# Friendly Matches 1884-85

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| 4.10.1884 | Barrow Victoria | 2 | 0 | Sneinton Wanderers | |
| 4.10.1884 | Belgrave<br>J R Walker<br>R Kaye | 2<br>(1) | 0<br>(0) | Wreake Valley | Splendid weather. |
| 4.10.1884 | Coalville Town | 4<br>(2) | 0<br>(0) | Barrow-on-Soar | |
| 4.10.1884 | Hugglescote Castle Rovers FC | 6 | 5 | Sheepshed Forest United FC (2nd Team) | |
| 4.10.1884 | Leicester Association F. C.<br>Bates<br>Lister<br>W Smith (2)<br>Homer | 5 | 0 | Victoria | Leicester Association "played a good passing game" and had 3 goals disallowed for off-side. |
| 4.10.1884 | Sheepshed FC<br>Captain's Team | ? | ? | Sheepshed FC<br>Vice-Captain's Team | Score not known.<br>Sheepshed had 36 members enrolled at the start of the 1884-85 season. |
| 4.10.1884 | Sheepshed Forest United FC | 6<br>(2) | 0<br>(0) | Whitwick Town FC | Game commenced at 3.30 pm |
| 11.10.1884 | Barrow Victoria FC | 2 | 0 | Sneinton Wanderers | |
| 11.10.1884 | Earl Shilton | 0<br>(0) | 3<br>(2) | Coalville Town | |
| 11.10.1884 | Hemington United | 6 | 0 | Kegworth St Andrew's | |
| 15.10.1884 | Ibstock Rising Star (2nd) | 1 | 0 | Sheepshed Forest United | |
| 15.10.1884 | Lutterworth Grammar School | A | A | Lutterworth Grammar School | "Master Harry Powell had the misfortune to fall on his shoulder and break his collar bone. He was taken home to Bitterswell, and Mr. Ogle was promptly in attendance." |
| 15.10.1884 | Sneinton Wanderers | 4 | 0 | Sheepshed Temperance FC | |
| 18.10.1884 | Barrow Victoria | 6 | 0 | Wigston Victoria | |
| 18.10.1884 | Castle Donington Rovers<br>H Smith<br>AN Others | 5 | 0 | Kegworth | Game commenced at 3pm. |
| 18.10.1884 | Coalville Town | 3<br>(1) | 1<br>(1) | Swadlincote | |
| 18.10.1884 | Earl Shilton<br>AN Other | 1<br>(0) | 3<br>(1) | Leicester Association F.C.<br>Knight<br>Homer | Earl Shilton changed formation in the second half playing three instead of the 'normal' two backs. |
| 18.10.1884 | Hinckley Trinity | 2 | 0 | Scratch team (Mr Puffer) | Victoria Recreation Ground, Hinckley |
| 18.10.1884 | Market Harborough Town | 3 | 5 | Young Men's Friendly Society | Mr. Fisher's field, Market Harborough |
| 18.10.1884 | Mountsorrel Harriers | 4 | 2 | Mountsorrel Granite Rock | |
| 25.10.1884 | Ashby Grammar School Present | 2 | 1 | Ashby Grammar School Past | |
| 25.10.1884 | Ashby Latin School<br>E Cuthbert | 1<br>(1) | 4<br>(3) | Ravenstone<br>AN Others | Ashby Grounds, Ashby. |
| 25.10.1884 | Barrow-on-Soar Rising Star FC | 1 | 1 | Hathern Star FC | |
| 25.10.1884 | Coalville Town | 3<br>(1) | 1<br>(1) | Netherseal Perseverance Club | |
| 25.10.1884 | Coleorton | 1 | 0 | Woodville Star | Game commenced at 4 pm. |

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| | | | | | Less than 30 minutes was played per half. |
| 25.10.1884 | Leicester Association | 4 | 0 | Belgrave | Victoria Park, Leicester.<br>One-sided game – after the first 15 mins the Leicester goal was not attacked. |
| 25.10.1884 | Loughburians F.C.<br>Stableford (3)<br>Gibbs (3) | 6<br>(3) | 0<br>(0) | Wyggeston Boys School | |
