



Loughborough Junior League 1892-93

Winner: Stanford Church (?)
Runner-up: ?

Leicestershire's second league competition – which like the first ended in chaos!

A Junior League was established in Loughborough for the start of the 1892-3 season - "with rules and restrictions somewhat similar to those in operation in the Midland League and matches arranged on the same principle". It began with 9 clubs – Trinity, Stanford, Britannia, United, All Saint's, Excelsior, Ivanhoe Rovers, Alliance, and Park Reserve. The chief object was to promote the game among the younger population of the town. At the end of the season, it was proposed to present each player of the champion team with a silver medal.

Only a few scores and match reports have been found to date.

It was reported in January that only three clubs remained in the Loughborough Junior League – Ivanhoe Rangers, Stanford and Trinity. It may thus be assumed with some confidence that the competition collapsed before the end of the season. However, one report published in December 1892 refers to Stanford Church Choir as being "champions of the Loughborough Junior League." – *Leicester Daily Post – Monday 19 December 1892.*

Match Results and Details

Date	Home	Away		Match Details	
1.10.1892	Stanford Church Choir	7	0	Trinity	
1.10.1892	Ivanhoe Rovers			Alliance	
1.10.1892	Britannia	W		All Saints	All Saint's failed to appear.
8.10.1892	Alliance			Stanford Church Choir	
8.10.1892	Britannia			Excelsior	
22.10.1892	Park Reserve	P	P	All Saints	All Saints withdrew from the competition.
29.10.1892	Britannia	0	1	Ivanhoe Rovers	
29.10.1892	Trinity Henson Adcock	2	1	Town Rovers 1 st Team Mills	
5.11.1892	Stanford Church Choir AN Other	1 (0)	1 (1)	Park Reserves Grudgings	Park's first-ever League match – against the "invincible" Stanford
3.12.1892	Stanford Church Choir	4	0	Britannia	
17.12.1892	Ivanhoe Rovers	0	1	Trinity	
24.12.1892	Loughborough Trinity	0	3	Stanford Church Choir	Moor-lane ground. Stanford scored twice the final 5 mins.

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

LOUGHBOROUGH JUNIOR LEAGUE

LOUGHBOROUGH IVANHOE ROVERS v LOUGHBOROUGH BRITANNIA

On the latter's ground, in connection with the Loughborough Junior League. Result:-

IVANHOE, one goal;

BRITANNIA, nil.

Leicester Daily Post – 31 October 1892

LOUGHBOROUGH JUNIOR LEAGUE

STANFORD CHURCH CHOIR v PARK RESERVES

The Park club met to play their first League match, the invincible Stanford being their opponents. The Park kicked off, and for a while the exchanges were pretty even. After 1 minutes play the Park forced a corner, which was well placed, and Grudgings headed through scoring the first goal for the Park. Cheered by their achievement, the Park kept the visitors' backs in full work, and Noble experienced hard lines in not again scoring when close in, the ball going over the bar. Just before half-time, however, Speight took the ball well down the right wing, and centring Clarke shot through, but the linesman rules the ball had been in touch, and therefore the goal was disallowed. Half-time arrived with the score in favour of the Park by one goal to none. On resuming, the Stanford forwards improved, but found their match in Noon and Yeoman; Tucker in goal also showed good form, and by long kicking frequently cleared his goal when in danger. The Stanford forwards were now playing for all they were worth, and from play in front of goal managed to equalise. Both teams now tried to gain the upper hand, and Noble again experienced hard lines, he making several splendid runs down the left wing. Nothing however, resulted and the game ended in:

A DRAW – one goal each.

Park team: A. Tucker, goal; L. Yeomans and A. H. Noon, backs; F. Smith, H. Wootton, J. Shaw, half-backs; H. H. Speight and H. Grudgings, right wing; A. E. Clarke, centre; D. H. Noble and S. Godkin, left wing. Referee, Mr H. Jelley.

Leicester Daily Post – 7 November 1892

LOUGHBOROUGH JUNIOR LEAGUE

LOUGHBOROUGH BRITANNIA v STANFORD CHURCH CHOIR

Played on the ground of the latter. Result:-

STANFORD, four goals;

BRITANNIAS, nil

Leicester Daily Post – 5 December 1892

LOUGHBOROUGH JUNIOR LEAGUE

LOUGHBOROUGH TRINITY v STANFORD CHURCH CHOIR

On the Moor-lane round. Result:

STANFORD, three goals;

TRINITY, none.

Leicester Daily Post – 26 December 1892

Additional Information

The fixture list for Trinity, who acquired a field off Moore-lane to play their home games, is given below.

Loughborough Trinity FC Fixture List

Sept	24	Ivanhoe Rangers, home
Oct	1	Stanford Church, away
	15	Loughborough Britannia, away
	22	Barrow Rising Star, home

Nov	5	Loughborough United, away
	12	All Saint's Church, home
	19	Old Victoria, away
	26	Excelsior
Dec	3	All Saints, away
	10	Britannia, home
	17	Ivanhoe Rovers, home
	24	Stanford Church, home
Jan	14	Loughborough Park Reserve, home
	21	Barrow Rising Star, away
	28	Old Victoria, home
Feb	4	Park Reserves. Away
	18	Loughborough Alliance, home
	25	Excelsior, away
Mar	4	Alliance, away
	11	Ivanhoe Rovers. Away
	18	United, home

Melton Mowbray and Oakham and Uppingham News - 1 September 1892

The Junior League contests begin in earnest to-day, and the contests announced are:—Trinity v. Stanford, latter's ground; Ivanhoe Rovers v. Alliance, former's ground; and Britannia v. All Saints', former's ground. Secretaries of these clubs would oblige if they would send in their fixture cards and the results of their matches as soon as possible, to the *Guardian* office in Swan-street.

Nottingham Evening Post - 1 October 1892

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CHURCH CHOIR.
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Leicester Daily Post - 26 December 1892

Loughborough Park met with the first disappointment on Saturday, after their recent re-organisation, Leicester Hornets failing to fulfil their fixture. The decision of the members of the Park club is one that will be received with congratulation on all sides, although the result will be that only three clubs are left in the competition of the Loughborough Junior League, whilst the clubs amongst the rising genius of the town are growing beautifully less. No fewer than six clubs have collapsed since the commencement of the season, viz., United, Excelsior, Alliance, All Saints, Britannia, and Park Reserve. These facts do not look very well to outsiders, but to those connected with the clubs matters are very different, for each member has an eye to the property, to a share of which he lays claim. The same rule also applies to the "£ s. d." A large number the donors to these juvenile clubs do not know, or even inquire, how the money is to be expended when giving a subscription, thus allowing the collectors ahead a free hand to do as they like without fear of detection.

Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - 19 January 1893

