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	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Tutbury Hawthorn	16	12	1	3	74	16	27
Burton Swifts Reserve	16	10	1	5	65	12	25
Gresley Rovers	16	7	4	5	36	30	19
Newhall Town	16	6	4	6	34	26	18
Swadlincote Town	16	7	7	2	50	45	16
Coalville Town	16	7	7	2	38	48	16
Burton Ivanhoe	16	4	8	4	27	33	12
Gresley Swifts	16	2	11	3	61	43	7
Woodville Rovers	16	1	13	2	16	88	4

Winners:	Tutbury Hawthorn
Runner-up:	Burton Swifts Reserve
Wooden spoon:	Woodville Rovers
Biggest win:	13; Tutbury 13-0 Woodville
Highest scoring:	13; Tutbury 13-0 Woodville
Biggest home win:	Tutbury Hawthorn 13-0 Woodville
Biggest away win:	Swadlincote 3 -7 Tutbury Hawthorn

After the failure of the Leicestershire Football League, two Leicestershire clubs based in the north of the county – Coalville Town and Woodville (village located on the Leicestershire/Derbyshire border), joined the newly formed Burton Junior League.

The League formed with 11 members from three counties (Derbyshire, Leicestershire, and Staffordshire): Burton Ivanhoe, Burton Swifts Reserve, Burton Wanderers Reserve, Coalville Town, Gresley Rovers, Gresley Swifts, Newhall, Tamworth, Tutbury Hawthorn, Swadlincote, and Woodville.

All clubs participating in the inaugural Burton Junior League were required to pay subscriptions and deposits by 9 July. Clubs failing to do so would be considered to have withdrawn. On that date all clubs but two – Tutbury Hawthorn and Burton Wanderers Reserve (Burton Casuals) had paid. The League's secretary contacted the Burton Casuals who informed him that they thought the amount of too large and hence were assumed to have left the competition. Tutbury paid their money at a special meeting of the Burton Junior Football League in late August, which was attended by a representative of the Casuals, who was surprised that his club were no longer members of the league. After some discussion, a vote was taken by ballot in the form of "Yes" and "No" on the question "Shall the Casuals be admitted?", and resulted as follows: Noes 4; Yes, 3. Consequently the Casuals were excluded. The fixtures lists which included the Casuals had already been published and many clubs intimated that they were willing to play the matches arranged as "ordinary" fixtures.

Burton Ivanhoe bore their own expenses as they did not charge admission.

Coalville finished the 16-game league competition in 6th place, winning 7, losing 7 and drawing 2.

Woodville finished bottom with just one victory all season, conceding more than 5 goals per game.

Tutbury Hawthorn beat Burton Swifts Reserve 2-1 to win the Burton Junior Cup

At an Executive Committee meeting of the League held at the Star hotel, High Street, Burton in February 1893, Redfern [Newhall] was reported for rough play in the Newhall and Swadlincote match. Moon [Swadlincote] was rather severely hurt. After a thorough investigation Newhall were ordered to play their next League match without Newhall.

Tamworth Town Swifts withdrawal from the League in late April came as surprise. Having had no intimation whatever of Tamworth's intentions both Tutbury Hawthorn and Gresley Rovers had made arrangements for the visit of Tamworth upon the dates previously agreed. Both clubs made a claim for compensation directly to Tamworth.

Tutbury Hawthorn won the League after fighting tooth and nail with Burton Swift Reserve. They were presented with a Championship Flag.

Gresley Swifts and Woodville were re-elected to the League at the AGM.

Burton St Paul's were admitted to the League for the 1893-94 season.

## Results Grid

Burton Junior League 1892-3	Burton Ivanhoe	Burton Swifts Reserve	Coalville Town	Gresley Rovers	Gresley Swifts	Newhall Town	Swadlincote Town	Tutbury Hawthorn	Woodville
Burton Ivanhoe		2-0		1-1	6-0	0-0	L/W	1-4	4-0
Burton Swifts Reserve	8-0		11-1	2-1	11-0	3-0	3-1	1-1	8-0
Coalville Town	3-1	1-1		2-1		0-2	4-1		4-1
Gresley Rovers	2-2	0-0	3-2		4-1	2-0	4-0	0-0	7-4
Gresley Swifts	1-0		1-3	2-4		1-1		1-3	2-0
Newhall Town	2-2	2-2	3-2	0-3	4-0		2-1	3-0	5-0
Swadlincote Town	2-1	2-4		7-2	8-1	3-3		3-7	4-0
Tutbury Hawthorn	3-1	1-1		5-0			11-0		13-0
Woodville Rovers	2-4	3-5	2-8	2-2	2-1		0-6	1-5	

Home win
  Away Win
  Draw
  Result Not Known/Game not played

Several scores are currently not known, although the results have been deduced from available data.. All published scores found are included in the above results grid. It is sometimes not possible to identify the home team. It has been assumed that the first named club in newspaper reports are the home team. Please note that most newspapers of the era named the winning or local team first.

