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Football Association – Leicester Fosse Elected Members	*Leicester Chronicle –26 July 1890*
Highfield Swifts And Rovers FC Meeting	*Leicester Chronicle –26 July 1890*

ENDERBY

FOOTBALL CLUB – On Monday evening the annual meeting of the Football Club was held at Havelock Arms, when the following officers were elected for the approaching season: - Captain, Mr. J Peel; vice-captain, Mr. W West; treasurer, Mr. R Drayman; secretary, Mr. T Faulks; committee, Messrs. J Peel, J H Phillips, A College, A Thorpe, G Harrison, T lemon and J Vesty.

Loughborough Herald & North Leicestershire Gazette – 5 September 1889

FOOTBALL CLUB MEETING.—A general meeting of the members of the Coalville Football Club was held on Thursday evening last, at the Fox and Goose Hotel. The chair was taken by Mr. S. Bertenshaw, and there were a good number of members present. The president and vice-presidents were unanimously re-elected. Mr. W. Glover was appointed captain for the ensuing season, Mr. G. Marriott vice-captain, Mr. W. Butler treasurer, and Mr. S. Bertenshaw honorary secretary. The following members were elected on the committee: Messrs. J. Burton, W. Wardle, A. Wright, A. Lester, J. Smalley, W. Lakin, H. Blount, A. Ball, and T. Marriott. The secretary announced that a good number of matches had already been arranged for the coming season, the fixtures including the Leicester Fosse, Mill Hill House, Teachers, and Wanderers, and the Gresley Rovers, so that some good play might be anticipated.

Hinckley News – 7 September 1889

The committee of the Leicestershire Football Association, prompted, I believe, by the desire to give Association football every possible chance to flourish where it has hitherto had but an impoverished existenc, have decided to offer a Junior Challenge Cup, open, of course, only to teams not engaged in the senior competition. Entries close on Oct. 26, by which date, it should have been stated above, all ties in the Senior Cup must be played off.

Leicester Daily Post - Monday 23 September 1889

LOUGHBOROUGH BAXTER-GATE F.C.

Sept. 28—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Barrow Liberal Club 1st, Barrow
Oct. 5—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Barrow Liberal Club 2nd, Loughborough
Oct. 12—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Leicester Northgate Wesleyan, away
Oct. 19—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Loughborough Congregational, home
Oct. 26—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Shepshed Reserves, away
Nov. 9—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Barrow Liberal Club 1st, h me
Nov. 23—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Hathern Britannia, away
Nov. 30- Loughborough Baxter-gate v Barrow Liberal Club 2nd, away
Dec. 7—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Syston Wreake Valley Reserves, home
Dec. 14—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Leicester Highfield Swifts, away
Dec. 21—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Shepshed Reserves home
Dec 21—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Loughborough Congregational, away
Dec. 28 - Loughborough Baxter-gate v Loughborough Burleigh Rangers, home
Jan. 4—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Leicester Northgate Wesleyan, home
Jan. 11—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Loughborough Alliance, home
Jan. 18—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Kegworth Rangers, home
Jan. 25—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Loughborough Burleigh Rangers, away
Feb. 1—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Hathern Britannia, home
Feb. 8 - Loughborough Baxter-gate v Loughborough Alliance, away
Feb. 15—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Leicester Highfield Swifts, home
Feb. 22—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Syston Wreake Valley Reserves, away
Mar. 1—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Hugglescote Wanderers, home
Mar. 15—Loughborough Baxter-gate v Kegworth Rangers, away

Leicester Daily Post - 26 September 1889

FIXTURES.

The Hinckley Association F. C. have arranged the following fixtures for the season :—

First Team.

Sep.	28	Capt. v. Vice-Cap's team	Home
Oct.	5	Atherstone Association	Home
Oct.	12	Croft Rising Star	Away
Oct.	19	Loughborough Alliance	Away
Oct.	26	Earl Shilton Odd Fellows	Home
Nov.	2	Glascote St. George's	Home
Nov.	9	Coventry Rudge	Away
Nov.	16	Earl Shilton Odd Fellows	Away
Nov.	23	11 of Hinckley & District	Home
Nov.	30	Leicester Fosse	Away
Dec.	7	Coalville Town	Home
Dec.	14	Nuneaton	Home
Dec.	21	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Away
Dec.	28	Leicester Wanderers	Away
Jan.	11	Leicester Fosse	Home
Jan.	18	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Home
Jan.	25	Nuneaton	Away
Feb.	1	Croft Rising Star	Home
Feb.	8	Coalville Town	Away
Feb.	15	Coventry Rudge	Home
Feb.	22	Rugby Gerontes	Home
Mar.	1	Leicester Wanderers	Home
Mar.	8	Rugby Gerontes	Away
Mar.	15	Atherstone Association	Away
Mar.	22	Loughborough Alliance	Home
Mar.	29	Glascote St. George's	Away

Reserve Team.

Sept.	28	Capt. v. Vice-Cap's team	Home
Oct.	5	Church Institute	Away
Oct.	19	Belgrave St. Michael's	Home
Nov.	2	Trinity Vicarage	Away
Nov.	9	Burbage Crusaders	Home
Dec.	7	Lester Northgate Wesley	Away
Dec.	21	Hinckley Nelson	Home
Jan.	11	Enderby	Away
Jan.	25	Enderby	Home
Feb.	1	Belgrave St. Michael's	Away
Feb.	8	Hinckley Nelson	Away
Feb.	15	Burbage Crusaders	Away
Mar.	8	Church Institute	Home
Mar.	15	Trinity Vicarage	Home
Mar.	29	Lester Northgate Wesley	Home

Hinckley Times - 28 September 1889

The Leicestershire football season may be said to have fairly started on Saturday, when our Association Cup holders (Loughborough) journeyed to Nottingham, and opened the ball – figuratively, not literally – by soundly beating Notts Olympic. The verdict in favour of the "Luffs" reads four goals to one – a very happy augury for what it is hoped, aye, expected, to prove a successful season. Changes in the constitution of the team appeared at the outset to threaten danger, but from what was seen in the course of Saturday's play the loss of Bailey and De Ville is by no means irreparable. Loughborough Athletic (reserve team of Loughborough proper) were the recipients of a drubbing -five goals to two – from Hugglescote. The reverse will doubtless stimulate them to greater efforts in the essential art of combination, the absence of which, I learn, alone caused their downfall on Saturday. The hard working players of Hugglescote are of course to be congratulated upon opening their season so auspiciously.

