next Saturday. — It was ruled that players winning the challenge shield one year should afterwards be debarred from again taking part in the same competition.—Griffydam Swifts were fined 12s. for failing to keep their engagement at Measham, and a similar sum for nonfulfilment of a fixture at Ellistown.—The Shepshed Club were ordered to pay an account for hire of brake for a match at Kegworth last season.—Two appeals, one from Hemington and the other from the Kegworth Club, against the decision of the Emergency Committee, were not upheld.—An application from the Woodville Club for a benefit match for one of their players who had been injured in a match was favourably considered.—This was all the business of public interest.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 25 November 1893

A largely attended meeting of delegates to the Leicestershire Football Association was held in Leicester on Tuesday evening, Mr. A. Lovell occupying the chair, and representatives from a large number of clubs being also present. The draws for the cup competitions of the association were as follows: Senior Cup—Semi-finals: Leicester Fosse Rovers *v.* Loughborough Athletic, at Barrow-on-Soar, on January 27; Melton Town *v.* Shepshed Town, at Kegworth, on February 10. Junior Cup: Fourth round: Castle Donington *v.* Belgrave St. Michaels; Coalville East End *v.* Barrow or Kegworth; Earl Shilton Town and Leicester Excelsior, byes. A number of appeals and protests were considered. It was ruled that the players winning the challenge shield one year should be debarred from again competing for it.

*Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - Tuesday 28 November 1893*

The Loughborough Football Club did a wise thing when they elected the member for this division as their president. Not only has Mr. Johnson-Ferguson handsomely responded to the appeals for pecuniary assistance, but he has very generously presented them with two magnificent cups, which are to be competed for at the next Whitsuntide sports. In presenting these trophies to the club on behalf of the hon. gentleman at the general meeting last Friday, Dr. A. Eddowes echoed the feelings of every member and supporter of the club when he remarked that the president had treated them in a most handsome manner. Political bias was laid aside, and all heartily joined in the refrain, "For he's a jolly good fellow," none being more enthusiastic in the expression of their admiration than the Conservative agent. The cups are of massive proportions, and must have cost a considerable sum. The announcement made at the meeting by Mr. Thompson relative to the finances of the football club was most gratifying. The funds, now in so satisfactory a condition, will receive a "bumper" on the 16th, the day when Loughborough meet the Fosse in the battle royal for this division of the English Cup. The club, however, need the greatest possible amount of pecuniary assistance they can get, as next year they will be on much greater expense, it being anticipated that the Midland League will be enlarged, and considerably improved, so that Loughborough will require a stronger team if they are to maintain their position in the football world. Should Loughborough win on the 16th the victory will be the greatest they have ever obtained.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 07 December 1893*



## LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

### AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

On Friday evening in the pavilion adjoining the Athletic Grounds a meeting of members and supporters of the Town Football Club was held under the presidency of Dr. A. Eddowes. The company included Messrs. W. A. Thompson (chairman of the committee), T. A. Cotterill, E. Brewin, T. Orton, C. Lakin, Walter Cockain, Dr. Phelps, Councillor Mayo, D. Grudgings, G. A. Cartwright, etc.

The Chairman said at the last annual meeting a great mistake was made. They omitted to thank the working portion of the club for the services they rendered during their year of office. He therefore asked those present to pass a cordial vote of thanks to the old committee for their services last year.—The vote was carried by acclamation, and the chairman called upon Mr. Thompson to make a statement.

Mr. W. A. Thompson said on behalf of the committee he wished to make a few remarks respecting what they had done, were now doing, and intended to do. As Dr. Eddowes had said, the committee desired to keep in touch with the members as much as possible, and with that object the meeting had been called. When the committee were appointed the club was not in very good financial circumstances. He was, however, happy to say that they now had a balance on the right side, had increased the membership roll to 300 as against 600 last year, and were in a sound financial condition. (Applause.) The committee felt that a great responsibility rested upon them, and immediately set to work to build up a team that would be a credit to the club and the

borough. (Cheers.) They had many old servants who had rendered yeoman service to the club, but they felt the team would have to be strengthened if they wished to maintain their position. (Hear, hear.) To this end they first of all desired a good goalkeeper, and "spotted" Harry Storer. (Loud applause.) They also secured the services of W. Storer, and two old Derby County players, namely Mills and Rose. When they engaged the two last-named the committee came in for an amount of criticism, being told that they were going to ruin the club. Events proved however that they made no mistake in engaging extra players. By the aid of Mr. Watkins, every facility had been placed in their way for training. He had granted them the use of that room when the weather made outdoor training impossible, and it had been of much service to the players. They endeavoured to make an attractive fixture list, and he thought they had done well in this respect. Up to the present they had scored 40 goals, compared with 22 against them. That spoke well both for the attack and defence, and the fact that they had not been beaten in the Midland League spoke volumes for the team all round. A notable victory, and one which they valued more than any other, was that over the Fosse. In addition to the victory they secured a very substantial gate, the amount taken totalling £170, which they found very useful. They had erected an additional stand, but he did not know whether the venture would prove successful, though they required another stand when the weather was unfavourable. It had always been their endeavour when players sustained injury to do something for their benefit. They raised a subscription for Kent, and were enabled to hand over £10 to him. He would not have mentioned this but for the fact that Kent received the injury whilst playing for the League

against Rotherham last season. The Midland League clubs promised assistance by subscribing to the fund, but up to the previous evening only two clubs had fulfilled their promise, namely, Long Eaton Rangers and Leicester Fosse, the former subscribing £1, and the latter £1 1s. He thought it very good of Long Eaton, under the circumstances, to subscribe, as Kent left them in deference to their wishes. After referring to the injury which Coulton received while playing at Long Eaton some weeks ago, Mr. Thompson alluded to the illness of Fraistone, whom he described as a plucky player who had done yeoman service. They collected £3 for him. They had under consideration the advisability of holding a match towards the close of the season for the benefit of the injured players. He was pleased they had at last been able to sign a real Loughborough player. He referred to Elias, who, he thought, was a promising footballer. Mr. Thompson also referred to the draw for the qualifying round of the English Cup competition. He wanted to set at rest any fears that they might be induced to play the match at Leicester. It had been intimated that the Fosse would make them an offer, and he had good reason to believe they would do so in the course of a few days, but if the Fosse were to offer them half the riches of Leicester—(laughter)—they would not consent to the match being played at Leicester. (Applause.) They had a duty to perform, and he thought their 800 members should receive some consideration. Mr. Thompson next spoke of the meeting of the Midland League on Thursday evening. He said that probably the League would be strengthened to 16 clubs next season, and include several of the second League clubs, a member of the committee for some years, but the club had never had a harder working committee

than the present one. They had done their best, and would try to obtain the championship of the Midland League. In conclusion, he referred to the promise made by Mr. Johnson-Ferguson, M.P., president of the club, to replace the "Beaumanor" and "Curzon" challenge cups, which were won outright at the last Whitnitside sports. He received a letter last week, asking him to meet the hon. gentleman to decide upon the inscriptions which the trophies should bear, and also the conditions of the competitions. It was decided that one should be given for a two miles' bicycle race and the other to a 380 yards' (½ mile) flat race, the cups to be won three years to become the absolute property of the winner, and the competitions to be open to bona-fide residents in Leicestershire. Mr. Johnson-Ferguson asked that the cups might be formally presented to the club, and he had pleasure in asking the chairman to do so. (Loud cheers.)

Dr. Eddowes, in complying, said their president was "a rattling good fellow," he having treated them most handsomely. (Applause.) He had heard he was a good sportsman, but was convinced of it now. (Cheers.) He did not only like to have sport himself, but was happy to see others enjoy it. That was the sort of man he liked, and he asked them to join him in thanking their president for his handsome donations.

The cups were then filled, and the chairman holding one in each hand, the company joined heartily in singing "For he's a jolly good fellow. Heartly thanks were then accorded Mr. and Mrs. Johnson-Ferguson, whose healths were drunk amidst musical honours.—Dr. Eddowes then proposed a vote of thanks to the officials of the club, and Mr. Thompson replied.—The health of the Mayor and Mayoress having been proposed by Councillor Mayo, Mr. G. A. Cartwright suitably responded, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 07 December 1893

**STREET FOOTBALL.**—Frederick Dutton (16), wool washer, 6, Bradgate-street, summoned for playing at football in Emerald-street on the 21st November, was fined half-a-crown.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 02 December 1893

The Whitwick Town players wore black bands on their arms last Saturday as a token of respect to the late Mr. Burton, who was a prominent supporter of the club. The committee decided that the game with Burton Corinthians should be stopped while the funeral procession passed by the football ground, but owing to the long delay the game was continued without interruption. The players will wear the bands for some time.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 16 December 1893

## SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO A LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALLER.

### HIS SECOND FRACTURE.

#### GENEROSITY OF THE SPECTATORS.

A regrettable accident occurred at Loughborough on Saturday during the match Leicester Fosse v. Loughborough, in the qualifying round of the English Cup competition. Shortly after the opening of the second half, Kent, one of the home backs, charged Dorrell, but slipped, and unfortunately sustained a compound fracture of the right leg of a very serious nature. It will be remembered that he had the same leg fractured last April, while playing at Leicester for the rest of the Midland League against Rotherham. This only tends to make the occurrence the more deplorable, seeing that after his last injury he had a lengthy illness, and had only sufficiently recovered to take his place in the Loughborough team at the commencement of the present season. The spectators were not slow to recognise the value of his services, and the considerable financial loss likely to be entailed by another illness, for they readily responded to an appeal for assistance. A collection was taken on the ground, and a most substantial sum was realised. Doctors A. E. Lyster (Long Eaton), A. Eddowes, and W. Yorke (Loughborough) attended the patient, who was removed on a stretcher to the Loughborough Hospital, followed by a large crowd. It subsequently was announced that the collection amounted to £20 10s. 8d. On Sunday several members of the Loughborough Committee, together with a number of his companions and sympathisers, visited Kent in the Hospital. The patient passed a bad night on Saturday, but became more easy in the course of Sunday, and was quite chatty. He disavowed any further idea of playing football, even should his recovery permit him to do so. He passed a good night, and on Monday was reported to be doing well. In consequence of the large number of inquirers on Sunday a notice was posted on the Hospital door to the effect that the patient was doing well.

