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Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Swadlincote Town	20	14	4	2	63	20	3.15	32
2	Gresley Rovers	19	13	3	3	76	24	3.17	29
3	Hinckley Town	20	13	3	4	46	22	2.1	29
4	Coalville Town	20	13	2	5	49	17	2.88	28
5	Earl Shilton Town	20	8	2	10	51	41	1.24	18
6	Barwell Swifts	20	7	3	10	32	49	0.65	17
7	Whitwick Town	20	7	3	10	34	57	0.6	17
8	Hugglescote Robin Hood	20	5	4	11	31	38	0.82	14
9	Coalville Albion	20	6	2	12	33	63	0.52	14
10	Loughborough Athletic	19	6	0	13	28	52	0.54	12
11	Anstey Town	20	2	4	14	16	76	0.21	8

Winner:	Swadlincote Town
Runners-Up:	Gresley Rovers
Wooden spoon:	Anstey Town
Games Played:	109
Missing Results:	0
Goals scored:	459 (4.21 goals per game)
Biggest home win:	Swadlincote 10-0 Anstey Town
Biggest away win:	Whitwick 0-5 Swadlincote
Highest scoring:	12: Gresley Rovers 11-1 Coalville Albion

The Senior League saw a net gain of two members in 1898-99, electing Loughborough Reserve, Swadlincote, and Gresley Rovers to replace the outgoing Shepshed.

Mr W H Narris was elected League secretary in place of Mr Ferguson.

Anstey Town were fined 2s 6d for arriving late for a home League fixture with Swadlincote.

Anstey, Swadlincote, Loughborough and Whitwick were fined 2s 6d each for failing to send in match results within 4 days as per League rules.

The referee, Mr J E Carpenter, stopped the Loughborough game against Coalville Town played on the Athletic Ground Loughborough on Saturday 21 January 1899 before time due to "the conduct of spectators." After a thorough investigation the Council of the Leicestershire Football Association suspended Loughborough's Athletic Ground for 2 weeks and banned the club from playing matches within a radius of 6 miles. According to the report which Mr Carpenter made to the association, he had to stop the game after 42 minutes. From the commencement of the game the spectators were objectionable, but as play progressed their conduct became abusive, and the language was disgusting. He stopped the game once and went to the entrance where the officials were, and to them he called out and said that unless it was stopped the game would be abandoned. The state of the ground was bad, and so much so that Mr Carpenter had arrived at the point of declaring it unfit. After, however, he had stopped the game in the first instance to call attention to the conduct of the spectators, the annoyance continued so that whilst deciding that the ground was not fit, he had to decide also that the abusive conduct and language was such that he could not go on, and for those causes he stopped the match. Mr Carpenter further reported that he could see there was no attempt made to check the spectators. The referee appealed in vain for the language to be put down, and he eventually left the field in disgust, after having told the players the game was at an end. - *Leicester Journal* - Friday 27 January 1899

Gresley Rovers did not appear for a League match against Loughborough on 22 April 1900. For some inexplicable reason this fixture was not played.

Coalville v Barwell Swifts match on Saturday 22 April 1900 was abandoned in account of the non-appearance of the referee. The game was replayed the following week.

Results Grid

Leicestershire Senior League 1898-99	Anstey Town	Barwell Swifts	Coalville Albion	Coalville Town	Earl Shilton Town	Gresley Rovers	Hinckley Town	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Loughborough Athletic	Swadlincote	Whitwick Town
Anstey Town		D	2-2	0-4	3-2	1-7	3-2	1-1	1-4	1-5	1-1
Barwell Swifts	3-0		4-2	3-1	1-1	2-1	0-3	2-1	0-1	2-3	2-3
Coalville Albion	4-1	3-2		0-2	2-0	1-4	0-2	1-5	3-0	1-1	7-3
Coalville Town	3-0	9-0	6-0		2-1	4-0	3-0	3-0	1-0	2-2	2-1
Earl Shilton Town	5-0	0-1	5-0	4-1		4-2	2-4	3-0	3-0	1-3	10-0
Gresley Rovers	7-0	8-2	11-1	2-0	7-1		1-0	3-0	5-0	0-0	9-0
Hinckley Town	5-0	2-1	2-0	1-2	1-1	2-2		5-2	3-1	2-0	3-1
Hugglescote Robin Hood	2-0	2-2	1-2	1-0	2-3	2-2	1-3		6-1	1-2	2-1
Loughborough Athletic	5-1	1-2	3-1	0-1	3-2	X	0-3	1-0		1-4	1-4
Swadlincote	11-0	2-1	5-0	1-1	2-1	2-3	1-1	3-0	5-0		5-0
Whitwick Town	2-0	5-0	4-3	1-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	1-1	4-2	0-5	