Whilst on the subject of Association football, occasionally may be taken to take a superficial glance at the prospects for the forthcoming season of Leicester Fosse. Although the game was played in Leicester before the formation of the club just named, it is fair, I think, to allow that the Fossils are practically the pioneers in this district of Association football. Of recent years they have devoted great energy towards its popularity, and signs are not wanting that the gallant wearers of the "chocolate and blue" will ere long reap a right good reward for their labours. With regard, however, to the club itself I am able, thanks to a valued correspondent, to state that the season promises exceptionally well. While most of the old players will don the familiar colours, the club have been considerably by the arrival of several new members the most noticeable acquisition perhaps being Davies, a late full back of the well-known Nantwich Victoria team. From this club also comes one Viccars, a half-back of merit. Both these players, together with another new man in Harris, took part in a practice match on Saturday, when each gave satisfaction, and, in fact, the play all round was considered of a high standard for the commencement of the season. With the retirement of G A Knight from active pursuit of the game, his mantle of captaincy has fallen on the shoulders of J Johnson, whose experience of the pastime certainly justifies the belief that on his hands the position so capably and honourably filled by Knight will not suffer any by comparison. Johnson will have to lead his men into the field for several important encounters, for the fixtures include matches with Notts Forest Reserve, Beeston, Kettering, Long Eaton, Midland , Grantham Rovers, Wellingborough, and Bullwell, and negotiations are pending with Grantham Town, besides which the Fosse well compete for the Kettering Charity Cup As well as the Leicestershire trophy. It only remains to add that the finances of the club are in a sound state, and that a private ground, situated in Mill-lane have been secured, so that the only things now requisite to compete the Fossils happiness is fine weather, a "fair field" and no favour, and a modest mee of success.
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Leicester Daily Post – 23 September 1889

ST. MATTHEW'S FOOTBALL CLUB.

Oct. 5—St. Matthew's v Teachers 2nd, Spinney Hill Park
Oct. 12—St. Matthew's v Ansty Rovers, Spinney Hill Park
Oct. 19—St. Matthew's v Belvoir Rovers, Welford-road
Oct. 26—St. Matthew's v Northgate Wesleyan, Pasture
Nov. 2—St. Matthew's v Victoria, Pasture
Nov. 9—St. Matthew's v London-road S.S., Spinney Hill Park
Nov. 16—St. Matthew's v Excelsior, Spinney Hill Park
Nov. 23—St. Matthew's v Belvoir Rovers, Spinney Hill Park
Nov. 30—St. Matthew's v Burbage Wanderers, Spinney Hill Park
Dec. 7—St. Matthew's v London-road S.S., Spinney Hill Park
Dec. 21—St. Matthew's v St. Margaret's, Spinney Hill Park
Dec. 28—St. Matthew's v Highfield Swifts, Welford-road
Jan. 4—St. Matthew's v Victoria, Spinney Hill Park
Jan. 11—St. Matthew's v Brunswick-street, Spinney Hill Park
Jan. 18—St. Matthew's v May Villa, Spinney Hill Park
Jan. 25—St. Matthew's v Excelsior, Spinney Hill Park
Feb. 1—St. Matthew's v Brunswick-street, Spinney Hill Park
Feb. 8—St. Matthew's v Highfield Swifts, Spinney Hill Park
Feb. 15—St. Matthew's v Hinckley Trinity V., Spinney Hill Park
Feb. 22—St. Matthew's v Northgate Wesleyan, Spinney Hill Park
Mar. 1—St. Matthew's v St. Margaret's, Pasture
Mar 8—St. Matthew's v Hinckley Trinity V., Hinckley
Mar. 15—St. Matthew's v May Villa, Spinney Hill Park
Mar. 22—St. Matthew's v Burbage Wanderers, Burbage
Mar. 29—St. Matthew's v Ansty Rovers, Ansty
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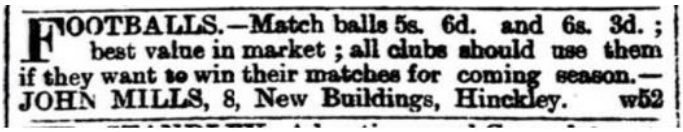
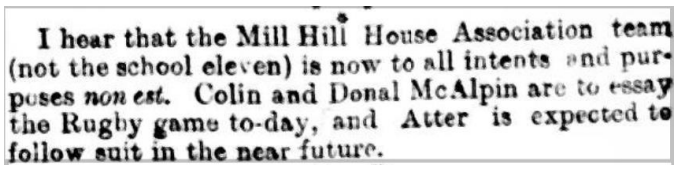
Leicester Daily Post – 1 October 1889



FOOTBALLS.—Match balls 5s. 6d. and 6s. 3d.; best value in market; all clubs should use them if they want to win their matches for coming season.—JOHN MILLS, 8, New Buildings, Hinckley. w52

Leicester Chronicle – 5 October 1889

FOOTBALL SUPPER—The annual supper of the Gresley Rovers Football Club was held on Monday evening, at their club house, when about sixty members and friends sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Dunnicliffe (Albert Village). After having done justice to the good things provided and the tables had been cleared, Mr. H. I. Betterton (Woodville), the president of the club, took the chair, supported on his right by Dr. Parkhill, M.D., while Mr. Boden, of Ashby, occupied the vice-chair. The following short toast list was gone through "Her Majesty the Queen and Royal Family," by Mr. Betterton ; "The Visitors," by R. B. Mansfield, to which Dr. Parkhill and Mr. Boden replied ; "The Patrons," by P. Woods, "Gresley Rovers Football Club," by Mr. H. L Betterton, replied to by J. Sharps; "Our Worthy Chairman," by Mr. Bodes; "Host and Hostess," by Mr. Heathcote. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by some good singing by Dr. Parkhill and Mr. Boden, and Messrs. G. Alton, Thompson, Canner, and Evans. Mr. Owen and Mr. S. Orgill kindly presided at the piano, and the thanks of the members are due to Mr. Owen for kindly lending his piano for the occasion. Letters of apology were received from Mr. Hassall and Mr. Outram, (Woodville), who were unable to attend through business, and from Mr. Knighton (Castle Gresley), who was detained at home through illness. A most enjoyable meeting was brought to is close at eleven o'clock.
Hinckley Times – 12 October 1889



I hear that the Mill Hill House Association team (not the school eleven) is now to all intents and purposes *non est*. Colin and Donal McAlpin are to essay the Rugby game to-day, and Atter is expected to follow suit in the near future.

