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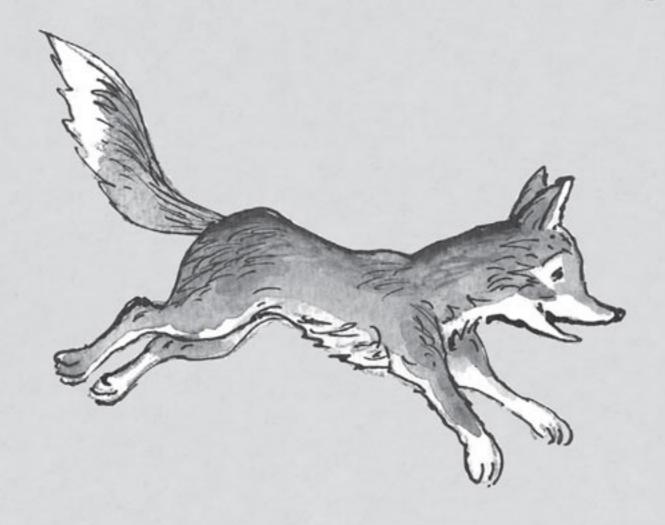
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THE LEICESTER ECHO

LEICESTER'S LUCKY FOXES



This season a foxy

football fan seems to

have become a regular

at the Leicester City

ground. There
are reports that
several fans have
seen him leaving

the ground after evening matches. And there have even been possible sightings of him during daylight matches too. Sometimes he comes alone, but more often these days he brings a cub along with him. And whenever the cub comes along Leicester seem to win. Fans are always delighted, of course, to spot

them, because with
every game Leicester
City play they seem
to be getting better,
scoring more goals.
The more the foxes
are seen together at
the ground, the more
the players and fans
believe they can win.
They have become
Leicester's Lucky
Foxes.

~ Prologue ~



On moonlit nights we still often get together. We usually meet on the football pitch, after a match, because it's quiet, no one about. That's how foxes and ghosts like it. It's only when all of us are together again that I

can really believe it happened, that we really did make not just one but two impossible dreams come true.

I have to pinch myself – sometimes even then – to believe it happened. But I was there. I saw it all with my own eyes, heard it with my own ears, smelt it with my own nose.

Honest. Cub's honour. Dib, dib, dib!