X= game not played

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Result Not Known

Results and Match Details

Date	Home			Away	Details
3.9.1898	Anstey Town	1 (0)	5 (4)	Swadlincote Pickering (2) AN Others	Broiling sun Swadlincote's first-ever Senior League fixture
3.9.1898	Coalville Town Walker Bunting Gilchrist Jones	4	0	Gresley Rovers	Waggon and Horses Ground, Coalville, Warm weather. Good gate.
3.9.1898	Loughborough Reserves Turner	1 (0)	4 (4)	Whitwick Town Sellars (2) Mellors (2)	Game kicked off 20 mins after the advertised time. Only 4 or 5 of the players selected for the home team put in an appearance. Game considerably delayed while Loughborough scrapped together a scratch side. Mr W H Harris former Loughborough goalkeeper officiated as referee
10.9.1898	Coalville Albion Jefferson	1	1	Swadlincote Town Draycott	Played on Coalville's "new" ground. Good gate
10.9.1898	Hinckley Town Beadsworth	1	2	Coalville Town Gilchrist (2)	At Hinckley - 1,000 spectators.

					Unexpected result. Bad luck dodged Hinckley's efforts, no matter how hard they tried. Frank Gardner, founder of Leicester Fosse, was the referee. Gilchrist, who received a nasty gash on the head from a kick, scored twice before half-time. Coalville played a rough game in the second half.
10.9.1898	Gresley Rovers T Harrison Lyons (2) AN Others	7	0	Anstey Town	Anstey arrived late. If it was not for the outstanding play of Anstey's goalkeeper the defeat would have been considerably heavier. Gresley had added the following professionals to their team; W Cotton, t Harrison, H Lyons and J Richardson. Anstey had no professionals.
10.9.1898	Whitwick Town	4	2	Loughborough Reserves	
17.9.1898	Coalville Albion	0	2	Earl Shilton Town	Central ground, Coalville. Moderate attendance. This was the Championship decider for the previous season
17.9.1898	Coalville Town Clamp Walker Gilchrist	3	0	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Town ground, Coalville. Hot weather. Coalville's third successive League win.
17.9.1898	Loughborough Reserves Harris	1 (0)	2 (2)	Barwell Swifts Cobley Harrin	Athletics Ground, Loughborough. Small attendance. Barwell had recently signed G McLelland as a professional.
17.9.1898	Swadlincote Town	2	3	Gresley Rovers	Tropical weather. Moderate gate. Good game.
17.9.1898	Whitwick Town Sellars	1	2	Hinckley Town AN Others	A large contingent of supporters travelled from Hinckley. Whitwick adopted rough tactics throughout the second half. Whitehead was kicked so badly that it was necessary for him to retire with 10 minutes remaining.
24.9.1898	Barwell Swifts	2	3	Whitwick Town	
24.9.1898	Earl Shilton Town	5	0	Anstey Town	
24.9.1898	Gresley Rovers Harrison (2)	2 (1)	0 (0)	Coalville Town	Coalville Town started the day at the top of the League.
24.9.1898	Hinckley Town Beadsworth Fluck Horton	3	1	Loughborough Reserves Nicholls	Beautiful weather 600 spectators. The game was very much more one sided than the score would suggest, "Hinckley were quite six goals better than their rivals, but they could not get to that number owing to poor shooting."
24.9.1898	Hugglescote Robin Hood Berry (pen)	1	2	Coalville Albion Dickens Earl	Good gate.
1.10.1898	Coalville Albion Mason Jeffcote	3	0	Loughborough Reserves	

