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| 1 | Swadlincote Town | 18 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 87 | 20 | 32 |
| 2 | Gresley Rovers | 18 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 62 | 16 | 30 |
| 3 | Tutbury Hawthorn | 18 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 76 | 27 | 29 |
| 4 | Coalville Town | 18 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 41 | 47 | 18 |
| 5 | Newhall Town | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 30 | 41 | 17 |
| 6 | Burton Ivanhoe | 16 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 40 | 27 | 15 |
| 7 | St Paul's Institute | 18 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 22 | 34 | 13 |
| 8 | Gresley Swifts | 18 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 30 | 71 | 11 |
| 9 | Woodville | 18 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 17 | 80 | 6 |
| 10 | Ashby Albion | 17 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 25 | 69 | 5 |

It is not currently known whether all fixtures were completed.

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| Winner: | Swadlincote Town |
| Runner-Up: | Gresley Rovers |
| Wooden spoon: | Ashby Albion (?) |
| Games Played: | 88 |
| Missing Results: | 5 |
| Goals scored: | 430/432 (c. 4.9 goals per game) |
| Biggest home win: | Tutbury Hawthorn 10-0 Ashby Albion |
| Biggest away win: | Gresley Swifts 3-7 Tutbury Hawthorn |
| Highest scoring: | 12; Swadlincote 10-2 Woodville |

There was a minor change to League rules for the 1893-94 season - every player had to be registered with the secretary of the League 14 days before becoming eligible to play in a League match and that any player who takes part in 4 or more senior matches would be disqualified from further participation in League fixtures.

Ashby Albion joined the ten club League in 1893, ending the season at the bottom of the table, just one point less than Woodville who finished just above them in 9th position.

Coalville lost just two of their games to finish in 4th position.

Swadlincote won the title winning 14 out of 16 League games, and losing just 2. The previous season's champions Tutbury finished a creditable third just 3 points behind. Gresley Rovers were runners-up finishing one place higher than in 1892-93.

In February 1894 the Executive Committee divided up the £2 2s forfeited by Tamworth Tow Swifts by their failure to complete the previous season's fixtures as follows: Tutbury 14s, Coalville 12s, Woodville 12s and Gresley Rovers 4s.

Swadlincote made a protest against their match with Tutbury being awarded to the latter club on the ground of the wrong decisions and incompetency of the referee. According to the referee's verdict, the game played at Tutbury on Boxing Day, the home team won by three goals to one. Mr George Poyser on behalf of Swadlincote contended that the referee (Mr T Whitebread) lost them the match by a mistake he admitted having made in giving the first goal to Tutbury - at a time when Swadlincote were leading 1 goal to 0 and were having all the best of the play; and that he was so upset by what he had done that he was not fit to take any further part in the match. Mr Poyser also declared that on the goal being allowed, he protested not only against the decision, but against the game being counted as a League game. The officiating linesman, Mr Ben Hull, corroborated Mr Poyser's evidence as to the unfitness of the referee. Mr J Jones (Tutbury) admitted that the first goal allowed to Tutbury was not a fair one, but submitted that his club won

the match according to the referee's decision, and that it must stand. The referee's report next read—Mr. Whitehead being unable to attend owing to the illness of his wife—and in it he stated that his first decision was a wrong one, the ball going quite three feet outside, and giving as his reason that he was "fluttered" at the time. In his opinion, however, both the other goals were legitimate ones, and he did not consider he ought to be held responsible for the effect of a wrong decision upon the play of the Swadlincote team. Mr. Poyser protested to him against the first goal, but not against the game being considered a League game. After careful consideration the League Executive declared that: *"In the first place, the Tutbury club were very much to blame in not taking proper steps to secure the appointment of a referee in accordance with Rule 13, and fined them 2s. 6d. on that account; secondly, as the referee who did officiate was sent by the secretary of the League, and was the League list, they cannot under the English football rules, and after taking the opinion of one of the highest authorities—to whom all the circumstances were explained captained—upon the subject, though sympathising to the fullest extent with the Swadlincote club, do other confirm his decision that the match was won by Tutbury."* The Executive subsequently decided that for the future all breaches of the rules regarding the appointment of referee that come under their notice will involve the infliction of the specified punishment.

Ashby Albion and Woodville were re-elected at the League's AGM in July 1894. The vacancy caused by Gresley Swifts' resignation, for which Whitwick Town, Hugglescote and Burton Swifts Reserves applied, was after a ballot filled by the Derbyshire team.

