News Stories 1891-92

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Junior Football Team Wanted – Classified Advertisement	*Leicester Daily Post - Monday 03 August 1891*
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Ivanhoe [Ashby] Football Club	*Leicester Chronicle – Saturday 29 August 1891*
Harby FC Meeting	*Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 04 September 1891*
Advertisement 6-A-Sde Tournament Loughborough	*Hinckley News - Saturday 05 September 1891*
Leicester Swifts FC Meeting	*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 05 September 1891*
Loughborough AFC Practice Match	*Leicester Daily Post - Monday 07 September 1891*
Football On Grace Road – Series Of Letters To The Editor	*Leicester Daily Post - Wednesday 09 September 1891* *Leicester Daily Post - Saturday 19 September 1891*
Shepshed FC Meeting	*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 12 September 1891*
Loughborough AFC – Explanation Re 7 Players Only At Port Vale	*Loughborough Herald & North Leicestershire Gazette - Thursday 24 September 1891*
Melton Swifts Match In Sloper Costumes	*Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 25 September 1891*
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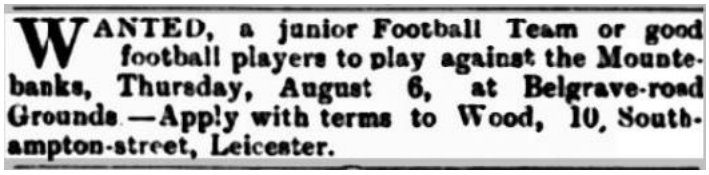
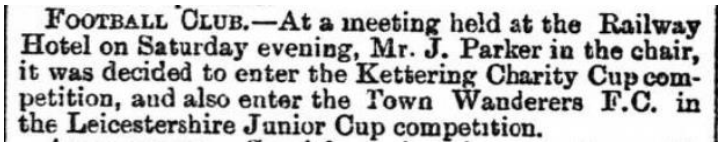
Loughborough AFC – Letter To The Editor	*Hinckley News - Saturday 16 January 1892*
Shepshed FC – Club Dinner	*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 14 January 1892*
Football Fixtures	*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 14 January 1892*
Football Accident Oakthorpe	*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 23 January 1892*
Robbery At Loughborough AFC	*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 23 January 1892*
Advertisement For Leicester Pink	*Leicester Daily Mercury - Thursday 04 February 1892*
Ruffianism Of Modern Football	*Leicester Daily Post - Friday 12 February 1892*
Loughborough AFC	*Hinckley News - Saturday 05 March 1892*
Loughborough AFC Letter To The Editor	*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 10 March 1892*
Leicestershire Football Association	*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 19 March 1892*
Football Accident	*Leicester Daily Post - Monday 21 March 1892* *Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 26 March 1892#* *Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - Tuesday 19 April 1892*
Chapter Accidents	*Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - Tuesday 22 March 1892*
Midland League – Fosse Protest	*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 16 April 1892*
Street Football	*Hinckley Times - Saturday 16 April 1892*
Advertisement – Fosse v Bolton	*Leicester Daily Mercury - Saturday 23 April 1892*
Melton Town FC	*Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 20 May 1892*
Football Church Service	*Leicester Daily Post - Monday 25 April 1892*

Melton Town Swifts FC	*Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 29 April 1892*
Lutterworth FC Meeting	*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 14 May 1892*
Melton Town FC Annual Dinner	*Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 20 May 1892*
Barrow Rising Star FC Meeting	*Leicester Journal - Friday 20 May 1892*
Hugglecote Robin Hood Fc Meeting	*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 28 May 1892*
Fosse AGM	*Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 03 June 1892*
Coalville Town FC Meeting	*Leicester Journal - Friday 03 June 1892*
Loughborough AFC Annual Sports	*Leicester Daily Mercury - Tuesday 07 June 1892*
Harborough FC Meeting	*Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - Tuesday 28 June 1892*
Melton Town Swifts FC	*Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 08 July 1892*
Stoney Stanton FC	*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 09 July 1892*
Loughborough AFC AGM	*Leicester Daily Post - Saturday 16 July 1892*
Woodville FC	*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 16 July 1892*



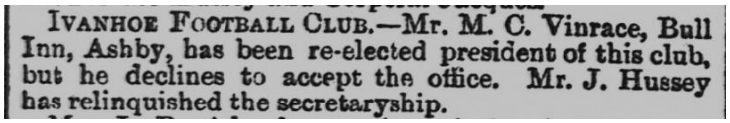
WANTED, a junior Football Team or good football players to play against the Mountebanks, Thursday, August 6, at Belgrave-road Grounds.—Apply with terms to Wood, 10, Southampton-street, Leicester.

Leicester Daily Post - Monday 03 August 1891



FOOTBALL CLUB.—At a meeting held at the Railway Hotel on Saturday evening, Mr. J. Parker in the chair, it was decided to enter the Kettering Charity Cup competition, and also enter the Town Wanderers F.C. in the Leicestershire Junior Cup competition.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 08 August 1891



IVANHOE FOOTBALL CLUB.—Mr. M. C. Vinrace, Bull Inn, Ashby, has been re-elected president of this club, but he declines to accept the office. Mr. J. Hussey has relinquished the secretaryship.

Leicester Chronicle – Saturday 29 August 1891

HARBY

FOOTBALL.—A general meeting of the Harby Wanderer's Football Club was held at the White Hart Inn, on Monday evening last, when there was a very good attendance. Mr. J. Moulds occupied the chair. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. H. Shipman for allowing members the use of his field. The subscription was settled at 1s., and those under 16 to pay 6d. It was decided to allow no one to practice unless his subscription be paid. Matches are to be arranged with :—Melton Swifts, Muston, Bingham, Barnstone, Asfordby, Grantham Y.M.C.A and Mr. Heath's Team. The following officers were appointed :—President, Mr. W. Furmidge; vice-presidents, Rev. G. H. Preston, Messrs. H. Shipman, G. Porter, J. A. Beatly, and J. Heath; hon secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Furmidge, junr.; captain, Mr. G. Barke; vice-captain, Mr. J. Jackson; committee, Messrs. J. Moulds, C. Martin, J. Barke, and L. Furmidge. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting, and the rest of the evening was spent in listening to songs contributed by Messrs. J. Moulds, H. Hall, C. Martin, L. Furmidge, and P. Blake.

Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 04 September 1891

LOUGHBOROUGH

ATHLETIC AND FOOTBALL CLUB.

By permission of the Football Association

A GRAND SIX-A-SIDE

FOOTBALL CONTEST

Will be held

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1891,

At the

GREYHOUND ATHLETIC GROUND,

LOUGHBOROUGH.

UPWARDS OF £15 IN PRIZES.

Open to the Midland Counties. Entrance fee 5s. Full particulars upon application to the Greyhound Hotel.

Hinckley News - Saturday 05 September 1891

LEICESTER SWIFTS FOOTBALL CLUB.—A general meeting of the Leicester Swifts F.C. was held on Tuesday evening at the headquarters of the club, the Old Horse Hotel, London-road, preparatory for the coming season. Mr. A. T. Cooke presided, and there was a good muster of members.—At a previous meeting held a short time ago a letter of condolence with the family of the late Mr. T. K. Tapling, M.P., one of the vice-presidents of the club, was ordered to be sent, and the following reply was read at this meeting :—"May 2, 1891.—Dear sir,—We thank the members of the Leicester Swifts Football Club very sincerely for their message of sympathy with us in our deep sorrow. It is some consolation to know how much my dear son was appreciated. Only those who were constantly with him could know what a good and noble life he led, and to us his loss is irreparable. —Yours truly, CHARLOTTE A. TAPLING."—The letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes.—Mr. F. K. Ward, the secretary, read out the fixtures which the club had arranged for the coming season, and he announced that the committee had met last Tuesday, and had proposed several new playing members. These were Walter and Arthur Ball, A. H. Hurlbut, Edgar Woodford, Tom Wilson, and T. Cluloe, all of Leicester, and Mr. Burton, late half-back for the Salford Club. Mr. Ward said he did not know at present whether Burton would be able to play in all the matches, especially the out-of-town engagements, owing to business ties, but he would no doubt be able to play in the home fixtures. Then a gentleman named Wade, late of the Stafford Rangers, was anxious to join the club, for although he was an Association player he was willing to play under Rugby rules. The Captain, Mr. T. H. Crumbie, said that there would be three practices of the club before the season proper commenced, and the first of these would be on Saturday. The Chairman hoped the members would stick together during the season, and that the business of the club would be carried on as successfully as it had been hitherto. A discussion ensued on a proposal to establish an accident fund for the players who may be injured in any of the matches, and the matter was eventually left to the committee to consider. The Captain then explained in detail the working of the new rules of the game with regard to the "dead ball," and the limit of distance behind the goal line, and also the new method of scoring. He mentioned incidentally that that club had sent to the Leicestershire Rugby Union a proposal that the scoring in local cup matches should be the same as the international system, and another proposition that the county qualification for the players in cup matches should be abolished. The usual thanks concluded the meeting.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 05 September 1891

THE LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB.

The football season was opened in Loughborough on Mr. J. H. Tyler's ground between teams selected by A. Carnelley and J. Plackett. The former team consisted of the first team forwards and the reserve team backs, and Plackett's comprised the first team backs and the reserve forwards. Freestone (for Carnelley's) kicked off, and soon scored the first goal. Plackett's scored next, and some fast and, at times, exciting play was witnessed, Carnelley showing splendid form. At half-time the game stood :— Carnelley's three, Plackett's one. In the latter half Carnelley's side obtained three more goals and Plackett's two, leaving the game a victory for Carnelley's team by six goals to three. Plackett's team : Tomlinson, goal ; Spibey and Stathem, backs ; Smith, Plackett, and Clarke, half backs ; Angrave, F. Cockain, Fisher, Rev. — Chambers, and Hammonds (forwards). Carnelley's team : Burton, goal ; Smalley and Coltman, backs ; Rose and Paget, half-backs ; Lowe, Smith, Freestone, Carnelley, and Cross, forwards.

