News Stories 1887-88

Headline	Newspaper
Loughborough Town FC AGM	*Leicester Journal – 12 August 1887*
Football Close Season	*Leicester Journal – 19 August 1887*
Ashby-De-La-Zouch AGM	*Leicester Journal – 2 September 1887*
St John's FC Founded	*Leicester Journal – 2 September 1887*
Letter – Disputed Point – Leicester's Best Team	*Leicester Daily Post – 8 September 1887*
Leicester Association FC AGM	*Leicester Chronicle – 10 September 1887*
Formation Of The Leicestershire Football Association	*Leicester Daily Post– 24 September 1887*
Letters To The Editor The Premier Club Of Leicestershire	*Hinckley News – 24 September 1887*
Leicester Banks FC AGM	*Leicester Daily Post – 30 September 1887*
Fosse Acquires Belgrave-Road Ground	*Leicester Journal – 30 September 1887*
Fosse Football Club List Of Matches For 1887-88 Season	*Leicester Journal – 30 September 1887*
Banks FC	*Leicester Daily Post – 3 October 1887*
Shepshed FC Meeting	*Hinckley News – 8 October 1887*
Letter - The Ashby Ivanhoe And The Hugglescote Robin Hood.	*Hinckley News -12 November 1887*
Assaulting A Football Umpire	*Leicester Daily Post – 2 November 1887*
Letter – Aston Villa V Loughborough Town	*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News – 22 December 1887*
Advertisement For A New Style Of Football Boot	*Leicester Daily Mercury – 31 December 1887*
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Amalgamation Of Coalville Clubs	*Leicester Chronicle – 18 February 1888*
Hugglescote Robin Hood FC AGM	*Leicester Chronicle – 31 March 1888*
Market Harborough FC 1887-88 Results	*Leicester Journal – 13 April 1888*
Sheepshed FC Public Dinner	*Leicester Journal – 13 April 1888*
Hathern Liberal Club FC Meeting	*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Uppingham and Oakham News – 19 April 1888*
South Wigston FC	*Leicester Chronicle – 21 April 1888*
Sheepshed FC AGM	*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Uppingham and Oakham News - 27 September 1888*
A Football Challenge Cup For Coalville	*Leicester Chronicle – 13 October 1888*
Letter To The Editor: Mill Hill House FC v Ravenstone Druids FC	*Leicester Daily Mercury – 17 November 1888*

TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB – The annual meeting of the Loughborough Town Football Club was held in the Committee room, Town Hall, Friday night. Mr. George Upton presided, and Mr. C. H. Gadsby, hon. secretary, reported that the first team had during the season played twenty-one matches, of which they had won eight, lost seven, and six were drawn. They had scored a total of 49 goals, against 40 scored by their rivals. He also stated that the second team had played twelve matches, of which they won six, lost four, the remaining two being drawn. Matches had been arranged with Derby Junction, Notts. Olympic, Wednesbury Old Athletic, Grantham Rovers, Long Eaton Readers, Lincoln City, Castle Donington, and other football clubs during the coming season. The financial statement was presented by Mr. Gibbs (treasurer), and showed a balance in hand of over £8. The reports were adopted with thanks.
Leicester Journal – 12 August 1887

I am pleased that at last there is to be a "close" in football circles. Next year a new rule will come in effect that the football season shall close from the 1st of June to the 1st of September. I have always thought it absurd to see football playing in scorching summer days. How can such clubs as the Albion, Preston North End, Aston Villa, and other clubs be in form at the required time if they play all the year round, as most of the big clubs do? I like things done in season; you might just as well keep Christmas-eve in July with a roaring log fire as play a winter pastime in summer.

