



Leicester Thursday League 1896-97

Winner: ?
 Runner-Up: ?

Composition of the League is not known. Uncertain whether all the games listed below were League games.

Results and Match Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
8.10.1896	Thursday Rovers			Glen Parva Depot	Victoria Park, Leicester.
8.10.1896	Thursday Victoria			Nuneaton Villa	Victoria Park, Leicester.
8.10.1896	Wellingborough Grammar School			Leicester Banks	
15.10.1896	Post Office	0	4	Victoria	Evington-lane ground, Leicester.
15.10.1896	Thursday Rovers Waite Wood (2) Bennett	4	0	Banks	Victoria Park, Leicester. Wretched weather.
22.10.1896	Banks			Post Office	Evington-lane Ground 26.11.1896
22.10.1896	Fosse Reserves			Thursday Victoria	Filbert-street, Leicester.
22.10.1896	Thursday Victoria Reserves			Richmond	Victoria Grounds, Leicester.
22.10.1896	Banks			Post Office	Evington-lane Ground, Leicester.
5.11.1896	Fosse Reserves			Thursday Victoria	Filbert-street, Leicester.
12.11.1886	Thursday Rovers Bennett Gibbons	2	1	Thursday Victoria AN Other	Victoria Park, Leicester.
12.11.1886	Thursday Victoria	4 (3)	0 (0)	Carlton	
19.11.1896	Post Office	1	1	Thursday Victoria	Evington-lane, Leicester.
19.11.1896	Thursday Wanderers	2	1	Thursday Victoria 2nd	
3.12.196	Carlton	2 (0)	3 (0)	Thursday Rovers	Victoria Park, Leicester.
3.12.196	Post Office AN Other	1 (0)	1 (0)	Banks Rex Smith	
10.12.1896	Victoria			Banks	Victoria Park, Leicester.
	Victoria 2nd			Thursday Rovers	
7.1.1897	Banks			Thursday rovers	Victoria Park, Leicester.
7.1.1897	Thursday Victoria			Carlton United	Victoria Park, Leicester.
14.1.1897	Banks	0	1	Victoria	Victoria Park, Leicester.
	Carlton United Haylock Gash Partridge	3 (2)	2 (0)	Thursday Rovers Wood Whaite	Victoria Park, Leicester. Rovers lost their unbeaten record. Rovers started the game with 10 men
14.1.1897	Thursday Wanderers	2	4	Thursday Rovers Reserve	
21.1.1897	Banks	0 (0)	4 (1)	Thursday Rovers	Victoria Park, Leicester. The only goal scored on the first half was palpably offside
21.1.1897	Glen Parva Depot AN Other	1	3	Victoria C Willis (2) Joule	
21.1.1897	Post Office	4	2	Carlton United	Evington-lane, Leicester.
21.1.1897	Victoria Reserves	6	1	Wanderers	

25.2.1897	Banks	2	4	Northampton Thursday	Victoria Park, Leicester. First-ever match between these clubs.
25.2.1897	Post Office	0	5	Victoria	
25.2.1897	Thursday Victoria Reserve	1	1	Thursday Rovers	Interesting and closely contested game.

Other Thursday Matches

Results and Match Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.11.1896	Fosse Reserves			Thursday Victoria	Filbert-street, Leicester.
12.11.1896	Bank Reserves	1	2	Nuneaton	
26.11.1896	Thursday Victoria	1	6	Notts Park	Victoria Park, Leicester.
3.12.1896	Thursday Victoria Reserves AN Others	2	5	Nuneaton Groves (3) Richards Curtis	Victoria Park, Leicester.
10.12.1896	Victoria 2nd			Thursday Rovers	
21.1.1897	Victoria Reserves	6	1	Wanderers	Victoria Park, Leicester.

Match Reports

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FOOTBALL

THURSDAY LEAGUE.

THURSDAY VICTORIA v. CARLTON.

