



## Ashby & District League 1899-00

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Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Woodville Town	11	10	0	1	50	5	20
2	Boundary Albion	11	9	1	1	42	9	19
3	Spring Cottage	11	5	2	4	32	22	12
4	Measham Wanderers	12	4	2	6	27	18	10
5	Overseal Town	12	4	1	7	16	39	9
6	Oakthorpe Albion	9	2	1	6	13	43	5
7	Overseal St Matthew's	12	1	1	10	13	53	3

*Burton Chronicle - 26 April 1900*

Little information has been found to date about this competition. Several newspapers listed fixtures for the Ashby & District League, but few results were published.

Newspaper reports state that in addition to the seven teams listed in the table above, the fixture list at the start of the season also included Gresley Reserves and Swadlincote Reserves. It is not currently known whether these teams played any League games. Also, Ashby United and Moira Rovers failed to complete the season.

Winner:	Woodville Town
Runner-Up:	Boundary Albion
Wooden spoon:	Overseal St Matthew's
Games Played:	
Missing Results:	
Goals scored:	
Biggest home win:	
Biggest away win:	
Highest scoring:	

The Ashby and District Football League was wound up in August 1899 following the death of league secretary Mr. G J Lee, aged 35. The balance sheet which was agreed as final following a meeting of the members of the League showed receipts amounting to £19 19s 7d. Boundary Albion, the champions of the League season 1898-99, unfortunately received no acknowledgement in the shape of medals from the League for their splendid performances last season.

A reconstructed league, based on the old constitution, was approved at the late September meeting of the Leicestershire Football Association, subject to minor alterations. The new League was comprised wholly of Leicestershire clubs.

Pool Village resigned from the League in August 1899.

Woodville Town, 1899-00 League Champion, conceded just 5 goals all season, and only one club, Boundary, scored more than one goal against them. Out of the 50 goals scored by Woodville, 30 of them came from just 3 games. In the 4 matches against Overseal teams, they found the net no less than 26 times.

Overseal St Matthew's managed just one win and one draw from their 12 league games.

After an investigation by Leicestershire Football Association in February 1900, Overseal (Town or St Matthew's?) were fined 10s for misconduct in an Ashby league match. In addition, the club had to pay the expenses of the inquiry and the players were suspended for 14 days. The names of the suspended players - Threeway, Evans, Dennis, Smith, M Marriott, Hughes, H Southerd, Orgill, W Marriott, Boulbee and Steele.

The Football Association in October 1899 refused a request from Ashby and District League to extend into Derbyshire.

### Results Grid

Ashby & District League 1899-1900	Boundary Albion	Measham Wanderers	Oakthorpe Albion	Overseal Town	Overseal St Matthews	Spring Cottage	Woodville Town
Boundary Albion		2-0				5-0	
Measham Wanderers	1-2		6-1		5-0		0-1
Oakthorpe Albion						1-5	
Overseal Town			3-0			0-4	0-1
Overseal St Matthews							
Spring Cottage	2-2	2-2					
Woodville Town				9-0	10-1	2-0	

Home win
  Away Win
  Draw
  Result Not Known

### Results and Match Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
2.9.1899	Gresley Reserves			Moira Rovers	
2.9.1899	Spring Cottage			Swadlincote Ivanhoe	
2.9.1899	Swadlincote Town Reserves			Oakthorpe Albion	
9.9.1899	Boundary Albion			Gresley Reserves	
9.9.1899	Spring Cottage			Measham Wanderers	
9.9.1899	Swadlincote Reserves			Moira Rovers	
9.9.1899	Woodville Town			Overseal St Matthew's	
16.9.1899	Boundary Albion			Oakthorpe Albion	
16.9.1899	Measham Wanderers			Swadlincote Ivanhoe	
16.9.1899	Overseal St Matthew's			Swadlincote Reserves	
16.9.1899	Spring Cottage			Moira Rovers	
16.9.1899	Woodville Town			Ashby United	
23.9.1899	Ashby United Harrison (3)	3 (2)	2 (1)	Overseal St Michael's	First League match under the "new construction." Fair attendance. Ashby missed a first half penalty.
23.9.1899	Moira Rovers	0	5	Measham Wanderers	
23.9.1899	Overseal Town	0	4	Spring Cottage	
23.9.1899	Swadlincote Reserves	2	3	Woodville Town	
30.9.1899	Boundary	1 (1)	0 (0)	Ashby United	Miserable weather.
30.9.1899	Gresley Rovers Reserves	0	7	Spring Cottage	
30.9.1899	Woodville Town			Moira Rovers	
7.10.1899	Moira Rovers	2	4	Spring Cottage	
7.10.1899	Overseal Town	3	0	Oakthorpe Albion	

