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		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	<a href="#">Burton Wanderers</a>	20	17	3	0	82	12	35
2	Leicester Fosse	20	15	2	3	49	13	32
3	Loughborough Town	20	12	6	2	52	22	30
4	<a href="#">Grantham Rovers</a>	20	9	4	7	35	33	22
5	<a href="#">Mansfield Greenhalgh's</a>	20	9	3	8	43	54	21
6	<a href="#">Long Eaton Rangers</a>	20	7	4	9	43	44	18
7	<a href="#">Doncaster Rovers</a>	20	5	4	11	27	48	14
8	<a href="#">Newark</a>	20	6	2	12	28	55	14
9	<a href="#">Kettering</a>	20	4	5	11	26	59	13
10	<a href="#">Gainsborough Trinity</a>	20	5	1	14	28	46	11
11	<a href="#">Mansfield Town</a>	20	2	4	14	27	54	8
			91	38	91	463	463	

Winner:	Burton Wanderers
Runner-Up:	Leicester Fosse
Third place:	Loughborough Town
Wooden spoon:	Mansfield Town
Games played:	110
Missing Results:	0
Goals scored:	443 (4.0 goals per game)
Biggest home win:	Long Eaton 12-1 Kettering
Biggest away win:	Newark 0-6 Burton Wanderers
Highest scoring:	13; Long Eaton 12-1 Kettering

The number of members clubs in 1893-9 was reduced to 13 to 11 with last season's champions, Rotherham playing in the Football League, Wednesbury Old Athletic disbanding and Derby Junction resigning, with just one addition – Mansfield Greenhalgh's. A works team originally formed by former Notts County and England full-back Ernest Greenhalgh, Mansfield Greenhalgh's, had competed in the Midland Alliance in 1892-93 finishing third behind Derby County and Sheffield Strollers.

Preseason favourites were Leicester Fosse and Loughborough AFC, both having strengthened their squads with new players. Burton had begun to get a decent group of players together – but no one could have predicted the impact that two players from that town would have on the season.

By the start of November, Burton Wanderers and Grantham Rovers were the only unbeaten clubs in the Midland League. Soon afterwards Grantham faltered, and it soon became a three-team contest between the clubs from Leicester, Loughborough and Burton, who each put together impressive runs as the season unfolded.

The frustration for both Leicester Fosse and Loughborough was that Burton Wanderers just kept on winning. In any other season the form displayed by both Leicestershire clubs would have given them the title.

Loughborough did not experience a Midland League set back until the New Year when they lost to arch-rivals Leicester. They lost their next game to Burton and after that embarked on another unbeaten run that took them to the end of the season, completing their campaign with just two defeats. Equally, the Fosse suffered only one loss in their final 15 games from early October, which included 13 wins. Their 3 defeats came against Burton (twice) and Loughborough.

The dominance the top three clubs had over the rest of the league is illustrated by the fact that they were only beaten by each other.

Although Leicester and Loughborough produced some exciting performances, Burton were the outstanding team, as they completed the only unbeaten season in Midland League history. Burton dropped just 3 points all season. After drawing 2 of their opening 4 games, they only surrendered one more point in the remainder of the season, a game in which Long Eaton Rangers became the only team to prevent them from scoring. By winning their final 12 games Burton Wanderers were rightly declared champions of the Midland for the first and only time.



There were many star players in the Burton team but the exploits of [Adrian](#) [photo left] and [Arthur Capes](#) are worthy of discussion. The Capes brothers scored more than half of the clubs 82 goals, setting record after record along the way. Not surprisingly they both went on to play for bigger clubs. Adrian did return to Burton Wanderers later in his career. Arthur Capes claimed his niche in footballing folklore in the East Midlands by scoring two goals for Nottingham Forest in the first truly local FA Cup final against Derby County in 1898.

Leicester Fosse were rewarded for their efforts as they accepted an invitation to join the Football League, along with Burton Wanderers, for the 1894-95 season. Third place Loughborough would not have to wait another 12 months, before they too would join the Football league.

Mansfield Town who won just 2 games took the wooden spoon. What was more of a surprise was the continuing demise of Gainsborough Trinity, who ended the season just one place above them.

