

The Great Games: the first game.

The club's first recorded match against opponents from another club took place on February 19th, 1868, when the Garrick Club of Sheffield beat Chesterfield by an unrecorded scoreline. Here is the report of that match, from The Derbyshire Times:

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Monday, February 24, at Holmasfield; Wednesday,
26, at Dore—each day at ten.

FOOT BALL.—A novelty for Chesterfield—a foot ball match—was played in the Recreation Ground on Wednesday afternoon, the first of its class we have known for a considerable time. Some months ago a well organised committee was formed for the purpose of getting together a foot ball club, and we are glad to say, so far, it has been successful. The match on Wednesday was between the Garrick (Sheffield) Club and Chesterfield. After some exciting play the former were declared the victors. This might have been expected at the start, as the Garrick Club has been formed several years, and numbers amongst its members several expert players. Considering that the club at Chesterfield is only in its infancy, the members acquitted themselves very creditably. Such recreation for the young men of the town is well worthy of encouragement, and we trust the club will be liberally supported, and the committee be enabled to secure a prominent site for their operations. At the conclusion of the match, the players and friends adjourned to the Angel Inn, where they sat down to a first-class supper. After the cloth was removed, Jno. Cutb, Esq., was called to the chair, and a pleasant evening was spent.

FISHING.—**DERBYSHIRE WYE AND DERWENT.**—All that the angler wants now is fine weather to bring down the water. All the springs are so high that it will take a considerable time to run down, and keep both rivers very full. I have remarked now for many

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