Leicester Daily Post - Monday 07 September 1891

FOOTBALL ON CRICKET GROUNDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—There have been complaints this cricket season that the wickets on the County Ground have occasionally been bad. Bad wickets ruin county cricket; first, by cutting down the gate, and secondly by rendering it difficult to get fixtures with other counties whose representatives naturally refuse to jeopardise their persons and reputations on a bad ground. The committee of the County Cricket Club and the directors of the Aylestone Ground have both incurred a large expenditure to promote county cricket, and I believe that if the shareholders of the company were polled to-morrow, as the shareholders of the *Freeman's Journal* recently have been, they would unanimously support the policy of encouraging county cricket. Yet in the face of all this—for a paltry "pony" it is whispered—the destruction of the county wicket is risked by allowing football to be actually played on the pitch. On other county grounds of any pretensions, this is not permitted, and surely it would be possible to follow the custom in vogue elsewhere of keeping clear of the pitch. "Ponies," however, seem to have an attraction for the Aylestone management, for did they not welcome Lord Harrington and his polo friends—on a dry day happily. Then we all know that it is difficult to refuse a lord, and can only thank our stars no agriculturally-minded duke has asked for permission to have a ploughing match on the ground—accompaning the request by the statement that everything could be put right by the next cricket season. The directors of the Aylestone Ground hold themselves up as individuals desiring to help county cricket, andin so doing render themselves liable to that public criticism which all philanthropists in this country must endure.—Your obedient servant, W.

Sept. 8, 1891.

Leicester Daily Post - Wednesday 09 September 1891

SHEPSHED.

FOOTBALL CLUB.—On Saturday evening a meeting of the committee was held at the Railway Hotel, present: Messrs. J. Parker (in the chair), T. Waldron, J. Danvers, T. Iliffe, J. Newbold, and J. Waring (secretary). The secretary tendered his resignation, which was accepted with much regret, and the election of a successor was adjourned for a week. It was announced that the Shepshed Club had secured a bye in the first round of the Kettering Charity Cup Competition.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 12 September 1891

FOOTBALL ON THE COUNTY GROUND.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am in a position to know that the County Ground directors did not consult the County Cricket Club Committee in reference to playing football in front of the pavilion, and encroaching on the turf specially reserved for county cricket matches. I think the cricket public will agree with me that cricket is not the first consideration with the ground directors, and for the future success of county cricket the sooner the County Committee consider the matter the better.—Yours, &c., FUTURE SUCCESS.

Leicester, Sept. 18.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your article under this heading in this morning's *Daily Post* is well-timed and to the point. The supporters of cricket in Leicester are everywhere expressing surprise and astonishment at the course taken by the directors of the ground company. At the present time, when, as I am given to understand, a four or five years' agreement has just been entered into between the company and the club, and when the company have just received nearly £300 for the use of the ground—being, I believe, double the amount they have ever received before—it is far more surprising, and can only be characterised as a distinct breach of faith.

The County Club has had the use of the ground for four months during the last season, and has only occupied it for actual matches about 30 days. For this a sum of nearly £300 has been paid. It is proposed to play football on the ground for eight months, and for this the miserable sum of £25 is to be paid. For this "mess of pottage" and any profit which they may make from the sale of refreshments the company are willing to sacrifice the interests of cricket. SENNACHERIB.

Sept. 18, 1891.

Leicester Daily Post - Saturday 19 September 1891

A correspondence which has been appearing in the columns of the local daily papers shows that members of the County Cricket Club, and cricketers generally using the Aylestone Ground for matches and practice, have been much "put out" by the decision of the directors to rent part of it to the Fosse Football Club for the season. They complain that the county wicket will thus be deteriorated, and that the turf must be damaged elsewhere, to the detriment of cricket next year. We do not see what answer there can be to this. It stands to reason that there will be very little time for the ground to recover its present condition between the close of the football and the opening of the cricket seasons, and if a good wicket cannot be secured when wanted next May incalculable harm may be done to the County Club just at the time when it is making a position for itself. Nobody wishes any ill to the Fosse Club. They are not to blame, but it does seem that the directors of the ground have taken an unwise course, even from their own point of view. They do very well out of the County Club, and may do better. Why should they come to cross purposes with them for a paltry £25, the rent to be paid by the Fosse, even if there is a chance of selling refreshments at the football matches? The result so far has been to raise a serious discussion as to whether the County Club cannot have a ground of their own nearer the town. But now a question to the County Club. Is it true that Woodcock goes back to America dissatisfied with the result of his engagement here? If so, how is it?

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 19 September 1891

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Leicester Daily Post - Saturday 19 September 1891

LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—When it became known that seven men only had turned up at Burslem on Saturday last to do battle for Loughborough, considerable surprise was naturally expressed, and we think some explanation is due to the public. The players resident in Loughborough left here about 12, and had arranged to meet the other players at Trent. W. Lowe met the train there, but the others managed to miss it. Immediately on arrival at Derby I wired back to Trent requesting the missing players, for whom I had taken tickets at Loughborough, to come on by the next train, but the officials failed to hand the wire to the players until after that train had left for Derby. Consequently Loughborough turned up at Burslem with only seven men, and it need be no matter for surprise that a defeat of seven goals to one was experienced. I may say that we have a much stronger team than last year, and my committee have every confidence that it will render a good account of itself this season.—Yours, &c.,

WALTER COCKAIN, Sec.

Loughborough, Sept. 23.

Loughborough Herald & North Leicestershire Gazette - Thursday 24 September 1891

THE FOOTBALL MATCH

was another great feature of the day, a team of the Melton Swifts in "Sloper" costume, hailing from Melton, being opposed to the Harby Wanderers. The home team was strongly represented, while the Meltonians brought over only a medium team. We much regret that we are unable to publish the details of the play from the excellent report sent us. Suffice to say that the result was Melton Swifts 3, Harby 2. The following were the teams:—*Harby Wanderers*—Goal, L. Furmidge; backs, J. Jackson and R. Young; half-backs, W. Furmidge, A Smith, and H. Hall; centre, Edwards; right wing, H. Furmidge, and H. Shepherd; left wing, C. Martin and J. Booth. *Melton Swifts*—Goal, E. Bursnell; backs, A. Goodacre and F. Brewin; half-backs, W. Whalley, R. Dunmore, J. Richardson; centre, H. Orton; right wing, G. Tyers and F. Smith; left wing, W. Bexon and R. Mason; umpires, Messrs. Harry Furmidge and R. Warner; referee, Mr. G. Barke.

Grand gala day at Harby
Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 25 September 1891

FOOTBALL FIXTUR

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Wolverhampton Wanderers v Derby County, Wolverhampton
Notts v Stoke, Notts
Accrington v Everton, Accrington
Bolton Wanderers v Preston North End, Bolton
Blackburn Rovers v Burnley, Blackburn

FOOTBALL ALLIANCE.

Ardwick v Burton Swifts, Ardwick
Bootle v Crewe Alexandra, Bootle
Birmingham St. George's v Newton Heath, Birmingham
Small Heath v Lincoln City, Birmingham
Walsall Town Swifts v Sheffield Wednesbury, Walsall

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Burslem Port Vale v Doncaster, Burslem
Burton Wanderers v Wednesbury Old Athletic, Burton
Derby Junction v Long Eaton Rangers, Derby
Grantham Rovers v Rotherham, Rotherham

LOCAL MATCHES.

Fosse v Coventry Singers, Aylestone Ground
Fosse Rovers v Y.M.C.A., Leicester
Fosse Reserves v Hinckley Town, Leicester
May Villa v Syston Swifts, Leicester
St. Mary's Swifts v Wigston Wesleyan, Fosse-road Field
Hugglescote Robin Hoods v Swadlincote, Swadlincote
Staynes and Smith's v Barrow Rising Star, Leicester

RUGBY.

South Wigston v. Belgrave St. Peter's (Leicestershire Rugby Union League), South Wigston.

Leicester Daily Post - Saturday 26 September 1891

A WESLEYAN FOOTBALL CLUB.—On Wednesday and Saturday evenings meetings were held with a view to forming a football club in connection with the Wesleyan chapel. At the meeting on Saturday (held at Mr. W. S. Cort's, High Street) it was decided to call the new club the "Market Harboro' Wesleyan Football Club," it being understood, however, that respectable young men of other denominations would not be excluded. The colours will be claret and white. The following are the officers of the club: President, Rev. S. Rathmell; vice-president (conditionally), Mr. F. G. West; captain, Mr. J. A. Grimsley; vice-captain, Mr. Cottam; treasurer, Mr. C. Joule; secretary, Mr. F. C. Elks; committee: Messrs. H. West, C. E. Tompkins, A. Cole, W. W. Price, W. S. Cort, and C. Jordan.

Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - Tuesday 29 September 1891

SAPCOTE.

FOOTBALL CLUB.—At a general meeting held on Friday at the Lord Bassett's Arms, the officers for the coming season were elected as follows:—Captain, Mr. G. Holland; vice-captain, Mr. B. Hunt; umpire, Mr. W. S. Tansey; treasurer, Mr. J. M. Brown; secretary, Mr. Clowes; committee, Messrs. A. Brown, Richardson, J. Clarke, J. Page, and G. Brown. It was decided that the subscription for the season be 1s. 6d. The past season's accounts showed a deficiency of 15s. 11d.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 03 October 1891

AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB.—The statement of the Amateur Football Club for the past season shows the receipts to be, by hon. members £11 1s. 6d., members 17s., use of ground £1 10s., Sloper's match at Stamford £1, balance from last year 14s. 9d. Expenditure:—Match expenses £6 2s., rent £3, tradesmen's bills £3 12s. 2d., stamps and telegrams 16s. 4d., ground expenses 11s. 6d., billposting 10s., balance 13s. 1d., total £15 3s. 3d. The officers for the ensuing season are: C. J. Sumpter, captain; W. Peet, vice-captain; and G. S. Dexter, hon. sec. and treasurer.

