Friendly Matches 1883-84

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
25.8.1883	Sheepshed FC	2	4	Notts Forest FC	Old Flower Ground, Sheepshed - by kind permission of Mr. E. Staniforth. Played in oppressive weather. Game commenced at 4pm. "After the match the Notts, men adjourned to the Railway Hotel, where a substantial tea was provided, and after doing ample justice to it they returned home, having thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the vicinity of Charnwood Forest.".
6.10.1883	Coalville FC	1 (0)	4 (2)	Hathern FC	Benefit game for Leicester Infirmary. "The Whitwick Colliery brass band was engaged for the occasion and played a selection of music during the play. The match being over both teams repaired to the Fox and Gosse Hotel and partook of a substantial repast served up in Mr Burton's usual style. A very pleasant evening was spent."
6.10.1883	Mountsorrel	0	4	Leicester Association Porter Taylor Coltman Barwick	Leicester Association's first-ever game. Game kicked off at 3.30 pm. Excellent weather.
6.10.1883	Sheepshed Forest United	3	0	Hathern Star FC	
6.10.1883	Wellingborough	11	0	Market Harborough	
13.10.1883	Kegworth St Andrew's	5	1	Leicester Victoria	
13.10.1883	Leicester Association FC Staynes Carryer	2	1	Wreake Valley E Dalley	
13.10.1883	Leicester Victoria	2	0	Wigston	
13.10.1883	Long Whatton FC Captain's Team	5	4	Long Whatton FC Vice-Captain's Team	Whatton FC's first-ever match.
20.10.1883	Barrow Victoria R Kettle	1 (1)	0 (0)	Loughborough Town	
20.10.1883	Barwell (2nd)	1	0	Croft (2nd)	
20.10.1883	Coalville FC	3	0	Leicester Association	
20.10.1883	Hinckley Grammar School	0 (0)	4 (2)	Nuneaton Grammar School	Teign Bank ground, Hinckley. 40 mins played each half.
20.10.1883	Long Whatton FC	3	3	Sheepshed (A Team)	The unlevel state of the ground proved impossible to either dribble the ball or judge a kick – the game was "therefore of an uninteresting character."
27.10.1883	Barrow Rising Star	10	0	Beeston Swifts FC	
27.10.1883	Kegworth Victoria Club	2	0	Long Eaton Swifts	
27.10.1883	Leicester Association Porter	1 (1)	4 (4)	Nots Forest 2nd Team AN Others	Racecourse, Leicester. Game commenced at 3.30 pm
27.10.1883	Leicester Victoria	0	0	Wigston School	Disputed goal - the umpires were not close enough to make a decision.
27.10.1883	Loughborough Victoria FC	1	0	Loughborough Town FC	Hubbard's Ground, Loughborough. Game kicked off at 3.30pm
27.10.1883	Market Harborough	3	5	Uppingham	Mr Goward's field, Market Harborough. Cort [Market Harborough] had his shoulder blade put out through being charged. This is said to be the first accident that had happened to the Harborough team.

27.10.1883	Mountsorrel Rising Star	0	0	Sheepshed Band of Hope	Three of the Sheepshed players failed to turn up, substitutes were found in the persons of Harrison, Jordan, and Darby.
27.10.1883	Ravenstone (2nd eleven)	0	0	Coalville (Greyhounds)	
27.10.1883	Sheepshed Forest United S Bennett H Needham (2)	3 (0)	1 (0)	Barrow AN Other	Game commenced at 3.40 pm.
27.10.1883	Victoria FC	1	1	Wigston's School	"A few minutes before the call of time the Victoria forwards carried the ball down to their opponents' goal, and after a loose scrimmage the ball was kicked right under the bar, but it hit an onlooker's foot and came back into play. The Victoria claimed the goal, but their opponents would not allow it, and the umpire not being near enough to give a decision the game had to be left a draw."
