



# Leicestershire Thursday League 1898-99

## Leicestershire Thursday League 1898-99

Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental Depot	8	8	0	0	58	8	16
2	Wanderers+	10	6	1	3	22	26	11
3	Rovers	7	4	1	2	9	7	9
4	Excelsior	7	3	1	3	12	10	7
5	Banks	7	1	0	6	13	32	2
6	Casuals	9	0	1	8	6	42	1

+ Two points deducted for fielding an ineligible player.

Leicester Daily Post – 16 March 1899

**Winner:** 17<sup>th</sup> Regimental Depot

**Runner-up:** ?

League Champions - 17th Regimental District - won their first four League games – scoring 31 without conceding.

The Casuals lost their opening 7 League games.

At the March meeting of the League in March 1899 a protest was received from the Excelsior against the Wanderers for playing J Harris, a registered professional for Kettering FC. the appeal was upheld and the Wanderers were fined 5s and had 2 points deducted.

Thursday Excelsior reported the Rovers for non-fulfilment of a league fixture on 9 March. The Rovers were ordered to arrange a fresh date within 7 days or failing that, the secretary to fix a date, and was fined 5s.

## Match Results and Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
20.10.1898	Banks			Casuals	
20.10.1898	Wanderers			Excelsior	
27.10.1898	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District			Wanderers	
20.10.1898	Rovers			Casuals	
3.11.1898	Casuals			Wanderers	
3.11.1898	Rovers			Excelsior	
10.11.1898	Banks			Excelsior	
10.11.1898	Wanderers			Rovers	
17.11.1898	Casuals			17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District	
24.11.1898	Excelsior Coulson (3) B Ward F King	5 (2)	1 (1)	Casuals AN Other	Victoria Park, Leicester. Miserable weather.
24.11.1898	Wanderers			Banks	
1.12.1898 ?	Wanderers Hartopp (2) Woodham	3	2	Casuals Healey Joules	At Belgrave.
22.12.1898	Banks			Excelsior	Victoria Park, Leicester.
5.1.1899	Banks			17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District	
19.1.1899	Casuals	1	0	Bank Reserves	
19.1.1899	Rovers	5	0	Banks	

19.1.1899	Thursday Wanderers	2	0	Thursday Excelsior	
26.1.1899	Thursday Rovers			Thursday Wanderers	Victoria Park, Leicester.
2.2.1899	Thursday Rovers	0	2	Thursday Wanderers	Victoria Park, Leicester.
23.2.1899	Regimental depot	4	1	Knighton Casuals	
23.2.1899	Wanderers	2	0	Excelsior	
2.3.1899	Regimental District	4	0	Thursday Rovers	
9.3.1899	Excelsior	P	P	Thursday Rovers	
13.4.1900	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District (Champions)	3	1	Rest of League	Filbert-street, Leicester.

### Other "Thursday" Matches

Date	Home			Away	Details
29.9.1898	Leicester Wanderers	0	2	Harborough Thursday XI	Belgrave. Belgrave team included a strong contingent from St Michael's.
10.11.1898	Northampton Central	0	2	Harborough Thursday Barber Healey	Late start was made (5.50 pm). Only 30 mins played each half/
1.12.1898	Banks 1st	4	0	Wellingborough Grammar School	
22.12.1898	Thursday Rovers			Market Harborough	Victoria Park, Leicester.
26.1.1899	Banks Reserves			Knighton Casuals	Victoria Park, Leicester.
26.1.1899	Rushden Ballyhooley			Banks	At Rushden

### Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

<b>HARBORO' THURSDAY XI. v. LEICESTER. WANDERERS.</b>	
<p>These teams met at Belgrave on Thursday the home team including a strong contingent from the St. Michael's. Mumford won the toss, but the Wanderers scored after five minutes play, the centre forward putting the leather through from a bully in front of goal. Nothing further was scored before the teams crossed over. Soon after the restart the visitors notched a goal but it was ruled offside, and the home team again scoring a goal, which, however, was a doubtful point, they ran out winners by two goals to none. The Harboro' forwards played a good game as did also the backs; Johnson in goal also played a clinking game. The halves, however, need improvement but the side as a whole should get through the season successfully if they stick together. The team was as follows: Goal, Johnson; backs, Mumford and Bland; half-backs, Pettifer, Healey, and Richards; forwards, S Warner, Barber, R Turner, Wood and F. Hall.</p>	

Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail – 4 October 1898

### HARBOROUGH THURSDAY v. NORTH-AMPTON CENTRAL.

The Harborough Thursday team journeyed to Northampton on Thursday last. A late start was made at 3.50 p.m., and only 30 minutes were available for each half. From the start Harborough pressed, and in ten minutes Barber scored from a close shot. The Northamptonians made a few rushes, but thanks to the good tackling of Mumford and the strong kicking of Bland, at back, they could do little good. From another run on the right by Harborough, Healey scored, a fine long shot putting the ball in the top corner out of the goal-keeper's reach. Nothing farther happened before half-time. After the interval the play became more exciting, and several good runs were made by Warner on the right and Wood on the left. The light getting rather bad, the referee had a difficulty in following the ball's course, and was unable to decide whether a goal shot by Hall, who had come centre forward, was off-side or not, but gave the homesters the benefit. The whistle then blew for time, with the result :

Harborough ... 2 | Northampton .. 0

Harborough played a good game, and were better than their opponents, but the forwards missed several openings. They lack quick decision in shooting. Mumford played his usual good and safe game at back, his tackling powers being exceptional. Healey played well at centre half, and amongst the forwards Warner and Wood were prominent. Mr. Younger, formerly of Harborough, officiated as referee.

*Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - 15 November 1898*

### THURSDAY LEAGUE MATCH WANDERERS v CASUALS

At Belgrave Haropp scored two goals and Woodham one for the Wanderers, Henley one and Joules one for the losers. Result:

WANDERERS, three goals;

CASUALS, two.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 1 December 1898*

### THURSDAY LEAGUE MATCH WANDERERS v CASUALS

At Belgrave. Hartopp scored two goals and Woodham; Healy one and Joules one for the losers.

WANDERERS, three goals;

CASUALS, two.

BANKS' 1<sup>st</sup>, four goals;

WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, none.

THURSDAY EXCELSIOR, none;

THURSDAY LEAGUE.

*Leicester Daily Post - 2 December 1898*

### HARBOROUGH THURSDAY v LEICESTER BANKS

These teams met on the Victoria Park when an even game ended in a win for the home team by goal to nothing.

*Market Harborough Advertiser and Midland Mail - 13 December 1898*

#### **EXCELSIOR v BANKS**

Played on Victoria Park. Result:

THURSDAY EXCELSIOR 2<sup>nd</sup>, three goals;  
BANKS 2<sup>nd</sup>, none.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 12 January 1899*

#### **ASSOCIATION**

Played on the Victoria Park -

#### **THURSDAY LEAGUE**

THURSDAY ROVERS, five goals;  
BANKS, none.

KNIGHTON CASUALS, one goal;  
BANKS RESERVE, none.

THURSDAY WANDERERS, two goals;  
THURSDAY EXCELSIORS, none

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 19 January 1899*

#### **THURSDAY LEAGUE**

#### **EXCELSIOR v CASUALS**

Played on the Victoria Park in miserable weather and on very treacherous turf. Play ruled very even in the first half, and half-time was called with the score - Excelsior, two goals, Casuals, one. In the second half the Excelsior had the best of the game, and scored three more goals. The Casuals failing to add to their score, the result was:

EXCELSIOR, five goals;  
CASUALS, one.

For the Excelsior E. Cockain (3), B. Ward and F. King score.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 24 January 1899*

#### **THURSDAY LEAGUE**

Played on the Victoria Park.

THURSDAY WANDERERS, two goals;  
THURSDAY ROVERS, none.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 2 February 1899*

#### **THIS DAYS FOOTBALL**

Played on the Victoria Park:-

WANDERERS, two goals;  
EXCELSIOR, none.

REGIMENTAL DEPOT, four goals;  
KNIGHTON CASUALS, one goal.

