



Loughborough & District League 1898-99

DIVISION II

Loughborough & District League II

Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Loughborough Corinthians	18	17	1	0	69	13	5.31	35
2	Loughborough Forest Rovers	18	13	0	5	45	26	1.73	26
3	Loughborough Trinity	18	10	3	5	48	32	1.5	23
4	Shepshed Albion	18	9	3	6	46	27	1.70	21
5	Quorn Reserve	18	8	2	8	48	46	1.04	18
6	Kegworth Reserve	18	7	1	10	34	38	0.90	15
7	Rothley Swifts	18	6	2	10	34	51	0.67	14
8	Barrow Star Reserve	18	5	3	10	27	36	0.75	13
9	Sutton Bonington	18	3	3	12	22	59	0.37	9
10	Seagrave Rising Star	18	3	0	15	18	63	0.29	4

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Winner:	Loughborough Corinthians
Runner-Up:	Loughborough Forest Rovers
Wooden spoon:	Seagrave Rising Star
Games Played:	90
Missing Results:	6
Goals scored:	391 (4.3 goals per game)
Biggest home win:	Quorn Reserve 9-0 Kegworth Reserve
Biggest away win:	Seagrave Rising Star 0-8 Loughborough Corinthians
Highest scoring:	10: Shepshed Albion 8-2 Kegworth Reserve

There were 756 players registered by clubs in the Loughborough and District League. Sutton Bonington had the highest in Division 2, with Forest Rovers and Loughborough Trinity the smallest.

Loughborough Corinthians were unbeaten all season, winning 17 of their 18 League games. Runners-up, Loughborough Forest Rovers were 11 points behind.

Seagrave were fined 2s for failing to send in their match results.

At the close of the League game between Shepshed Albion and Loughborough Corinthians at Shepshed, one of the most disgraceful scenes ever witnessed in connection with Leicestershire football took place. As the Loughborough players made for their brake (horse drawn carriage), which was waiting for them by the gate to Albion's ground, they were rushed by spectators. Blows were exchanged and mud was thrown. Several of the Loughborough players looked in a "sorry plight." As they drove off a noisy band of youths congregated in the vicinity and "hooted" as they left for Loughborough. A Smith, of Kegworth, was suspended by the Leicestershire Football Association in December 1898 for the remainder of the season for disorderly conduct resulting from this incident.

In late April, Kegworth wrote to the League asking to withdraw their reserve team from the competition

Results Grid

Loughborough & District League Division II 1898-99	Barrow Rising Star	Kegworth Res	Loughborough Corinthians	Loughborough Forest	Loughborough Trinity	Quorn Reserve	Rothley Swifts	Seagrave Rising Star	Shepshed Albion	Sutton Bonington
Barrow Rising Star Res			0-4	1-2	1-1	3-0		3-1	3-0	0-2
Kegworth Reserves	2-1		0-2		6-1	0-6	3-0	4-0	2-4	7-0
Loughborough Corinthians	2-0	5-1		2-1	3-1	8-1	3-2	4-0	1-1	3-1
Loughborough Forest Res	3-0	2-0	1-3		1-7	5-2	2-0	5-1	4-1	2-0
Loughborough Trinity	3-0	2-2	1-4	0-2		3-0	5-2	5-0	2-1	3-1
Quorn Reserve			1-4	1-5	2-2		9-0	5-3	2-1	5-1
Rothley Swifts	2-3	3-1	1-5	3-2	2-4	1-4		3-2	2-0	6-2
Seagrave Rising Star	0-7		0-8	0-4	0-3	3-2	1-2		1-2	1-2
Shepshed Albion	2-2	8-2	1-2	3-0	4-1	4-1	4-1	3-0		6-0
Sutton Bonington	4-1	0-2	1-6	2-5	1-4	2-2	1-1	1-4	1-1	