27.10.1883	Wigston FC	3 (0)	1 (1)	Leicester Association FC	Leicester scored first.
3.11.1883	Coalville Greyhounds	0	4	Sheepshed Church of England Temperance Society	
3.11.1883	Sheepshed Band of Hope	5	0	Barrow Rovers	
3.11.18883	Stapleford Rovers	3 (2)	1 (0)	Kegworth Victoria	
10.11.1883	Earl Shilton	2	2	Croft FC	
10.11.1883	Hugglescote	A	A	Leicester Association FC	Abandoned through "unfavourable atmospheric influences."
10.11.1883	Kegworth Victoria	0 (0)	1 (1)	Long Eaton Swifts	
10.11.1883	Long Whatton	0	1	Sheepshed Band of Hope	
10.11.1883	Loughborough Victoria	A	A	Sheepshed Town (A-Team)	Unsettled weather. During the second half a dispute arose respecting the legality of a goal, and the game came to an abrupt termination
10.11.1883	Quorn Rovers	0	1	Mountsorrel Rising Star	
10.11.1883	Sheepshed Town FC	4	0	Coalville FC	Large number of spectators. Extremely cold weather.
17.11.1883	Croft	2	0	Nuneaton	
17.11.1883	Kegworth Victoria (2nd)	8	0	Kegworth Wanderers	
17.11.1883	Leicester Association	A	A	Hugglescote	Match abandoned due to "unfavourable atmospheric" conditions.
17.11.1883	Oakham School	A	A	Notts County	Owing to the state of the weather the game was very unsatisfactory and resulted in a tie after half an hours play.
17.11.1883	Sheepshed Town FC	A	A	Loughborough Victoria FC	Game abandoned in the second half following a dispute over the legality of a goal.
22.11.1883	Wigston's School Biggs E R Dalley	2 (0)	0 (0)	Leicester Alliance FC	Victoria Park, Leicester. Game commenced at 3.30 pm.
24.11.1883	Belgrave Perceval Swift	0	2	Leicester Victoria	
24.11.1883	Kegworth Victoria	15 (7)	0 (0)	Gotham Wanderers	
24.11.1883	Leicester Association	1 (1)	3 (0)	Quorndon Rovers	Moderate attendance. Favourable weather.

					Owing to the late arrival of the Quorndon players, play did not commence till four o'clock.
24.11.1883	Oakham Amateurs	0 (0)	5 (2)	Leicester Association	Moderate number of spectators. Played on a "small ground". Moderate attendance.
24..11.1883	Ravenstone Whetstone	1	5	Burton Swifts AN Others	
24.11.1883	Sheepshed Forest United	0	0	Barrow Rising Star FC	
29.11.1883	Leicester Alliance FC	0	2	Wigston School FC	
1.12.1883	Barwell FC	3	2	Croft FC	
1.12.1883	Barrow Rovers	1	0	Mountsorrel Rising Star	
1.12.1883	Croft (Second Team)	1	1	Barwell (Second Team)	
1.12.1883	Mountsorrel	0	0	Barrow United	
1.12.1883	Mountsorrel	0 (0)	1 (0)	Barrow Victoria B Kettle	Game commenced at 3.20 pm.
1.12.1883	Nottingham Artisans FC (A-team)	0	8	Kegworth St Andrews FC	Ground was in wretched condition.
1.12.1883	Sheepshed FC (A-team)	A	A	Long Whatton	The Sheepshead men were on the ground ready for action, but the Long Whatton team did not put in an appearance and sent no explanation.
