



Loughborough & District League 1899-00

DIVISION II

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Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Loughborough Forest Rovers	16	13	1	2	36	16	27
2	Loughborough Havelock	16	12	2	2	5?	13	26
3	Loughborough Adult School	16	9	4	3	52	2?	22
4	Shepshed Albion	16	8	2	6	3?	22	18
5	Barrow Rising Star	15	6	2	7	45	37	14
6	Sileby Victoria	16	6	1	9	27	40	13
7	Loughborough Casuals	16	4	2	10	18	45	10
8	Loughborough Corinthians Reserves	14	2	2	11	12	43	5
9	Sutton Bonnington	15	2	1	12	13	53	5

Winner:	Loughborough Forest Rovers
Runner-Up:	Loughborough Havelock
Wooden spoon:	Sutton Bonnington
Games Played:	70
Missing Results:	7
Goals scored:	
Biggest home win:	Barrow Rising Star 9-0 Loughborough Corinthians Reserves
Biggest away win:	Loughborough Casuals 0-8 Loughborough Havelock Sutton Bonnington 1-9 Loughborough Havelock
Highest scoring:	10; Sutton Bonnington 1-9 Loughborough Havelock

Three teams withdrew – Loughborough Trinity and Quorn Reserve in February and Seagrave Rising Star in March 1900 – each forfeiting 5 shillings.

The Championship was not decided until the last couple of the matches of the season. Forest Rovers won 13, drew 1 and lost 2 of their 16 League games. Just one point behind, with a superior goal average were Loughborough Havelock. But for making a slip early in the season against Barrow Star Reserves, they would have been champions.

Sutton Bonnington, the only Nottinghamshire club on the League finished bottom, on goal average from Loughborough Corinthians who failed to complete all of their fixtures.

Each club and registered player in North Leicestershire was issued with the 40-page League Handbook in the first week of September. It included fixtures of both divisions of the League, rules of the Charity Association, last season's results, in the cup competition, and League etc. It also included fixture lists of the Loughborough and Fosse Clubs, together with the results of the corresponding matches last season.

Barrow were fined 1s and ordered to pay the referee his expenses for making a fruitless journey following the late cancellation of the Barrow Star Reserves v Shepshed Albion on 17 March 1900.

Loughborough Corinthians put off their match with Shepshed in March. Since it was impossible for the game to be played before the end of the season the League decided that when the teams met at Shepshed in early April, the match should decide the issue of the 4 points. The Corinthians were given the third of the gate.

Results Grid

Loughborough & District League Division II 1899-1900	Barrow Rising Star	Loughborough Adult School	Loughborough Casuals	Loughborough Corinthians	Loughborough Forest Rovers	Loughborough Havelock	Shepshed Albion	Sileby Victoria	Sutton Bonnington
Barrow Rising Star		1-6	8-0	9-0	2-4	2-4	3-0	5-0	9-2
Loughborough Adult School	1-1		2-2	4-1	4-1	2-1	1-1	6-3	5-0
Loughborough Casuals	2-1			2-0	1-2	0-8	0-3	2-3	3-2
Loughborough Corinthians Res	X	2-2	0-4			2-0	0-2	0-4	2-1
Loughborough Forest Rovers	5-0	3-1	4-1	2-0		1-0	3-1	W	W
Loughborough Havelock	1-1	3-2	1-0	3-0	3-0		1-1	2-0	4-0
Shepshed Albion	6-0	2-1	4-2	2-0	0-2	1-2		5-0	4-0
Sileby Victoria	3-0	1-5	0-0				4-2		2-0
Sutton Bonnington	1-4		3-1	X	1-1	1-9	3-2	1-2	

X= Not Played

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Result Not Known

Match Results & Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
2.9.1899	Loughborough Casuals	0 (0)	7 (2)	Loughborough Adult School Bowles Jarrom AN Others	
2.9.1899	Loughborough Havelock	7	0	Seagrave Rising Star	Forest-road ground. Good attendance.
2.9.1899	Shepshed Albion	0 (0)	2 (1)	Loughborough Forest Rovers W Smith AN Other	
9.9.1899	Barrow Rising Star	2 (1)	4 (4)	Loughborough Forest Rovers W Smith	Forest Rovers led 4-0 after 30 mins.
9.9.1899	Quorn Reserves	4	0	Loughborough Casuals	
9.9.1899	Shepshed Albion Freer (2) Dexter Farmer Lester Towle	6 (2)	1 (0)	Loughborough Trinity	
9.9.1899	Sutton Bonnington AN Other	1 (1)	9 (3)	Loughborough Havelock Clarke (3) Swann Dickens Kirk	