The chairman of the football club visited Kent at the Loughborough Hospital on Saturday, and was informed by him how the accident happened. He and Dorrell raced together for the ball, and as the Leicester man tried to trap it, Kent kicked at it right under Dorrell's foot with all his might. The result was that Kent's foot was trapped, and his leg broken. Upon inquiry at the Hospital yesterday (Wednesday) evening, we were informed that the patient was progressing satisfactorily. Mr. Lall, the referee, gave 10s. to the fund, and Mr. Tooth, the Conservative candidate, who was present at the match, contributed £1 1s.

## THEATRICAL SPORTS AND BURLESQUE FOOTBALL MATCH IN LEICESTER.

On Monday afternoon the ground of the Leicester Football Club was the venue of a spectacular entertainment the like of which has only been previously witnessed on one or two occasions, namely, a burlesque Association-cum-Rugby football match between a team of pantomimists, operatic and musical artists, and a side representing the local Press. When it is stated that the object of the display was to raise a fund for providing dinners for some of the many hundred children the poverty of whose parents has caused them to feel more or less acutely the pinch of starvation, it will be readily understood that there was no lack of enthusiasm evinced in the movement from the time it was first mooted, and that it only needed fine weather to render it a complete success. A capital programme of sports had been arranged, for which a number of valuable prizes were offered, several of the events evoking the keenest interest. A large crowd lined the enclosure, and the two stands were packed by spectators, who evidently enjoyed to the fullest extent the amusement provided for their delectation. The sports were productive of an immense amount of fun. Several of the events were brought off in costume, and as there was no lack of the comedy element infused into the various displays, the onlookers were kept in almost continuous roars of laughter. The borough police band gave an excellent selection of music during the afternoon, under the direction of Bandmaster Smith. The following are the results of the theatrical sports:—

100 Yards Gents' Race.—First prize, dressing case; second, dressing bag; third, travelling rug.—Heat 1: Turner 1, J. Passmore 2, A. Bishop 0, F. Pollard 0. Heat 2: J. Vale 1, T. Passmore 2, A. Byron 0. Final: Vale 1, Turner 2, T. Passmore 3, J. Passmore 0.

60 Yards' Ladies' Race.—First prize, gold bracelet; second, handbag; third, umbrella.—Heat 1: Miss Vincent 1, Miss Norman 2, Miss Clarendon 0, Miss Robina 0. Heat 2: Miss Clarke 1, Miss Mallalieu 2. Final: Miss Vincent 1, Miss Norman 2, Miss Mallalieu 3, Miss Clarke 0.

Sack Race (60 yards).—First prize, writing cabinet; second, silver-mounted stick; third, walking cane.—Heat 1: Carrington 1, Pollard 2, Byron 3, J. Bishop 0, Dudley 0. Heat 2: Wise 1, Turner 2, T. Passmore 3, A. Bishop 0, J. Passmore 0. Final: Wise 1, Turner 2, Carrington 3, Pollard 4.

The football match created an immense amount of fun, the grotesque costumes of the parties engaged being a source of merriment to the crowd. The first half of the game was played under improvised Rugby rules, while the second part was supposed to be Association, but the players showed such a great aversion to only using their feet that the handling code again found most favour. The scoring in each half was prolific, and the referee's task of deciding what were really scoring points was a very difficult one, but eventually the game might be described as ending in a draw with the score something like this:

PRESS, one dropped goal three tries;

PANTOMIME, one Association goal three tries.

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 20 January 1894*

## WOODHOUSE EAVES.

Rovers' Football Club.—The record of this club last year was: Matches played 10, won four, drawn one, lost five, goals for 21, against 20.

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 27 January 1894*



**WALNUT-STREET GROUND,**  
 JANUARY 13TH.  
 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.  
**GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY**  
 v.  
**F O S S E.**  
 KICK OFF 2.15. ADMISSION, 4d.  


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**LEICESTER FOOTBALL GROUND,**  
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH.  
**LEICESTER "A"**  
 VERSUS  
**BURTON "A."**  
 KICK-OFF 3.30.  
 Admission, 3d. and 6d. ; Stands Extra.  


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**NEW FOOTBALL GROUND,**  
 AYLESTONE-ROAD.  
**BURLESQUE FOOTBALL MATCH,**  
**PRESS v. THEATRICALS,**  
**AND SPORTS.**  
 MONDAY NEXT, JANUARY 14.  
 Commence at 2.30 sharp.  
 Admission, 6d. and 1s. ; Children, 3d.  
**NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR STANDS.**  
**PROCEEDS DEVOTED TOWARDS FEEDING THE DESTITUTE**  
**CHILDREN.**

Leicester Daily Mercury - Friday 12 January 1894

## LEICESTER FOSSE FOOTBALL CLUB.

A well-attended meeting of members of this club was held at the Co-operative Hall on Wednesday evening. The president, Mr. Frank Ashwell, in the chair.—Mr. E. A. Marson (hon. secretary) reported that since Sept. 2, 27 matches had been played; 22 won, 4 lost, and 1 drawn, and 80 goals scored against 15. Taking into consideration the fact that all the way round better class clubs had been seen in Leicester, that grand record proved conclusively that the members had been correctly informed. Twelve League matches had been played; 9 won, 2 lost, and 1 drawn, and 30 goals scored for, and 8 against, giving them 19 points and second position on the League chart at the present time. If they could only manage to hold that position until March 10, and then beat Burton Wanderers at Burton, it would be a great surprise if the Midland League championship flag and medals did not find their way to Leicester. Referring to the position of the Fosse towards the Midland League, the secretary said the Midland League as at present constituted would not be strong enough for the Fosse next season. The Fosse had explained to the Midland League that unless it was lengthened and strengthened they would not be able to remain members, and all they could say at present was that everything it was possible to do was being done to get a number of stronger clubs to join them, and make a good Midland League.—The Chairman reviewed the work of the season, and congratulated the members of the club on the brilliant victories won.—Mr. T. Seddon (hon. treasurer) remarked that they started the season with a deficit of £115, and had a further £100 placed against them on a bonus account, while Bailey's benefit meant a loss to the club of £100, so that they

had a total of £315 to make up on the present season's transactions. Again, they had expended on the ground in providing stands and various other items something like £550. The 7s. 6d. ticket-holders had had accommodation on the stand for 24 matches, an average of 3½d. each, while the 4s. 6d. ticket-holders paid an average of 2½d. each match. Therefore, the improvement of the funds would have to come from the members. The price of the tickets would have to be raised. Every member to whom he had mentioned the subject had expressed perfect willingness to do their part. If members were not willing to increase their subscriptions they would not be able to carry on the club successfully. Another thing that was required was that the members of the committee must jointly and severally become surety at the bank for £250.—The President then presented to Harry Bailey a cheque for £146 2s. 10d., the balance of the benefit match held on Boxing Day.—After some discussion, it was agreed to engage a paid secretary with a view to some extent of relieving the hon. secretaries of their onerous duties.—Mr. Gardner reported that the Fosse Rovers had won nine matches, lost six, and drawn three, scoring 35 goals against 23. For the matches they had travelled 656 miles, and had not lost a match since November 18.—Some formal business having been transacted, a vote of thanks to the President closed the proceedings.

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 03 February 1894*

**ACCIDENT IN THE FOOTBALL FIELD.**—Whilst playing in the football match at Kegworth on Saturday between Melton Town and Kegworth Town, R. Rawdin, one of the Melton half-backs, had the misfortune to break his collar bone. He was running for the ball when he fell over one of the home players, and alighted on his shoulder. The mishap was purely accidental, and was not caused by rough play.

*Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 09 February 1894*

**FOSSE F.C.**—Mr. J. Lee has been appointed paid secretary to the Fosse Football Club. He has laboured successfully for Derbyshire in past years, and since taking up his residence in Leicester has made his influence felt in Fosse circles.

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 17 February 1894*

**STREET FOOTBALL.**—Sidney Leader (15), shoe laster, 25, Portland-street, Belgrave, summoned for playing football in Portland-street on the 15th inst., admitted the offence, and his father apologised.—Case dismissed.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - Wednesday 21 February 1894*

## LEICESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of delegates from the clubs forming the above body was held on Thursday evening at the Robin Hood Hotel. Mr. Allen Lovell occupied the chair, and there were present: Messrs. T. S. Ashmole (hon. sec.), E. A. Marson (Fosse), Stapleton (Loughborough), W. H. Forster (Earl Shilton), W. Powers (Barwell Swifts), F. W. Clowes (Sapcote), E. Riley (Stoney Stanton), J. Jervia (Stoney Stanton), A. Orchin (Y.M.C.A.), T. L. Cartwright (Y.M.C.A.), J. T. Hawkins (Hinckley Town), T. Sampson (Leicester Wanderers), A. C. Green (Loughborough Excelsior), J. Wright (Craven), J. A. Utting (Kegworth St. Andrews), B. Williams (King Richard's-road), W. Woolley (Kegworth Town), J. H. Lambert (Castle Donington), Johns (Sileby), Smith (Shepshed), Towle (Barrow Rising Star), Towne (Barrow-on-Soar), Burton (Stanton Church), Thompson (Hathern), Boot (Coalville), Reed (Hugglescote), E. Johns (Melton), Jordan (Shepshed), Smith (Shepshed Church of England), Weston (Wigston), Carpenter (London-road), Jordan (St. Mary's Swifts), Curtis (Belgrave St. Michael's), Sergeant Clover (Glen Parva Depot), H. Clarke (Albert), Smithson (Post-office), C. Walker (Fosse).