14.10.1889	Overseal Town	0 (0)	1 (1)	Woodville Town	Woodville scored the only goal of the game 6 mins from time.
21.10.1899	Spring Cottage	2	2	Boundary Albion	
28.10.1899	Measham Wanderers	5	1	Ashby United	
	Overseal St Matthew's Leach Binnell AN Other	3	3	Moira Rovers Hart Bradford AN Other	The referee stopped the game owing to bad light.
4.11.1899	Overseal Town	3	0	Moira Rovers	
9.12.1899	Ashby united			Overseal Town	
23.12.1899	Oakthorpe Albion			Boundary Albion	
23.12.1899	Overseal Town			Overseal St Matthew's	
23.12.1899	Spring Cottage			Ashby United	
25.12.1899	Moira Rovers			Oakthorpe Albion	
30.12.1899	Measham Wanderers	6	1	Oakthorpe	
6.1.1900	Boundary Albion	4	0	Spring Cottage	Played as a friendly on account of the absence of the referee.
6.1.1900	Measham Wanderers	6	1	Oakthorpe Albin	
6.1.1900	Moira Rovers	7	1	Swadlincote	
6.1.1900	Woodville Town	P	P	Ashby United	Postponed due to illness of several players on both sides.
13.1.1900	Ashby United			Moira Rovers	
13.1.1900	Overseal St Matthew's			Overseal Town	
20.1.1900	Boundary Albion	2	0	Measham Wanderers	
20.1.1900	Woodville Town	10	1	Overseal St Matthew's	
27.1.1900	Ashby United			Measham Wanderers	
27.1.1900	Moira Rovers			Overseal St Matthew's	
3.2.1900	Overseal St Matthew's			Ashby United	
3.2.1900	Overseal Town			Boundary Albion	
3.2.1900	Woodville Town			Spring Cottage	
24.2.1899	Boundary Albion			Overseal Town	
24.2.1899	Spring Cottage			Overseal St Matthew's	
3.3.1900	Measham Wanderers			Overseal St Matthew's	
3.3.1900	Moira Rovers			Boundary Albion	
3.3.1900	Oakthorpe			Ashby United	
10.3.1900	Measham Wanderers	5	0	Overseal St Matthew's	
10.3.1900	Moira Rovers			Ashby United	
10.3.1900	Oakthorpe Albion	1	5	Spring Cottage	
10.3.1900	Woodville Town	9	0	Overseal Town	This result sent Woodville to the top of the League.
17.3.1900	Spring Cottage Dawes Poynton	2 (2)	2 (0)	Measham Wanderers Bradford Ridgway	
24.3.1900	Woodville Town			Overseal Town	
31.3.1900	Boundary Albion			Woodville Town	
13.4.1900	Measham Wanderers	0	1	Woodville Town	
14.4.1900	Measham Wanderers	1	2	Boundary Albion	Boundary's final League game of the season - accumulating 10 point and finishing mid-table
14.4.1900	Woodville Town	2	0	Spring Cottage	
21.4.1900	Boundary Albion	5	0	Spring Cottage	
28.4.1900	Woodville Town [Champions]	4	0	Rest of the League	At Woodville. The Woodville Prize Band played "selections" on the ground.