Leicester Daily Mercury – 4 January 1890

LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL.

"Observer," writing in Monday's *Leicester Post*, says:—There is a rare appetite in Loughborough for good football, and so the Club Committee, with the view of suiting the popular palate, arranged last November for a team of the famous Everton footballers to appear, the occasion arising through the failure of Loughborough's "carded" opponents to fulfil their fixture. Well, it is now an open secret that the Evertonians have sued them in the County Court for the guarantee agreed upon for that match—£12. But, as the visitors arrived late, and only brought eight men, the Loughborough committee feel justified in refusing to pay the full amount. With the sanction of the registrar of the Court, the dispute has been referred to Mr. Bentley, of Bolton, who is connected with the English Football Association. Mr. Bentley will sit at Manchester on Tuesday, and after hearing evidence on both sides report his decision to the registrar of the County Court. This unfortunate incident would never have transpired had Loughborough belonged to a league.

Whilst on Loughborough topics, I may here mention that I had a run over to the new Leicestershire borough on Saturday with the express intention of viewing the game with the Rotherham Swifts. Unfortunately, I am unable, I fear, after seeing and hearing everything worth knowing, to write exactly in the strain that might be best appreciated by many Loughborough readers. The Football Club has lately fallen upon evil times. No matter how hard the executive strives to attain a high pinnacle of popularity, fate appears determined that they shall be sorely tried ere they achieve it. That success will be accomplished eventually, I personally entertain not the slightest doubt, because those who pull the strings of the club are the kind of men, if I mistake not, who heed not the frowns of fortune, but go steadily and firmly on with the task they have undertaken. I desire the so-called patrons of Loughborough football to take particular notice of this, because, from what experience I gained on Saturday, I should judge many of them to be the very opposite to what they should be—thorough sportsmen.

Why do they not give the committee credit for the best intentions? No doubt the executive had the soundest of precedents for the exemplary lesson recently taught to certain refractory players, and for that very reason the football-loving public should strengthen their hands. Instead of that, however, a large section of the community appear to take a keen delight in taunting and jeering the players whilst on the field, and accompanying such conduct with most uncharitable insinuations about the selection of the team. I had ocular and auricular evidence of this on Saturday, and as I am not in the habit of telling useless stories, no denial need be furnished. "Play up, Gibson!" "Fetch Kelham," and "Where's Griffin?" repeatedly awoke the echoes during Saturday's game. These cries for the absent players would be very encouraging to the men then battling their bravest—I don't think! But what kind of spirit does it reveal on the part of those who uttered them? Bah! they're hardly worth the ink I've shed on 'em.

It is not often my good fortune to see a bit of fine Association football, and so, in spite of the circumstances above recorded, I am glad to say Saturday's visit to Loughborough is by no means regretted, inasmuch as the Rotherham Swifts gave perhaps the most skilful exhibition of the game ever witnessed in these parts. It was not because the Loughborough men were mean opponents that the Swifts scored rather freely, but simply superior science which gave

them the ascendency, and as every true sportsman likes to see the best man win, why—*vive la* Rotherham ! Confining myself to the actual field of play, I am bound to say the match was most enjoyable indeed. Both with head and feet the Swifts played the game grandly, and a few such exhibitions as theirs would undoubtedly gain for Association football a firm hold even in Leicester. Loughborough, with a team not quite conversant with each other's play, were well beaten, but strove splendidly again and again to stem the flowing tide. They were not, however, so well up in *finesse*, nor in such hard condition, as their opponents, who were as brisk and quick on the ball in the final stages as they were at the kick-off. Again, the homesters gave the Swifts at least a couple of goals which must have been disallowed had there been an appeal for off-side. However, "all's well that ends well," and although they did get a thrashing, the Longhborough players are not what I take them for if they don't accept it as a lesson from which they will eventually profit. As for some of the spectators, they merely want educating up to the standard of those who patronise the Rugby game at Belgrave-road. So long as good football is given them for their money, no matter by whom exploited, they should rest satisfied, and patiently await the success of those who honestly strive for that same good football to be given by those nearest and dearest to them.

Loughborough Herald & North Leicestershire Gazette - 6 February 1890

LOCAL FOOTBALL DIARY.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

RUGBY.

Leicester v Stratford (Midland Cup tie), Stratford
Leicester 2nd v Bedford Grammar School 2nd, Leicester
Stoneygate v Leicester Swifts (Leicestershire Challenge Cup), Victoria Park
Temperance Rovers v Knighton, Knighton
Old Nelson v Oadby, Oadby
Dover Harlequins v South Wigston, Welford-road
Aylestone Road v Oadby, Welford Road

ASSOCIATION.

Loughborough v Leicester Fosse (semi-final Cup tie), Coalville.
Fosse Reserves v Melton Rovers, Leicester
Leicester Teachers' v Hugglescote Robin Hoods, Spinney-hill Park
Syston Wreake Valley v Y.M.C.A., Syston
Y.M.C.A. v St. Paul's, Welford-road Ground
Richmond v South Wigston, Evington-road
St. Matthew's v St. Margaret's, Pasture
Shepshed v Gresley Rovers, Gresley
Loughborough Baxter-gate v Hugglescote Wanderers, Loughborough
London-road v Northgates Wesleyans, Pasture
Victor v Belgrave St. Michael's, Belgrave
Hinckley v Leicester Wanderers, Hinckley

Leicester Daily Mercury – 28 February 1890

LEICESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the executive committee of this body was held at the Victoria Hotel, London road, on Monday evening. Mr. J. Cooper (Loughborough) presided, and other officials and delegates present were Messrs. Ashmole (hon. sec.), W. Cooper (treasurer), H. Bolsover (South Wigston), Hollis (Leicester Teachers), Starkey (Leicester Richmond), Smith (Melton Rovers), Lovell (Leicester Victor), Gardner (Leicester Fosse), Walton (Syston Wreake Valley), and Brown (Leicester Highfield Rovers). The principal business was the selection of a team to represent Leicestershire against Huntingdonshire at Loughborough next Saturday. After due consideration the following players, together with reserves, were selected:—Goal, W. H. Harris (Leicester Teachers); backs, G. Spibey (Loughborough) and H. Griffin (Loughborough); half-backs, W. Bolsover (South Wigston), E. Coltman (Loughborough), and E. A. Nuttall (captain) (Mill Hill House); right-wing forwards, J. Flint (Teachers) and J. Longden (South Wigston); left-wing, J. Atter (Mill Hill House) and R. Smith (Melton Rovers); centre, C. McAlpin (Mill Hill House) Reserves:—Goal, Price (Market Harborough); backs, H. Bailey (Melton Rovers) and T. Lineker (Teachers); half-backs, Clark (Quorn Havelock), Taylor (Leicester Wanderers), and Stacey (Syston Wreake Valley); right-wing forwards, Rogers (Loughborough) and H. Bolsover (South Wigston); left-wing, Cross (Loughborough) and Rowntree (Teachers); centre, F. Eyles (Teachers). Umpire, Mr. Ashmole. Referee, Mr. E. Wells, Long Eaton. The date of the Coalville v. Hugglescote semi-final cup tie was altered from March 1 to March 8, and other minor business transacted.

