



Leicester & District League 1898-99

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Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Market Harborough	14	11	0	3	50	19	22
2	17 th Regimental District	14	9	3	2	43	19	21
3	Syston Swifts	14	8	3	3	41	16	19
4	Orson Wright & Sons	14	6	5	3	23	19	17
5	Leicester Waverley	14	7	3	4	33	25	17
6	Wigston Excelsior	14	3	1	10	15	38	7
7	Enderby Granite	14	3	0	11	16	50	6
8	Kibworth	14	1	1	12	10	60	3

Winner:	Market Harborough
Runner-Up:	17 th Regimental District
Wooden-spoon:	Kibworth
Matches played:	56
Goals scored:	246 (4.4 goals per game)
Biggest home win:	17 th Regimental Depot 12-0 Kibworth
Biggest away win:	Enderby Granite 0-6 Kibworth Kibworth 0-6 Syston Swifts
High scoring:	12; 17 th Regimental Depot 12-0 Kibworth

Belgrave St Michaels, Blaby United, Leicester Ferndale, St Mary's Rovers did not complete the season.

Fleckney resigned from the League in August/September and were replaced by Orson Wright and Sons.

The League accepted Blaby United's resignation at a special general meeting held at the Victoria Coffee House on 21 October.

For the nonfulfillment of a League fixture on 8 October, Blaby were ordered to pay Waverley 2s 6d for ground and 2s 6d for referee expenses.

Market Harborough retained their title.

At the general meeting of the Leicester and District League on 12 June 1899:

- A rule was also inserted that in the event of two clubs obtaining an equal number of points for the championship of the League, the tie (should be played off, irrespective of the fact that one of the clubs might have the better goal average.
- Mr. Salt (Enderby) on behalf of the League, presented the chairman and treasurer (Mr. F. Gardner) "with a silver salver, and in doing so stated that it was well known to all those connected with the League to what a great extent Mr. Gardner's interest and services were always placed at their disposal, and it was really owing to his efforts that the League stood in so prosperous a position as it did that day. Mr. Gardner was the founder of the League, and was ever ready with his advice and assistance, and as a slight appreciation of his devoted services they asked him to accept this small token of their esteem, together with their best wishes for the future prosperity both of his wife and himself. The inscription was as follows: "Presented to Mr. F. Gardner as a small token of esteem by the members of the Leicester and District Football League, on the occasion of his marriage. May 18th, 1899."— Mr Gardner, in returning thanks, said he was proud to belong to their League, which was an idea he had in mind for a long time, with a view to promoting healthy competition amongst the junior clubs of the district. After a few season's experience, they could say that this object had been achieved, and it was a pleasure to him to say that at the present time the League was in a

very prosperous condition. On behalf of Mrs Gardner and himself, he thanked them most heartily for their present, and he was proud to.

- The balance-sheet showed a surplus, after meeting all expends, of £4 10s. 3½d., to be carried forward to next season's account.

The following clubs signified their continuance in the League: Syston Swifts, Enderby Granite, Leicester Waverley, Market Harborough, Orson Wright's, Wigston Excelsior and Glen Parva Depot.

The following clubs were elected to the League – Anstey Albion, Anstey Town, Fleckney Rovers and Narborough. Applications from Hinckley Town and Melton Town were turned down.

Results Grid

Leicester & District League 1898-99	17 th Regimental District	Enderby Granite	Kibworth	Leicester Waverley	Market Harborough	Orson Wright & Sons	Syston Swifts	Wigston Excelsior
17 th Regimental District		4-2	12-0	4-4	2-1	2-2	1-0	3-0
Enderby Granite	2-1		2-0+	0-3	0-2	2-4	0-6	5-0
Kibworth	1-6	4-2		1-3	0-4	0-0	0-6	0-2
Leicester Waverley	1-2	6-1	6-1				2-2	2-1
Market Harborough		7-1	5-1			5-1	4-2	
Orson Wright & Sons		7-0	7-0	0-1	2-1			
Syston Swifts	0-1	3-0	4-1	2-2	5-2	3-2		5-0
Wigston Excelsior	1-2	3-0	2-1	0-3		1-3		

+Match abandoned – not known whether the game was replayed.

