



Leicestershire Thursday League 1893-94

Winner: Banks' FC
Runner-up: Depot Leicestershire Regiment FC

Thursday Leagues catered for players who for a range of reasons were unable to play on Saturdays.

The Leicestershire Thursday League was formed in May 1893 [see Additional Information below]

Little is currently known about Leicestershire's Thursday Leagues.

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Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Banks'	7	6	1	0	20	10	11
2	Cheviot	6	3	1	2	15	11	7
3	Depot	7	3	1	3	14	12	7
4	Victoria	6	2	0	4	7	10	4
5	Post Office	6	0	1	5	6	26	1

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Results Grid

Thursday League 1893-4	Banks'	Cheviot	Depot	Post Office	Victoria
Banks'		2-2	3-2	9-1	2-1
Cheviot	1-6		2-0	1-8	3-0 1-0
Depot	0-2	1-4		5-2	
Post Office		0-4	1-1		
Victoria	0-4	2-1	0-1	2-2	

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Result Not Known

Note: All teams apart from the Post Office and the Military Depot played at Victoria Park. Since the winning team was named first in match reports, it has not been possible to identify the home club for the majority of the games.

Three reports have been found for Victoria v Cheviots - it can be assumed that one of the first two games was ordered to be replayed.

Results & Match Details

Date	Home		Away	Match Details
19.10.1893	Banks' Oliver H Tyler	2 (1)	1 (0) Victoria Davidson	Victoria Park, Leicester. 2,000 spectators. Both teams were well represented. Banks were assisted by McAlpin, Cartwright and Taylor of the YMCA; Victoria assisted by J Atter late of the Fosse.
19.10.1893	Military Depot Frost	1 (0)	4 (2) Cheviot C Turner Mahoney (2) Pears	Barrack playground, Glen Parva. The soldiers played a very weak team including 2 or 3 new men who displayed a crude knowledge of the game.
2.11.1893	Banks'	9	1 Post Office	Victoria Park, Leicester.

					Mr Ashmole refereed the match.
2.11.1893	Cheviot Castle Turner og	3	0	Victoria	Victoria Park, Leicester. Large crowd.
9.11.1893	Banks' Andrews Charters AN Other	3 (1)	2 (1)	Military Depot Thorburn Clover	Victoria Park, Leicester. Played before a "goodly collection of the unemployed."
16.11.1893	Post Office	0 (0)	4 (2)	Cheviots Cassell Green B Turner C Turner	Evington-lane, Leicester. 100 spectators.
23.11.1893	Banks Tyler Wood	2	2	Cheviot B Turner Harris	Victoria Park, Leicester. Large and appreciative company.
23.11.1893	Thursday Victoria	0	1	Military Depot Thorburn	Victoria Park, Leicester. Good number of people assembled to cheer the Royal Bengal Tigers.
14.12.1893	Cheviots	1	0	Victoria	Victoria Park, Leicester. Soft and slippery ground. Players had difficulty standing. In the second half one of the Cheviot forwards was charged In a manner which he did not like and turned round kicking him in the back knocking him down, Both players were cautioned by the referee.
14.12.1893	Military Depot Bishop (2) Frain Glover	5 (3)	2 (0)	Post Office AN Others	At Glen Parva.
11.1.1894	Post Office O'Shea	1	1	Military Depot Broadwell	Evington-lane, Leicester.
18.1.1894	Banks' H Tyler Harrison Collins AN Others	6 (3)	1 (0)	Cheviots	Victoria Park, Leicester. Top two teams - separated prior to the game by goal average.
8.2.1894	Victoria Fuller (2)	2	1	Cheviot Orchid	Victoria Park, Leicester.
15.2.1894	Cheviot Castle Chamberlain	2	0	Military Depot	Victoria Park, Leicester.
22.2.1894	Banks'	4	0	Victoria	Victoria Park, Leicester. Large attendance.
22.2.1894	Cheviots	1	8	Post Office	Victoria Park, Leicester. Soon after the commencement of the second half Cheviots players began to leave the field in twos and threes and the game was stopped.
8.3.1894	Victoria Beadsworth Willars (pen)	2	2	Post Office O'Shea Simpson	

Other "Thursday" Results and Match Details

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
19.10.1893	Foster Bros	8	0	Tea Consumers	
19.10.1893	Melton	0	3	Leicester Post Office	
19.10.1893	Victoria II	4	1	Cheviots II	