1.12.1883	Sheepshed Band of Hope	0	0	Quorndon Juvenile FC	
1.12.1883	Sheepshed Church of England Temperance Society	4 (3)	0 (0)	Coalville Greyhounds FC	
1.12.1883	Swannington	1	1	Whitwick	Game commenced at 2.40 pm Players adjourned to Mrs Lovett's, the Robin Hood Inn, where refreshments were provided and much enjoyed. Songs, toasts and sentiment were the order of the evening,
8.12.1883	Barwell FC	4 (0)	0 (0)	Broughton FC	
8.12.1883	Earl Shilton	5	0	Cosby	
8.12.1883	Hemington United	1	1	Hathern Star FC	
8.12.1883	Hugglescote St John's	1	2	Coalville Greyhounds	
8.12.1883	Ravenstone (2nd Eleven) Heward	1	1	Coleorton	
8.12.1883	Wigston	0	2	Barrow Victoria	
15.12.1883	Barrow Victoria Kettle Hall	2	1	Sheepshed AN Other	
15.12.1883	Barwell FC	0	0	Wigston Victoria FC	
15.12.1883	Coalville	0	1	Whitwick W Martin	The weather and ground were very rough.
15.12.1883	Earl Shilton (2nd)	2	0	Barwell (2nd)	
15.12.1883	Loughborough Town FC	0	0	Hathern FC	Hubbard's Ground, Loughborough. Fair number of spectators.
15.12.1883	Market Harborough	0 (0)	1 (0)	Leicester Victoria Perceval	Game commenced at 3.20 pm. "This was the first time Leicester Victoria had defeated Market Harborough although they had played two draws before."
15.12.1883	Mountsorrel Rising Star	0	3	Quorndon Rovers	"The ground was well occupied by spectators, who, by their frequent plaudits, evinced a keen interest in the match."
15.12.1883	Ravenstone (2nd eleven)	1	1	Coleorton	

15.12.1883	Sheepshed Band of Hope	1	1	Long Whatton FC	Game started at 3.15 pm.
15,12,1883	Sheepshed Forest United	1	0	Barrow Rising Star	
19.12.1883	Syston Wreake Valley Brain (2) Shenton Sharpe Harris	5 (3)	1 (1)	Oakham Amateur	
22.12.1883	Hemington	1	1	Hathern Star	Return match
22,12.1883	Leicester Association	0	1	Hathern	Victoria Park, Leicester.
22.12.1883	Sheepshed band of Hope	3	0	Loughborough Eagle FC	One-sided game.
26.12.1883	Ravenstone	0	0	Castle Gresley	
27.12.1883	Leicester Amateurs FC	0 (0)	1 (0)	Wigston FC J Boulter	
29.12.1883	Barrow Victoria	P	P	Sheepshed Forest United	Sheepshed never put in an appearance or sent any kind of apology. The Barrow players were all on the field ready for action, and the weather was delightfully fine. "Such conduct was considered by the Barrow team as less honourable on their part than coming and suffering defeat."
29.12.1883	Coalville	P	P	Loughborough	Loughborough failed to keep their engagement. The Secretary wrote expressing his regret, but his excuse was "on account of the holiday!" The offer of Loughborough secretary to pay Coalville on four separate dates in 1884, with three of them being Sundays. The Coalville Club stated that they were not in the habit of playing on Sundays and was surprised that an offer should emanate from Loughborough.
29.12.1883	Wigston FC	2	0	Leicester Victoria	The game was very fast throughout.
3.1.1884	Leicester Amateurs	A	A	Leicester Association	
5.1.1884	Beeston FC	0	1	Barrow Victoria FC	Quiet and pleasant game.
5.1.1884	Charleyway FC	3	0	Forest Rangers FC	Band of Hope ground, Sheepshed.
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5.1.1884	Forest Rangers FC	0	0	Sheepshed FC	At Whitwick.