Tutbury were allowed to keep the championship flag they won the previous season and that another one was awarded to Swadlincote.

Results Grid

| Burton Junior League 1893-94 | Ashby Albion | Burton Ivanhoe | Coalville Town | Gresley Rovers | Gresley Swifts | Newhall town | St Pauls Institute | Swadlincote | Tutbury Hawthorn | Woodville |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------|
| Ashby Albion | | 1-4 | 5-0 | 0-3 | 1-3 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 3-8 | 2-3 | 6-0 |
| Burton Ivanhoe | 6-0 | | 4-0 | 0-1 | | 0-1 | 0-0 | 6-0 | 0-4 | |
| Coalville Town | 7-3 | 0-3 | | 1-3 | 5-1 | 2-0 | 3-1 | 5-1 | 3-0 | 6-3 |
| Gresley Rovers | 7-0 | 2-0 | 7-1 | | 7-0 | 5-1 | 3-0 | 2-3 | 3-2 | 5-1 |
| Gresley Swifts | 1-0 | 2-4 | | 1-2 | | 1-5 | 0-1 | 1-10 | 3-7 | |
| Newhall Town | 2-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 1-4 | 2-2 | | 3-2 | 1-4 | 1-4 | 6-0 |
| St Paul's Institute | 7-1 | 2-1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 0-1 | | 0-1 | 4-2 | 2-0 |
| Swadlincote | 7-0 | 3-0 | 4-0 | 2-1 | 7-0 | 5-0 | W | | 4-1 | 10-2 |
| Tutbury Hawthorn | 10-0 | 3-2 | 6-1 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 8-1 | 5-0 | 3-1 | | 10-1 |
| Woodville | 2-2 | 1-1 | 1-3 | | 2-5 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-6 | 0-3 | |

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Result Not Known

Results and Match Details

| Date | Home | | | Away | Match Details |
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| 2.9.1893 | Coalville Town | 0 (0) | 3 (1) | Burton Ivanhoe | |
| 9.9.1893 | Gresley Rovers Fox (2) Jones Robinson (3) Richards | 7 (2) | 0 (0) | Ashby Albion | Mushroom-lane, Gresley. Large attendance, "many of whom were allowed to witness the game free of charge on account of the lock out." The game was more even than the score indicates. |

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| 9.9.1893 | Tutbury Hawthorn | 6 | 1 | Coalville Town | |
| 16.9.1893 | Coalville Town | 5 | 1 | Gresley Swifts | |
| 16.9.1893 | Newhall Town Dunncliffe | 1 (0) | 4 (2) | Gresley Rovers Swinson Jones (3) | 300 spectators |
| 23.9.1893 | Coalville AN Others | 6 (3) | 3 (1) | Woodville E Lawton AN Others | Wagon and Horses ground, Coalville. Large gate. Owing to the late arrival of the visitors the game did not commence until 4 pm. Early in the second half G Simpson and A Farmer got hurt, the latter leaving the field. |
| 23.9.1893 | Gresley Rovers | 3 (0) | 0 (0) | St Paul's Institute | Faily good number of spectators. St Paul's first-ever league game. |
| 23.9.1893 | Gresley Swifts | 3 | 7 | Tutbury Hawthorn | |
| 30.9.1893 | Coalville Town | 5 | 1 | Swadlincote | Wagon and Horses Ground, Coalville. Coalville's victory was "thoroughly well- earned and the result of splendid football." |
| 30.9.1893 | St Paul's Institute | 7 | 1 | Ashby Albion | The secretary of Albion complained about "the incompetence of the referee" |
| 30.9.1893 | Tutbury Hawthorn | 1 (0) | 1 (1) | Gresley Rovers | Good gate. |
| 30.9.1893 | Woodville | 1 | 1 | Burton Ivanhoe | Hubbard [Ivanhoe]collided with one of the Woodville backs during the second half and had to leave the field. He subsequently returned, but was practically of no account, as his leg again gave way, and he was permanently obliged to retire. |
| 7.10.1893 | Burton Ivanhoe | 6 | 0 | Swadlincote | Shobnall-street enclosure, Burton. Good number of spectators. |
| 7.10.1893 | Gresley Rovers Robinson (2) Fox (2) Jones AN Others | 5 (3) | 1 (1) | Newhall Town AN Other | 1,000 spectators. "The Rovers who were the favourites, were the first t enter the ring, looking exceedingly pretty in their new costumes." |
| 7.10.1893 | Gresley Swifts | 0 | 1 | St Pauls' Institute | |
| 7.10.1893 | Woodville | 2 | 2 | Ashby Albion | |
| 21.10.1893 | Ashby Albion | 1 (1) | 3 (1) | Gresley Swifts | Gresley scored twice in the final 15 mins to win the game. |
| 21.10.1893 | Burton Ivanhoe | 2 | 0 | St Paul's | Shobnall Street enclosure, Burton. |
| 21.10.1893 | Gresley Rovers Jones Swinson (2) Parker Harrison Robinson AN Other | 7 (3) | 1 (1) | Coalville Town J Smith | Large and enthusiastic crowd. Rovers scored in the first minute. Gresley's goal-keeper only handled the ball once during the second half. |
| 21.10.1893 | Tutbury Hawthorn | 10 | 1 | Woodville | |
| 28.10.1893 | Ashby Albion | 0 (0) | 3 (1) | Gresley Rovers Swinson Robinson (2) | Large number of spectators Robinson scored twice in the last 15 mins. |
| 28.10.1893 | Newhall | 1 | 4 | Tutbury Hawthorn | |
| 28.10.1893 | Swadlincote | W | | St Paul's Institute | |
| 28.10.1893 | Woodville | 1 | 3 | Coalville | Woodville 'lost' one of their forwards about 10 mins from the start and had to play the game with 0 men. |
| 4.11.1893 | Gresley Rovers | 2 | 3 | Swadlincote | Mushroom-lane, Gresley. |