NOTTS BANKS, four goals;  
LEICESTER BANKS, one goal.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 23 February 1899*

REGIMENTAL DISTRICT, four goals;  
THURSDAY ROVERS, nothing.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 3 March 1899*

## 17<sup>th</sup> REGIMENTAL DISTRICT (CHAMPIONS) v REST OF LEAGUE

Played on the Filbert-street Ground. Result:

REGIMENTAL DISTRICT, three goals;

REST OF LEAGUE, one goal.

*Leicester Daily Mercury - 13 April 1899*

## Additional Information

**LEICESTERSHIRE THURSDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.**

A meeting of this League was held at the Victoria Coffee House, on Tuesday night, when the following were present:—Messrs. A. E. Pywell (chairman), C. G. Whyman (Banks), S. G. Hipwell (Excelsior), W. Elliott (Wanderers), W. Yardley (Rovers), and the hon. sec., Mr. P. Clarke. A letter was read from the Victoria F.C., resigning membership of the League, owing to their not being able to raise a team. The Excelsior F.C. were elected in their place, taking over the Victoria Club's fixtures. The following referees were appointed for October and November:—

Oct. 20.—Wanderers v. Excelsior, Mr. P. Clarke.  
Oct. 20.—Banks v. Casuals, Mr. W. Holland.  
Oct. 27.—Glen Parva Depot v. Wanderers, Mr. R. H. James.  
Oct. 27.—Rovers v. Casuals, Mr. S. G. Hipwell.  
Nov. 3.—Rovers v. Excelsior, Mr. E. B. Smithson.  
Nov. 3.—Casuals, v. Wanderers, Mr. P. Clarke.  
Nov. 10.—Wanderers v. Rovers, Mr. G. Geeson.  
Nov. 10.—Banks v. Excelsior, Mr. E. B. Smithson.  
Nov. 17.—Casuals v. Glen Parva Depot, Mr. S. G. Hipwell.  
Nov. 24.—Excelsior v. Casuals, Mr. R. H. James.  
Nov. 24.—Wanderers v. Banks, Mr. P. Clarke.

*Leicester Daily Post - 15 September 1898*

**FIXTURES FOR TO-DAY.**

**ASSOCIATION.**

**THURSDAY LEAGUE.**

Casuals v. 17th Leicestershire Regiment, Victoria Park.  
Banks v. Ashby Hastings, Ashby.  
Thursday Wanderers v. Coalville Town, Coalville.

*Leicester Daily Post - 17 November 1898*

### LEICESTERSHIRE THURSDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

A meeting of this League was held at the Victoria Coffee House on Tuesday evening. Present: A. E. Pywell (chairman), C. Whyman (Banks), J. Langton (Casuals), S. Hipwell (Excelsior), Sergeant Major Green (17th Leicestershire Regiment), W. Elliott (Wanderers), and Messrs. Mason and Carpenter (of the Football Association), and E. T. Hughes (secretary pro tem.)—The adjourned case of the Wanderers v Casuals, in which 15 minutes' short time was played, was gone into. The meeting imposed a fine of 2s. 6d. on the Casuals, and ordered them to arrange within seven days to play the 15 minutes, or the last result to stand.—A protest was received from the Excelsior against the Wanderers, for playing J. Harris, a registered professional for Kettering F.C. The appeal was upheld, and the Wanderers were fined 5s., and two points deducted from their score. Thursday Excelsior reported the Rovers for non-fulfilment of fixture, on March 30th. The Rovers were ordered to arrange a fresh date within seven days, or failing that, the secretary to fix a date, and be fined 5s.—The Secretary reported that he had given permission for the Casuals v Banks and Excelsior v Rovers matches, not played on February 9th, to arrange future dates, this being confirmed by the meeting.—It was proposed that the championship match take place on the Fosse ground on April 13th, providing that the ground be obtained.

#### RESULTS UP TO DATE:

	Pld.	Won.	Lst.	Drn.	Goals		Pts.
					For.	Agst.	
Glen Parva	8	8	0	0	58	3	16
Wanderers	10	6	3	1	22	26	11
Rovers	7	4	2	1	9	7	9
Excelsior	7	3	3	1	12	10	7
Banks	7	1	6	0	13	32	2
Casuals	9	0	8	1	6	42	1

a Two points deducted from their score for playing an ineligible man.