					<p>After the match the two teams marched through the High Street, headed by the band.</p> <p>The medals were presented at a dinner arranged for in honour of Woodville Town FC's victory.</p>
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## Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

### ASHBY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

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*Burton Chronicle - 7 September 1899*

**ASHBY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.**

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**ASHBY UNITED v. OVERSEALE ST. MATTHEWS.**

The first League match under the new construction was played at Ashby on Saturday, before a fair gate. The visitors won the toss and kicked with the wind in their favour. Ashby scored from a breakaway twelve minutes from the start. The Saints equalised soon after. Ashby now did all the pressing, a penalty being awarded them which was missed by Slater. Ten minutes later Harrison gave the home team the lead with a fine shot. The Saints' goal-keeper was in splendid form, saving numerous shots. Half-time—Ashby 2, Saints 1. On resuming the visitors played pluckily and scored. Even play followed, and seven minutes from time Harrison gave the home the lead again.

Result—

Ashby .....	3
Overseal.....	2

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The game was very fast throughout. Harrison and Miller were the pick of the home forwards, and Yeomans and the goalkeeper proved a good defence for the visitors.

*Burton Chronicle - 28 September 1899*

## ASHBY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

After a fortnight's rest four of the clubs of this League took the field again on Saturday. Spring Cottage went to Oakthorpe and beat the Albions by 5 goals to 1. A still more one-sided game took place at Woodville. The Town Club had Overseal Town for their visitors, whom they vanquished by nine clear goals, the Overseal men failing to put the ball in the net. This last match puts the Woodville team at the head of affairs, and they are fully confident of remaining there till the end of the season. They have, however, to meet Spring Cottage and Boundary, and it is pretty well known that both of these teams would like to take a point or two out of the Boxmen. There was a time, too, when Measham could lower their colours, and this team has still to be reckoned

with. Do not be too sure, Woodville; those medals are not won yet!

Results up to Saturday, Mar. 10th.

	Goals							
	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For	Agst.	Pts.	
Woodville Town .....	6	6	0	0	30	4	12	
Boundary Albion.....	7	5	1	1	23	8	11	
Spring Cottage .....	6	4	1	1	22	7	9	
Overseal Town .....	11	4	6	1	16	32	9	
Oakthorpe Albion ....	7	2	4	1	13	24	5	
Measham Wanderers ..	6	1	4	1	10	13	3	
Overseal St. Mathew's..	9	1	7	1	9	40	3	

Burton Chronicle - 15 March 1900

## ASHBY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

### WOODVILLE v. ASHBY.

Postponed on account of the illness of several players on both sides.

### BOUNDARY v. SPRING COTTAGE.

Played as a friendly on account of the absence of the referee, Boundary winning by four to none.

Burton Chronicle - 11 January 1900

### ASHBY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE CHAMPIONS v REST OF LEAGUE

The curtain was dopped on Saturday last for the 1899-1900, at Woodville. Woodville Town having won the highest position in the Ashby League, were called upon to meet the Rest of the League, with the result that the goals secured were, Champions 4, Rest of League 0, thus fully justifying their uniformly good play of the past season. The teams were comprised as follows: Champions: C Smith (goal); W Thompson, C Orme (backs); Shannah, W Edwards, E Street (half-backs), W Smith, H Walton, A Simpson, S Thompson, S Woodwood (forwards). Rest of League: Bodell (Boundary), goal; Sindall (Measham), Dennis (Overseal Town), backs; Wileman (Measham), Ridgway (Measham), Green (Spring Cottage), J Boddice (Boundary), R Wright (Overseal St Mathew's), Gilchrist (Boundary), forwards. The referee was Mr. Keller, from Measham. The Woodville Prize Band was in attendance, and played selections on the ground. After the match the two

teams marched through the High Street headed by the band. It is expected that medals will be presented and that a dinner will be arranged for in honour of the Woodville Town Football Club's victory.