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Result Not Known

Results and Match Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3.9.1898	Seagrave Rising Star	0	7	Barrow Star Reserves	One-sided game.
10.9.1898	Kegworth Reserves	0	6	Quorn Reserve	
10.9.1898	Loughborough Corinthians Hodgin Grudgings Gadsby	3	2	Rothley Swifts AN Other (pen) Bailey (og)	Rothley's second goal was lucky – a shot from hit Bailey the Loughborough full-back, on the legs and rebounded through the goal totally wrong-footing the goalkeeper. "One or two of the Corinthians had a strong tendency for offside."
10.9.1898	Loughborough Forest Rovers Stevens (2) Arterton Powell	4	1	Shepshed Albion AN Other	First time these clubs had played each other. Shepshed scored in the last minute.
17.9.1898	Kegworth Reserves	0	2	Loughborough Corinthians Pacey Henson	The two goals were scored within the first 10 mins. "The conduct of a section of the spectators was very bad, and unless the Kegworth club put a stop to it, they will be getting into trouble. Some of the expressions used on Saturday were of a disgusting nature." – Melton & Uppingham Times
17.9.1898	Quorn Reserve	2	2	Loughborough Trinity	
17.9.1898	Rothley Swifts	2	3	Barrow Star Reserve	
17.9.1898	Sutton Bonington	1	4	Seagrave Rising Star	
24.9.1898	Loughborough Trinity Harris (2) Yorke Pepper (2)	5 (0)	0 (0)	Seagrave Rising Star	Goal-less at half-time. Trinity's goal-keeper only kicked the ball twice during the whole game.
24.9.1898	Rothley Swifts AN Others	3 (1)	2 (2)	Loughborough Forest Rovers	Rothley took a shot, Cooke, Forest Rover's goal-keeper saved, the ball going behind.

	Cufflin			W Smith Simmond	Rothley appealed for a goal, but the referee awarded a goal kick. The home team expressed strong dissatisfaction and eventually the referee altered his decision and allowed the goal.
24.9.1898	Shepshed Albion	6	0	Sutton Bonington	
1.10.1898	Kegworth Reserves	6	1	Loughborough Trinity	
1.10.1898	Shepshed Albion	4	1	Quorn Reserve	
8.10.1898	Barrow Star Reserve	3	1	Seagrave Rising Star	
8.10.1898	Loughborough Trinity Pepper Gutteridge Swan Woodcock Harris	5 (4)	2 (2)	Rothley Swifts AN Others	Rothley frequently questioned the decisions of the referee.
8.10.1898	Quorn Reserve	5	1	Sutton Bonington	
15.10.1898	Barrow Star Reserve AN Other	1 (0)	1 (1)	Loughborough Trinity Woodcock	
15.10.1898	Loughborough Forest Rovers AN Other Waldran (2) Powell Smith	5 (3)	1 (0)	Seagrave Rising Star Harriman	Game did not start until 4.15 pm. Seagrave had only 9 players. Referee stopped the game 15 mins early owing to darkness.
15.10.1898	Sutton Bonington AN Other	1 (1)	6 (3)	Loughborough Corinthians Clem Gadsby F Gadsby Grudgings Moss AN Others	Late in the first half the home outside right then received possession when in an offside position, which was not noticed by the referee, and he passed to his partner, who scored with a shot right out of reach of the goalkeeper. Spectators joined the home players on the field in disputing a referee's decision, and the game closed with 15 mins from time through Sutton leaving the field. The Sutton captain, when asked by the referee where he was going, replied "Go home", and did so, the rest of his team following.
22.10.1898	Loughborough Forest Rovers Simmonds W Smith Stevens	3 (0)	0 (0)	Barrow Star Reserve	Barrow's first defeat of the season
22.10.1898	Loughborough Trinity	2 (1)	1 (1)	Shepshed Albion	Trinity headed the League table, but had played more games than all the other teams. Loughborough teams occupied the top three places.
22.10.1898	Rothley Swifts	6	2	Sutton Bonington	Only 10 Sutton players travelled to Rothley.
5.11.1898	Loughborough Forest Rovers W Smith	1 (1)	7 (2)	Loughborough Trinity Swann (2) Woodcock (2) Harris Gutteridge (pen) Pepper	This result was a great surprise to both clubs.
5.11.1898	Seagrave Rising Star	1	2	Rothley Swifts	
5.11.1898	Sutton Bonington	4	1	Barrow Star Reserve	Sutton's first win of the season Barrow only had 9 players
12.11.1898	Barrow Rising Star	3	0	Quorn Reserve	