## Results and Match Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
10.9.1892	Burton Swifts Reserve	11	0	Gresley Swifts	
17.9.1892	Burton Ivanhoe	6	0	Gresley Swifts	Shobnall street ground, Burton.
17.9.1892	Coalville	2	3	Tutbury Hawthorn	
17.9.1892	Gresley Rovers	7 (4)	4 (1)	Woodville Rovers	Good number of spectators.
24.9.1892	Gresley Swifts	2	4	Gresley Rovers	
24.9.1892	Newhall Town			Tamworth Town Swifts	
24.9.1892	Swadlincote Town	2	1	Burton Ivanhoe	The winning goal was scored "close on time."
24.9.1892	Woodville Rovers	3	5	Burton Swifts Reserve	Fair attendance of spectators.
1.10.1892	Burton Ivanhoe	4	0	Woodville	Shobnall Street, Burton.

					Bad shooting on the part of the home forwards spoiled many chances to score. The visitors played a defensive game throughout
1.10.1892	Gresley Rovers	0	0	Tutbury Hawthorn	There was no referee for this match when the teams turned out. Tutbury agreed to a local man.
8.10.1892	Burton Swifts Reserve	11	1	Coalville Town	Coalville were the first to score against the Swift Reserve this season. This made the Reserve score in this competition 27 goals to one.
15.10.1892	Gresley Rovers	4	0	Swadlincote Town	1,200 spectators First time these teams had met since 1890, when the Swadlincote team left the field before the game was finished, owing to some dispute. This result sent Gresley the top of the table
15.10.1892	Newhall Town AN Others	5	2	Burton Ivanhoe Haynes Lowe	During a struggle round the Burton goal during the second half, the cross-bar was knocked down and broke. As neither captain would agree to play with a rope fixed from post to post, the teams played a friendly instead and arranged another date for the League fixture
15.10.1892	Woodville Rovers	2	8	Coalville Town	
22.10.1892	Gresley Rovers AN Other Robinson	2 (1)	2 (1)	Burton Ivanhoe AN Others	
22.10.1892	Gresley Swifts	2	0	Woodville	Woodville packed their goal, or the winning margin would have been much greater.
22.10.1892	Tamworth Town Swifts AN Others (1 pen)	2 (2)	3 (1)	Burton Swifts Reserve Jones Marriott (2)	Large attendance. Tamworth won the toss and elected to kick with the wind. Burton came from 2-0 to win the game.
29.10.1892	Gresley Swifts Woods	1 (1)	1 (1)	Newhall Town AN Other	Fair number of spectators.
29.10.1892	Swadlincote Town Allman AN Others	3 (1)	7 (2)	Tutbury Hawthorn S Wolfenden (2) Toone (2) AN Others	1,000 spectators. "This was a most peculiar game, as Tutbury playing with the wind, only led 2-1 at half-time. On turning round Swadlincote pressed severely, but the visiting forwards got away and again scored. This seemed to lever the homesters up and they, despite brilliant work by Waring, soon drew level. The score remained unaltered until ten minutes before time, when the Tutbury got away and scored four more." - Burton Chronicle - 3 Nov 1891
29.10.1892	Tamworth Town Swifts	6	2	Woodville Rovers	
5.11.1892	Swadlincote Shemwell AN Other	2 (1)	4 (3)	Burton Swifts Reserve Sissons AN Others	Large number of spectators. There was not much between the teams. The Burton forwards showing improved passing, and the backs defended strongly. Swadlincote's strongest point was in the back division.
12.11.1892	Coalville Town	4	1	Burton Ivanhoe	
12.11.1892	Woodville Rovers	1 (1)	5 (1)	Tutbury Hawthorn Ben Toone (4) Bridges	Good number of spectators