| 25.10.1884 | Ibstock Rising Star FC | 1 | 0 | Sheepshed Forest United 2nd Team | |
| 25.10.1884 | Measham | 4 | 0 | Coalville | |
| 25.10.1884 | Stoney Stanton | 0<br>(0) | 1<br>(1) | Hinckley Trinity FC | |
| 29.10.1884 | Ashby Grammar School Present | 0 | 2 | Ashby Grammar School Past | Only 8 Past Boys turned up and beat 14 Present Boys easily through "skill and plucky play." |
| 1.11.1884 | Coalville Town FC | 1 | 1 | Sheepshed Forest United FC | |
| 1.11.1884 | Hinckley Trinity | 1<br>(0) | 0<br>(0) | Atherstone Oddfellows | Victoria Recreation ground, Hinckley<br>Game commenced at 4 pm |
| 1.11.1884 | Rushden | 4<br>(4) | 0<br>(0) | Leicester FC | Leicester arrived with only 8 men including their umpire, who, in consequence had to play. Of these Knight did not arrive until Rushen had scored twice. |
| 1.11.1884 | Leicester Fosse<br>A West (2)<br>S Dingley<br>H Johnson (2) | 5<br>(1) | 0<br>(0) | Syston Fosse | Private ground, Fosse-road.<br>Leicester Fosse's first-ever game.<br>Played under Association rules. |
| 1.11.1884 | Market Harborough | 1 | 0 | Oakham | |
| 1.11.1884 | Rushden | 4<br>(4) | 0<br>(0) | Leicester FC | Leicester arrived with only 8 men including their umpire, who, had to play.<br>Knight [Leicester] arrived after Rushen had scored twice. |
| 1.11.1884 | Sheepshed FC 2nd | 2 | 1 | Whitwick Hare and Hounds FC | |
| 1.11.1884 | Wellingborough Grammar School | 0 | 7 | Market Harborough (2nd team) | |
| 8.11.1884 | Belgrave (2nd Team) | 1<br>(0) | 0<br>(0) | Wyggeston School (2nd) | |
| 8.11.1884 | Coalville | 2<br>(1) | 1<br>(0) | Thringstone | |
| 8.11.1884 | Croft<br>Jones | 1 | 2 | Earl Shilton<br>Lawrence<br>Simpson | |
| 8.11.1884 | Leicester Association | 5 | 0 | Market Harborough | |
| 8.11.1884 | Leicester Fosse<br>AN Other | 1<br>(1) | 1<br>(0) | Wyggeston Boys School<br>W Smith | Victoria Park, Leicester. |
| 8.11.1884 | Hinckley Trinity | 1 | 0 | Stoney Stanton | Victoria Recreation Ground, Hinckley. |
| 8.11.1884 | Belgrave (2nd) | 1<br>(0) | 0<br>(0) | Wyggestion School (2nd) | |
| 8.11.1884 | Forest United (second team) | 0 | 0 | Ibstock Albion. | Sheepshed.<br>The visitors did not arrive till it was nearly dark, and it was therefore only possible to play tor a few minutes. |
| 8.11.1884 | Hinckley Trinity FC | 1 | 0 | Stoney Stanton | Victoria Recreation Ground.<br>Return match. |

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| 8.11.1884 | Ibstock Rising Star | 1(4) | 1(5) | Whitwick Town | Uncertain which rules were adopted. Whitwick were "declared the winner scoring 1 goal and 5 points to their opponents 1 goal and 4 points." |
| 8.11.1884 | Lenton [Nottingham] | 7 | 0 | Hathern Star | |
| 8.11.1884 | Sheepshed FC | 4 | 2 | Coalville FC | Sheepshed scored a further goal which was disputed. |
| 8.11.1884 | Sheepshed Temperance | 5 | 0 | Loughborough Forest United | |
| 8.11.1884 | Lenton | 7 | 0 | Hathern Star FC | |
| 8.11.1884 | Quorndon Havelock F.C. | 4 | 0 | Loughborough Robin Hood F. C | |
