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Nr	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GA	P
1	Nottingham Forest	9	5	1	3	16	8	2.0	11
2	Sheffield Wednesday	5	3	2	0	9	3	4.0	8
3	Derby County	5	3	1	1	14	9	1.56	7
4	Sheffield United	6	2	2	2	11	14	0.79	6
5	Leicester Fosse	7	2	2	3	10	14	0.71	6
6	Notts County	6	0	0	6	3	15	0.2	0

Champions: n/a

Runners-Up: n/a

Wooden-spoon: n/a

Matches played: 17

Goals scored: 63 (3.7 goals per game)

Biggest home win: Derby County 3-0 Nottingham Forest

Nottingham Forest 3-0 Derby County

Nottingham Forest 3-0 Leicester Fosse

Biggest away win: Sheffield United 2-4 Nottingham Forest

High scoring: 9; Sheffield United v Derby County

The United Counties League in the 1890s was a short-lived league between football clubs in the Midlands and Sheffield which ran in addition (and concurrently) to the Football League.

The competition only ran for two seasons, 1893/94 and 1894/95.

The 1893/94 was the only year the competition finished and was won by Derby County. The competition was organised as two separate leagues with the winner of each league playing each other in a final to determine the overall winner.

Group A contained four teams, Small Heath, Stoke, West Bromwich Albion and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Group B contained five teams, Derby County, Nottingham Forest, Notts County, Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday.

The final was contested by West Bromwich Albion and Derby County. The final went to a replay which derby won 2-1 in front of 6,000 spectators.

Leicester Fosse competed in the 1894/95 competition, which comprised six East Midlands and Sheffield based clubs. Each team agreed to put into the field their full strength team and would take their own gate, but when they had a Saturday home match and their opponents a midweek match, the club with the Saturday match were required to give their opponents one fifth of the gate receipts.

The League fizzled out as sides failed to complete their fixtures. Nottingham Forest were top of the League at the end of the season. Leicester won just 2 of their 7 United Counties League games and finished 5th out of 6. Notts County were bottom of the league after failing to collect a single point of their 6 games.

Results Grid

Home/Away	Derby County	Leicester Fosse	Notts County	Nottingham Forest	Sheffield United	Sheffield Wednesday
Derby County		2-2		3-0		
Leicester Fosse	1-4		2-1	1-1		
Notts County		0-2		0-1		0-2
Nottingham Forest	2-0	3-0	3-0		0-1	0-1
Sheffield United	4-5	3-2		2-6		0-0
Sheffield Wednesday			5-2		1-1	

Home win
 Away Win
 Draw
 Not played

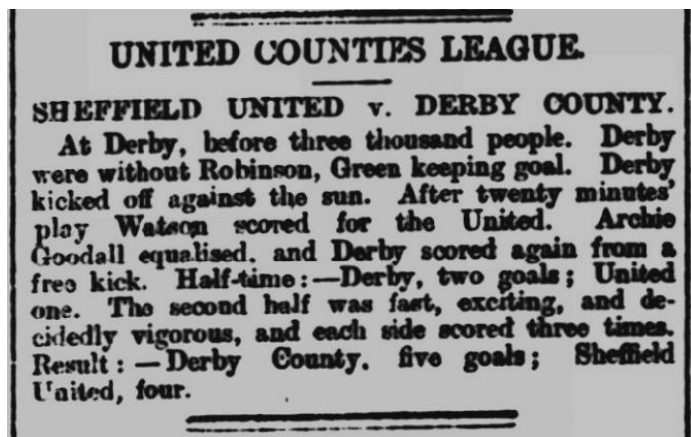
United Counties 1894-5 Match Results & Details