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| | | | | | Record gate – proceeds reaching nearly £20. Rovers already took more gate money than they did all last season, despite the prolonged lock out. Gresley scored first and held the lead until 15 mins from time when Swadlincote scored 3 times amidst great excitement. Rovers first defeat |
| 4.11.1893 | St Paul's Institute AN Other og | 2 (2) | 0 (0) | Woodville | Tomlin [Woodville] – “got his elbow put out” retired early in the second half. |
| 4.11.1893 | Tutbury Hawthorn | 3 | 2 | Burton Ivanhoe | The visitors played the last 30 mins with 10 men, owing to Haynes being injured. Tutbury remained unbeaten in the League. |
| 11.11.1893 | Gresley Rovers | 6 | 1 | Woodville | Mushroom-lane ground, Gresley. |
| 25.11.1893 | Ashby Albion | 1 (0) | 4 (1) | Burton Ivanhoe | Moderate attendance. Owing to the late arrival of the Burton team they were an hour late in starting and consequently the match remained unfinished owing to darkness. |
| 25.11.1893 | Coalville Town | 1 (0) | 3 (2) | Gresley Rovers | Waggon and Horses ground, Coalville. |
| 25.11.1893 | St Paul's Institute | 4 (1) | 2 (1) | Tutbury | Stormy weather. Kick off delayed by 30 mins due to the late arrival of the referee. |
| 2.12.1893 | Ashby Albion AN Others Sheavyn | 3 (3) | 8 (4) | Swadlincote AN Others Cliff (2) Parker | Holmes Ground, Ashby. After 25 mins the score was 3-3. |
| 2.12.1893 | Burton Ivanhoe | 0 (0) | 1 (0) | Newhall | Shobnall Street enclosure, Burton. Small company of spectators |
| 2.12.1893 | Coalville Town | 3 | 0 | St Paul's Institute | Waggon and Horses, Coalville. Fair number of spectators |
| 2.12.1893 | Woodville AN Others | 2 (0) | 5 (2) | Gresley Swifts Atherley Giblin Fearn Rowland Collinson | Good number of spectators. Gresley took the lead after 5 mins. |
| 9.12.1893 | Newhall G Orgill H Draycott (2) A Gough (2) J Parker | 6 (1) | 0 (0) | Woodville | Good number of spectators. Owing the late arrival of Woodville game did not kick-off until 3 pm |
| 9.12.1893 | St Paul's Institute | 2 | 1 | Gresley Swifts | |
| 9.12.1893 | Swadlincote AN Others Cliff Allman | 4 (3) | 0 (0) | Coalville | Good attendance. Game did not commence until 3.20 pm. When the whistle blew for half-time it was nearly dark and commenced the second half immediately. The referee stopped the game for darkness 20 mins before time. |
| 16.12.1893 | Coalville | 7 (4) | 3 (1) | Ashby Albion | Wagon and Horses ground, Coalville. Small attendance. |
| 16.12.1893 | Gresley Rovers | 5 (1) | 1 (1) | Woodville | Large gate. Gresley extended their lead at the top of the table. |

