

The Musson Cup 1977/78

I had played football before I became a teacher but never managed a team or refereed. One day in 1976, Des Kershaw - head of PE - put a note on the staff notice board that asked for help with the school's soccer teams so I offered to do the odd Saturday! This turned out to be every Saturday morning and lots of Wednesday nights plus a lunch break training session!

The school had, to my knowledge, never won anything but in the 1977/78 season, I managed a team that got to the final of the North West Leicestershire Musson Cup.



We played Castle Donington and drew 2 - 2 after extra-time so we shared the cup.



We - the team - stayed behind after school lots of nights preparing for this event. I remember that we did circuit training. We had a rule that if I blew the whistle twice, everyone had to lie flat on the ground as quickly as possible and the last person down has to do 10(ish) press ups! I'm not sure how this made anyone a better footballer but it was fun and 'boy', was that team fit? Can anyone remember?

p.s. If anyone sees this and is a member of Friends Reunited, please email it to Rob Eaton - centre of the picture. Rob lives in the USA but can be found, I am told, on Friends Reunited.