26.10.1893	Consumer United	3	1	Pawnbrokers	
	Glen Parva Depot AN Other Frost Figgett Bridgeford Thorburn	5 (2)	0 (0)	Victoria 2nd	
2.11.1893	Victoria 2nd	4	4	Melton Half-Holiday	
9.11.1893	Victoria 2nd	3	0	Pawnbrokers	
16.11.1893	Banks' Johnson Cartwright AN Other	3 (20)	3 (1)	Wyggeston School Robinson Billings King	Victoria Park, Leicester. Refereed by T S Ashmole.
30.11.1893	Banks'	3	3	Loughborough Amateurs	Kegworth. Rough game.
	Pawnbrokers	2	2	Victoria 2nd	
11.1.1894	Market Harborough	1	0	Victoria	
18.1.1894	Pawnbrokers	2	1	Foster Bros	
8.2.1894	Banks Wood J McAlpin	2	0	Market Harborough	Violent wind.
15.2.1894	Banks' Cecil Wood (2) Charters	3	0	Wyggeston	Victoria Park, Leicester.
15.2.1894	Victoria 2nd	0	1	Hinckley W Sanger	Victoria Park, Leicester.
22.2.1894	Banks 2nd	4	0	Nuneaton	Victoria Park, Leicester.
16.3.1894	Banks	2	0	Victoria	Victoria Park, Leicester. Friendly
16.3.1894	Pawnbrokers	5	3	Victoria II	
19.4.1894	Fosse	4 (3)	1 (0)	Thursday League	Fosse Ground, Leicester. 300 spectators. Benefit game for the League. Rather cold weather

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.

THIS DAY'S FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION.

THURSDAY LEAGUE.

BANKS v. CHEVIOT.

Played on the Victoria Park, in the presence of a large and appreciative company. The turf was crisp with frost, without being dangerously hard, and the players bounded over it in capital style. Both clubs were well represented, and an even game was witnessed. With the wind behind them in the first half, the Banks scored two goals by the aid of Tyler and Wood, and until a late stage of the game they seemed exceedingly likely to win, for a goal for the Cheviot from the foot of B. Turner was the only reply made until within a few minutes of time, when the referee, Mr. Ashmole, awarded the Cheviot a free kick, and from it the ball was rushed through the Banks' goal by Harris. "Time" was called directly afterwards, with the match ending in

A DRAW, two goals each.

THURSDAY VICTORIA v. MILITARY DEPOT.

Played on the Victoria Park. A goodly number of people assembled to cheer the "Royal Bengal Tigers" on to a victory which they could scarcely be expected to secure; but the unexpected happened, for the soldiers, playing with the wind in the first half, scored by means of a goal from Thorburn, and although the Victoria pressed heavily for nearly the whole of the second half, they could not get the ball through, thus losing a match which they had confidently reckoned on winning. J. Atter, who on Wednesday played for Middlesex against Surrey, appeared on the Victoria side, but he had no chances, being "starved" rather than "fed" nearly the whole of the time. Mr. Bassford refereed. Result:

MILITARY DEPOT, one goal;
VICTORIA, none.

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THE THURSDAY LEAGUE.

CHEVIOT v. MILITARY DEPOT.

On the Victoria Park. Castle and Chamberlain scored for the Cheviot, and Broadwell for the soldiers, the result being:

CHEVIOT, two goals;
DEPOT, one.

HINCKLEY v. VICTORIA 2nd.

On the Victoria Park. W. Sanger scored for Hinckley, making the result

HINCKLEY, one goal;
VICTORIA 2nd, none.

BANKS v. WYGGESTON SCHOOL.

On the Victoria Park. Cecil Wood (twice) and Chartres kicked goals for the Banks. Result:

BANKS, three goals;
WYGGESTON SCHOOL, none.

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Additional Information

FORMATION OF A THURSDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.
—A meeting of representatives of the various Thursday Association football clubs in the town and county, convened by Mr. Smithson, of the Post-office, was held on Thursday evening, at the White Swan Hotel, Market-place, for the purpose of forming a league of local clubs playing on Thursdays. Mr. T. S. Ashmole, of the Thursday Victoria, was voted to the chair, and there were also present Messrs. J. Hall and Whyman (Banks), Smithson and Geeson (Post-office), Deacon (Cheviot), King and Harrison (Thursday Victoria), and Corporal Thornburn and Sergeant Clover (Military Depot). A telegram was received from the Hinckley Club, practically indicating that they were in favour of the proposal, and it was stated that the Y.M.C.A. were also favourable, but were doubtful of being able to raise a Thursday team. In the course of the discussion evoked by the proposal, a general feeling was evinced in favour of a league rather than an ordinary cup competition, and it was thought also that there were sufficient good clubs in the county to form a compact and well-balanced league. The chairman pointed out, too, that according to Mr. Cleggs motion adopted by the English Association all clubs would in future be obliged to belong to the Football Association or some organisation affiliated to it, or incur the usual penalties, and that, he took it, was a strong argument in favour of the formation of the body.—Corporal Thornburn proposed, and Mr. Geeson seconded, that a league be formed, and it was further decided, on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Deacon, that it should consist of not less than eight or more than ten clubs. It was named the "Leicestershire Thursday League," and it was further decided, on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Deacon, that it should consist of not less than eight or more than ten clubs. It was named the "Leicestershire Thursday League," and a sub-committee composed of Messrs. Ashmole, Smithson, and Hall was appointed to draw up a code of rules to be submitted to a future meeting.—Mr. Ashmole was elected chairman of the league, Mr. Smithson secretary, and Mr. Hall treasurer.—It was agreed as a suggestion to the sub-committee that the subscription should be half a guinea, and other minor matters were also discussed.

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