



# Leicestershire District League 1899-00

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Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Market Harborough	16	13	0	3	75	21	<b>26</b>
2	Leicester Waverley	15	11	1	3	50	15	<b>23</b>
3	Syston Swifts	15	10	1	4	45	22	<b>21</b>
4	Anstey Town	15	9	0	6	31	26	<b>18</b>
5	17 <sup>th</sup> Regiment District	15	7	1	7	37	41	<b>15</b>
6	Anstey Albion	16	7	1	8	33	47	<b>15</b>
7	Wigston Excelsior	16	7	0	9	39	36	<b>14</b>
8	Enderby Granite	16	3	2	11	18	56	<b>8</b>
9	Narborough	16	0	0	16	16	81	<b>0</b>

Last known table (28 April 1900 - Midland Mail)

Orson Wright & Sons resigned from the League in April.

Winner:	Market Harborough
Runner-Up:	Leicester Waverley
Wooden spoon:	Narborough
Games Played:	62
Missing Results:	20
Goals scored:	344/345 (5.5 goals per game)
Biggest home win:	Market Harborough 11-0 Anstey Albion
	Market Harborough 12-1 Narborough
Biggest away win:	Narborough 1-7 Anstey Albion
Highest scoring:	13: Market Harborough 12-1 Narborough

The two match results - 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment District v Anstey Town and Leicester Waverley v Syston Swifts - due to be played on the final Saturday of the season did not take place.

### Results Grid

Leicester & District League 1899-1900	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District	Anstey Albion	Anstey Town	Enderby Granite	Leicester Waverley	Market Harborough	Narborough	Syston Swifts	Wigston Excelsior
17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District				6-0			0-7		
Anstey Albion	3-1		1-0	1-1	1-5	1-4			1-0
Anstey Town	2-1	2-5				L/W	2-1	2-0	
Enderby Granite	1-2	1-6	2-1		0-7	1-3	4-0		
Leicester Waverley	3-1					4-0			
Market Harborough		11-0	4-2	3-0	0-3		12-1	6-1	3-0
Narborough	2-5	1-7	2-4					2-6	
Syston Swifts	5-1	4-0	0-1	5-2	2-0	2-1	5-0		0-1
Wigston Excelsior		4-6	3-1				6-0	4-0	

Home win
  Away Win
  Draw
  Result Not Known

Market Harborough were crowned Leicester & District League Champions for the third consecutive season. Anstey Town after struggling in the Senior League re-joined the District League.

Anstey were represented by two teams - Albion and Town.

Leicester Waverley did the double over champions, Market Harborough.

Orson Wright and Son's resigned from the League at the beginning of April 1900.

Narborough did not pick a single point all season – losing all 16 games that counted towards the final league standings. However, they did draw against Enderby Granite – but short time was played – so the game have to be replayed,

The final game of the season was between League Champions [Market Harborough] and runners-up [Leicester Waverley. The referee, Mr Frank Gardner – chairman of the Leicester & District Football League, presented the cup at the end of the game to Mr J L B Turner, captain of the Harborough team – and congratulated the club on winning it for 3 successive seasons. Medals were presented to the following players – J L B Turner, E Plowman, J Farmer, A Tilley, G Seampton, H Neal, W west, J Smith, H Ireson, W A Buswell and T Bromley. The cup was held aloft, and a big crowd accompanied by the Market Harborough band playing “See the Conquering Hero Comes”, followed the trophy round the town.