				Carter (pen)	
16.9.1899	Loughborough Forest Rovers Holborough Baker	2 (2)	0 (0)	Loughborough Corinthians Reserves	Corinthians played several first team players.
16.9.1899	Loughborough Havelock	1	1	Barrow Reserve	"Barrow had to rearrange their team at the last moment."
16.9.1899	Quorn Reserves	0	3	Loughborough Adult School	
16.9.1899	Seagrave Rising Star Walker Cliff	2 (2)	0 (0)	Sileby Victoria	Large crowd turned out to witness the debut of the Vics in League football. Game commenced at 4.15 pm
16.9.1899	Sutton Bonnington	0 (0)	2 (1)	Loughborough Trinity	Sutton defended gamely, their goalkeeper saving a penalty.
23.9.1899	Loughborough Forest Rovers	3	1	Loughborough Adult School	
23.9.1899	Loughborough Casuals	0	8	Loughborough Havelock	"The Casuals like Derby County are still on the lookout for their first goal." Mr H Barrett resigned as Havelock's club secretary and was replaced by Mr W Johnson of Wellington-street
23.9.1899	Loughborough Trinity	6	1	Loughborough Corinthians Reserves	
23.9.1899	Sutton Bonnington	3	2	Shepshed Albion	
23.9.1899	Sileby Victoria	6	2	Quorn Reserves	
30.9.1899	Barrow Rising Star	8	0	Loughborough Casuals	
30.9.1899	Quorn Reserve	0	3	Loughborough Havelock	But for a splendid display by the Quorn goalkeeper, Havelock would have won by a bigger margin.
30.9.1899	Shepshed Albion	9	0	Seagrave	
7.10.1899	Loughborough Corinthians Reserves Dr Symington (3) Mercier Godkin	5	0	Quorn Reserves	
7.10.1899	Loughborough Trinity	2	1	Barrow Rising Star	Good match marred by 2 players – one on either side – losing their tempers and ordered off the field
7.10.1899	Seagrave Rising Star AN Other	1 (0)	11 (5)	Loughborough Forest Rovers Bennett (24) Barker Stevens (5) Simmons	Rovers were 2-0 up after 3 mins. Seagrave scored just before the close.
14.10.1899	Loughborough Adult School	2	1	Loughborough Havelock	
14.10.1899	Loughborough Corinthians Reserves	2	0	Loughborough Trinity	
14.10.1899	Loughborough Forest Rovers	9	0	Seagrave	
21.10.1899	Loughborough Casuals	0	3	Shepshed Albion	Casuals were still waiting to score their first League goal.
21.10.1899	Loughborough Corinthians Reserves Dr Symington (2)	2 (2)	2 (0)	Loughborough Adult School Kirby AN Other	Corinthians were only able to field 10 players. Henson [Corinthians] retired hurt midway through the second half. It was

					only then that the School then scored equalising 4 mins from tme.
21.10.1899	Loughborough Havelock	0 (0)	1 (0)	Loughborough Trinity Swann	Havelock, who had 10 players for a greater part of the game, had 75% of the play. Havelock claimed that 2 goals ought to have been awarded to them – “the ball going right at the back of the goalkeeper, who turned round and threw it out.”
21.10.1899	Seagrave Rising Star	4 (1)	2 (0)	Quorn Reserve	Good gate
21.10.1899	Sutton Bonnington	1 (1)	4 (3)	Barrow Reserve	Fair attendance. Sutton thought several of the Barrow goals were offside. Sutton missed a second half penalty.
28.10.1899	Loughborough Casuals	3	2	Sutton Bonnington	
4.11.1899	Loughborough Adult School	4	0	Seagrave	
4.11.1899	Loughborough Corinthian Reserves Grudings Armstrong	2	1	Sutton Bonnington AN Other	The winning goal was scored in the concluding stages of the game.
4.11.1899	Loughborough Forest Reserves	3	1	Shepshed Albion	
4.11.1899	Loughborough Havelock	4	0	Quorn Reserve	One-sided game. J Carter failed to score from a penalty.
11.11.1899	Shepshed Albion	4	2	Loughborough Casuals	
11.11.1899	Sutton Bonnington	0	2	Loughborough Forest Rovers	
18.11.1899	Loughborough Adult School	1	1	Barrow Reserve	Only 35 mins each way was played
18.11.1899	Loughborough Casuals	2	3	Sileby Victoria	
18.11.1899	Quorn Reserve	A	A	Loughborough Forest rovers	Abandoned after 12 mins.
18.11.1899	Sutton Bonnington	P	P	Loughborough Corinthians	League match was declared off and a friendly was played, the result being a draw of 3-3.
25.11.1899	Barrow Reserve	11	1	Seagrave	
25.11.1899	Loughborough Forest Rovers AN Others	3	1	Loughborough Trinity AN Other (pen)	Redmoor Ground. Good attendance. Deadly rivalry.
25.11.1899	Loughborough Havelock AN Others Dicken (pen)	3 (2)	0	Loughborough Corinthians Reserves	Havelock complained strongly of the rough play of the Corinthians, several of their players sustaining injuries.
25.11.1899	Sileby Victoria	1	5	Loughborough Adult School	
2.12.1899	Loughborough Adult School	2	2	Loughborough Casuals	
2.12.1899	Loughborough Havelock	3	0	Loughborough Forest Rovers	Redmoor Ground. First defeat of the League leaders
2.12.1899	Seagrave Rising Star	0	6	Loughborough Trinity	
2.12.1899	Sileby Victoria	2	0	Sutton Bonnington	Sutton only had 10 players.