| 15.11.1884 | Coalville | 0 | 3 | Loughburians | Fox and Goose Ground, Coalville |
| 15.11.1884 | Hugglescote Robin Hood | 1 | 1 | Sheepshed FC | Large number of spectators. |
| 15.11.1884 | Leicester Association F C | 5 | 0 | Market Harborough | |
| 15.11.1884 | Leicester Fosse<br>W Johnson | 1 | 2 | Mill Hill House<br>AN Others | |
| 15.11.1884 | Wigston Victoria FC | 0<br>(0) | 1<br>(1) | Barwell Villa FC | |
| 22.11.1884 | Coleorton FC | 1 | 0 | Sheepshed FC | |
| 22.11.1884 | Barwell Villa FC | 1 | 0 | Croft FC | |
| 22.11.1884 | Hugglescote Robin Hood | 1 | 1 | Sheepshed FC | |
| 22.11.1884 | Leicester Association<br>Homer | 1 | 0 | Ravenstone Druids | Victoria Park, Leicester.<br>Owing to the late arrival of the Ravenstone team, play lasted only half-an-hour. The game during the second half was played in the dark. Nothing was scored until just before time, when Homer scored from a low shot, which the goal-keeper could not see. |
| 22.11.1884 | Market Harborough | 2 | 0 | Belgrave | |
| 22.11.1884 | Sheepshed Temperance FC | 5 | 0 | Loughborough Forest United FC | |
| 22.11.1884 | Syston St Peters<br>AN Other | 1 | 2 | Leicester Fosse<br>AN Other<br>W Johnson | |
| 29.11.1884 | Atherstone Oddfellows | 1 | 2 | Hinckley Trinity | Atherstone Ground, Witherley-road.<br>Return match.<br>Game began at 3.45 pm.<br>Only 30 mins played each half.<br>Hinckley's second goal was disputed, but not until 5 mins after it was scored. |
| 29.11.1884 | Leicester Fosse | 0 | 0 | Mill Hill House | |
| 29.11.1884 | Leicester Melbourne | 0 | 10 | Barwell Villa FC | Victoria Park, Leicester. |
| 29.11.1884 | Market Harborough (2nd team) | 0 | 6 | Wyggeston School | Game kicked off at 3.45 pm due to the late arrival of the Barwell team.<br>An Earl Shilton player retired in the first half after being kicked. |
| 29.11.1884 | Nuneaton Grammar School | 0 | 3 | Hinckley Grammar School | |
| 29.11.1884 | Old FC (Earl Shilton) | 3 | 0 | Barwell Cross Keys FC | |
| 29.11.1884 | Wreake Valley<br>AN Other | 1<br>(0) | 2<br>(1) | Leicester Association<br>Knight (2) | Fair number of spectators.<br>Leicester were without 5 or 6 of their first team players. |
| 29.11.1884 | Wyggeston School | 6 | 0 | Market Harborough (2nd) | |
| 6.12.1884 | Belgrave (2nd team)<br>A Smith<br>G Walton | 2<br>(1) | 0<br>(0) | Fosse-Road FC | Just before the call of time Belgrave put the ball between the posts, but the Fosse claimed a foul and the goal was not allowed, |

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| 6.12.1884 | Earl Shilton Old FC | 1<br>(0) | 2<br>(1) | Barwell Villa FC | |
| 6.12.1884 | Hinckley Trinity FC | 2<br>(2) | 1<br>(0) | Barwell FC | Victoria Park, Hinckley.<br>Played under Association rules.<br>Game commenced at 3.30 pm. |
| 6.12.1884 | Syston | 4 | 2 | Market Harborough | |
| 6.12.1884 | Uppingham<br>Captain's Team | 5 | 3 | Uppingham<br>Secretary's Team | Victoria Ground, Uppingham |
| 13.12.1884 | Earl Shilton Old FC | 2<br>(1) | 0<br>(0) | Bedworth FC | |
| 13.12.1884 | Hinckley Trinity FC | 0 | 0 | Lutterworth | |