### Match Results & Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
2.9.1899	Syston Swifts	0	1	Anstey Town	Fine performance by Anstey to win at Syston, one of the preseason favourites for the championship.
9.9.1899	Anstey Town Harlow Wolfe	2 (1)	4 (2)	Orson Wright & Sons AN Others Atkins	Twon ground
9.9.1899	Fleckney Rovers	2	3	Enderby Granite	
9.9.1899	Market Harborough	11	0	Anstey Albion	Albion's first District league game. Harborough were the strongest team in the competition last season.
16.9.1899	Anstey Albion			Narborough	
16.9.1899	Enderby Granite	2	1	Anstey Town	Good game.
16.9.1899	Fleckney Rovers	3	7	Syston Swifts	
16.9.1899	Orson Wright & Sons	1	1	Leicester Waverley	
23.9.1899	Fleckney Rovers	1	5	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District	
30.9.1899	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District	6	0	Enderby Granite	
30.9.1899	Fleckney Rovers	1	2	Anstey Town	
30.9.1899	Market Harborough	12	1	Narborough	
30.9.1899	Orson Wright & Sons	2	0	Anstey Albion	
30.9.1899	Syston Swifts	2	0	Leicester Waverley	
7.10.1899	Anstey Albion Spencer (2) Bonsil	3 (2)	1 (0)	17 <sup>th</sup> Regiment District AN Other (pen)	Good number of spectators. The soldiers first defeat.
7.10.1899	Narborough	2	4	Anstey Town	
7.10.1899	Syston Swifts	6	1	Wigston Excelsior	The Wigston goalkeeper “was not very smart.”
14.10.1899	Anstey Town	2	0	Syston Swifts	
21.10.1899	Anstey Town	2 (2)	1 (1)	Narborough	
28.10.1899	Enderby Granite	P	P	Fleckney Rovers	Rovers failed to make an appearance
28.10.1899	Narborough	0	2	Orson Wright & Sons	

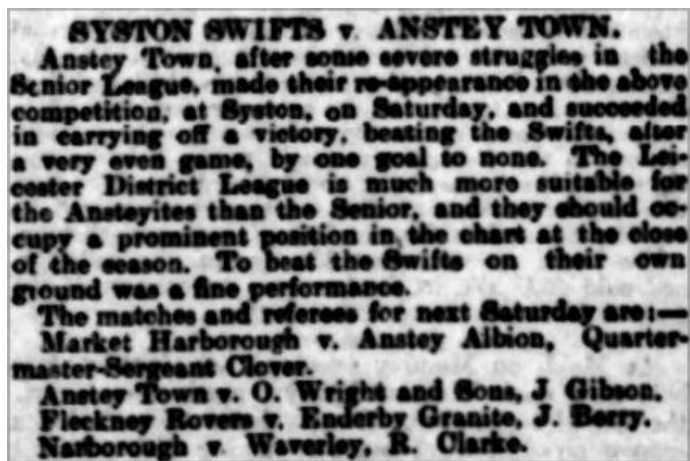
4.11.1899	Anstey Town	2	1	Anstey Albion	Very rough game.
4.11.1899	Market Harborough	3	0	Enderby Granite	
25.11.1899	Anstey Town Cresswell Wolfe	2 (1)	2 (1)	Market Harborough Smith AN Other (pen)	Cropston-road enclosure Fair attendance. This game was replayed – reason not currently known.
25.11.1899	Anstey Albion Spencer	1	5	Leicester Waverley Hackett J Platts T Platts Betts Edge	Victoria Park – Anstey 'lost' their ground
25.11.1899	Narborough	1	1	Enderby Granite	Short time was played. Game was replayed -which Narborough lost – score not known.
25.11.1899	Orson Wight & Sons	2	1	17 <sup>th</sup> Regiment District	
2.12.1899	Enderby Granite	0	2	Orson Wright & Sons	
2.12.1899	Market Harborough	0	3	Leicester Waverley	Benefit game for the War Fund
2.12.1899	Narborough	1	3	Wigston Excelsior	
2.12.1899	Syston Swifts	4 (1)	0 (0)	Anstey Albion	Fair attendance.
9.12.1899	Enderby granite	1	3	Market Harborough	
9.12.1899	Orson Wright & Sons	1	1	Anstey Town	South Wigston.
16.12.1899	Narborough	2	5	17 <sup>th</sup> Regiment District	
23.12.1899	Enderby Granite	4	0	Narborough	
23.12.1899	Market Harborough	3	0	Wigston Excelsior	
23.12.1899	Orson Wright & Sons	0	0	Syston Swifts	Only 45 mins played.
30.12.1899	Market Harborough Buswell Turner McDermott AN Other	4 (2)	2 (1)	Anstey Town AN Others	In the second half when the Anstey players were appealing that the ball had gone out of play, McDermott took a long shot which went through the goalkeeper's hand. He referee awarded a goal, which so incensed the Anstey players that several of team serrated to leave the field, They thought better of it, and remained. After having a goal disallowed one of the Anstey players deliberately kicked the ball at the referee and was promptly sent off.
30.12.1899	Wigston Excelsior	6	0	Narborough	
6.1.1900	Anstey Town	2	5	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District	Fair attendance. Ground was in dreadful sloppy condition, pools of water near both goals.
6.1.1900	Anstey Albion Graves Hooke Wright (2) Spencer	5 (1)	1 (1)	Orson Wright & Sons AN Other	Good crowd. Orson Wright scored the first goal.
13.1.1900	Orson Wright & Sons	0	6	Market Harborough	South Wigston
13.1.1900	Syston Swifts	5	2	Enderby Granite	
20.1.1900	Enderby Granite	1	6	Anstey Albion	Unexpected result,
20.1.1900	Leicester Waverley T Platts (2) L Hackett W Norman	4	0	Market Harborough	Victoria Park, Leicester. Harborough went into the game as League leaders.
20.1.1900	Narborough	2	5	Syston Swifts	
20.1.1900	Wigston Excelsior	3	1	Anstey Town	Anstey were expected to win this game easily.