9.12.1899	Loughborough Casuals	3	0	Quorn Reserve	The game ended in a farce as 10 mins into the second half the Quorn players dissatisfied with a decision by the referee left the field.
9.12.1899	Loughborough Havelock	4	1	Loughborough Corinthians	This win kept Havelock in the race for the championship with Forest Rovers,
9.12.1899	Shepshed Albion	6	0	Barrow Star Reserves	
9.12.1899	Sileby Victoria	5	1	Seagrave Rising Star	
23.12.1899	Loughborough Casuals	2	1	Barrow Rising Star	Barrow arrived late and the game ended early.
23.12.1899	Loughborough Trinity Ford	1	1	Loughborough Adult School Fowkes (pen)	Bottleacre ground. Proceeds were given to the Association War Fund.
23.12.1899	Sileby Victoria	4	2	Shepshed Albion	Unexpected result. Four Shepshed players left the field following a decision given by the referee.
23.12.1899	Sutton Bonnington	P	P	Loughborough Corinthians	Corinthians were unable to raise a team; they had at least 6 players on the sick list.
26.12.1899	Loughborough Casuals	1 (0)	2 (0)	Loughborough Forest Rovers	Athletic Grounds. Game played in the morning.
26.12.1899	Shepshed Albion	4	0	Sutton Bonnington	
30.12.1899	Loughborough Adult School Goodwin AN Other Perry Fowkes	4 (0)	1 (1)	Loughborough Forest Rovers Stevens	Forest Rovers due to illness were unable to field a string team. In the second half the School attacked and as a cross shot was passing outside the posts, one of the spectators kicked it back into play again and the referee under the impression that the ball would have passed through the posts allowed a goal.
30.12.1899	Loughborough Havelock	1	0	Loughborough Casuals	
30.12.1899	Shepshed Albion	5	0	Sileby Victoria	
6.1.1900	Loughborough Havelock	1	1	Shepshed Albion	The Albion ought to have won comfortably. "The referee did not keep the players sufficiently in hand."
6.1.1900	Sutton Bonnington	1	2	Sileby Victoria	
13.1.1900	Loughborough Adult School	4	1	Loughborough Corinthians Reserves	
	Sutton Bonnington	2	1	Loughborough Casuals	These teams played a few weeks earlier-when the Casual's winning goal was given in error - the ball passing over the cross bar. Sutton protested and it was found that the Casuals had fielded an ineligible player - so the League ordered the game to be replayed.
20.1.1900	Barrow Reserves	7	1	Seagrave Rising Star	Two y players had left Seagrave to join other clubs, leaving them severely depleted.
20.1.1900	Loughborough Adult School	1	1	Shepshed Albion	Replayed game
20.1.1900	Loughborough Corinthians	0	4	Sileby Victoria	Corinthians played the whole game with just 9 men.
20.1.1900	Loughborough Trinity	1	2	Loughborough Havelock	Trinity had several key players on the sick list and had lost the services of Gutteridge who had joined the Havelock.
27.1.1900	Barrow Reserves	5	0	Sileby Victoria	