Loughborough Herald & North Leicestershire Gazette - 9 January 1890

PROFESSIONALISM IN FOOTBALL.

If some steps are not taken at once to check the importation of Scotch players into England by shameful bribes, not only will friendly relations cease between the Scotch and English clubs (the *Scots O'server* says), but the future of the game will be imperilled by the wanton violence done those laws which should control the conduct of sportsmen. The case is peculiarly hard. In Scotland, those who play football under either Rugby or Association rules do so for the love of the game. In England, on the other hand, though the Rugby Union has resolutely discountenanced professionalism, many of the big Association clubs unblushingly purchase the best players they can find in Scotland or in Wales The Scot is a born football player, and it is north of the Border that Preston North End, Everton, and other teams of the League suborn their most valuable recruits. During the season negotiations are forbidden; but in April agents are despatched from England to induce those Scots who have distinguished themselves in the field to sell their prowess to a commercial syndicate, fantastically called a football club. How serious a matter the exodus of players from Scotland is becoming is proved by the fact that Renton has only one left of its last year's team, while 3rd L. R. V. has been robbed of all its supporters. The inducements offered by the unsportsmanlike Southron are indeed tempting. We hear of one artist bribed to desertion by £250. Another realised £100 down, with a promise of £4 a week during the season, while the committee of the depredating club not infrequently guarantees the immigrant lucrative employment, besides paying him handsomely for service in the field. This unfriendly policy has only failed to ruin Scottish football because the places of the recreants are filled with extraordinary rapidity. But even the fertile soil of Scotland cannot bear a continual drain, and it is to be hoped the English Association will seriously consider the appeal which has been addressed to it from Glasgow, especially as the effect on the English game can hardly be less disastrous.

Leicester Daily Post - 22 January 1890

LEICESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the executive body of this association was held on Wednesday evening at the Victoria Hotel, London-road. Mr. A. Lovell presided. The Loughborough delegates explained the basis of a protest lodged by Loughborough against the result of their cup tie with the Fosse, the eligibility of Rowson and Eggleton being called into question. The committee considered Rowson eligible, but called upon the Fosse to prove the bonâ-fide membership of Eggleton, a proceeding which will take place in due course. The final tie for the Senior Cup was fixed for March 29, to be played either at Leicester, Loughborough, or Coalville. The following players were selected to represent Leicestershire against Birmingham Association at Coventry on March 15:—Harris (Teachers), goal; Davis (Fosse) and Spiby (Loughborough), backs; Nuttall (Mill Hill), Coltman (Loughborough), and Perry (Fosse), half-backs; Flint (Teachers) and Murdoch (Fosse), right wing forwards; Webbe (Fosse), centre; Cross (Loughborough) and Kelham (Loughborough), left wing.

Leicester Chronicle - 8 March 1890

FOOTBALL IN LEICESTERSHIRE.

FORMATION OF A COUNTY LEAGUE.

A meeting of gentlemen interested in football was held at the Victoria Hotel, Leicester, last (Wednesday) evening, when representatives were present from the following clubs;—Leicester Fosse, Melton Rovers, South Wigston, Loughborough, Leicester Teachers, Gresley, Hugglescote Robin Hoods, Syston, Leicester Victor, Shepshed, and the Leicestershire Football Association, the question being the desirability of forming a Football League for the county. Mr. J. Cooper, of Loughborough, occupied the chair.—Mr. Ashmole proposed that a League for Leicestershire be formed, which was seconded and carried unanimously.—It was suggested that 10 clubs should form the League, an amendment in favour of 12 being proposed. On a vote the smaller number was agreed to by 10 votes to 5. Thirteen clubs were nominated, and the 10 selected as under: Loughborough, Melton Rovers, Shepshed, Coalville, Leicester Teachers, Hugglescote Robin Hoods, Gresley Rovers, South Wigston, Market Harborough, and Leicester Fosse. A fortnight was allowed for the clubs to signify their intention to join the League, and in case any of them should decline, it was agreed that the following should be admitted in the order named: Leicester Victor, Syston, Hinckley. The subscription was fixed at £1 1s. Mr. J. T. Hincks, of Leicester, was appointed president, and it was agreed that there should be 12 vice-presidents, one to be appointed by each club, and the remaining two nominated by the committee. Mr. Ashmole was elected secretary, and another resolution passed was that the committee should be formed of one representative from each club, the executive to consist of five, to be chosen by the general committee.—A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

Loughborough Herald & North Leicestershire Gazette - 13 March 1890

Local interest in Association football was supposed to centre chiefly in the final tie for the Junior Challenge Cup. Gresley Rovers, who were left to fight it out with Loughborough Reserves, had burst with meteoric brilliancy in our football firmament, and rumours were flying about in all directions that they were something very much out of the common indeed. I was surprised, therefore, on visiting the Fosse ground, to find a most meagre attendance of spectators. But for a lengthy and lusty-lunged following that came in the train of the Rovers, I'm afraid the affair would have been a bad financial failure. As it was, I doubt whether the balance will be on the right side—an unfortunate fear for the funds of the Association, but one which is as well grounded as the assertion I now make, that the character of the play proved to be as disappointing as the proportions of the crowd. Whether the old cup tie leaven again asserted a deteriorating supremacy I cannot pretend to say, for the simple reason that I have never before set eyes on either team; but for an eleven possessing the reputation they do, I am bound to say, candidly, that the play of the Rovers far from fulfilled my expectations—and, be it remembered, I'm one only of several who steadfastly stand by that opinion. The Rovers have lost only two matches this season, and this I can readily understand. They confine their attentions mainly to junior teams. The Rovers themselves are the most old-fashioned juniors I ever saw. "They're a bit old on the tooth for juniors," said a man in the crowd, and you stand on the strength of that remark till the cows come home in the morning. I should take their average age to be about 24 years. Loughborough, on the other hand, are juniors pure and simple, and one or two played like juveniles. The goal-keeper muffed a couple of scoring shots in very poor style, whilst the outside forward on the right wing occasionally took a trip over the field, and was nowhere near his place when the half-backs banged the ball to where he should have been to receive it. The right half-back, too, fairly "cut it" a time or two when it came to close quarters, but kicked very fairly when nobody was nigh to "get at him," as the saying goes. Perhaps the best men on the field were the backs, Kidger and Smalley playing a fine defensive game for the "Luffs," and Topliss likewise clearing in good style for the Rovers. This same Topliss, otherwise and better known apparently by the bucolic sobriquet of "Navvy," was accorded the honours of the match by one enthusiastic admirer, who, at the call of "no-side," made a grand dash for the blushing "Navvy," and joyfully carried him pick-a-back off the field. Of such is the interest in football.