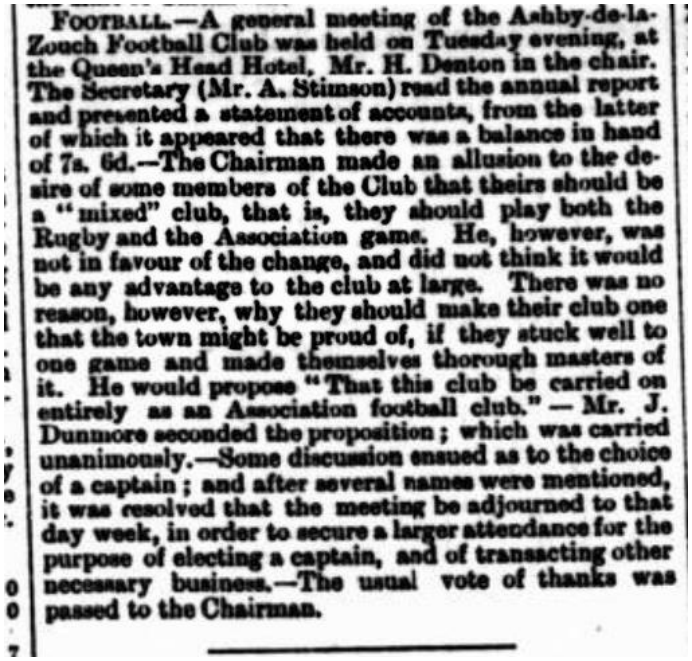
Leicester Journal – 19 August 1887

HUGGLESCOTE.

ST. JOHN'S FOOTBALL CLUB.—On Tuesday evening the young men of the Hugglescote Church Sunday School held a meeting in the National School-room, to reorganize the St. John's Football Club. The Rev. H. E. Broughton presided; and the following offices were filled:—Captain, Mr. D. Moore, vice-captain, Mr. T. Hatter, secretary, Mr. T. Usher, treasurer, Mr. W. Lane. A committee was also formed to arrange matters and select teams. The secretary was also empowered to arrange matches with amateur clubs.

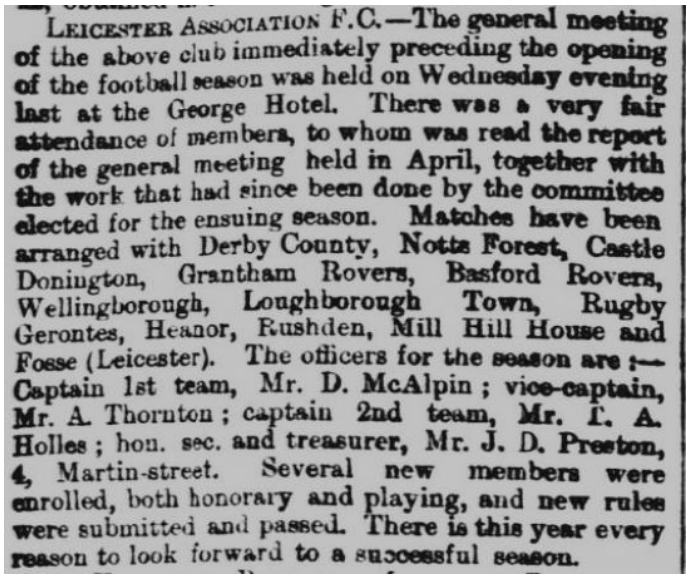
PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—On Sunday, two sermons were preached in the chapel by Mrs. Hall, of New Brinsley. On Monday a public tea was held in the school-room, to which a good number sat down; after which a public meeting was held in the chapel, when speeches were given by the Revs. S. L. George (circuit minister), S. Rixon, Congregationalist, Ashby; C. Hood, Baptist minister, Hugglescote; T. Hagen, Ebenezer, Coalville; S. R. Woodall, circuit minister, Coalville; Mrs. Hall and Mr. Jaquiss, Oldbury. The chair was taken by Mr. James Smith, Donnington-le-Heath; and the proceeds, which amounted to nearly £8, are to be devoted to the trust fund. The choir rendered suitable pieces for the occasion.