Oakham

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 17 October 1891

ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12.

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Everton v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Everton
Preston North End v Notts County, Preston
Accrington v Aston Villa, Accrington
Stoke v Bolton Wanderers, Stoke
Burnley v Blackburn Rovers, Burnley
West Bromwich Albion v Derby County, West Bromwich
Sunderland v Darwen, Sunderland

THE ALLIANCE.

Bootle v Notts Forest, Bootle
Small Heath v Crewe Alexandra, Small Heath
Lincoln City v Grimsby Town, Lincoln
Sheffield Wednesday v Newton Heath, Sheffield
Birmingham St. George's v Burton Swifts, Birmingham

THE MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Loughborough v Rotherham Town, Rotherham
Burslem Port Vale v Doncaster Rovers, Doncaster
Burton Wanderers v Wednesbury Old Athletic, Wednesbury

LOCAL MATCHES.

Fosse v Kettering, Kettering (second round Kettering Charity Cup)
Leicestershire v Northamptonshire, Northampton
Fosse Rovers v Loughborough Swifts, Walnut-street Ground
Fosse Reserves v Loughborough Park, Loughborough
Gresley Rovers 2nd v Excelsior, Gresley (Junior Cup)
Victor v Hinckley, Spinney Hill Park (Junior Cup)
Quorn Havelock v Ansty Rovers, Quorn
Quorn Havelock 2nd v Ansty Rovers 2nd, Ansty
Victor Reserves v St. Paul's Rangers, Spinney Hill Park
Loughborough Athletic v Shepshed, Loughborough
Wigston Congregational v St. Mary's Swifts, Leicester
Melton v Spittlegate Institute (Grantham), Melton
Melton Swifts v Grantham Rovers Colts, Grantham
Melton Swifts 2nd v Y.M.C.A. Rovers, Melton
Y.M.C.A. v Coventry Singer's Reserves, Coventry
St. Matthew's Vicarage v Emanuel Rangers, latter's ground
Belgrave Guild v Hinckley Trinity, Hinckley
Hugglescote Robin Hoods v Newhall, Newhall
St. John's v Coalville Albion, Leicester
Highfield Swifts 2nd v Sileby Rangers, Sileby
London-road v Belgrave St. Michael's, Victoria Park
Albert v Hinckley Great Meeting, Leicester
Barrow Rising Star v Loughborough Robin Hoods, Loughborough
Newby-street v South Wigston 2nd, Forest-road Ground
Sapcote v Burbage Wanderers, Burbage
Hugglescote St. John's v Coalville East End, Hugglescote
North Evington P.S.A. v May Villa, former's ground
North Evington P.S.A. 2nd v South End Rovers, Walnut-street Ground
Excelsior 2nd v Wellington, Pasture
Fairs v Enderby, Enderby
Leicester Hornets v St. Margaret's, latter's ground
St. Matthew's v I Zingari, Spinney Hill Park

Leicester Daily Mercury - Friday 11 December 1891

LOUGHBOROUGH.

ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB.—On Monday the members of this club assembled in the Pavilion of the Greyhound Hotel for their first smoking concert of the season. Mr. Dan Grudgings presided, and there was a very full attendance. Some capital songs were rendered by the club's best vocalists. During the evening the chairman presented the members of the junior team with medals on behalf of the committee for their competition in the English Cup tie.

Leicester Daily Mercury - Tuesday 12 January 1892

LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB.

Sir,—I attend all the football matches played by the above club on the Athletic Ground at Loughborough, and I, in common with many hundreds of its supporters, am glad to see that the club is steadily but surely progressing towards fame in the football world. Previous to Saturday I had several times noticed men going round the ground collecting money from the spectators for one object or another. On one occasion it was for a player who was out of work, on another for a player who was showing exceptional "form," then there were collections for bands, and, to crown all, on Saturday last two men were going round the ground with cigar boxes collecting money for persons who had cleared the snow from the field. Now I, and I believe the majority of the spectators with me, had, previous to Saturday, been under the impression that the committee of the club promoted, or at any rate countenanced this pernicious system of collecting in order to assist in making both ends meet. And I have often wondered why, if the committee found the receipts insufficient to meet the liabilities, an increased charge for admission was not made.

On Saturday, however, I was agreeably surprised to find that I had been labouring under a wrong impression, for during the progress of the collection, a member of the Club's Committee walked up to the men and demanded to know who authorised the collection. An altercation ensued which ended in the committee men peremptorily ordering the collectors to desist from further operations. I am pleased the committee have at last taken steps which they ought to have taken long ago, for many, very many complaints have been made at the frequency of the collections, and the impudent persistency of the collectors.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
FOOTBALL.

Loughborough, Jan. 13, 1892.

Hinckley News - Saturday 16 January 1892

FOOTBALL CLUB DINNER. — The committee of the Shepshed Football Club held their annual dinner at the Railway Hotel on Monday evening. An excellent spread had been provided, and ample justice having been done to it, the chair was occupied by Mr. Jas. Thompson, and the vice-chair by Mr. H. Harriman.—The Chairman first read a letter from Mr. S. Harriman, president of the club, expressing regret that he was unable to be present owing to indisposition. The chairman, continuing, said they all regretted the absence of their president. He hoped he would soon be better, and he would give the toast, "The health of the president."—This was heartily received, and briefly acknowledged by Mr. H. Harriman.—Mr. A. Newbold proposed "Success to the Shepshed Football Club." They had up to the present played 10 matches, won eight, lost one, and drawn one. He thought they might be proud of that record. Their team this season contained a number of young players who were showing good form, and he believed they would regain the position they held four years ago. (Applause.)—The toast was acknowledged by the Vice-captain.—The health of the chairman and vice-chairman was next given, and Mr. Thompson, in reply, said since he had been in Shepshed he had taken great interest in the Football Club. He appreciated the players, because they always played a manly game. He was glad to know that the young players were getting on so well, but he thought they ought not to forget those who had done battle in the past, and he should like to suggest that a match be played for their benefit. He hoped the club would continue to prosper, and that they would win the cup. (Hear, hear, and applause.)—The Vice-chairman also replied, and congratulated them on the hearty and successful meeting that night. Whatever lay in his power to promote the interests of the football club he should be pleased to do. (Applause.)—The health of the treasurer, Mr. J. Parker, was given, and responded to, and the toast list was brought to a conclusion with "The host and hostess," to which Mr. Smith replied. Songs were given by Messrs. A. Newbold, J. Newbold, H. Harriman, J. Thompson, J. Parker, W. Rose, T. Iliffe, and T. Smith.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 14 January 1892

ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16.

ENGLISH CUP.

Old Westminsters v West Bromwich Albion, Westminster
Luton Town v Middlesborough, Luton
Crusaders v Accrington
Wolverhampton Wanderers v Crewe Alexandria, Wolverhampton
Sheffield Wednesday v Bolton Wanderers, Sheffield
Small Heath v Royal Arsenal, Small Heath
Bootle v Darwen, Bootle
Sunderland v Notts, Sunderland
Everton v Burnley, Everton
Preston North End v Middlesborough Ironopolis, Preston
Stoke v Chatham or Casuals, Stoke
Sunderland Albion v Birmingham t. George's, Sunderland
Notts Forest v Newcastle East End, Nottingham
Blackpool v Sheffield United, Blackpool
Blackburn Rovers v Derby County, Blackburn
Aston Villa, v Heanor Town, Aston

THE FOOTBALL ALLIANCE.

Ardwick v Crewe Alexandra, Ardwick
Burton Swifts v Walsall Town Swifts Burton

THE MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Grantham Rovers v Doncaster Rovers, Grantham

LOCAL MATCHES.

Loughborough v Leicester Fosse, Loughborough
Fosse Rovers v Gresley Rovers, Walnut-street Ground
Victor v Y.M.C.A., Evington-lane Field
Victor 2nd v Wellington, Spinney Hill Park
Aasty Rovers v Wigston Wesleyans, Aasty
Hornets v Coalville East End, Spinney Hill Park
May Villa v Wigston Congregational, Spinney Hill Park
Quorn Havelock v Loughborough Swifts, Tyler's Ground
Faire's v North Evington P.S.A. 2nd, Welford-road Ground
Loughborough Park v St. Peter's, Park-road Ground
Melton Swifts v St. Saviour's, Melton
Melton Swifts 2nd v St. Paul's, Leicester
Shepshed v Hemington, Hemington
Y.M.C.A. 2nd v Hugglescote St. John's, Hugglescote
Newby-street v Emanuel Rangers, Forest-road Field
Sileby Rangers v St. Saviour's 2nd, Leicester
Barrow Rising Star v Loughborough Britannia, Loughborough
Barrow Rising Star 2nd v Hathern Britannia, Barrow
Albert v Belgrave Guild, former's ground
London-road v East End Victoria, latter's ground
Highfield Swifts v Fleckney, Aylestone-road Field
Highfield Swifts 2nd v Enderby, Enderby
St. Matthew's Vicarage v Star Rangers, latter's ground
Hugglescote Robin Hoods v Coalville Town, Coalville
North Evington P.S.A. v Hinckley Trinity, former's ground
St. Mary's Swift's v John's, Fosse-road Field
Shepshed v Staynes and Smith's (Cup tie) v St. Margaret's Pasture.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 14 January 1892

FOOTBALL ACCIDENT. — On Saturday, Oakthorpe Perseverance met the Cockspur club, at Cockspur, and after a very exciting game the former secured the victory, obtaining four goals to nil. During the match a serious accident happened to a young man named Benjamin Evans, who was charged by one of the members of the Cockspur team. Evans fell heavily, dislocating his shoulder, but is progressing favourably.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 23 January 1892

THE ROBBERY AT A LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL MATCH.