27.1.1900	Shepshed Albion	A	A	Loughborough Adult School	Match abandoned
27.1.1900	Sutton Bonnington	6 (4)	0 (0)	Seagrave	Seagrave complained that they had 3 goals wrongly given against them.
10.2.1900	Loughborough Adult School	3	0	Sutton Bonnington	
10.2.1900	Loughborough Forest Rovers Bennett Stevens (2) Waldron	4 (4)	1 (0)	Loughborough Casuals	Casuals scored their only goal in the last minute.
10.2.1900	Seagrave Rising Star	2	4	Shepshed Albion	
17.2.1900	Loughborough Corinthians Reserves	0	4	Loughborough Casuals	"Sensational" win for the Casuals.
17.2.1900	Shepshed Albion	1	2	Loughborough Havelock	Havelock were 2 points behind Forest Rovers, having played a game more.
23.2.1900	Barrow Rising Star	2 (2)	4 (0)	Loughborough Havelock	This win took Havelock to the top of the table.
23.2.1900	Loughborough Adult School Fowkes Bowles Hammond Goodwin Bowles (2)	6 (2)	3 (2)	Sileby Victoria AN Others	This was the School's final home League game and remained undefeated.
23.2.1900	Loughborough Casuals Brewin Sutton Hartley	3	1	Sutton Bonnington AN Other	Benefit game for I Rose, treasurer of the Casuals.
3.3.1900	Barrow Rising Star	1	6	Loughborough Adult School	Barrow sent a weakened team.
3.3.1900	Loughborough Forest Rovers	1	0	Loughborough Havelock	400 spectators. Havelock were unfortunate – not only did they miss chance upon chance, but they also had a player injured and another who was far from being fit.
3.3.1900	Seagrave Rising Star	1	6	Loughborough Corinthians	
10.3.1900	Barrow Reserves	9	0	Loughborough Corinthians Reserves	
10.3.1900	Loughborough Forest Rovers	1	0	Sileby Victoria	Sileby did not expect to win but played a good game against the League leaders.
10.3.1900	Loughborough Havelock	3	2	Loughborough Adult School	Four Havelock players were injured
10.3.1900	Seagrave Rising Star	P	P	Sutton Bonnington	Sutton were advised not to make the journey as Seagrave were unable to raise a team due to illness among their players
17.3.1900	Loughborough Casuals	11	1	Seagrave	
17.3.1900	Loughborough Havelock	2 (0)	0 (0)	Sileby Victoria	Forest-road ground. The Sileby defence played splendidly.
24.3.1900	Barrow Reserve	9	2	Sutton Bonnington	
24.3.1900	Loughborough Corinthians	P	P	Shepshed Albion	Corinthians ground was being used, so they postponed the game. "This course appeared unwise in view of the number of matches to be played and

					the few weeks remaining." – Melton Mowbray Mercury – 39 March 1900
24.3.1900	Sileby Victoria	0	0	Loughborough Casuals	
31.3.1900	Loughborough Casuals	2 (0)	0 (0)	Loughborough Corinthians Reserves	Casuals final League game of the season Corinthians only had 10 players
31.3.1900	Sileby Victoria	3	0	Barrow Reserves	A shot was sent at the barrow goalkeeper who allowed the ball to go over the line and the referee awarded a goal. This was disputed by the visitors and as the referee adhered to his decision, the Barrow players left the field.
31.3.1900	Sutton Bonnington	1	1	Loughborough Forest Rovers	Sutton fielded a weak side. League leaders Forest Rovers equalised in the last minute.
7..4.1900	Loughborough Havelock C Kirk (2) W Swan H Dickens	4 (2)	0 (0)	Sutton Bonnington	W Stanford [Corinthians] left the field early in the first half with a twisted knee. He later returned but was "useless." H Dickens who scored the final goal of the game had to leave the field for 5 mins after being severely kicked across his ankles.
7..4.1900	Shepshed Albion	2	0	Loughborough Corinthians Reserves	
14.4.1900	Loughborough Forest Rovers	5	0	Barrow Reserve	
21.4.1900	Barrow Reserves	3	0	Shepshed Albion	
21.4.1900	Loughborough Adult School	5	0	Sutton Bonnington	
28.4.1900	Loughborough Corinthians Reserve	A	A	Barrow Reserve	Barrow failed to arrive. If Barrow had informed the Corinthians then they could have played their outstanding match against Sutton Bonnington.
28.4.1900	Shepshed Albion	2	1	Loughborough Adult Scho	

Inter-League Game

Date	Home			Away	
16..4.1900	Loughborough Havelock	2	0	Loughborough Forest Rovers	Athletic grounds, Loughborough. Friendly game played for the League funds.