12.11.1898	Loughborough Corinthians Shephard AN Others	4	0	Seagrave Rising Star	Seagrave were late in arriving and only 35 mins were played each way.
12.11.1898	Loughborough Forest Rovers Bennett H Smith (pen)	2 (1)	0 (0)	Sutton Bonington	
12.11.1898	Loughborough Trinity	2	2	Kegworth Reserves	
12.11.1898	Shepshed Albion	4	1	Rothley Swifts	
19.11.1898	Kegworth Reserve			Shepshed Albion	
19.11.1898	Loughborough Trinity	1 (0)	4 (1)	Loughborough Corinthians Kidger Grudgings Gadsby (2)	Trinity missed a second half penalty.
19.11.1898	Shepshed Albion	4	2	Kegworth Reserves	
26.11.1898	Barrow Star Reserve			Kegworth Reserves	
26.11.1898	Quorn Reserve AN Other	1	5	Loughborough Forest Rovers Stevens Baker W Smith (2) Powell	The game was stopped 9 mins from time owing to darkness.
26.11.1898	Rothley Swifts AN Other	1	5	Loughborough Corinthians Paget Kidger (3) AN Other	
26.11.1898	Shepshed Albion	3	0	Seagrave Rising Star	
3.12.1898	Loughborough Corinthians	3	1	Sutton Bonington	A Moss [Corinthians] scored a hat-trick in the first 10 mins. Sutton scored in the last minute.
3.12.1898	Loughborough Forest Rovers AN Other Baker	2 (1)	0 (0)	Kegworth Reserves	
3.12.1898	Loughborough Trinity Gutteridge Woodcock (2)	3 (0)	0 (0)	Barrow Star Reserve	Barrow were assisted by 3 first team players. Woodcock [Trinity] had a goal disallowed, denying him a hat-trick.
3.12.1898	Rothley Swifts AN Other Wells Haynes	3	2	Seagrave Rising Star Orton Stonehouse	Seagrave were on the ground for good 20 mins waiting for the home team. Rothley missed a first half penalty. The winning goal was 'scored' by Haynes whose shot went into the goal through the side net. The referee for some reason allowed the goal, which created considerable unpleasantness.
10.12.1898	Barrow Star Reserve			Rothley Swifts	
10.12.1898	Seagrave Rising Star	0 (0)	4 (0)	Loughborough Forest Rovers Stevens W Smith Streets Hood	Good gate This victory placed Rovers second in the table.
17.12.1898	Quorn Reserve	5 (2)	3 (1)	Seagrave Rising Star	
17.12.1898	Shepshed Albion Pawley	4 (2)	1 (1)	Loughborough Trinity Harris	

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24.12.1898	Kegworth Reserves	3	0	Rothley Swifts	Rothley were very late in arriving at Kegworth. 20 mins short time was played.
24.12.1898	Loughborough Forest Rovers Goodwin	1 (0)	3 (1)	Loughborough Corinthians Brewill (pen) Gadsby Onions	A victory for Rovers would have taken them to the top of the table.
24.12.1898	Quorn Reserve			Barrow Star Reserves	
26.12.1898	Sutton Bonington	1	1	Shepshed Albion	
31.12.1899	Kegworth Reserve	7	0	Sutton Bonington	Bad ground. Sutton could only muster 9 players.
31.12.1899	Barrow Rising Star	0	4	Loughborough Corinthians A Gadsby C Moss (2) Henson	Loughborough made the journey with just 10 players, but they happened to meet Barker at Barrow Railway Station, and he was pressed into service. He kept goal in his ordinary clothes. C Moss who should have kept goal played centre forward.
7.1.1899	Loughborough Trinity Gutteridge (2) Harding	3 (2)	0 (0)	Quorn Reserve	
7.1.1899	Shepshed Albion Lester (4) Moore (pen) Hopkins Stevenson AN Other	8 (4)	2 (1)	Kegworth Reserves AN Others	Good attendance.
7.1.1899	Sutton Bonington			Rothley Swifts	Rothley failed to make the journey as they were unable to raise a team.
14.1.1899	Barrow Rising Star			Shepshed Albion	
14.1.1899	Kegworth Reserves	4	0	Seagrave Rising Star	
14.1.1899	Loughborough Corinthians Kidger	2 (1)	0 (0)	Barrow Reserve	
21.1.1899	Loughborough Corinthians	5	1	Kegworth Reserves	
21.1.1899	Quorn Reserve	9	0	Rothley Swifts	
21.1.1899	Sutton Bonington AN Other	1 (1)	4 (1)	Loughborough Trinity Gutteridge (pen + 2) Swann	
28.1.1899	Loughborough Forest Rovers	5	2	Quorn Reserve	
28.1.1899	Shepshed Albion Moss	1 (1)	2 (1)	Loughborough Corinthians Gadsby AN Other	Albion were awarded a penalty for hands which robbed them of a certain goal. Unfortunately, an 18 yards line had not been marked out and the players clustered much nearer the forward who took the penalty than would have been allowed if the line had been drawn. Moore kicked the ball, which struck the goalkeeper and rushing up he could not of failed to score if the goalkeeper had not stopped him. the kick was retaken and this time it rebounded off the goalkeeper into play and was cleared. Several fouls were given against both sides and those in favour of the home side caused a renewal of unwarrantable conduct on the part of a small noisy band of spectators. Corinthians also missed a penalty.

