



# Leicester & District League 1896-97

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Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Belgrave St Michael's	15	14	0	1	61	11	29
2	Syston Swifts	14	9	2	3	41	21	20
3	South Wigston	14	9	1	4	4?	24	19
4	Enderby Granite	17	8	2	7	33	27	18
5	Emmanuel	17	8	1	8	38	41	17
6	Anstey Town	14	4	4	6	29	31	12
7	St Mary's Rovers	13	3	4	6	27	35	10
8	North End	14	5	0	9	2?	37	10
9	Richmond	16	5	0	11	28	57	10
10	Craven	14	2	0	12	14	61	4

It appears that the League started with 12 clubs – Oxford Rovers and King Richard's-road did not complete the season.

Winner: Belgrave St Michael's  
 Runners-Up: Syston Swifts  
 Wooden spoon: Craven  
 Games Played: 74  
 Missing Results: 39  
 Goals scored:  
 Biggest home win:  
 Biggest away win:  
 Highest scoring:

Many results are missing.

The Leicester and District League were granted permission at the end of the season to extend their radius to ten miles - from the Leicester and Narborough-road on one side to the Leicester and Uppingham-road on the Melton side.

Market Harborough FC were invited to join the League in May 1897.

### Results Grid

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Anstey Twon		2-4		4-0				1-1	4-3	D
Belgrave St Michael's	3-0						7-0	3-0		3-2
Craven		0-8					2-6			
Emmanuel		3-2	4-0		5-0		2-4			
Enderby Granite	3-2	1-6	5-0	0-1		6-2	5-1	4-0		1-5
North End		0-4		2-5			7-2			
Richmond		0-5		0-3	2-1			2-0	7-0	
South Wigston	4-3	1-3	6-2		3-0		6-0			

St Mary's Rovers			3-1		0-0		4-1			
Syston Swifts	4-2	1-2		2-0	0-2	4-3			0-1	

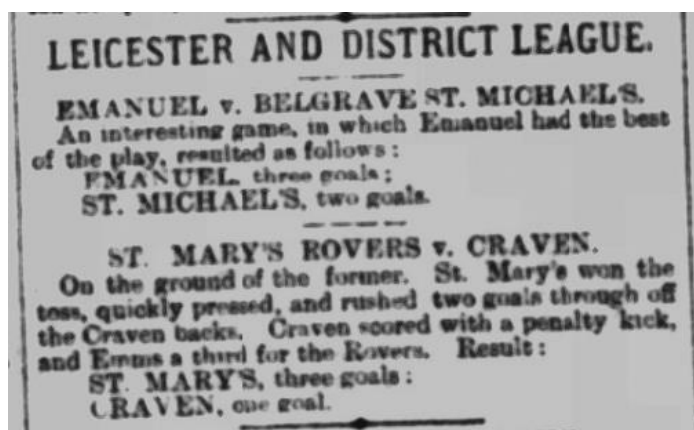
### Results and Match Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
12.9.1896	Enderby Granite	6	1	North End	
12.9.1896	Richmond	0	5	Belgrave St Michael's	Stock' Head Ground, Knighton-road, Leicester.
12.9.1896	South Wigston	6	2	Craven	
19.9.1896	Anstey Town	1	1	South Wigston	
19.9.1896	Oxford Rovers	0	12	Belgrave St Michael's	
19.9.1896	Richmond	7	0	St Mary's Rovers	
19.9.1896	Syston Swifts	4	3	North End	
26.9.1896	Belgrave St Michael's	4	2	King Richard's Road	
26.9.1896	Richmond	2	1	Enderby Granite	
26.9.1896	South Wigston	8	3	Oxford Rovers	
3.10.1896	Belgrave St Michael's	3	0	Anstey Town	
3.10.1896	Emmanuel AN Other	2	4	Richmond Harrison (3) Watson	
3.10.1896	Enderby Granite	2	1	Oxford Rovers	
3.10.1896	Syston Swifts	0	1	St Mary's Rovers	
10.10.1896	Oxford Rovers	0 (0)	4 (2)	North End	
17.10.1896	Emanuel	3	2	Belgrave St Michael's	
17.10.1896	St Mary's Rovers AN Others Emms	3	1	Craven AN Other (pen)	
31.10.1896	Belgrave St Michael's	3	0	South Wigston	
31.10.1896	North End	7	2	Richmond	
7.11.1896	Craven	0	8	Belgrave St Michael's	
7.11.1896	South Wigston	7	0	King Richard's Road	
7.11.1896	Syston Swifts	0	2	Enderby Granite	
21.11.1896	Belgrave St Michael's	3	2	Syston Swifts	
28.11.1896	Enderby Granite	0	1	Emmanuel	
5.12.1896	Enderby Granite	3	2	Anstey Town	
5.12.1896	North End	0 (0)	4 (1)	Belgrave St Michael's Betta Johnson Rowland Dalby	
5.12.1896	Richmond	0 (0)	3 (1)	Emanuel Pegg Smith (2)	
12.12.1896	Belgrave St Michael's	7	0	Richmond	
12.12.1896	Emanuel	4	0	Craven	
2.1.1897	Anstey Town	D	D	Syston Swifts	
2.1.1897	St Mary's Rovers	0	0	Enderby Granite	
16.1.1897	Anstey Town	2	4	Belgrave St Michael's	
16.1.1897	Enderby Granite	5	0	Craven	
6.2.1897	Enderby Granite	2	1	Richmond	
13.2.1897	Richmond	2	0	South Wigston	Stork's Head ground.
13.2.1897	Syston Swifts	2	0	Emanuel	
27.2.1897	South Wigston	3	0	Enderby Granite	
6.3.1897	Anstey Town	4	3	St Mary's Rovers	