Date	Home			Away	Details
10.11.1894	Sheffield United Watson AN Others	4 (1)	5 (2)	Derby County Goodall AN Others	Bramall-lane, Sheffield 5,000 spectators
7.2.1895	Nottingham Forest	P	P	Leicester Fosse	Postponed due to frost. Home team not known.
9.2.1895	Notts County	0 (0)	2 (1)	Sheffield Wednesday	Trent Bridge Ground. Snow covered ground. Awful weather reduced the attendance to c. 1,000
16.2.1895	Derby Couty Bloomer Hamilton	2 (2)	2 (0)	Leicester Fosse Gordon McArthur	Played on the Baseball Ground as the usual enclosure was unfit. The Derby team included Steve Bloomer .
4.3.1895	Sheffield Wednesday Spilsbury (2) Brash (2) Brady	5	2	Notts County Chadburn Allsopp	Olive Grove , Sheffield. County scored within the first two mins.
9.3.1895	Nottingham Forest Frank Forman (2)	2 (0)	0 (0)	Derby County	Trent Bridge, Nottingham. Forest were well represented. Derby had several reserve men
11.3.1895	Sheffield United Docherty Watson	2 (2)	6 (4)	Nottingham Forest Hancock McInnes Walker (2) AN Others	Bramall-lane , Sheffield 1500 spectators United at one point led 2-1.
14.3.1895	Notts County	0 (0)	2 (0)	Leicester Fosse Skea (2)	Trent Bridge Ground , Nottingham. Fosse were without several of their first team players. Notts team contained several reserve players
18.3.1895	Nottingham Forest	0	1	Sheffield Wednesday	
25.3.1895	Sheffield United Yates R Hill Davies	3 (0)	2 (2)	Leicester Fosse Brown Gordon	Bramall-lane, Sheffield. Fosse had only one of their first team forwards [Gordon] and were without Smith – their usual full-back. United were short of several of their League players.
30.3.1895	Nottingham Forest McInnes (10 mins)	3 (1)	0 (0)	Notts County	2,000 spectators. Forest put a powerful team into the field.

	Frank Forman Shaw				County were missing some first team players.
1.4.1895	Leicester Fosse Milliken (35 mins)	1 (1)	4 (2)	Derby County Paul (4 mins) Hamilton (2) Bloomer	Walnut-street (Monday) 3,000 spectators Fosse appeared in their reserve colours of black and white.
4.4.1895	Nottingham Forest Walker (2) McPherson	3	0	Leicester Fosse	
8.4.1895	Sheffield United	0	0	Sheffield Wednesday	Bramall Lane, Sheffield 3,000 spectators
13.4.1895	Leicester Fosse Narraway (23min) McFarlane (83 min)	2 (1)	1 (1)	Notts County Garrett (20 min)	5,000 spectators
16.4.1895	Derby County J Goodall McMillan Cox	3 (0)	0 (0)	Nottingham Forest	2,000 spectators.
18.4.1895	Nottingham Forest	0	1	Sheffield United og (Scott)	Both teams played reserves. Morris was kicked in the eye just before the interval and was compelled to retire.
20.4.1895	Sheffield Wednesday Crawhaw (40 mins)	1 (1)	1 (1)	Sheffield United Watson	Olive Grove, Sheffield.
22.4.1895	Leicester Fosse Stirling	1 (1)	1 (0)	Nottingham Forest Rose	1,500 Forest were strongly represented, but the Fosse played with a number of their second team.
29.4.1895	Notts County	0	1	Nottingham Forest	

Match Reports

A selection of published match reports.



Football News (Nottingham) - 10 November 1894

UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE.

NOTTS v. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.