					The game was marred by violence at the end of the game as spectators attacked the Loughborough players.
4.2.1899	Quorn Reserve Bancroft	2 (1)	1 (1)	Shepshed Albion AN Other	Quorn team was weakened as several of the Reserves were taken to Hathern with the first team. Ground was very bad
4.2.1899	Seagrave Rising Star	0(1)	3(2)	Loughborough Trinity	Ground in a very bad condition owing to the frost.
11.2.1899	Loughborough Trinity	0	2	Loughborough Forest Rovers Stevens Baker	Good attendance Gate receipt £2-3. Both teams were "running for second place."
11.2.1899	Kegworth Reserves	2	1	Barrow Rising Star	
11.2.1899	Rothley Swifts Lovett Wills	2 (1)	0 (0)	Shepshed Albion	Rothley had a weakened team that included 5 reserves.
18.2.1899	Barrow Rising Star	3	0	Shepshed Albion	
18.2.1899	Loughborough Corinthians	8	1	Quorn Reserve	
18.2.1899	Loughborough Forest Rovers	2	0	Rothley Swifts	
25.2.1899	Kegworth	2	0	Sutton Bonington	
25.2.1899	Loughborough Trinity	4	2	Rothley Swifts	
4.3.1899	Seagrave	1	2	Shepshed Albion	
11.3.1899	Quorn Reserve			Loughborough Corinthians	
11.3.1899	Shepshed Albion	2	2	Barrow	
11.3.1899	Sutton Bonington AN Other (pen + 1)	2 (2)	5 (2)	Loughborough Forest Stevens (pen +2) Rovers W Smith Baker	Forest Rovers missed a second half penalty.
18.3.1899	Loughborough Corinthians	1 (1)	1 (0)	Shepshed Albion	Corinthians dropped their first point of the season.
18.3.1899	Seagrave Rising Star Sargent Harriman AN Other	3 (0)	2 (0)	Quorn Reserve AN Other Dexter	
18.3.1899	Sutton	1 (1)	1 (0)	Rothley	Rothley equalised 5 mins from time.
25.3.1899	Loughborough Trinity	3	1	Sutton Bonington	
25.3.1899	Rothley Swifts	3	1	Kegworth Reserve	
25.3.1899	Shepshed Albion	3	0	Loughborough Forest Rovers	
1.4.1899	Loughborough Corinthians	3 (2)	1 (0)	Loughborough Trinity	Corinthians maintained their unbeaten record,
1.4.1899	Quorn Reserve	4	1	Rothley Swifts	Rothley had a very poor team - "some of the players being totally unfit for the positions allotted to them."
3.4.1899	Barrow Star Reserve			Rothley Swifts	Rothley failed to travel
3.4.1899	Quorn Reserve			Kegworth Reserves	Kegworth failed to travel
4.4.1899	Quorn			Loughborough Corinthians	
8.4.1899	Barrow Star Reserve	0 (0)	2 (1)	Sutton Bonington Burrows (2)	The ground was not marked out. Sutton only took 9 players. After 15 mins play the game was stopped for a few minutes owing to a storm. After

