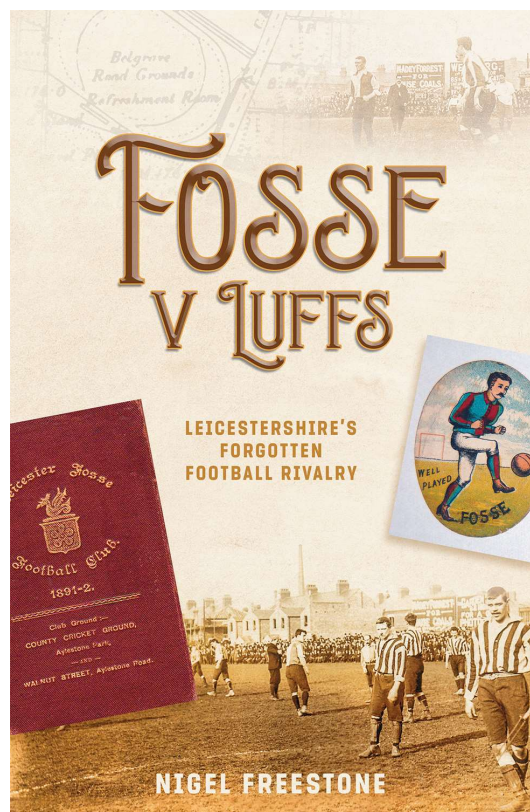




## Title information



### Fosse v Luffs

Leicestershire's Forgotten Football Rivalry

By Nigel Freestone

#### Key features

- Authoritative account of the ugly beginnings of the beautiful game in Leicestershire
- Filled with previously unpublished information about the history of Leicester Fosse and Loughborough FC and the sad demise of the latter
- Drawing on newspaper reports, this fascinating book takes a nostalgic look at the pivotal moments in the fierce rivalry between the Fosse and the Luffs, both on and off the field
- Relive the incident-packed, controversial and at times farcical story of Leicestershire's first football cup competition, the Leicestershire Challenge Cup
- Includes all Fosse v Luff match reports exactly as they appeared in print at the time, bringing Leicestershire derby encounters of the Victorian era to life
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

*Fosse v Luffs* is a story filled with drama, excitement, controversy – and violence – about a footballing rivalry as intense as any in modern English football. The Fosse (forerunner of Leicester City) were the dominant club in the town of Leicester, and Loughborough (the Luffs) were the biggest and most successful team in the county of Leicestershire. Each encounter between these two sides was a battle for supremacy within the county. *Fosse v Luffs* charts the growth of the rivalry, from amateur games played in front of a handful of family and friends to Football League encounters witnessed by 10,000-plus spectators, with thousands more eagerly awaiting the outcome. Drawing on extensive newspaper research, Nigel Freestone brings to life this forgotten era when football was a bone-crunching game and not for the faint-hearted. It's a must-read for anyone interested in Leicester City FC, Victorian sport or local history.

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