5.1.1884	Market Harborough	0	4	Kettering Church Institute	Cricket field, Market Harborough.
5.1.1884	Measham Temperance Blue Star	1	0	Gresley British Heroes	
5.1.1884	Quorndon Juvenile H Gamble	1	0	Kegworth Victoria	
5.1.1884	Quorndon Rovers	1	2	Sheepshed Forest United FC	
5.1.1884	Sheepshed Band of Hope Hewitt Freer Harrington	3 (0)	0 (0)	Loughborough Victoria	
5.1.1884	Whitwick	0	0	Sheepshed Town FC	
12.1.1884	Barwell FC	4	0	Earl Shilton FC	
12.1.1884	Beeston FC	0	1	Barrow Victoria FC	
12.1.1884	Church of England Temperance Society [Sheepshed]	5	0	Quorndon Juveniles	

12.1.1884	Coalville British Workman's FC	0	0	Whitwick Town	Ground was in good condition.
12.1.1884	Croft FC	1	0	Leicester Victoria	Owing to the late arrival of Victoria, the game did not commence until 4 pm
12.1.1884	Hathern	2 (0)	1 (1)	Loughborough	Game commenced at 3pm. Hathern were at a disadvantage in the first half by having to face the sun and play against the wind.
12.1.1884	Hinckley	0	0	Barwell (2nd Team)	
12.1.1884	Leicester Association FC	0	1	Wigston FC	Victoria Park, Leicester. Return match. Towards the close Barwick put the ball past the post, but the umpire decided that it was on the wrong side, which caused a dispute.
12.1.1884	Market Harborough Volunteers	2	0	Market Harborough Town	Mr Goward's field. Annual match between the town club and the volunteers. A further goal by the volunteers was disputed, one umpire giving it, the other the reverse.
12.1.1884	Quorndon Rovers FC	1	2	Sheepshed Forest United FC	
12.1.1884	Sheepshed Band of Hope FC Hewitt Freer Harrington	3	0	Loughborough Victoria FC	
12.1.1884	Sheepshed Forest Victoria	0	2	Charley Way T Mills W Unwin	Played on Band of Hope's ground, Sheepshed
12.1.1884	Sheepshed Town Bennett AN Others	6 (2)	1 (0)	Hemington United FC	Spring-like weather. Large number of spectators
19.1.1884	Hathern	0	1	Coalville Wharmsby	Fast and furious game.
19.1.1884	Leicester Association	A	A	Oakham Amateurs	Victoria Park, Leicester. Both teams left the field after 15 mins due to strong winds.
19.1.1884	Leicester Victoria Poynor	1	0	Belgrave	Return match. Game commenced at 3.40 pm.
19.1.1884	Sheepshed Church of England Temperance Society FC	1	1	Long Whatton FC	The visitors, being a man short, selected A. Kidger, captain of Sheepshed Town FC to fill the vacancy.
26.1.1884	Barwell FC (2nd Team)	1	1	Ibstock Albion	
26.1.1884	Broughton FC	1 (1)	2 (0)	Barwell	
26.1.1884	Coalville	1	2	Bedworth	Fox and Goose ground, Coalville Unfavourable weather. Benefit game for an injured Coalville miner [Robert Gamble of Hugglescote] - 14s gate money, which was increased to 80s thanks to donations from Mr J. P. White, Mr E. Gilbert and Mr W. D. Stableford. Good number of spectators.
26.1.1884	Leicester Association FC	A	A	Oakham Amateurs	Victoria Park, Leicester After fifteen minutes' play the teams left the field.
26.1.1884	Long Whatton School	0	0	Sheepshed School	Unfavourable weather. Game lasted 1 hour.
2.2.1884	Coalville Town FC	0	0	Shepshed FC	
2.2.1884	Coleorton Platts	1	0	Whitwick Forest Rangers	Large number of spectators.

2.2.1884	Sheepshed Forest United J Newbold (3) J Cotton (3) H Needham (2) S Bennett (2)	10 (2)	0 (0)	Quorndon Rovers FC	
9.2.1884	Barrow Victoria Sharp Kettle	2	0	Coalville Town (late Rising Star)	Due to the late arrival of Coalville, game did not commence until 4 pm, Wretched weather. Barrow made two shots during the first 15 minutes that hit the goal line, it was not certain that the ball went over the goal line or not. Barrow players decided to give their opponents the benefit of the doubt.