Leicester Journal – 2 September 1887



FOOTBALL.—A general meeting of the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Football Club was held on Tuesday evening, at the Queen's Head Hotel, Mr. H. Denton in the chair. The Secretary (Mr. A. Stimson) read the annual report and presented a statement of accounts, from the latter of which it appeared that there was a balance in hand of 7s. 6d.—The Chairman made an allusion to the desire of some members of the Club that theirs should be a "mixed" club, that is, they should play both the Rugby and the Association game. He, however, was not in favour of the change, and did not think it would be any advantage to the club at large. There was no reason, however, why they should make their club one that the town might be proud of, if they stuck well to one game and made themselves thorough masters of it. He would propose "That this club be carried on entirely as an Association football club." — Mr. J. Dunmore seconded the proposition; which was carried unanimously.—Some discussion ensued as to the choice of a captain; and after several names were mentioned, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned to that day week, in order to secure a larger attendance for the purpose of electing a captain, and of transacting other necessary business.—The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman.

Leicester Journal – 2 September 1887



LEICESTER ASSOCIATION F.C.—The general meeting of the above club immediately preceding the opening of the football season was held on Wednesday evening last at the George Hotel. There was a very fair attendance of members, to whom was read the report of the general meeting held in April, together with the work that had since been done by the committee elected for the ensuing season. Matches have been arranged with Derby County, Notts Forest, Castle Donington, Grantham Rovers, Basford Rovers, Wellingborough, Loughborough Town, Rugby Gerontes, Heanor, Rushden, Mill Hill House and Fosse (Leicester). The officers for the season are:—Captain 1st team, Mr. D. McAlpin; vice-captain, Mr. A. Thornton; captain 2nd team, Mr. F. A. Holles; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. J. D. Preston, 4, Martin-street. Several new members were enrolled, both honorary and playing, and new rules were submitted and passed. There is this year every reason to look forward to a successful season.

Leicester Chronicle – 10 September 1887

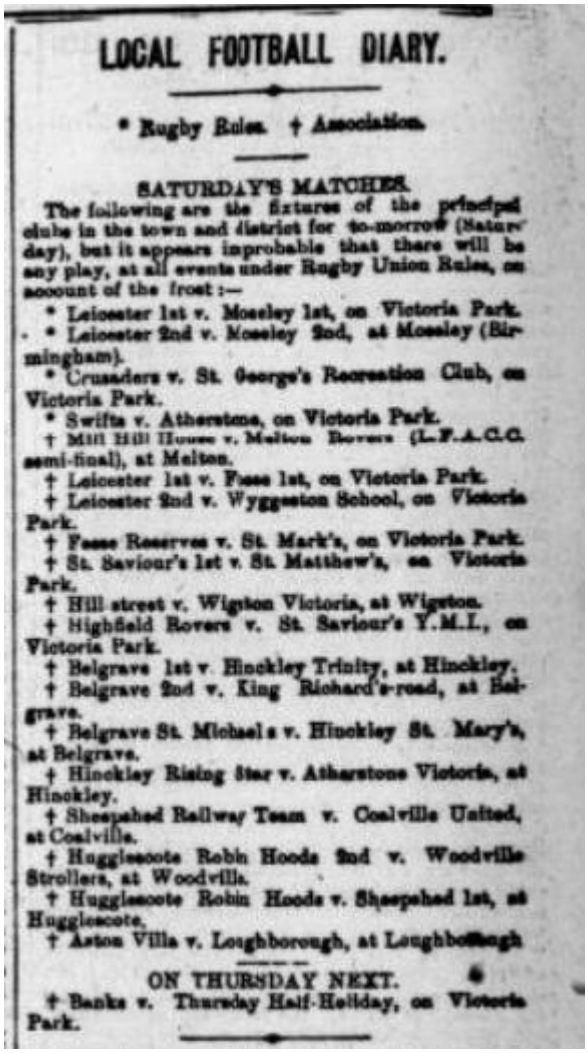
FORMATION OF A FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.— A meeting of gentlemen interested in the national winter pastime—football—was held at the George Hotel, Haymarket, on Saturday afternoon to take into consideration the desirability of forming an association in the county. There was a large attendance, the following clubs sending representatives to the meeting :—Fosse, Town, Mill Hill House, St. Matthew's, Loughborough, Sheepshed, Market Harborough, Kegworth, St. Andrew's, Ravenstone, Castle Donnington, Melton Rovers, St. Saviour's, Colville, and Hinckley Trinity. Mr. D. McAlpin was voted to the chair..—Mr. Gardner, secretary to the Fosse F.C., said the idea of forming an association had been talked of for several seasons. At a committee meeting of their club some time ago he was instructed to write to the clubs of Leicestershire, and ascertain whether they were of opinion that such a society would be beneficial. About 25 clubs were written to, and of these 15 promised to support the association, two replied that they were unable to do so. whilst six did not answer at all. If they had an association like other counties they would be able to send out a representative team against other shires and in cup competitions.—Mr. Upton (Loughborough) proposed, and Mr. Ashmole (Fosse) seconded, that such an association be formed. — This was carried unanimously.— It was decided that the title should be " The Leicestershire Football Association."—After the rules for the government of the association had been framed, the election of