Burton were deducted two points for playing Isaac Moore in a game against Leicester Fosse before his registration had been completed.

## Results Grid

	Burton Wanderers	Doncaster Rovers	Gainsborough Trinity	Grantham Rovers	Kettering	Leicester Fosse	Long Eaton Rangers	Loughborough	Mansfield Greenhalghs	Mansfield Town	Newark
Burton Wanderers		6-1	5-0	7-0	8-0	2-1	6-0	2-1	7-0	6-0	5-1
Doncaster Rovers	1-1		3-1	1-0	2-1	1-2	0-1	1-3	3-3	5-3	2-0
Gainsborough Trinity	0-4	3-1		1-2	1-0	0-0	1-3	0-2	0-1	5-1	6-0
Grantham Rovers	0-1	3-2	5-1		4-0	2-3	4-1	0-0	4-1	1-0	1-1
Kettering	2-4	0-0	3-1	2-3		1-1	3-0	1-1	3-6	3-1	2-1
Leicester Fosse	1-2	2-1	3-1	4-0	4-0		3-0	4-0	4-2	4-0	3-0
Long Eaton Rangers	0-0	5-0	5-2	0-0	12-1	0-2		3-3	2-0	1-4	6-3
Loughborough	1-1	3-1	1-0	3-1	1-1	1-0	6-0		8-0	2-1	6-2
Mansfield Greenhalgh's	1-4	7-1	3-1	2-2	2-1	0-3	2-1	1-5		5-2	3-0
Mansfield Town	2-5	0-0	2-3	0-2	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-3	2-2		4-1
Newark	0-6	3-2	2-1	3-1	6-1	0-2	3-1	0-4	1-1	1-0	

### Leicester Fosse Midland League Results

Date	Opposition	Result	Score	Scorers	Attendance	Match Details
09.09.1893	Burton Wanderers (H)	L	1-2	Worrall / Capes (2)	5,000	Burton later had 2 points deducted for playing Isaac Moore, whose registration had not been fully completed,
23.09.1893	Long Eaton Rangers (H)	W	3 - 0	Hill, Worrall, Henrys	4,000	All Leicester's goals were scored during an 8 min period in the second half.
30.09.1893	Gainsborough Trinity (A)	D	0 - 0	Dorrell	2,000	Neither sides were not fully represented. Gainsborough were "weakened due to accidents."
07.10.1893	Loughborough (A)	L	0 - 1	/Storer	6,000	Bill Storer ensued Loughborough's unbeaten run was maintained in front of a "huge" crowd.
21.10.1893	Mansfield Town (H)	W	4 - 0	Miller, Dorrell, Seymour, Edwards	3,000	Fosse had conceded just once in 4 games.
18.11.1893	Doncaster Rovers (H)	W	2 - 1	Brown, Dorrell/ Cartwright	2,000	Dreadful weather. Rovers "forfeited" the match to the Fosse early in the second half.
02.12.1893	Newark (H)	W	3 - 0	Hill (2), Miller	3,000	Newark were forced to play much of the game with 10 men following a severe injury to Morley.
09.12.1893	Mansfield Greenhalgh's (H)	W	4 - 2	Dorrell , Brown (3) /Roger, May	2,000	
23.12.1893	Grantham Rovers (H)	W	4 - 0	Miller (2), Brown (2)		Leicester's 5 <sup>th</sup> consecutive ML win.
06.01.1894	Loughborough (H)	W	4 - 0	Dorrell, Hill, Brown, og	6,000	Loughborough relinquished their unbeaten record and leadership of the ML as Fosse handed out a heavy defeat to their arch-rivals.
13.01.1894	Gainsborough Trinity (H)	W	3 - 1	Brown, Edwards, Hill	3,000	Fosse's 7 <sup>th</sup> consecutive win – all at home – not having played away since 7 October.
20.01.1894	Doncaster Rovers (A)	W	2 - 1	Slack, og/ Lees	1,500	This win took Fosse to draw level with leaders Burton Wanderers – both on 19 points from 12 games.
03.02.1894	Long Eaton Rangers (A)	W	2 - 0	Miller, og	1,000	The referee was subjected to "objectionable language."
24.02.1894	Kettering Town (H)	W	4 - 0	Brown, Hill, Miller, og	4,000	Leicester's 9 <sup>th</sup> consecutive ML home win – scoring 31 and conceding only 4.
03.03.1894	Mansfield Greenhalgh's (A)	W	3 - 0	Hill, Brown (2)		Leicester's 11 <sup>th</sup> consecutive ML win.
10.03.1894	Burton Wanderers (A)	L	1 - 2	Dorrell / Garfield, Capes	3,500	Top of the table clash. Burton came from behind to halt Leicester's long unbeaten run.
17.03.1894	Newark (A)	W	2 - 0	Dorrell (2)		
24.03.1894	Kettering Town (A)	D	1 - 1	Brown	2,000	"Disgraceful scenes" followed at the end of the game spectators mobbed the referee.
04.04.1894	Mansfield Town (A)	W	3 - 0	Lord, Priestman, Brown		This defeat condemned Mansfield to bottom of the table.
28.04.1894	Grantham Rovers	W	3-2	Miller, Brown, Dorrell		