In ideal football weather, and on good turf, these teams met in the League tournament. Carlton, who lost the toss, started with ten men, but a good bit of play by their right wing enabled them to run down. However, offside play spoilt the opening, and the game for some time went on in the Victoria ground, Onions once shooting over. Victoria gained a little relief from a free, but they were quickly forced back again, and a corner had to be conceded. Straightway from this the Victoria got down, and Barnes failing to stop the rush, Holt shot in, and the Carlton custodian dropping the ball, Thompson put the finishing touch to a fine effort. This success apparently put new life into the Vics., who broke away from the re-start, and the right wing again becoming busy. Holt ran right through the opposing backs, and shot a beautiful goal. The Victoria forwards were now combining well, and were a great source of trouble to Barnes and Jones. Barnes gave hands close in goal. Thompson took the free, and landed a pretty goal over the heads of a crowd of players. Barnes, Onions, and Gamble put in some good work for Carlton, as a result of which Cassell gave hands, Barnes putting through without touching a second player. Exciting play followed in the Victoria goal, which on one occasion escaped in marvellous fashion. Carlton kept up the pressure until half-time, when the score was:

VICTORIA, three goals;

CARLTON, none.

On resuming even exchanges ensued, both sets of forwards putting in good runs. At length Cassell, who was just about this time playing in something like his best form, initiated a strong attack which was well sustained by Wignall and Walker. The latter gave a capital centre to Holt, who without any difficulty shot a goal from a long range, the Carlton custodian making a poor effort to stop the career of the ball. Rough and tumble work followed, in which both sides were offenders, and once or twice the referee (Mr. Basford) had occasion to caution some of the players. Carlton, who ran down several times, never became really dangerous on account of this wild shooting, but they shaped considerably better in defensive work, of which they had sufficient. Barnes gave a foul, Holt shooting over, and Victoria holding their own up to the finish, ran out easy winners. Result:

VICTORIA, four goals;

CARLTON, none.

THURSDAY ROVERS v THURSDAY RESERVE.

Played on the Victoria Park. The Rovers had most of the play in the opening half, and scored through Bennett and Gibbons. The second half was more even, but of a ragged description, and, there being no further scoring, the score at the finish read

ROVERS, two goals;

VICTORIA, none.

BANKS RESERVES v NUNEATON VILLA.

Played on the Victoria Park. An interesting and closely-contested game favoured the Villa. Result:

NUNEATON, two goals;

BANKS, one.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

THURSDAY LEAGUE.

POST OFFICE v. BANKS.

The meeting of these teams attracted little attention. Banks won the toss, and Smithson put the ball in motion for the Post Office, Banks running down, and Lawford shooting over. Holyoak then had a run on his own, and when well within shooting range passed to Hill, who forced a corner off Charters. Several others followed to Post Office, but they were nicely got away in each instance by Angrave, who was working very hard to relieve the pressure. Close work round the Post Office followed, hands against Lawford bringing about the much-desired relief. Post Office again took up the attack, and O'Shea came very near scoring, his shot striking the cross-bar, but still play was of a very moderate character, and so it remained up to half-time, when there had been no score. A little more life was put into the game when the second half was entered upon, and in five minutes, through Hill miskicking, Rex Smith was given a splendid opportunity, of which he availed himself, and scored for the Banks. Post Office thereupon equalised from a scrimmage. Both sides now played up for the lead, but, although each team had innumerable chances to score, they were unsuccessful, and the game ended in

A DRAW—one goal each.

THURSDAY VICTORIA v. NOTTS. PARK.

On the Victoria Park. The home team were without Dolman, Moyses, and Walker, whilst Notts. brought a fairly strong side. From the kick off, the Notts. men took up the running, and in the first minute of the game scored, and very soon put a second, through Johnson, the Victoria custodian, making a poor effort to save. The sprightly Notts. forwards allowed the home defenders no peace, and when the interval came they fed by four to nothing. The game was of a more even character in the concluding stage, but Notts. were a vastly superior team to their opponents, and scored twice to the Victoria's once. Result:

NOTTS. PARK, six goals;

VICTORIA, one goal.

CARLTON v. THURSDAY ROVERS.

On the Victoria Park. The first half, which was but moderately contested, the play being of a scrambling nature and kicking weak, arrived without a tangible point being gained by either side. On resuming, both teams were seen to greater advantage, and Whaite was the first to open the scoring for the Rovers. Carlton responded, and Barker put his side ahead. The game right up to the finish continued to be very evenly fought, as will be seen by the following score:

ROVERS, three goals;

CARLTON, two goals.

THURSDAY VICTORIA RESERVES v. NUNEATON.

These teams met on the Victoria Park, and the visitors proved themselves the better team. The goal getters for the winners were Groves (3), Richards, and Carr. Result:

NUNEATON, five goals;

VICTORIA RESERVE, two goals.