| 13.12.1884 | Leicester Association<br>Knight<br>Allington (2) | 3<br>(2) | 0<br>(0) | Earl Shilton | |
| 13.12.1884 | Hinckley Trinity FC | 0 | 0 | Lutterworth | |
| 13.12.1884 | Market Harborough | 5 | 0 | Wyggeston School | |
| 13.12.1884 | Oakthorpe Star Club | 0 | 1 | Coalville Town | |
| 13.12.1884 | Wellingborough Grammar School | 4 | 1 | Market Harborough (2nd) | |
| 17.12.1884 | Mill Hill House Present | 5 | 3 | Mill Hill House Past | Victoria Park, Leicester. |
| 17.12.1884 | Uppingham School Past | 0 | 7 | Uppingham School Present | Victoria Ground, Uppingham.<br>Strong wind, bitterly cold. |
| 20.12.1884 | Holy Trinity Band of Hope FC | 1<br>(0) | 1<br>(1) | St Mary's (2nd) | Victoria Park, Leicester. |
| 20.12.1884 | National School<br>Jospeh Allsopp | 1<br>(1) | 0<br>(0) | British School Club | At Sheepshed. |
| 20.12.1884 | Sheepshed Town FC | 0 | 0 | Loughborough Twon FC | |
| 20.12.1884 | St Mary's FC | 1 | 0 | Leicester Town (2nd) | Victoria Park, Leicester. |
| 20.12.1884 | Uppingham School<br>Mr Sharpe's Team | 1 | 3 | Uppingham School<br>Secretary's Team | |
| 20.12.1884 | Whitwick Town | 3<br>(0) | 1<br>(1) | Sheepshed Forest United FC | |
| 20.12.1884 | Wreake Valley<br>AN Others<br>Sharpe<br>North<br>Dalley | 5 | 0 | Belgrave | Strong wind – which made "kicking uncertain." |
| 26.12.1884 | Hathern Rising Star | 0 | 0 | Loughborough Excelsior | |
| 26.12.1884 | Hathern Rising Star | 4 | 0 | Barrow Rising Star | |
| 26.12.1884 | Wreake Valley<br>Nuttall (2)<br>Hitchcock<br>North<br>Sharpe | 5 | 0 | Leicester Town | At Syston.<br>Nuttall scored immediately after kick-off. |
| 27.12.1884 | Belgrave | 0 | 0 | Market Harborough | |
| 27.12.1884 | Wreake Valley<br>Nuttall (2)<br>Hitchcock<br>North<br>Sharpe | 5 | 0 | Leicester Town | |
| 3.1.1885 | Coalville | 0 | 3 | Hugglescote St John's | |
| 3.1.1885 | Earl Shilton | 2 | 1 | Barwell | |
| 3.1.1885 | Leicester Fosse | 2 | 0 | Melbourne Hall<br>West<br>Lewitt | |
| 3.1.1885 | Quorndon Havelock | 2 | 0 | Loughborough Forest United | |
| 3.1.1885 | Whitwick<br>AN Other | 1<br>(0) | 3<br>(0) | Ravenstone Druids<br>Burton | Gane commenced at 3.30 pm. |

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| | | | | AN Other<br>Beadman | |
| 10.1.1885 | Belgrave | D | D | Notts Druids | Very bad weather.<br>"The ball being a new one was very slippery with the wet and it was difficult to kick straight.<br>The game terminated at half-time owing to heavy rain. |
| 10.1.1885 | Quorndon Havelock | 1 | 0 | Loughborough Eagle FC | |
| 10.1.1885 | Syston Fosse | 0 | 1 | Leicester Fosse<br>J Johnson | Unfavourable weather.<br>Game stopped shortly after Leicester scored, owing to heavy rain. |
| 17.1.1885 | Nelson | 1 | 0 | E F Bellows | Nelson's first match on the Welford-road Ground, Leicester. |
| 17.1.1885 | St Mary's (2nd) | 1 | 0 | The Excelsior | Welford-road Ground, Leicester.<br>Not known what rules were played. |
| 17.1.1885 | Swadlincote | 1<br>(1) | 1<br>(1) | Coalville Town | Swadlincote opened the scoring after 15 mins. |