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1.10.1898	Whitwick Town Sellars	1	2	Gresley Rovers AN Other Wileman	Huge gate.
22.10.1898	Barwell Swifts	4	2	Coalville Albion	
22.10.1898	Gresley Rovers	7 (2)	1 (1)	Earl Shilton Town	Earl Shilton took the lead after 5 mins.
22.10.1898	Hinckley Town Hitchcock AN Others	5 (3)	2 (1)	Hugglescote Robin Hood AN Others	
29.10.1898	Anstey Town Newcombe AN Others	3	2	Hinckley Town Beadsworth Hitchcock	
29.10.1898	Barwell Swifts	1	0	Earl Shilton Town	
29.10.1898	Hugglescote Robin Hood Blockley Wood (2) Dewey (2) Handford	6	1	Loughborough Reserves Tebbs	
5.11.1898	Loughborough Athletic Wright Mee Tebbs	3	1	Coalville Albion Whitmore	
5.11.1898	Hugglescote Robin Hood Berry (pen) Wood	2	2	Gresley Rovers Yardley AN Other	
5.11.1898	Whitwick Town	4	0	Anstey Town	
19.11.1898	Barwell Swifts	0	1	Loughborough Reserves	
19.11.1898	Coalville Albion	0 (0)	2 (1)	Hinckley Town AN Other Heward	Central ground, Coalville. Good gate.
19.11.1898	Earl Shilton Town	10	0	Whitwick Town	
19.11.1898	Gresley Rovers Yardley (3)	3	0	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Good gate. Gresley scored after just 3 mins.
19.11.1898	Swadlincote Town og (Chapman) AN Other	2	1	Coalville Town Gilchrist	Coalville arrived 30 mins late.
26.11.1898	Anstey Town Newcombe North (2)	3 (2)	2 (1)	Earl Shilton Town AN Other	Earl Shilton opened the scoring in the first minute.
26.11.1898	Hinckley Town Beadsworth (2)	2	1	Barwell Swifts Jones	Wet weather.
26.11.1898	Swadlincote Town Draycott Webster (2) Orgill Brearley	5	0	Coalville Albion	Poor gate. Sodden ground.
3.12.1898	Coalville Albion	3	2	Barwell Swifts	Central ground Coalville.
3.12.1898	Gresley Rovers	0	0	Swadlincote	Biggest gate of the season.
3.12.1898	Hugglescote Robin Hood Handford	1 (1)	0 (0)	Coalville Town	Baker's field, Hugglescote. Large attendance.
3.12.1898	Loughborough Reserves	3	2	Earl Shilton Town	Poor gate.

10.12.1898	Anstey Town	1 (1)	4 (2)	Loughborough Reserves	
10.12.1898	Barwell Swifts	1	1	Earl Shilton Town	
17.12.1898	Coalville Town Clamp Gilchrist	2	1	Whitwick Town AN Other	Good gate. A spirited game. Whitwick missed a twice taken penalty.
17.12.1898	Earl Shilton Town AN Others	2 (0)	4 (1)	Hinckley Town og Beadsworth (3)	Fairly good attendance.
17.12.1898	Hugglescote Robin Hood Handford Dewey	2 (2)	2 (1)	Barwell Swifts AN Others	Barwell awarded a penalty. Game stopped with 20 mins to play.
17.12.1898	Loughborough Reserves Wright (3) Parker AN Other	5 (2)	1 (1)	Anstey Town Newcombe	300 spectators Dull weather. Loughborough team included Carries of Nuneaton and Parker of Castle Donington, who were playing their trial game. Griffiths of Melton should have played but did not turn up and Morley played in his place. Loughborough had 2 goals disallowed.
24.12.1898	Anstey Town Black	1 (0)	1 (0)	Whitwick Town Cresswell (og)	Erratic shooting by the home team.
24.12.1898	Barwell Swifts	3	1	Coalville Town	Surprise result.
24.12.1898	Coalville Albion Clay	1	5	Hugglescote Robin Hood Handford Dewey (2) Roper Wood	Central ground, Coalville.
26.12.1898	Hinckley Town AN Other Beadsworth	2	0	Swadlincote Town	The best match played at Hinckley this season. The two goals were real beauties, especially the one sent in by Beadsworth.
27.12.1898	Coalville Albion Whitmore	1	4	Gresley Rovers Yardley AN Other	Fairly good gate
31.12.1898	Anstey Town	2	2	Coalville Albion	
31.12.1898	Earl Shilton Town	P	P	Loughborough Reserves	Loughborough failed to send a team
31.12.1898	Coalville Town Walker Bunting (2)	3	0	Hinckley Town	Wretched weather; ground was sodden and slippery. Hinckley had the reputation for playing poorly when the ground was poor. A very even game. The touchline s became indistinct before the ball was set in motion causing a great deal of confusion as to whether the ball had gone out or not. A member of Hinckley's committee called the referee's attention to the touchline and admitted that there where ground for complaint – but advised Hinckle to play the match and if they decided to make a protest, to do so at the close of play.
31.12.1898	Gresley Rovers Lyons (2) AN Others Harrison (4) Willman	9	0	Whitwick Town	Played on sodden ground – “sea of mud” in the vicinity of goal posts. Whitwick played with 10 men in the first half and just 9 for much of the second period.