It was decided that the final tie for the Junior Cup between Kegworth and Earl Shilton Town should be played on March 17th at Hinckley, with Mr. H. Weston as referee, and Messrs. J. E. Carpenter and T. Cartwright as linesmen.

The final in the Shield Competition, which lies between Hathern Victoria and Castle Donington Swifts, was arranged for March 3rd, on the Kegworth St. Andrew's ground; Mr. J. Ferguson to be referee, and Messrs. Woolley and Hardy linesmen.

With regard to the Senior Cup final, in which Shepshed and Loughborough Athletic are interested, a decision was arrived at to have the match played at Barrow-on-Soar, on April 7th. Mr. Lovell was selected as referee, and Mr. Orchin and Sergeant Lord linesmen.

A communication was received from the Notts. Association, reporting Hemington for non-fulfilment of fixture with Beeston Valley Wesleyan. No defence was forthcoming from Hemington, who were ordered to pay a guinea.

Loughborough Excelsior reported Barrow for non-fulfilment of a return fixture on Jan. 27th, and the defaulting club was fined 5s.

Stoney Stanton Rising Star and Sapcote reported each other in connection with a benefit match played between them, a disputed goal causing the teams to leave the field some minutes before the time fixed for the close of the game. The dispute appeared rather complicated, and was referred to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Lovell, Marson, and Ashmole.

Hinckley Town reported System Swifts for non-fulfilment of fixture, and the latter were fined 15s.

Gresley Rovers were reported by Whitwick Town, who claimed £1 15s., but Mr. Ashmole said the clubs had left the matter to him to arbitrate upon, and it had been settled amicably.

Woodhouse reported Shepshed for non-fulfilment, but a future date was arranged.

Enderby Swifts were reported by two clubs for non-fulfilment. Mr. Ashmole said he had received a letter from Enderby saying that the club was now broken up, and could not fulfil future fixtures, and under these circumstances no action was taken.

Leicester Town Club forwarded a resolution

The Kegworth Town Club forwarded a resolution passed by them "resenting keenly the injustice" done them on the occasion of a semi-final played on Jan. 20 on their ground, between Hathern and Shepshed, their complaint being that four gate-men and a linesman were connected with the rival St. Andrew's Club. The dispute appearing trivial, the next business was proceeded with.

Shepshed Church of England appealed against a decision of the Emergency Committee in a match which was awarded to Hathern, but the Association declined to go into the details, the committee's decision thus being upheld.

Application being forthcoming from Castle Donington and Kegworth St. Andrew's Clubs for permission to compete in the Long Eaton Rangers Cup competition, that competition was approved by the Leicestershire Association, and permission given.

Hugglescote Robin Hoos applied for a benefit match with Greasley Rovers for one of their players, Pool, who had his leg broken in a Coalville Charity Cup match just before Christmas, and has only lately been able to get about. On the proposition of Mr. Utting, seconded by Mr. Orchin, permission was given, and at Mr. Ashmole's suggestion half a guinea was donated from the funds of the association to go towards the benefit.

An application by the Shepshed Club to play a benefit match for Kidger, one of their players, who has been unfortunate of late, was granted.

Other minor business was transacted, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 01 March 1894

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

### PROPOSED AMATEUR ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of representatives of several London clubs was held last evening at 63, Chancery-lane, to consider the advisability of forming an amateur association. The gathering was private, but it was announced that the proposal had fallen through, the meeting declining to take any steps in the direction of the formation of an amateur association. The management of the Amateur Cup competition was also discussed, but a proposal to approach the Football Association on the subject was shelved.

Leicester Daily Post - Friday 02 March 1894



**THE FOOTBALL CLUB.**—At a meeting of the defunct Wesleyan football club, held on Wednesday evening, to dispose of a small balance which they had in hand ; it was decided that the amount with the proceeds of some " kit " belonging to the club, 10s. or 11s. in all, be given to the town club, who are in debt. To get thoroughly out of debt the latter club have organised a dance which is to be held in the Corn Exchange on March 30. The committee, Messrs. A. J. Tompkins, G. Fitzjohn, J. Bland, J. G. Flint, G. Green, and the sec., J. B. Leeson, are making the arrangements.

*Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - Tuesday 13 March 1894*

**DISORDERLY FOOTBALLERS FROM LEICESTER.**—At Derby Police-court on Monday George Hall was charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct on Railway-terrace, Derby, on Saturday night.—Police-constable Waller said prisoner and several companions had come in by train, and behaved in a most disorderly manner, having to be ejected.—Prisoner said he had gone from Leicester to Burton to a football match.—The constable added that as trains passed through the station with footballers, some very disorderly scenes were witnessed, and he was called to the station several times on Saturday night in consequence.—Fined 5s. and costs.—Arthur McNess was charged by Police-constable Ormiston with drunkenness and disorderly conduct in Arbor-etum-street, Derby, early on Sunday morning.—Prisoner, who was a companion of the prisoner Hall, and had missed his train from Burton to Leicester, was fined 5s. and costs.

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 17 March 1894*

### LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

On Friday evening a special general meeting of this club was held in the pavilion adjoining the Athletic Grounds. The attendance was an exceedingly large one, and the proceedings were of an enthusiastic nature. Amongst those present were Councillor Mayo, Dr. Phelps, Messrs. D. R. Noble, C. Lakin, T. Orton, E. Brewin, H. Taylor, W. A. Thompson, etc.—Dr. A. Eddowes wrote expressing his inability to be present.—On the motion of Mr. W. A. Thompson, Dr. Phelps was elected to the chair.—Mr. W. A. Thompson, in the course of a lengthy address, dwelt on the achievements of the club since the last meeting, making special reference to the success over Aston Villa. The secretary of the latter club had written telling the committee they had a very smart team. The finances were in a satisfactory condition, but to place the club in a splendid position for next season they desired to make another effort to raise the prize money for next Whiteuntide sports. He had written to several gentlemen soliciting subscriptions, and in no case had he been met with a refusal. Mr. Johnson-Ferguson, M.P., the president of the club, in addition to presenting them with two cups had forwarded £5, and the following gentlemen had contributed handsomely to the fund: Mr. R. L. Tooth, Ald. Griggs, Mr. J. Ratcliffe (Stamford Hall). The Midland Brewery Co. had forwarded a donation and Lord Lonsdale had also promised assistance. Thanks were tendered the committee, players, and the gentlemen contributing to the prize fund.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - Saturday 17 March 1894*

**FOOTBALL PLAYING IN THE STREETS.**—ARTHUR Freestone (16), 11, Bridge-street. Joseph Freestone (14), same address, and John William Moore (15), 5, Bridge-street, shoe-hands, were summoned for playing football in Leicester-street, North Evington, on March 6th.—They pleaded guilty and were discharged with a caution.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - Saturday 17 March 1894*

## THE FOSSE FOOTBALL TEAM.

### A NEW CENTRE FORWARD.

An important alteration was on Tuesday effected in the composition of the Fosse team by the signing on of William McArthur, who even as late as Saturday last played for Bolton Wanderers. Ever since the committee found it necessary to dispense with the services of Worrall early in the season they have been on the look-out for a new man who would be likely to capably fill the duties pertaining to this important position in the field, but with all the teams in the country in full swing their task has been by no means an easy one. That the Fosse have long felt the need of a centre man who would adequately uphold the prestige of the club is a remark which reflects not the least disparagement upon Brown, the present holder of the post. He does not now, and never has put himself forward as an exponent of purely aggressive play, but was called upon to undertake the duties at a time when Fosse were entirely lacking the services of anyone who could be expected to acquit himself well in leading the fight. This being the case, the splendid record of the Fosse for the past season is in itself eloquent testimony of the manner in which Brown, in common with the rest of the Fosse forwards, has served the interests of the club, and unstinted praise must be accorded him for the way in which he came forward and extricated the club from an awkward dilemma. At the same time, it has been evident to consistent followers of the club that the ex-Aston Villa half-back was not an ideal centre forward, though under the circumstances he has adapted himself to his unaccustomed duties admirably. Now, however, an opportunity has presented itself of improving the team in this respect, and, as before stated, McArthur will

shortly make his appearance in Fosse colours. The new man hails from Scotland, and is about 23 years of age. He originally played for Renton, but then the inducements held out by English clubs proved too strong for him, and he next figured in the Sunderland team. From there he found his way to Middlesbrough, where he was a companion of Seymour and Hill in the Ironopolis eleven, and the two Fosse players named have been able to recommend him as a sterling player. Leaving the Ironopolis Club, he obtained an engagement with Bolton Wanderers, with whom he figured regularly until he sustained an injury some time after Christmas, which prevented him playing for some weeks. His place in the team was filled by Cassidy with such good results that when McArthur recovered it was thought inexpedient to interfere with the combination of the forwards, and McArthur was therefore placed in the reserve team. He, however, occasionally figured in the first eleven, and last Saturday, through depletions caused by accidents, he was placed at centre half-back against West Bromwich Albion. It is stated that the Wanderers were agreeable to the transfer, and negotiations have been proceeding for some time between the two clubs to effect his release. These have been satisfactorily completed, and on Tuesday Mr. Lee, assistant secretary of the Fosse, went to Bolton for the purpose of obtaining McArthur's signature to the agreement. The new player will be able to come at once to Leicester, and in view of his probable appearance, the committee at their meeting on Monday evening found it necessary to re-arrange the team somewhat. Brown was relegated to his more comfortable position at half-back, where he will play in the centre, Henrys going to the left wing, and Lord being given a rest. McArthur will therefore make his debut in the match with Loughborough, against whom he will assuredly be accorded a full opportunity of maintaining his high reputation.