| 24.1.1885 | Coalville | 5<br>(2) | 0<br>(0) | Coleorton | |
| 24.1.1885 | Hathern Star FC | 2 | 3 | Sheepshed Forest United | Large "concourse of spectators." |
| 24.1.1885 | Leicester Fosse | 1 | 0 | St Mary's | Victoria Park, Leicester. |
| 24.1.1885 | Ravenstone Druids | 2 | 0 | Whitwick Rovers | Game commenced at 3.30 pm.<br>"The ball was scarcely seen against the Druids goal owing to the good kicking of Beadman and Collier." |
| 24.1.1885 | Stoney Stanton FC | 1 | 7 | Earl Shilton | Benefit game for one of the Stoney Stanton players who broke his leg whilst playing against Croft. |
| 31.1.1885 | Barwell Cross Keys FC | 2 | 1 | Croft FC | Play commenced at 4 pm.<br>"Five minutes before time Barwell kicked the ball under the tape. It was kicked back again by a Croft man, and a dispute arose which ended the game." |
| 31.1.1885 | Castle Donington (2nd Team)<br>J Lambert (3)<br>Castledine (2)<br>R Adkin | 6 | 1 | Long Eaton St Lawrence<br>Hickton | Castle Donington scored a further goal was which disputed. |
| 31.1.1885 | Coalville Town | 5<br>(2_ | 0<br>(0) | Coleorton | |
| 31.1.1885 | Kegworth St Andrew's GC | 1 | 0 | Long Eaton Midland Star | Kegworth also scored a disputed goal. |
| 31.1.1885 | Leicester Fosse | 1 | 1 | Mill Hill House | Victoria Park, Leicester. |
| 31.1.1885 | Sheepshed Town FC | 6 | 0 | Whitwick FC | High wind…. "which the home team were perfect masters of…They would have doubtless scored six more had not a smart shower given the Whitwick men an excuse to cease play." |
| 31.1.1885 | Uppingham<br>'North' | 12 | 2 | Uppingham<br>'South' | Victoria Ground, Uppingham. |
| 7.2.1885 | Belgrave | 0<br>(0) | 3<br>(0) | Leicester Association<br>Chadwick (3) | Played at Belgrave.<br>The visitors played against a strong wind and with the sun shining brightly into their faces in the first half. |
| 7.2.1885 | Croft | 2 | 0 | Barwell | The game was a very fast one throughout. |
| 7.2.1885 | Leicester Fosse<br>H Johnson<br>Coleman | 2 | 0 | Syston St Peter's | Racecourse, Leicester.<br>Thought to have been a 12-a-side game.<br>Rain stopped play. |
| 7.2.1885 | Market Harborough<br>'Volunteers' | 0 | 2 | Market Harborough<br>'Town' | Mr Goward's field, Market Harborough. |

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| 7.2.1885 | Mountsorrel and Quorndon Combined | 1 (0) | 1 (1) | Loughborough Victoria | Game commenced at 3,30 pm. |
| 7.2.1885 | Netherseal Colliery Perseverance | 1 (1) | 4 (2) | Coalville Town | Played at Linton.<br>Coalville scored after 5 mins. |
| 7.2.1885 | Sheepshed Forest United | 1 | 0 | Hugglescote | Large number of spectators.<br>"During the game one of the Hugglescote team slightly lost his temper, and the incident threatened to prove in the end disagreeable but happily proved otherwise." |
| 14.2.1885 | Coalville Town | 7 (5) | 0 (0) | Gresley White Star | Coalville scored after 3 mins. |
| 14.2.1885 | Croft 1st Team | 6 | 1 | Hinckley Trinity 1st Team | The weather was very unfavourable, rendering the ground very soft and slippery. |