27.1.1900	Anstey Albion	1 (1)	0 (0)	Anstey Town	Dreadful weather. Albion were by far the better team.
27.1.1900	Wigston Excelsior			17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District	
3.2.1900	Enderby Granite	P	P	Leicester Waverley	Postponed due to snow.
3.2.1900	Narborough	P	P	Market Harborough	Postponed due to snow.
17.2.1900	Anstey Town			Enderby Granite	
17.2.1900	Leicester Waverley	3	0	Orson Wright & Sons	
17.2.1900	Wigston Excelsior	4	6	Anstey Albion	
24.2.1900	Wigston Excelsior	8	0	Enderby Granite	
3.3.1900	Enderby Granite	1	2	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District	
3.3.1900	Narborough	1	7	Anstey Albion	
3.3.1900	Wigston Excelsior	4	0	Syston Swifts	
10.3.1900	Anstey Albion AN Other	1	4	Market Harborough McDermott (1 + pen) Farmer AN Other	Anstey scored first.
10.3.1900	Leicester Waverley Parker Bramley Hackett	3	1	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District Freeman	Victoria Park, Leicester. The Depot had hard lines in their goalkeeper not arriving until Waverley had scored twice.
10.3.1900	Syston Swifts	5	0	Narborough	
24.3.1900	Anstey Town			Narborough	
24.3.1900	Syston Swifts	5	1	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental Depot	
24.3.1900	Wigston Excelsior			Market Harborough	
31.3.1900	Anstey Albion	1	0	Wigston Excelsior	Beautiful weather.
31.3.1900	Enderby Granite	1	7	Leicester Waverley	
7.4.1900	Anstey Albion	1	1	Enderby	Cropston-road Ground. Delightful weather. Game commenced at 3.30 pm. Visitors turned up with only 10 players, "several of whom were not much used to playing football".
7.4.1900	Syston Swifts AN Others	2	1	Market Harborough Bromley	Beautiful weather. Good crowd.
12.4.1900	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District	0	7	Market Harborough	
14.4.1900	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District	1	6	Syston Swifts	
14.4.1900	Anstey Town		W	Market Harborough	Score not known.
16.4.1900	Leicester Waverley	P	P	Syston Swifts	Syston failed to arrive. Game ordered to be replayed on 28 April/
17.4.1900	Anstey Albion			Syston Swifts	
21.4.1900	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District			Anstey Albion	
21.4.1900	Market Harborough	6 (3)	1 (0)	Syston Swifts	Barber's field, Market Harborough. Exceptionally large crowd This win secured the Championship for Harborough. At the end of the match the band played the victors to their headquarters to the tune of "See the conquering hero comes," amidst great enthusiasm.
28.4.1900	17 <sup>th</sup> Regimental District			Anstey Town	
28.4.1900	Leicester Waverley			Syston Swifts	