*Burton Chronicle - 3 May 1900*

#### **Additional Information**

#### **DEATH OF A LEICESTERSHIRE FOOTBALL OFFICIAL.**

##### **MR. G. J. LEE, OF ELLISTOWN.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Jordan Lee, of Beaconsfield Villas, Ellistown, which took place on Friday last at Ulverscroft, where he had been staying for the benefit of his health, which had been failing for upwards of nine months. The deceased was well-known in the neighbourhood, and in football circles throughout the entire county, having for some time past been treasurer to the Leicestershire Football Association and secretary to the Ashby and District League, besides having regularly officiated as a referee. He was 32 years of age, and leaves a wife and two children. The funeral took place at Hugglescote on Tuesday, the service being conducted by Rev. W. E. Terry, vicar of Ellistown. Numerous friends were present both at church and at the graveside, amongst whom were Mr. I. J. Ellis, of Ellistown. There were many beautiful wreaths from friends. The bearers were Messrs. T. Grundy, F. Holmes, J. E. Upton, and S. Meere, the first three being fellow officials of the deceased at the Ellistown collieries. The coffin was of polished oak, with brass furniture, the inscription thereon being: "George Jordan Lee, died August 4, 1899, aged 32 years."

*Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 12 August 1899*

## Winding up of the Ashby and District Football League

A meeting of this League was held on Tuesday, called by Mr George Bishop, of Istock, on behalf of Mrs Lee, widow of the late secretary and treasurer of the League, for a financial settlement. Mr W Gee, of Gresley, presided, the following clubs being represented, viz: Ashby Town, Measham Wanderers, Moira Rovers, Boundary Albion, Woodville Town, Istock Albion, and Istock Wanderers—A vote of condolence to Mrs Lee and sympathising with her in her sad bereavement was first passed—It was decided to draw up a balance sheet and wind up the League, Mrs Lee being thanked for having the meeting convened—Various claims were then investigated and decisions arrived at. The balance sheet, as arranged, and finally accepted as final, showed receipts amounting to £19 19- 7d. No balance being left in the League funds, and the Clubs not agreeing to be levied, Boundary Albion, the champions of the League season 1898 9, unfortunately receive no acknowledgement in the shape of medals from the League for their splendid performances last season.

Coalville Times - 18 August 1899

### ASHBY AND DISTRICT (NEW) FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

A meeting of the executive of the Ashby and District (New) Football League was held at the Royal Hotel, Ashby, on Thursday evening. Mr. R. B. Mansfield presided, and there were present: Messrs. J. Sherwin (Woodville), J. Cooper (Moira), J. M. Robinson (Spring Cottage), and J. T. Thornewell (Overseal).—The resignation of Mr. Leech (Measham) as a member of the executive was accepted.—Pool Village wrote resigning their position in the League, and the hon. secretary was instructed to endeavour to fill the vacancy. The referees were appointed for September, as follows:—

September 2nd.—Gresley Reserves v. Moira Rovers, Mr. B. Hull Swadlincote; Spring Cottage v. Swadlincote Ivanhoe, Mr. J. Sherwin, Woodville; Swadlincote Town Reserves v. Oakthorpe, Mr. J. L. Brown, Ashby Wolds.

September 9th.—Woodville v. Overseal St. Matthew's, Mr. T. Eames, Swadlincote; Boundary v. Gresley Reserves, Mr. R. Johnson, Woodville; Swadlincote Reserves v. Moira, Mr. W. Yates, Overseal; Spring Cottage v. Measham, Mr. T. Coe, Moira.

September 16th.—Measham v. Swadlincote Ivanhoe, Mr. J. H. Holbrooke, Moira; Woodville v. Ashby United, Mr. J. Sharpe, Gresley; Boundary v. Oakthorpe, Mr. J. Edwards, Swadlincote; Spring Cottage v. Moira, Mr. J. Sherwin, Overseal St. Matthew's v. Swadlincote Reserves, Mr. T. Coe.