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

DIVISION II.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS:--

Loughborough Casuals	2	Quorn Reserve.....	0
Loughboro' Havelock...	4	Corinthians Res.....	1
Shepherd Albion.....	6	Barrow Star Res.....	0
Sibley Victoria	5	Seagrave	1

RESULT UP TO DATE:--

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Draw.	For	Agst	Pts
L'boro Forest Rovers	10	9	1	0	39	9	18
L'boro' Havelock	11	8	3	1	43	8	17
L'boro' Adult S...	9	5	1	3	27	10	13
Loughbo o' Trnty.	8	6	3	0	19	13	10
Corinthians Res ...	9	4	4	1	17	21	9
Barrow Star Res.	8	3	2	3	28	18	8
Shepherd Albion	8	5	3	0	31	11	8
Sibley Victoria ...	7	4	3	0	20	18	8
Seagrave ..	10	3	8	0	9	64	4
Sutton Bonnington	7	1	6	0	6	23	2
Quorn Reserves...	7	1	6	0	8	25	2
Loughbro Casuals	8	0	7	1	6	39	1

a Two points deducted for playing ineligible players.

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In the Second Division Loughborough Casuals were visited by Quorn Reserves, and the match ended in a fiasco, as ten minutes after half-time the Quorn players, dissatisfied with a decision of the referee (Mr. Monk, of Sutton Bonnington), left the field. The score then stood in the Casuals' favour by two goals to none.

Loughborough Havelock are keeping up their form, and should run the Forest Rovers a close race for the championship. They again defeated the Corinthians Reserves last Saturday in easy fashion, scoring four goals to one.

Shepherd Albion also continue to show improved form. They were in a rare scoring vein when they were visited by the Star Reserve, last Saturday half a dozen goals being secured to one. Few teams will battle successfully with the Albion at Shepherd.

Sibley Victoria had their revenge on Seagrave Reserving Star, on Saturday, the Vics turning the tables decisively in scoring five goals to one. Seagrave are having a great many goals scored against them this season, and will probably establish a record.

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FOREST ROVERS v. ADULT SCHOOL.

The Rovers have had nothing but ill-luck of late, and as a result of several of their players being on the injured list, they were unable to place a strong team in the field on Saturday. Both the usual backs were absent, and Waldrom (centre half) was unable to play for private reasons, in addition to which the Rovers were trying a new goalkeeper for the Shield Competition. The Rovers won the toss, and kicked with the wind first half. They pressed, and, aided by the strong wind, had the best of the game, and were not long in opening the score through Stevens. Directly after Pepper got injured, and had to leave the field for a time. The School made some good attempts to force the game, but were held in check. Bennett next had to retire for a while, and at the interval the Rovers led by a goal to none. When play had been in progress a few minutes of the second portion, Bennett had to retire for good, thus handicapping the Rovers. The School played strongly, and, aided by the wind, had the best of the game. J. Rogers (School) wrenched his ankle, but remained on the field. After twenty minutes' play Goodwin equalised with a splendid shot. The Rovers played gamely, and forced play right on the School goal-line, and one effort by Baker was very luckily kept out. The School attacked again, and as a cross-shot was passing outside the posts, one of the spectators kicked it into play again, and the referee, being under the impression that the ball would have passed through, allowed a goal—a decision which was appealed against without avail. This decision, added to the adverse conditions under which the Rovers were playing, completely disheartened them, and during the few minutes left to play the School scored two good goals, through Perry and Fowkes, the end coming with the School winners by four goals to one.

Next Saturday the Rovers go to Donington, in the third round of the Shield, but according to appearances there seems little hope of success, for it is questionable whether some of their best players will be able to turn out.

**LOUGHBOROUGH FOREST ROVERS v.
LOUGHBOROUGH CASUALS.**

This was the return match. The Rovers had the advantage of the wind in the first portion, and had by far the best of the game. Bennett opened the scoring after a quarter of an hour's play, Stevens scored the second, and Waldron, with a fine shot, put on the third. Stevens scored again, and at half-time the Rovers were leading by four goals to none. In the second portion play was more even, but the Rovers still had the better of matters. The Casuals shot poorly when they had any chances, while Brewin played well in goal for them. The Casuals scored in the last minute, the end coming with the Rovers winners by four goals to one. Next Saturday the Rovers are due at Castle Donington to replay their Shield tie with the St. Luke's.

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