					restarting, the storm worsened, and play was stopped again for several minutes.
8.4.1899	Seagrave Rising Star	0	8	Loughborough Corinthians	
15.4.1899	Barrow Star Reserve	1	2	Loughborough Forest Rovers	
15.4.1899	Seagrave Rising Star			Kegworth Reserves	
15.4.1899	Sutton Bonington	2	2	Quorn Reserves	
22.4.1899	Barrow Star Reserve			Rothley Swifts	Rothley failed to travel to Barrow
22.4.1899	Loughborough Corinthians	2 (0)	1 (0)	Loughborough Forest Rovers	
22.4.1899	Quorn Reserve			Kegworth Reserves	Kegworth had written a letter the previous week asking to withdraw from the League.
22.4.1899	Seagrave Rising Star AN Other	1	2	Sutton Bonington Taylor Wilcox	
29.4..1899	Kegworth Reserves			Loughborough Forest Rovers	
29.4..1899	Quorn Reserve	1	4	Loughborough Corinthians	At the end of the game a discreditable scene occurred several of the players being struck.

Note: There is some inconsistency regarding the use of the term "Reserve" and "Reserves". Assumed that it Barrow Star Reserve. Kegworth Reserves, and Quorn Reserve.

Match Reports

DIVISION II.							
SATURDAY'S RESULT:--							
Corinthians	6	Sutton Bonnington.....	1				
Trinity	1	Barrow Star Res.	1				
Forest Rovers	5	Seagrave	1				
RESULTS UP TO DATE:--							
	Pld.	Won.	Lat.	Drn.	For	Agst	Pt
Loughboro' Cor.	3	3	0	0	11	3	6
Barrow Star Res.	4	2	0	2	14	5	6
Loughboro' Trnty.	5	2	1	2	14	11	6
Quorn Reserve ...	4	2	1	1	14	7	5
L'oro Forest Rvrs	3	2	1	0	11	5	4
Shepherd Albion	3	2	1	0	11	5	4
Rothley Swifts ...	4	1	2	1	8	3	3
Kegworth Res. ...	3	1	2	0	6	9	2
Seagrave R. S. ...	5	1	4	0	6	21	2
Sutton Bonnington	4	0	4	0	3	21	0

BARROW STAR 2nd v. LOUGHBOROUGH TRINITY.

Played at Barrow. Trinity kicked off, and immediately had to act on the defensive. After some give and take play by both teams, the Trinity woke up, and Woodcock opened the scoring for them. Nothing further was scored in this half. After the interval, the home side started pressing, but were met by a stubborn defence. The Trinity then had a turn, and Swann, getting away by himself, fell, apparently tripped by one of the home backs when within five yards of goal, and in the act of scoring. The visitors appealed for a penalty, but, to their surprise, and that of the spectators who accompanied them, the referee gave a throw up, which was cleared. After this piece of good fortune, the home team played up strongly, and ten minutes afterwards equalized with a good shot. Trinity afterwards kept the Stars' defence busy, but could not score again, a good game ending in a draw of one goal each.

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LOUGHBOROUGH CORINTHIANS v. ROTHLEY SWIFTS.

Played at Rothley. The Corinthians lost the toss, and had to defend their goal for a while. The game fluctuated for some time, but Rothley only forced goal kicks. Ultimately the Corinthians applied pressure, and from a run up by the left wing Paget, with a magnificent shot, scored the first goal. Upon the re-start, the ball was immediately taken to the home end again by Kidger and Gadsby, the former registering another goal. Rothley then obtained a somewhat soft goal, the right wing putting the ball into the net. Kidger scored again for the Corinthians, and Brewill placing another corner finely, Kidger headed through for the fourth time. The interval then arrived. In the second portion Rothley were scarcely so dangerous as in the first portion, and although the Corinthians only added one more goal to their total they had most of the play, their further success being due to the failing light. Rothley failed to score again, and were beaten by five goals to one.

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DIVISION II.

LOUGHBOROUGH FOREST ROVERS v. KEGWORTH RESERVES.

At Loughborough. Result:
ROVERS, two goals;
KEGWORTH, none.

LOUGHBOROUGH CORINTHIANS v. SUTTON BONNINGTON.

At Loughborough. Result:
CORINTHIANS, three goals;
SUTTON BONNINGTON, one.

LOUGHBOROUGH TRINITY v. BARROW STARS RESERVES.

At Loughborough. Result:
TRINITY, three goals;
BARROW, none.

Leicester Daily Post - 5 December 1898