### GLEN PARVA.

FOOTBALL. — The Depot Leicestershire Regiment Football Club during the season played 31 matches, of which 14 were won, nine lost, and eight drawn, scoring 64 goals, against 45 by their opponents. The return includes a defeat of six to nil by the Kettering Midland League team. They have also played two matches against the Sherwood Foresters, winning the match at home, and losing the one at Derby. In the Thursday League they obtained second position, having been beaten each time by the Banks F.C. by the narrow majority of a goal. They also played the holders of the Nuneaton Charity Cup to a goal. Their performances are very creditable, considering that so many changes must necessarily take place in the team, owing to men being on duty and drafts leaving for the home battalion every six weeks. In the match to take place on Thursday, the 19th inst., for the benefit of the Thursday League, v. Fosse, Corporal G. Thorburn and Private Thorburn have been chosen as representatives of the League, and Sergeant Clover as a reserve man.

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 14 April 1894*

THE ANNUAL SUPPER of the Sileby Rangers Football Club took place at Mr. Thos. Chamberlain's, the Horse and Trumpet Inn, on Monday last, when over 60 sat down to a good repast. After the cloth was drawn, Mr. J. Garner was voted to the chair, and Mr. Walter Smith to the vice-chair. The chairman called the secretary, Mr. J. Hall, to read the matches of both first and second teams played during the past season. His report stated that the first team played 20 matches, won 9, lost 9, drew 2, Sileby goals 46, opponents' goals 48. Second team played 18 matches, won 10, lost 5, drawn 3, Sileby 2nd goals 47, opponents' goals 25. Amongst those present were Mr. Shute, Dr. Garvin, Mr. T. Bailey, Mr. A. Porter, Mr. Maxfield, butcher, of Sileby, Mr. John Collington, Mr. John Garner, cricket and football outfitter, of Leicester, Mr. G. Perkins, of Barrow, Mr. F. Shuttlewood, Mr. Jos. Shuttlewood, Mr. Jos. Yates, Mr. Geo. Yates, Mr. Walter Carvil, Mr. Job Bailey, Mr. N. Bird, Mr. John Brown, Mr. H. Taylor, Mr. Geo. Wood, Mr. Fred Wood, Mr. E. Wood, Mr. A. Taylor, Mr. G. Foulds, Mr. J. Hallam, Mr. Eli Smith, Mr. F. Holmes, Mr. S. Widdowson, Mr. Geo. Daykin, Mr. Jos. Smith, Mr. Geo. Brown, Mr. W. Bailey, Mr. H. Bumpus, Mr. G. Preston, Mr. H. Preston, Mr. W. Smith, Mr. John Watson, Mr. Jos. Watson, and others. Songs were sung by Mr. H. Preston, Mr. Geo. Perkins, Mr. A. Buxton, Mr. F. Glover, and others. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Yates and seconded by Mr. H. Taylor to Messrs. W. H. Sharpe and Sons,

steam brewers, Sileby, for their handsome gifts to the club and the supper for the past season, also to the other honorary members of the club. This was responded to by Mr. A. Porter, and all through, the evening was a most enjoyable gathering, all being very well satisfied. The catering for the supper by the host and hostess gave the greatest satisfaction. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Walter Smith, and seconded by Mr. A. Taylor to the host and hostess, and Mr. T. Chamberlain responded in an excellent speech. Votes of thanks were given to the singers, and also to the chairman and vice-chairman, which were duly responded to. "Mr. Bruce time" came at ten o'clock, and the meeting broke up after a very pleasant and successful gathering.

*Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 27 April 1894*



## MELTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

### ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING.

The adjourned general meeting of the members of the above club was held at the Bell Hotel last night, Mr. G. Robinson presiding over a very large attendance.

The CHAIRMAN said the first business was to receive the report with reference to the decision of the Vics with regard to amalgamating with the Town Club.—Mr. A. GOODACRE said he attended the Vics' meeting as secretary of the Town Club, and explained their views on the matter. The matter was thoroughly thrashed out, and after an hour and a half's discussion the question was put to the meeting, and it was decided by seven votes to six to stick to their own club, although several of the Vics' members were going to throw in their lot with the Town Club.—The CHAIRMAN said he was sorry the clubs would not amalgamate, but there it was. The next matter was as to whether or not they should enter the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire League. They would remember that the matter was left over until that meeting in order to ascertain whether any new blood would be imported into the team.—Mr. JOHNS said as an official of the Leicestershire Football Association, and as one who took an interest in football in Melton, he should strongly advise them not to become affiliated with the League. He did not want to throw any cold water upon it, but as a delegate to the meetings, he had every opportunity of ascertaining how they endeavoured to work the League. The Fosse Rovers were much stronger than they were in Melton, were better off financially, and the players were in a better position to get off, and the same applied to Loughborough Athletic and Leic-

cester Y.M.C.A. With regard to the latter, they had obtained the Belgrave Road Ground and could not get enough matches in the neighbourhood sufficiently attractive, so they go up the League as a matter of l. s. d. Probably official referees would be appointed whom they would have to pay. They must remember that if they joined this League several of the matches would have to be played in Northamptonshire, which would necessitate a large outlay in railway expenses, and it would be hard on working fellows to have to get off early in the morning, besides which it would not benefit their club one halfpenny. Great credit was due to the secretaries for having arranged such an excellent list of matches last season, and his advice was that they should stick to their diggings, and play clubs in the district. They would get quite as good matches as if they joined the League.—After some further conversation, Mr. CAWDELL moved that they do not join the League as at present constituted.—Mr. MOWBRAY seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.—The CHAIRMAN said of course if Finedon or any of the distant clubs dropped out they could re-consider the matter.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: president, Mr. W. Yeungier; vice-presidents, all subscribers of not less than half

a guinea; treasurer, Mr. W. F. Hill; auditor, Mr. W. Julian; captain, Mr. J. Atter; vice-captain, Mr. H. Plant; captain of second eleven, Mr. W. Bexon; vice-captain of second eleven, Mr. J. Ward; secretaries, Mr. J. Lee, Mr. A. Goodacre; committee, Messrs. F. Brewin, G. Robinson, F. Caldwell, T. W. Askew, J. Wakerley, A. E. Browalov, G. A. Belton, J. W. Locke, and M. Bishop.—On the proposal of Mr. JOHNS, seconded by Mr. ASKEW, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the secretaries for their services during the past year.

It was decided that the matter of entering Cup Competitions next year should be left with the committee.

On the proposal of Mr. TYLER, seconded by Mr. A. GOODACRE, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Robinson for presiding.

**TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.**—The following is the result of the matches played during the last season. Shepshed players were in the final of the Leicestershire Cup and the semi-final of the Coalville Charity Cup:—Matches played 21, won 11, lost 7, drawn 3; goals scored, for 52, against 40.

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*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 14 April 1894*

**THURMASTON ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB.**—A meeting of the Thurmaston Rovers F.C. was held at Mr. Allott's, on April 9th, when the report for the past season was read by the secretary as follows: Matches played 26, won 14, lost 6, drawn 6. Goals scored by the Rovers 62, against 44. It was proposed by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mr. J. Mayse and unanimously agreed that Mr. Albert White be captain for next season, and on the proposition of Mr. T. Hurst, seconded by Mr. J. Boulter, Mr. T. Gibbins was elected vice-captain. It was decided to have five on the committee, viz., Mr. J. Mayse, Mr. Thomas Wright, Mr. Charles Harris, Mr. J. Hartshorn, and Mr. George Pole: Mr. Jas. Crowfoot was chosen treasurer, and Mr. J. Hartshorn secretary. It was resolved that the colours to be red shirts, blue knickers.

*Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 20 April 1894*

**TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.**—The following is the result of the matches played during the last season. Shepshed players were in the final of the Leicestershire Cup and the semi-final of the Coalville Charity Cup:—Matches played 21, won 11, lost 7, drawn 3; goals scored, for 52, against 40.

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 28 April 1894*

**TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.**—The adjourned annual meeting of the Town F.C. was held at the Bell Hotel on Thursday evening, Mr. G. Robinson presiding. There was again a large attendance.—The Secretary (Mr. A. Goodacre) stated that he had attended the meeting of the Vics' club the previous evening, when it was decided not to amalgamate as a club with the Town club, but several of the Vics. had resolved to join.—The question of joining the new Leicestershire and Northamptonshire League was then discussed.—Mr. Johns, a delegate from the League, gave his views, and strongly advised the club not to join. He believed a majority of the games would have to be played in Northamptonshire.—After a brief discussion, it was unanimously decided not to join the League as at present constituted.—The officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. W. Younger; vice-presidents, subscribers of not less than half a guinea; treasurer, Mr. W. F. Hill; auditor, Mr. Julian; captain, Mr. Atter (who in reply to a question said he would be able to play in nearly all the matches); vice-captain, Mr. H. Plant; captain second eleven, Mr. Bexon; vice-captain second eleven, Mr. Ward; secretaries, Messrs J. Lee and A. Goodacre; committee, with ex-officio members, Messrs. F. Brewin, Robinson, Caldwell, Askew, Wakerley, Brownlow, Belton, J. W. Locke, and Bishop. The matter of the Cup competitions to be entered was left to the committee.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 3 May 1894*

### **BARDON HILL WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB.**

The members and friends of the Bardon Hill Wanderers F.C. had their annual dinner at the Birch Tree Inn, on Monday evening, when the catering of Mr. and Mrs. Williams gave every satisfaction. After dinner the chair was taken by Mr. B. N. Everard, and the vice-chair by Mr. J. Ward. The toast list included "Success to the Club," "Messrs. Ellis and Everard," "The Chairman," "Host and Hostess," and all were well received. From the accounts which were read by the secretary, it appears that the club played 15 matches, won 5, lost 8, and 2 were drawn. The accounts showed a balance in hand of 2s. Letters of apology were read from the Revd. H. E. Broughton and W. Fowler, and Mr. C. T. Green. The harmony of the evening was contributed by Messrs. A. Clarke, T. Smith, R. B. Grant, W. Sanders, and J. C. Waving.