Leicester Daily Mercury - 29 March 1890

The Fosse Reserves have experienced a remarkably successful season. Of 20 matches played they have won 14, lost one only, drawn five, and have kicked 64 goals against 14 credited to their adversaries. On Tuesday next the Fosse team play Sheffield Montrose on the Mill-lane round.
Leicester Daily Mercury – 5 April 1890

LEICESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the committee of this association was hetd on Saturday at the pavilion of the Greyhound Hotel, Loughborough, at the conclusion of the football match. Mr. R. Small was voted to the chair, and there were present Messrs. H. Bolsover (Wigston), W. Walton (Syston), Morgan (Leicester Teachers), A. Lovell (Victor), J. Atter (Mill Hill), W. Cooper (L.F.A.), F. Garden (Fosse), W. A. Thompson (Loughborough), T. S. Ashmole (secretary), and the representatives for Coalville and Wreake Valley.—The CHAIRMAN asked for the minutes of the last meeting to be read and confirmed, but the SECRETARY stated that he had not brought the minute book.—The CHAIRMAN submitted that they could not transact business until those minutes were adopted, but the meeting decided to proceed without them.—Mr. THOMPSON then objected to the presence of Mr. Atter, the secretary adding that Mr. McAlpin was the representative of the Mill Hill Club, but Mr. ATTER stated that he had received notices from the secretary to attend the meetings, and he was present as the representative of Mill Hill.—The CHAIRMAN ruled in favour of Mr. Atter, and the field being open Mr. THOMPSON proceeded to lay serious charges against the Fosse Club. He went fully into his charges, giving dates and correspondence to substantiate his complaint. He stated that on Feb. 8 the Fosse Reserves played a match at Leicester against a Hinckley club, and at the close of the match Mr. Gardner, a Fosse official, spoke to J. Eggleton, a Hinckley player, who agreed to play for the Fosse in the semi-final against Loughborough on the 1st of March. That night, so the Fosse minute book showed, Eggleton was made a member. He came and played in the semi-final, his fare and tea being paid for, and 5s. besides by the Fosse officials. He (Mr. Thompson) therefore charged the Fosse Club with wilfully breaking Rule 12, and any club infringing that rule was liable to suspension from the association. Eggleton was under the impression that he would be required to play in the final up to the morning of the match, when he received a note from the Fosse secretary thanking him for his past services, and stating that the club had decided to play their regular reserve man. The Loughborough Club became aware of the matter by a letter from a Hinckley Association player, which was followed by a letter from Eggleton himself. In consequence of the correspondence he (Mr. Thompson) went over to Wigston Barracks, where he met Eggleton, whom he asked to meet the executive of the association. In consequence of the Easter holidays Eggleton said he was going away, and would be unable to meet the executive, but he made a declaration substantiating the facts he (Mr. Thompson) had given. That declaration he now handed in to the executive, duly attested, and also another from a member of the Hinckley club. His points were that the Fosse had paid a man for playing, that they had not a receipt for the payment, and that they had played a non-member in the cup competition. As those were against the rules, he asked that the Fosse Club he suspended from the Association.—The CHAIRMAN, while not questioning the authenticity of the document, said it was a pity Eggleton was not at the meeting, as they had nothing but an *ex parte* statement.—Mr. GARDNER submitted that the business was entirely out of order, that the question of Eggleton's eligibility was settled to the full satisfaction of the committee and of the Loughborough representative at a prior meeting. [Mr. THOMPSON: "No."] He would call upon Mr. Lovell (the chairman of that meeting) to confirm the statement.—Mr. LOVELL substantiated Mr. Gardner's statement, adding that the matter was settled at the prior meeting, and the

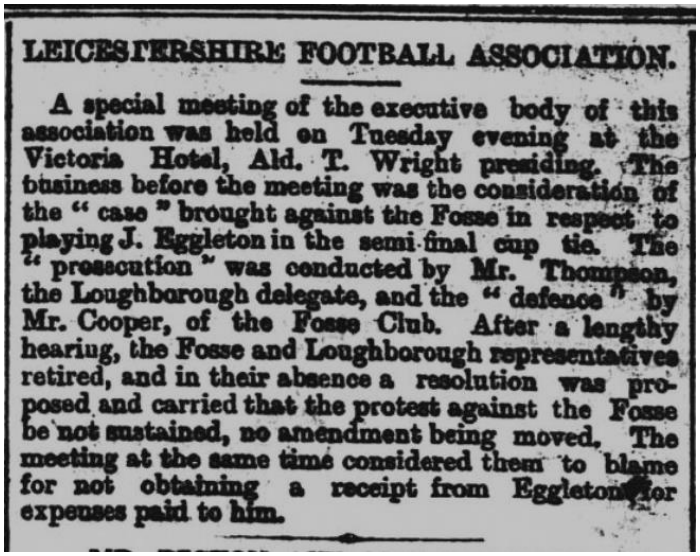
arrangement for the final competition made while Mr. Thompson was in the room. He thought with Mr. Gardner that the business was out of order.—Mr. THOMPSON explained that at that meeting he was satisfied with respect to the minute-book. Now he had further charges against the Fosse Club.—Mr. GARDNER considered that definite notice should have been given on the agenda of the business they were discussing. If that had been done he should have been able to bring information whereby he could meet the charge.—Mr. COOPER suggested that the meeting should be adjourned.—After further discussion, Mr. Gardner's words were embodied into a resolution, seconded by Mr. LOVELL, to the effect that the matter was out of order, and that they proceed to the next business.—Mr. THOMPSON moved an amendment to the effect that some decision be arrived at.—Mr. BOLSOVER seconded, considering that Mr. Thompson had proved his case "up to the hilt."—Mr. THOMPSON asked, if the matter was to be discussed, that the representatives of the clubs interested withdraw, and the CHAIRMAN ruled in favour of that.—Messrs. Gardner, Thompson, and Cooper (L. F A.) then withdrew, and after discussion the executive decided by six votes to three (taken by ballot) that "there was no business before the meeting."—The proceedings lasted about an hour.