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Result Not Known

Results and Match Details

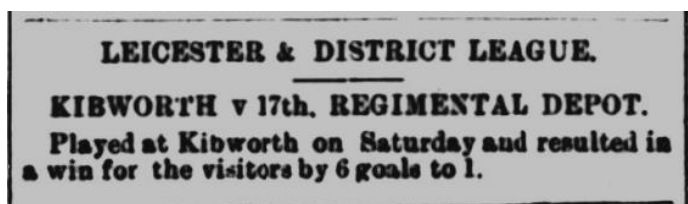
Date	Home		Away	Match Details
10.9.1898	17 th Leicestershire Regiment	3	2	St Mary's Rovers
10.9.1898	Blaby United			Wigston Excelsior
10.9.1898	Enderby Granite	5	1	Ferndale
10.9.1898	Market Harborough	5	1	Orosn Wright & Sons
17.9.1898	17 th Leicestershire Regiment	10	2	Blaby United
17.9.1898	Enderby Granite	0	3	Leicester Waverley
17.9.1898	St Mary's Rovers	1	0	Leicester Ferndale
24.9.1898	Kibworth	1	6	17 th Leicestershire Regiment
1.10.1898	Ferndale	0 (0)	8 (2)	Market Harborough
1.10.1898	Kibworth	1	3	Leicester Waverley
1.10.1898	Syston Swifts	3	0	Enderby Granite
1.10.1898	Wigston Excelsior	1	2	17 th Leicestershire Regiment
8.10.1898	Enderby Granite	1	4	St Mary's Rovers
8.10.1898	Kibworth	0	6	Syston Swifts
				Syston missed a penalty

		(0)	(3)		
22.10.1898	17 th Leicestershire Regiment	4	4	Leicester Waverley	
29.10.1898	Kibworth	0	2	Wigston Excelsior	
29.10.1898	St Mary's Rovers	4	3	Enderby Granite	
29.10.1898	Syston Swifts	2	2	Leicester Waverley	
5.11.1898	17 th Leicestershire Regiment	2 (0)	1 (1)	Market Harborough	80 Harborough supporters travelled to Wigston. "Infantry men turned out in force to watch their comrades, while the women and little ones looked on from married quarters."
5.11.1898	Leicester Waverley	2	2	Syston Swifts	
5.11.1898	Wigston Excelsior	3	0	Enderby Granite	
12.11.1898	Enderby Granite	2	2	Belgrave St Michael's	
12.11.1898	Market Harborough	5	1	Kibworth	
12.11.1898	Orson Wright & Sons	3	0	Ferndale	
12.11.1898	Syston Swifts	5	0	Wigston Excelsior	
26.11.1898	17 th Leicestershire Regiment	3	0	Wigston Excelsior	
26.11.1898	Kibworth G Hurst Newcombe (2) AN Other	4 (3)	2 (2)	Enderby Granite AN Others	Enderby arrived late. Game terminated 20 mins before time.
26.11.1898	St Mary's	0 (0)	5 (3)	Market Harborough Bromley (pen +2) Scampton AN Other	Miserable weather Only TWO supporters travelled with the team to Leicester/ St Mary's ground - "one of the worst in the League" - located 2 miles from the station
3.12.1898	Kibworth	0 (0)	4 (2)	Market Harborough Bromley (2) Turner Scampton	Good attendance Home crowd cried "Lay him out", and "What do you don't kill send to the infirmary." Harborough had 2 goals disallowed for offside.
3.12.1898	Wigston Excelsior	0	3	Leicester Waverley	The game was stopped before time
10.12.1898	Enderby Granite	5	0	Wigston Excelsior	
10.12.1898	Leicester Waverley	1	2	17 th Leicestershire Regiment	Victoria Park
10.12.1898	Orson Wright & Sons	7	0	Kibworth	Kibworth were poorly represented. Several of the goals should have been saved by the goalkeeper. Ground was in a very bad condition.
10.12.1898	St Mary's Rovers	2	1	Syston Swifts	
17.12.1898	Leicester Waverley	6	1	Enderby Granite	Victoria Park
	Market Harborough Buswell Bromley (2) AN Other Watts Turner	6	0	St Mary's Rovers	St Mary's arrived 2 men short.
24.12.1898	Kibworth	0	0	Orson Wright & Sons	
24.12.1898	Leicester Waverley	2	1	Wigston Excelsior	
24.12.1898	Syston Swifts	5	2	Market Harborough	
31.12.1898	Enderby Granite	2	4	Orson Wright & Sons	
7.1.1899	17 th Leicestershire Regiment	4	2	Enderby Granite	
7.1.1899	Syston Swifts	6	1	St Mary's Rovers	
14.1.1898	Wigston Excelsior	1	3	Orson Wright & Sons	
28.1.1899	Syston Swifts	4	1	Kibworth	