At the Loughborough police-court, on Wednesday, before E. H. Warner, Esq., and Ald. Bumpus, Arthur Carnelley was charged on remand with stealing, on the 23rd inst., from the dressing rooms on the Athletic Ground, the property of Mr. W. A. Thompson, two florins, three shillings, and two pence. He was further charged with stealing, at the same time and place, a half-sovereign, a half crown, and two florins, the property of Henry Thickett, a member of the Rotherham Town Football Club.—Mr. H. Deane prosecuted, and Mr. H. Perkins appeared for Carnelley.

Mr. W. A. Thompson, a member of the Loughborough F.C. committee, said in consequence of complaints received of losses of money from the pockets of the football players, he consulted the police on Thursday last. On Saturday he handed to Inspector Shillcock some coins to mark, which he did in his presence, handing them back to him. Witness went to the ground at 2.15 p m., on which there are two rooms, one for the home and one for the visiting team. Between the two rooms is a bath-room, which can be entered from each room. A match was played that day with Rotherham. He saw Geo. Steer, who was the attendant for the Rotherham team; the key of the outer door of the visitors' room was handed to him. Arthur Carnelley had the key of the Loughborough dressing-room. While the match was in progress witness and Steer cleared all the money out of the right hand pockets of four pair of trousers taken from the visitors' room. He showed Steer the marked coins, and then distributed them between the trousers. They left three pairs on a form in the centre of the room, and the fourth pair on a peg in the room. They then left the room, Steer locking the door and keeping the key. No one went to the rooms till Carnelley went into the Loughborough room, where he remained ten minutes. —Cross-examined: Steer and the prisoner left the ground together after the money had been placed, returning in a few minutes. Steer came on to the balcony, but Carnelley went to the ropes. It was close on three o'clock when prisoner came to the room. He found the money in the closet when the match was about half over.

George Steer, moulder, Rotherham, deposed to coming to Loughborough on Saturday in connection with the match, and also to the insertion into the pockets of some of the players of marked money. Witness locked the visitors' room door and kept the key in his pocket. He went into the public-house with Carnelley, and stayed there a few minutes. On returning, he went on to the balcony. Carnelley went into the home room. He saw him go in. When coming out of the room he went round the corner and then to the ropes. Witness and Mr. Thompson then went into the visitors' dressing-room, and found some of the money gone. He was not sure as to how much was missing.

Llewelyn Watkin, the landlord of the Greyhound Hotel, and keeper of the Athletic Grounds, said the key of the bath-room on the Loughborough side was lost about two months ago. The door from the visitors' room to the bath-room was fastened by a bolt on the bath room side of the door. The door from the refreshment-room to the visitors' room had not been opened during the time he had been there

Herbert Rudkin, framework-knitter, of Loughborough, said he was at the match on Saturday. He saw prisoner there in the refreshment bar; the game had progressed about half way when Carne ley asked him to have a drink.

Inspector Shillcock said in consequence of information received of money being stolen from the dressing-rooms connected with the Loughborough Athletic Grounds he kept a strict watch on the rooms, and also handed marked money to Mr. W. A. Thompson to be put in the clothes of the visiting players during the football match on Saturday on the ground. Prisoner locked the door of the home room, and went off the ground with Steer, the trainer of the Rotherham team, returning in a few minutes. He went to the ropes to watch the match, and after being there a few minutes he returned to the Loughborough room, unlocked the door, and went in. He remained in the room about ten minutes. When he came out he went round the corner to the closet, remaining there about five minutes. No one went in there during his stay, nor had anyone been in for some time previously. On coming out of the closet he went acro s to the ropes, and from there to the refreshment bar. He said to a man named Rudkin, "I'll treat you, this is all I've got." Witness saw Mr. Thompson and the trainer of the Rotherham team go into the visitors' room. Receiving a signal from Mr. Thompson, he went up to the prisoner and spoke to him, afterwards searching him. He found on him a marked penny, a sixpenny piece, and a halfpenny, unmarked. He went into the closet, and there found concealed on the ledge over the door two florins and three shillings, all of which bore his mark, and there was also concealed in the same place a half-sovereign, a half-crown, three florins, and a sixpence. On searching the till of the refreshment bar he found a marked penny. All the marked money had now been accounted for. The inspector charged him with the offence, and then brought him to the police-station.

The hearing of the charge brought by Mr. Steer was then proceeded with, about the same evidence being adduced.—The magistrates convicted the defendant on each charge, and sentenced him to two weeks' imprisonment on the first charge and four weeks' on the second, the sentences to run concurrently.

Leicester Daily Mercury - Thursday 28 January 1892

Leicester Daily Mercury - Thursday 04 February 1892

RUFFIANISM OF MODERN FOOTBALL.

We regret, says the *Field*, to say that ruffianism and unsportsmanlike play are greatly on the increase in modern football, and, unless checked by vigorous methods, we may find that it will be necessary for magistrates, instead of football associations and unions, to deal with assaults arising out of what should be an innocent and healthful pastime. We have had it pointed out to us that an action at law will lie against a person who is guilty of wilful violence on the football field; and if stringent rules and a free interpretation thereof be not sufficient to check the growing evil, it is only reasonable to suppose that a legal remedy may eventually be resorted to. It is small matter to the player, who, finding himself outpaced or outmanœuvred by his opponent, deliberately trips or sends him to the ground with a violent push, that his side is mulcted in a penalty kick. He has stopped a run which might have carried success with it, and though accomplished at the risk of injury to his rival, he is content, and reckons that he has rendered good service to his club; and what is stranger even than this contentment on the part of the individual is the delight of the club's followers that the other side has been so robbed of an advantage which, if only fair play had been shown, might have led to something tangible. There is small doubt that many of the undesirable elements of the game have been introduced since the establishment of professionalism, and it is open to serious question whether the improvement in the Association game scientifically, which has been brought about since the paid player was openly recognised, has not been purchased at too dear a price. "Mobbing the referee" is a matter for which clubs cannot be held wholly answerable, and it is a subject for gratification that the players of the side against which the decision found fault invariably lend the insulted official their protection. If it were always possible to punish the offenders, as in the case of the mobbing of Mr. G. Rowland Hill some few weeks since, we should probably soon see the evil stamped out; but this plan is not, perhaps, in every case practicable. One course open is for the friends of the official assaulted to make an example of the first man who molests him, by giving the blackguardly individual into custody, and losing a little time in order to appear before the magistrates and support the charge. A week or two of imprisonment would teach these "sportsmen" a wholesome lesson.

Leicester Daily Post - Friday 12 February 1892

LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB.

A PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT.

On Friday evening a meeting convened by Dr. Arthur Eddowes was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Loughborough. Alderman Bumpus, who was voted to the chair, called upon Mr. Eddowes to explain the object of the meeting, and that gentleman stated that he had, with the consent of the Club Committee, called the meeting to consider the advisability of taking steps to raise a guarantee fund to enable the club next season to still further improve its position in the football world. Mr. Eddowes referred to the recent fine performances of the Loughborough players, and expressed satisfaction at the greatly increased interest taken in football by the Loughborough public. He considered that efforts should now be made to render the club extraneous aid, and wished it to be clearly understood that whatever the meeting decided to do it would be entirely independent of the committee of the club. He did not wish in any way to interfere in the management of the club, which he considered was excellent, his only object being to raise money to provide a reserve fund, so that the club might go ahead without any fear of a breakdown through lack of funds. The club desired to retain some of their present professionals, and to secure the services of other well-known men for next season, and to do this money must be at the back of the club, or it could not hope to improve or even retain its present position. He thanked those present for attending the meeting, and expressed the hope that the project would result in putting the club on a sound financial basis.—Mr. Eddowes called upon Mr. W. A. Thompson, who traced the progress of football in Loughborough from the time the first club was formed. He referred to the amalgamation of the Old Victoria F.C. with the Town F.C. in 1885, and to the amalgamation of the Athletic Club (which had been in existence twenty years) with the Town Club some years later. That amalgamation had enabled the Football Club to engage professionals of well-known skill. Football itself had not paid its way, and but for the Athletic Sports which were held annually on Whit Tuesday the Football Club would not have been able to keep on its legs. Two years ago the club were in debt to the extent of £75, but the sports resulting in a financial success enabled the club to discharge its liabilities. It was desired, if possible, to popularise football to such an extent that it would pay without having to depend on any profit from the sports, which might any year, in case of a wet day, result in a loss. Should such a misfortune occur the club might possibly come to a sudden collapse. He understood that it was the desire of Dr. Eddowes and other gentlemen to raise a guarantee fund which would keep the Football Club financially sound without dependence on an uncertain revenue from the annual sports, and he thanked them on behalf of the Club for the kind interest which they evinced in its welfare. Mr. Thompson also referred to the desirability of placing boards round the ground for the people to stand on, as he considered that would be the means of securing larger attendances at the matches.—A discussion ensued in which Mr. James Cartwright, the Rev. H. Chambers, Alderman Bumpus, Mr. Noble, Mr. Crow, Mr. H. Barrowcliff, Mr. Terence Clarke, and others took part, and a committee was formed consisting of the Rev. H. Chambers, Joseph Griggs, Esq., J.P., Alderman A. A. Bumpus, Messrs. J. Cartwright, H. Barrowcliff, W. York, Wilfrid Moss, D. R. Noble, Terence Clarke, W. Crow, H. Wills (with power to add to their number), and Messrs. Arthur Eddowes and W. A. Thompson, Hon. Secs.