Leicester Daily Post - 14 April 1890

LEICESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

An executive meeting of this body was held last (Wednesday) evening at the Victoria Hotel, London-road, when the following were selected to represent Leicestershire against Birmingham Association at the Mill-lane Ground on Saturday, April 26:—Price (Market Harborough), goal; Rowson and Davis (Fosse), backs: Nuttall (Mill Hill), Lineker (Teachers'), and Coltman (Loughborough), half-backs; Flint (Teachers') and Longden (South Wigston), right wing forwards; Webbe (Fosse), centre; Kelham (Loughborough) and Atter (Fosse), left wing.

Leicester Daily Post - 17 April 1890



LEICESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting of the executive body of this association was held on Tuesday evening at the Victoria Hotel, Ald. T. Wright presiding. The business before the meeting was the consideration of the "case" brought against the Fosse in respect to playing J. Eggleton in the semi-final cup tie. The "prosecution" was conducted by Mr. Thompson, the Loughborough delegate, and the "defence" by Mr. Cooper, of the Fosse Club. After a lengthy hearing, the Fosse and Loughborough representatives retired, and in their absence a resolution was proposed and carried that the protest against the Fosse be not sustained, no amendment being moved. The meeting at the same time considered them to blame for not obtaining a receipt from Eggleton for expenses paid to him.

Leicester Chronicle – 26 April 1890

SHEPSHED.

FOOTBALL CLUB.—The annual meeting of members was held at the Railway Hotel on Saturday evening, Mr. S Harriman (president) occupying the chair. There was fair attendance. The report presented by the secretary (Mr. J. Waring) showed that 11 matches had been played, five won, four lost, and two drawn. Shepshed scored 23 goals against 29. The balance-sheet showed receipts £25 19s. 3½d., expenditure £17 3s. 6½d., leaving a balance in hand of £8 15s. 9½d.—The report and balance-sheet were adopted.—Mr. S. Harriman was re-elected president, and the following officers also were chosen:—Vice-presidents, Messrs. U. Goodacre, C.C., J. Harriman, H. W. Bosworth, J. Thompson, J. Hillier, and R. Husbands; treasurer, Mr. J. Parker; captain, Mr. J. Cotton; vice-captain, Mr A. Kidger; captain 2nd team, Mr. J. Moore; secretary, Mr. J. Waring; committee, Messrs. J. G. Foston, W. Griffen, F. Elliott, J. H. Hillier, and A. Newbold.—It was unanimously resolved that any member of the committee absenting himself from three meetings in succession without sufficient cause shall be considered to have resigned his office.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the president, vice presidents, and hon. subscribers for their generous assistance.—Mr. Harriman, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to hold the office. He hoped they would be more successful next season than they were last, and he could assure them there would be nothing wanting on his part to achieve success. The committee and players must work for the good of the club.—Mr. Jas. Thompson also responded, and spoke very highly of the interest taken in the club by the president, and the conduct of the members of the club generally. They had some young players who were showing good form, and he believed they would do well for the club next season.—A discussion ensued respecting the difficulty of getting players to go to out-town matches, and eventually this was referred to the committee.—

A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, and the meeting closed.—At 7.15 a number of members and friends sat down to an excellent repast in the large room of the Railway Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Smith catered in liberal style. Mr. S. Harriman occupied the chair, and amongst those also present were Dr. G. Cardno Still, Messrs. J. Harriman, T. Whyte, J. Mills, R. Husbands, H. H. Gibbs, W. O. Roberts, M. Blood, J. Thompson, J. Whitworth, H. Freeman, W. M. Roe (Loughborough), B. Harvey, J. Hillier, J. Parker, H. Harriman, J. Kidger, T. Hill, E. Blood, &c.—The cloth having been withdrawn, Mr. W. M. Roe was called to the vice-chair.—A letter was read from Everard de Lisle, Esq., J.P., expressing regret at his non-attendance, and wishing them a pleasant evening.—Mr. J. Thompson, in a neat speech, proposed "Success to the Football Club," and referred to the interest which was taken in it.—The toast was well received.—The Chairman gave "The health of the Vice-presidents."—Mr. J. Harriman, in responding, said the Shepshed players always played a good and gentlemanly game. He could not congratulate them as he did two years ago, because they had gone back a bit—(laughter)—but he hoped they would be more successful next season. They must practise more and work well together, and he was sure there were plenty of gentlemen in Shepshed ready to assist them with their subscriptions. All Shepshed people took an interest in the Football Club, and he felt sure that the coming season would be a succession of victories. (Applause.) He gave them "The health of Dr. Still," who responded.—Mr. Whyte responded on behalf of the visiting friends. He regarded football as a noble game when played in a straightforward manner. They were looking forward to next season, and he hoped to see them fight many a good battle. He concluded by proposing "The health of the Vice-chairman," which was responded to.—Mr. Husbands, in reply to the toast of his health, said he had always taken a great interest in the rising generation, and was glad to see them so successful in the football

field.—Mr. J. Mills proposed the health of Mr. W. O. Roberts, and the latter, in reply, said the youth of Shepshed were proving worthy successors of those who had gone before them. He believed these sports helped to develop the system both physically and morally.—Mr. H. H. Gibbs, in reply to the toast of his health, said he occupied a different position to some of them. He had played both for and against Shepshed, and when he played for Coalville he could assure them that they always looked upon the Shepshed players as formidable opponents. They certainly were a good team, and had maintained their position. Mr. Gibbs then referred to the athletic sports committee being very reluctantly compelled to give up their sports, and said he should be glad to see the Football Club take them up.—Mr. S. Harriman and others also spoke in favour of holding sports, but no decision was arrived at.—The health of the president was drunk with "musical honours," and in reply Mr. Harriman said that whilst he was in Shepshed he should try to further anything for the benefit of the inhabitants, such as sports, Football Club, or sick societies. (Applause.)—Mr. Mills gave the host and hostess, which was responded to.—During the evening songs were given by Messrs. T. Hill, T. Mattock, W. Rose, T. Smith, and J. Kidger, the latter gentleman presiding at the piano.