| 14.2.1885 | Hinckley Trinity 2nd Team | A | A | Croft 2nd Team | Croft obtained a goal which was disputed by some of the players, and the spectators who invaded the ground, causing the game to be abandoned. |
| 14.2.1885 | Kegworth St Andrew's FC | 6 (4) | 2 (2) | Long Eaton FC | Unfavourable weather. |
| 14.2.1885 | Leicester Association | 0 (0) | 1 (0) | Notts Forest (2nd) | Victoria Park, Leicester.<br>Forest arrived with 10 men.<br>The Leicester team expressed great dissatisfaction with the decision which gave the only goal of the game to Notts. |
| 14.2.1885 | Netherseal Colliery Perseverance | 1 (1) | 4 (2) | Coalville Town | At Linton. |
| 14.2.1885 | Wyggeston School | | W | Market Harborough | Victoria Park, Leicester.<br>The school were supported by their masters and at least one old Wyggestonian. Harborough were missing 5 first team regulars. |
| 21.2.1885 | Hinckley Trinity | 8 (3) | 0 (0) | Hinckley St Peter's | Victoria ground, Hinckley.<br>Game commenced at 3.40pm. |
| 21.2.1885 | Rushden | 7 | 0 | Market Harborough | |
| 28.2.1885 | Market Harborough | 3 | 1 | Belgrave | Played in Mr Goward's field, Market Harborough. |
| 7.3.1885 | Leicester Fosse | 0 | 1 | Wyggeston Boy's School<br>Whitworth | Victoria Park, Leicester.<br>Just before half-time it was discovered that the School were playing 13 men, |
| 7.3.1885 | Ravenstone Druids | 0 | 0 | Leicester | Played in a field lent by Mr Rose<br>Leicester arrived with 9 players but received a valuable addition to their team in the shape of Reeves and Lager, two Coalville players.<br>Leicester captain claimed "off-side" for a goal scored by Collier [Druids]. Leicester stated that they would leave the field of play if the goal was allowed. Play continued. |
| 7.3.1885 | Uppingham Football Club | 1 | 2 | Uppingham Cricket Club | |
| 14.3.1885 | Leicester Fosse<br>West<br>H Johnson | 2 | 0 | Mill Hill House | Victoria Park, Leicester. |
| 21.3.1885 | Castle Donington | 3 (2) | 1 (0) | Loughborough Victoria | Large number of spectators.<br>With a strong wind in their favour the Dons scored within 2 mins.<br>Victoria played a rough game. |
| 21.3.1885 | Chilvers Coton | 0 (0) | 4 (1) | Hinckley Trinity | Played under Association rules.<br>Return match, |

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| 21.3.1885 | Leicester Fosse | 1 | 0 | St Mary's | Victoria Park, Leicester. |
| 21.3.1885 | Market Harborough<br>AN Other | 1<br>(1) | 2<br>(0) | Leicester Association<br>Bankart<br>Knight | Leicester played 10 men, one of whom (a Wyggeston School boy) they picked up at Harborough |
| 28.3.1885 | Coalville | 3 | 3 | Sheepshed Town | Numerous spectators. |
| 28.3.1885 | Coalville Town<br>Whitwick Town<br>Final:<br>Coalville | 2(3)<br>1(1)<br><br>2(4) | 0(1)<br>0(7)<br><br>0(0) | Long Eaton St Laurence<br>Burton Wellington<br><br>Whitwick | Coalville Athletic Club Annual Sports Football Contest.<br>Upwards of 6,000 spectators. |
| 28.3.1885 | Hugglescote St John's | D | D | Sheepshed Church of England Temperance Society | |
| 28.3.1885 | Market Harborough | 1 | 2 | Leicester Victoria | |