Hinckley News - Saturday 05 March 1892

LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Now that the national game has gained such popularity with the inhabitants of this town, I think the committee should move with the times, and when an open date occurs have a good first-rate team down, and not such a poor show of football as was exhibited last Saturday by both teams, for such proceedings will lessen the gates. Suppose such a team as Sheffield United were brought down, it might be a loss to the club at the time, but they would reap the benefit in after matches by the game being popularised. I don't wish to dictate to the Town Committee, but I don't think enough attention is bestowed on the Athletic, seeing that they are real Loughborough juniors. For instance, in such a weak match as Saturday's, why could not three or four of them have been tried, to get them into the class of football they are trying for? The matches the Athletics have played "were not matches," for they have never met a team that I have seen that has been equal to them in form, which is enough to dishearten them, and make them give up football. I have made careful investigation, and in no other club in the League that I know of are the reserves looked after less than the Town Reserves. They have brains, and limbs as good as any other set of youths, and determination to make players. Then what is the reason they are kept back? The future players of the country will have to come from the present juniors, and why not turn some out of Loughborough, bred and born, having learnt their football in the town of their birth? Too much is done for outsiders, and too little for natives, but the first class teams of the country have found out their mistake, and look nearer home, as they should do. Were it possible, the Reserves should get into the Midland Alliance. The result of such a step would be, that the gates would be kept up a little more, and the interest in native talent would be aroused, thus keeping the spectators in touch with the club and game the whole year round. If something is not done another season, I feel confident that one or two of the present Athletic team will be invited into some other team. I have written this letter for the purpose of calling the attention of the public to the improvements required throughout the whole teams of the club, for I was an old footballer myself some years ago, and should like to see more pains taken to bring out the youth of the town.

LOUGHBURIAN.

March 8, 1892.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 10 March 1892

LEICESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of this association was held for the purpose of making arrangements for replaying the tie between Hugglescote Robin Hoods and Melton Town in the semi-final of the Leicestershire Senior Cup. A protest by Hugglescote against three of the Melton players—Slawson, Plant, and Richardson—on the ground that they have assisted the Melton Swifts in the Junior Cup matches this year was considered, and the association decided that they were ineligible to play for the Town for the Senior Cup. It was resolved that the match should be replayed at Hinckley on Saturday.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 19 March 1892

ACCIDENT AT A FOOTBALL MATCH.—On Saturday afternoon Wm. Rawlings, aged 24, of 48, Heanor-street, while playing football on the Pasture, fell and sustained a fracture of the left leg. P.C. Ash removed him on a hand ambulance to the infirmary, where he was detained.

Leicester Daily Post - Monday 21 March 1892

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

There is some instructive reading in a little pamphlet published by a company which insures against accidents. It is curious to think that such a melancholy catalogue of disasters should be calculated to attract; but so it is. Each accident has the amount of compensation which was awarded placed opposite to it; from that of the commercial traveller who received, or whose executors received, £1000 for falling down the stairs of a hotel—to the watchmaker who, in a football match, knocked his head against another player's and got £26 as sticking-plaster. Football, by-the-bye, which is considered such a dangerous game, is responsible (so far as this booklet goes) for only seven accidents, and the worst of them earned but £66; while no fewer than 11 (highest price £95 5s.) are ascribed to cricket, and even the mild lawn tennis is responsible for eight. The severity of the winter of 1890-91 is shown by the numerous mishaps attributable to skating. Of course there are plenty of gun accidents, the fatal "gun went off when getting through gap" appearing several times; while riding and driving are responsible for almost as many as all the other classes put together. There are possibilities of accident even in such an idyllic pursuit as blackberrying, and a banker's clerk got nearly £100 as solatium for a blow on the eyes from a bramble. Most of us have struck our shins against the bedstead but we did not all get £156 for doing it as a Plymouth gentleman did; while politeness rarely meets with such a reward as the £39 which came to the Birmingham dealer who "slipped while running to pick up the lady tricyclist who had fallen." The moral which the insurance company very properly draws from this is that we never know what rubs and knocks fate may have in store for us, and that we ought to make sure at any rate that the injury shall not extend to our pocket.

Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - Tuesday 22 March 1892

ACCIDENT AT A FOOTBALL MATCH.—On Saturday afternoon Wm. Rawlings, aged 24, of 48, Heanor-street, while playing football on the Pasture, fell and sustained a fracture of the left leg. P.C. Ash removed him on a hand ambulance to the infirmary, where he was detained.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 26 March 1892

MIDLAND LEAGUE MEETING.

LEICESTER FOSSE PROTEST SUSTAINED.

On Friday night a meeting of the committee of the Midland Football League was held at the Clarendon Hotel, Derby. Mr. Councillor Gummer, of Rotherham, presided, and there were also present Messrs. Martin (Grantham Rovers), Nuttall (Leicester), Clayton (Gainsborough), Draper (Derby Junction), Clarke (Burton), Madeley (Wednesbury), Turner (Long Eaton), and Farrington (Burslem), Loughborough and Doncaster not being represented. The Burton Wanderers had lodged a protest against the match they played at Derby with the Junction team on Saturday last, on the ground that the referee wrongly allowed a penalty kick to Junction and disallowed the Wanderers a goal which they considered a legitimate one. After a most exhaustive and thorough investigation the committee considered that the charges had not been proved by the Wanderers. A second protest was then considered. In this instance Leicester Fosse protested against their match with Burslem, which was played on Saturday last, being considered a League match, owing to the duly appointed referee failing to put in an appearance The committee ordered the match to be replayed at Burslem on April 28th, the "gate" to be equally divided between the two teams.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 16 April 1892

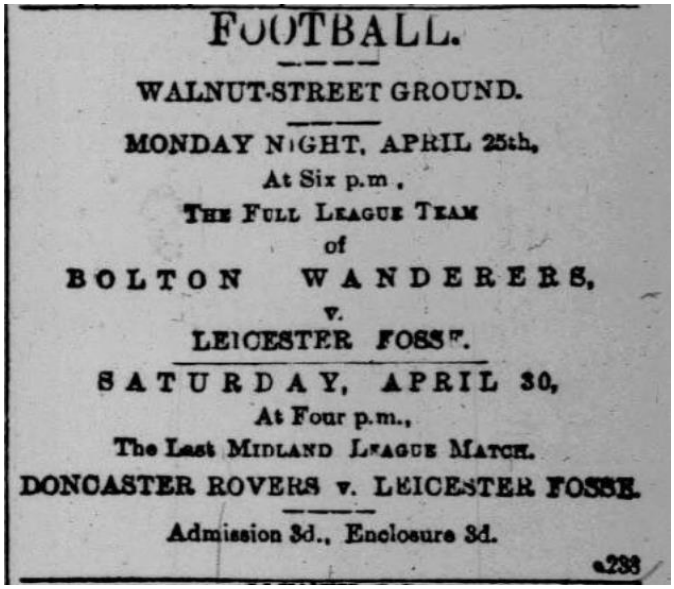
STREET FOOTBALL.

Arthur Mills, manager for Mrs. Orme, chemist, Atherstone, was walking down Long Street on the 5th inst. with one of his assistants when a football came in front of him and he kicked it on one side. Afterwards the lads who owned the ball commenced to throw stones at him and his friend, the latter being struck on the chin. He laid hold of one youth by the collar, and John Thomas Prince, a hatter, and the brother of the youth held captive, came up and struck him a heavy blow on the eye.—Defendant was fined £1 10s. 6d. including costs.

Hinckley Times - Saturday 16 April 1892

ACCIDENT IN THE FOOTBALL FIELD.—Charles Stokes, compositor, met with an accident at Little Bowden on Good Friday. While running he stumbled against a flag-staff, and a splinter entered his knee. He is not seriously injured.

Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - Tuesday 19 April 1892



FOOTBALL.

WALNUT-STREET GROUND.

MONDAY NIGHT, APRIL 25th,

At Six p.m.,

THE FULL LEAGUE TEAM

of

BOLTON WANDERERS,

v.

LEICESTER FOSSE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30,

At Four p.m.,

The Last MIDLAND LEAGUE MATCH.

DONCASTER ROVERS v. LEICESTER FOSSE.

Admission 3d., Enclosure 3d.

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Leicester Daily Mercury - Saturday 23 April 1892

MELTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

The first annual dinner in connection with this newly formed club was held at the Bell Hotel, on Friday evening, and proved a very great success. There was a large attendance, no fewer than 45 persons sitting down to a splendid repast served by Mr. Shilling and the whole affair passed off in an exceedingly pleasing and enjoyable manner. The Rev. R. Blakeney presided, and Major Powell occupied the vice-chair. Amongst those present were the Rev. J. W. Crowther, Mr. Willcox Mr. W. A. Heap, Mr. J. H. Towne, Mr. Middleton, Mr. H. L. Camidge, Mr. Belton, Mr. Laurenson, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Geeson, Mr. Foster Twidale, Mr. Ellison Johns (secretary), Mr. J. Griffiths, Mr. W. Clarke, Mr. J. Lee (captain), Mr. Haslewood, Mr. Blades, Mr. F. Cooper, Mr. F. Smith, Mr. W. Barker, Mr. A. Voce, Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. J. Brewin, Mr. H. Plant, Mr. Tyers, Mr. F. P. Preston, Mr. J. Newham, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. E. Farrows, Mr. H. Smith, Mr. J. Meadwell, Mr. A. Askew, Mr. Hanbury (Welby), Mr. G. Jordan, Mr. H. Bailey, Mr. C. Kirk, Mr. O. Milford, Mr. W. Slawson, Mr. G. Warner, Mr. E. Askew, Mr. J. Goodacre and others. After the customary loyal toasts, the CHAIRMAN, in an excellent speech, proposed "Success to the Melton Town Football Club." He remarked that in the presence of so many ardent supporters of the manly and athletic game of football, it would be almost superfluous for him to ask them to give the toast a hearty reception, or to advocate the game. He was very pleased to hear from Mr. Johns that the club was in such a flourishing state and free from debt (applause). It was a very pleasing condition for any public institution, whether a football club or anything else, to feel that they were out of debt (hear, hear). He was further glad to hear that the number of members kept up, and that the prospects for next season were very good. He believed owing to the bad weather during the past winter the receipts on