					Harrison scored a first half hat-trick
31.12.1898	Swadlincote Henson (20 min) Brearley (2)	3 (2)	0 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Ground was in 'fearful condition and good play was impossible.'
7.1.1899	Coalville Albion AN Others Moore	4 (2)	1 (0)	Anstey Town AN Other	Good sprinkling of spectators.
7.1.1899	Gresley Rovers Jones (2) Yardley (2) Harrison (4)	8 (3)	2 (1) Despite the score the game was a good one.	Barwell Swifts Abbotts (2)	Fairly large gate Heavy ground. Barwell fielded a weak side,
7.1.1899	Loughborough Reserves AN Other	1 (1)	4 (1)	Swadlincote Town Draycott (2) Scr. AN Other	Small crowd. Ward had to retire in the first half after his knee gave way following a charge.
7.1.1899	Whitwick Town Cobley	1	1	Coalville Town Clamp	Large gate.
14.1.1899	Coalville Town Gilchrist (3) Bunting og (2)	6 (1)	0	Coalville Albion	First League match of the season between the two Coalville clubs. Beautiful weather. Fairly good attendance.
14.1.1899	Hinckley Town AN Other Starbuck	2	2	Gresley Rovers Solomans Harrison	Large gate.
14.1.1899	Swadlincote Town Jones Webster	2	1	Earl Shilton Town Pollard	Heavy ground.
14.1.1899	Whitwick Town AN Other	1	1	Hugglescote Robin Hood Dewey	Hugglescote team included 2 new players, the Brothers Coulson, of Leicester,
21.1.1899	Barwell Swifts	3	0	Anstey Town	Dreadful weather - many matches across the county were postponed at the last minute by telegraph. Spectators shouted at the referee after Barwell scored their second goal to abandon the match. Short time played.
21.1.1899	Hugglescote Robin Hood AN Others (pen)	2 (2)	3 (2)	Earl Shilton Coulson AN Other Pickering	Wretched weather. Robin Hood lost Smith due to injury at the start of the second half. Rain came down in torrents making the place miserable.
21.1.1899	Loughborough Reserves	A	A	Coalville Town Walker Smith	Fearful weather, strong gusty wind and heavy rain showers. Walker scoring soon after the commencement. Directly afterward the visitors again attacked and shot from the centre forward went straight to Smith. The Loughborough custodian stopped the ball, but could not hold it, and though he appeared have cleared his goal the referee thought otherwise and awarded the point, much to the disapproval of the spectators. A free kick given to Coalville gave further dissatisfaction, and when