6.3.1897	North End	2	5	Emanuel	
6.3.1897	South Wigston	6	0	Richmond	
13.3.1897	Emanuel	5	0	Enderby Granite	
13.3.1897	St Mary's Rovers	4	1	Richmond	
20.3.1897	Enderby Granite	1	5	Syston Swifts	
27.3.1897	South Wigston	4	3	Anstey Town	
3.4.1897	Anstey Town	4	0	Emanuel	
3.4.1897	Enderby Granite	4	0	South Wigston	
10.4.1897	Craven	2	6	Richmond	
10.4.1897	South Wigston	1	3	Belgrave St Michael's	
10.4.1897	Syston Swifts	4	2	Anstey Town	
17.4.1897	Enderby Granite	1	6	Belgrave St Michael's	
21.4.1897	Syston Swifts	1	2	Belgrave St Michael's	
24.4.1897	Champions (Belgrave St Michael's)	4	1	Rest of the League	Fosse ground. (Wednesday afternoon). The scratch team were short of a goalkeeper. The Championship Cup was presented to Belgrave St Michael's captain by the Mayor, Mr J H Marshall at the end of the game.

### Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.



Leicester Daily Post - 19 October 1896

## LEICESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

### LEICESTER NORTH END v. BELGRAVE ST. MICHAEL'S.

On the formers ground. In the first half Belgrave had all the play, and Hetta scored the first goal just before half-time, when the score stood: Belgrave, one; North End, none. On resuming Belgrave pressed, and Johnson, Rowland, and Dalby scored. Result:

**BELGRAVE, four goals,**  
**NORTH END, none.**

### RICHMOND v. EMANUEL.

On the Richmond ground. Richmond won the toss, and played down-hill, but the game was not very old when Pegg shot a splendid goal for the Emanuel. Nothing more was done in the first half, but on crossing over Emanuel had the best of the play, and added two nice goals by Smith. Emanuel fully deserved to win. Result:

**EMANUEL, three goals,**  
**RICHMOND, none.**

### ENDERBY GRANITE v. ANSTEY TOWN.

At Enderby. Result:

**ENDERBY, three goals;**  
**ANSTEY, two goals.**

*Leicester Daily Post - 7 December 1896*

## LEICESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

### ENDERBY GRANITE v. BELGRAVE ST. MICHAEL'S.

At Enderby. Result:

**BELGRAVE, six goals;**  
**ENDERBY, one goal.**

*Leicester Daily Post - 19 April 1897*

### LEICESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE CHAMPIONS v REST OF LEAGUE

Belgrave St Michael's as the champions of the Leicester and District league, met a team selected from the rest of the League on the Fosse ground in front of the Sheffield Wednesday match this afternoon. The game calls for no special mention, and was not of a very interesting order. The scratch team was short of a goalkeeper, and the result was:

**BELGRAVE ST MICHAEL'S, four goals;**  
**REST OF THE LEAGUE, none.**

After the match the championship cup was presented to the winning side by the Major, Mr J H Marshall.

*Leicester Daily Post - 26 April 1897*

### Additional Information

#### RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

#### FIXTURES 1896-7

Sept	12	Belgrave St Michael's, L, home
	19	St Mary's Rovers, L, away
	26	Enderby Granite, L, home
Oct	3	Emmanuel, L, away
	10	Kibworth, away
	17	Syston Swifts. L, home

	24	Waverley, away
	31	North End, L, away
Nov	7	Anstey, L, away
	9	Blaby, L, away
	14	Market Harborough, away
	21	Oxford Rovers, L, home
	28	YMCA, home
Dec	5	Emmanuel, L, home
	12	Belgrave St Michael's, L, away
	19	Waverley, home
	26	Syston Swifts, L, away
	29	Blaby, home
1897		
Jan	2	South Wigston, L, home
	9	Westleigh, away
	16	North End, L, away
	30	Craven, L, away
Feb	6	Enderby Granite, L, away
	13	Kibworth, home
	20	King Richards-road, L, away
	27	Anstey, L, home
Mar	6	South Wigston, L, away
	13	St Mary's Rovers, L, home
	20	St Matthew's Vicarage, away
	27	Craven, L, home
Apl	3	Oxford Rovers
	10	St Matthew's Vicarage, home
	17	King Ricard's-road, L, home
	19	Market Harborough, away

L signifies Leicester and District League

*Leicester Chronicle -1 August 1896*

## LEICESTER AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The Emergency Committee of the above met at the Victoria Coffee House on Tuesday. Present: Messrs. F. Gardner (in the chair), H. Weston, T. Sampson, and H. Bramley. Various matters relating to the management of the league were considered. Craven F.C. and Syston were reported for not sending their fixtures to the secretary, and were ordered to send the same to the secretary by August 1st, or be fined 2s. 6d. It was decided to issue a League hand-book of all information appertaining to the league. Following the above, a special general meeting of the League was held, when, in addition to the foregoing, representatives were present from Anstey, South Wigston, Emanuel, North End, King Richard's-road, Oxford Rovers, &c. Mary Rovers, Richmond, and Belgrave St. Michael's, and W. H. Harris (secretary). The Chairman read Mr. Harris's resignation from the secretaryship owing to insufficient time to carry out the duties, and Mr. R. H. James, Chancer-street, was unanimously elected as secretary. The decisions of the Emergency Committee were confirmed, and Craven were ordered to pay up their account owing by August 1st, or be further dealt with. The rules of the league were considered in detail, and with slight alterations from the recommendations of the sub-committee were adopted.

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- Sept 5.—Belgrave St. Michael v. North End, Mr. J. W. Bailey.  
Sept 5.—South Wigston v. Syston Swifts, Mr. F. Gardner.  
Sept 12.—Belgrave St. Michael's v. Richmond, Mr. S. G. Hipwell.  
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Sept 12.—Enderby Granite v. North End, Mr. W. Holland.  
Sept 12.—Oxford Rovers v. Syston Swifts, Mr. J. H. Linthwaite.  
Sept 19.—Anstey Town v. South Wigston, Mr. F. Gardner.  
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Sept 19.—St. Mary's Rovers v. Richmond, Mr. E. B. Smithson.  
Sept 26.—Craven v. Anstey Town, Mr. J. Struthers.  
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Oct. 24, Craven v. North End, Mr. J. Berry.

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