several occasions were not so satisfactory as might have been desired, but of course they had no control over the elements. Still, some good games were played, and doubtless considerable pleasure was afforded to those present. He trusted that the interest of football in the town would not diminish, and that the club had before it a very brilliant and long career in the future (applause). The REV. J. W. CROWTHER, responded, and in the name of the club thanked the Vicar very heartily for coming amongst them. It was not necessary for them to go there to find out the interest their Chairman took not merely in football, but all athletic sports connected with Melton. They had had him amongst them on the football field in the capacity of kicker off—(laughter and applause)—and that would testify, if nothing else did, to the interest he took in the club. He was very glad to know that the club was in such a thriving condition, and he expressed a hope that the next season would be a good one (applause).—Mr J. H. TOWNE then proposed the healths of the presidents and vice-presidents, in a neat speech, coupling therewith the name of Major Powell, who responded in a few interesting and well-chosen remarks.—The Rev. J. W. Crowther, in flattering terms, gave the health of the secretary (Mr. Johns), remarking that the club were extremely fortunate in having the services of such an energetic officer. He knew from personal experience that Mr. Johns had worked very hard for the club, and was always very courteous and obliging. Although this year they had not been fortunate enough to secure the Leicestershire Senior Cup he hoped to see the trophy brought to Melton another season. He felt convinced that if the various clubs in the town would amalgamate they would be able to put into the field a team that would be very hard to beat (applause).—Mr. JOHNS, in reply having thanked the vicar and Major Powell for having responded to his invitation to attend, said perhaps it would be advisable to mention one or two matters in connection with the club. He said it was well-known to most gentlemen present that at the commencement of the season he called a meeting of the football players of the town with the object, if possible, of amalgamating the two clubs. Unfortunately the scheme fell through, through no fault of his. Eventually, however, the old Rovers Club was formed into a Town Club, and during the season they had played 23 matches, winning 10, losing 10, and drawing three. They had scored 57 goals

against 42 by their opponents He had always tried his best to promote the interest of football in Melton and he felt greatly honoured by the manner in which they had drunk his health. He might say it was not his intention to retain the office of secretary another year, but he should always take an interest in the welfare of the club (applause).—MAJOR POWELL next proposed the health of the Chairman, and in the course of his remarks mentioned that he had in his mind a scheme for organising a football club in connection with the volunteers.—The CHAIRMAN having suitably responded, Mr W. WILLCOX gave "the Vice-chairman" and Major Powell replied. The toast list was concluded by the CHAIRMAN proposing "The Host." During the evening a very enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental music was admirably gone through, Mr. Camidge and Mr. Middleton kindly volunteering their services at the piano. Songs were rendered by Mr Middleton, Mr. J. H. Towne, Mr. Plant, Mr. Hazlewood, Mr. Farrow &c. The National Anthem terminated a most successful gathering,

Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 20 May 1892

FOOTBALL SERVICE AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

Encouraged by the success attending the special service for footballers held at St. George's Church at the end of last season, another service of a similar kind was held on Sunday afternoon. There was a fair attendance, including several of the best known footballers in the town, and the Mayor (Ald. Wright) was also present. The clergy in attendance were Revs. H. J Fortescue, A. B S. Wrey, R. G. Ley, J. B. H. Whitehurst, and O. Wynne. The hymn "Lead, kindly light," was given as the anthem, set to Stainer's music, and a collection was taken by representatives of the most prominent clubs on behalf of the Infirmary and the Institution for the Blind. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. J. Fortescue, who took as his text Colossians iii 17, "Whatsoever ye do in name or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." He said they were rather inclined to take words like those as rhetorical exaggerations and as strong statements which could hardly be taken in their literal sense. They were all ready to acknowledge as a matter of theory that religion must have the whole life of man, but they were all rather naturally inclined to think that a man who made a show of his religion could hardly be taken as leading a true kind of life. Speaking with reference to the object for which they had assembled, he asked why they should have a service of that kind. Surely it was a meaningless ceremony unless it meant that they felt that in their football games they could be doing some good service for the honour and glory of Jesus Christ. He supposed the first aim of football was physical exercise. God had given them physical powers for which they were answerable, and they were bound to exercise them that they might be useful in any work which might be given them to do. They had been told that Wellington said England's battles had been won on the playing fields of his school at Eton. They did not go in for physical exercises in order to fit them for war and such things, which primarily required physical strength, but in order to fit themselves to endure the strain of life, and so that they might use their powers for the honour and glory of God. Then there were the powers of endurance of hardship which the game required, and for which they wanted far different training to those who practised other forms of athletics They required to exercise their unselfishness, and were taught that a man should not live simply for himself alone. He did not play the game for himself, but for the sake of his club or town, for

they knew how bad and useless a man was who played selfishly. Players should not seek their own honour and glory. It might be said there were a great many dangers and evils in football as in many other games. He knew some people felt strongly about football as about other games, and he himself had received an anonymous letter from a person who was shocked that the clergy took part in private amusements. But was not the fact that there were evils to be combatted one of the things in which there was good for them? It was good for them that they had to exercise the control of their tempers in football, and he believed that useful and wholesome exercise made them not only physically stronger men but better Christians, who had to exercise the great duty of a soldier of fighting against their own sins. He thought football had a great advantage over other games in that there was less liability to the danger at the present day of an immoderate devotion to it. Cricket might be a grander game, but it had a danger of lasting a longer time, and was apt to be made the business of life, and that was not the highest ideal of a Christian life, but on the contrary must be degrading and lowering to the moral character. One knew how much that evil had shown itself in other branches of athletics, how it had been made a business and led to betting and unfairness and cheating. Then footballers of Leicester must have felt the responsibility of handing on the game to the next rapidly following generation of footballers with jealousy and watchfulness for its good, in the same high tone as they themselves received it, and when they had retired from the field they could look back and feel that they had learnt something which had made them better soldiers of Christ.

Leicester Daily Post - Monday 25 April 1892

The Melton Town Football Club have now concluded their season, and, considering the fact that they have met some formidable opponents, their record is a satisfactory one. Altogether 23 matches have been played, an equal number—10—having been won and lost, while three have ended in draws. The club have scored 51 goals, against 42 by their opponents They started well, only losing two out of the first eleven matches played and the series of disasters at the latter half of the season was largely due to the fact that the committee have not been able to place the same team in the field two weeks in succession. The financial position is satisfactory, the club being well supported in the matter of gates and subscriptions.

THE MELTON SWIFTS brought a most successful season to a close on Saturday last by a highly amusing and popular match—Old Maids v. Bachelors—which drew a large company. The following is a short *resume* of the doings of the club:—The 1st team have played 28 matches, winning 17, losing 8, and drawing 3. The 2nd team have played 8 matches, winning 4, losing 1, and drawing 3. The goal average of the 1st team is 87 against 47, and of the 2nd string 26 against 9. In all, the Swifts have played 36 matches, won 21, lost 9 and drawn 6. Goals for 113 against 56. The second team have been greatly disappointed in their home matches, only having played two matches at home and six away. The first team were disappointed at home by Leicester St. Saviour's 1st and the Grantham Rovers Colts, and the match with Leicester Y.M.C.A. at Leicester was not played, the home team failing to meet the Swifts who had journeyed to Leicester. The Swifts beat Harlaxton in the Grantham Minor Cup, but were beaten by Bottesford at Bottesford, in the second round by 4 to 3. The Swifts also beat Highfield Swifts, after a grand game, in the Leicestershire Junior Cup, but fell by Gresley at Gresley, by 1 to 0. Their losses would no doubt have been less had their men refrained from assisting the Town, when their services were most wanted at home. But still the average is very good, and one the club ought to feel proud of.

Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 29 April 1892

FOOTBALL CLUB.—The annual dinner of this club was held at the Denbigh Arms Hotel on Monday evening, when 60 members and friends sat down, Mr. A. Bannister, C.C., in the chair, and Mr. W. Mawson occupying the vice-chair.—Mr. Mawson proposed "Success to the Lutterworth Football Club," which had so well sustained its prestige, and was an honour to the town.—Mr. F. H. Lea (hon. sec.), who replied, stated that the following statistics were a proof of the prowess and success of the club during the expiring season, viz. : 16 matches played, 10 won, four lost, and two drawn. The club had competed four times for the Junior Challenge Cup, but next year he would advise them to enter for either the Midland Counties Cup or the Coventry and District Cup. It was well known that Lutterworth sent out some of the best players the county produced, and they had now in the club one of the finest three-quarter backs and one of the best forwards in the county.—Several other toasts were also honoured.