Leicester Daily Post – 29 April 1890

A VICTIM OF FOOTBALL - I didn't play this year; it was a disappointment, can tell yen. Early in the season I had a bad eye. Poulter gave it me—in the Engineer match. The ball was near their goal I stooped to pick it op. Somehow I tripped. Of course, Poulter didn't know what I was going to be up to. He kicked at the ball, and instead of the ball he kicked my eye. I was a sight! And then, hardly was I able to show again when, in the match with the St. Galen's men. Thistlewaite, a great giant, over six feet high, picked me up when I was running, and pitched me on my head against one of the iron posts one which we hang the rope to enclose the ground. Of course he didn't t mean it, but I thought that game had seen the last of me. It was all I could do, a month afterwards, to toddle down to the ground to see the match with Biddleham. Play, worse luck, was out of the question. My brother didn't play either. Miss Blake objected. She use to be awfully fond of the game before she became engaged to him, but since that event she seems to have cooled off a bit. She says that when a man is to be married she thinks he ought to stop that kind of thing. There's something in it. Jack Hill, two days before his marriage, got compound fracture in both his legs. It was to be his last match—and item. But the wedding was postponed —From "The Match of the Seams," in the *Cornhill Magazine*.
Leicester Daily Post – 2 May 1890

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Leicester Chronicle – 3 May 1890

VICTOR FOOTBALL CLUB — At the annual meeting of the above club, recently held, the report showed that during last season the 1st team played 22 matches, won 11, lost 8, drawn 3 ; goals scored, for 48, against 38. The reserve team played 16 matches, won 7, lost 7, drawn 2; goals scored, for 31, against 31. The following were elected for the season 1890- -91 : — President, Mr. Allen Lovell ; captain (1st team), Fred L. Cotterill ; vice-captain (ditto), Tom Weston ; captain (2nd team), A. Neale Barrowcliffe; vice-captain (ditto), Tom H. Barrowcliffe; treasurer, Chas. H. D. Martin; auditor, William Cooper; secretaries, J. Edward Costello, 28, Gladstone-street, and Chas. E. Smith; committee, William R. Bridger, Arthur H. Shenstone, Will C. Shenstone, and Geo. H. Weston.
Leicester Chronicle – 10 May 1890

COALVILLE
Town Football Club.—The animal supper this club was held at the Waggon and Horses Inn, Coalville, on Saturday. The members and visitors sat down to a supper provided by the Host and Hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Lovett), who catered in their usual excellent style. After the cloth was drawn, Mr. G. Choyce was chosen chairman, and Mr. E Berrisford vice-chairman. The toasts of the evening were accorded musical honours. The Chairman read the accounts for the season, which showed that the club is in a flourishing condition. Expenditure, £18 213s; receipts, £19 4s 6d. Matches played 24, won 14, lost 4, drawn 8 ; goals for, 59 ; against 32. Three out of the four matches lost were through the team which was picked not turning up and having to play weak team., and the other was the final of the Leicestershire Cup, after making a drawn game. The club was to be congratulated, considering they had met the best teams of Leicestershire. They must acknowledge that the best team won the cup match, but they would try and carry it through next season. A football bag was presented to Mr. Geo. Burton for his services as secretary during the season. Other speeches followed. Songs were sung during the evening by Messrs, Jones, Newman, Maddocks, and Mr. John Billings.
Leicester Journal – 16 May 1890

ALBERT VILLAGE.—GRESLEY ROVERS' FOOTBALL CLUB, PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.—On Saturday evening a very successful meeting of the members of the Gresley Rovers' Football Club and friends was held in the Albert Inn, Albert Village. The proceedings commenced with a substantial supper provided by Mr. Dunnicliff. Dr. Parkhill (Church Gresley) occupied the chair, and Mr. Barraclough (Woodville) was in the vice-chair. After supper Mr. Ashmole, the secretary of the Leicestershire Football Association, was present to distribute the medals won by the Gresley Rovers in connection with the victory of that team in the competition for the Junior Cup of the Leicestershire Association a few weeks ago. In presenting the medals, Mr. Ashmole stated the great pleasure it afforded him to be present on the occasion, though he regretted that Alderman Wright (Leicester), the worthy President of the Leicestershire Football Association, was unable to be present, but he had pleasure in reading a letter from him, which congratulated the Gresley Rovers upon their skill, combination, and courage. After expressing his best wishes for the future of the Gresley Rovers Mr. Ashmole presented the medals amidst great applause, which was specially marked when the captain (Mr. Joseph Sharpe) and vice-captain (Mr. Robinson) received their honours. Mr. Ashmole had then to leave to catch a train for Leicester, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded as he left the room.—Mr. Knighton (Church Gresley) was then called upon to read letters of apology from Messrs. Betterton, S Ratcliff, C. R. Ratcliff, S. Green, J. Hassall, and Boden, whose other engagements prevented their presence there that evening.—The Chairman then proposed the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family." Special reference was made to the Queen's birthday, and the toast was drunk with musical honours.—In proposing "The Gresley Rovers," Mr. Ensor (Church Gresley) congratulated the team upon their success, which he attributed solely to the united front they had always shown, and to the good captaincy which they enjoyed in Mr. Sharpe. He read the results of the engagements of the recent season. Nineteen matches had been played, sixteen won, one drawn, and two lost. The goals obtained by the Rovers were 124, and the total of their opponents' goals throughout the whole season only amounted to 23. These statistics were received with great applause, and the toast was drunk with enthusiasm.—On behalf of the club Mr. Robinson responded.—In a thoroughly hearty speech Mr. Alfred Ensor proposed "The health of the Captain, Mr. Joseph Sharpe," which was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm and musical honours.—In responding for the visitors, Mr. Barraclough stated that "the horny handed sons of toil" who composed the Gresley Rovers' team had gained a forward position in the eyes of the Leicestershire Association. He congratulated them upon their gentlemanly behaviour, and wished them every success in the future.—Dr. Parkhill and Mr. Ensor also spoke in response to this toast.—"The health of the Chairman" was next drunk, and, in response, Dr. Parkhill referred to the past history of the club, and the creditable manner in which they had forged their way to the distinguished position which they now held. He counselled them to stick together, and no doubt next year the Senior Cup would be theirs (applause). After "the health of the Host and Hostess" had been drunk, the proceedings terminated in the usual manner. Several songs were contributed during the evening by Messrs. T Canner, T. Woods, A. Ensor, &c. It is expected that in the next season the members of the first team will enter for the Senior Cup, and that the second team will struggle for their "blue" in the Junior Cup contests. About 30 guests were present.