officers was proceeded with. It was decided to request the Deputy-Mayor (Thomas Wright, Esq.) to become the first president; vice-presidents, unlimited as to numbers; hon. secretary, Mr. Small (St. Saviour's F.C.), with Mr Ashmole as assistant; hon. treasurer, Mr. Brice (Mill Hill House); committee, the above-named gentlemen, with one representative from each club affiliated to the association.
Leicester Daily Post– 24 September 1887

LEICESTER BANKS FOOTBALL CLUB—The annual general meeting of this club was held at the George Hotel on Tuesday evening, at which there was a fair attendance. This Association club was started last season, and, considering the short time it has been formed, is in a very encouraging position. Matches nave been arranged for the ensuing season with Nottingham, Rugby, Market Harborough, Ashby, The Fosse, Mill Hill House, Thursday Half Holiday F.C., Wyggestonians (Past and Present), &c.. A few dates remain open, and the secretary would be glad to arrange fixtures with other Thursday clubs. The following officers were appointed :—Captain, Mr. R. H. Rowell; vice-captain„ Mr. K. H. Pearce ; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. P. Bryan ; and a committee of five, consisting of the following : Messrs. J. A. Bagshaw, A. J. Bamford, J. Parsons, A. E. Wright, and C. H. Whitworth. Messrs. R. Hincks and E. J. Small were elected auditors.
Leicester Daily Post – 30 September 1887

LOUGHBOROUGH POLICE COURT
WEDNESDAY – *Before the Rev R Burton (chairman)), R F Martin, and Everard de Liste, Esqrs.*
ASSAULTING A FOOTBALL UMPIRE - Wm. Jones, labourer, Barrow, was charged with assaulting John Hallam, at Barrow, on the 19th Nov. – Complainant stated that on Saturday afternoon he went to see a football match, when James threatened to "pinch" him for giving a decision as umpire, and eventually struck him in the chest with his fists. Afterwards defendant repeated the assault, both on the field and in the public street. – Charles Mee and Arthur Briggs corroborated – Defendant alleged that it was complainant who wanted to fight, and he merely pushed him back – Fined 15s., including costs, or seven days. – Defendant said he would go to prison.
Leicester Daily Post – 24 November 1887

Professor Blackie describes cricket as "a game for young men," and golf as "a game for old gentlemen like himself." "Football," he says, "was a game of brute strength, a struggle unworthy of rational beings. If they could bring sense and skill into it, it might be right enough."
Leicester Daily Mercury – 14 January 1888



LOCAL FOOTBALL DIARY.

* Rugby Rules. † Association.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The following are the fixtures of the principal clubs in the town and district for to-morrow (Saturday), but it appears improbable that there will be any play, at all events under Rugby Union Rules, on account of the frost :—