					the referee awarded another free against G. Bexon and cautioned him, a considerable amount of hooting and strong remarks were indulged in, which led up Mr. Carpenter leaving the field before half the time had been played. The match was abandoned. Loughborough enclosure was closed following an investigation by the Leicestershire Football Association.
28.1.1899	Coalville Town	4 (4)	1 (0)	Barwell Swifts	Sticky ground. Bad play on the part of the Barwell custodian let in two very easy goals.
28.1.1899	Earl Shilton Town	4	2	Gresley Rovers	Unexpected defeat of the league leaders. Gresley were the better side throughout and play a steady, scientific game from beginning to end. Shilton adopted 'rushing' tactics, which on the day proved more successful.
28.1.1899	Loughborough Reserves	P	P	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Postponed on account of the suspension of the Loughborough ground.
28.1.1899	Swadlincote Town	1	1	Hinckley Town	Very hard ground. A clos, exciting game, with little to choose between the two sides.
28.1.1899	Whitwick Town	2	0	Anstey Town	The following poem appeared in the Hinckley Times: Oh its Anstey Anstey Anstey ! You're favourites my fancy Going fine old pace Beating Hinckley in the race You have played bold and keen Still at bottom of the tree You will stay I see Which makes all say R.I.P.
4.2.1899	Anstey Town Creswell	1 (0)	1 (0)	Hugglescote Robin Hood AN Other	
4.2.1899	Barwell Swifts	POST		Swadlincote Town	
4.2.1899	Coalville Albion	0 (0)	2 (0)	Coalville Town Jones AN Other	Rough game. Clamp (Town) and Jeffcote (Albion) both received nasty injuries which compelled them to retire from the game. The game concluded in a snowstorm
4.2.1899	Gresley Rovers Ward	1	0	Hinckley Town	Cold weather. Snow fell heavily throughout the second half.
4.2.1899	Whitwick Town	2	1	Earl Shilton Town	
11.2.1899	Barwell Swifts	2	3	Swadlincote Town	
11.2.1899	Earl Shilton	5	0	Coalville Albion	
11.2.1899	Hugglescote Robin Hood Ghent Dewey	2 (0)	1 (1)	Whitwick Town Cobley	Hugglescote had two goals disallowed.
11.2.1899	Loughborough	0	3	Hinckley Town	
18.2.1899	Gresley Rovers Yardley (3) Ward Wileman	5	0	Loughborough Reserves	Beautiful weather. Loughborough were an hour late in arriving, so e game finished in almost total darkness.
18.2.1899	Hinckley Town Beadsworth	1	1	Earl Shilton AN Other	Fair gate.
18.2.1899	Swadlincote Town	2	1	Barwell	A very even game.

	Scott Orgill	(0)	(1)	Herbert	
25.2.1899	Barwell Swifts	2	1	Gresley Rovers	
25.2.1899	Earl Shilton	4	1	Coalville Town	
25.2.1899	Hugglescote Robin Hood Dewey	1	3	Hinckley Town Hitchcock (2) Beadsworth	Both sides repeatedly got off-side.
25.2.1899	Whitwick Town	0	5	Swadlincote Town Draycott Chamberlain Scott	
4.3.1899	Coalville Town Clamp	1	0	Loughborough Reserves	Fairly good number of spectators. Played in dull weather and partly in a snowstorm.
4.3.1899	Earl Shilton Town	3	0	Hugglescote Robin Hood	A surprising win for Shilton.
4.3.1899	Hinckley Town	2	0	Coalville Albion	
11.3.1899	Swadlincote Town	POST		Coalville Town	
18.3.1899	Barwell Swifts	2	1	Hugglescote Robin Hood	
18.3.1899	Coalville Alion Brealey	1 (1)	1 (1)	Whitwick Town Beeston (pen)	
18.3.1899	Coalville Town Walker AN Other	2 (1)	1 (0)	Earl Shilton AN Other	Waggon and Horses Ground, Coalville.
18.3.1899	Hinckley Town	5	0	Anstey Town	
18.3.1899	Swadlincote Town	5	0	Loughborough Reserve	
25.3.1899	Barwell Swifts	0	3	Hinckley Town	Half-an-hour short time was played.
25.3.1899	Coalville Albion	2	0	Earl Shilton	
25.3.1899	Hugglescote Robin Hood Poxon Dewey	2	0	Anstey Town	
1.4.1899	Anstey Town	0	4	Coalville Town Walker Jones Gilchrist (2)	
1.4.1899	Loughborough Reserve Barlow	1	0	Hugglescote Robin Hood	Played at the Athletic Grounds, Loughborough at the conclusion of the Darwen Football League match. Robin Hood team included two ex- Loughborough players – Berry and Dewey.
1.4.1899	Whitwick Town	5	0	Barwell Swifts	
3.4.1899	Anstey Town	1	7	Gresley Rovers	
3.4.1899	Coalville Town	2	2	Swadlincote Town	
4.4.1899	Coalville Albion	7	3	Whitwick Town	
5.4.1899	Swadlincote Pickering (3) Chamberlain (2) Brealey Draycott Orgill (2) AN Others	11 (2)	0 (0)	Anstey Town	
8.4.1899	Coalville Town Jones Gilchrist (2)	3	0	Anstey Town	Waggon and Horses Ground, Coalville
8.4.1899	Hugglescote Robin Hood			Swadlincote Town	