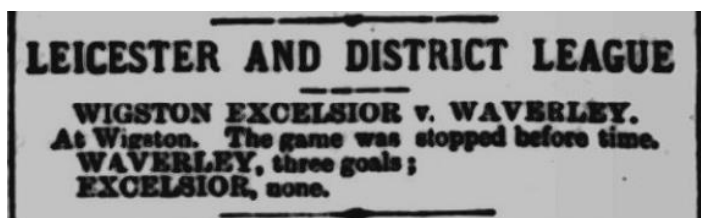
4.2.1899	Burbage United	0	0	Syston Swifts	
4.2.1899	Syston Swifts	0	0	Orson Wight & Sons	
4.2.1899	Wigston Excelsior	2	1	Kibworth	
18.2.1899	17 th Leicestershire Regiment	2	2	Orson Wight & Sons	
18.2.1899	Enderby Granite	0	6	Syston Swifts	Enderby were poorly represented.
4.3.1899	Orson Wrights & Sons	7	0	Enderby Granite	
11.3.1899	17 th Leicestershire Regiment	1	0	Syston Swifts	
11.3.1899	Leicester Waverley	6	1	Kibworth	
11.3.1899	Market Harborough	7	1	Enderby Granite	
18.3.1899	Enderby Granite	2	1	17 th Leicestershire Regiment	
18.3.1899	Syston Swifts	3	2	Orson Wrights & Sons	
25.3.1899	Enderby Granite	2	0	Kibworth	Bad weather. Game abandoned at half-time.
25.3.1899	Market Harborough	1	1	Syston Swifts	Bad weather Game abandoned at half-time
25.3.1899	Leicester Old Boys	2	1	YMCA	
1.4.1899	Orson Wrights & Sons	2	1	Market Harborough	
1.4.1899	Syston Swifts	0	1	17 th Leicestershire Regiment	
8.4.1899	17 th Leicestershire Regiment	12	0	Kibworth	
8.4.1899	Enderby Granite	0	2	Market Harbough	
22.4.1899	Market Harborough	4	2	Syston Swifts	
22.4.1899	Orson Wrights & Sons	0	1	Leicester Waverley	

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.



Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - 27 September 1898



Leicester Daily Post - Monday 05 December 1898

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

KIBWORTH v ORSON WRIGHT'S F.C.

ORSON WRIGHT'S 7 KIBWORTH 0.

Kibworth were poorly represented playing five reserves and were beaten at all points, hardly putting in a shot throughout the game; but one or two of the goals should have been stopped by the goalkeeper. The ground was in a very bad condition. The game being so one-sided does not call for much description.

WAVERLEY v 17th REGIMENTAL DISTRICT.

A fast and exciting game was seen on the Victoria Park between these teams, resulting in a win for the soldiers by two goals to one.

ENDERBY GRANITE v WIGSTON.

These teams met at Enderby on Saturday, when the homesters won by 5 goals to none.

ST. MARY'S ROVERS v SYSTON SWIFTS.

This match was played at Leicester resulting in a win for the "Saints" by two goals to one.

Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - Tuesday 13 December 1898

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

ENDERBY GRANITE v SYSTON SWIFTS.

At Enderby. The Granite were poorly represented, and played a disappointing game throughout. Result: SYSTON, six goals; ENDERBY, none.

17th REGIMENTAL DISTRICT v. ORSON WRIGHT AND SON'S.

At Glen Parva Barracks. Result: A DRAW—two goals each.

Leicester Daily Post - 20 February 1899

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

SYSTON SWIFTS v. ORSON WRIGHT AND SON'S.

At Syston. Result: SYSTON, three goals; ORSON WRIGHT'S, two goals.

ENDERBY GRANITE v. 17th REGIMENTAL DISTRICT.