Leicester Journal – 30 May 1890

FOSSE FOOTBALL CLUB.—The anniversary dinner of this popular Association football club was celebrated on Wednesday evening at the Victoria Hotel, London-road. About 50 members and friends sat down to a capital repast, served in Host Cleaver's customary good style. Ald. T. Wright, J.P., presided, and he was supported by Mr. J. Johnson, sen., and Mr. Jas. Johnson (captain). Mr. F. Ashwell occupied the vice-chair, and amongst others present were Messrs. W. Johnson, E. Johnson, C. Walker, S. Rowson, W. Davis, J. Murdoch, A. Vickers, C. Bentley, H. Webb, F. Gardner (hon. sec.), A. West, E. Thompson, C. Squire, W. G. Seville, W. E. Taylor, R. Smith, W. Cooper, F. Collin, T. S. Ashmole, S. Hipwell, E. A. Marston, E. Smith, F. Burdett, A. J. Stubbs, H. Jackson, H. Busby, J. Goadby, C. W. B. Ford, and J. R. McRobie.—Loyalty having been honoured, Mr. Ashwell proposed "Success to the Leicestershire Association," to which Mr. Ashmole responded, remarking that although the Association team had experienced ill success on the field, and despite the fact that eight out of twelve fixtures had resulted in a financial reverse, there was nevertheless a balance in the treasurer's hands of £20.—The Chairman next submitted the toast of the evening, "Success to the Fosse Football Club." He said that although he had seen but little of the Fosse play during the past season plenty of evidence was forthcoming of their success. Playing a distinctly fair and honourable game at football, and especially eschewing the rough tactics pursued, he was afraid, by too many others, they had fought their way to the top of the tree in Leicestershire, and now had a

fitting reward in the possession of the County Challenge Cup. Beyond that highly encouraging success, their season's record was one of which any team might feel justly proud. The first eleven had contested 27 matches, of which 11 were won, 12 lost, and four drawn ; but as a set-off to the bare preponderance of losses over victories, they had kicked 61 goals, against 40 scored by their opponents. That, at any rate, proved their general play to have been the best. The Reserves had a wonderfully fine record, having won 14, lost only one, and drawn five of the 20 matches played, whilst they had scored no fewer than 64 goals to their opponents' 14. The third team played four matches, winning one, losing two, drawing one, and scoring seven goals to their opponents' six. The grand total thus showed 51 matches played, 26 won, 15 lost, 10 drawn ; goals for 132, against 60. There were now 80 members, and the financial status was sound. That, said Mr. Wright, was a most prosperous state of affairs, and he trusted that with a continuance of the existing *esprit de corps* they would enjoy even a more successful future. — With the toast was coupled the names of Mr. J. Johnson (captain) and Mr. F. Gardner (hon. sec.) both of whom acknowledged the enthusiasm which it was accorded. Mr. Johnson said it was only by a series of hard struggles that they had attained their present position, and Mr. Gardner announced that next season the Fosse would probably be found flying at still higher game, in the shape of the English Cup.—The Chairman next presented medals to the cup team, and also a handsome travelling bag to Mr. F. Gardner as a slight recognition of his arduous and invaluable services as secretary.—Other complimentary toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. "right wing" Bentley

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Leicester Daily Mercury – 15 May 1890

LEICESTER FOSSE FOOTBALL CLUB.—A general meeting of this club was held at the Victoria Hotel on Wednesday evening, Mr. F. Ashwell presiding over a good attendance of members. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the treasurer's report and balance-sheet were read. The amount which has passed through the treasurer's hands is a considerable increase on last season, being £93 7s. 7½d., against £34 2s. 2½d. last year. The receipts included £26 19s. subscriptions, £11 concert, £42 18s. 5d. match receipts. There is, however, a balance due to the treasurer of £6 7s. 10d. This, it was stated, may be accounted for by the alterations to the club ground, and several home matches falling through. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The hon. sec. then presented a lengthy report on the work of the club, and the results of the past season. He stated that at the commencement of the season the club started on a broader footing, and strove to rouse the interest and gain the support of the public; that the result was satisfactory, and promised to be very successful next season. The first team was not a "settled" one at the commencement of the season, but was strengthened later, and the results of matches played were more satisfactory towards the latter part of the season. He stated further that a veryattractive list of matches would be arranged for the ensuing season, in addition to which the club will compete for the English Cup, Leicestershire Cup, and Kettering Charity Cup. It had been decided by the committee not to join the Leicestershire Football League as at present constituted. The reserve team had had a brilliant season, and would have strong fixtures next season.—The secretary's report was adopted, and also that of the committee. Votes of thanks were accorded to the retiring officers, and the following were elected for next season:—President, T. Wright, Esq., C.C.; vice-presidents, T. K. Tapling, Esq., M.P., Geo. Oliver, Esq., J.P., Rev. H. J. Fortescue, F. Ashwell, Esq., J. Johnson, Esq., W. Cooper, Esq., J. H. Tarratt, Esq., S. Lennard, Esq., and Dr. Young; captain, first team, James Johnson; vice-captain, W. Davis; captain, reserve team, F. Burdett; vice-captain, E. Thompson; hon. treasurer, J. Johnson, Esq.; hon. secretary, F. Gardner; assistant, W. J. Cooper; committee, A. J. Stubbs, W. J. Cooper, J. Hillman, A. E. Nuttall, and S. Sudbury. A slight alteration of rules concluded the business, and a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very successful meeting to a close.

Leicester Chronicle - 24 May 1890

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.—At a meeting of this association, held on Monday evening in London, the Leicester Fosse were elected members of the association. The following local clubs were entered for the Association Cup :—Burton Wanderers, Loughborough, Burton Swifts, and Leicester Fosse. The draw will take place on Sept. 1st.

Leicester Chronicle – 26 July 1890

HIGHFIELDS SWIFTS AND ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUBS. A meeting of these clubs was held the other evening at the Highfields Hotel, Mr. Bee presiding, for the purpose of amalgamating them. The officers were elected for the ensuing season as follows :—T. Brown (captain), J. Harris (vice-captain), B. Weston (treasurer and secretary), J. Johnson and Tebbs (committee).

Leicester Chronicle – 26 July 1890