*Leicester Journal - Friday 04 May 1894*

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WHIT TUESDAY.

429 ENTRIES.

Covered Stands at 6d. Special train leaves Leicester  
at 1.15 p.m. ; fare there and back, 1s. 3d. a274

*Leicester Daily Mercury - Saturday 12 May 1894*

## EARL SHITLON.

**FOOTBALL CLUB SUPPER.**—The members of the  
Earl Shilton Town Football Club held their annual  
supper on Monday evening, April 30th, when an  
excellent repast was provided by Mr. W. Dayman.  
The past season has been a successful one, the first  
team having played 27 matches,—won 16, lost 7,  
drawn 4—and scored 82 goals, against 32. The  
second team have played 19 matches,—won 10,—  
lost 5—drawn 4, and scored 49 goals against 38.  
The officers for next season were elected, and after  
a very enjoyable evening the thanks of the members  
and visitors were given to Mr. Dayman for the  
able way in which he had catered for them. The  
Secretary (Mr. W. H. Forster) will be pleased to  
arrange matches with Association Clubs for season  
1894-95.

*Hinckley Times - Saturday 05 May 1894*



## MIDLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

### LOUGHBOROUGH CENSURED.

The annual meeting of the clubs forming the Midland Football League was held at the Clarendon Hotel, Derby, on Tuesday evening. Mr. Forest (Gainsborough) was in the chair, and there were also present Messrs. Longdon (Newark), Musson (Doncaster), Keele and Copeston (Grantham), Stapleton (Loughborough), Burkes and Smith (Mansfield), Clarke (Burton Wanderers), Robinson (Kettering), Ashwell (Leicester), Turner (Long Eaton), and the hon. secretary (Mr. A. J. Kingscott) (Derby).—Burton Wanderers and Leicester Fosse having gained admission into the Second Division of the Football League, formally tendered their resignation, which was accepted. It was also announced that Mansfield Town and Mansfield Greenhalgh's had amalgamated under the title of Mansfield, which club was allowed to be affiliated to the competition.—Newark, Mansfield, Gainsboro', and Kettering, who were the last four in the competition last season, had to retire according to rule, but they were unanimously re-elected.—Applications to fill the vacancies created in the League ranks were received from Heanor, Ilkeston, Derby Town, Matlock, and Rushden. All these clubs were elected members, and this brought the membership up to 13.—It was decided to increase the number to 16, and invitations to join the League are to be sent to Chesterfield, Rotherham, and Barnsley. This matter will be considered at a further meeting, which will be held at the Wellington Hotel, Nottingham, on June 2nd, when the fixtures for the forthcoming season will be arranged.—The election of officers was proceeded with, Mr. Forest being re-elected president, Mr. Kingscott hon. sec., and Mr. Turner (Long Eaton) auditor. Honorariums for past services were granted to the two last named. The balance sheet was also adopted, and this showed that there was a balance in hand of £114 2s. 2d., after all liabilities had been discharged.—A vote of censure was passed upon Loughborough for playing fast and loose with the League, it having been proved that they applied two years in succession for admission to the Senior League, and on being refused fell back on the Midland League, which was contrary to rule.

#### RAVENSTONE.

**FOOTBALL CLUB.**—A general meeting of the members of the Ravenstone Druids' F.C. was held at the King's Arms, on Saturday evening, when there was a good attendance.—A discussion took place as to the desirability of changing the name of the club from the "Druids" to the "Rising Star," and on being put to the meeting the latter name was adopted by one vote. It was decided that the club should join the Leicester Football Association, and Mr. J. Freeman was elected as delegate. The officers were elected as follows:—Mr. R. G. Heward, captain; Mr. H. Kilby, vice-captain; Mr. J. Freeman, treasurer; Mr. J. Beadman, secretary; Messrs. G. Ellis, G. Marlow, J. Anderson, W. Francis, and G. Jones, committee. The arrangement of matches for next season was left to the officers and committee.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - Tuesday 29 May 1894*

## LEICESTER FOSSE FOOTBALL CLUB

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1893-4.

The accounts of the Fosse F.C. for the past season have just been audited and printed. They show that the club started with a balance in the treasurer's hands of £11 15s., and the gate receipts at the matches realised £2,669 7s. 1d., the principal sums under this head being, £436 4s. on Feb. 10, the day of the match with Derby County; £286 1s. 6d., Jan. 27, South Shore; £168 11s. 11d., Dec. 26, Casuals (Bailey's benefit); £130 13s. 3d., March 23, Midland League match; £117 1s. 6d., Jan. 6, Loughborough; £100 1s., Nov. 15, Mansfield Greenhalgh's; £90, September 9, Burton Wanderers; £85 12s. 6d., March 28, Glasgow Rangers; and £84 5s. 3d., April 14, Loughborough. From this amount of £2,669 7s. 1d., the sum deducted on Bailey's benefit account was £146 2s. 10d., and by the Midland League for benefit match £127 15s. 3d., leaving a balance of £2,395 11s. The annual subscriptions realised £473 19s.; £9 2s. 6d. was received from the sale of season tickets, and other items make up a total revenue of £2,907 11s. 2d. On the payments side guarantees paid to visiting clubs were £357 1s., less guarantees received £174 18s. 7d., balance £683 0s. 11d. Professionals wages absorbed £934 2s. 2d.; ground expenses, £173 2s. 3d.; printing, etc., £182 15s. 9d.; railway fares, £112 14s. 3d.; hotel expenses and refreshments for team, £49 10s. 3d.; trainers' expenses, £48 8s.; special training expenses, £80 2s. 1d.; referees' charges, £32 12s. 1d.; gate expenses and police, £71 9s. 7d.; bonus to players and transfers from other clubs, £131 3s. 6d., and new stands £452 7s. The total outlay was £3,093 6s. 4d., leaving a balance due to treasurer of £185 15s. 2d., accounted for by the expenditure upon the new stands and plant. The fixed assets of the club are valued at £629 13s. 10d., and the number of members is 1,120.

## LOUGHBOROUGH F.C. UNDER A CLOUD.

The Loughborough Football Club, says a correspondent, seems to be particularly unfortunate just now. They have certainly succeeded in obtaining at some expense a set of players of good repute, but the games which will form their fixture list do not promise as yet to be very attractive. The Midland League has undoubtedly been weakened by the secession of the two best clubs, and the addition of smaller and less known organisations, but another hard knock was administered at the League meeting on Tuesday afternoon, when all clubs were forbidden to arrange fixtures with the Leicestershire club until it has been dealt with by the management committee of the League. The reason for this is said to be the way in which Loughborough signed the Wolverhampton men who now form the backbone of the team, the allegation being that some of those men were approached without the consent of the Wolverhampton club. This, it is said, is also the reason why Loughborough was boycotted at the League meeting when application was made for membership in the second division. The result of the latest decision of the League will be that the arrangement of the Loughborough fixture list will be considerably interfered with, and that for desirable friendly games inconvenient dates will probably have to be submitted to. For instance, Fosse were desirous of playing their old rivals on Loughborough fair Saturday, but in consequence of the edict of the League were unable to do so, and had perforce to fill up the date with a second division match.



## LEICESTER FOSSE FOOTBALL CLUB.

### AN ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Fosse Football Club was held on Wednesday evening at the Temperance Hall. There was a large attendance, the body of the hall and front gallery being well filled. Mr. Frank Ashwell, president of the club, occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by Messrs. E. A. Marson (hon. sec.), W. J. Cooper (hon. financial secretary), T. Seddon (hon. treasurer), J. J. Curtis, A. T. Porter, F. Gardner, J. A. Hartopp, T. H. Woollerton, W. G. Jones, T. Warren, C. W. Kilby, and J. Lee, while in the body of the hall were a large number of prominent supporters. The chairman's table was adorned by the club's trophy, the Kettering Charity Cup.

#### FINANCIAL.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read and confirmed, and scrutineers appointed for the voting, Mr. Cooper presented the financial statement, a digest of which has already appeared.

Mr. Seddon, in moving the adoption of the balance-sheet, said though the statement showed a sum of £185 15s. due to the treasurer, they had no liabilities. The assets consisted of material, stands, etc., on the ground, and that of course would more than cover the amount owing. A balance like that anyone might be proud of. (Applause.)

Mr. Cooper explained some of the items on the balance-sheet. He said there was an increase in gate-money over the previous season of £1,157—(applause)—but the sale of tickets was £4 less, probably because people were more desirous of becoming members. Advertising, bill-posting, etc., came to £12 more than last year, and railway fares came also to £12 more, both of which items could be easily accounted for. Trainers' expenses, including their weekly wages, etc., came to about £4 or £5

more than last year. The first balance-sheet of the club which he had to deal with was a very small affair as compared with the one under notice, and he hoped next year's working would be equally as satisfactory as the last. (Applause.)

Mr. Thompson seconded.

In answer to a question Mr. Cooper said the apparent discrepancy in the receipts of the Derby County Cup-tie were accounted for by a mistake made in counting the money. It was reported that the amount taken at the gate was £444 4s. 4d., but the bank counted it up to the figure mentioned on the balance-sheet, and it was supposed that a mistake had been made by the Derby officials.

Some discussion took place on a similar discrepancy in the South Shore match gate.

The balance-sheet was then adopted.

#### THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. Marson read his report as hon. sec. It gave a resume of the past season's play, and dealt with various interesting phases of the playing period. The season, he said, might from all points be considered the most successful in the history of the club. Between September 1, 1893, and May, 30, 1894, they played 46 matches, won 33, lost nine, drawn four, scored 117 goals against 34. Last season they played 42 matches, won 23, lost 13, drawn six, scoring 118 goals against 64. During the past season they had met six first and five second division clubs, a very strong team of Corinthians, and the Glasgow Rangers, in addition to ordinary League fixtures, and if they looked at the strength of these clubs he thought they had a record to be proud of. After referring to various landmarks in the season the report proceeded to say that by way of encouraging junior football in Leicester it was decided to present the winners of the Schools Football League with a championship flag, and after a series of interesting matches Hazel-street Board School became the holders. Last season's work was exceptionally heavy for the team, special trainings being numerous, but not the slightest difficulty was experienced in keeping the men well together, and

whatever was suggested by the committee was willingly carried out by the men. They had a good steady reliable lot of fellows, not only popular at home, but respected and admired both at home and away, and there was not the least doubt that last season's grand record was the result in the first place of a judiciously-selected team, and in the second of a well-managed one. The day following their admission to the second division of the League their president, Mr. Ashwell, attended a meeting of the Midland League at Derby, and on behalf of the club tendered their resignation to that body. The chairman of the Midland League accepted the resignation with many expressions of regret, and at the same time expressed a wish that we might be as successful in the League as we had been in the Midland League. The construction of next season's team, with necessary reserve men, was a matter of very great importance. Thraves, Smith, Bailey, Seymour, Brown, Henrys, Lord, Hill, Hughes, Priestman, McArthur, Miller, and Sker had been secured, and everything it was possible to do was being done to complete the team. It was a matter of much regret that Dorrell could not see his way clear to throw in his lot with them next season, but with such a club as Aston Villa bidding against them they could not expect to keep him. After speaking in eulogistic terms of the president, Mr. Marson said the kindly feeling that existed between the Fosse members, their own players, the Midland League, the Football League, and all clubs they had had anything to do with was sufficient proof of the soundness of the management for the season of 1893-4. (Applause.)

#### THE ROVERS' TEAM.

Mr. F. Gardner next gave a report concerning the doings of the Rovers' team, of which he is hon. secretary. He said at the beginning of the season several professionals were engaged for the Rovers' team, as it was thought necessary to hold good men in reserve for the first eleven, so that they had a stronger team than previously, but they also had a stronger set of matches. The season promised well, but a run of bad luck followed, and as a result on November 11 they had only won one out of eleven matches. Unfortunately, they lost their goalkeeper early on, for he left the town without giving them notice. However, the team afterwards recovered itself, and its record for Nov. 16 to the end of the season was: Played 22, won 16, lost 3, and drawn three, goals for 46, against 20. (Applause.) They had played some very good class clubs, and out of the nine matches lost four had been by one goal only. The committee presented the players engaged in the Kettering Cup match against Grantham with silver medals in recognition of the victory which resulted in the Fosse being left in the final of the competition. They had discovered several promising local players, and during the latter part of the season more especially had devoted themselves to looking up local talent. It would in the future be the aim of the committee to look after Leicester players, so that they would not have to go away for a team to represent the town. (Applause.)

#### TRAINING.

Mr. Woollerton gave a report on the training competitions which had been held for the benefit of the players during the season. Prizes had been given for the most regular attendance at the trainings, and the result had been seen in the fact that in nearly all the matches the Fosse players had finished up comparatively fresh. In the keen competitions now prevalent it was necessary, if the club was to achieve success, that the players should be kept in good condition. The men had attended the trainings most regularly, and he trusted the competitions would be allowed to continue.

# THE SPORTS.

Mr. A. T. Porter, as secretary of the sports fund, reported that the total receipts, with a few slight alterations which he expected, would amount to £558 10s. 7d., and the expenditure would amount to £263 5s. 6d., leaving a balance of £295 5s. 1d. (Applause.)

The Chairman, in proposing the adoption of the accounts, said the feeling which prevailed at their last meeting was one of congratulation at the results up to that time, and the question was whether they should be able to keep up their series of successes. In the main he thought they might be said to have done so, and that they had every reason for congratulation. The Burton match was very disappointing, and there was no doubt on that day their luck deserted them. They finished a good second in the Midland League, and it was questionable if that League would again have three such teams as Burton, Fosse, and Loughborough for some time to come. Whilst admitting the credit due to Burton, he felt that the Fosse was the better team of the two. They left the Midland League with best wishes for their success in the second division, and the good feeling existing was in a great measure due to their secretary (Mr. Marson), and the secretary of the Midland League (Mr. Kingscott), who were both straightforward and business-like men. (Applause.) Referring to the English Cup competition, he had no doubt it was lost by the Fosse through bad luck in refereeing. (Laughter and applause.) Their match at Derby was a fiasco, the whole performance was miserable. It was more pleasant to recall their win at Kettering, the result of which (the Cup) was before them. (Applause.) The play of McArthur and Priestman was favourably criticised, and then, referring to the alteration in the ground accommodation, the Chairman said they would undoubtedly have to provide dressing accommodation. They were levelling and relaying some part of the turf. They meant to look well after it this summer, and the money they would find it necessary to spend next season on the ground

would depend upon the increase in the number of members. The present lease had three more seasons to run, and he did not think they would find much difficulty in getting it renewed. In compliance with a resolution passed at the last meeting a paid assistant secretary was appointed to help Mr. Marson, and now that they were in the second division it was felt that the work would grow, necessitating the immediate appointment of a secretary who could devote most of his time to the club and be paid accordingly. Another and stronger reason for that was the fact he regretted to say that Mr. Marson had formally tendered his resignation as hon. secretary of the club, his reason being such as to preclude their trying to persuade him to reconsider the matter. They would find a difficulty in filling his place. (Applause.) Coming to what he called the most interesting feature in connection with the club, namely, the success in getting into the second division, the Chairman said it was somewhat disheartening to the committee to hear certain comments made as to the management, especially after such a season's hard work, he meant particularly with regard to the new players. Those who made those comments he thought were two-fold grumblers, and those who knew nothing of the work of the committee and the rules that governed the game, and therefore too much notice should not be paid to them. He remarked on the difficulty they had ex-

perioenced in obtaining first-class players before their election to the second division was an assured fact, but he wished it to be understood that now they were admitted their players could not be approached without the sanction of the club. The penalty of taking League players without permission of their club was such that it was better to run the risk of losing a good player than to make enemies in the League. They had an arduous season before them, and they needed all their moral support because they were not going to meet the same clubs as they did last year. They were going to play on entirely fresh ground, and would meet fresh and stronger clubs, so that they should not complain when a match was lost. In advising them as to the choice of officials, he said they wanted a committee who would work amicably and loyally together, some at any rate who understood the game, men who by personal example would do much to keep the team straight, and be prepared to devote considerable time to the work of the club. (Applause.) Turning to next year's team, the President said it was nearly settled. They were fortunate in not having to experiment with the back division. There should not be much amiss with the right wing, for Hill and Hughes worked together splendidly when they were together at Middlesbrough. The left wing was not definitely settled, but the matter was well under weigh, and they need not fear but that they would be able to fill the position with a first-class man. (Applause.) The great aim had been to get such men as would combine well together. After alluding to the business brought before the Football Association on Monday night, and the second division of the League on Tuesday, Mr. Ashwell said with regard to the latter he thought on the whole the arrangement of the Fosse fixtures was fairly satisfactory, and he had pleasure in announcing that Sunderland, who could not be entertained last season, had consented to come to Leicester, on September 17, for a Monday match. On

the whole the matches were well spread about, and he looked forward to a most enjoyable season's sport. (Applause.) All the reports they had heard were satisfactory, and if they could fill Dorrell's place satisfactorily they would have a capital team for the future. (Applause.)

Mr. Hudson seconded, expressing himself in thorough sympathy and harmony with what the chairman said, and thought they would all agree they were greatly indebted to the committee for the good work done during the past season. (Applause.) He regretted the resignation of Mr. Marson, and thought they should all be proud of being members of the Leicester Fosse Football team. (Applause.)

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

On the motion of Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ashmole, a vote of thanks was accorded to the officers for their services during the past season. A similar compliment was paid to the auditors on the motion of Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Seddon.

#### PRESENTATIONS.

The next business was of a pleasing nature.—The Chairman referred to the impending resignation from the office of hon. secretary of Mr. Marson, and said that although it was not known until a day or two ago that Mr. Marson intended to give up his post as hon. secretary the committee had arranged a suitable present for him as a small memento of the hard work he had accomplished during his official connection with the club. It was not too much to say that they owed their presence in the second division mainly to Mr. Marson's energetic labours. He therefore had much pleasure in handing Mr. Marson a watch.



Mr. Marson, who was very cordially received, acknowledged the present in suitable terms, regretting the cause which had necessitated his retirement, and promising all the support he could give in the future.

On the motion of Mr. Ashmole, who said Mr. Marson's name was respected throughout football circles in England, a special vote of thanks was accorded the retiring secretary, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The Chairman also presented Mr. Cooper, the financial secretary, with a barometer and thermometer, speaking highly of Mr. Cooper's services and his thorough reliability.

Mr. Cooper acknowledged the present, and promised a full measure of support to the club in the future.

#### ALTERATION OF RULES.

Mr. W. G. Jones proposed "That the number of vice-presidents be increased to four, with power to vote on all occasions." He urged that such a step would result in increased stability, and would tend to give more weight to the ruling body.—Mr. Flavell seconded.—The proposition gave rise to some discussion, an objection being forthcoming that the number of vice-presidents would on occasion override the vote of the elected committee.—Mr. Horobin moved as an amendment that one vice-president be elected from that meeting, nominating Mr. Marson for the post. (Applause.)—Mr. J. J. Curtis seconded.—The Chairman accepted the amendment, but ruled the name out of order.—The amendment was carried.