At Enderby. Result: ENDERBY, two goals; REGIMENTAL DISTRICT, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 20 March 1899

INTER-LEAGUE MATCH

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE v HINCKLEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Played on the Holywell Ground, Hinckley. Hurst kicked off, Hinckley having to play up-hill, facing the sun. The game opened fast; the leather being taken from one end to the other in quick succession. Marshall scored for Hinckley after a quarter of an hour's play. Leicester soon equalised, but the visitors missed a

good chance, and Hinckley took up the attack. The visitors scored from a free, and there was no more score up to half-time. Interval:

LEICESTER, two goals;

HINCKLEY, one goal.

A moderate breeze helped Leicester in the second half, and they pressed from the start, one shot striking the cross-bar. Hinckley's defence was sound, but from a corner Leicester scored. Hinckley went with a rush; Norman being called upon to save. At the other end of the field the visitors obtained seven corners, but without result. Leicester had most of the game, and played the best football. Result:

LEICESTER, three goals;

HINCKLEY, one goal.

Leicester Daily Post - 27 February 1899

Additional Information

MARKET HARBOROUGH FC

1st XI FIXTURES

"	24	1 st round Rolleston Cup
Oct	1	Ferndale, away
"	8	Melton*, away
"	15	1 st rind Junior Cup
"	22	2 nd round Rolleston Cup
"	29	Belgrave, home
Nov	5	Glen Parva, away
"	12	Kibworth, home
"	19	2 nd round Junior Cup
"	26	St Mary'. Away
Dec	3	Kibworth, away
"	10	Rothwell*, home
"	17	St Mary's, home
"	24	Syston, away
"	26	Wigston Excelsior, home
"	31	Melton*, home
1899		
Jan	7	Belgrave, away
"	14	Blaby, home
"	21	Rothwell, away
"	28	Northampton Town*, away
Feb	4	Enderby, away
"	11	Waverley, home
"	18	Ferndale, home
"	25	Richmond*, home
March	4	Waverley, away
"	11	Enderby, home
"	18	Wigston Excelsior, away
"	25	Syston, home
April	1	Orson Wright & Co, away
"	3	Glen Parva, home
"	15	Northampton Town*, home

*Denotes friendly matches, the others being in the Leicester and District league

Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - 20 September 1898

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

A special general meeting of the above League was held at the Victoria Coffee House on Friday last, the following being present: Mr F Gardner (chairman), Mr Green (Ferndale), Sergt.-Major Green (17th Regimental District), Mr Gibson (St Mary's Rovers), Mr. Bailey (Waverley), Mr Hubbard (Syston Swifts), Mr Clarke (Blaby United), Messrs. J W Carter, G M Sharpe, and R H James, Hon Sec. The resignation of Blaby United was accepted; and as per rule, their deposit to be forfeited all points both for and against to be struck out of the chart. The resignation of Mr. Bramley from the Executive was accepted with regret and Mr. J. H. Linthwaite was elected to fill the vacancy.

An emergency meeting was then held, the following ruling being given re the nonfulfilment of League fixture on Oct 8th v Waverley, Blaby to pay Waverley 2s. 6d. for ground and 2s 6d. for referees expenses.

Referees were appointed for November and December, kick off not later than 2.45 p.m.

Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - 25 October 1898

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

An emergency meeting of this League was held at the Victoria Coffee House on Monday, the following being present:—Mr. F. Gardner (chairman), Messrs. G. M. Sharpe, T. Salt, J. H. Linthwaite, and R. H. James (hon. secretary).—The apology of Mr. C. Wood, hon. secretary of St. Mary's Rovers F.C., was accepted.—The team to represent the League in the inter-league match at Hinckley on 25th February was selected as follows:—Goal, R. Norman (Wigston); backs, G. Martin (Enderby Granite) and Private McKellog (17th Regimental District); half backs, W. West (Market Harborough), H. Parker (Waverley), and T. Atkins (Orson Wright and Sons); forwards, H. Johnson (Enderby Granite), W. H. Harriman (Syston Swifts), H. C. Wright (Orson Wright and Sons), A. Hackett (Waverley), and W. A. Buswell (Market Harborough). Reserves, T. Gilbert (Syston Swifts), G. Brown (Syston Swifts), G. Chamberlain (Orson Wright and Sons), W. Newcombe (Kibworth), H. Scotton and F. Adams (17th Regimental District), J. L. B. Turner (Market Harborough), G. Leonard (Wigston Excelsior), and F. Simpson (Syston Swifts).—Referees were appointed for February.