19.11.1892	Gresley Rovers	4	1	Gresley Swifts	
19.11.1892	Newhall Town	2	2	Burton Ivanhoe	"Good but rough game."
19.11.1892	Burton Swifts Reserve Cliff Sissons Rae	3 (2)	1 (1)	Swadlincote Town Jones	Peel Croft, Burton
26.11.1892	Burton Ivanhoe	1	4	Tutbury Hawthorn	Shobnall Street, Burton
26.11.1892	Gresley Swifts	1	3	Coalville Town	Owing to the late arrival of Coalville, play had to be stopped 25 mins before time. Game was ordered to be replayed.
26.11.1892	Woodville Rovers	2	2	Gresley Rovers	Woodville's first point of the season. Tough and exciting game. The visitors protested owing to the darkness and the home team keeping them waiting on the field.
3.12.1892	Swadlincote	4 (1)	0 (0)	Woodville Rovers	
10.12.1892	Newhall Town	0	4	Tutbury Hawthorn	
17.12.1892	Gresley Rovers	0	0	Burton Swifts' Reserve	Mushroom Lane, Gresley. Sticky ground. 500 spectators. Jones [Burton] twisted his knee about 15 mins before time and had to retire. The Swifts remained top of the League by goal average from Tutbury, both sides having played 7 games.
17.12.1892	Newhall Town Atherley Baker	2 (1)	1 (1)	Swadlincote Shemwell	Good attendance.
17.12.1892	Woodville	2 (1)	4 (3)	Burton Ivanhoe	Ivanhoe had 6 goals disallowed. This was Woodville's 10 <sup>th</sup> league game - they lost 9 and drew the other.
24.12.1892	Burton Ivanhoe		W	Swadlincote	
24.12.1892	Newhall Tow	2	2	Burton Swifts Reserve	
26.12.1892	Tamworth Town Swifts	0 (0)	4 (2)	Tutbury Hawthorn Ben Toone Wolfenden (2) AN Other	Tutbury had several goals disallowed. This victory took Tutbury to the top of the table.
31.12.1892	Burton Ivanhoe Sharpe	1 (1)	1 (0)	Gresley Rovers Robinson	Fast and exciting game. Ivanhoe scored first after a bad mistake by Topliss and Harrison. The defence of both sides was superior to the attack.
31.12.1892	Burton Swifts Reserve	7 (2)	0 (0)	Tamworth Town Swifts	Peel Croft, Burton. Kick off delayed due to the non-appearance of the appointed referee and after a consultation both teams agreed to abide by the decisions of the substitute. Ill-tempered game. Tamworth threatened to leave the ground following some poor refereeing decisions.
7.1.1893	Gresley Swifts	P	P	Tutbury Hawthorn	Postponed due to the weather
7.1.1893	Tamworth Town Swifts	4	6	Burton Ivanhoe	The referee decided that the ground was unfit for a league match, as it was several inches deep in snow, so a friendly game was "indulged in."
7.1.1893	Woodville Rovers	0	6	Swadlincote	

14.1.1893	Coalville Town	1 (1)	1 (0)	Burton Swifts Reserve	Match was not played on the proper ground, and the goal posts &c, were of rather out-of-date character. Ground was covered in places with snow and ice. In the second half Burton had all the best of play, their custodian not handling the ball once. Game was ordered to be replayed.
14.1.1893	Gresley Swifts	1	3	Tutbury Hawthorn	Large crowd.
14.1.1893	Newhall Town	5	0	Woodville Rovers	Both teams agreed this game should be classified as a friendly on account of the ground.
14.1.1893	Tamworth Town Swifts	0	2	Burton Ivanhoe	Postponed from the previous week.
21.1.1893	Burton Swifts Reserve	8	0	Burton Ivanhoe	Peel Croft. Dull and windy weather. Moderate number of spectators. Ivanhoe were without one of their regular backs (T Felthouse).
21.1.1893	Swadlincote	P	P	Newhall Town	Postponed on account of Swadlincote having a cup match. Clubs agreed to replay on 29 April.
21.1.1893	Tutbury Hawthorn Toone "Timmy" Wolfendon Shepherd Siddals	5 (2)	0 (0)	Gresley Rovers	Game commenced at 2.40pm. "The home forwards were very bad at shooting; several easy chances being missed."
28.1.1893	Coalville Town	4	1	Woodville Rovers	
4.2.1893	Tutbury Hawthorn	1	1	Burton Swifts Reserve	Large attendance – a record gate for Tutbury. Game commenced at 2.50 pm. Keenly contested.
4.2.1893	Gresley Swifts	4 (2)	2 (1)	Tamworth Town Swifts	Poor attendance owing to several other important matches in the district. Tamworth secretary wrote a strongly worded letter regarding the match, stating that the Gresley men played much too roughly and caused the fracture of the collar bone of one of the Tamworth players. He urged that something ought to be do to "put an end to such horse play."
4.2.1893	Swadlincote	3	3	Newhall Town	
11.2.1893	Burton Ivanhoe	0	0	Newhall Town	Peel Croft.
11.2.1893	Gresley Rovers	3	2	Coalville Town	
11.2.1893	Burton Swifts Reserve Sissons Jones Brooks AN Others	8 (3)	0 (0)	Woodville Rovers	Peel Croft Average gate. The Swifts again went to the top of the League.
11.2.1893	Swadlincote	8	1	Gresley Swifts	
18.2.1893	Gresley Rovers Lamb Hart	2 (1)	0 (0)	Newhall Town Swifts	Large number of spectators. Prior to this game both teams had only been beaten once in this competition.
18.2.1893	Tutbury Hawthorn	3	1	Burton Ivanhoe	"Pleasant and well-contested game."
25.2.1893	Burton Swifts Reserves	2	1	Gresley Rovers Robinson	
4.3.1893	Burton Ivanhoe	4	1	Tamworth Town Swifts	