Lutterworth
Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 14 May 1892

MELTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

The first annual dinner in connection with this newly formed club was held at the Bell Hotel, on Friday evening, and proved a very great success. There was a large attendance, no fewer than 45 persons sitting down to a splendid repast served by Mr. Shilling and the whole affair passed off in an exceedingly pleasing and enjoyable manner. The Rev. R. Blakeney presided, and Major Powell occupied the vice-chair. Amongst those present were the Rev. J. W. Crowther, Mr. Willcox Mr. W. A. Heap, Mr. J. H. Towne, Mr. Middleton, Mr. H. L. Camidge, Mr. Belton, Mr. Laurenson, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Geeson, Mr. Foster Twidale, Mr. Ellison Johns (secretary), Mr. J. Griffiths, Mr. W. Clarke, Mr. J. Lee (captain), Mr. Haslewood, Mr. Blades, Mr. F. Cooper, Mr. F. Smith, Mr. W. Barker, Mr. A. Voce, Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. J. Brewin, Mr. H. Plant, Mr. Tyers, Mr. F. P. Preston, Mr. J. Newham, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. E. Farrows, Mr. H. Smith, Mr. J. Meadwell, Mr. A. Askew, Mr. Hanbury (Welby), Mr. G. Jordan, Mr. H. Bailey, Mr. C. Kirk, Mr. O. Milford, Mr. W. Slawson, Mr. G. Warner, Mr. E. Askew, Mr. J. Goodacre and others. After the customary loyal toasts, the CHAIRMAN, in an excellent speech, proposed "Success to the Melton Town Football Club." He remarked that in the presence of so many ardent supporters of the manly and athletic game of football, it would be almost superfluous for him to ask them to give the toast a hearty reception, or to advocate the game. He was very pleased to hear from Mr. Johns that the club was in such a flourishing state and free from debt (applause). It was a very pleasing condition for any public institution, whether a football club or anything else, to feel that they were out of debt (hear, hear). He was further glad to hear that the number of members kept up, and that the prospects for next season were very good. He believed owing to the bad weather during the past winter the receipts on

several occasions were not so satisfactory as might have been desired, but of course they had no control over the elements. Still, some good games were played, and doubtless considerable pleasure was afforded to those present. He trusted that the interest of football in the town would not diminish, and that the club had before it a very brilliant and long career in the future (applause). The REV. J. W. CROWTHER, responded, and in the name of the club thanked the Vicar very heartily for coming amongst them. It was not necessary for them to go there to find out the interest their Chairman took not merely in football, but all athletic sports connected with Melton. They had had him amongst them on the football field in the capacity of kicker off—(laughter and applause)—and that would testify, if nothing else did, to the interest he took in the club. He was very glad to know that the club was in such a thriving condition, and he expressed a hope that the next season would be a good one (applause).—Mr J. H. TOWNE then proposed the healths of the presidents and vice-presidents, in a neat speech, coupling therewith the name of Major Powell, who responded in a few interesting and well-chosen remarks.—The Rev. J. W. Crowther, in flattering terms, gave the health of the secretary (Mr. Johns), remarking that the club were extremely fortunate in having the services of such an energetic officer. He knew from personal experience that Mr. Johns had worked very hard for the club, and was always very courteous and obliging. Although this year they had not been fortunate enough to secure the Leicestershire Senior Cup he hoped to see the trophy brought to Melton another season. He felt convinced that if the various clubs in the town would amalgamate they would be able to put into the field a team that would be very hard to beat (applause).—Mr. JOHNS, in reply having thanked the vicar and Major Powell for having responded to his invitation to attend, said perhaps it would be advisable to mention one or two matters in connection with the club. He said it was well-known to most gentlemen present that at the commencement of the season he called a meeting of the football players of the town with the object, if possible, of amalgamating the two clubs. Unfortunately the scheme fell through, through no fault of his. Eventually, however, the old Rovers Club was formed into a Town Club, and during the season they had played 23 matches, winning 10, losing 10, and drawing three. They had scored 57 goals against 42 by their opponents. He had always tried his best to promote the interest of football in

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Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 20 May 1892

BARROW-ON-SOAR.

The Barrow-on-Soar Rising Star Football Club, held their annual supper at the Bishop Blaize Inn, on Saturday night, when upwards of 50 sat down to a capital spread, provided by Mr. Paxton. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. C. Goodacre, C.C., Mr. H. Wheatley was voted to the chair, and Mr. H. Sander the vice-chair. The members of the club were afterwards joined by their wives and sweethearts. Some capital songs were sung by Messrs. Wheatly, S. Turner, and C. Barker, of Loughborough, and others, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Leicester Journal - Friday 20 May 1892

ROBIN HOOD F.C.—The annual supper of this club was held on Saturday evening, in a large tent in a field kindly lent by Mr. W. Tillson. The guests numbered 120, and Mr. Wilkins, of the Gate Inn, provided an excellent repast. Rev. H. E. Broughton occupied the chair.—Royalty having been honoured, the Chairman read letters of apology from H. Hulton, Esq., R. D. Thomson, Esq., Rev. W. Fowler, Mr. W. Cross, and Mr. T. S. Ashmole, secretary of the Leicestershire Football Association, the latter referring in high terms to the ability of the players, and the loyalty of the club to the Association.—Responding to the toast of the club, Mr. Armson (secretary) said the past season had been a very successful one. Out of eighteen matches played they had won nine, drawn five, and lost four, the number of goals registered by them being thirty-seven, and against them thirty-one. They must all feel proud of the team who so nobly fought for the honour of the club. They were the happy possessors (for one year at least) of the much coveted challenge cup, and they hoped to be able to place a team in the field next season who will retain it. Owing to alterations at the ground, &c., the expenses had been very heavy, and they were now indebted to the sum of £3 5s. 5d. — Mr. Heward gave "The trade of the district," and referred to the Technical Education Committee, and said that the report of the miners' examination would be issued in another week or so, and what they proposed doing next was to teach carpentering, &c., to the children in the schools, as was now being done in Sweden. —Messrs. G. Jackson, E. Beresford, and A. Pegg responded.—Mr. Trevori, of Ashby, gave a short entertainment of conjuring, &c., and songs were sung by Messrs. A. Clarke, Horley, and others; the Hugglescote and Ellistown Brass Band was also in attendance, and played selections of music. The singing of the National Anthem brought a most successful gathering to a close.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 28 May 1892

LEICESTER FOSSE FOOTBALL CLUB.

The general meeting of the Leicester Fosse Football Club was held on Monday evening at the Victoria Hotel, Leicester.—The secretary's report, read by Mr. Gardner, noted that the results of last season had not been very satifactory, having played 43 matches, of which they had won 12, lost 23, and drawn 8; 70 goals had been scored for them, and 101 agst. The aggregates for the three teams were:—Played 88, won 36, lost 37, and drawn 15, goals for 167, against 182. Mr Gardner said the season just passed was the first one with which they had figured in the Midland League, and they had consequently met stronger clubs, so that would account for the unsatisfactory season they had had. They had not been sufficiently powerful either in goal or forward, but they meant to remedy these defects in the coming season. The balance-sheet, with a total turnover of £509 1s 11d., showed a balance on the year's working of £16 12s. 3½d., added to that, it should be stated, a cheque for £200 was handed to the secretary at the meeting as the result of the labour of the committee formed to raise a fund for the promotion of Association football in the town, so that really the club has a handsome balance.—The Chairman (Mr F. Ashwell) said the committee were determined to secure a really first-class team for next season now that they had the wherewithal to provide the wages for players, and with this object they had been on the lookout for good men. They had already secured Thraves, who performed so brilliantly for Notts. County last year, as goal-keeper. Owen and Bailey would still be their backs (though the two chief Birmingham clubs had been inquiring after the latter player); as half-backs they had Lord, Taylor (late Small Heath), and Nuttall; and in the forwards Lowe (Loughborough), Carter (Heanor), Slack (Mansfield), and Dorrell (Coventry Singer's) had been engaged. Other engagements were pending, and from what he had said the supporters of the club must rest assured that the committee would do all they could to raise a team which would carry them well up the Midland League.—A proposal to withdraw from the Leicestershire Association was left to the committee.

Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 03 June 1892

ANNUAL DINNER—The annual dinner of the members and friends of the Town Football Club was held at the Waggon and Horses Inn, when a good number sat down to an excellent spread provided by Mr. and Mrs. Lovett. The club afterwards received their medals in connection with the Coalville Charity Cup, having been one of the final teams in the competition. A handsome marble timepiece was presented to Mr. Lovett by the club. A very enjoyable evening was spent, songs being contributed by several of the members.

Leicester Journal - Friday 03 June 1892

FOOTBALL CLUB.—The annual meeting of members of this club was held at the Railway Hotel on Saturday evening. Mr. W. Johnson occupied the chair, and there was a fair attendance. The secretary (Mr. C. Jordan) presented the report, in which it was stated that the past season's record was better than any previous one. The club had played 20 matches, won 16, lost two, and drawn two, and they had scored 160 goals against their opponents' 21. Out of the 20 matches six were cup ties, and the club finally won the trophy. It was pointed out that it was not the first time the "Reds" had won in the final, but it was the first time they had held the cup. In conclusion, the hope was expressed that now it was won it would be held. The report was adopted, and the election of officers proceeded with, as follows:—President, Mr. Jas. Harding; vice-presidents, Messrs. U. Goodacre, C.C., S. Harriman, H. W. Bosworth, R. Husbands, J. Harriman, J. Mills, J. Thompson, S. Cotton, and J. Hillier; treasurer, Mr. J. Parker; secretary, Mr. C. Jordan; capt. 1st team, Mr. T. Iliffe; vice-captain, Mr. J. Newbold; captain 2nd team, Mr. W. Start; committee, Messrs. W. Danvers, A. Smith, E. Needham, T. Waldron, and W. Johnson. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 04 June 1892

LOUGHBOROUGH ATHLETIC AND FOOTBALL CLUB.

The 25th annual athletic meeting promoted by the above club was held this afternoon on the Athletic Ground, Loughborough, in charming weather. There were upwards of 6,000 present on the ground. The programme contained 11 events, and the prizes, which were of considerable intrinsic value, attracted not only a large number of entries, but also ensured good fields. Messrs. C. W. Gowthorpe (Nottingham), C. E. Wait (Leicester), and W. H. Wootton (Loughborough) officiated as judges. Details:—

100 YARDS CHALLENGE SCRATCH RACE (open to members of the L.A.C. only).—1 M. Cockain (holder), 2 F. Cockain, 3 J. Mowbray. Won by half a yard. Time, 11 secs.