September 23rd.—Swadlincote Reserves v. Woodville, Mr. Webster, Moira; Swadlincote Ivanhoe v. Boundary, Mr. J. Sharpe; Moira v. Measham, Mr. T. Eames; Overseal Town v. Spring Cottage, Mr. A. L. Lee, Ashby; Ashby United v. Overseal St. Matthew's, Mr. A. Keller, Measham.

September 30th.—Ashby United v. Swadlincote Ivanhoe, Mr. C. Worledge, Boundary; Woodville v. Moira, Mr. B. Hull; Overseal Town v. Swadlincote Town, Mr. J. Sherwin, Measham v. Boundary, Mr. A. L. Lee, Ashby; Gresley Reserves v. Spring Cottage, Mr. G. Massey, Swadlincote.

To be played on the ground of the first-named club. Kick-off not later than 3.30.

Leicester Chronicle - 26 August 1899

### ASHBY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

The following are the League fixtures for the ensuing season:—

Sept. 9—Midway Albion, away.  
Sept. 16—Woodville Town, away.  
Sept. 23—Overseal St. Matthews, home.  
Sept. 30—Swadlincote Ivanhoe, home.  
Oct. 7—Midway Albion, home.  
Oct. 14—F. Ashby's Blue Cross, away.  
Oct. 21—Gresley Rovers Reserve, away.  
Nov. 4—Woodville, home.  
Nov. 18—Gresley Rovers Reserve, home.  
Nov. 25—Swadlincote Reserve, home.  
Dec. 2—Oakthorpe, away.  
Dec. 16—F. Ashby's Blue Cross, home.  
Dec. 23—Spring Cottage, away.  
Dec. 30—Swadlincote Reserve, away.  
Jan. 6—Boundary Albion, away.  
Jan. 13—Moira Rovers, home.  
Jan. 27—Measham Wanderers, home.  
Feb. 3—Moira Rovers, away.  
Feb. 10—Overseal Town, away.  
Feb. 24—Spring Cottage, home.  
Mar. 3—Overseal Town, home.  
Mar. 10—Measham Wanderers, away.  
Mar. 24—Oakthorpe, home.  
Mar. 31—Swadlincote Reserves, away.  
Apr. 14—Overseal St. Matthew's, away.  
Apr. 21—Boundary, home.

*Leicester Daily Post - 5 September 1899*

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*Burton Chronicle - 7 September 1899*



## ASHBY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

At a meeting of the Leicestershire Emergency Committee, on Friday, an application was received for sanction to the Ashby and District League, which has been thoroughly reorganized, but Mr. Carpenter having reported that the matter was mentioned at the council meeting of the Football Association on the previous Monday, and that as several of the clubs proposed to be included were also applicants in the rejected Woodville and District League, the Derbyshire F.A. will have to be consulted in the matter, and Messrs. Marson and Carpenter were appointed to meet a joint committee of the Derbyshire Association to consider the application.

The matches and referees in this League next Saturday are:—

Woodville, v. Overseal St. Matthew's, T. Eames.

Boundary v. Gresley Reserves, R. Johnson.

Swadlincote Reserves v Moira, W. Yates.

Spring Cottage v Measham, T. Cox.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 7 September 1899*

**ASHBY LEAGUE** - The reconstructed league, based on the old constitution, was approved at the late September meeting of the Leicestershire Football Association, subject to minor alterations. The new League was comprised wholly of Leicestershire clubs.

*Hinckley Times - 30 September 1899*

## ASHBY AND COALVILLE DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the Leicestershire Emergency Committee, on Thursday, the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie's and Mr. Carpenter's report as to the inquiry into the misconduct of the Overseal team in an Ashby League match was received, and their ruling, as follows, was confirmed: That the club be fined 10s., and pay the expenses of the inquiry, and the players be suspended for 14 days. The names of the players in suspension are. Thretaway, Evans, Dennis, Smith, T. Marriott, Hughes, H. Southard, Orgill, W. Marriott, Boulbee, and Steele.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 8 February 1900*