The second season of the United Counties League was opened at Nottingham on Saturday, when Notts and Sheffield Wednesday fought their English Cup tie over again on the Great Bridge Ground. The fixture was looked upon as being a very interesting one, and as both clubs guaranteed full teams a big attendance was anticipated by the Notts executive. Unfortunately the weather was all in favour of skating, and there were barely 1000 people present. The ground was covered with snow, which had been rolled. Both clubs had been compelled to make alterations in their teams, Shelton and Allsopp being given a rest on the Notts side, their places being taken by reserve men. Arnett did not take part in the match, though it is said he is anxious to show the Notts executive how much below his true form he played at Sheffield; and Bruce, who played on the left wing at Olive Grove, went right back. Earp and Davis were absentees on the visitors' side, the first-named having an injured arm. Brandon partnered Langley, whilst Petrie, going over to right half, let in Jamieson. The centre-forward position was filled by Fox, the latest acquisition to the team. In the first half Wednesday had the advantage of a dazzling sun, but the Notts front rank went off with a rush and pressed the visiting defenders very hard for the first few minutes. Then the Wednesday right wing got well off, and the ball being crossed, Spikesley gave his partner a nice chance, Brady hitting the cross-bar with a hard shot. After some loose play in the Wednesday half Logan tripped Spikesley, but Notts were quickly back again from the free kick, and for some time had the best of the game. Allan saved cleverly from Chaburn, and then a pretty passing run took the game to the other end, where Spikesley shot through as the whistle went for off-side. From this point Wednesday played a very much smarter game than their opponents, notwithstanding that Fox was somewhat slow in the centre, and after half an hour's

play, Spikesley crossed the ball from wing to wing, and Ferrier meeting it sent well into the centre, where Fox had no difficulty in heading through, the home team unsuccessfully appealing for off-side against Ferrier. The visitors continued to have the best of it up to the interval, two minutes before which Brady again hit the cross-bar from exactly the same position. Half-time—Wednesday, 1; Notts, 0. The Notts forwards came out of their shells in the second half, playing with rare dash after the first few minutes, during which both Crawshaw and Spikesley had made good attempts to increase the visitors' score. Ferrier, in running and Stothert, was kicked in the stomach, but he soon recovered, going outside to Brash. Notts were evidently anxious to retrieve their position, and for the next quarter of an hour the game was as hard and exciting as if it had been a cup tie. They responded splendidly to the urgent cries of the spectators, but the Wednesday defence was quite equal to the attack, Brandon playing with great energy and success. Once Bramley hit the side net with a hard low shot, and immediately afterwards Allan with difficulty saved a shot from Logan. A prolonged attack on the Sheffielders' goal followed the flag kick, but the visitors were safe in goal, and finally Spikesley ran the ball out of danger. He was, however, clearly in an off-side position, but refrained from touching the ball, and Bramley, taking it for granted that a free kick would be given, touched the ball back to the spot. The whistle not having gone, however, Brash collared the ball, and running straight for the Notts goal had no difficulty in getting the ball past Poone, who ran out to meet him. The referee disallowed the protest of the Notts men, and shortly afterwards the game came to an end with the score:—

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 2 goals.

NOTTS COUNTY 0 goal.

NOTTS COUNTY.—Poone (goal), Bruce, Hendry (backs), Stothert, Calderhead, Shelton (half-backs), Allan, Bull, Logan, Donnelly, and Chaburn (forwards).

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.—Allan (goal); Brandon, Langley (backs), Petrie, Crawshaw, Jamieson (half-backs), Brash, Ferrier, Fox, Brady, and Spikesley (forwards).

Referee, Mr. Hall, Derby.

Sheffield Independent - 11 February 1895

UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v. NOTTS COUNTY.—At Olive Grove, Sheffield, before a poor crowd and on a heavy ground. Notts were a man short, whilst Wednesday rested Langley, Davis, and Ferrier. Goals were frequent, the score at the interval standing: Wednesday, 4 goals; County, 2. Afterwards Earp was absent with a badly sprained ankle, both sides having but ten men. Hendry was also hurt, and left the field. Result: Wednesday, 5 goals; Notts, 2.

Morning Leader - 5 March 1895

LEICESTER FOSSE v. NOTTS FOREST. — At Leicester, before 1,500 spectators. Forest were strongly represented, but Fosse played a number of their second team. The Fosse pressed, and Stirling scored from a fine centre by Whiteley five minutes from the start. Play was fairly even, but there was no further scoring in the first half. Forest equalised ten minutes after the restart, and a moderate game ended in a draw of 1 goal each.

Morning Leader - 23 April 1895