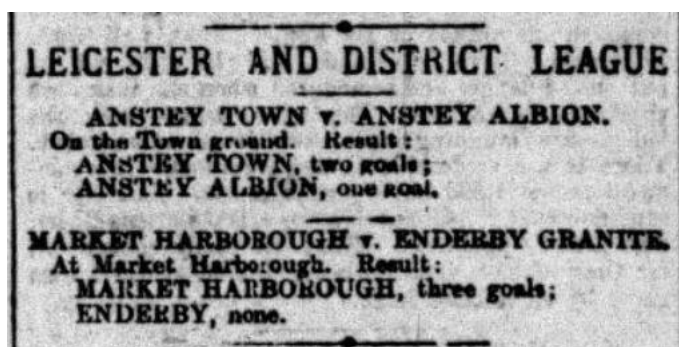
30.4.1900	Champions Market Harborough	3	3	Runners-Up Leicester Waverley	Played at Harborough for the benefit of League funds.
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## Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.



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



*Leicester Daily Mercury - 4 November 1899*

## LEICESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

### ANSTY TOWN v. ANSTY ALBION.

In fine weather, and before a capital gate, these teams met on Saturday afternoon last on the Cropstone-road enclosure. Buckingham was a conspicuous absentee from the Town team, while Pollard could not take his place in the Albion front string, he being unwell. Mr. Linthwaite was referee. Rough play was at times indulged in, but this was quickly stopped by him, North, the Town back, being ordered off the field for unsportsmanlike conduct. At the outset the Albion defence was called upon, but they had little difficulty in sending their opponents back. By a series of fouls against the Town, the Albions were in the vicinity of their opponents' goal, but the shooting was weak. The Town now had a try, but Graves had no difficulty in repelling a tame shot. Still, the Town attacked, and a corner was secured, but this was of no avail. The Albion front got possession, and carried play to the other end. A corner was conceded, but they failed to convert. The goal-kick brought the Town about, and their forwards were soon attacking, but Newcombe sent ridiculously wide. Owing to some very clever work by the Albion front string, the Town goal was again attacked, and Spencer gave Harrison a "teaser," but this he managed to keep out. A rush was now made for the Albion goal, and after a tough struggle the goal-keeper and several of the players were rushed into the net with the ball, the Town thus drawing first blood. Resuming, the Albion attacked, and Harrison was forced to concede a corner, but this availed the aggressors nothing. Graves (the Albion custodian) was next applauded for some pretty work, and the Town failed to convert a corner. The Albion shooting continued weak, and when at last they managed to put one through the referee disallowed a goal for offside. The Town forwards got in possession from the goal-kick, and looked like scoring, but Newcombe missed an easy chance. After some uninteresting football, the Town secured a corner, and from this Smart managed to do the trick. Score at the interval: Town, two goals; Albion, none. Restarting, the Albion took up the attack, but their opponents' defence cleared. Still, the juniors pressed, and Marlow put in a good shot which Harrison cleared with difficulty. Again attacking, the Albion made matters warm, Spencer sending in a splendid shot. A foul against Crosswell looked dangerous for the Town, but Whitmore, who played a splendid game, cleared well. After a brief visit to the other end, the youngsters were soon at it again, and once more Henson had to defend his goal. Hinks sent in a splendid shot from the left wing, but this the Town custodian stopped, although with difficulty. The Albion defence was now troubled somewhat, but the Town attack could not get by Graves. Soon the game was at the other end, and some rough play was indulged in, which, in spite of the referee's caution, resulted in North being sent off the field. The Albion still kept up their attack, and at last their efforts were rewarded. Bonall put the ball past Harrison. The Albions were attacking when the referee announced the conclusion, the result being: Ansty Town, two goals; Ansty Albion, one.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE**

**ORSON WRIGHT AND SON'S v. SYSTON SWIFTS.**  
 At Wigston. Only the first forty-five minutes were played at the end of which there had been  
**NO SCORE.**

**MARKET HARBOROUGH v. WIGSTON EXCELSIOR.**  
 At Market Harborough. Result:  
**MARKET HARBOROUGH, three goals;**  
**WIGSTON EXCELSIOR, none.**