8.4.1899	Leicester Fosse Eaton	1	1	Senior League Dewey	
8.4.1899	Whitwick Town	4	3	Coalville Albion	
15.4.1899	Earl Shilton	1	3	Swadlincote Town	
15.4.1899	Hinckley Town Barnett AN Other (pen +1)	3 (2)	1 (1)	Whitwick Town AN Other	Holywell Ground, Hinckley. Hinckley weakened by the absence of Beadsworth and Burrows
19.4.1899	Hugglescote Robin Hood	1 (1)	2 (0)	Swadlincote Town	Played on Wednesday night. It was not finished until 7.55 pm, by which time it was dark. Swadlincote scored two goals in the last 10 mins to win the game. Hall (Hugglescote) sustained a fracture of the leg.
22.4.1899	Coalville Town	A	A	Barwell Swifts	
22.4.1899	Loughborough Athletic	A	A	Gresley Rovers	Gresley did not arrive.
22.4.1899	Swadlincote Town Orgill Brearley (4)	5	0	Whitwick Town	Keen interest centred in the result since Swadlincote held a slight advantage over Gresley for the league title. Kick off delayed until 4.30, due to the appointed referee not turning up. A collection for hall (Hugglescote) who broke his leg playing against Swadlincote raised 35s.
25.4.1899	Gresley Rovers	11	1	Coalville Albion	
29.4.1899	Coalville Town	9	0	Barwell Swifts	
	Rest of the League	0	0	Swadlincote Town	Play at Swadlincote. Owing to heavy rain the ground was in a shocking state. Only 30 mins each way was played. The first half was very poor. In the second period the home team played strongly, and it was only the fine work of Stubbs, the Coalville goalkeeper that the game ended goal-less.

Kick-off times not later than 2.30 in January, 3.00 in February, 3.20 in March and 3.40 in April.

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE.

SERIOUS STATE OF AFFAIRS AT COALVILLE.

LOUGHBOROUGH PLAYERS ROBBED.

There were only two matches in this League last Saturday, and both were in the colliery district. Whitwick Town were visited by Gresley Rovers, an even game just ending in the defeat of Whitwick by two goals to one. Their previous beating was also sustained at home by exactly the same score.

Loughborough Reserves took a very scrambling team to Coalville to play the Albion, and the official who accompanied the team comments very strongly on the treatment accorded the Loughborough players, who were as follows: Holmes, goal; Atterbury and Hatherley, backs; Stenson, Lambert, and West, half-backs; Mee, Monk, F. York, Tetts, and Cutler, forwards.

The game was announced to start at 3.30, and Loughborough turned out to time, but the Albion were nowhere to be seen, and it was exactly 4.35 before they put in an appearance on the ground, Loughborough having had a game to themselves for over an hour. No explanation was forthcoming, and the game, in consequence of the excessive delay, was finished in semi-darkness, time being called at half-past six. Loughborough were, of course, considerably outplayed, and the game was a complete farce. Mason soon opened the scoring, and Jeffcoat followed with the second. Loughborough's defence, however, played a grand game, Holmes, in goal, giving a magnificent exhibition, while Atterbury, at back, cleared repeatedly, and showed up well. So well did the Loughborough defenders play, that Coalville did not score again until just before the whistle blew, the Albion only winning by three goals to none.

Upon arrival at the dressing-room (the headquarters of the Albion Club), the Loughborough official informs us, the players' clothes were all upset, and some money was said to have been abstracted. Atterbury complained of having been robbed of eight shillings, and Hatherley of 2s 6d., while Stenson sustained serious loss by having a silver match-box and two keys stolen. Fortunately, most of the players had given their money into the charge of the official, but one of their number left 30s in a purse in an inside pocket, which, fortunately, was not discovered.

This is a very serious matter, and the Loughborough club are making a report on it to the authorities. It is hoped the matter will be fathomed.

There are only two matches for next Saturday, viz. :—

Alstey Town v. Barwell Swifts.

Coalville Albion v. Earl Shilton Town.

LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE.

LOUGHBOROUGH RESERVES v. EARL SHILTON TOWN.