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| 16.12.1893 | St Paul's Institute | 0 | 1 | Newhall | Shobnall Street enclosure, Burton. Small company of spectators. |
| 16.12.1893 | Swadlincote Jackson (3) | 3 (0) | 0 (0) | Burton Ivanhoe | Swadlincote played in blue. |
| 23.12.1893 | St Paul's Institute | 1 | 1 | Gresley Rovers | |
| | Swadlincote | 2 | 1 | Newhall | Owing to a family bereavement two of Newhall's regular team were unable to play and their places taken by reserve men. |
| 25.12.1893 | Swadlincote | 7 | 0 | Gresley Swifts | |
| 25.12.1893 | Tutbury | 8 | 1 | Newhall | |
| 25.12.1893 | Woodville | | | Gresley Swifts | |
| 26.12.1893 | Ashby Albion Shevin (5) | 5 (2) | 0 (0) | Coalville | The Holmes, Ashby. Big gate, c. 500 spectators. Coalville had 7 key players missing. |
| 26.12.1893 | Tutbury | 3 | 1 | Swadlincote | Splendid gate. Fine weather. The referee (Mr T Whitehead) gave Tutbury a goal for a shot which the visitors asserted had gone over the bar and it was only after a heated altercation - the crowd swarming the ground and 15 minutes stoppage - that the game resumed. |
| 6.1.1894 | Burton Ivanhoe | 6 (4) | 0 (0) | Ashby Albion | Shobnall Street enclosure, Burton. |
| 6.1.1894 | Gresley Rovers | 7 | 0 | Gresley Swifts | |
| 6.1.1894 | Newhall | 1 | 4 | Swadlincote | |
| 6.1.1894 | Tutbury | 5 | 0 | St Paul's Institute | |
| 13.1.1894 | St Paul's Institute | 2 | 2 | Coalville Town | |
| 20.1.1894 | Ashby Albion Sheavyn (2) Cox AN Others | 6 (5) | 0 (0) | Woodville | The Holmes, Ashby. |
| 20.1.1894 | Gresley Rovers S Thompson Robinson | 2 (1) | 0 (0) | Burton Ivanhoe | |
| 20.1.1894 | Newhall | 2 (1) | 2 (2) | Gresley Swifts | Small company of spectators |
| 20.1.1894 | St Paul's Institute | 0 | 1 | Swadlincote | |
| 27.1.1894 | Burton Ivanhoe | 0 | 0 | St Paul's Institute | Windy weather. |
| 27.1.1894 | Swadlincote | 2 (2) | 1 (1) | Gresley Rovers | New Recreation ground (Darkland). Gare receipts -c. £10. |
| 27.1.1894 | Woodville | 1 (1) | 1 (1) | Newhall | |
| 3.2.1894 | Gresley Swifts | 1 | 0 | Ashby Albion | |
| 10.2.1894 | Burton Ivanhoe | 0 | 4 | Tutbury | |
| 10.2.1894 | Coalville Town | 2 | 0 | Newhall | |
| 10.2.1894 | Gresley Swifts | 1 (0) | 2 (1) | Gresley Rovers | |
| 10.2.1894 | Swadlincote | 7 | 0 | Ashby Albion | Postponed due to the weather |
| 10.2.1894 | Woodville Farmer | 1 | 0 | St Paul's Institute | Good attendance. St Paul's goal-keeper only handled the ball once. |
| 17.2.1894 | Ashby Albion | P | P | St Paul's Institute | |
| 17.2.1894 | Gresley Swifts | 2 | 4 | Burton Ivanhoe | Inclement weather |