**ENDERBY GRANITE v. NARBOROUGH.**  
 At Enderby. Result:  
**ENDERBY GRANITE, four goals;**  
**NARBOROUGH, none.**

*Leicester Daily Post - 25 December 1899*

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.**

**WIGSTON EXCELSIOR v. NARBOROUGH.**  
 At Wigston. Result:  
**WIGSTON EXCELSIOR, six goals;**  
**NARBOROUGH, none.**

**MARKET HARBOROUGH v. ANSTEY TOWN.**  
 At Market Harborough. Result:  
**MARKET HARBOROUGH, four goals;**  
**ANSTEY TOWN, two goals.**

*Leicester Daily Post - 1 January 1900*

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE**

**SYSTON SWIFTS v. NARBOROUGH.**  
 At Syston. Result:  
**SYSTON SWIFTS, five goals;**  
**NARBOROUGH, none.**

**WAVERLEY v. 17th REGIMENTAL DISTRICT.**  
 On the Victoria Park. This was a keenly contested game, but Depot had hard lines in their goal-keeper failing to turn up until Waverley had scored a couple of goals. Afterwards much spirited play was witnessed, the operations being of a high order, and pleasant to witness. Parker, Branley and Hackett scored for the Waverley, and Freeman for the Depot. Result:  
**WAVERLEY, three goals;**  
**17th REGIMENTAL DISTRICT, one goal.**

*Leicester Daily Post - 12 March 1900*

**Additional Information**

## LEICESTER AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL

An Emergency Committee meeting was held at the Victoria Coffee House on Tuesday evening, the following being present:—Messrs. F. Gardner (chairman), J. W. Carter, J. H. Linthwaite, and R. H. James (hon. sec).—The match, Orson Wright and Son's v. Syston Swifts, in which Syston arrived sixty minutes late, was ordered to be replayed. Syston were fined 1s. and severely censured, and ordered to pay 2s. towards the expenses, and arrange a date for the replayed match within fourteen days. In the case of non-fulfilment by Anstey Albion with Wigston Excelsior, the defaulting club was fined 1s., ordered to pay 7s. 6d. to the Wigston Club for expenses incurred, and the match to be replayed. The following replayed matches were arranged:—Wigston Excelsior v. Waverley, February 10; Enderby Granite v. Syston Swifts, February 10; Anstey Town v. Enderby Granite, February 17; Waverley v. Orson Wright and Son's, February 17.

*Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 4 January 1900*

## LEICESTER AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

At the Victoria Coffee House, on Tuesday evening, a meeting was held in connection with the Leicester and District Football League. There were present Mr. F. Gardiner (chairman), H. T. Watts (Market Harborough), W. Grant (Wigston Excelsior), J. Springthorpe (Anstey Albion), J. Bostock (Anstey Town), H. S. Norman (South Wigston Albion), Garnett (Toone and Black's), Colour-Sergeant Fry (17th Leicester Regimental District), A. Gunby (Leicester Imperial), T. Sampson (Leicester Waverley), R. H. James, G. M. Sharp, J. Gibson, J. H. Linthwaite, and J. W. Carter (hon. sec).—It was stated that two clubs had no nets, and a strong recommendation was made to these two clubs to use them in playing League matches. Ratby Swifts were admitted to the League. A purse containing £8 3s. was presented by Mr. Gardiner to Mr. R. H. James, as a slight acknowledgment for his services rendered as hon. secretary for the past five years. Mr. James was compelled to resign that position owing to business reasons. The Secretary (Mr. J. W. Carter) and Mr. G. M. Sharp were appointed delegates to the annual meeting of the Leicestershire Football Association. — The clubs to constitute the League for next season were finally decided upon as follows: Anstey Albion, Anstey Town, Enderby Granite, Leicester Imperial, Leicester Waverley, Market Harborough, Ratby Swifts, South Wigston Albion, Syston Swifts, Wigston Excelsior, Toone and Black's (Association team), and 17th Regimental District.—The fixtures for next season were also arranged.

*Market Harborough Advertiser & Midland Mail - 30 June 1900*