#### AN INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Seddon moved that the subscription be 10s. 6d. per annum, or, including a lady, 15s. He contended that an increased subscription was extremely desirable in face of the great expenditure before them.—Mr. Blaxton seconded.—Mr. Hudson opposed the proposition. They were not an aristocratic but a democratic club, and they must remember the class of patronage they were catering for. He argued that if they were to make the subscription higher they would curtail their membership, and moved as an amendment that the subscription of 10s. 6d. should include the admission of a lady.—Mr. Marson said when Mr. Seddon proposed the rule he knew what expenses the club would be put to in respect of the team and other matters; Mr. Hudson did not know it. The committee had to spend a lot of money, and if the members would not support them in that expenditure they knew what the club would come to. He thought they might accept Mr. Seddon's proposition as a reasonable and fair demand.—Mr. Ashmole thought members should remember that they would have better class football for their money, and surely they would not begrudge an extra half-crown for it.—After further discussion, the committee amended their proposition to read that the subscription be 10s. 6d. for members, and 3s. extra for ladies, and this was agreed to.

#### THE COMMITTEE.

The voting for the committee then occupied the attention of the meeting, and the result of the ballot was announced as follows:—Messrs. A. T. Porter, T. H. Woollerton, W. G. Jones, F. Gardner, T. S. Ashmole, H. Chitham, Chas. Coleman, J. D. Harris, and J. Simmons.

The meeting concluded after a sitting of three hours and a half.

## LEICESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Leicestershire Football Association was held at the Victoria Coffee Tavern on Saturday afternoon. Mr. W. A. Thompson (Loughborough) was voted to the chair, and there were also present Mr. T. S. Ashmole (hon. sec.), E. A. Marson and F. Gardner (Leicester Fosse), F. Stapleton (Loughborough), Rev. W. E. Terry, and G. A. Lee (Ellistown), A. Orchin (Y.M.C.A.), A. Gilmore (Leicester Craven), T. Hall (St. Paul's Victor), W. Powers (Barwell), H. Bramley and W. Abell (North-End), A. Record and G. Broughton (St. Margaret's), H. Curtis (Belgrave St. Michael's), T. Bourne and J. H. Starbuck (Measham Wanderers), T. H. Plummer (Oxford Rovers), C. Mellor and T. Sampson (Wanderers), W. P. Skeffington and J. Hall (Ivanhoe Swifts), S. Lee and S. Bates (Seymour), A. Deacon (St. Peter's), A. Bennett (Richmond), E. Tompkins and J. Monk (Emanuel), E. Lawrence and W. Bradshaw (S. Barnabas' Swifts), F. Russell (Evington Wanderers), A. Whatnall (Loughborough Baptists), Carter (Earl Shilton), T. L. Baker (Woodhouse), G. S. Richardson and Thornton (Quorn), G. Hall (Sileby), G. Stableford (St. Andrew's, Kegworth), Chambers and Bradley (Belgrave Granville), C. W. Baker (Whitwick), A. E. Weston (Gracedieu), Carpenter (London-road), H. Weston (Wigston), Hawkins (Hinckley), Atkins (Wigston South), Beck and Herbert (St. Matthew's), Cooper and Hollens (Syston), Marles and Wheway (Belvoir), Sharpe and York (Stanford), Shuttlewood (Mountsorrell), Lewin and Towle (Barrow), Ball (Barrow Trinity), Pykett and Greenfield (Stanley), A. E. Pears (Excelsior), J. H. Lambert (Castle Donington), W. Thompson (Newby-street), J. Postlethwaite and H. Clark (Albert), C. Wood (St. Mary's Rovers), E. E. Law (Stoney Stanton), W. Burton and G. Stanley (King Richard's-road), Q. Moss and C. Eales (Coalville), Waring (Shepshed), Johnson (Richmond).

would have long mole thanked the members for their very handsome recognition of the little he had been able to do as secretary of the association during the past year. It had been a work of pleasure to him to do anything in the interest of football, or sport in general. With him the Leicestershire Association had always been first, and it was exceedingly gratifying to him to see Leicestershire rising from a very low position until it had become one of the tin-top counties of England so far as football was concerned. (Applause.) He remembered that when he first undertook the secretaryship of the association they had 12 clubs affiliated, whereas in the present year they had 125. (Applause.)

### REVISION OF RULES.

Mr. Ashmole proposed an addition to the existing rules, as follows: "That any club found guilty of inducing, or attempting to induce, a bona fide player, or players of another Leicestershire Association club, to leave his present club shall be deemed guilty of misconduct, and shall be liable to be dealt with in such manner as the executive may determine." Mr. Ashmole remarked that his intention was to prevent small clubs from being injured as they were at the present time through withdrawals from their ranks by clubs financially better off.—Mr. Marson having asked for a definition of a bona fide player, some discussion took place with regard to the difficulty of applying such a rule in the case of amateurs.—Mr. Ashmole, in order to render his proposition more explicit and practicable, added the words "a player who has been registered with the secretary of the Association for 21 days."—After considerable discussion, the new rule was carried by 44 votes to 10.

The following new rule, drawn up by Mr. Ashmole, was also adopted namely, "Each club may nominate one referee, whose name, subject to the approval of the executive, shall be placed on the association list, and no referee shall be allowed to act in connection with the association cup or shield match whose name is not on such list, except in cases of urgency, when the hon. secretary of the association shall have power to appoint one whose name has not been so approved, the executive to

have power to add to the number of referees.  
It was stated that the Hinckley Cottage Homes Committee were desirous of initiating a challenge cup competition in aid of the funds of the hospital.—On the motion of Mr. Ashmole, permission was given for such a competition, providing that affiliation was made with the association.

Permission was granted to the Y.M.C.A. club to hold a six-a-side contest in aid of the funds in the first week in September.

The Chairman complained strongly of the report in a Nottingham newspaper of a cup match played between Hathern and Castle Donington, on the ground that the comments contained therein reflected on the good management of the association, the emergency committee of which had had occasion to deal with some of the players.—Mr. Ashmole explained the action he took in the matter.—The Chairman said it was within his knowledge that in certain instances in which the services of the emergency committee were required the secretary sent round slips of paper, on which the members of the committee recorded their opinions, and thus the decisions of the committee were arrived at. Sometimes all the members of the committee were not consulted.—The Secretary explained that on only two occasions were only part of the committee informed, and then a decision was necessary in such a short space of time that he had no opportunity of consulting all the members.—The Chairman thought it would be as well that the emergency committee should be called together when there was any business to transact, and that the system hitherto adopted should be discontinued.—It was decided to treat the newspaper report as a joke, and take no further notice of it.

Mr. Carpenter called attention to the practice of players leaving their club with arrears of subscriptions unpaid, pointing out that the Rugby

Union had adopted a rule to prevent that sort of thing. He proposed that any member leaving a club with his subscription in arrear be not allowed to play for any other affiliated club until such subscription be paid.—This was seconded by Mr. Stapleton, and carried.

Mr. Stapleton (Loughborough) moved that in future the winners of the senior cup be awarded gold medals and the runners-up silver medals, and that the cup be inscribed with the name of the winning club.—This having been seconded, Mr. Ashmole urged that they should recognise the junior clubs as well, and moved as an amendment that the winners of both senior and junior cups be awarded gold medals.—Mr. Marson advised them not to be too precipitate in thus dealing with the funds. It might be that they would not be in a position to give medals, if they happened to have a bad season.—Eventually it was decided, on the suggestion of Mr. G. A. Lee, that the whole matter be deferred.

This concluded the business. A conference of secretaries was subsequently held for the arrangement of fixtures for next season.

### **SHEPshed.**

FOOTBALL.—W. Wale (left wing) and J. Wortley (back), of the Shepshed Town Club, have signed to play with Hinckley next season.

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## **Coalville Town Football Club.**

### **Annual Dinner.**

The annual dinner of the above Club was held at the Waggon and Horses Inn, on Saturday evening last, when over 40 members and friends sat down to an excellent "feed" prepared by Mr. Jabez Lovett. After the cloths were removed Mr. J. Radford was voted to the chair, and Mr. W. C. Tomlinson to the vice-chair. The loyal and patriotic toasts having been drunk,

The Chairman proposed "Success to the Town Football Club." He said it was a toast they were all interested in and he had proposed it for several years with great pleasure. If his Saturdays were not so much taken up with business engagements he would certainly attend the matches played at Coalville by the Club (cheers). The Club, during the past season, had not been so successful as usual. One year they had the honour of holding the Coalville Cup, but it had gone elsewhere since. He hoped, however, that before long they would see the cup back in the hands of the Coalville Club, and then he hoped that they would be able to keep it (hear, hear). The finances of the Club seemed to be in a favourable state, as there was a balance in hand of over £2 12s. (cheers). He wished them every success in the future.

Mr. S. Boot, secretary, in responding, said they hoped to do better next season both financially and in the game itself. At the beginning of last season they had a nice balance in the Burton Bank, but, owing to the coal strike, they got no "gates" at first, and they had to draw the money out to pay expenses. The matches played during the season

numbered 31, 14 being won, 12 lost and five drawn, and 68 goals being scored for to 69 against. Next season the Club was going on different lines, and they hoped to have men signed on better able to represent the Club than had been the case in the past. The committee had been re-organised, and a sub-committee had also been formed to secure fresh players (applause).

The Chairman, amidst loud applause, then presented the medals, secured by the Town as runners-up in the Coalville Charity Cup Competition, to the players who took part. The recipients were Messrs. W. C. Tomlinson, J. Nicholls, C. Eales, A. Brownlow, E. Massey, E. Orton, W. Smith, J. Smith, J. Dooley, E. Benistone, and J. Beadman.

Mr. Tomlinson proposed "The health of the Visitors," and said they were always pleased to see visitors at any of the functions connected with the Club. They were very glad to have outside help whenever they could get it. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. C. T. Green.

Mr. Green said he was not a football player, but he enjoyed watching the game, and on every possible opportunity he had been to witness the matches of the Town Club (hear, hear). He had enjoyed himself, since he had been present, that evening, and if he had an invitation he hoped to be able to come another year. The Club had his heartiest good wishes, and he was glad to hear that they had funds in hand. He hoped next year they would be successful in winning the Coalville Cup (applause).

"The healths of the Host and Hostess," proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Mr. Jabez Lovett, brought the toast list to an end.