4.3.1893	Burton Swifts Reserve	1	1	Tutbury Hawthorn	First [Swifts] v second [Tutbury]. Tutbury had a game in hand.
4.3.1893	Newhall Town	4	0	Gresley Swifts	
11.3.1893	Burton Ivanhoe	2	0	Burton Swifts Reserve	Reserve's first defeat in the junior League
11.3.1893	Coalville Town Benistone Poole	2 (1)	1 (1)	Gresley Rovers AN Other	Waggon and Horses ground, Coalville. Good attendance. Coalville reversed the outcome of the first match and continued to steadily climb the league table.
11.3.1893	Tamworth Town Swifts	2	3	Newhall Town	The game was somewhat marred by rough play, to settle some old scores. Tamworth had numerous chances which their forwards wasted.
18.3.1893	Gresley Swifts Collinson	1 (0)	0 (0)	Burton Ivanhoe	Good number of spectators. Splendid weather.
18.3.1893	Newhall Town	3	2	Coalville Town	Coalville's first ever visit to Newhall.
18.3.1893	Tutbury Hawthorn	11	0	Swadlincote	300 spectators. The visitors sent a weak team.
25.3.1893	Burton Swifts Reserve Marriott Brooks	3 (1)	0 (0)	Newhall Town	Peel Croft. Fair gate.
1.4.1893	Tutbury Hawthorn	P	P	Tamworth Town	Tamworth failed to attend after resigning from the League. Tutbury had no previous knowledge that the match would not be played
3.4.1893	Tutbury Hawthorn	13	0	Woodville Rovers	Easter Monday
4.4.1893	Gresley Rovers	P	P	Tamworth Town Swifts	Tamworth failed to attend
8.4.1893	Coalville Town	4 (1)	1 (1)	Swadlincote	Waggon and Horses Ground, Coalville Fair attendance. Swadlincote owing to having a cup tie with Wirksworth, were compelled to send their reserve team.
8.4.1893	Newhall Town	3	0	Tutbury Hawthorn	Tutbury were without 4 of their best players.
8.4.1893	Woodville Rovers	2	1	Gresley Swifts	
15.4.1893	Burton Swifts Reserve Brooks	1 (0)	1 (0)	Gresley Swifts Gothard	Peel Croft, Burton. Due to cup games, Burton fielded their 3 <sup>rd</sup> team.
15.4.1893	Coalville Town	3	1	Burton Ivanhoe	Waggon and Horses Ground, Coalville
15.4.1893	Gresley Swifts	2	0	Woodville	This was Gresley Swift's first win of the season. Woodville remained pointless
22.4.1893	Coalville Town	0 (0)	2 (2)	Newhall Town	
22.4.1893	Gresley Swifts	?	?	Coalville Town	
22.4.1893	Swadlincote Town AN Others	7 (1)	2 (1)	Gresley Rovers Robinson King	Darklands Meadow, Swadlincote
29.4.1893	Coalville Town	?	?	Burton Swifts Reserve	The League ordered that the gross gate receipts should be shared equally between the clubs.
29.4.1893	Newhall Town	0	3	Gresley Rovers Robinson Hart (2)	

## Additional Information

A meeting of the executive committee of the above organization was held on Tuesday evening, at the Star Hotel, High Street. A player named Redfern (Newhall) was reported for rough play in a recent match between Newhall and Swadincote, whereby a member of the latter team (Moon) was rather severely hurt; but, after taking all circumstances into consideration, it was thought that the case would be met by ordering Newhall to play their next League match without Redfern. The inconvenience occasioned by the practise of many of the League clubs in delaying the nomination of referees until the last day or two was brought before the committee by the Newhall club, and the secretary was instructed to write the clubs, calling their attention to the fact that, according to rule, referees should be nominated fourteen days before the match in which they are to officiate.