Played at Loughborough, before a poor gate. Shilton had the wind in the first half, and attacked, Holmes saving well. Then Loughborough showed much the better football, Mee frequently dropping the ball in front of goal, and after ten minutes play Tebbs netted the ball for the first goal for Loughborough. Earl Shilton made several strong efforts, but their shooting was very poor, only goal kicks being forced. Ball played a good defensive game. Earl Shilton secured the first corner, but did not improve upon it. Mee put in some beautiful centres, from the right, and only just missed scoring. Loughborough then pressed strongly, and after Tebbs had shot over the bar the Shilton goal had a very narrow escape. Loughborough had nearly all the game up to the interval, but could not break through. The visitors only had one shot at the Loughborough goal in the last fifteen minutes of the first portion.

Shortly after resuming, Tebbs centred grandly, and Cutler shot sharply into the net for the second goal. A minute later Tebbs shot well at goal, the custodian saving. The Loughborough forwards were playing a capital game, and had ill-luck with several of their shots. Cutler shot exceedingly well, Armeson clearing. The Earl Shilton forwards spoiled whatever chances they possessed by getting off-side. Play slackened down for some time, but subsequently Loughborough livened up, and Tebbs scored a third goal, the custodian missing the ball. Earl Shilton managed to get away from a free kick, Pollard beating Holmes with a shot along the ground. The visitors played up strongly, and, through the Loughborough backs bungling, Coe got in a flying shot, which easily beat Holmes, the end coming immediately afterwards, with the score:

LOUGHBOROUGH RESERVES, three goals;
• EARL SHILTON, two goals.

GRENLEY v. HINCKLEY.

At Hinckley, before a large gate. Play ruled even for a time, the home team playing a smart game, and Solomon and Harrison scored. Both goalkeepers were tested, and Adcock gave a brilliant display. After good combined play Hinckley scored and this was followed by another from Starbuck, the game ending in

A DRAW, two goals each.

SWADLINCOTE v. EARL SHILTON.

At Swadlincote, on heavy ground. Swadlincote won the toss, and had the wind and sun in their favour. Jones scored for them three minutes from the start, and they continued to have all the best of the game, but the visitors' defence was sound, the goalkeeper defending admirably. At half-time there had been no further score. Resuming, Webster, for Swadlincote, scored from a scrimmage. The visitors recovered towards the close, and Pollard beat the backs, and scored a splendid goal for Earl Shilton. Final:

SWADLINCOTE, two goals;

EARL SHILTON, one goal.

LOUGHBOROUGH RESERVES v. COALVILLE TOWN.

THE REFEREE STOPS THE GAME.

These teams met at Loughborough, in fearful weather, a strong gusty wind blowing, and heavy rain falling at times, whilst the ground was in a very greasy state. Coalville, getting off, led the attack, two shots going outside. Loughborough retaliated successfully, but the visitors, returning, kept up the pressure, and sent in several shots, Walker eventually scoring the first goal for Coalville. Directly afterwards, the visitors again attacked, and a shot from the centre went straight to Smith. The Loughborough goalkeeper stopped the ball, but could not hold it, and though he appeared to have cleared his goal, the referee thought otherwise, and gave Coalville their second point, much to the spectators' disgust. Play worked up and down, Coalville, aided by the wind, showing the most aggression. Brewin shot over the home goal, and Smith then had to give a corner to save, but the leather was cleared. The game continued chiefly in the home half, but a smart run by Barlowe and Hammond ended in Thornewell having to clear. A free given to Coalville for a foul caused some dissatisfaction amongst a little crowd in the enclosure, and when the referee awarded a free against G. Bexon, and cautioned him, a considerable amount of hooting and strong remarks came from the same quarter. Mr. Carpenter left the field, and informed the gatekeeper that if the behaviour of the spectators was continued he should stop the game. A few minutes later the game proceeded, and shortly afterwards Mr. Carpenter again gave a free against the same Bexon, and left the field once more, and went through the gates without saying a word to the officials. The game therefore, came to an abrupt ending shortly before half the time had been played. The decision of the referee and his action were freely and strongly commented upon by both players and spectators.

We learn officially that Mr. Carpenter stopped the game on account of the unruly behaviour of the crowd, and that the matter has been reported to the Football Association.

LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE.

ANSTEY v. HUGGLESCOTE.

The visitors were the first to press, Wale clearing finely. Anstey attacked, but Harlow shot wide. Still pressing, give and take play was the order up to the interval, which arrived with no score. On resuming, the visitors scored from a foul in front of goal, and, still pressing, obtained an off-side goal. From a corner to Anstey, Crewell equalised. Result:

ANSTEY, one goal;
HUGGLESCOTE, one goal.