During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. J. Benistone, E. Benistone, senr., W. C. Tomlinson, S. Jarvis, R. Nicholls, J. Middleton, T. Dooley, and the enjoyable proceedings were brought to a close at a late hour by the singing of the "National Anthem."

Coalville Times - Friday 08 June 1894



Self-street schools be proceeded with at once.

**FOOTBALL CLUB.** — A general meeting of the above Association club was held at the Clarence Hotel on Friday evening. The secretary's report showed the club to be in a prosperous position financially. Mr. H. Bolsover resigned the captaincy and T. W. Atkins the secretaryship. Last season the club played 23 matches, of which 18 were won, two lost, and three drawn, scoring 70 goals against 16. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. O. Wright; vice-president, Mr. Gardner; captain, first team, W. Hougham; vice-captain, W. Bridgford; secretary and treasurer, W. Cummins; captain second team, T. Peacock; vice-captain, L. Sharpe; committee, Messrs. T. W. Atkins, J. Ford, A. Bell, E. Thornton, and G. Tyers.

[South Wigston FC]

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**ULLESTHORPE.**

**FOOTBALL CLUB.**—A meeting of members was held at the Chequers Inn on Monday evening. Mr. D. Robinson presiding. The following officers were elected: Mr. D. Robinson, treasurer; Mr. J. Day, secretary; Mr. Sidney Hewitt, captain; Mr. E. Shortland, vice-captain. A committee was appointed to arrange matches and select teams for the forthcoming season. The secretary stated that the balance in hand from last season was upwards of £1 7s.

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**ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.**

**HINCKLEY & DISTRICT**

**COTTAGE HOSPITAL**

**CHARITY CUP.**

**T**HE ABOVE CUP will be contested for during the coming Season. Rules and application forms will be ready on MONDAY NEXT, JUNE 18.

Intending Competitors please apply for same to the Secretary, G. HIND, London Road, Hinckley.

Hinckley Times - Saturday 16 June 1894

### LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB.

The committee have signed Samuel Mills to play outside right next season. The team is now complete, and will prove hard to beat. It is the best that has ever been obtained. The defence is the strongest part of the team, and should the forwards be anything like aggressive, a good goal average should be the result. The full team is as follows:—Rose, full back; Berry, right wing; Swift left wing; Rose, Owen, and Middleton, half-backs; Mills, Dewey, Saxton, Booth, and Edge, forwards. At the meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Football League last week, a small item of business was the placing "on the list"—a term well understood in League circles—Millwall Athletic, Celtic, Loughborough, and Fairfield. This dreadful punishment is for engaging League players.

*Leicester Daily Post - Thursday 21 June 1894*

### FLECKNEY.

FOOTBALL CLUB.—A well-attended meeting of members was held at the Dun Cow on Friday night, Mr. H. Lockwood presiding. The accounts for last season were passed, showing a good balance in hand. Mr. F. Herbert was re-elected secretary. It was decided to become affiliated to the Leicestershire Association.

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 23 June 1894*

## HINCKLEY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

We evidently have many enthusiasts in the game of Association football in Hinckley and district. The concert recently promoted by the above club, was a marked success, a large number interesting themselves in it. The executives, therefore, should not lack encouragement in their exertions. The programme at the concert was a most attractive one, and a large audience was an evidence of the fact that the Town Football Club can boast of numerous supporters in Hinckley. As only a short paragraph appeared recording the business of the annual general meeting, we may again refer to the subject by a few details in regard to last year's doings. The Hon. Sec. has furnished the following results of last season's play:—

### FIRST TEAM.

Matches played, 28; won 15; lost 7; drawn 6 goals for, 76; against, 37. Amongst the teams over whom victory was secured were Coventry Singer, Burton Corinthians, Hugglescote Robin Hoods, Nuneaton St. Nicholas (twice), and Stoke Green. The team lost to Leicester Fosse Rovers, Shepshed Town, Leicester Y.M.C.A., Loughborough Athletic, &c. Drawn games were played with Coventry Rudge, Castle Donington, Kegworth, and Shepshed. The eleven was defeated in the first round of the Leicestershire Senior Cup, on October 7th, 1893, by Shepshed Town.

### RESERVE TEAM.

Matches played, 20; won 12; lost 4; drawn 4; goals for, 66; against, 28. This team has beaten the Hugglescote Reserves, Shilton Town Reserves, Nuneaton St. Nicholas Reserves (twice), Shilton Excelsior, Leicester Cravens, Leicester North End, and Aylestone. They were defeated by Barwell Swifts (twice), also Enderby. The contest for the Leicestershire Shield last season will be long remembered in local circles. In the first round the team met Barwell, and lost the game. A protest was put forward, and after two drawn games victory rested with Barwell by two to none.

### PROSPECTS FOR 1894-95.

Encouraged by such a successful season, the committee have determined to strengthen the team this year. To bring this about the necessity of obtaining further professional help has been considered, and after due deliberation, the committee have been successful in securing what should prove a strong addition to the club. The following club has signed:—Watts (Coventry) left wing forward; Wale (Shepshed) left wing forward; Hickinbottom (Hemington) centre forward; and Wortley (Shepshed) right full back. Two other names are under consideration, which will further strengthen the team if the arrangements come off.

It may also be mentioned that Hinckley Town Club has this year joined the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire League, and will in consequence be called upon to meet some of the best teams in the two counties. The first team has also entered for the Leicestershire Senior Cup, and the Hinckley Cottage Hospital Cup. The Reserve team—

Hinckley Town Swifts—compete for the Leicestershire Junior Cup, and have it under consideration whether they shall enter for the Nuneaton Cottage Hospital Cup or Atherstone Charity Cup.

The list of fixtures which follow will show that next season will be a busy and an important one in the history of the Club. The Committee seem determined that Hinckley shall take its proper place in the county, and with that steady perseverance which must overcome all difficulties they hope to put Hinckley on even terms with Loughborough and Leicester clubs. Many wish them success, and earnest work on the part of the committee, with a generous amount of public support will, we have little doubt, achieve this object.

#### FIXTURES FIRST TEAM.

- Sept. 8.—Trial, home.  
" 15.—Hugglescote, away.  
" 22.—Fosse, home.  
" 29.—Hugglescote, home.  
Oct. 6.—Wellingborough, away.  
" 20.—First Round Leicestershire Senior Cup.  
" 27.—Shepshed, away.  
Nov. 3.—Sileby Rangers, home.  
" 10.—Second Round Senior Cup.  
" 17.—Leicester Y.M.C.A., away.  
" 24.—Shepshed, home.  
Dec. 8.—Finedon, home.  
" 15.—Melton, away.  
" 22.—Sileby Rangers, away.  
" 29.—Melton, home.  
Jan. 5.—Third Round Senior Cup.  
" 12.—Leicester Y.M.C.A., home.  
Feb. 2.—Kettering Town, home.  
" 16.—Kettering Town, away.  
" 23.—Semi-Final Senior Cup.  
Mar. 16.—Finedon, away.  
" 23.—Final Senior Cup.  
" 30.—Wellingborough, home.  
April 6.—Fosse, away.

The Loughborough Athletic Club was not represented at the meeting of the Association at Leicester, on Wednesday evening. Fixtures will therefore be arranged with this club later.

#### RESERVE TEAM.

- Oct. 27.—First Round Leicestershire Junior Cup.  
Nov. 17.—Second Round.  
Jan. 12.—Third Round.  
Feb. 16.—Fourth Round.  
Mar. 30.—Semi-Final.  
April 6.—Final.



**FOOTBALL.**—The silver medals offered by the Leicestershire Football Association to the winners of the Junior Challenge Cup and the Challenge Shield have arrived at Castle Donington, and are on view in the windows of Mr. J. Simpson, London House, and Mr. W. F. Parker, Borough-street. The medals bear the inscription, "Leicestershire Football Association, 1894," and are of a most artistic design, and form a beautiful specimen of the silversmith's handicraft.—Herbert Hickingbottom, of the Hemington United F.C., has accepted an offer from the Hinckley Town F.C., and signed for that organisation for the coming season.

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 23 June 1894*

**FOOTBALL CLUB**—The following are the fixtures of the Shepshed Town Football Club in the Leicestershire and Northants League :—September 15, Fosse Reserves, home ; 22nd, Kettering, home ; 29th, Leicester Y.M.C.A., away ; October 6th, Hugglescote, away ; 13th, Melton, home ; 27th, Hinckley, home ; November 17th, Finedon, home ; 24th, Hinckley, away ; December 1st, Sileby, home ; 8th, Fosse Reserves, away ; January 12, Hugglescote, home ; 19th, Sileby, away ; February 9th, Melton, away ; 16th, Wellingborough, home ; March 2nd, Kettering, away ; 16th, Leicester Y.M.C.A., home ; April 6th, Wellingborough, away ; 13th, Finedon, away.

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 30 June 1894*

**FOOTBALL SUPPER.**—The annual supper in connection with the Rovers' Football Club took place on Saturday evening at the Railway Inn. Upwards of fifty members and friends attended. The chair was taken by Mr. A. H. Tugby, Mr. J. Reynolds (agent for Ashby and district for the L. and N.-W. Railway Company) occupying the vice-chair. The customary toasts having been honoured, Mr. Holbrook (secretary) read the balance-sheet, which showed in hand upwards of £10. The number of matches won was 14, four were lost, and two drawn out of the regular fixtures. They also lost with Gresley Rovers in a friendly match, and Swadlincote Town in the first round of the Gresley and District Football Association by five goals to nil—a very creditable performance, considering their opponents headed the list in the Burton Junior League.

*[Moirs Rovers]*

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 21 July 1894*

#### **WOODHOUSE EAVES.**

**ROVERS' FOOTBALL CLUB.**—The committee are preparing for the coming season, and the secretary announces that 22 dates have been arranged with surrounding clubs. There are, however, several open dates, which they are anxious to fill.

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 28 July 1894*