### Loughborough AFC

Date	Opposition	Result	Score	Scorers	Attendance	Match Details
02.09.1893	Mansfield Town (A)	D	3-3	Carnelley (2), Farmer /Bird, England, Holland		Mansfield played the second half with 10 men after Hollard retired/
09.09.1893	Mansfield Town (H)	W	2-1	Mills, Mellors / Bird	2,500	

23.09.1893	Burton Wanderers (H)	D	1-1	Carnelly / Smallman	3,000	First point Loughborough had taken from Burton in the ML.
30.09.1893	Long Eaton Rangers (A)	D	3-3	Farmer (2), Carnelly / Locker, Frettingham		
07.10.1893	Leicester Fosse (H)	W	1-0	Storer	6,000	
28.10.1893	Kettering Town (H)	D	1-1	Sharpe / Dixon	2,000	A collection raised £7 for William Freestone [Loughborough forward] who was suffering ill health
11.11.1893	Long Eaton Rangers (H)	W	6-0	Mills, Storer, Sharpe, Plackett, Carnelly (2)		Loughborough remained unbeaten after 7 <sup>th</sup> game – which took them to 3 <sup>rd</sup> place in the standings.
18.11.1893	Mansfield Greenhalgh's (A)	W	5-1	Mills (2), Storer (2), Smith / Roper		Three Mansfield players left the field due to the atrocious weather.
02.12.1893	Grantham Rovers (H)	W	3-1	Plackett, Carnelly, Farmer	2,000	Grantham's first defeat of the season – which sent Loughborough to the top of the table.
23.12.1893	Gainsborough Trinity (H)	W	1-0			
31.12.1893	Doncaster Rovers (A)	Aban	1-0	Storer		Abandoned after 7 mins due to fog
06.01.1894	Leicester Fosse (A)	L	0-4	/Dorrell, Hill (2), Brown		Loughborough lost their unbeaten record.
03.02.1894	Burton Wanderers (A)	L	1-2	Farmer / Capes (2)		Burton's 13 <sup>th</sup> unbeaten game to stay ahead of their rivals on goal average.
10.02.1894	Doncaster Rovers (H)	W	3-1	Sharpe, Farmer (2) / Lees		
17.02.1894	Newark Town (H)	W	6-2	Plackett, AN Others / Growcock, Brown		Loughborough consolidated 3 <sup>rd</sup> place, no point adrift of leaders.
24.02.1894	Gainsborough Trinity (A)	W	2-0	Farmer, Carnelly		
23.03.1894	Kettering Town (A)	D	1-1	Weightman/ Dixon	1,200	
24.03.1894	Mansfield Greenhalgh's (H)	W	8-0	Mills (2), og, Weightman, Farmer, AN Others		Loughborough' biggest win of the season. They beat Greenhalgh's 5-1 earlier in the season/
07.04.1894	Grantham Rovers (A)	D	0-0			
19.04.1894	Doncaster Rovers (A)	W	3-1	Farmer, Carnelly, Weightman / Dawson		Loughborough defeated Doncaster 3-1 for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> successive ML meetings between these clubs.
21.04.1894	Newark Town (A)	W	4-0	Sharpe, og, Farmer, Mills		Loughborough finished 3 <sup>rd</sup> after losing 2 ML games