* Leicester 1st v. Moseley 1st, on Victoria Park.
* Leicester 2nd v. Moseley 2nd, at Moseley (Birmingham).
* Crusaders v. St. George's Recreation Club, on Victoria Park.
* Swifts v. Atherstone, on Victoria Park.
† Mill Hill House v. Melton Rovers (L.F.A.C.C. semi-final), at Melton.
† Leicester 1st v. Fosse 1st, on Victoria Park.
† Leicester 2nd v. Wyggeston School, on Victoria Park.
† Fosse Reserves v. St. Mark's, on Victoria Park.
† St. Saviour's 1st v. St. Matthew's, on Victoria Park.
† Hill street v. Wigston Victoria, at Wigston.
† Highfield Rovers v. St. Saviour's Y.M.I., on Victoria Park.
† Belgrave 1st v. Hinckley Trinity, at Hinckley.
† Belgrave 2nd v. King Richard's-road, at Belgrave.
† Belgrave St. Michael's v. Hinckley St. Mary's, at Belgrave.
† Hinckley Rising Star v. Atherstone Victoria, at Hinckley.
† Sheepshed Railway Team v. Coalville United, at Coalville.
† Hugglescote Robin Hoods 2nd v. Woodville Strollers, at Woodville.
† Hugglescote Robin Hoods v. Sheepshed 1st, at Hugglescote.
† Aston Villa v. Loughborough, at Loughborough

ON THURSDAY NEXT.

† Banks v. Thursday Half-Holiday, on Victoria Park.

Leicester Daily Mercury 2 February 1888

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

• Leicester 1st v. Bedford Grammar School, at Bedford.
• Bedford Grammar School 2nd v. Leicester 2nd, on the Victoria Park.
• Swifts v. Crusaders, on the Victoria Park.
• Nelson v. Lutterworth, on the Victoria Park.
† Leicester 1st v. Rugby Gerontes, on the Victoria Park.
† Leicester 2nd v. Christ Church, on the Victoria Park.
† Fosse 1st v. Kettering, at Kettering.
† Fosse Reserves v. Loughborough Robin Hoods, at Loughborough.
† Fosse 2nd Reserves v. Victor, on the Victoria Park.
† Mill Hill House v. St. Mark's, on the Victoria Park.
† St. Saviour's 1st v. Hugglescote Robin Hoods, on the Spinney Hill Park.
† St. Saviour's Reserves v. St. John's, on the Victoria Park.
† St. Matthew's v. Woodhouse Eaves, on the Victoria Park
† St. Mary's v. Richmond, on the Victoria Park.
† Highfield Rovers v. Hill-street, on the St. Margaret's Pasture.
† Belgrave St. Michael's v. Excelsior, at Belgrave.
† Syston United v. Austy, at Syston.

Leicester Daily Post – 11 February 1888

FOOTBALL – We understand than an attempt will be made, before next football season to amalgamate the three strongest football clubs in Coalville, viz, Coalville Town FC, Fox and Goose FC and the United FC for the purpose of picking a representative eleven for the town. If this is done the result will be a team second to none in the county.
Leicester Chronicle – 18 February 1888

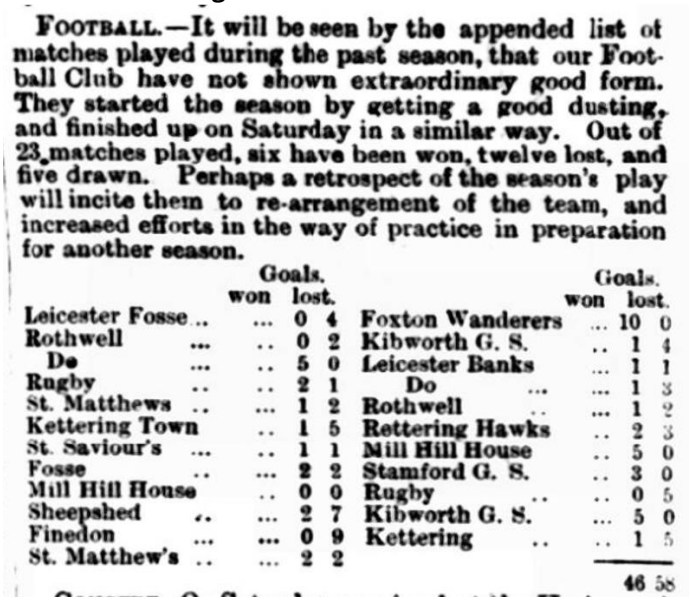
FOOTBALL NOTES
"Forward" is rapidly becoming convinced that local football layers are somewhat half-hearted. Not all of them, but, taken as a class, they display an apathy which one would hardly expect to find in thorough enthusiasts. As can be seen from our diary, the football fixture list generally exceeds by half the number of matches actually played. what were they all doing last Saturday? The afternoon was beautifully fine. Yet the Victoria Park was the scene of less than half-a-dozen matches.
Leicester Daily Mercury – 18 February 1888