ONE MILE BICYCLE RACE.—Heat 1: E. Curry, Leicester, 150 yards, 1; L. J. Ware, Coventry, 155, 2; F. Facer, Quorn, 75, 3; E. Smith, Nottingham, 140, 4. Heat 2: B. Preston, Loughborough, 140 yards, 1; G. Jenkins, Coventry, 115, 2. Heat 3: F. J. Vincent, Overstone C.C., 160 yards, 1; J. B. Willoughby, North Castle, C.C., 140, 2. Heat 4: W. Creese, Leicester, 160 yards, 1; W. Ellis, Boulevard C.C., 135, 2. Final: F. J. Vincent 1, W. Ellis 2, L. J. Ware 3, G. Jenkins 4. Time, 2 min. 52 secs.

ONE MILE STEEPLECHASE (MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP).—1 T. Bayliss (holder), Stratford; 2 C. W. Davis, Birchfield; 3 G. H. Allen, Finchley. Bayliss and Davis ran in close company, when the chance of the latter was spoilt by a stumble, Bayliss winning by several yards. Time, 5min. 34 3-5th secs.

120 YARDS FLAT RACE.—The preliminary heats were won by W. Brooks, Nottingham, 11 yards; R. Curry, Nottingham, 10¾; J. Mowbray, Loughborough, 10½; J. Simmons, Loughborough, 12; F. Cockain, Loughborough, 8; T. Harlow, Ansty, 10½; C. Key, Leicester, 11¼.

HALF-MILE SCRATCH RACE (members of the L.A.C).—1, "Curzon" Challenge Cup, F. Mee (holder), 2 W. Jackson. Time, 2 min. 12 3 5th secs.

220 YARDS SCHOLARS' RACE (under 14).—Heat 1: H. Tyler, 40 yards, and W. Street, 40, dead-heat; 3 J. Rappitt, 10. Heat 2: 1 J. W. Rappitt, 45; 2 H. Bumpus, Sileby, 7; 3 A. L. Hings, Leicester, scratch. Heat 3: 1 Griffiths, Derby; 2 W. Spiby, 45; 3 R. B. Horsfield, Leicester, 5.

Leicester Daily Mercury - Tuesday 07 June 1892

Sports and Pastimes.

FOOTBALL.

HARBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB.—A fairly well attended meeting of the Market Harborough Football Club was held at the Cherry Tree Inn on Monday evening, Mr. W. W. Price in the chair. Last year's accounts were submitted by the secretary, and it was found that there was a deficit of ninepence. A resolution was then put by Mr. Price, that the two clubs, Little Bowden and Market Harborough, should be amalgamated, and should play in the cricket field, which was seconded by Captain Hunt. It was unanimously decided that Mr. R. Goward should be President, and Captain Hunt, Mr. Logan, M. P., and the Rev. W. E. Morris, Vice-presidents. Mr. W. W. Price consented to act as captain next season. It was proposed and seconded that the post of vice-captain should not be filled till next meeting. Mr. C. E. Tompkins was appointed secretary, and Mr. E. Bland treasurer. It was decided that there should be a committee of seven, four to be elected then and three at the next meeting. The four elected were Messrs W. Ridley, J. Spriggs, F. Main and W. Grimsby. It was proposed that Mr. Speight should be captain of the Thursday team, which it was decided to run that season. It was decided that two matches should be played each week, one at home and one away; that the season should open on the second Saturday of September; that the subscription should be 2s. 6d.; and that the Leicestershire senior cup should be competed for. A list of well known clubs was given to the secretary who was instructed to arrange matches. The next meeting will be held in the middle of August.

Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - Tuesday 28 June 1892

TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.—A meeting of the committee of the newly constituted Town Football Club was held at the Bell Hotel on Tuesday evening. The Rev. J. W. Crowther presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. H. Towne, F. Hill, R. Johns, J. Lee, F. Brewin, W. Brewin, J. Meadwell, Mason, Askew, Tyler and Hy. Smith. It was decided the second eleven be called "The Melton Town Swifts," and that the colours of the club be white and blue. Mr. J. Meadwell and Mr. Mowbray were appointed as official gatekeepers. It was decided to arrange matches with Notts. St. Johns and Gelding Grove.

Melton Mowbray Times and Vale of Belvoir Gazette - Friday 08 July 1892

STONEY STANTON.

FOOTBALL CLUB.—On Friday evening a largely-attended meeting of the members of this club was held in the schoolroom, Mr. Cooper Chesterton presiding.—The Secretary (Mr. E. Lane) presented a report of the past year, showing a good account of the matches played. The expenditure for the past season was £2 5s. 1d., after defraying which there was a balance in hand of £1 18s. 5d. The following were then elected for the ensuing season :—Captain (first team) Mr. H. Fox; vice-captain, Mr. S. Knight; captain (second team), Mr. W. Richardson; vice-captain, Mr. W. Chapman; Mr. E. Lane was re-elected secretary, and the following were appointed as committee :—Messrs. H. Taylor, Isaac Stevens, W. Burrows, William Spence, Jno. Chapman, Edwin Holland, and Stephen Taylor. It was also resolved that members' subscription be a shilling, and boys under sixteen years sixpence. It was also further passed that the club play off-side rules next year, that practice commence on the 3rd Saturday in September, and that the secretary receive dates and arrange matches with other clubs for the coming season.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 09 July 1892

LOUGHBOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Loughborough Football Club was held last night in the Pavilion of the Athletic Grounds, Nottingham-road. Dr. A. Eddowes presided, and there was a full attendance of members.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening the proceedings, said the inhabitants of Loughborough had always been famous for the interest they had taken in sport. Thirty or 40 years ago they had a cricket club which used to beat the county club at Leicester. He had a book which would show the scores at that time, and from which they might see that in the old days Loughborough used to hold its own at cricket. Football had now become so popular as to eclipse the old national game of cricket. In order that that club might be maintained in a state of efficiency he had proposed that a guarantee fund be raised. Subscriptions had been promised amounting to £25 17s. 6d., and apart from those subscriptions a guarantee fund amounting to £22 11s. 6d. had been promised, but they must not depend upon that.

Mr. W. COCKAIN (secretary) read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. He then presented the annual report and balance-sheet. The report stated that during last October they had lost two excellent players in Messrs. Barker and Cross. During the season the club had played 35 matches, won 17, lost 16, drawn 2, and scored 90 goals against 70. Having defeated the Fosse four times, they were entitled to regard themselves as the champions of Leicestershire. (Applause.) They also defeated Rotherham Town, the champions of the League, and Gainsborough Trinity away, which was their first defeat at Gainsborough. The Athletic team had been very successful, having played 22 matches, won 20, lost 2, scoring 74 goals to 24. (Cheers.) The Athletic team could be safely termed the best amateur team in Leicestershire. (Applause.) During the season the team had played a benefit match for the destitute children of the town, and the balance of £10 17s. 6d. was handed over, which was greatly appreciated by the School Board. The sum of £3 1s. 3d. was handed to W. Cayless, an injured player. The players they had secured for the coming season were:—Tomlinson, Kent (late of Everton), V. Smith, J. Plackett, W. Freestone, T. Cutler, Butterworth (late Derby County), J. Start (late Long Eaton Rangers), Farmer, Carnally, and W. Sharp. He regretted that there was a deficiency of £45 14s. 8d. on the past season. The

committee had expended the sum of £45 6s. 9d. for next season, but with the balance of £45 18s. 11d. from the athletic sports, and about £50 from the guarantee fund they should be able to clear off the debt. The committee trusted that in future they should have larger gates, as they had secured the strongest team that had ever represented Loughborough. (Applause.) The Secretary then read the balance-sheet.

On the motion of Mr. COLTMAN, seconded by Mr. HALLAM, the report and balance-sheet were adopted.

Mr. W. A. THOMPSON presented the report and balance-sheet of the athletic sports. The report stated that the sports had been an unqualified success, and there was a balance in hand of £45 18s. 11d. The profits on the sports for the past three years had amounted to £152 19s. 9d.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the deficit on the matches was made up by the profits on the sports, and the club really commenced the year with a balance of 4s. 4d. in hand.

On the motion of Mr. J. CARTWRIGHT, seconded by Mr. ANGRAVE, the report and balance-sheet of the Sports Committee were adopted.

Mr. J. PAGET proposed that Dr. A. Eddowes be re-elected president of the club.

The CHAIRMAN declined to accept the honour, and amidst loud cheers proposed Mr. Johnson-Ferguson, M.P. for that division.

Mr. WELLS seconded.

Mr. J. PAGET said he had proposed the chairman on account of the great interest he had taken in the club. Had the proposal that Mr. Johnson-Ferguson be president not been already seconded he should have seconded it. (Applause.) He had much pleasure in supporting it.

Mr. W. A. THOMPSON also supported the motion, which was carried unanimously and with acclamation.

Mr. Walter Cockain was re-elected secretary; the auditors were reappointed, and the meeting then elected the committee for the ensuing year as follows:—Messrs. W. A. Thompson, A. Crom, E. Brewin, F. Stapleton, J. King, T. Cotterill, J. Gutteridge, Topping, C. Lakin, and F. Lowe.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN a vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers for the excellent services they had rendered during the past year.

Leicester Daily Post - Saturday 16 July 1892

FOOTBALL CLUB.—The members of the Woodville Football Club held their annual dinner on Monday at the Nelson Inn. Mr. W. Jones was elected chairman, and Mr. W. E. Harrison vice-chairman.—Mr. Walter Harrison, the hon. sec., read a statement, which showed a very gratifying balance in hand of over £5. He also reported that they had joined the Burton Junior League, and trusted they would be successful in their contests next season.

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 16 July 1892