9.2.1884	Cosby	1	0	Earl Shilton	
9.2.1884	Market Harborough	2	2	Uppingham	
9.2.1884	Sheepshed	5	0	Coleorton	
16.2.1884	Barwell FC	1	0	Bedworth FC	Owing to the late arrival of the visitors the game did not commence until 4.45 pm.
23.2.1884	Hathern Victoria	3 (1)	3 (1)	Hathern Morning Star	
23.2.1884	Kegworth	5	1	Whiteley's Shop, Long Eaton	
23.2.1884	Market Harborough Town	2	0	Young Men's Friendly Society	Mr Goward's field, Market Harborough
23.2.1884	Sheepshed FC	4 (0)	0 (0)	Loughborough Victoria	No contest on the Sheepshed ground has attracted so much attention during the present season as did the match. The spectators were enthusiastic throughout, and the result was received with a "loud shout of approbation."
23.2.1884	Sheepshed Band of Hope Haywood E Needham	2	0	Mountsorrel Rising Star	
23.2.1884	Uppingham East	4	3	Uppingham West	Victoria Ground, Uppingham.
1.3.1884	Coleorton FC	0	2	Sheepshed	Goodly number of spectators.
1.3.1884	Earl Shilton Old Club	2 (1)	0 (0)	Coalville Rising Star	Favourable weather,
1.3.1884	Hugglescote Robin Hood Johnson	2 (1)	0 (0)	Barwell	Large number of spectators. The visitors arrived late; play did not commence till 10 minutes past four. "Five minutes before time, a sad accident occurred, which immediately stopped the game. William Andrews, one of the Hugglescote players, was dribbling the ball, and one of the Barwell men trying to get it from him they fell, and it was found that Andrews' leg was broken. He was removed home, and medical advice obtained; the leg was set by Dr Spinks."
1.3.1884	Hugglescote Juveniles	1	0	Coalville National School	Hugglescote Recreation ground. Game commenced at 3 pm.
1.3.1884	Kegworth St Andrew's	5	1	Whitley's Shop, Long Eaton	
1.3.1884	Mountsorrel Rising Star	0 (0)	3 (1)	Loughborough Victoria A Gibson T Batty L Rodgers	
1.3.1884	Wigston FC	3	1	Earl Shilton	

8.3.1884	Market Harborough Town	4	0	Market Harborough Volunteers	Mr Goward's field, Market Harborough.
8.3.1884	Wyggeston School Dalley	1 (0)	1 (0)	Belgrave FC Shilcock	Victoria Park, Leicester. Belgrave's equaliser was bizarre. "Shilcock got past the home half-backs but being charged took a kick all along the ground at goal. The goal-keeper (Staines) had ample time to use his hands, but, instead of doing so, he kicked, and missing the ball a goal was scored in the most simple manner."
8.3.1884	Market Harborough Town	4	0	Market Harborough Volunteers	Mr Goward's field. Had it not been for the splendid play of Sergt. Brown and Private Douglas more goals would have been scored.
15.3.1884	Hugglescote Robin Hood	0	4	Sheepshed	Delightful weather. A reduction in the railway fare on the Charnwood Forest Railway undoubtedly tempted a good number to go and see the match …. the receipts at the gate amounted to £2 15s 7 ½ d, which were given to the Leicester Infirmary. Hugglescote band was in attendance. Game stopped for some time after the ball had burst.
15.3.1884	Market Harborough	1	0	Wellingborough FC	
15.3.1884	Uppingham and District	0	3	Oakham Amateurs	
22.3.1884	Old Wyggestonians	0	1	Present Wyggestonians	Victoria Park, Leicester. Well-contested game.
5.4.1884	Barrow Victoria FC	7	1	Beeston FC	Return match. 3.30 pm kick off. Fine weather.
5.4.1884	Sheepshed Town	10 (3)	0 (0)	Coalville Town	500 spectators – largest gate of the season. Fine weather. Sheepshed brass band "marched in procession to the ground and played throughout the afternoon."