COALVILLE TOWN v. COALVILLE ALBION.

This return match was played on the Central Ground, 'n fine weather. The Town kicked off, and play was very even up to half-time, when no points had been registered. On resuming, Jones scored in splendid style for the Town, and shortly after another goal was scored. Result:

TOWN, two goals;
ALBION, nothing.

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WHITWICK TOWN v. EARL SHILTON TOWN.

At Whitwick. Result:

WHITWICK, two goals;
EARL SHILTON, one goal.

GRESLEY ROVERS v. HINCKLEY TOWN.

At Gresley, in cold weather. The home team were short of two of their best forwards. The game was fast, Hinckley having the best of matters, and from a corner Ward scored for Gresley after twenty minutes, this being the score up to the interval. In the second half snow fell heavily throughout, and with this behind them the Rovers kept play to the Hinckley end, but their shooting was weak. The Hinckley defence was sound. Result:

GRESLEY, one goal;
HINCKLEY, none.

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Additional Information

LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE.

A special meeting of the representatives of the clubs belonging to this league was held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Tuesday evening. Mr. J. E. Carpenter presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. M. Fergusson (hon. treasurer), W. E. Jones (hon. secretary), H. T. Dunn (Loughborough), and representatives of Nuneaton Town, Earl Shilton Town, Gresley Rovers, Hinckley Town, Swadlincote, Barwell Swifts, and Coalville Town.—The chief business was to consider the future of the league. The representatives of the various clubs expressed very strong opinions about the action of the Midland League in admitting Coalville Town and Hinckley Town to membership. It was felt that if this was sanctioned by the Football Association it would prevent the league being carried on. It was mentioned that Stockingford F.C. were prepared to apply for admission, and that Leicester Fosse Reserves would have joined but for the action of Hinckley and Coalville. Opinions were expressed that the league provided a competition for outlying clubs in Derbyshire as well as Leicestershire, and that both associations should support the continuance of an organisation mutually beneficial to their senior clubs.—Mr. Carpenter said the members of the management committee, who did not represent clubs, viz., Messrs. Dunn, Fergusson, Jones, and himself, preferred that the clubs should themselves decide what course to adopt. At the same time he intimated they were desirous of doing anything that was possible in the best interests of all concerned, and that the only point the officials felt strongly upon was the action of representatives of Hinckley Town, who had taken part in efforts to strengthen the league, and been parties to secure Stockingford F.C., and then without the slightest intimation seeking admission into another league.—Eventually it was decided that the secretary be instructed to appeal to the Football Association, pointing out that the extension in Leicestershire of the Midland League would mean the extinction of the Leicestershire League, and that the ground of the extension was already covered.

FOOTBALL.

LEICESTERSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE.

THE CLUBS AND THE ACTION OF THE LEAGUE.

The secretary of the Coalville Club writes :
" I think the opinion of all in the Coalville district, who take an interest in football, will be that the action of the Senior League authorities with regard to the admission of the Coalville and Hinckley clubs is anything but sportsmanlike. When a club tries to improve its status one would think that the leaders of football would rather encourage them to go on than endeavour to place obstacles in the way. The Leicestershire Senior League was not opposed to receiving Nuneaton and other clubs, if they could have had them, notwithstanding that it was the death-blow to the Coventry and North Warwickshire League, and when I mentioned this to Mr. Carpenter at the time, his reply was that the League referred to ' must look after itself.' The Leicestershire League must now do the same. In accepting additional clubs the Midland League have only done what the Leicestershire League would have done. Why, then, the distinction ?

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over the club will reveal the silver lining.

With regard to Leagues the Leicestershire Senior League has increased its membership, electing Loughborough Reserve, Swadlincote, and Gresley Rovers, whilst Shepshed have resigned. Mr. Carpenter, the hon. secretary of the association, has been elected chairman, and the League has made a change in its secretary by electing Mr. W. H. Harris in the place of Mr. Fergusson. The prospects of a successful and busy season with the senior clubs are good, and most of the members of the Senior League will be able to tell their supporters of the improvement in the constitution of their respective teams. At one time there appeared a doubt about Whitwick Town carrying on, but it is pleasing to find they have managed to pull through the difficulties, and once more come up smiling.

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