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| 17.2.1894 | Newhall | 1 | 1 | Coalville Town | |
| 17.2.1894 | Woodville | 0 | 6 | Swadlincote | |
| 23.2.1894 | Gresley Swifts AN Other | 1 (0) | 5 (1) | Newhall H Draycott (2) AN Other Dunncliffe Orgill | Good attendance. Gresley had to pick up one or two substitutes at the last minute as three half-backs failed to turn up. |
| 23.2.1894 | Tutbury Hawthorn | 10 | 0 | Ashby Albion | |
| 3.3.1894 | Burton Ivanhoe | 4 (2) | 0 (0) | Coalville | |
| 3.3.1894 | Gresley Rovers | 3 (1) | 2 (2) | Tutbury | |
| 3.3.1894 | Gresley Swifts | 1 | 10 | Swadlincote | |
| 3.3.1894 | Newhall | 3 | 2 | St Paul's Institute | Moderate attendance. |
| 10.3.1894 | Newlands Dunncliffe og | 2 (1) | 0 (0) | Ashby Albion | Good attendance |
| 10.3.1894 | Woodville | 0 | 3 | Tutbury Hawthorn | |
| 21.3.12894 | Gresley Swifts | | | Coalville Town | |
| 23.3.1894 | Swadlincote | 4 (1) | 1 (1) | Tutbury | Good Friday. New athletics ground. Record attendance - gate receipts of nearly £25 Game commenced at 3.30pm |
| 30.3.1894 | Ashby Albion | 3 (2) | 2 (0) | Newhall | The Holmes, Ashby. Game commenced at 4 pm |
| 30.3.1894 | St Paul's Institute | 2 (0) | 1 (1) | Burton Ivanhoe | |
| 30.3.1894 | Tutbury | 2 | 2 | Gresley Swifts | |
| 30.3.1894 | Swadlincote | 10 | 2 | Woodville | |
| 7.4.1894 | Ashby Albion | 1 | 1 | St Paul's Institute | |
| 7.4.1894 | Coalville Town | 3 | 0 | Tutbury | |
| 7.4.1894 | Burton Ivanhoe | 0 | 1 | Gresley Rovers | |
| 7.4.1894 | Swadlincote | 5 | 0 | Newhall Town | |
| 14.4.1894 | Ashby Albion | 2 | 3 | Tutbury | |

Note: There are several differences between results published in newspapers and the league table. It seems likely that for one reason or another several of results did not count towards the final standings and that the replayed scores have yet to be found.

Additional Information

Football Fixtures, 1893-4.

COALVILLE TOWN F.C.

Secretary : Mr. S. Boot, Berrisford Street, Coalville.

Oct 14—1st round of English Cup, Stourbridge, away

Oct 21—L. Gresley Rovers, away

Oct 28—L. Woodville, away

Nov 4—2nd round of Leicestershire Cup

Nov 11—1st round of Walsall Cup

Nov 18—1st round of Coalville Cup

Nov 25—L. Gresley Rovers, home

Dec 2—L. Burton St. Paul's, home

Dec 9—L. Swadlincote Town, away

Dec 16—L. Ashby, home

Dec 23—Shepshed, home

Dec 26—L. Ashby, away

Dec 30—2nd round of Coalville Cup

Jan 6—Hugglescote Robin Hoods, away

Jan 13—L. Burton St. Paul's, away

Jan 20—3rd round of Leicestershire Cup

Jan 27—3rd round of Coalville Cup, or Shepshed, away

Feb 3—Hugglescote Robin Hoods, home

Feb 10—L. Newhall, home

Feb 17—L. Newhall, away

Feb 24—Semi-final, Coalville Cup

Mar 3—L. Burton Ivanhoe, away

Mar 10—Semi-final Coalville Cup

Mar 24—L. Gresley Swifts, away

Apr 7—L. Tutbury Hawthorn, home

Teams with L. prefixed are Burton League fixtures

BURTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The adjourned annual general meeting of the above was held on Thursday week at the Rifleman Inn, Mr. E. Sharratt in the chair. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Mr. Sharratt (the treasurer) gave his statement, which showed the League to be working very satisfactorily. The next business related to a championship flag, and it was decided that Tutbury should keep the one held by them, and that another one be awarded to Swadliscote. The election of clubs was then proceeded with, Ashby Albion and Woodville, the retiring clubs, being received without a ballot, thus leaving only one vacancy (caused by Gresley Swifts' resignation), for which Whitwick Town, Hugglescote, and Burton Swifts Reserve applied, the ballot resulting in favour of the latter club. The election of officials resulted in the president, vice presidents, hon. treasurer, and hon. secretary being re-elected, and the following gentlemen for Executive Committee: Messrs. S. Black, G. B. Capes, J. T. Sharpe, and the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer. Gresley Rovers moved an alteration to Rule 7, respecting players taking part in senior matches, but this was rejected. The Tutbury and Coalville clubs moved a new rule, providing that all referees be appointed by the Executive Committee, and this was carried unanimously. St. Paul's brought forward a motion re "posching," but, as proper notice had not been given, it was not gone into. Gresley Rovers moved an alteration to Rule 12, respecting charges for admission, and after some discussion this was agreed to. A vote of thanks to the chairman and the past season's officials closed the meeting.