Buron Chronicle - 18 February 1893

### BURTON JUNIOR LEAGUE.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** at the Star Inn, High Street, Burton, on **SATURDAY, May 13th, at 6.30 p.m.**

Applications for admission from new Clubs must reach the Hon. Sec. by **WEDNESDAY, May 10th.**

**E. J. OTTEWELL,**  
Broadway Street.

Buron Chronicle - 4 May 1893

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The first annual general meeting of the Burton Junior League was held at the Star Hotel, High Street, on Saturday evening, when Mr. H. McNicol (chairman of the executive) presided over a capital attendance, which included representatives from the whole of the clubs affiliated to that organization. — The first business was the reading of the minutes of the previous general meeting, and these having been duly confirmed the matter of Tamworth Swifts' withdrawal from the League came under consideration. It will be remembered that, having had no intimation whatever that Tamworth intended to sever their connection with the League, both Tutbury and Gresley Rovers made arrangements for the visit of the Tamworth men upon the dates previously fixed, and each club consequently made a claim for compensation. The matter was discussed at the League meeting held a month ago, and it was resolved to forward these claims to Tamworth, and, in the event of them not being fairly met, to report the matter fully to the English Association. The latter course had to be taken in the end, but the English Association declined to interfere. It was now decided, therefore, to report the conduct of the Tamworth club to the Birmingham Association, in the hope that that body would take such action as would make it to the interest of the offending club to deal justly with the claims made against it. — In the matter of a deferred match between Coalville and Gresley Swifts, which had been ordered to be played on the same afternoon as one between the former and Newhall, a claim from Coalville for compensation for loss occasioned by the late arrival of the Gresley team was referred

the late arrival of the Gresley team was referred back to the executive for settlement. The next business was the settlement of the composition of the League for next year, and before the various applications for admission were considered, Mr. GEORGE RAE (Swifts' Reserve) moved that the number of clubs be increased to twelve. — Mr. R. MANSFIELD (Gresley Swifts) seconded, but, after a brief discussion, an amendment—moved by Mr. JONES (Tutbury) and seconded by Mr. SHARPE (Gresley Rovers)—to the effect that it be limited to ten, was carried by 7 votes to 2. — Gresley Swifts and Woodville, who were the bottom two clubs at the end of the season, had to retire according to rule, and applications for admission had also been received from Burton St. Paul's, Ashby Albion, Burton Britannia, and Burton Casuals. The latter club, however, sent no representative to the meeting. — After a short debate it was unanimously resolved that Gresley Swifts and Woodville be retained in the League, which left but one vacancy for the ensuing season. — Representatives from the various new clubs applying for admission—with the exception of the Casuals—were heard in support of their applications, and, on the ballot being taken, it was found to be cast unanimously for St. Paul's, whose delegates were at once called in to assist in the transaction of the remaining items of business. — On the question of the amendment of rules, Mr. JONES (Tutbury) had given notice of a motion in favour of making the registration and qualification of the clubs comprising the League uniform with that of the Burton Junior Cup competition, so that no player who was not registered fourteen days, or who being registered had played in four senior matches should be

eligible to play for his club in Junior League games. The time was so far advanced, however, that, with the consent of the mover, the discussion of the motion was adjourned, on the understanding that it should take precedence over all other business at the next meeting.—On the proposition of Mr. E. J. OTTEWELL (secretary), seconded by Mr. W. H. OWEN (Tutbury), it was unanimously resolved that the hearty thanks of the League be given to Mr. J. R. Horne (late secretary of Burton Swifts, and founder of the League) for his past services, and that his name be forthwith placed upon the list of vice-presidents.—Mr. E. SHARRATT (treasurer) stated that he had written Mr. W. H. Worthington relative to the presidency of the League for the season 1893-4, and had received the following reply from that gentleman, under date May 8th: "Laugham Hotel, London—Mr. E. Sharratt.—Dear sir,—Your letter of the 5th inst. has been forwarded to me here; and in reply I was under the impression that I had answered your former letter. I shall have much pleasure in accepting the presidency of the Burton-on-Trent and District Junior Football League, and am yours truly, W. H. WORTHINGTON."—There was no other business of public interest, and the proceedings were brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.