	Goals						
	Plyd.	Won.	Lst.	Dwn.	For.	Agst.	Pts.
Syston Swifts	9	7	0	2	36	9	16
17th Regimental District..	8	7	0	1	6	12	15
Waverley	11	6	2	3	31	17	15
Market Harborough	8	6	2	0	22	10	12
Orson Wright and Sons ..	7	5	1	1	21	9	11
Wigston Excelsior	12	3	9	0	16	33	6
Enderby Granite	8	1	7	0	11	27	2
St. Mary's Rovers	8	1	7	0	10	33	2
Kibworth	9	0	8	1	4	37	1

Leicester Chronicle - 4 February 1899

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL
LEAGUE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Leicester and District League was held on Tuesday evening. Mr. F. Gardner presided, and there were present Messrs. J. W. Carter, J. H. Linthwaite, Sergt.-Major Green, T. Salt (Enderby), G. M. Sharpe (Syston), J. T. Hawkins (Hinckley), R. H. James (hon. secretary), and representatives of several clubs applying for admission.—The Secretary's report, which was a favourable one, was adopted, and the treasurer's, which showed a balance in hand of £9 10s., was also presented and passed.—The following clubs signified their continuance in the League: Syston Swifts, Enderby Granite, Leicester Waverley, Market Harborough, Orson Wright's, Wigston Excelsior, and Glen Parva Depot.—The following clubs were elected: Fleckney Rovers, Anstey Town, Anstey Albion, and Narborough.—The applications of Meiton Town and Hinckley Town Reserves were not entertained.—The officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. T. Seddon; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Brooks (Barkby Hall), W. Bowmar, M. Cook, A. Lovell, W. W. Price, G. M. Johnson, J. Spurway, O. Wright, Sir John Rolleston, Captain Drummond, Dr. Halkyard, and Major Pochin; chairman and treasurer, Mr. F. Gardner; hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. James; Emergency Committee, Messrs. T. Salt, J. W. Carter, R. W. Baxter, G. M. Sharpe, J. H. Linthwaite, and Sergt.-Major Green.

FOOTBALL.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

A general meeting of this League was held at the Victoria Coffee House on Monday evening, the following representatives being present:—Messrs. F. Gardner (chairman), J. Springthorpe (Amstey Albion), J. Bosstock (Amstey Town), H. T. Watts (Market Harborough), Sergt.-Major Green (17th Regimental District), J. Paxton (Orson Wright and Sons), J. Smart (Fleckney Rovers), T. Ward (Narborough), W. Byatt (Syston Swifts), Grant (Wigston Excelsior), T. Salt (Enderby Granite), J. W. Carter, G. M. Sharpe, J. H. Lintthwaite, and R. H. James, hon. secretary.—The report of the sub-committee appointed to revise the rules was received, and several alterations to the existing rules were agreed to, the chief of which dealt with the registration of players. A rule was also inserted that in the event of two clubs obtaining an equal number of points for the championship of the League, the tie should be played off, irrespective of the fact that one of the clubs might have the better goal average.—Mr. Salt (Enderby) on behalf of the League, presented the chairman and treasurer (Mr. F. Gardner) with a silver salver, and in doing so stated that it was well known to all those connected with the League to what a great extent Mr. Gardner's interest and services were always placed at their disposal, and it was really owing to his efforts that the League stood in so prosperous a position as it did that day. Mr. Gardner was the founder of the League, and was ever ready with his advice and assistance, and as a slight appreciation of his devoted services they asked him to accept this small token of their esteem, together with their best wishes for the future prosperity both of his wife and himself. (Applause.) The inscription was as follows: "Presented to Mr. F. Gardner as a small token of esteem by the members of the Leicester and District Football League, on the occasion of his marriage, May 18th, 1899."—Mr. Gardner, in returning thanks, said he was proud to belong to their League, which was an idea he had in mind for a long time, with a view to promoting healthy competition amongst the junior clubs of the district. After a few seasons' experience, they could say that this object had been achieved, and it was a pleasure to him to say that at the present time the League was in a very prosperous condition. On behalf of Mrs. Gardner and himself, he thanked them most heartily for their present, and he was proud to see the balance-sheet showed a surplus, after meeting all expenses, of £4 10s. 3½d., to be carried forward to next season's account.