HUGGLESCOTE
ROBIN HOOD FC – A general meeting of this club was held at the Gate Inn on Saturday evening, when there was a good attendance of members. The officers for the season 1888-89 were elected as follows:-- President; Rev H E Broughton; vice-president, Mr G Biggs, Mr W Fellows, Mr W Garner, Mr T H Heward, and Dr spinks; captain, Mr S Briers; vice-captain, Mr S Gent; captain of second team, Mr Gee; secretary, Mr H Cross; treasurer, Mr D Gimson; committee; Messrs J Armson, W Deacon, G Marriott, J Poole, J reed and W Wilkins. It was decided to purchase a new set of goal posts with crossbar and to postpone the football contest which was arranged for March 31st to a later period.
Leicester Chronicle – 31 March 1888

SHEPSHED
FOOTBALL—We bear the winners of the Leicestershire Prize Cup—the Shepshed Football Club—are about to be honoured with public dinner in honour of the occasion. The dinner is to be at one of the hotels of the town, and will probably be an interesting affair. The football season is now past and gone, and the Shepshed team are able to look back with feelings of pride it their numerous successes.

Leicester Journal – 13 April 1888

Market Harborough



FOOTBALL.—It will be seen by the appended list of matches played during the past season, that our Football Club have not shown extraordinary good form. They started the season by getting a good dusting, and finished up on Saturday in a similar way. Out of 23 matches played, six have been won, twelve lost, and five drawn. Perhaps a retrospect of the season's play will incite them to re-arrangement of the team, and increased efforts in the way of practice in preparation for another season.

	Goals. won	Goals. lost.		Goals. won	Goals. lost.
Leicester Fosse	0	4	Foxton Wanderers	10	0
Rothwell	0	2	Kibworth G. S.	1	4
Do	5	0	Leicester Banks	1	1
Rugby	2	1	Do	1	3
St. Matthews	1	2	Rothwell	1	2
Kettering Town	1	5	Rettering Hawks	2	3
St. Saviour's	1	1	Mill Hill House	5	0
Fosse	2	2	Stamford G. S.	3	0
Mill Hill House	0	0	Rugby	0	5
Sheepshed	2	7	Kibworth G. S.	5	0
Finedon	0	9	Kettering	1	5
St. Matthew's	2	2			
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Leicester Journal – 13 April 1888

FOOTBALL – On Friday evening a meeting of the members of the Football Club connected with the Hathern Liberal Club was held in one of the upper rooms. Mr Thos. Warren presided, and the attendance was rather limited – It was resolved that the secretary write to the J E Johnson-Ferguson, Esq., asking him to become president of the club, and it was also decided that the club should join the Leicestershire Football Association, and enter for the Challenge Cup next season. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing season: Chairman Messrs C Sibson, W Hickling, T Gamble, C Perberday and C Farrow; treasurer, Mr A Burrows; secretary, Mr T warren; assistant secretary, Mr F Monk.
Melton Mowbray Mercury and Uppingham and Oakham News – 19 April 1888

SOUTH WIGSTON FOOTBALL CLUB – Under Association rules the first team of this club played 12 matches, winning 9, losing 2 and drawing 1. The second team have played four games, winning 2, losing 1 and drawing 1. Total score: South Wigston 32 goals, opponents 11 goals.
Under Rugby rues five games have been played, of which 2 were won, 2 lost and 1 drawn, Total score 5 goals, 4 tries, against 3 goals, 6 tries, or 19 points against 15.
Leicester Chronicle – 21 April 1888